



**SAGUARO STITCHERS AMERICAN
NEEDLEPOINT GUILD
March, 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

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Jill Borge

Sunshine Committee

Vicki Morrison

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March

Carrot finishing with Sara from Family Arts
Sara will be helping learn to finish our February
Spring carrot. I'll be letting you know what supplies
you need to bring.

Don't forget to bring any stash sale items to March
meeting...last day to add before the sale.

April

Stash Sale coordinated by Vicki Bring cash or
check for an opportunity to find treasures to add to
your personal stash.

May

Taco Salad Day!!

Sign up sheet will be available.

Kate





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

And already another month has gone by and it's March! Don't forget to wear your green on St. Patrick's Day. I hope everyone (who celebrates) gets lots of sweets from the Easter Bunny on the 31st. Our Saguaro Stitcher "bunnies" have been hopping busy getting ready for our stash sale on April 18th! In addition to the two large donations that I mentioned last month, our members filled up my SUV at our February meeting. We will have lots of goodies for sale at great prices. Floor stands, a DMC box, painted canvases, books, more threads than I can count and some partially stitched items will be available for purchase. As a reminder, the last day to donate to the stash sale is at our March 21st meeting.

We had eighteen members at our February meeting, many of whom took a line drawn carrot canvas to stitch before our upcoming meeting. I can't wait to see how our members designed and stitched their canvases this month - when we'll also be finishing them!

Believe it or not, we are beginning to get close to our summer break. In April, we will have our stash sale and in May, our annual taco salad lunch. I hope you will join us this month and going forward!

In stitches, Linda

NOTE: There will be a Board meeting before the chapter meeting at 9:30 a.m.



MARCH 2024

Amy Draper

Carla Hamilton

Pat Kutzbach



MINUTES
SAGUARO STITCHERS GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by President, Linda Rand.

Linda said that she had misspoken at the January meeting, she had said that volunteers for the stash sale could have first pick of items for sale. Linda corrected herself and rephrased her January comment. Volunteers who help sort, price and organize items for the stash sale would be able to choose one item ahead of the stash sale.

The January minutes were approved as written.

Jan Prestin gave the Treasurer's report.

Savings Balance (Education) January 31, 2024	
— SAVINGS (EDUCATION) TOTAL	\$6,252.22
Checking Balance, January 1, 2024	\$3,126.87
Checking Balance, January 31, 2024	<u>\$2,907.53</u>
TOTAL GUILD ASSETS, JANUARY 31, 2024	<u>\$9,159.75</u>

The membership Report given by Christy Garza is as follows,

Total membership January 2024	48
Attendance las meeting	23
Renewed members	2
Current total membership	48

18 members attended February 15, 2024

Kate has been in touch with Ann Marie our Visiting Teacher. The dates for this workshop will be Monday, Tuesday, September 23, 24, 2024. A project has yet to be decided. Ghosts will be allowed. After Saguaro Stitchers have had adequate time to sign up, other guilds will be asked to participate. The maximum number for this is 25.

This month we worked on a carrot – Easter is coming early this year! Kate passed out line drawn canvases which we are to complete by the March meeting. Be creative and design your own! Ideas were passed out by Jan Prestin. Sara Moriarty from Family Arts will be giving us a finishing lesson at our March 21st meeting.

We have postponed the 3D beading and the scissors case until the Fall.

Karen Willett had good news for us this month, the website was uploaded easily!

Vicki Morrison talked about our Stash Sale, April 18. The committee is busy gathering, organizing and pricing needlepoint for this fund-raising event. Vicki emphasized the importance of the condition of items brought in for sale. Two phrases that sum it up are, “If you wouldn't buy it, don't bring it!” and “This is a stash sale, not a trash sale.” The deadline for submitting items is March 21, there will be no exceptions! We have invited other local ANG guilds as well as EGA chapters. Cookies and water will be available.

Vicki also reminded us of the Arizona Needlearts Show, April 2 – 13, 2024. This is only an exhibit, it will not be judged; however, there will be a Peoples Choice Award. Vicki had information available with instructions for submitting needlework to be displayed. For more information contact Vicki at (770) 634-7773.

Volunteers are also needed; Vicki has that information also.

There was no New Business.

Shelly won the 50/50 raffle of \$30.50. Yeah Shelly and thank you very much, Shelley donated her winnings to our Guild.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

STASH SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Saguaro Stitches 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 21st.** 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.

MEETING DATES FOR 2024

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 Pictures/descriptions are available via email. ○

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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**
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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 11th from 3 pm to whenever.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81104864951?pwd=anNONGhERU5IS TRTaFp1M3JLWWpGQT09>
- 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.
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- 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

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 or 602-291-5301.

Saguaro Stitches Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

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Please make checks payable to:

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