



# THE NEEDLE DANCER

American Needlepoint Guild

<http://www.tucsonang.org>

## February 2016

### President's Letter

Well ladies,

I would like to thank all those that sent cards as well as those that kept me in your thoughts and prayers during my recent loss. I hope you know how much I appreciate every one of you and, during the first week, I thought of this wonderful guild and how fortunate I was to have all of you in my life. I will continue down this new path of life with the help of my fellow stitchers. Well, enough of that! On to the regular day to day stuff.

I hope all of you that are taking Carolyn Mitchell's workshop, Mystique, are finishing up your homework. Linda Kanora, Jean Callis and I will get together on February 11 to create the thread packets and bead packets for everyone that signed up for one. Some signed up for both and some for one or the other. I believe that Linda will let everyone know the price of the packets and what you ordered so that you can have your checks or cash ready at the workshop.

The nominating committee for the 2016-17 year should be starting to work by the beginning of March so three members are needed for the nominating committee – one board member and 2 members from the general membership. The new slate of officers needs to be in the April newsletter so we may vote on them in May.

Also start thinking if you are interested in taking a position on the board. No job is overwhelming and there are plenty of us who have done numerous jobs that are willing to help you out.

Also -- our sister guild is having a yard sale on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5 at Barbara Lewis's house. The hours are 7 am to 2 pm. There are many wonderful stitching projects, fabric, canvas, threads and tools available for purchase as well as houseware

items. One never knows what you will find. As Linda often tells people “Come early and shop often.”

Stitch, stitch, stitch and join us this month at the meeting.

Charleane

## **OCTAGON SAMPLER**

Following are the instructions for starting your octagon sampler for the monthly techniques classes. The first technique will be presented at the end of the February meeting. Three layout options are listed. Only one octagon needs to be ready for the meeting. Hope to see many of you there.

### **TECHNIQUE OCTAGON SAMPLER – Getting Started**

All you need to bring are canvas, threads and stitching tools. If you are stitching an individual technique you will need 18-count, 6x6 inch square canvas on stretcher bars. If you are assembling the eight techniques into a larger piece you will need 18-count canvas cut to 13x13 inches on stretcher bars. Bring a variety of threads in your color choices including perle 8, perle 5, and flosses.

The basic unit is an octagon (there are 8 or 9 of them) and we will stitch one technique in each of the octagons. Note: please have your octagon stitched prior to class so we can concentrate on the technique which will be only ten minutes or so.

The octagon outline is comprised of Smyrnas or any stitch that covers 2x2 threads. There are 8 sides to the octagon (of course!) and each side has eight Smyrnas. The last Smyrna on one side forms the first Smyrna of the next side. Within the octagon are 40 unstitched threads both vertically and horizontally.

Our techniques will include beading, ribbon flowers, Blackwork, pulled thread, Dorset buttons, or nue, Hardanger, and Hilton stitches.

### **LAYOUTS**

If you are stitching a single octagon: count up 22 threads from the center. This places you at the top of your Smyrna border and the top edge of your octagon, but in the middle of your 8 Smyrnas.

If you are stitching the diamond layout with a central octagon, your count will be the same as for the single octagon above, except this is now the top border of your center octagon which is surrounded by 8 other octagons.

If you are stitching the circlet/wreath layout. Measure down 3-1/4 inches from the center of your canvas. This will be the top of your vertical row shared by the sides' two octagons.

Questions? Contact either Pat Nelson or Jan Morgan.

## 2015-2016 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

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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  
10:00 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)

### **February 2016**

SUN	MON	TU	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Stitch In, The West, 10 am to 4 pm
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, Check your meeting notice	25 Day Meeting, River Road Library, Noon – 3 PM	26	27
28	29					

## March 2016

SUN	MON	TU	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 EGA Yard Sale, Barbara Lewis' House	5 EGA Yard Sale, Barbara Lewis' House
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Stitch In, The West, 10 am to 4 pm ---- Board Meeting, River Road Library, Noon
13	14	15	16	17 ANG/EGA Combined Luncheon, Hilton on Grant	18	19
20	21	22	23 Night Meeting, Location TBD, 6 pm	24 Day Meeting, Mini Time Museum, 10 am to 2 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## DIRECTORS AT LARGE



## HOSPITALITY

**Peggy Lawton**

February 25th  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Betty McBrearty & Judy Nelson  
Jacquie Reith and Betsy Smullen

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



## **WORKSHOPS**

### **Jean Callis and Linda Kanora**

Carolyn Mitchell

Mystique

February 18 & 19

We are pleased to report that this workshop is full and will take place at the Mini Time Museum. Classroom will open at 9:00 am. Thread and/or bead kits will be distributed in class. The cost will be \$ 73.14 for threads and beads and \$ 5.50 for beads only. Please bring a check payable to Tucson Chapter ANG.

