



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



NEXT MEETING

Oct 15, 2020

Nov TBD

Dec TBD

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

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President's Letter – LaVerne Walters

CALLING ALL STITCHERS

How many months has it been since we have met? Six or seven? What have all of us been stitching? How many stash projects have been finished? Are you ready to have a meeting? In October? On October 15?

Welcome back! We are planning a meeting on October 15 at 10:00 at Faith Lutheran Church. We will be observing CDC guidelines, social distancing (our room is very large), masks are required. I will make sure the tables are sanitized, the kitchen is closed so no water or coffee (you are welcome to bring your own) and we will have hand sanitizer available.

This will be a short meeting. We need to find a new Secretary, but I am not aware of any other important business that needs to be attended to at this time. I would like to thank Alice and Jan for organizing the Kurdy Biggs online class. They worked hard on scheduling, organizing, and mailing the class kits. A round of applause for their hard work.

What we would love is to see is your COVID stitching. We would also like to hear about any UTube needlepoint videos you have watched, any online classes you have taken and/or anything else you might want to share.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 15th, La Verne

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 Groetgoed 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 Ann 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, whether it is occasionally or to all 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 – Jan Prestin

"SHOW and TELL" - It's time to round up all those projects you've worked on during our "stitchcation". Bring those "Winter Scenerys" we started, maybe you picked some fun colors and have been doing Kathy Rees' ANG Stitch of the Month project. Whatever it's been – a class project, an unfinished canvas from time gone by, Halloween, Christmas – you name it – please share. I expect to hear many Ohs and Ahs!

If you've somehow run out of projects or just need something new, Kate Morgan found "Summer Fireworks" by Anne-Marie Anderson-Mayes on Facebook. The pattern is a free gift to all stitchers and is shown in 2 colorways. Attached are the pdf files with complete instructions. Check it out and enjoy!

Note from Ed: I must apologize to all of you and especially to Jan. Her email with information was promptly sent and I, just as promptly, lost it in the thicket of email I am receiving. Jan has kindly sent a separate email to each of you with a beautiful project. Thank you, Jan.

VISITING TEACHERS – Alice Hall

It has been a difficult summer. Kurdy Biggs class was scheduled for March and rescheduled to October. It was agreed that this could not take place in person. Kurdy offered to do a Cyber workshop. This class to open to the students on October 23rd. Other teachers have been contacted about classes in 2021. Due to COVID-19, classes that were to be held in 2020 have moved to 2021 and some to spring 2022. At this time, it is suggested that we wait until next year before we contact teachers regarding future classes.

MEMBERSHIP – Kate Morgan

We reluctantly must say good-bye to Donna Rumolo but let's give a warm welcome to:

Vicki Morrison
Scottsdale, AZ

We are still 73!

SADDENED by the passing of our stitching friend Shelley Anderson on September 15th from ALS. Shelley was a friend of Jan and La Verne. She was a member of our Guild although she lived in Charlottesville, VA, but she attended meetings whenever she visited the Chandler area. We send her family our condolences.

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 - Charlotte Wells

It has been a l- (10 'o' s g) here – hot summer. We have become like moles, sticking out heads out of the burrows and testing the air. We have a lot of catching up to do with each other, and, in my case, a lot of stitching time to make up too, I really admire those of you who have continued to stitch and accomplish much, I didn't and wish I had had more fortitude. I want to see what everyone else has been doing. Please send pictures with brief descriptions, designers and titles would really be helpful, and anything else you'd like to add about each piece. Send your news to me at cmancawells25@yahoo.com. And thank you in advance.

I must admit I spent a great deal of time reading. I haven't seen much noteworthy written for needlepoint but there have been several books published pertaining to surface embroidery. The one book specifically for counted thread embroiderers that I found was Willing Hands by Betsy Morgan. The projects are beautiful, and the instructions are very clear. The projects are stitching wallets and etuis. We always need accessories. These would also make perfect gifts for your stitching friends. Techniques involved are a combination of cross stitch and blackwork. Willing Hands was published by Inspirations but do buy it from a US source. Both Book Depository and Amazon carry it for about. \$35. It isn't the fault of the Inspirations folks; Australian post will cost almost as much as the book.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthday-Month/Day: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work Phone: _____

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

Membership Number: _____ Home Chapter (Plural) _____

DUES: Annual Membership

\$20.00

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