

THE NEEDLE DANCER

American Needlepoint Guild

<http://www.tucsonang.org>

July 2016

Presidents Message

Happy July, Stitches!!

I hope you all are enjoying this summer, whether here in Southern Arizona or away for the summer. Yes, it is a bit warm here but that just gives us more time for stitching and other projects. I know I have a long list of projects to keep me busy forI should face it, forever. I'm excited about the Summer Challenge. And I can't wait to see all the ideas represented in needle and thread at our November Combined Meeting. We also have a great workshop coming up on July 25th and 26th. So many interesting techniques and a great break in the summer!

We also have Hi Ho Stitchaway scheduled for October 7th through 9th this year. Charleane and I have had a great time planning this year. Our theme is Love is a Many Splendored Thing. This is our annual retreat weekend--we go to a very nice Bed and Breakfast in Amado and it involves much laughing, eating, and even stitching. It is \$140 for 2 nights in a semi private room, full use of the sunroom and facilities, a wonderful breakfast for the two mornings. There is Stitcher's Bingo Saturday night, welcome bags, favors and a chance to get to know other members. A trip out of town without going far! Contact me to sign up and Charleane for details.

Our new Board of Directors has met and it is wonderful to see not only many familiar faces but some new ones. Board meetings are always scheduled before a Stitch In and any member is always welcome. Come and see how the chapter works! It does take a little effort from a lot of people. Historian position is vacant and a wonderful way to experience the running of a chapter. The meetings run from 9:00am to 10:00am in the meeting room of the Dusenberry-River Library.

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
Vice President	Jan Sprague, Co-Chair
	Laura Cotter, Co-Chair
Secretary	Maura Robinson
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	Linda Harris, Publisher
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	Pat Nelson, Co-Chair
Website / EBlasts	Charleane Boyles
Hi Ho Stitchaway	Charleane Boyles, Co-Chair
	Linda Kanora, Co-Chair
Community Outreach	Laura Cotter
Historian	Vacant

JULY TECHNIQUE SAMPLER

Beading – presented by Jan Morgan

Beading is the topic for the next octagon. Jan Morgan will bring samples and a handout of information. We'll discuss types of beads, ways to attach them, and some possibilities for adding dimension and drama to your stitched work. We will not be stitching, but we will be sharing and showing so bring your samplers.

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.

