



**Saguaro Stitchers Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild,
Inc.
January 2018 Newsletter**



2018 ANG Saguaro board

*Jan 18, 2018
Feb 15, 2018
Mar 15, 2018*

*Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
801 E Camelback Road Scottsdale,
Arizona 10:00am – 1:00pm*

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President's Letter; Charlotte Wells

What kind of stitcher are you? My theory is that there are two kinds: product oriented and process oriented with many variations in between. Some of my stitching friends want to finish that project so they can go on to the next. Me, I enjoy the process; learning new stitches and watching the flowers bloom along the way. Fortunately, at Saguaro Stitchers, there is room for all of us.

I am so grateful for the wonderful leadership we have had in the past. Alice Hall has been a good president and all the out-going officers have contributed to the strong, well-organized club we enjoy. I hope, and I am sure I am joined in this by the other members of the team, that we continue to build on the past and continue to offer an environment that stitchers will enjoy into the future.

The 2018 team includes the following as voting member of the board: Charlotte Wells, President; Alice Hall, Vice-President for Programs; Sunny Yocum, Treasurer; La Verne Walters, Secretary; Jan Prestin, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer. We are joined by non-voting members: Nita Rosemann as newsletter editor, Karen Willett as webmistress, Ann Grootegoed and Carmen Puckett as co-chairs of the sunshine committee, Sandi Van Winkle as visiting teacher committee chairperson. This latter group may be joined by invited others and any other committee chairperson.

Please don't forget the new location at the Fellowship Hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 801 E Camelback Road located at the corner of 8th Street and Camelback Road in Phoenix. Our first meeting of the year is on January 18 at 10:30 AM with a board meeting planned for 9:30AM. There is parking at the back, most convenient to the fellowship hall but there is overflow parking nearby. There are signs. Don't forget to invite any of your stitching friends to join us.

In Alice's last newsletter we mentioned the upcoming Embroiders Guild of America National Exhibit, Through the Needle's Eye, at the Gilbert Historical Museum to run from April 3 to May 12. I have included this as an item for discussion at our January meeting at which time we will have additional information. Starlight Stitchers will be handling the coordination but they will need some assistance. Volunteers will be welcome. I know we will all be interested in the exhibit.

Creative Stitchers of Sun City West will be exhibiting members' work for the first time in three years so there will be quite a lot to see. The show will be at Palm Ridge Center, 13800 Deer Valley Drive, Sun City West, on March 5, 2018, from 9AM to 3PM. Visitors will be most welcome.

I know I am looking forward to the Keukenhof Tulip Gardens class March 2 and 3 and, indeed, to all the programs planned for this year.

Happy stitching, Charlotte



PROGRAMS; Alice Hall

Reminder: The board has agreed that we can have ghosts for the program classes. The ghost program will work as follows: If there is a program you would like to take and are unable to attend that meeting, you or a friend can sign you up. At the meeting when that program will be held, you or a friend will pick up your program (chart). There may be an occasion when a chart has a copyright and we are only able to use it for those who attend the class in person.

January 18th

You will make a needle grabber with a beaded end. Bring a beading needle, regular supplies and a light if you need it. This is a quickie project. We would like you to bring your unfinished name tag. Or bring that project that you are having trouble with, the one that you can't figure out the stitch on, the one you want to change or add something to. We will help with any stitching questions. Bri

February 15th

We will be stitching a Laura Perin square to be made into a triangle ornament. Signup sheet at January meeting, you can also call or email me to sign up. There are only four threads used; Watercolor, Pearl 5, Neon Rays Plus and Kreinik #12. Materials used in the model will be sent after the January meeting.



March 15th

Turning a needlepoint square into a triangle ornament. You can bring the square from February class or any other needlepoint 3 inch to 6 inch square. You will need to stitch a backstitch over 2 canvas threads around the square, do this in one of the threads used in the stitching, this will be our finishing thread. There should be two blank canvas threads between the stitched area and the backstitch line. Other materials needed will be sent out after the February meeting.

