



**SAGUARO STITCHERS AMERICAN
NEEDLEPOINT GUILD**



January, 2024 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

Vice President - Programs
Kate Morgan

Secretary
LaVerne Walters

Treasurer
Pat Kutzbach

**Vice President Membership/
Assistant Treasurer**
Christy Garza

Newsletter Editor
Barbara Swalley

Visiting Teacher Committee
Alice Hall

Jill Borge

Sunshine Committee
Vicki Morrison

Webmaster
Karen Willett

webmaster@saguarostitchers.org

JANUARY - Bargello Needlecase

24 count congress cloth, felt for pages and pattern will be provided

You will need:

6x9" stretcher bars

3 skeins of size 5 perle cotton in "pleasing to you" colors

Note: you can you size 8, but will need to use 2 strands of each color.

Picture below



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope your holidays were full of friends, family, fun and needlepoint! As the new year begins, the Board will be focused on some important items. We will be finalizing the budget for 2024 this month. Planning will begin for a stash sale in the spring - we have two people donating quite a few items to the chapter. Kate Morgan will be leading the planning for our visiting teacher, Ann-Marie Anderson-Mayes, who will be visiting us in September. You can see her stunning designs at her website: <https://beautifulstitches.com.au>. I have found liability insurance for the chapter, and will have purchased it before our January meeting.

There are a lot of exciting things going on! I hope that as many of you as possible will be attending our meetings in 2024! Bring your friends and your stitching, and take advantage of the wonderful programs that Kate has in store for us.

Linda



MINUTES SAGUARO STITCHERS DECEMBER 14, 2023 HAPPY HOLIDAY PARTY!

President, Linda Rand, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Linda announced that she has found liability insurance (the church requires that we have this) at the cost of \$300.00/year Linda will you send me the details, name of company, etc to add to the minutes. This liability insurance will begin January 1, 2024.

Pat gave the Treasurer's Report, as of November 30 we have \$936.84 in our General Fund and \$6,167.00 in our Education Fund.

The November Minutes were approved as read. In January we will be posting the minutes of the previous meeting in the Newsletter.

Christy reported that we now have 47 members, we added new member Charly Hendrickson (as an honorarium for her program in November) for a total of 48 members. 18 members were present at this meeting.

Linda has been in touch with Ann Marie -----to teach for us September 23 - September 25, 2024 following the National Seminar. A choice of designs has yet to be decided, an interest list is available.

Kate passed out the remaining Night in the Desert canvases. Suggestions were made for a Bargello Needle case on congress cloth, a finishing class for Night in the Desert and a finishing glass for round ornaments by Sara of Family Arts and a member of Saguaro Stitchers.

A unanimous vote elected the following officers:
Vice President/Programs - Kate Morgan
Secretary - La Verne Walters
Treasurer - Jan Prestin

The budget is a work in progress at this point. We will be having a stash sale in the Spring. Our guild has had two large stash donations in 2023.

Jan Prestin won the 50/50 Raffle; the amount was \$39.00. Congratulations Jan and thank you to Nancy Russell for organizing and selling tickets for this event.

Installation of Officers will be at the January 18 th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 followed by our amazing Holiday Party and gift exchange.

Thank you to Jan Prestin, Vicki Morrison, Roxxi Benedict, La Verne Walters and Linda Rand for organizing our Party.

La Verne Walters
Secretary

MEETING DATES FOR 2023

JANUARY 18
FEBRUARY 15
MARCH 21
APRIL 18
MAY 16
JUNE 20
JULY 18
AUGUST 15
SEPTEMBER 19
OCTOBER 17
NOVEMBER 14 ?
DECEMBER 12 ?



JANUARY
Christy Garza
BJ Sharath

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](https://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:

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