



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



LOCATION

Faith Lutheran Church
801 East Camelback Rd.
Phoenix, AZ
3rd Thursday of Month
Social Time 10 am
Meeting 10:30 am

President

Linda Rand

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Kate Morgan

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We will be working on the pattern "Remembrance Ribbons", a fund raiser from Fail Ettinger (Needlepoint Nation) in memory of the passing of Carole. The \$25 pattern price per participant will be donated to the Texas Performing Arts Youth Program. The pattern has been updated. A letter will be sent to Carole's husband along with a list of contributors.

If you are interested in purchasing a pattern, I have made arrangements to "group buy" patterns from Gail using my PayPal account. If you already signed up, I will be ordering patterns, depositing checks/cash tomorrow. Then I will send out the threads requirements so you can purchase or raid your stash. If you have not signed up yet, please send me an email request (if you don't have or use PayPal) and I'll order a

pattern for you. You can pay at the next meeting.

This will be our last project for the year.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October is here...but no signs of fall weather yet. Hopefully soon!

We held our September meeting on the 19th, and it was great to see many of our members back from their summer breaks! The next week, we hosted Anne-Marie Anderson-Mayes as our teacher for two of her lovely projects. She's an excellent teacher and we had a great two days of class with her. Many thanks to Kate Morgan for hosting her and to Vicki Morrison for providing our water and snacks.

It's getting to be a busy time of the year for the Chapter. Our Nominating Committee will be providing their report at the October meeting. We are looking for candidates to fill the Vice President of Membership and the President positions. In November, we will elect our new officers, and in December we'll host an installation ceremony. Our December meeting will be held on our normal 3rd Thursday of the month, the 19th, and we'll also have our Holiday Party then.

We saw a lot of beautiful finished items at Show and Tell last month. I hope you'll bring some of yours to the October meeting, on the 17th.

Keep stitching,

Linda

SAGUARO STITCHERS MAY MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 10:36 by President, Linda Rand
Attendance: 14 + a guest from Desert Threaders, Rosanne Kostelecky
Minutes from the April 18, 2024, meeting was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Jan Prestin:

Savings Balance: \$7224.38; Checking Balance: \$1986.17; Sales from our stash sale \$912.00. There were no disbursements. Total chapter assets as of 5/15/24: \$9210.55

Membership Report:

? none

Visiting Teacher – Kate Morgan - Details are being locked down; there will be a choice (2 projects will be offered) which attendees can choose. The two choices will be confirmed, and details sent to those who have signed up. Kate will see what hotel/cost would be for this teacher. If anyone would be willing to house the teacher during this time, please let Kate know. We will also need a volunteer for airport duty. If anyone can help with that, please let Kate know so that all final details can be confirmed. We were not required to sign a contract with this teacher. September class dates are September 23 and 24.

Projects Report – Jan Prestin (details to follow).

Internet Report – Karen Willett:

Karen was not in attendance but will monitor the website and make sure it stays active.

Newsletter Report – Barb Swalley

? None

Sunshine Committee Report – Vicki Morrison

Requests for two cards were received and cards mailed.

Old Business:

☐ Stash Sale Suggestions: It has been suggested that when we are contacted to handle the stash for someone, we need to make sure there are items that we feel are appropriate to our craft. It takes a great deal of time and effort to transport items, cull through the items, store them and at some point, price items for sale. While we are happy to take the stash from a member, we do not have the ability to take stash from anyone outside the chapter. If someone contacts us with this request, we would either need to preview via photographs or through actual viewing before the chapter would make the decision to handle the request. A chapter member receiving a request should also forward that request to the board for review. After discussion it was agreed that this should be our process going forward. All requests should be brought before the board before any decision is made. A request to handle a stash will be communicated to the chapter members before a final decision is made. In other words – we will handle these requests on a “case by case” basis going forward.

