



THE NEEDLE DANCER

American Needlepoint Guild

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January 2016

President's Letter

Happy New Year to All!

Well, 2015 is behind us and done. Now, 2016 is in front of us and full of new plans, projects, workshops, and numerous learning possibilities. All we have to do is open our minds and embrace it with open hearts. Of course, this means new items in our stash. Darn!!! I was just planning on finishing some of those UFO's and clean out "stuff."

This brings up the first challenge from me for the New Year. How about we all try to work on some of our UFO's and finish them? Not necessarily frame them but finish them. So my little mind has been working and I want to challenge all of you to work on your stash. When you finish a project, bring it to a stitch in or a meeting and I will have index cards with me to keep track. Then at the November meeting (allowing for any new entries), I will tally and present a gift/prize to the person who has finished the most. I promise that it will not be another project or a gift certificate for shopping. It will, however, be something to be used in conjunction with your stitching. Good luck to all because I know all of you have stashes.

I will also let you all know that I am finishing up the plans for this year's summer challenge. It will be close to the same size but you will have many more personal options. There will be a few stipulations so it will be very different from last year but still in the same vein – a challenge. More news to come in April.

We will have a few changes for January and February in regards to our meetings but as of March, we will back on our normal 4th Thursday day meetings at the Mini Time Museum from 10 am to 2 pm. Just check the newsletter and the reminder emails.

It was too bad that the bus trip had to be cancelled but the participation was too low.

Therefore, the price was too high for those signed up to make up the difference. Jan Morgan said that she may try to schedule the bus trip again later this year. We will have to see who would still be interested.

Well, this letter has started a second page on my computer so it is time to end it and go back to planning for the new year of stitch ins, challenges, meetings and other plans. Then I might get some stitching in.

Happy New Year to all and start looking in your stash for those UFO's!

Charleane

THE 2016 TECHNIQUE LESSON PROJECT

My mind was working again when I saw a stitching project that had octagons in the piece. I believe I came across this pattern at the local annual yard sale. I am going to try to explain what we would like to do.

The techniques covered will be the following: silk ribbon flowers, beading, Hardanger, pulled thread, black work, or nue, Jean Hilton stitches. This leaves one open octagon. You may use this for initials/date or we will try to come up with one more technique. If you have any suggestions for other techniques, let Jan Morgan or Pat Nelson know as we will have to find someone within our Chapter to teach it. We will have a final list next month.

Choices for stitching these techniques are:

- (a) The actual pattern which has 8 octagons in a circle but not touching;
- (b) Six octagons touching with 1 octagon created in the middle;
- (c) Octagons in a long row (either touching or spaced) as in a bell pull; or
- (d) A notebook class.

The choice is up to you. You may do as many or as few techniques as you want. Due to some of the techniques, even weave cloth will be used. We will try to supply some of the threads but not all. If you are trying to create a coordinated project, you might want to choose your own threads. We will eblast out the technique for that month and any special instructions one should do before the class. Also the threads used and whether or not threads will be available. It will also be in the newsletter.

We will hold one technique class a month and it will be held after the day meeting for approximately 15 to 30 minutes.

The working space within the octagons is 36 threads from side to side and top to bottom. So if you use a one stitch border, you will have 12 stitches north, south, east and west. Then you will

have 11 diagonal threads between the four sides. You may want to baste the edges and then stitch a border after. You can bring a doodle cloth to just practice during the class. I will bring the book to the meeting and, hopefully, some templates for those that are interested.

2015-2016 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Office	Name
President	Charleane Boyles
Vice President	Pat Nelson, Co-Chair
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	Charleane Boyles, Co-Chair

MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of this Guild is to promote the educational and the cultural development of needlepoint through the participation in and the encouragement of the interest in the art of needlepoint. <http://www.needlepoint.org>

NEW MEETING LOCATION INFORMATION

If you need a ride or directions to the new meeting location, please contact a Board Member.

Calendar 2015

Day Meeting: Mini Time Museum of Miniatures
 4455 E. Camp Lowell Drive
 10:30 am - 3 pm

Night Meeting: Foothills Mall Food Court

Board Meeting: River Road Library Second Saturday – 9 am

Stitch-In: The West classroom (River/Craycroft Rds)

January 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Stitch In, The West Board Mtg 12 – 1 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Day Meeting Mini Time Museum 10 AM – 2 PM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Carolyn Mitchell Workshop "Mystique" Mini Time Museum	19 Carolyn Mitchell Workshop "Mystique" Mini Time Museum	20
21	22	23	24 Night Meeting, Location TBD, 6 pm	25 Day Meeting, Location TBD, 10 am to 2 pm	26	27
28	29					

DIRECTORS AT LARGE



HOSPITALITY

Peggy Lawton

January 28th Sandy DeBolt & Rosemary Johannesson
 February 25th Betty McBrearty & Judy Nelson

We need someone to take over as hospitality chair please contact Charleane Boyles at 520-818-7874.



