



Saguaro Stitchers Chapter American Needlepoint Guild, Inc. May, 2018 Newsletter



2018 ANG Saguaro board

*May 17, 2018
June 21, 2018
July 19, 2018
Aug 16, 2018*

*Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
801 E Camelback Road
Phoenix, Arizona
10:00am – 4:00pm*

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President's Letter, Charlotte Wells

Summer is coming on faster each year, or so it seems. I seem to be hard-wired to the academic year as I like to start big projects and heavy reading in October. The summer is for beach-reading, casual projects, Christmas ornaments, and finishing those WIPs. This summer I plan to catch up with the rest of the world, I have made a list! Don't even ask..... What are your stitching plans for over the summer? Show and Tell in October should be spectacular!

Saguaro Stitchers has another task in October and that is to elect a Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer/Membership, Vice-President/Programs and a Visiting Teacher Chairperson. Individuals elected for these positions will begin their two- year terms on the first of January except for the visiting teacher position. At the May meeting we need to choose a nominating committee or perhaps one person who would serve as a recruiter for the vacant offices.

Sandi Van Winkle, who has been very successful in securing excellent teachers, has served two years. We are so grateful for her work. At the April meeting she discussed her position and what it entailed. We need a volunteer to work with Sandi and begin the process for 2020. Sandi has secured some excellent teachers for 2019. Good teachers are booked two years in advance, so it is very important to begin now. Please consider volunteering for this important post.

Mel Isaac has volunteered to assume the duties of Treasurer. Sunny Yocum, the current Treasurer, is a CPA so our books are in great shape; balanced to the penny. However, she has been most reassuring that the office does not require a professional degree. Carmen Puckett has also volunteered her services as Assistant Treasurer and Membership Chairperson. We so appreciate the work Jan Prestin has been doing as the incumbent officer.

While Mel and Carmen have volunteered, we will hold our election in November and if members in good standing have an interest in those positions, please indicate your interest to a board member and we will put forward all names for consideration by the membership. And, in the meantime, there are still two unfilled board positions. Please consider making your contribution to the success of Saguaro Stitchers.

I had at first thought I would include the duties for each position in this letter. I have a confession to make; I had completely forgotten that the duties are outlined in the bylaws and each member has been given a copy. Please refer to the bylaws as they contain the official wording of the job descriptions for each position. If you have mislaid your copy, please ask for another.

Having been in management and supervisory roles in my working life, I had not planned to be a chief in my retirement but rather a loyal follower. But Saguaro Stitchers is a wonderful group with each member having a big contribution to maketo the whole. I am enjoying working with all of you and I look forward to the new year with confidence that it will continue to go well.

Programs: Alice Hall

May 17th, We are thrilled to have Sandi Van Winkle give us a talk on Japanese Silk Embroidery, its history, tools, threads and the do's and don'ts. There will be several pieces for you to see. This is a beautiful needle art, not to be missed.

For those of you who order the Cheryl Schaeffer Triptych, there has been a delay in receiving them, the painters are behind. When they are received, they will be given out with color copies of the stitched models including Stitch and Thread suggestions sheets. These 3 pieces are a good use of your stash of threads

June 21st, July 19th and August 16th: stitch-in and social hours. Come out of the heat and enjoy stitching and each other. This would be a good time to finish those UFO's. Bring a lunch and spend the day. We have the room from 9am - 4pm.

Designs from 2017/8 Project book: We had an interest sheet for five designs: Pat Mazu's stocking; Stain Glass square by Carol Higginbotham; Herringbone Variations by Marilyn Owen; Flutter by Kurdy Biggs; Starburst Garden by Carolyn Mitchell. Pictures were available at our monthly meetings. There were two designs with the most interest, "Herringbone Happening" and "Sunburst Garden".

September 20th. Sunburst Garden will be taught. There will be a model and signup sheet at June, July and August Stitch in. I will have a model at the June Meeting. Attached is a picture of the piece as shown on the Chart. Call or email me if you are want to take the class. The materials are listed



here in case you want to choose your own colors. Start with the over-dyed floss and match the other threads to it.

10 inch by 10 inch French (light) blue canvas

Threadworx Floss 1/2 skein, 1053

Threadworx #12 Braid 1 skein, 91053

DMC #5 Pearl Cotton 503, 3 yards

Kreinik#12 Braid 1 reel, 4020HL

Caron Soie Cristale 1/2 skein each of 6006 and 7061

Neon Rays 1/2 card, N88

Plus 33 Silver seed beads.