I hope your prework is done, Please bring DMC Floss in the colors listed under your color choice, and they will not be included in the kit. Also bring your piece and the Perle cotton used for the prework. We will be ordering lunch from Baggins or of course, you may bring your own. Snacks are always welcome, stitching can be strenuous!

Future Workshops:

Sylvia Murariu      Hello Cutie      All Levels      Multi media on Congress Cloth      July 2016

Barbara Finch      Frameweight      All levels      13ct interlock and instructions \$24, threads from  
your stash, project will be lead by Chapter Member      September 2016



## **PROGRAMS 2015-2016**

Pat Nelson and Jan Morgan

**FEBRUARY: Developing a Stitch Guide** – Have you ever purchased a painted canvas that you would love to stitch but just don't know where to start? Join us for a presentation and discussion about things to consider when developing your own stitch guide to help get you started.

**March:** Threads and When to Use Them

**April:** Stitching by Committee and a Sit and Stitch

### **OCTAGON SAMPLER – Technique of the month**

#### **Dorset Buttons – presented by: Betsy Smullen**

Brief history: a cottage industry of handmade buttons originally around Dorset, England in the 1700 and 1800s. The original “rings” of the button were thin slices of Dorset sheep horn.

A good tutorial on making can be found at [www.Craftstylish.com](http://www.Craftstylish.com)  
(<http://www.craftstylish.com/item/42688/how-to-make-dorset-buttons/page/all>).

Mary Corbet's site, [www.needlenthread.com](http://www.needlenthread.com), has several articles on Dorset buttons.

Additional sources can be found by googling “Dorset buttons” and additional images can be found on Pinterest.

Dorset Button construction (in very loose terms)

1. Read the tutorial at [Craftstylish.com](http://www.Craftstylish.com) or on [needlenthread.com](http://www.needlenthread.com)
2. Cut fiber (floss, perle cotton, knitting yarn, etc) about 3-4 arms-length long and thread into a needle
3. Using the buttonhole stitch, completely cover a ring (samples shown at the February meeting will be  $\frac{3}{4}$ ” rings).
4. Wrap eight spokes and create center tie
5. Weave center design, adding different colored thread and beads as desired
6. End threads in the back, whichever side you deem the back
7. Use as a button, a pin or a design element in your needlepoint
8. Make more Dorset buttons using different sized rings, add spokes in a warp format to support needleweaving, add other elements to the Dorset button, combine rings to create different

shapes. Have fun!



## **WAYS AND MEANS**

### **Shirley Burns**

Don't forget to donate those unused needlecraft projects and supplies to the Opportunity Baskets! We will be having baskets at both the MARCH luncheon and the MAY meeting! Please dig deep, ask yourself if you are really going to do a project. If you are like me, I love some of my items, but I will always do something else first and never get to the others. So why not give someone else the opportunity to complete and enjoy it! Please bring things to the meeting and pick up is available if you need it!



## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Mary Christoph**

Please check our ANG website to make sure all phone numbers and addresses are correct on the Roster. Please let me know if I need to make any corrections by submitting the form below.

Thank you,  
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**IF YOU DO NOT PLAN ON RENEWING - PLEASE ADVISE**

Please make checks payable to: **Tucson Chapter ANG**

Send Payments to:

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**2016 Stitchers Luncheon**  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-3:00**  
**Sheraton Tucson, 5151 E Grant Rd**

Please join us on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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!!!

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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 Portobello 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Choice \_\_\_\_\_

## Tucson Chapter of EGA 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale

The 2016 Yard Sale is on! Barbara Lewis has very generously donated the use of her driveway and Linda Kanora will be coordinating the event. The sale will run on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am until 12:00pm. Sale address is 8041 E Presidio Rd, Tucson. Call Linda at 520 838 1298 or email at [lkanora@yahoo.com](mailto:lkanora@yahoo.com) if you have questions or items to donate.

### NEEDLEWORK • CLASSES • GIFTS • CARDS • TOYS

Our canvas buyers have returned from winter market. New canvases are arriving daily.

New Annie Lane cross stitch charts similar to the Annie Lane canvas designs.

New books. Check out *Desert Island Stitches 2 – Ideas for Creative Borders* and also *Twisty Stitches – String Art for Needlepoint* by Carol H. Lake and Michael Boren.

STORE HOURS:  
Mon thru Sat  
10am to 5pm

River Center @ Craycroft  
5615 E. River, Suite 101  
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