



THE NEEDLE DANCER

American Needlepoint Guild

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June 2016

Presidents Message

Happy June, Stitches!

Many transplants dread summer and its extreme heat. I don't, I treat it as the very special season that it is. We do have to be careful of the heat, but in Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania (and so on and so forth) we have to be careful of the cold. So evens stevens (as we used to say in Maine).

But summer in Tucson, so many benefits: pretty much eat in any restaurant we want without planning it in advance, extremely nice people in the grocery store at 7 am and happy to stop for a chat, great parking, shorter driving times = more time for shopping, spectacular sales and in Green Valley anyway, fewer of those people driving down abrego at 20 mph. AND super bonus for us, more time to stitch!

Many of you know, I stitch Nana gifts for my family for Christmas. These are given from the adult female relatives to the adult females (even long term relationships, it is how we gauge them.) Mine are stitched, some are baked, quilted, metalwork, painted....you get the idea. None are expensive. We like to do it. This is always my number 1 summer project. And I've figured my own rules along the way. Last year I made 13! So I have to love it. And I have to start it in summer. Number 2 this year is my spectacular metallic butterfly wallpaper. And so on. Even a few trips this year. So do you make plans for your stitching project order or just stitch your projects to your heart's content? Whatever makes you happy! That is what Tucson summers are for!

Let's have fun!

Linda

MISSION STATEMENT

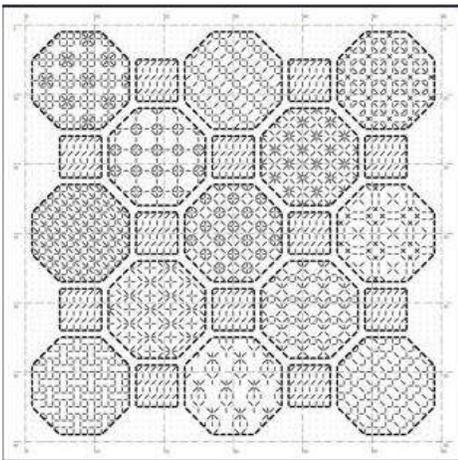
The objective of this Guild is to promote the educational and the cultural development of needlepoint through the participation in and the encouragement of the interest in the art of needlepoint. <http://www.needlepoint.org>

2016-2017 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Office	Name
President	Linda Kanora
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JUNE TECHNIQUE SAMPLER

Blackwork – presented by Pat Nelson



Blackwork is a counted-thread technique that uses straight stitches in a contrasting color worked on an even-weave ground. To the left is a picture illustrating several octagons filled with various blackwork designs to provide some examples.

Supply List

1. Your octagon technique sampler or a 6" x 6" piece of canvas mounted on stretcher bars for stitch notebook sample.
2. Threads can be cotton, silk, or metallic. Recommend that you choose a thread you can use a single strand of so you don't need to lay threads. Also, thinner threads will make sharper and cleaner lines once the design is stitched. The canvas is an essential part of the design.
3. Needles should be sized to work with the thread, or threads, you choose.

2016 SUMMER CHALLENGE INFORMATION

Purpose: To create a log cabin block (light and dark) by using a center stitch and 1 stitch with variations for light and 1 stitch with variations for dark.

You will receive: Instructions

You will need: 8" piece of 18 count canvas OR Congress Cloth, any color
8" stretcher bars (2 sets)
Threads/embellishments (at your whim)
Needles, scissors, etc.

At our May combined meeting, the instructions will be handed out for this year's summer challenge. Once again, it will be small for those that travel. You will have more individual choices this year.

Line Drawing -- The line drawn design will be attached. You may not deviate from the design size so that once again, when revealed, there will be a consistency of sorts. This means whether you use canvas or congress cloth, your piece should measure 5 ½ inches.

Threads – Threads may be from your stash or you may buy them or a combination. You will use 3 colors – center square, dark half, light half. You do not have to use the same thread for the all the dark side but should be close in color and the same for the light half.

Embellishments -- You may embellish if you wish.

Stitches -- You will have a total of 3 stitches. One stitch will be for the center square. Suggestions would be a waffle stitch or a Jean Hilton stitch. Second stitch will be for the dark half. Use a stitch that has variations such as a Rhodes stitch or a Scotch stitch or you can just vary the size. Third stitch will be for the light side. Once again, use a stitch that has variations to it or adjust its size.

Color Choices – These are yours to choose. The center square in a traditional log cabin block is red or a variation of it standing for the chimney or hearth, the center of the home. You do not have to stay with a red color for your center square. The dark and light color should be distinct. There may be variations in texture, thread, hue, etc. Here is the stickler – these colors must mean something to you. Such as wedding colors, school colors, colors that represent an event, etc. You must explain the colors you use in your piece.

We will reveal our personal creations at the November combined meeting. It will be truly amazing as it was with last year's summer challenge when the projects are revealed and we all see what our stitchers have come up with. By having it the same design and size regardless of the choice of ground, there will be one constant factor but threads, stitches and embellishments are up to the creator. You may finish your challenge i.e. frame it, make a pillow, use it as a box top, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Charleane by phone (520-549-7065) or by email (charleane1950@gmail.com).

