



SAGUARO STITCHERS
AMERICAN NEEDLEPOINT GUILD

December 14, 2023 Newsletter



LOCATION

Faith Lutheran Church
801 East Camelback Rd.
Phoenix, AZ

3rd Thursday of Month
Social Time 10 am
Meeting 10:30 am

OFFICERS

President
Linda Rand

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Kate Morgan

Secretary

To be appointed.

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Vicki Morrison

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PROGRAMS

DECEMBER PROGRAM - Holiday Party with gift exchange.
There will be a sign-up for a needlecase for January's project.



SAGUARO STITCHERS HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE:

While it seems summer never ends, and while we all hope for cooler weather, it's time to think about our holiday gift exchange – YES, the holidays are FAST approaching. Participation in the gift exchange is optional. Below are guidelines for this event.

- Gift must be new (new tool, chart, needle minder, threads, gift certificate, ornament, etc.) (Please no copies of charts, used threads, or UFOs).
- Suggested price range is \$20.
- Gift should be wrapped or in a gift bag; (Please, NO brown paper bags).
- Place your name on the bottom of your gift so the lucky recipient will know who to thank.
- When you arrive for the holiday event, you may bring your gift to the designated area, and you will be given a number. Numbers will be drawn randomly, and each participant may choose a gift from the gift table, unwrap the gift, and everyone can OOOOOOH and AAAAAAH, and enjoy the spirit of giving.

Questions – contact Vicki at ulynnmorrison@gmail.com. If you want lunch it will be \$10.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How can it be that every December 1st, I'm suddenly shocked by the fact that it's only about 3 weeks until Christmas? And our friends who celebrate Hanukkah need to be ready by the 7th this year. I hope that you are further ahead in your preparations than I am. The most important item in my message this month is that the location for our Holiday Party has changed. **We will be having our party in our usual location, Fellowship Hall, on the 14th. This is a room change from the email I sent out after our November meeting.**

I have made progress in finding a teacher for a workshop in 2024. Ann-Marie Anderson-Mayes, who designs under the name Beautiful Stitches, is willing to teach for us next September, You can see her work at beautifulstitches.com.au and on her Facebook page, Beautiful Stitches. There will be a sign up interest list and a catalog of her designs available at the December meeting. I find her designs to be colorful and interesting and hope that you will enjoy them as well.

I hope to see many of you at our Holiday Party next week! Don't forget about the gift exchange that Vicki Morrison has so kindly planned for us.

Linda

MEETING DATES FOR 2023

December 14

MEETING DATES FOR 2024

JANUARY 18

FEBRUARY 15

MARCH 21

APRIL 18

MAY 16

JUNE 20

JULY 18

AUGUST 15

SEPTEMBER 19

OCTOBER 17

NOVEMBER 14

DECEMBER 12



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

DECEMBER

Paula Burchenal
Nancy Noyes
Charlene Goodman
Roxxi Benedict

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Vicki Morrison 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 Vicki Morrison with name and address information so she can send them a card.

Important Dates in Needlework

ANG NATIONAL SEMINAR
Kansas City, MO
August 30 – September 6, 2024

EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR – Preserving Needle Art 2024
August 14-18, 2024
Hilton Hotel, Atlanta, GA

ANG VIRTUAL SPRING FLING
To be held in 2024

Arizona Needlearts Show

April 2-14, 2024

HD South (Home of the Gilbert Historical Museum)
Gilbert, Arizona

Open to Arizona chapter members of the
Embroiderers’ Guild of America, the

American Needlepoint Guild and the Smocking Arts Guild of America

- This is only an exhibit – there will not be any judging.
- Limit 5 items per person. Items must be no larger than 24” x 24”.
- **Drop-in only – no mailed items.** Items **MUST** be dropped off at HD South on **April 1st and retrieved on April 15th**. Items will not be accepted prior to or after the listed drop-off dates.
- **Entry fees: \$7.00 for 1st item and \$5.00 for each additional item up to 5 total items.** • All items are entered at the owner’s own risk. Information regarding entry forms and deadlines is forthcoming. Fees and sizes listed are not final and may change prior to finalizing the entry form. More information will be available at [hRps://www.starlightsMtchers.org](http://www.starlightsMtchers.org).

Organized by the Starlight Stitchers chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It’s Membership Renewal time again!

Our membership renewal drive is November - December 2023 (for the 2024 calendar year). Chapter dues remain the same - \$20. Please pay Pat Kutzbach or myself. Make checks payable to **Saguaro Stitchers**. There’s no need to wait for a meeting - send a check and a filled-out Saguaro Stitchers Membership application directly to Christy Garza at the address listed on the form (check the Renewal box on the form).

Please remember to log in to <https://needlepoint.org> (national ANG website) to check if you owe dues at the national level. Your dues expiration date is also available on your Needle Pointers magazine address label. You must be a member in good standing with National to maintain your membership in a chapter.

If you have any questions regarding chapter dues, please reach out to Christy Garza at cegarza@mac.com or 602-291-5301.

Saguaro Stitchers Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthday – Month/Day _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Check if Mobile

Alternate Phone Number: _____ Check if Mobile

Email: _____

Check one: New Member Renewal Plural

ANG Membership Number: _____ Home Chapter (If Plural) _____

Dues (Paid Annually): \$20.00 PAID

Please make checks payable to:

Saguaro Stitchers
Christy Garza
1920 W Lindner Ave #170
Mesa, AZ 85202

Still have questions? Contact Christy Garza at 602-291-5301 or email cegarza@mac.com.