



**SAGUARO STITCHERS AMERICAN  
NEEDLEPOINT GUILD  
February, 2024 Newsletter**



**LOCATION**

Faith Lutheran Church  
801 East Camelback Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month  
Social Time 10 am  
Meeting 10:30 am

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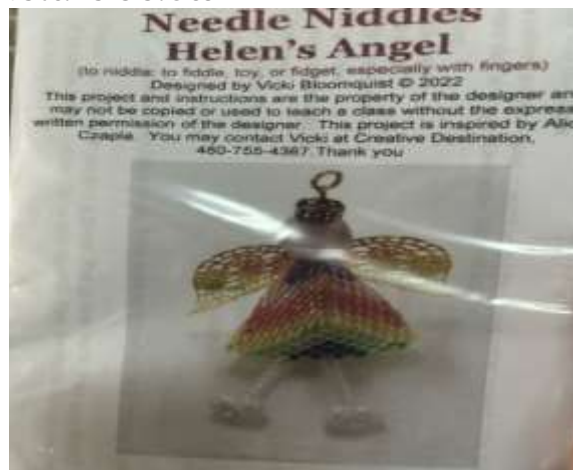
**FEBRUARY - Needle Niddles**

Bring your choice of kits (I have kits for those who already ordered theirs)

Jan and I will help you assemble your cute tiny fidget to add to your collection of smalls.

Let me know if you need a kit and I can pick one up for you. Check out Creative Destination kit choices. There are 13 - one for each month plus one called Helen's Angel.

Sample picture below



**MARCH - Finishing class with Kate and Alice**

Still picking out a program - circle, flip flop, Easter egg? Let me know which you would prefer.



**FEBRUARY 2024**

*Sara Moriarty*

*Charli Hendrickson*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to February! The groundhog did not see his shadow on the day I wrote this email - I'm just happy we never need to worry about extra weeks of winter! We had a good meeting in January, with 22 attendees. We met in our new meeting place, the Faith Center. Still on the campus of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, but in another building, right next to the office. It's wonderful room with beautiful lighting!

At our last meeting, the Board approved the budget for 2024. A successful stash sale will enable us to have a small surplus at year end. Insurance has been paid for, and we are about to sign the contract for our meeting space for the year. Kate is working on some great programs for us as well.

I've been spending some time over the last two weeks picking up stash from a local needlepointer who has decided not to do needlepoint going forward (I know, hard to believe!) and from a woman whose mother, who recently passed away, was an avid needlepointer. There are some very nice items that will go in our sale. A few lovely wood floor stands, many painted canvases, some blank canvas, and oh so many threads! You won't want to miss this sale! It occurs after our meeting on Thursday, April 18th. There is more information in this newsletter about how to donate some of your stash to this sale.

I hope we have some members who haven't joined us lately come to our meeting on February 15th to experience our new meeting room. Until then, I hope you have a fun Valentine's Day and do a lot of stitching!

In stitches,  
Linda



## MINUTES SAGUARO STITCHERS FEBRUARY, 2024

**MINUTES WILL BE SENT OUT LATER THIS WEEK**

**La Verne Walters**  
Secretary

## **STASH SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Saguaro Stitchers Stash Sale is fast approaching, and we want to invite you for a fun day of “treasure hunting”.

- **When: Thursday, April 18, 2024**
- **Where: Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Center (next to the church office), 801 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85014. There is plenty of parking, no stairs and great space (parking is behind the church after you enter off Camelback Road).**
- **Time: Sale will begin at 11:00 AM, after our regular chapter meeting.**
- **Cash and checks only (no credit card charges accepted)**

**Bring - your friends, a bag to hold your “treasures”, and join in the fun!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our stash sale is fast approaching, and we want it to be a great success. We are inviting other guilds and want to make sure we are prepared for a great day. With that in mind, please read below for details.

- All items need to be brought to chapter meetings February 15 and March 21. Please make sure they are boxed or bagged for ease of transportation.
- The board will make a determination of what happens to items which remain after the sale.
- **No items will be accepted after March 21<sup>st</sup>.** Time is needed to sort and price items, so this deadline is set.
- Please make sure you DO NOT contribute items that you would otherwise simply discard (nothing broken, nothing in need of repair, nothing soiled, no miscellaneous threads stuffed in a bag and tangled); you get the idea. We want this stash sale to be fun and worthwhile, and remember we hope to have guests join us.
- The sale will begin after our regular chapter meeting on April 18 at approximately 11:00 AM.
- We will inform other guilds of the 11:00 AM start time.
- There will be no “pre-shopping”, everyone gets the same opportunity to select items.

### IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

1 Ground Hog Day

11 Super Bowl Sunday

12 Lincoln's Birthday

14 Arizona Statehood Day

19 President's Day

22 Washington's Birthday

### MEETING DATES FOR 2024

FEBRUARY 15

MARCH 21

APRIL 18

MAY 16

**JUNE 20**  
**JULY 18**  
**AUGUST 15**  
**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**OCTOBER 17**  
**NOVEMBER 14 ?**  
**DECEMBER 12 ?**

## **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.

## **ANG News**

- It's National ANG Membership Renewal time again! Log in to <https://needlepoint.org> (national ANG website) to check if you owe dues at the national level. You must be a member in good standing with National to maintain your membership in a chapter.
  - Options for renewal: 1-year \$60 or 2-year \$120. Payment was due December 31, 2023.
  - If you have not yet done so, you can renew your membership with these options:
    - Pay online.
    - Send a check to: ANG, 100 E Washington St, Springfield, IL 62701.
    - Call ANG customer service at 856-3806911 and someone will assist you.

## **Stitch of the Month**

Twelve lessons from Purple Passion by Linda LaChance will be released on the first business day of every month, allowing members like you to follow along with the project. Make sure to visit the website!



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- **2024-25 California and/or Virtual Workshops** Pat Correz of San Bernardino ANG Chapter and Baldy View EGA Chapter, coordinates workshops that are available to any stitcher regardless of membership affiliation. All teachers below have agreed to virtual (online) classes if we can't meet in person except for Pilot classes. In all cases, the dates listed are original dates for in-person classes. Groups io dates are dependent on kit shipping.
  - **All classes are in Ontario, CA unless otherwise noted.**
- Contact Pat immediately if you want to be on the list for any of these classes. Also, any chapter interested in contacting a teacher to schedule a workshop or program in conjunction with these workshops, please contact Pat Correz at [egangcorre@aol.com](mailto:egangcorre@aol.com) Pictures/descriptions are available via email.
  - **April 18-22**
    - **Janet Casey, 4 pilot classes**...attendance in person required. Classes limited to 24. See ANG website/2024 Seminar for pictures.
  - April 18-19, Th/Fri *Creepy Candles*
  - April 20, Sat morning *Bottoms Up*
  - April 20, Sat afternoon *Heart Swirls* • April 21-22 Sun/Mon *O'Tannenbaum*
  - **June 22-23**
    - **Nancy Cucci (Ghosts allowed.)**
      - Sat/Sun **Autumn Treasures Sampler**
  - **October 24-28**
    - **Toni Gerdes (Ghosts allowed.)** See ANG website/2024 Seminar for pictures.
      - Oct 24-25, Th/Fri *Zelda, the Patchwork Zebra*

- Oct 26 Sat *Merry*
- Oct 27-28 Sun/Mon *By the Light of the Silvery Moon*
- **To be scheduled:**
  - Jennifer Riefenberg -2 classes
  - Possible second Groups io with Sue Reed
  - **2025: Toni Gerdes, October 23-26, 2025**

## 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**

- • **Registration for the Arizona Needlework Show is open!** The registration form is on the Starlight Stitchers webpage: <https://www.starlightstitchers.org/>
- • **You are invited to join Roadrunner Needlers for a Super Stitching Party on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm to whenever.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81104864951?pwd=anNONGhERU5IS TRTaFp1M3JLWWpGQT09>
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- 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 1<sup>st</sup> and retrieved on April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Items will not be accepted prior to or after the listed drop-off dates.
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- Entry fees: **\$7.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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 already renewed your membership, thank you! We are grateful to see you with us yet another year.

### **YOU CAN RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THESE OPTIONS:**

- 1. Pay online.**
- 2. Send a check to ANG, 100 E. Washington St., Springfield, IL 62701.**

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





# Saguaro Stitches 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

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Membership  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home  
Chapter (If  
Plural) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues (Paid Annually): \$20.00 PAID

Please make checks payable to:

**Saguaro Stitches**  
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1920 W Lindner Ave #170  
Mesa, AZ 85202