October 18th. Stitch-in with help and advice on your questions about these unfinished canvases. A good time to

work on September's class piece. Also please bring your favorite stitched Halloween piece. There will be prizes.

November 15th. There will be a quickie Holiday chart to stitch and a card to insert the stitch piece into. Model in September Newsletter and a sign-up sheet at September and October meetings.

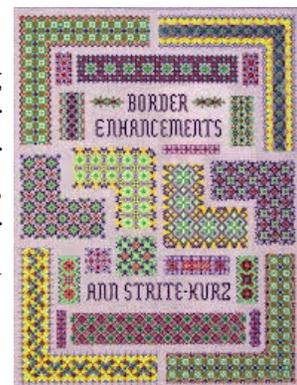
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Our next workshop is coming up on October 26 & 27, 2018 which is Under A Copper Moon by Toni Gerdes. For those taking the class your



final payment of \$150.00 is due by July 19, 2018 (our July ANG mtg. date). If you wish you may make installment payments between now and then, BUT the final payment **must be made by July 19, 2018**. Please get your checks to Johanna Salman or Sunny Yocum. If you have additional questions, please contact Johanna at jasalman31@gmail.com

We are in the process of getting contracts signed with teachers for 2019 at this time. Mark your calendars for 2019 workshops as follows: March 15 & 16, Border Enhancements taught by Ann Strite-Kurz.



October 18 & 19, Cottages will be taught by Janet Z. Casey. She will be teaching Trick or Treat: A Spooky House and also Gingerbread Cottage. You will choose one of the two. We will have more details with dates for payments in later newsletters, etc. If you haven't already signed the interest list, please contact Sandi Van Winkle (SandiVan@cox.net) to do so or if you have questions. These are two great teachers with great ideas, stitches and ideas to share with students.

MEMBERSHIP; Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

We currently have 60 members in Saguaro Stitchers.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in May, June, July and August.

MAY

Julie Elder

Buff Voelker

Mary VanRoy

Mary Wren

Nancy Chapman

JUNE

Gen Minnier

Rosemary Isaac

Jean Callis

JULY

June Card

Sandi VanWinkle

Karen Willett

Shirley Burns

Ellen Pearson

LaVerne Walters

Beth Krumbein

Mary Louise Eck

Joan Pilsner

Linda Lippold

AUGUST

Dodie Stoneburner

Shelly Knuths

Anne Booher

Cheryl Anderson

SAGUARO STITCHERS WEBSITE; Karen Willett

Don't forget that we have our very own website, www.saguaroitchers.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!

SECRETARY, La Verne Walters

Unfortunately our secretary is currently quite ill. La Verne will have a printed copy of the minutes for you at our May meeting. Wishing you a speedy recovery, La Verne.

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.saguaroitchers.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

Saguaro Stitcher's Finished Projects

Not everyone can make our monthly meetings. Following are some finished canvases and projects:



Autumn Kaleidoscope by designer Lorene Salt stitched by Ann Booher.



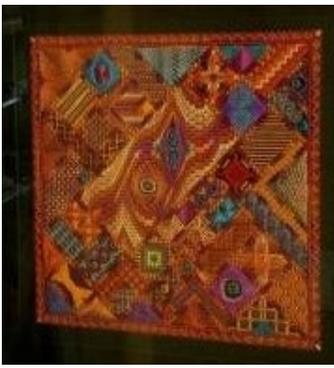
Blooms; a 3-D needlepoint stitched by Carmen Puckett.

My sincerest apologies for not having the photo of Nancy Noyes stitched Macintosh Rose Kimono designed by Toni Gerdes. She is bringing it again to the May meeting along with another stitched kimono. Since I will not be attending in May, will one of you fine ladies please photo document her projects plus all the Show and Tell and email the information to me.

NEWSLETTER: Nita Rosemann, Editor

Now that I am getting more comfortable editing the Saguaro Newsletter, I am asking you, the members, for feedback. Please let me know if there is a particular topic or something that you would like to see in our chapter news. Since I am new to needlepoint, I have no idea what is “in” or what you would like to investigate. If you know of classes or other interesting activities of another ANG chapter, then please let me know about it so we can share the good news. You can always send me an email at: niftyneeda@earthlink.net. I am here to help keep all of you informed on the activities in our chapter.

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.). It is always fun to see what others have done.



Kaleidoscope stitched by Carmen Puckett.

Sterling leather bag finally gets its front stitched by Carmen Puckett.



Dodie Stoneburner's two quilts.



Cheer stitched by Carmen Puckett.

