

Saguaro Stitchers

Newsletter

January 2020



President:

LaVerne Walters

President's Letter

Happy New Year!

As I sit here and write this on December 31 (what an exciting social life I have!), I am looking back at 2019. Saguaro Stitchers had a wonderful year. We had two great visiting teachers, Toni Gerdes and Janet Ziegler Casey and many learning opportunities stitching our monthly projects. We also had two successful Stash Sales. One was held to benefit our own Educational Fund and one to benefit ANG National's Education Fund in memory of member Trish Winters, not to mention our donation of several needlepointed hearts to Hearts for Hospice. And in December we donated \$500.00 to Saint Mary's Food Bank. Give yourselves a big hand Saguaro Stitchers.

Vice-President/Programs

Jan Prestin

Secretary:

Sunny Yocum

Many of you shared your finished needlework, an inspiration to us all.

Treasurer:

Mel Isaac

Now we begin a New Year. Jan has planned an ongoing project for us that we shall begin in January. More information is found in this newsletter. Alice Hall and Anne Booher have organized another visiting teacher workshop to be held in March. It seems to me that we are off to a good start in 2020.

Asst Treas./Membership:

Kate Morgan

One of the benefits of belonging to an American Needlepoint Guild local chapter is getting to know and to connect with other stitchers. We all share a common love of the art of needlepoint...or should I say...obsession with needlepoint. One way of getting to know each other better and sharing is to help with a visiting teacher workshop and/or to work on a committee, volunteer to teach a project or technique you like, or serve on a short term committee such as budget or bylaws. Whether it is a one time commitment or a one or two year term. Saguaro Stitchers will continue to thrive only if we all work together. And remember, the more the merrier!

Newsletter Editor:

Charlotte Wells

Sunshine Committee:

Carmen Puckett

Ann Grootegoed

Our first meeting of this decade is January 16. I look forward to seeing all of you. I wish all of my stitching friends of Saguaro Stitchers a very happy and more importantly a healthy new year.

Visiting Teacher Committee:

Anne Booher

Alice Hall

With the blessings that needlepoint brings,

La Verne

Web-mistress:

Karen Willett

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Programs — Jan Prestin

We're going to start the New Year with an on-going chapter project- "Winter Scenery" by Martina Dey- found in the Nov./Dec. 2014 issue of Needlepoint Now. I have ordered the issue for those who requested it and have patterns for those who no longer have that issue of Needlepoint Now.

The design is shown in a blue/white color scheme with Anchor #8 Pearl Cotton. Feel free to choose your own colors and type of thread. I'm using DMC floss and like the lighter look.

A conversion from Anchor to DMC is given below with the materials needed. Please bring your canvas attached to stretcher bars, and threads, ready to start a fun project at our January meeting.

| Color | Anchor | DMC |
|-------------------|--------|------|
| Lt cobalt blue | 128 | 3756 |
| Cobalt blue | 129 | 3325 |
| Lt delft blue | 145 | 799 |
| Delft blue | 146 | 798 |
| Med delft blue | 147 | 797 |
| Med dk delft blue | 150 | 336 |

12x12 – 18 mesh canvas -cream, white or color of your choice if changing thread colors
#8 Pearl Cotton- White
DMC Color Variations Floss 4230- Crystal Water
Kreinik #8 Metallic Braid 194- Pale Blue



Visiting Teacher – Anne Booher

Saguaro Stitchers ANG of Phoenix, AZ is hosting Kurdy Biggs of Threedles to teach Rescent on March 20-21, 2020.

The class will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 801 E. Camelback, Phoenix, AZ 85014 from 9 AM to 4 PM both days.

The cost for a non- Saguaro Stitcher member is \$245.00 and \$220.00 for Saguaro Stitchers members. Ghosts are being accepted. \$100.00 deposit is due 1/16/20 with the balance due 2/6/20.

For further information or to sign up for this class please contact Alice Hall.

Anne Booher stitched this to be finished as a stand-up figure.



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Membership — Kate Morgan

Kate would like to remind you that the dues for Saguaro Stitchers Chapter are \$20 annually and should be paid by the January meeting.

Local Needlework Stores

The Attic — 480-898-1838

BeStitched Needlepoint — 480-991-0706

Family Arts Needlework — 602-277-0694

Old Town Needlework — 480-990-2270

Quail Run Needlework — 480-551-1423

BIRTHDAYS - Jan/Feb

Arlene Altman

Sharon Cranmer

Johanna Salman

B. J Scharsh

Robin Nugent

Carolyn Rick

Charlotte's Ramblings

The other day I got my new Needlepoint Now and immediately turned to the back page for a little visit with Coni Rich who writes 'Down the Rabbit-Hole.' Not there! Since Coni has a very serious kidney problem I feared the worst and immediately looked up her blog, Spinster Stitcher. She was there and full of beans, thank goodness. Then I realized that once again I had failed to peel the back page from the cover and it always sticks. I hope you check in with Coni once in awhile as, in spite of her problems, she's a lift and I look forward to her column every other month.

If all goes well I will have my new right knee in February and I realized I was looking forward to being laid up for a few weeks. Maybe I can catch up with all those interesting blogs. Maybe even tackle some WIP's calling me from the cupboard where they are hidden away.

I shall miss all of you for a couple of meetings but I expect to be back, full of beans and ready for the next challenge. Blessings to you all, Charlotte

Saguaro Stitchers is a chapter of American Needlepoint Guild of America, a guild devoted to the practice and pleasure of counted thread needlework. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM at the Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall located at 801 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix AZ,

Newsletter Editor — Charlotte Wells

You may notice that the new newsletter editor is unable to produce the smooth, graceful products of her predecessor. She would like to assure you that this is a work in progress and, we hope, will get better.

I lost the cactus! If any of you have the cactus on a live document, please email it to me post haste. Thanks for your patience.

Next month, pictures! We missed some lovely finished pieces, I am sorry. Do take pictures and send them to me and to Karen for the website