



Saguaro Stitchers Chapter American Needlepoint Guild, Inc. May, 2019 Newsletter



2019 ANG Saguaro board

May 16, 2019

July 18, 2019

June 20, 2019

August 15, 2019

*Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
801 E Camelback Road
Phoenix, Arizona
10:30am – 1:00pm*

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President's Letter, Charlotte Wells

President's Letter, May, 2019

Today, as I write this on May 5, 2019, I have been thinking about my mother. Pauline Bledsoe would have been 101 today. Pauline grew up in a desperately poor family. Stitching meant clothing and covering; using up, wearing out, and making do. Her mother, Minnie Essex, was an expert at cutting clothes out of cloth to make every square inch count. Quilts were made of left-overs and made beautiful with the ingenuity of the stitcher. I can remember as a small girl watching Minnie, my grandmother, work the treadle on her black Singer sewing machine. She really made the treadle blur.

One of Pauline's favorite stories was about the Christmas when she and her sisters received a dime each. Jenny spent hers on a cheap lipstick from the Woolworth's, but Pauline found a dress length of cotton on sale at the mill end store and made a dress. I did not try to work out how much that 1930's dime would be worth today but, of course, even today that dress would still have been a very inexpensive cotton. Minnie taught her daughters well; I remember all of them sewing clothes and making quilts. They all crocheted baby clothes, doilies, afghans, and other accessories.

Pauline learned embroidery at school, and it gave her a taste for stitching that lasted all her life; one that she bequeathed to me. Her favorite store for many years was Woolworth's which sold embroidery floss, pillowcases, transfer patterns, hoops, and needles. At one time there was a fabric department which sold inexpensive dress goods as well as quilting cottons and unbleached muslin. Of course, that was where one bought crochet thread, baby yarn, and worsted for afghans.

By that time, Pauline had become my mother and taught me to embroider before I went to school. When I was in second grade, she taught all the little girls in the neighborhood to embroider. I was probably her slowest pupil – and her messiest! I would like to say how kind and patient my mother was, but she could be very exacting and impatient, a perfectionist. But from that exacting, perfectionist, and impatient woman, my sisters and I learned to appreciate good work, to value education, that reading was important, and that stitching was to be respected and valued.

Mother loved bright colors, flowers, country designs, and Sunbonnet Sue. In her later years she embroidered squares for quilt tops – state birds were one, state flowers another. Sadly, in her last few years her hands were too weak and shaky to do more than crochet afghans. She could not hand quilt the last one she made, so we handed it on to another quilter to finish. Like Beth in *Little Women*, she laid down her needle because it became 'too heavy.'

This month let's be grateful for the mothers, aunts, cousins, and friends who have shared their love of stitching, fabrics, threads, etc., with us and we in turn must share with the younger generation as we can. We recognize some experiences are gone forever. No more does any young woman or girl have those long summer afternoons plying needles to Our Gal Sunday, Helen Trent, and Stella Dallas. No more prowling around Woolworth's looking for treasures to stitch. But we still have the joy of learning new

stitches and seeing flowers bloom on the fabric and the love we all feel for those women who have laid down their needles.

Charlotte Wells, President, Saguario Stitchers

Programs: Jan Prestin

Our May meeting will have Barb Shaw presenting "Tricia's Stash Sale". Proceeds will be donated to ANG in memory of Tricia Winter- Barb's dear friend. Tricia had lots of wonderful canvases and projects, unfortunately she was not blessed with the years to enjoy them.

Afterwards, we'll enjoy some social time and a Taco Salad Lunch- (Pot Luck Style). I have emailed a sign-up list of what everyone is contributing to the salad, and if you haven't yet signed up, please let me know.

May is our last official meeting till September, but don't forget we'll still meet at the church for informal stitch-ins on June 21st, July 19th, and August 16th.

Hope to see our non-traveling friends there.

Visiting Teachers Committee: Sandi Van Winkle, Carol Roberts & Johanna Salman

Trick or Treat Cottage or Gingerbread Cottage by Janet Z. Casey October 18 & 19, 2019

It is time to get your deposits in to hold a spot in the October 18 & 19, 2019 Cottages Workshop with Janet Z. Casey. Trick or Treat Cottage and Gingerbread Cottage are full of interesting stitches and will be a lovely addition to your holiday decorations. You must choose one or the other cottage for the class. If you desire the other cottage, you must prepay the \$195.00 kit fee by July 18, 2019 and be paid in full for the class.

The deadline for the deposits is our May 16th meeting. A check for \$125.00 will hold your spot in the class. Please mail your check to me or bring to our meeting on May 16th. The balance of \$125.00 will be due by our July 18, 2019 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandi.

Membership: Nancy Chapman

Welcome to another month of beautiful weather in the Valley of the Sun. We wish the following members a Happy Birthday for May, June, July and August.

MAY

Julie Elder
Buff Voelker
Mary Van Roy
Mary Wren
Nancy Chapman

JUNE

Gwen Minnier
Rosemary Isaac
Jean Callis

JULY

June Card
Sandi Van Winkle
Karen Willett
Kate Morgan
Shirley Burns
Ellen Pearson
LaVerne Walters
Beth Krumbein
Mary Louise Eck
Joan Pilsner
Linda Lippold

AUGUST

Dodie Stoneburner
Shelly Knuths
Anne Booher

Saguario Stitcher's Editor Notes: Nita Rosemann

We have had the most delightful spring this year! I have found it difficult to sit and stitch while the weather is so beautiful but all good things do seem to come to an end. Soon we will all be stitching away to keep out of the heat of the afternoons.

Remember to stay after the short meeting and the sale so that you can enjoy a taco lunch with all of us. Also, bring your checkbook or a LOT of cash for the sale. Shopping bags for your purchases would also be a good idea.

Shown below are the show and tell items we had for April. Kate Morgan showed Undulations 2, the scissors case in fiesta watercolors and the framed snowman cross stitch. Nita Rosemann showed her finished biscornu.



Please remember to support our local shops whenever possible. When you want to see what classes the local shops offer, all you have to do is go to our website, <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.

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