



**SAGUARO STITCHERS  
AMERICAN NEEDLEPOINT  
GUILD**

**November 16, 2023 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

**OFFICERS**

**President**

Linda Rand

**Vice President - Programs**

Kate Morgan

**Secretary**

To be appointed.

**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

**PROGRAMS**

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM** - Night in the Desert (picture attached)

TEACHER: Charli Hendrickson

Chapter will provide 8x8 sand 18 count mono canvas

Charli will be providing instructions for \$5.

You will need 8x8 stretcher bars and the following threads:

Caron Watercolours: 114 Clove, 137 Copper, 169 Moss

Kreinik #12 braid 002 Gold

Rainbow Gallery - Petite Silk Lame - SP16 Navy

**DECEMBER PROGRAM** - Holiday Party with gift exchange





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### **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](mailto:ulynnmorrison@gmail.com)

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are closing in on the end of the year - hard to believe, but it's true. November is a month for giving thanks, and I am thankful to all of our members for sharing our love of needlepoint with each other. Our Holiday Luncheon will be held at our December meeting. That is currently scheduled for the 21st, but I am working to move that to the 14th. I should have that finalized by our meeting this month.

I'm very excited about our November program! Kate has provided details in this newsletter. Thank you in advance to Charli Hendrickson for teaching us this beautiful project!

Pat Kutzbach, our Treasurer, has been working on our budget and we should have a draft to discuss at the November meeting. Also, I have been doing some research on potential new meeting locations - looking for better and/or less expensive locations than where we are today. We'll still remain in the same general area, but are hopeful that we can get a nicer room with wifi at a minimum. I'll update everyone on that on the 16th.

In case you aren't aware, National has opened up registration for the Virtual Spring Fling Seminar expected to be held in April 2024. Registration ends on November 30th.

I hope to see many of you at our meeting on the 16th. I wish everyone a peaceful and Happy Thanksgiving.

Linda



## MEETING DATES FOR 2023

November 16

December 14



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

## NOVEMBER

Nancy Russell

Ginny Vanden Eykel

Carol Roberts

Barbara Swalley



## NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS

4 National Candy Day

11 Veterans Day

16 National Fast Food Day

16 National Button Day

23 Thanksgiving Day

24 Black Friday

## SAGUARO STITCHERS WEBSITE:

Do not forget that we have our very own website, [www.saguarostitchers.org](http://www.saguarostitchers.org). Karen Willett has done a wonderful job organizing and maintaining the website. It contains workshops, projects, newsletters, membership information, as well as links to local needlework shops, and other valuable information. Bookmark the site and check it often.

## 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 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.
- **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

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 Stitches**. There's no need to wait for a meeting - send a check and a filled-out Saguaro Stitches 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](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

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

Dues (Paid Annually): \$20.00 PAID

Please make checks payable to:

**Saguaro Stitches**  
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](mailto:cegarza@mac.com).