April 19th

Quick and easy finishing a round ornament on metal rounds. Bring a stitched 3 inch or 4 inch round ornament, 8 inch square of matching fabric, 20 inches of cord or gimp, sewing thread, white felt for padding, and hot glue gun. More details to follow. *May 17th*

Design from 2017/8 Project book. There 5 designs that we should consider doing. They are Pat Mazu stocking; Stain Glass square by Carol Higginbotham; Herringbone Variations by Marilyn Owen; Flutterby by Kurdy Biggs; or Starburst Garden by Carolyn Mitchell. Pictures at meetings.

June 21st - To Be Determined.

Please let me know if there are other types of classes you would like to have.

Classes being considered are Blackwork, Hardanger, and Stump work among other techniques, along with types of finishing that you can do at home.

MEMBERSHIP; Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

Please welcome our newest member to our chapter:

Maria Katt

A reminder that our chapter dues should be paid by the end of January. Please send your check for \$20.00 with any updated information so your name will remain on our chapter roster, and if you've reached the age of 85 with 5 years with Saguaro Stitchers, you do not owe chapter dues.

We love adding new members to our chapter so if you have any stitching friends or relatives who would like to join ANG and the Saguaro Stitchers I will be happy to provide membership information. Our wonderful website, www.saguarostitchers.org, also has a link to access forms.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in January and February:

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Sharon Cranmer

Charleane Boyles

Sharon Lockhart

Arlene Altman

Carolyn Rick

Johanna Salman

SAGUARO STITCHERS WEBSITE; Karen Willett

Don't forget that we have our very own website, www.saguarostitchers.org. Karen Willett has done a wonderful job organizing and maintaining the website. It contains workshops, projects, newsletters, membership information, as well as links to local needlework shops, and other valuable information. Bookmark the site and check it often!

SAGUARO STITCHERS
MINUTES -December 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Alice Hall at 10:45. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Sunny gave the Treasurer's Report:

Current Assets:

Cash in bank, savings \$ 1,275.94
Cash in bank, checking \$ 10,089.09
Total Current Assets \$ 11,363.03
Fixed Assets 0.00
Total Assets \$ 11,363.00

Committee Reports

The Visiting Teacher's Committee (VTC) gave a report on the upcoming programs.

March, 2018 Lois Kershner Gardens,
2018 Toni Gerdes Under the Copper Moon (\$50.00 deposit due 1/18/2018; \$150.00 final pmt. due 7/18/2018)

TBD 2019 Ann Strite Kurz Borders

TBD 2019 Janet Ziegler Casey Halloween or Christmas House

For further information contact Sandi Van Winkle, Carol Roberts or Johanna Salmon.

Jan Prestin is collecting dues of \$20.00.

Karen Willett reported the website is in order and up to date.

Alice reported on the upcoming Programs,

January - Needle Puller, all supplies will be provided except a beading needle.

February - Stitch in with an emphasis on any problems you are having. This is also a good time to work on your name tag!

March - Envelope finishing taught by Alice

New Business

It was MSP to donate \$500.00 to the St Mary's Food Bank. Private donations along with canned goods were also donated.

In January the board will meet to make changes to the Standing Rules.

Installation of Officers for 2018

All board members had been previously installed. The new board for 2018 is,

President	Charlotte Wells
Vice President, Programs	Alice Hall
Treasurer	Sunny Yocum
Asst. Treasurer, membership	Jan Prestin
Secretary	La Verne Walters
Newsletter	Nita Rosemann
Visiting Teachers	Sandi Van Winkle, Carol Roberts, Johanna Salmon

50/50 Raffle Nancy Noyes, Karen Willett

Sunshine Carmen Puckett, Ann Grootgoed

Webmistress Karen Willett

A big thank you for all who are serving on the board!