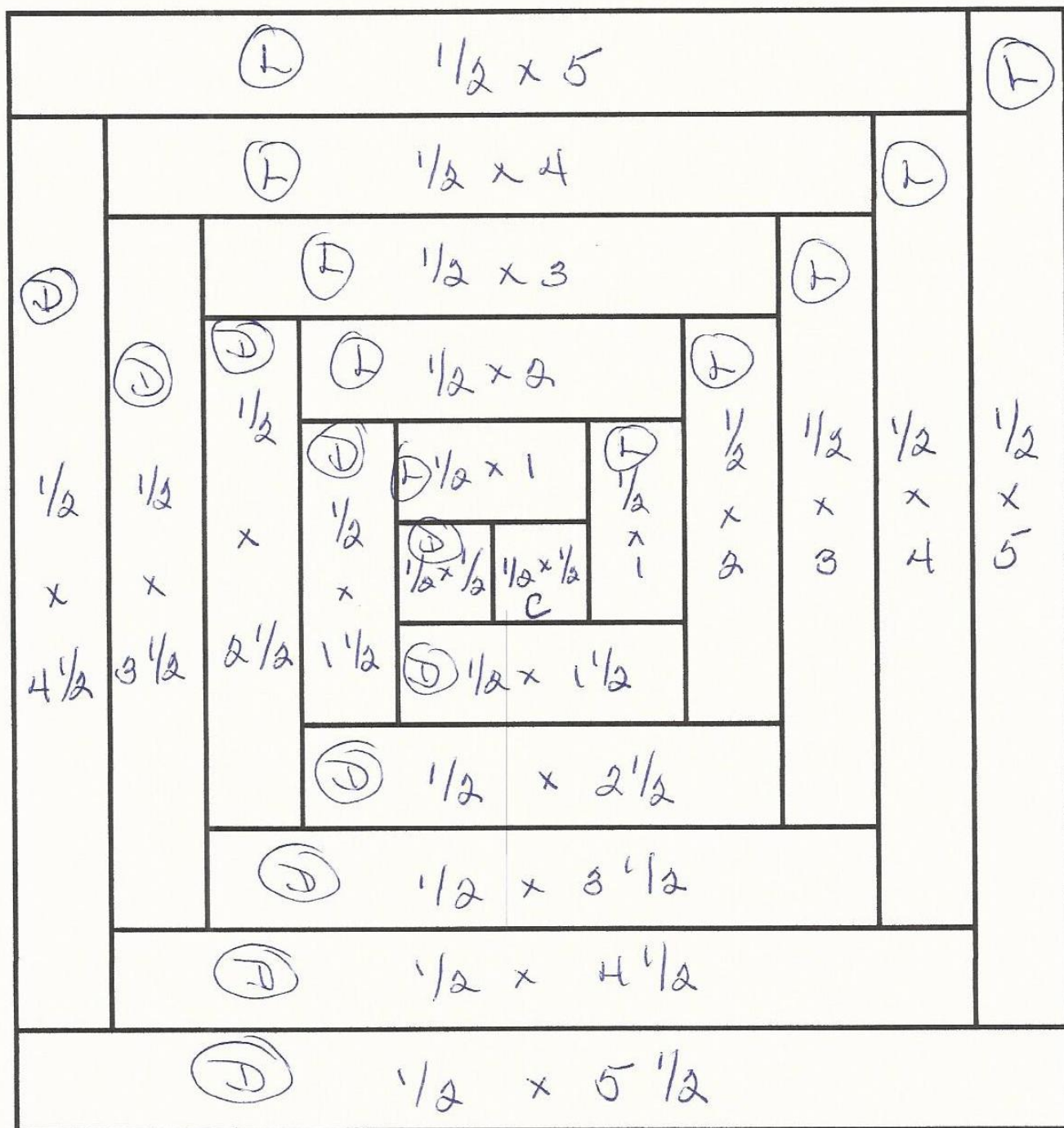
Embellishments -- You may embellish if you wish.

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).



MEETING LOCATION INFORMATION

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

Calendar 2016

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

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

JULY 2016 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

July 25th, 26th Sylvia Murariu 'Hello Cutie' 10:00 to 5:00
at REI, 2nd floor, Tucson Mall, 160 W Wetmore

July 27th Night Meeting TBA (Contact Charleane Boyles)

July 28th **Day Meeting Noon to 3:00 at the Dusenberry-River Library

** Note July temporary meeting place and time

AUGUST 2016 CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

August 10th Newsletter articles due

August 13th Stitch In 10:00 to 3:00 at The West

August 24th Night Meeting TBA (Contact Charleane Boyles)

August 25th Day Meeting 10:00 to 2:00 at the Mini Time Museum

Aug 26-Sept 2nd ANG National Seminar, New Orleans

DIRECTORS AT LARGE



HOSPITALITY

Joyce Henderson

Treats for July will be provided by Charleane Boyles and Maura Robinson. Thank you both!



WORKSHOPS

Jean Callis and Pat Nelson

**Hello Cutie by Sylvia Murariu
Pepper Pfeiffer Annual Teacher Award Workshop**

When: July 25 and 26 (Monday and Tuesday) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, one spot is still available in the class. The cost is \$79.00. If you are interested, please contact Jean Callis immediately at callisjean007@comcast.com or 520-638-7269. If you cannot reach Jean, please contact Pat Nelson at pnelson6@msn.com or 520-345-0328.

Where: REI at 160 West Wetmore (in the Tucson Mall near the Cheesecake Factory) second floor meeting room. Doors to the store open at 10:00 a.m. To access the elevator, enter through the front door of the store, head straight to the back of the store, and then follow the pathway to the left. Take the elevator to the second floor. A handicap accessible bathroom is near the meeting room.

There is a new parking lot located behind the Cheesecake Factory with several handicap spaces available and is very convenient to the REI store.

Please arrive promptly at 10:00 a.m. so you have time to order lunch, receive your kit, and get settled in before class starts.

