



## Chapter Meetings

Chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from September through May.

Two meetings are held - morning or evening. Meetings are held in-person unless situations require a Zoom meeting.

Morning meetings begin at 10:00 am.  
Evening meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

Summer meetings are usually held in-person from June through August.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Thursday, January 20

Host: Judy Lewis

Guest Speaker

*Evening Meeting only - 6:30 pm*

### Thursday, February 5

Zoom Meeting

*Morning Meeting – 10:00 am*

*Evening Meeting - 6:30 pm*

### Thursday, March 17

Zoom Meeting

*Morning Meeting – 10:00 am*

*Evening Meeting - 6:30 pm*



## President's Letter, January 2022

Dear Fellow Stitchers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope all of you had a great holiday with family and friends. Personally, I want to wish all of you a wonderful New Year and a very healthy one.

Thanksgiving through the New Year always goes so fast. We may not have had holiday parties like last year, but it was great catching up with family and friends via the new eras of phone, text, and Zoom!

This is a great time for us to thank all our members who have continued with us during this time of uncertainty. This year, our board has tried everything we can think of to keep you active and participating in our selection of activities. With this being said, we are always open to suggestions on how to proceed on our future meetings and programs. We are still trying options to meet in-person, so if you know of a reasonable location for us to rent as a meeting room or where we might hold summer classes, please let me know. Also, if you have a friend or someone you know that may want to know more about our needlepoint group, please let us know as we are more than happy to contact them.

So, on a positive right foot forward (my mom always said that), we are very excited to announce our program for our first meeting of the 2022 year. The January meeting will take place on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. There will not be a morning meeting because we having a special speaker, Greg Wilson, joining us at my home.

Greg Wilson is from St. Charles Michael's on Zumbehl Road and he works in the frame department and has finished several pieces for members in our club. Greg will share with us what he needs from us to make the framing piece easier for both of us and how he can help us make our pieces look even more fabulous. He does an incredible job of framing needlepoint and has said he enjoys seeing our pieces. If you have any projects that Greg has framed, please bring them to the evening meeting for Show-N-Tell.

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January 18th is our evening event, so please RSVP to me prior. If you have questions or would like for Greg to comment on other topics, please contact me earlier. Please note that that we will not have a morning meeting and we are looking forward to seeing you at the evening meeting for our speaker.

We hope that during this time, you have had some down time and were able to work on your Hearts for Hospice. Please bring your finished pieces to the January Meeting.

February and March meetings will be done by ZOOM. We will have morning and evening meetings. Your zoom invites will go out earlier on meeting weeks for you. Then in April, if all is well, we will meet in person again at my home since as of this writing we do not have a location to meet somewhere else.

Happy Stitching,  
Judy Lewis  
President

**Board Meeting Dates  
For  
Spring 2022**

Saturday, **February 5, 2022**: 10 am – noon (this is new date)

Saturday, **April 9, 2022**: 10 am – noon

At this time meetings will be on zoom unless we are able to meet in person.

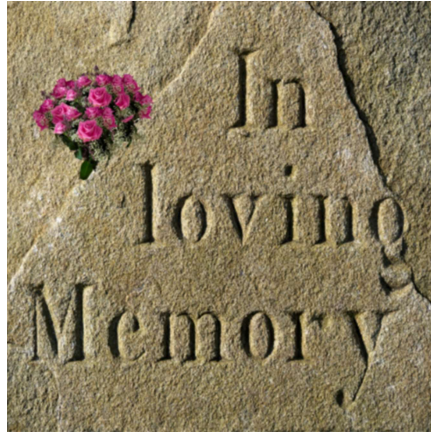
## Please Help

Our ANG Group for this year is trying to help those in need. Our project is to bring personal care items to our meetings. This can include shampoo, soap, razors, deodorant, hygiene items and even sample sizes are greatly appreciated. Please try to bring a donation to our January meeting.



## Workshop

*Registration will open in January for our June classes with Diane Hermann*



After the last newsletter had gone out, I was notified that Gerry Lentz's beloved husband Ron had passed. I am sure she would love a note from some of you. May his memory be a blessing.



Please send positive vibes and well wishes to Judy Rau as she recovers from back surgery.

## 2021 Virtual Exhibit

Thanks to everyone who submitted a needlework piece for the 2021 Virtual Exhibit.

### President's Choice Award

**Winner:** *Lily Wreath* by Ginger Grigsby

**Designer:** Raymond Crawford

**Stitch Guide:** Sandra Arthur

**Description:** Stitched via Sandra Arthur's online Mystery Class. I fell in love with the textures and the fun techniques I learned during this class.