Congratulations to Toni Kochevar on winning \$21.00 in the 50/50 raffle. Alice donated 4 elf pincushions that were won by La Verne Walters, Karen Willett, Nancy Chapman and Jan Prestin. *Thank you Alice.*

Alice adjourned the meeting. Following the meeting cookies and coffee were served and our annual holiday Chinese auction was held. Lots of stealing and laughs were enjoyed by all.

Happy New Year, La Verne Walters, Secretary

Visiting Teachers Committee (VTC); Sandi Van Winkle

Keukenhof Tulip Garden workshop by Lois Kershner will be taught on March 2 & 3, 2018 at our new meeting location. As we get nearer the workshop time, those of you who have enrolled will receive a letter from the committee with detailed information as to what you need to bring, reminder of the time of the workshop, etc. It will be here before we know it.

Also a reminder that for those of you who are interested in Toni Gerdes workshop on October 26 & 27, 2018 entitled Under a Copper Moon, your deposit of \$50.00 (non-refundable) is due January 18, 2018 which is our January ANG Mtg. Please bring your check or mail them to our treasurer to hold a place in class.



We will have some more information on classes for 2019 at the January meeting. We hope to get some more people interested and will have Shelly Knuth's finished Gingerbread Cottage by Janet Z. Casey, on display for you to check out. It is a beautiful

piece. As we mentioned before, Janet Casey has offered to teach both the Gingerbread Cottage and Trick or Treat at our workshop.

Looking forward to working with our guild to present some very interesting workshops with some new stitches and stitch techniques.

Sandi Van Winkle, Carol Roberts and Johanna Salman

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR LOCAL SHOPS!

When you want to see what classes the local shops offer, all you have to do is go to

<http://www.saguarostitchers.org/> and click on "LINKS". By clicking on each shop's link, you will be able to see a current list of all classes offered. We are so fortunate to have these great shops! Call the shop directly or check their web sites.

Attic Needlework 480-898-1838

BeStitched Needlepoint (480) 991-0706

Family Arts Needlework Shop 602-277-0694

Old Town Needlework 480-990-2270
Quail Run Needlework 480-551-1423

News from other Chapters in AZ

The Tucson, AZ chapter is offering a very interesting class on adding ribbon flowers to your project. It is called Bloom. Following is the information:

Sign up for Bloom! This is a great opportunity to learn several unusual flowers using ribbon. There are none that are just lazy daisies! The teacher is Jennifer Reifenberg and she is a great teacher. The total cost is \$100. It is being held Feb 15-16 from 9-3ish. We welcome any of your members that would like to take the class.

Right now I need a check for \$25 made out to Tucson Chapter ANG to hold your place. The 'drop-dead' date is Jan 1st. Please mail checks with email address and phone number to

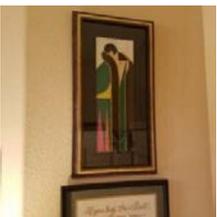
me, Barbara Lewis, 8041 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson, AZ 85750

Thanks! Barb



Saguaro Stitcher's Finished Projects

Not everyone can make our monthly meetings. Following are some finished canvases from November.



NEWSLETTER, Nita Rosemann, editor

I would like to introduce myself as the current newsletter editor.

I am Anita (Nita please) Rosemann and I have been a member of Saguaro Stitchers for about six months. I have found that the best way to get to know members in a group is to become active, so I have taken on this role. Whew! With the assistance of Barbara Shaw this will hopefully be a smooth transition.

My apologies for getting this newsletter out so late in January. Now that I have a better idea of what I am supposed to do, the March newsletter will be sent the end of February.

Although I have done newsletters for other organizations, I am very open to suggestions on formatting, layout, or anything you think would make the newsletter more enjoyable and easy to read. Please do not hesitate to contact me at newsletter@saguarostitchers.org

If you are not able to make it to the meetings and have a finished project that you would like to share, please be certain to send a photo along with your thoughts about the piece (difficulties, changes you made, what you learned, etc.). Nita