

**Saguaro Stitchers Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.
March 2020 Newsletter**



NEXT MEETING

Mar 19, 2020

Apr 16, 2020

May 21, 2020

Faith Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

801 E Camelback Road

Phoenix, Arizona

10:30am – 1:00pm

OFFICERS

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PRESIDENTS LETTER

Hello, fellow stitchers,

We have had a wonderful time stitching on WinterScenery. Many of our stitchers are finished or almost finished. It is lots of fun to see different colorways, different backgrounds, and all of the creative stitching our guild has done. Thank you, Jan, for leading the project over the past three months.

Again, I would like to thank Mel Issac for his time spent as Treasurer. At our last meeting, Pat Kutzbach volunteered to be our new Treasurer. Thank you, Pat!

After our last meeting, the board had a lengthy meeting. We discussed Stash Sales, by laws and standing rules. To that end, Pat Kutzbach, Kate Morgan, and I are going to be working on those. It would be very nice if we had a volunteer that is not on the board....hint, hint to help with this.

I have been under the weather for the last couple of weeks and have amassed a large amount of screen time. Here is what I learned,

Facebook has a new group: Counted Needlepoint Nation

If you are interested in Bargello, check out this website:

www.lizartneedlepoint.com/bargello

Happy St. Patty's Day, looking forward to seeing all of you on the 19th,
LaVerne

SAGUARO STITCHERS WEBSITE

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!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Ann Grootegoed is our Sunshine Committee contact. If any of you know of someone in our chapter who recently lost a loved one, or has developed a serious illness and could use a "Thinking of You" card, please contact Dodie with name and address information so she can send them a card. Thank you, Ann!

NEED A RIDE TO MEETINGS???

Problems crop up and it's always on meeting day, right? If you need a ride to our meetings, call any of your Board Members. We will do our best to find you a ride. We are getting a bit older and moving just a bit slower, so you need to give us as much notice as possible for the best results. We will do our best to get you there.

PROGRAMS

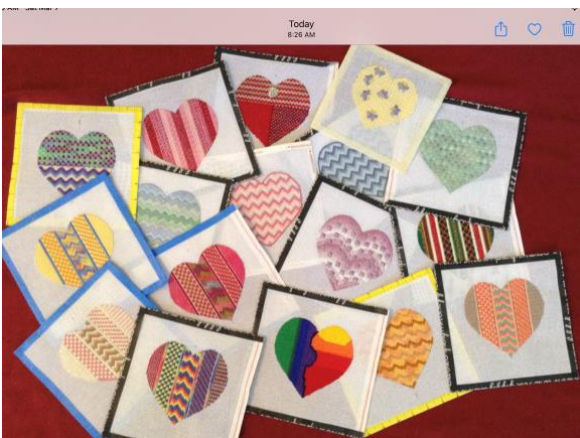
A big THANK YOU to all our chapter members who stitched "Hearts for Hospice" – 17 beautiful hearts! The Greater Kansas City Chapter did not have many remaining to distribute, so was thrilled to receive these.

March 19 - We'll continue stitching Martina Dey's "Winter Scenery".

April 16 - Open stitching. If you want some help or ideas with a canvas, Alice will have graph paper and helpful ideas!

May 20 - Taco Salad Potluck Lunch, and please bring your stitched "Winter Scenery" for Show and Tell. Let's see all those fun color choices!

Jan Prestin, Vice President/Program Chair,



VISITING TEACHERS

Kurdy Biggs class is a success, with 20 students, 12 in class and 8 ghosts. The class is March 20th and 21st at Faith Lutheran Church.

We are working with Kathy Rees to teach "Beaded Bermuda Reef" in Spring 2021. See attached picture, also feel free to go on her web site. www.needledelights.com. The kit fee for this 2 day class is \$99; we are still working on the other costs - air fare, teacher's fee, etc. There will be an interest sign-up sheet at the March 19th meeting. For those of you who are interested but will not be at the meeting, please email me at ha4ali@aol.com, and I will add you to the list.

We are looking at a smaller one-day class for fall 2020, hopefully details to follow soon.

Alice Hall, Chair, Visiting Teacher Committee



MEMBERSHIP

Kate Morgan, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

Dues are still open for renewal for those who have missed are first several meetings. I will be contacting those who have not yet renewed their membership for 2020. Please let me know when you receive your email what your intentions are. Dues of \$20 can be paid to Pat Kutzbach, Treasurer, or me. **Checks need to be payable to "Saguaro Stitches"**. Be sure to include any address, phone or email changes. We currently have 73 members (including potential non-renewals). The new roster will be sent out by the next meeting. We love adding new members to our chapter, so if you have any stitching friends or relatives who would like to join ANG and Saguaro Stitches, 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 March and April:

MARCH

Charlotte Wells
Stephanie Horsley
Pat Crane
Mary Ellen Bloomberg
Carla Hamilton
Roxxi Benedict

APRIL

Elizabeth Tischner
Alice Hall
Christine Satter

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

NEWSLETTER

First, a personal note: My knee surgery scheduled for 2/19 didn't happen due to a funny EKG. Cardiac Solutions pronounced me fine, just fine! By then my lab tests were out of date and I had to get cleared (AGAIN!) by my primary care doctor. Fortunately, he was very kind and scheduled an emergency appointment, so all systems are go, and I am now scheduled for Friday the 13th! Go figure.....

In the meantime, I am enjoying stitching on Winter Scenery and a Margaret Bendig piece, Tequila Sunrise, which is the on-going project for our sister chapter, Road Runner Needlers. Tequila Sunrise is from Needlepointers Jul/Aug/Sept 2019 and lends itself to personal choices in colorways. I plan to rename mine as Tequila Sunrise will no longer be appropriate. Margaret has charted some beautiful stitches. Her designs are always a further opportunity to learn.

For the last couple of months, I have been helping a friend who was a great stitcher but after surgery, is now struggling to remember how to translate a chart to canvas. At first it was stitch by stitch but now she is making real progress. It's been a great adventure. We are both working on Contemporary Bargello from a long-ago issue of Needlepoint Now. One interesting note: She chose to use 18/inch canvas but the pattern and most stitchers use the recommended 24/inch congress cloth. It doesn't sound like much but it's a full one third larger. Another difference is the working method. My friend started at the bottom and is working her way up. I started at the bottom and then shifted to top down; I can't remember why. Both methods are working fine as bargello is easy to compensate stitches where necessary.

Are you having adventures? Share them with me, I would love to include them in the newsletter. Stay well, wash your hands, and be happy while stitching, or reading, or binge-watching your favorite shows. Don't forget, supporting the Girl Scouts is a wonderful thing but has a down-side. Ask me how I know this, blessings, Charlotte

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthday-Month/Day: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check one: New Member: () Renewal: () Plural: ()

Membership Number: _____ Home Chapter (Plural) _____

DUES: Annual Membership

\$20.00_____

Please make checks payable to: Saguaro Stitches

Please mail to: Kate Morgan
601 E Paradise Lane
Phoenix AZ 85022-2524

For additional membership questions, contact Kate at (408) 828-2942.

Our meetings are held at the **Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**, and our room is available from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. The address is shown above.