As the **Gateway ANG Chapter**, we are “shouting” our congratulations to Ginger Grigsby for the President’s Choice Award!! We could not be more excited for her and so very pleased that her work has been recognized!! Ginger has only been stitching for about ten years, but in that time, she has proven herself to be a fantastic and incredibly skilled stitcher. She shares her steps and thread collections with anyone and patiently explains how she achieves her finishes. She also is very welcoming to those who want to try and achieve great results such as her.

This acknowledgement of stitch quality is the second time that the ANG community has noticed Ginger’s work. Previously, Ginger stitched a charming project on #24 Congress Cloth by Laura J. Perin that appeared on the back of the Needle Pointers January/February 2021 magazine. The name of the project is *Country Roads*!! We look forward to more greatness by Ginger Grigsby!!! Well done beautifully in needlepoint.



Hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season. Mine was very hectic and filled with family—much different than last year. I hope you have also had time to work on your stitching, especially your heart for the Hearts for Hospice program. Remember, your stitched heart must be turned in by the next meeting to be eligible for the drawing for a gift card. The more you stitch, the more entries you will receive. You can bring the heart to the meeting or send me a photo—the drawing will be held that evening. I can't wait to see the variety of hearts that are stitched. I will then mail the hearts to the Kansas City Chapter for finishing and distribution. Thanks for all your hard work!

## **Volunteers Needed**

To further our mission of education, we continue to teach beginning needlepoint on the first Saturday of the month at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. Classes run from 9AM until about 11AM. Anyone interested in helping?

Jane Normile has been teaching these classes and would love some assistance. You need not assist every month or you can share the duties with her. Call or email her for more information.

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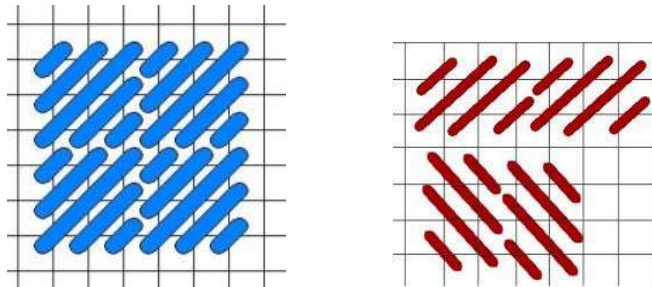
# Stitches

## Scotch Stitch

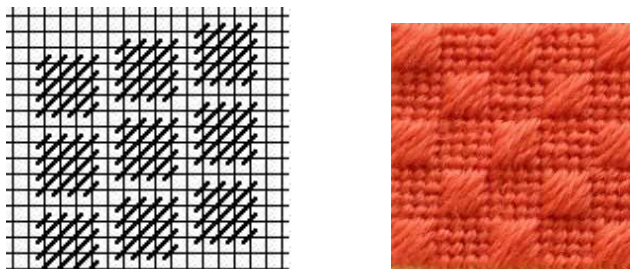
“Which stitch” is holding you back from stitching??? You are not sure which stitch to use because there are so many!! Well, here is an article that can help you with selecting your stitch.

The Scotch Stitch has many variations. It is part of a group that was years ago called Box Stitches. This meant that the stitch patterns formed squares or boxes. These boxes are laid out in horizontal, vertical or diagonal rows. Each box can also be laid in a line with the corners overlapping. The stitch can also share the short stitch.

These stitches are good for borders, roofs, large buildings, homes and other box stitches. They are also beautiful in geometric patterns. This stitch is best with thread that fills the hole. This would work for silk threads but not floss. To give the best effect, choose a needlepoint yarn that comfortably fills the holes, without leaving any bare canvas showing.



**Diagonal Scotch Stitch** is a cousin to the regular Scotch stitch; however, it is worked on the diagonal in a continuous diagonal line. It is made up of stitches that span over one canvas thread, over two, over three threads and move then over back to the threads of three again. It looks like a continuous run of small squares when stitched into the canvas.



**Alternating Scotch Stitch** is a stitch that is used to arrange stitches in different ways to fit your canvas. Stitch it in a single color, overdyed color or multiple colors. In the example below, it is Scotch in one block and basketweave in another box. Here you get a **checkerboard effect** (which perhaps explains the Chequer Stitch name).

*There are a lot of needlepoint shops, needlepoint teachers and needlepoint authors that can provide additional knowledge on how to use each stitch. To learn more, contact your local shops, check on YouTube, join an online stitching club or contact a member of our chapter!! Help is always available!*

# American Needlepoint Guild



After careful consideration, the ANG Board of Directors has decided to move forward with a change in how our annual dues will be paid. Beginning in January 2022, all membership dues will be paid on an annual basis, in January. This applies to all memberships of 1, 2, 5 and 10 years duration and in all countries. If your membership renewal date is between October and December 2021, please pay your annual dues as usual. In 2022, all membership dues will be paid in January, and will be prorated to account for the new annual schedule.

