

# THE NEEDLE DANCER

Tucson Chapter ANG

<https://www.tucsonang.org>

**APRIL 25, 2024**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

April is upon us, and it is a good time to sort through your stash and find items to sell. Reminder, April is the month we have a stash sale at our meeting. When you sell items, you keep the profits but also, we ask that you donate 10% of your profit to the guild.

We are having a **LOGO CONTEST**. It seems our Needle dancer logo is close to a Hopi image. We still want to keep the Needle dancer as the name of our newsletter, and we will still refer to our chapter as Tucson ANG.

The image you create is due at the May meeting. The prize for the contest is payment of your annual dues for one year (both the Tucson chapter and National.) I encourage you all to get your creative thoughts flowing and come up with a new logo design for our chapter.

In other chapter news, the Nominating Committee is busy. We need volunteers for the following officers:

**President**  
**Vice-President**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** Take part in this organization. The positions noted above are not a lifetime commitment. Take your turn. Don't rely on the same members to fill the positions. If you're worried about the tasks of the job, someone will help you including the prior position holders. You are not in this alone.

Call me, Anne Booher, or Carolyn McKeeman with questions and hopefully your willingness to fill the open positions.

See you at the meeting.

*Barb Lewis*

## 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. <https://www.needlepoint.org>

## 2023-2024 Elected and Appointed Officers

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Day Meeting: Mini Time Museum of Miniatures  
4455 E. Camp Lowell Drive  
Tucson, AZ  
Every fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Thursday each month  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**NEEDLEWORK • CLASSES • GIFTS • CARDS • TOYS**

New needlework notions: *finally* – a magnetic laying tool and bead holder.

New self-finishing designs available from **Stitch & Zip**: get one for yourself and another one to introduce a friend to needlepoint!

**STORE HOURS:**  
Monday through Saturday  
10am to 4pm

River Center @ Craycroft  
5615 E. River Road, Suite 101  
Tucson, Arizona 85750  
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Our vision and mission is to improve the quality of life in the Tucson area and provide grants to qualified Tucson-area non-profit organizations.

**520.299.1044**

## 2024 Meeting Information

April 25, 2024 (Thursday)

May 25, 2024 (Saturday) Catered Lunch

June and July meeting dates & location TBD

## Newsletter

**Susan Willis**

New Column this month “Hints and Tricks.” If you have any hints or tricks of needlepoint to share, please send the idea to me via my email.

I look forward to receiving submittals of any Show and Share, suggestions for the newsletter, photos, and stitching news to me via email at [willis.sg@outlook.com](mailto:willis.sg@outlook.com).  
Thank you!

## Hospitality

**Sarah Terry**

For the April meeting, Jan Sprague and Susan Willis have volunteered to bring the food and Laura Cotter will bring the beverage. As usual, I will bring the plates, cups and silverware. The May meeting will be catered.

## Workshops

**Anne Booher**

The photo below is of Nancy Cucci's Summer Celebration, which is a counted piece. If this is something you would be interested in taking as a class, please get in touch with me either by email ([ACChrist787@aol.com](mailto:ACChrist787@aol.com)) or by signing the interest sheet at our next meeting (April 25, 2024). If we get enough positive responses, I will get in touch with Nancy Cucci and see if we can arrange the class.



## Programs

Laura Cotter

April 25<sup>th</sup> - Jan Sprague's presentation will be "Revisiting Color."  
May 25<sup>th</sup> - Jan Sprague will present our "Summer Challenge."  
June - Program & date TBD if a meeting location is found.  
July - Program & date TBD if a meeting location is found.

## Birthday Celebrations

Thank you to all the members who sent in their birthday month and date for our monthly celebrations. Unfortunately, for those who responded, we have **NO** birthdays to celebrate in April.... Bummer.

We do have May birthdays next month! Who are they? Wait, see and help us celebrate.

If you want to include your birthday info in the newsletter (to celebrate YOU), and haven't done so yet please text or call me (Susan Willis) at 972-569-7370 or send an email to me at [willis.sg@outlook.com](mailto:willis.sg@outlook.com)

## Membership

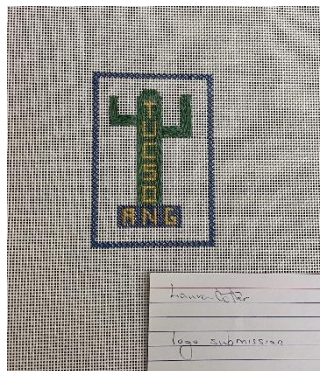
Pat Nelson

No new additional membership to report. We still have 48 members in good standing.

## Logo Contest

The first submittal to our logo contest is by Laura Cotter. Laura says she thinks the Saguaro Cactus is a good representation of Tucson, and she also wants you to know that she just did a quick stitch of her submittal.

Are **YOU** willing to join Laura to submit suggestions for our new logo?

