



THE NEEDLE DANCER

American Needlepoint Guild

<http://www.tucsonang.org>

February 2017

President's Letter

Hello Stitchers,

February is a busy month for being so short. Between Valentine's Day, Gem Show, Quilt Show, President's day, and Statehood Day, I hope you're finding time to stitch! (Did you take part in Stitch-in-Public Day on the 4th?)

Don't forget our meeting this month is on the 16th. Remember to bring your doodle canvas & show & share. Do you plan on signing up for Zapotek Rug? Bring that form along too. (We said February was busy!)

Waly Young will be giving our program this month. He paints canvas and will be explaining how he does that. I'm really looking forward to hearing him. See you at the Mini-Time Museum,

Laura & Jan

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	Jan Sprague, Co-President
	Laura Cotter, Co-President
Vice President	Jan Sprague, Co-Chair
	Laura Cotter, Co-Chair
Secretary	Maura Robinson
Treasurer	Charleane Boyles
Ways and Means	Shirley Burns
Director At Large	Shirley Burns
Membership	Mary Christoph
Hospitality	Joyce Henderson
Publicity	Jeanie Demers
Newsletter	Betsy Smullen, Editor
	Linda Harris, Publisher
Workshops	Barbara Lewis
	Karen Swanson
Website / EBlasts	Charleane Boyles
Hi Ho Stitchaway	Charleane Boyles, Co-Chair
	Linda Kanora, Co-Chair
Community Outreach	Laura Cotter
Historian	Vacant

MEETING LOCATION INFORMATION

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

Calendar 2017

- Day Meeting: Mini Time Museum of Miniatures
4455 E. Camp Lowell Drive
Fourth Thursday 10:00 AM – 2 PM **
****February meeting is Thursday, February 16**
- Night Meeting: TBD, Check your reminder notice
- Board Meeting: (as scheduled in calendar)
Dusenberry-River Library – 9 am
- Stitch-In: The West classroom at River/Craycroft
Second Saturday – 10 am

FEBRUARY 2017 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

- February 16 Day Meeting 10:00am to 2:00pm Mini Time Museum
This is the *third* Thursday of the month
February 22 Night Meeting TBA (Contact Charleane Boyles)

MARCH 2017 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

- March 11 Board meeting at the River-Dusenberry Library, 9:00am
March 11 Stitch-in 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at The West
March 12 Newsletter articles due
March 22 Night Meeting TBA (contact Charleane Boyles)
March 23 Day Meeting 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Mini Time Museum

APRIL 2017 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

- April 8 Stitch-in 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at The West
April 8 Newsletter articles due
April 26 Night Meeting TBA (contact Charleane Boyles)
April 27 Day Meeting 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Mini Time Museum

MAY 2017 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

- May 13 Board meeting at the River-Dusenberry Library, 9:00am
May 13 Stitch-in 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at The West
May 14 Newsletter articles due
May 20 Our Annual Combined Meeting (Day and Night groups)
Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Mini Time Museum

JUNE 2017 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

- June 10 Stitch-in 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at The West
June 10 Newsletter articles due
June 22 Day Meeting TBA
June 28 Night Meeting TBA (contact Charleane Boyles)

JULY 2017 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

- July 8 Board meeting at the River-Dusenberry Library, 9:00am
July 8 Stitch-in 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at The West
July 9 Newsletter articles due
July 26 Night Meeting TBA (contact Charleane Boyles)
July 27 Day Meeting TBA



PROGRAMS 2016 - 2017

Jan Sprague and Laura Cotter

February: Guest speaker: Painting on Canvas with Waly Young.

March: Canvas Brainstorming. Members will bring painted canvases and break up into small groups and discuss possible stitches to be used.

Sarah Terry will be the first to present our monthly **Learn New Stitches**. In February she will talk about Rhodes Stitch Variations. Members should bring a doodle canvas to the meeting. We will be using this doodle canvas at most meetings.



WORKSHOPS

Barbara Lewis and Karen Swanson

March 13, 14, and 15, 2017: Debbie Rowley will teach *Angles* at the Mini Time Machine Museum. Registration is now closed. See Barb Lewis for more details



WAYS AND MEANS

Shirley Burns

Hello Ladies,

For those who could not attend the January meeting, proceeds from the baskets, auction and miscellaneous items were almost \$750!!! This is a win-win for the guild and members. Thanks to all of you who generously donated, it enables the guild to provide more education and fun projects.

So again, the guild thanks you and I thank you....but....yes, always a but, I need more quality items to keep up the quality level of the baskets. So please, look at your canvases, threads and accessories that you once had to have, and let someone else have that pleasure.

I will continue to build "optional" baskets as requested at the meeting. We also discussed the fact that some don't have needlepoint donations so I will also accept monetary donations towards basket items that I can get at the Family Arts Garage sale in Phoenix. And, you can always build a basket for donation, just let me know! I can provide the basket and finish it for you, too.

So, thank you again for all your generosity and please, please, please, I need items for our next big event....not much time, and my storage area is bare!

Shirley



HOSPITALITY

Joyce Henderson

February: Jan Sprague and Charleane Boyles

March: Judy Burgess and Laura Cotter

We need people to sign up for April, July and August. The sign-up sheet will be at the February meeting.



MEMBERSHIP

Mary Christoph

All members 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.