New Business:

We need to establish a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee should be in place in September, develop a slate of officers and present it in October, oversee the voting in November and officers will be installed in December. Please consider volunteering for this committee; let Linda know if you are interested. Reminder that when a project is being scheduled there will be a minimum \$5 charge for supplies; exception being, there will be no charge if the project falls within the “education” budget. ☐ Reminder also that the chapter had expressed a desire to have project(s) that are not done monthly. A project over a 3-month period would give members the opportunity to work on something together over time (remember Starlight Santa) and learn new skills. Marilyn Evans

presented the Home & Garden Show information. A joint committee of Starlight Stitchers and Desert Threaders are sponsoring a booth at this show; the show takes place for 3 days in July at State Farm Stadium. We are presenting this opportunity to the ANG groups as well, as an avenue to reach others who may be interested in our organizations. This show happens 3 times each year and we can see if this is viable for us to participate. The booth for FREE, however, we are required to teach 1 class each day (45 minutes in duration) to a maximum of 30 people. We are currently picking the project and will work to assemble the kits in mid-June. It will require a minimum of 90 kits (30 each day); these are provided FREE to participants. We are open to donations of 6" embroidery hoops (wood or plastic), needles, scissors; we have the supply of thread. The design will be on muslin and will be simple surface stitching, which is very big in the clothing world now. Marilyn has requested funds from EGA to possibly cover parking and admission to the event; at this time, we do not know if these fees will be covered or if volunteers will be responsible.

We need volunteers to teach the class, to help with attendees, man the booth during the remainder of each day. We are working to make sure we have information on the guilds that can be provided to interested people. We have requested the kit from EGA for this purpose and we will need to have business cards from the guilds for the table. Vicki has agreed to provide the business cards for Saguaro Stitchers; Desert Threaders currently has cards available. We may want to display some pieces for people to view (not sure of this yet, as we don't know how they could be displayed and secured). This is our first time at this type of event, it will be something we can evaluate to see if it gives us some exposure and encourages people interested in possibly joining our organizations.

50/50:

Linda Rand was the lucky winner of the 50/50 for a total of \$16.50.
Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Show and Tell –none

Summer Project Presentation – Jan Prestin

☐ We gave all those who signed up the line-drawn canvas, a circle template, and instructions. This is our summer project; you can do whatever design you desire, however, it must contain at least 5 different stitches, and it must contain the circle. It's a good exercise in learning how to place a "perfect" circle on a canvas. Please bring your canvas back, either finished or unfinished, to the September meeting. Have fun with it, use your imagination, be original!

Submitted by Vicki Morrison at the request of Linda Rand

MINUTES SAGUARO STITCHERS GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 19. 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 am by President, Linda Rand. Linda reported on the Western Area Leaders meeting led by Shirley Chen. The theme of the Quest at the 2025 National Seminar in New Orleans will be Ghosts, Legends and Treasures. At this year's Seminal held in Kansas City there were 40 items on display with 30 people submitting entries. The auction at this years Seminar raised \$17,000. Pat Dugan would like each Guild to submit their favorite shops in their area.

The 2026 National Seminar will be held in Denver, Colorado, July 18 – July 23.

2026

Our chapter has new business cards, Linda passed them around and asked members to take to few to hand out to those who might be interested in Saguaro Stitchers The May minutes will be in the

October Newsletter and approval will be voted on at the October Meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Jan Prestin

Saving Balance (Education) on May 15, 2024 \$7,224.38

Total Income (Anne Marie's class) 2,804.25

SAVINGS BALANCE September 17, 2024 \$10,028.63

Checking Balance, May 15, 2024 \$ 1,986.17

Total Deposits 86.00

Total Assets \$ 2,072.17

Total Disbursements -\$ 200.00

CHECKING BALANCE September 17, 2024 \$11,900.80

Remaining Program budget of \$400.00

\$317.66

Project's Report, Kate Morgan

Ann Marie will be arriving Sunday afternoon, Kate is going to take her to the Botanical Gardens and dinner. Anne Marie will be staying at a Best Western Hotel close to Kate's home for three nights. The Guild members will be having dinner at Christo's Restaurant Monday night. Kate will make reservations. Today we will be working on Needle Littles, a beading project.