What to bring: set of 10 x 10 stretcher bars, 2 wooden embroidery hoops – 4", and your standard stitching supplies. The room has good lighting (but no windows) and there are outlets available if you wish to bring additional lighting.

The room is locked at night, so we will be able to leave our stitching supplies overnight.

Lunch will be ordered from Jason's Deli. (Excellent food if you've never eaten there.)

UPCOMING WORKSHOP NEWS

July 28 and 29, 2016, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Tucson Chapter EGA is hosting Sylvia Murariu for her Romanian Lace workshop. Openings are still available. You will need to bring a #4 metal crochet hook and your regular stitching supplies. The kit fee is \$85.00. Three color choices are available: white, spring, or fall. Please contact Jean Callis immediately if you are interested.

October 24 and 25, 2016: Tucson Chapter EGA will be hosting Merrilyn Heazlewood, from Australia, at Elle Towne Center, as part of the international teacher tour. Merrilyn will be teaching Pumpkin Patch, which includes silk ribbon, counted needlepoint, and a three-dimensional pumpkin on 18ct canvas. The finished size is 12" x 12" and the class fee will be \$100. Please contact Jean Callis immediately. EGA National needs the final count of participants for Merrilyn's visa by August 1.

March 13, 14, and 15, 2017: Tucson ANG Chapter will be hosting Debbie Rowley to teach *Angles*, at the Mini Time Machine Museum. Prework will be necessary. The kit will cost \$125. Debbie is teaching this piece at the ANG national seminar in New Orleans this year. Four different accent colors will be offered.



PROGRAMS 2016 - 2017

Jan Sprague and Laura Cotter

July Program: Autumn Crackers.

Pat Nelson and Jan Morgan will lead us in stitching Autumn Crackers, a charming, quick, and fun selection from the ANG Chapter Project Book. There are 5 designs which can be finished as traditional firecrackers for your holiday table or to hang as ornaments.

Stitchers can choose from 5 motifs and many border designs to create their own unique firecrackers. The stitch guide will be e-blasted to membership before the July meeting so you can make thread and stitch selections.

Bring 18-count canvas, mounted on stretcher bars, in your color choice. Eggshell is suggested but you may use other colors. Canvas size should be 8 by 9 inches if you like healthy margins; the image size is approximately 3x3 inches.

This project makes good use of your thread stash. Bring perle 8, floss, metallics, wools, overdyes, any threads of your preference. Or a supply list is included in the stitchguide if you wish to follow the samples precisely.

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

Ladies,

First of all, thank you for the donations that have come in, November seems like a ways away, but trust me, it's coming fast! If you were one of the lucky ones who won a basket and tossed it in the garage, please bring it in for a refill. I have made a run to Phoenix and found more baskets. Just remember, the more we have, the better your chances are to win!

I know it's hot, it's supposed to be. I don't know about you all, but I find I just want to stay inside and stitch. It's a great time to look over your canvases and charts to kit up. But do you have trouble finding that canvas you know you got a while back and want to stitch? Can't find the right threads? Lost a kitted project? Discover a canvas you had forgotten about? Are you really going to stitch that project you impulsively bought because it was on sale? Let's be honest....you have too much! Let someone else have a chance to give that project you love, but will never get to, a shot at. You're not wasting money, you're recycling! Your tastes have changed, clear those out, create more room, and feel energized!

Please bring your treasures to the meetings; I or someone will always take them. Again thank you for your donations and for your future ones.

Inspired to clean out my stash!

Shirley Burns



MEMBERSHIP

Mary Christoph

Please check the membership roster (on the Members Only section of our ANG website) to confirm your information is correct. Email or call me with any changes!

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NEWSLETTER

Betsy Smullen

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



HISTORIAN

Calling for one or more persons willing to document the activities of our chapter— images of workshops, combined meetings, special projects, etc. It's almost as much fun as stitching! Contact Linda Kanora today to volunteer.

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All in stock, regularly priced Holiday Canvases and Christmas Stockings are 20% off through July 23rd. These include Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Chanukah.

We are pleased to introduce Maryse Robbins as our new local finisher. You may already be familiar with her exquisite Cartonage pieces.

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