New Member:

Glenda Zwambag
1510 Jo Ann Lane
Sugar Land, TX 77498
(281) 380-39071

Mary Christoph
Membership Chairperson

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Tucson, AZ 85704
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Please fill out the coupon below for all submissions.

Tucson Chapter ANG Renewal and Address or E-mail Change Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and ZIP: _____

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Tucson Chapter Members \$18.00

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Make checks payable to: **Tucson Chapter ANG** **IF YOU DO NOT PLAN ON RENEWING – PLEASE ADVISE.**

Send payment and form to: Mary Christoph, 5168 N. River Fringe Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704



NEWSLETTER

Betsy Smullen

Newsletter articles due by March 12th.

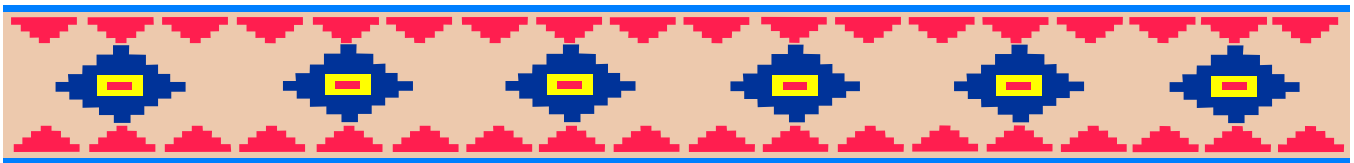
Future newsletter articles are due April 8, May 14, June 10, July 9, August 12, September 10, October 14, and November 12.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Laura Cotter

Make love of stitching spread throughout our community! Make a bookmark or two to give beginning readers something to encourage love of books or finish those kissing pillows staring at you from your basket. Have another idea to let folks know about ANG & do some good works too? Share your ideas. We'd love to give it a try!



Round Robin Project

Jan Sprague

This Round Robin project needs group participation. Groups can be of 4, 5, or 6 people. I will alter my design to fit the number of people in the group. If there is more than one group, each group must have the same number of stitchers.

This project is like the Friendship Samplers except a predetermined canvas design will be used by everyone.

Example: Group of 6, canvas rectangle design will have 6 designated areas. The first person will label their canvas, choose the scheme to be used and stitch Area 1. Each stitcher will have one month to complete an area and pass the canvas on to the next stitcher. Areas will be worked in order with all stitchers working on the same area each month. At the end of 6 months the owner will get their finished design back, completed. Each stitcher must continue with the same color scheme as the owner started with. Any combination of threads and stitches can be used. Beads and/or embellishments are OK. Each stitcher can work from their stash and may pass threads to the next stitcher if desired.

The object is to try new stitches, practice color management and have fun. The finished project is not expected to be hung in a gallery, just enjoyed.

Correspondence Course Signup in February

Sign up for Toni Gerdes' *Zapotec Rug* correspondence course at the February meeting. Bring a blank check (exact costs will be determined by the number of members participating) and your ANG number.

Cost will range from ~\$60 plus supplies to ~\$150 for everything. Project is stitched on Congress Cloth and finished size is 7" x 9". For those ordering kits and printed instructions, there will be a small shipping charge due once items arrive about 8 weeks after submission.

Not sure if you want to sign up right now? Chapter members will have the opportunity to participate on an individual basis simply by going to the ANG website and completing the appropriate form and submitting payment any time during the period ANG offers this course.

Optional kit contains a variety of wool threads including Gloriana Lorikeet, Gumnut's Poppies, Burmilana, & Felicity's Garden and includes the line drawn design on Congress Cloth, needles, and threads.





HI HO STITCHAWAY 2017

Charleane Boyles

Ladies,

Just a little information so that you can mark your calendars and start saving your dollars.

Hi Ho Stitchaway has been scheduled for Friday, October 20 thru Sunday, October 22. Plan on the cost being \$150.00 per person this year.

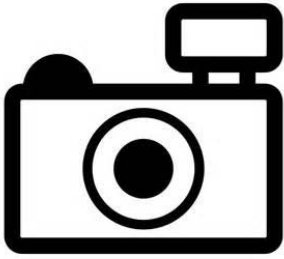
Don't panic, it may be less but at this point it is something you can plan on. Same rules apply – non-refundable check required to reserve your place. If we fill up, there will be a waiting list and the new participant will pay the original participant for her place.

Now as this will be our 15th year having this great weekend at the Amado Territory Inn, we still need a theme. So, if you think of an appropriate and/or fun theme, please let me know either by calling me at 520-549-7065 or by email at charleane1950@gmail.com.

Just as an aside, a couple of other locations have been suggested and I will look into them considering sleeping capacity, dollars for what we get, and, of course, the fabulous stitching room. Let me know if you have any suggestions or comments regarding location. No matter where we go, the weekend will stay the same.

Thanks from your Hi Ho Social Director,

Charleane



Help needed: HISTORIAN

Will you be willing to photo document the activities of our chapter—images of workshops, combined meetings, etc? It's almost as much fun as stitching!

Contact Laura Cotter or Jan Sprague today to volunteer.

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Our canvas buyers have been to market. Exciting new canvases are here, and more are on the way. New designs. New artists.

Sidewalk Sale will be on Friday and Saturday March 3rd and 4th with wonderful finds in every department. Shop for needlepoint canvases and our ever popular thread grab bags.

STORE HOURS:
Mon thru Sat
10am to 5pm

River Center @ Craycroft
5615 E. River, Suite 101
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