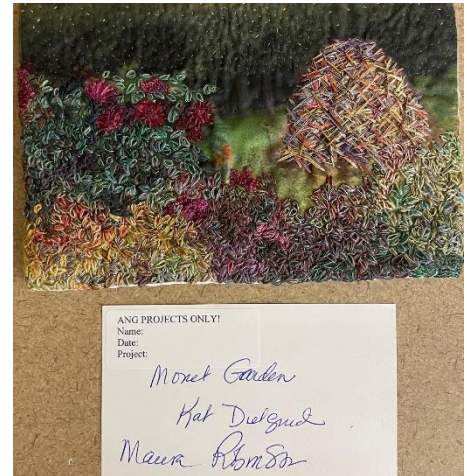




## Show and Share



Completed Africana piece  
by member Catherine Weber



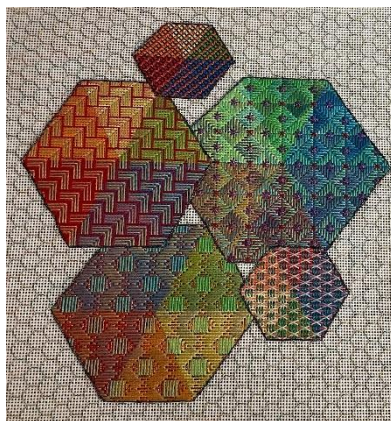
Monet Garden by member  
Maura Robinson

Smocked Egg  
by member  
Maura Robinson



Sashiko by  
member Maura  
Robinson

Ornaments by  
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By member  
Maura Robinson

## Meeting Highlights – March 28, 2024

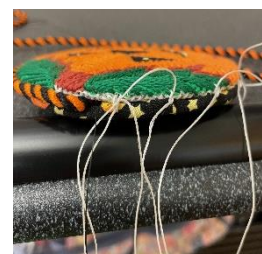
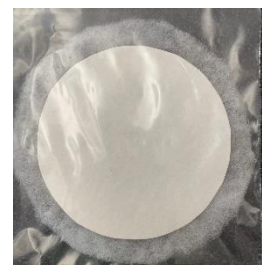
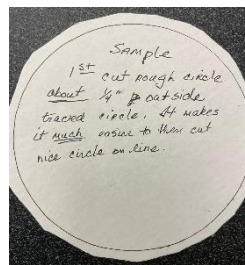
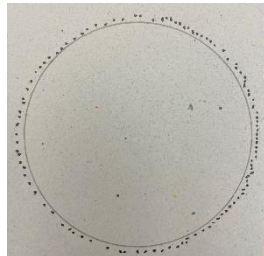
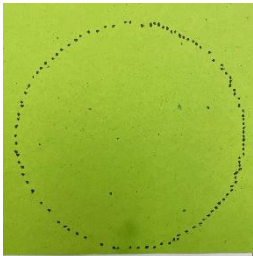


A great big **THANK YOU** goes to our guest educator, Frances “Casey” Case for her informative lecture and demonstration on how to finish ornaments. We were all very focused on the points she made about finishing and the samples she provided.

Casey's samples are photographed below. The instructions for ornament finishing were sent out by email to all members prior to the March meeting.

Casey has graciously offered to hold a finishing class in her home in the future. We hope to take advantage of her gracious offer.

I think all members and visitors who attended the March meeting will agree that it was very **FUN**.



## Hints and Tricks

- If you have a painted canvas that you are not sure where to start or what to do, it is suggested you hang it on a wall in your house where you will see it frequently. Allegedly (LOL!), you will soon come up with some ideas. **Barb Lewis**

## Our Members

This month's interview was conducted by Roving Reporter Barb Lewis.



### MEET EARLA SWOPE

Our eldest member, Earla Swope of Green Valley, is 101! Her next birthday is in August.

Earla was born in Havana, Illinois. After high school she went to business school in Chicago where she learned secretarial skills, especially shorthand. She worked for many, many years and her last job was working for Illinois state Senator John Marlo.

Earla doesn't remember when or how she started stitching. She did attend classes and when she was still in Illinois she started attending the ANG seminars.

She had two children. Her son moved to Galesburg Illinois, from Green Valley, a few years ago. Her daughter Dale Miller passed away a few years ago. Dale was an award-winning stitcher and belonged to our guild and lived in Green Valley.

Earla was a charter member of our guild and was very active both in our chapter and in the Cactus Wrens of Green Valley.

Earla hasn't stitched in over ten years due to blindness from macular degeneration.

She now lives at "La Posada at Green Valley" and says she is getting excellent care.



## Field Trips for Fun

### Susan Willis

Contact me via text or phone call at (972) 569-7370 or send an email to me at [willis.sg@outlook.com](mailto:willis.sg@outlook.com)

As a reminder, Field Trips for Fun are just a way for us to get out of our usual routines and explore the areas around Tucson. It's not needlepointing. It's not a meeting. And it's not funded by the Tucson ANG chapter. All participants will be responsible for their own entry fees, other costs associated and transportation (or carpooling).

Our first Field Trip for Fun will be to Lavender Farm in Oracle, AZ.

**UPDATE:** I received some bad intel on when the best time to see all the lavender blooms, so our **date to meet has changed to Saturday, June 8, 2024**. The farm hours also changed during this time to summer hours of 8:00am to 1:00pm. I suggest we meet at 10:00am, take a tour of the farm and take advantage of their picnic box lunch if you choose. The total cost estimate (currently) is \$5.00 for entry fee and \$15.00 for the lunch. I plan to purchase the entry fee and picnic lunches in advance. All monies will be collected by me, either prior to or on the day.

I will send out specific information to all members via USPS at the beginning of May with info on exact location, lunch choices, RSVP deadline (which means let me know if you will attend) and payment details. So far, we have three (3) confirmed attendees!

The website for the Life Under the Oaks Lavender Farm is:

<https://lifeundertheoakslavenderfarm.com>

My husband and I took an investigative tour of the farm a few weekends ago. Photos below do not do justice to the sweetness and quirky farm environment. The lavender plants (as shown) are dormant right now but I'm sure the farm will be beautiful with lavender blooms in June.





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

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