Sunshine Committee

Vicki sent a get-well card to Christy. We all wish her well.

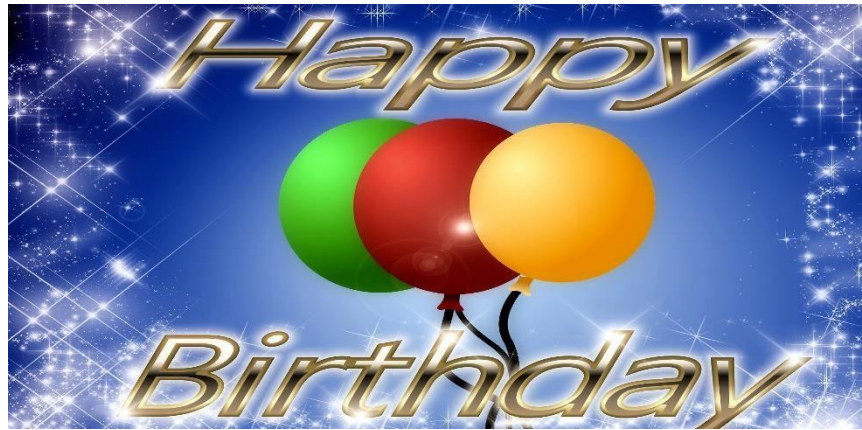
New Business

Linda appointed a Nominating Committee, Sandee Crane and Beth Tischner. Our elections will be held in November and the installation of the new officers will be at the December Holiday Luncheon. The Guild voted to send a \$50.00 donation in memory of Ann Grootegood.

Sandee Crane won the 50/50 Raffle, a total of \$22.50. Yay Sandee!

Linda adjourned the meeting at 11:00

After the meeting we had Show-and-Tell followed by members showing their Summer Projects, "The Perfect Circle". Jan gave all participants a roll of life savers and nail files with circles on them! Thanks so much Jan!



OCTOBER, 2024

GEORGIA RAINERO
VIRGINIA ALEXANDER
MELVIN ISAAC
JANE SIEGEL

MEETING DATES FOR 2024

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.

PSR REGION NEWS

- ❖ **PSR Fundraiser**: Order your project bag, insulated grocery bag, and/or other items soon. Sales help the region pay the bills and provide funding for region-sponsored educational events. The order form is available at:
<https://psrega.org/psr-shop/>

Cash donations are also appreciated to help support the region. Time and money are both welcome. A receipt will be issued for tax purposes.

- ❖ **PSR Seminar Retreat**: The PSR Seminar Advisory Committee is in the process of planning a Region Retreat for 2025. This will be held in September 2025 near San Luis Obispo. This sounds like a fun time and place for a vacation away from the heat of Arizona and enjoy some stitching time with friends.

- ❖ **Pacific Southwestern Region Facebook Page**

➤ <https://www.facebook.com/PSREGA/>

STITCH OF THE MONTH 2024 STITCH-ALONG

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!



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.

▪ **October 24-28**

- **Toni Gerdes** (Ghosts allowed). See ANG website/2024 Seminar for pictures.
- <https://online.fliphtml5.com/bjsk/citm>

- ◆ 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*
- **November 21-24**
 - **Jennifer Riefenberg** (Ghosts allowed). See ANG website/2024 Seminar for pictures.
 - <https://online.fliphtml5.com/bisk/citm>
 - Nov. 21-22, *Tall, Dark, and Handsome*
- Nov. 23-24, *Winter Fire (Poinsettia) 2025:*
 - **January (dates to be determined)**
 - **Sue Reed Eclectic Interlude** (*Groups .io class*)
Ghosts allowed.

October 23-26

- **Toni Gerdes** (Project TBD)

Saguaro Stitchers 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

Saguaro Stitchers

Please make checks payable to:

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