



SAGUARO STITCHERS

APRIL 2026

2026 Meeting Dates:

April 16

May 21*

June 17**

July 16**

August 20**

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17***

*Annual Taco Lunch

**Summer Stitching

***Holiday Party



April Birthdays

Mary Ellen Prier

Beth Tischner

Mary Beth Gittings

Happy Easter



Notes from Vicki

Well, I guess summer has arrived, although to my way of thinking, it's a little early. It is great seeing all the blooming trees and flowers, but although beautiful, allergy season is also upon us.

There are several reminders for this coming month:

- If you attended the Debbie Rowley class "Adagio," please bring your project with you, no matter how far you have progressed. We would love to see them!
- If you are participating in the chapter project for the next several months, please remember we are working on this as a group and bring it with you. We will have time to stitch and talk about any issues you may have with directions,
- There will be a sign-up sheet for our annual taco lunch held in May. LaVerne Walters will have more details available.
- I would like to remind everyone that we rent our space from 9am-1pm each month and encourage you to stay, stitch, grab lunch, etc. We pay for this space (handsomely I might add) and we should use the time we pay for. I normally unlock the Parish Hall at 9am and I will stay until 1pm. This is a good time to stitch or catch up with each other. Let's not give away our time.
- The next meeting is the last time you can sign up for the summer stitching project. Make sure you are on the list and give your \$\$\$ to Jan if you want to participate.
- Don't forget the Needlework Show in April. Sign up to volunteer, take in the adjacent quilt show and museum, visit downtown Gilbert for lunch. Make a day of it!

Vicki

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Programs

- **March/April/May program is *Festive Fireworks*** from the 2017 July *NeedlePointers* magazine. It is on pages 13-21. The kit fee is \$10. If you don't have access to a printer contact Kate Morgan immediately. There is an additional \$3 charge for her to print you a color copy. The deadline is firm and there will not be extra kits. Instructions for printing the instructions from the Archives are below. You can of course, kit this yourself in your own selected colors.
- **June/July/August Summer Stitching program is a *Scissors Fob***. Sign up is still available. Kits will be available for \$12 each. After we stitch this, the finishing technique will be taught. **APRIL IS THE LAST MONTH TO SIGN UP FOR THIS!**

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* As always, please read all instructions before starting.

** Also send me a text or email if you are not at a meeting to sign up for a particular project you would like to do. (408) 828-2942 this is a California area code and is correct kate.morgan@gmail.com

If you forget to sign up for a project, then please email me at least 2 weeks in advance to let me know. This ensures I have enough materials for everyone.

NOTICE: The following information IS ONLY FOR PROJECTS FEATURED IN *NeedlePointers* magazine.

Printing a paper copy from the digital *NeedlePointers* magazine if you do not have your hardcopy magazine, the pattern is available online at the ANG website <https://needlepoint.org> under the Membership tab where all magazines are archived. Click on *NeedlePointers* and on the following page Click Here to View Archived NP Copies (you must login for access as this is a member only link). Online copies are in 5-year groups. Once you have the magazine open, arrow to the right until you get to the page(s) you want to print. Click on the 3 dots for the dropdown list and choose "print". You, of course, can change colors and stitch from your stash for any of the designs in the magazine.

ANG Independent Learning



New Instructor-Led Class!

Desert Rose by Jeannette Tombaugh with two colorways available to choose from. Registration is open! You don't want to miss out on this new online class.

Registration open through April 30.

<https://www.needlepoint.org/page/IndependentLearningHome>

Saguaro Stitchers has an Instagram page!

The name of the page is **saguarostitchers** It just doesn't get any simpler than that. We are here:

https://www.instagram.com/p/DTlekz3EuVD/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=NTc4MTlwNjQ2YQ==

The Quarterly Stitch



- ◆ **Folding Ort Box** by Marilyn Owen is now available. Login to the ANG Website. Remember, each stitch guide will only be available for a limited time before it's replaced by the next Quarterly Stitch project—after which the previous design will return to the vault. Don't miss your chance to download them while they're available!

- 2026 Stitch of the Month



The 2026 Stitch of the Month files, "**Beard of the Month**" designed by Janet Zickler Casey are now available. This year, instead of stitching a 12-part charted design, we will explore 12 different patterns or ideas for creating a rich and sumptuous beard for the jolly old soul or any other man that you might be stitching.

Announcements

- **Mini Stash Table** You are welcome to bring some of your stash to the meeting. Please price it. If the items do not sell, you must take them home. All proceeds go to the Chapter for operating expenses. **You must take your unsold items home!**
- **Charity Sock Drop**, please remember to bring a pair of new socks to each meeting. These socks will be given to Faith Lutheran at the end of the year. Socks can be any size for men, women, or children.
- **2026 Arizona Needlework Show** April 14-25 at the HD South Gilbert Historical Museum in Gilbert, AZ.
- **2026 Workshops Updated 12/23/2025** If you want to participate in any of these workshops **Contact Pat Correz, EGANGCORRE@aol.com ONLY!**

❖ **July 11-12, 2026 Margaret Bendig**, two 1-day classes. Ghosts allowed.

- July 11 S, *Baroque*
- July 12 Sn, *Cluck-Cluck Frame Weight* →

❖ **August 28-30, 2026 Jennifer Riefenberg** Ghosts allowed.

- August 28 F, project to be selected.
- August 29-30 S/Sn *Heron*

❖ **October 21-25, 2026 Toni Gerdes**, Ghosts Allowed.

- October 21-22 R/F, *Northwest Tunic*
- October 23 Sa, *Noel*
- October 24-25, Sn/M, *Bob the Bedazzled Bison*



Upcoming Events

2026 – 2027 SAVE THE DATES:

2026 AZ Needlework Show

April 14-25, 2026

10am – 4pm Tuesday – Saturday, closed Sunday-Monday

HD-South Gilbert Historical Museum

10 S. Gilbert Rd

Gilbert, AZ

2026 ANG National Seminar *Stitching on the River*

July 18-23, 2026 Grand Hyatt Denver, Denver, CO

You can preview the [2026 ANG Seminar Classes](#) on YouTube here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di8wwUp8ZTk&ab_channel=ShirleyChin

- **All Members Registration: Opens March 2 at 12:00 p.m. EST**
- **General Public Registration: Opens March 9 at 12:00 p.m. EST**

2027 ANG National Seminar *Music City StitchFest*

October 21-24, 2027 Sheraton Music City, Nashville, Tennessee

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