NEW MEETING LOCATION INFORMATION

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

Calendar 2016

Day Meeting: Mini Time Museum of Miniatures
4455 E. Camp Lowell Drive
10:00 AM – 2 PM

Night Meeting: TBD, Check your reminder notice

Board Meeting: River Road Library Second Saturday – 9 am

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

JUNE 2016 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

June 10th Newsletter Articles Due

June 22nd Night Meeting TBA (Contact Charleane Boyles)

June 23rd Day Meeting 10:00 to 1:00 Elle Towne Center
(Courtesy of EGA)

JULY 2016 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

July 9th Board Meeting 9:00 Library
Stitch in 10:00 to 3:00 The West

July 10th Newsletter articles Due

July 21st, 22nd Sylvia Murariu 'Hello Cutie' 9:00 to 4:00 Ellie Town Center

July 27th Night Meeting TBA (Contact Charleane Boyles)

July 28th Day Meeting 12:30 Library

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HOSPITALITY

Joyce Henderson

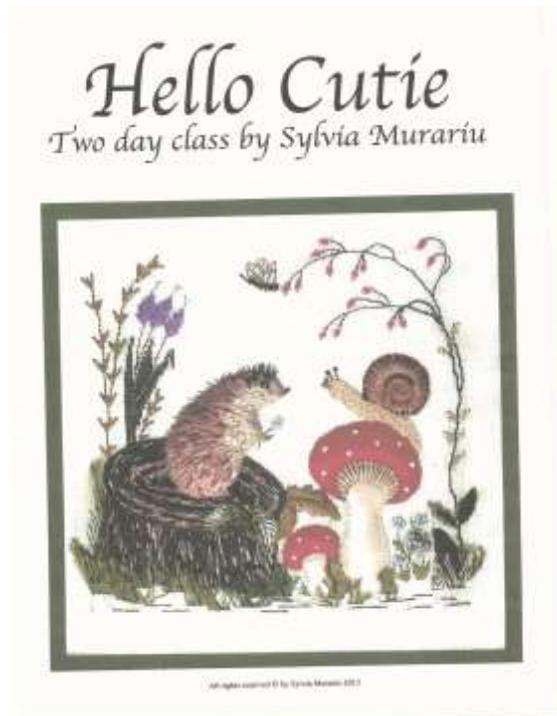
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WORKSHOPS

Jean Callis and Pat Nelson

Stitchers!!! Your workshop committee has arranged this workshop as a delightful break from the summer heat. It will take place in July and be given by Sylvia Murariu. This fun project was offered at the ANG National Seminar and includes some new techniques that can enhance your canvas projects. We will be using the Pepper Pfeifer fund to pay for the teacher's fees and travel. The purpose of this fund is to add workshops to our offerings that include a wide range of technique. I hope you will join us. Please let me know if you will as soon as possible, we must have your name by June 15th to order kits.



HELLO CUTIE, Multimedia, 2 Day class By SYLVIA MURARIU

Class Description:

This lovely design can be framed or can be used to embellish a purse or a box. The congress cloth is painted using water paint before the design is transferred on. This class offers the students the opportunity to learn a variety of techniques such as: surface embroidery stitches (continental, chevron, back stitch, padding, bullion, alternating satin, giorde, French knots, straight, chain), dimensional padded stitches with layers of felt, thread and cord, leather and more. The emphasis will be on the hedgehog, which is worked separately. Material used will include embroidery floss, felt, rove, EdMar floss, beads, and Madeira gold fibers.

TECHNIQUE: Multimedia

DESIGN AREA: 6" x 6"

PROFICIENCY: all levels

KIT COST: \$78.00

KIT CONTENTS: Instructions, congress cloth with pattern already transferred, threads, beads, felt, leather, elastic, needles and a practice bag.

Students need to bring to class a 10/10 inches embroidery frame, embroidery scissors, scissors to cut metallic threads and wire, portable lamp, magnifier, thimble.

No pre-stitching required



PROGRAMS 2016 - 2017

Jan Sprague and Laura Cotter

June Program Blogs and Web Sites. Members are asked to bring the links to their favorite stitching blogs and web sites. A complete list will be put together for distribution at the July meeting.

July Program A Chapter Project Book selection, Autumn Crackers. Jan Morgan will be leading this program and additional information will be in the July Newsletter.

August Program will be a Sit and Stitch as some members will be away at the ANG National Seminar in New Orleans, LA



WAYS AND MEANS

Shirley Burns

Thank you for all the donations for our May baskets!



MEMBERSHIP

Mary Christoph

Dear Tucson Chapter ANG Members,

Please pay your local \$18.00 dues by June 30, 2016 in order to be included in the roster. National ANG dues must be current also. If anyone has questions, they can e-mail me at marvy13202@gmail.com or call [520-321-9170](tel:520-321-9170).

Happy Stitching,

Mary Christoph

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NEWSLETTER

Betsy Smullen

Newsletter articles due by July 10, August 10, September 10, October 10, November 13.

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