This change will provide benefits to ANG in reducing the time and effort spent in managing the dues renewal process, providing more timely information for budgeting purposes, and simplifying the membership verification process for chapters.

Additional details will follow in our bi-weekly newsletters.

Best Regards,

Linda Rand  
President  
American Needlepoint Guild  
[President@needlepoint.org](mailto:President@needlepoint.org)



## ATTENTION TO A CHANGE FOR MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT OF LOCAL ANNUAL DUES

Affective January 1, 2022, American Needlepoint Guild (ANG) is changing to an annual membership date for renewal for all their membership.

As a local chapter, Gateway ANG is also changing the membership renewal date. It will also be Monday, January 31. This means that all of our members should pay their annual local chapter dues by the last day in January 2022. This will cover everyone's membership through the year until next January 2023.

This change in timing for local dues will reduce the confusion of when to send payment renewals to ANG and when to renew local dues. This is also reducing the mail traffic that happens all year between the Treasurer and the Membership chair.

This change in local dues payment will not be prorated this year like it is happening for ANG. Instead, for local dues payment this year only, we are lowering the price for our membership for 2022 to \$11:00. This is to smooth out the local dues process and to try to give to you a part of your payment back and a chance to appreciate you for holding on to your membership with us through these hard and unusual times in a Covid-19 world.

(Members who paid their dues in November and December have until February 28 to pay 2022 dues.)

Thank you for being a member!

Janice Marsh, Membership Chair

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR NATIONAL ANG and GATEWAY CHAPTER

Membership renewals are due once a year on January 31 for both our national organization *American Needlepoint Guild* (ANG) and for our local chapter, *Gateway ANG Chapter*. Membership renewals are due the last day of January.

- Pay **ANG dues** online at [www.needlepoint.org](http://www.needlepoint.org). Look for the **red Renewal link for easy processing**. As an alternate, you can pay by mail using the paper ANG form, [National Membership Form](#).
- Pay local **Gateway Chapter dues** at any of our monthly meetings or by mail to Membership Chair, Janice Marsh.

*If you have any questions about your dues, please contact Membership Chair, Janice Marsh.*

For following members, be sure to renew **both national ANG (\$52) and local Gateway Chapter (\$22) – and additionally this year is only \$11.**

<u>September and October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Linda Aboussie</li><li>• Elizabeth Fogarty</li><li>• Ann Patterson</li></ul>	none	none

For following members, be sure to renew **local Gateway Chapter dues (\$22).**

<u>September and October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
none	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Julie Ann Filean</li><li>• Lynn Hamilton</li></ul>	none

**Pay ANG Dues by Check:** If you prefer to mail a check for ANG dues, send with the [ANG National Membership Form](#). This form includes information about your ANG renewal. It is available on the [Gatewayang.org](http://Gatewayang.org) website or from Membership Chair, Janice Marsh. Make your check payable to **ANG** and mail to 1120 Route 73 #200, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-5113.

**Pay Local Chapter Dues by Check:** Make your local chapter dues check payable to **Gateway Chapter ANG**. Send your check to Membership Chair, Janice Marsh, 420 Brooktree Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011. If you have any questions, please contact Janice by phone- 636-394-1134 or email-[membership@gatewayang.org](mailto:membership@gatewayang.org).

**THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!**

# As seen on Facebook

Judy Lewis



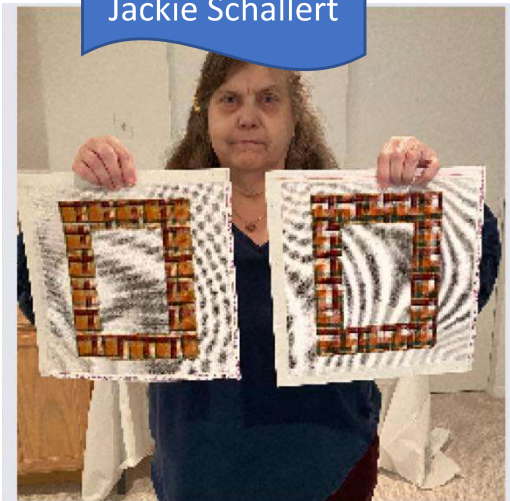
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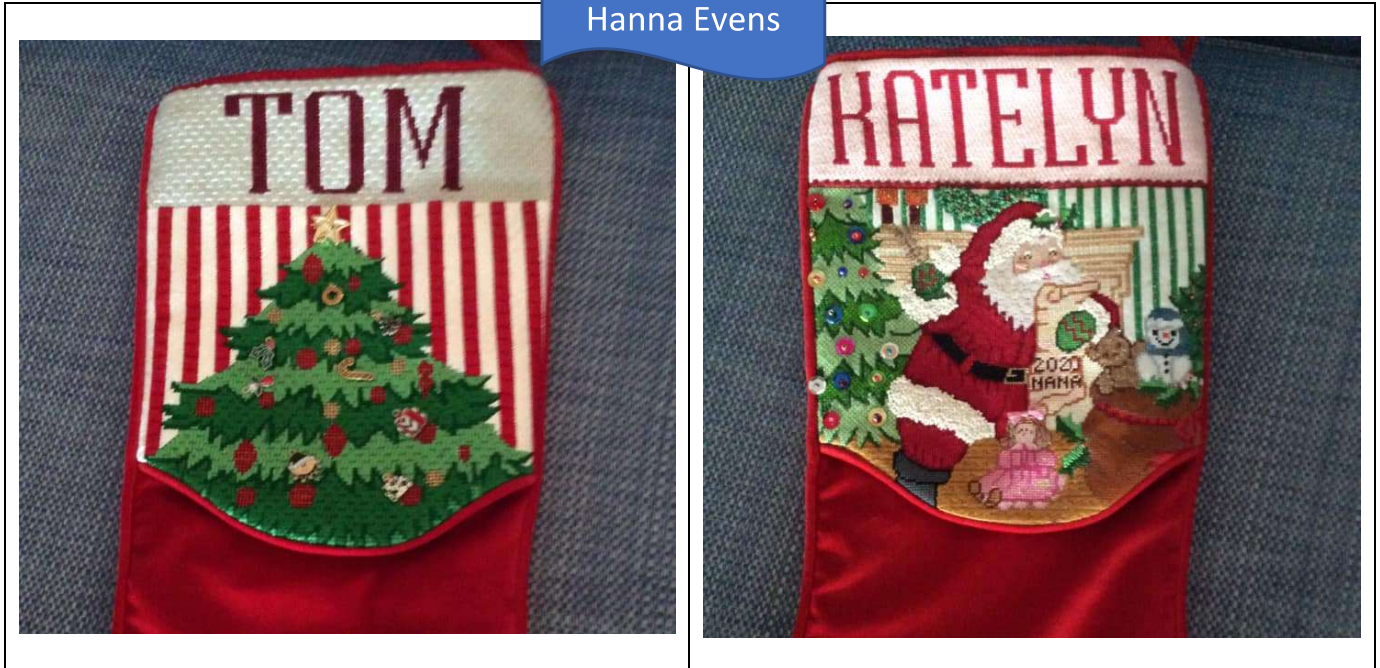


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**Classes**



**Charley Harper Cardinal Cradle**  
Thursday, January 20th



**Danji Snow Cone Santa**  
Thursday, March 10th

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In Chinese Buddhism culture, Foo Dogs, aka Guardian Lions, are displayed in pairs. The female is said to protect the people inside the home: the male protects its structure.

A few years ago we lost a friend of the needlepoint community. She was sophisticated and strong, fun and gracious. She was one of my earliest cheerleaders and the first to make me feel I had the skills to teach and advise in this business. Roe Ann had a keen sense of self and style and they were both admirable. One day she picked up a Foo Dog canvas (outlined in blue) and said, "I'm going to do her in pink." She sent me a progress pic. Immediately I noticed the eye in the wrong spot. Knowing the worldly and smart Roe Ann, I second guessed myself. When she brought it back finished, she had moved the eye—we shared a laugh.

-Megan Holmes

Proceeds from our Foo Dog items benefit Habitat for Humanity St. Charles.



### DECEMBER TRUNK SHOWS

Kathy Schenkel  
Shelly Tribbey

### JANUARY TRUNK SHOWS

Alice Peterson  
J Childs

### UPCOMING CLUBS & CLASSES

February 2022

**Patricia Sone**, *Four Season Topiary Club*  
Call the clubhouse to register.



April 23 - 25, 2022

**Laura Taylor**, *Patti Mann Project*

Join Laura as she takes us to this seaside paradise and shares her talent of bringing a canvas to life. Call the clubhouse to register.

Early Summer 2022

**Mark Craddock**, *Four Square Santa*

Mark is known for his clever approach to Santa beard style stitches. His band director background will keep you so engaged and entertained that your fear of turkey work and bouillon knots will disappear!





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