WORKSHOPS

Jean Callis and Linda Kanora

We have many exciting workshops in the pipeline.

Our next workshop is Carolyn Mitchell piece, *Mystique*. This class is full and pre work instructions have been distributed. We have 25 students in this class and so workshop will take place at the Mini Time Museum on Camp Lowell. February 18 & 19, 2016

Our upcoming workshops are:

Sylvia Murariu	Hello Cutie	July 2016
	Canvas piece from ANG Seminar	
Barbara Finch	Frame Weight cover	Line drawn canvas and instructions
	\$24, uses threads from your stash (an overdyed, perle, metallic)	
	September 2016	
Debbie Rowley	Angels	Spring 2017



PROGRAMS 2015-2016

Pat Nelson and Jan Morgan

JANUARY: Starburst – a 4-way bargello piece from the Chapter Project Book.

This was a fun and quick project to stitch.

Instructions will be emailed to members in January. If you require a printed copy, please contact Pat Nelson at 520-345-0328.

February: Developing a Stitch Guide

March: Threads and When to Use Them

STARBURST SUPPLY LIST for the January Program

12" x 12" Black Congress Cloth (16" x 16" 18-count mono-canvas if you prefer)

Petite Treasure Braid - #PB02 (suggested substitution – Kreinik Braid #4 – 102HL)

Waterlilies #080 – Blue Lagoon

DMC Floss #995 – Dark Blue

DMS Floss #996 – Light Blue

You will only need partial skeins of the threads if stitching on Congress Cloth. You might want to consider a full skein of the Waterlilies if you want to “fussy cut” within the skein to get repetitions of the colors in the filled areas.

OCTAGON SAMPLER

Plans are nearly complete to get this project rolling. Jan and Pat will provide information for how to get started at the January meeting. Instructions for the various stitches/techniques to fill the octagons will start after the February program. We hope many of you will join us on this learning adventure.



WAYS AND MEANS

Shirley Burns

No report

2016 Stitchers Luncheon
March 17th, 11:00-3:00
Sheraton Tucson, 5151 E Grant Rd

Please join us on Thursday, March 17th for a great day of food, prizes, inspiring works of needle art and the company of the nicest people around. This event is being sponsored jointly by the Tucson Chapters of EGA and ANG and all are welcome to attend: friends, family, spouses and even non stitchers!

Our speaker will be Connie Pickering Stover. From Connie's website:

"My work is all about creating lots of movement and texture in small spaces. I love the medium of needlepoint – always have. Stitching allows me to slow down and meditate while my hands create wild motion. I'm delighted by the surprises that this combination produces!

I heavily integrate my **hand painted threads** because they produce wonderful texture without me even thinking about it. I so admire the process and outcome of contemporary tapestry weavers and try to bring that appreciation into my needlepoint work."

We will have the ever popular Opportunity Baskets and Silent Auction items. Wear some green to celebrate St Patrick's Day and receive a free ticket for a special basket.

The meal will include: salad, bread basket, hot plated entre, dessert and coffee or iced tea. The cost is \$27.50 per person. Please make your menu choice and reserve your spot before March 3rd. I hope to see you there!!!

Please complete and make check payable to: Tucson Chapter ANG and mail to: Linda Kanora, 383 E Los Rincones, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Grilled Vegetable Tower Portabello based tower, grilled vegetables

F&S Chicken Grilled chicken breast, Anaheim chile, tomatillo sauce, melted pepper jack cheese

Pork Loin Medallions Encrusted with Caribbean spice & ancho-honey sauce

Name _____ Choice _____

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Paternayan wool is now back in stock in all colors. Waverly wool is still available, but not on display. Please ask a needleworker if you are looking for Waverly wool.

Look in our Gift Department for hearts and angels, especially the Art Hearts and Birthday Wish Angels.

STORE HOURS:
Mon thru Sat
10am to 5pm

River Center @ Craycroft
5615 E. River, Suite 101
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