



CHAPTER MEETING

Chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month from September through May, except December.

Meetings are held in-person at Ladue Chapel at 1:00 pm. We have dropped our evening meetings.

From June to August, we hold stitch-ins in a member's home.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 16

*One meeting at 1:00 pm
Special Speaker-Finishing*

Thursday, April 20

*One meeting at 1:00 pm
Special De-stashing Event*

Sunday, April 23

*10:00 am – 4:00-pm
Spring Retreat at Sign of the Arrow*



President's Letter, March 2023

Dear Stitchers,

We had a wonderful February meeting and we got to see some members we have not seen in a long time. It was a great surprise to see Ellen Ippolito, Susan Lucco, and Bridget Viehweg. We hope to see you more often.

Well, it has been a long time and lots of conversations, two trial months, and finally took a vote on our meeting time. It was unanimous that we only have one meeting on the third Thursday of the month. The room at Ladue Chapel will be available to us at 12:30 pm with our meeting starting at 1 pm. The room will be open until 5 pm. if you would like to stay and stitch or visit. Also, at the February meeting, we sold \$74 worth of odds threads that I had brought from the stash in my basement. I still have lots of items to sell in my basement. This reminds me I will be bringing many stretcher bars to sell at the March meeting. (Please bring small bills).

Thank you, Charlene Wall, for organizing our Hearts for Hospice program. I think we may have a few hearts left if you would like to continue stitching them. Please bring your finished items and give them to Jane Normile at our March meeting.

Let me point out that for our guild to continue to exist, we need people to be involved. Since Covid, some of our leadership positions have not been filled and have required current leaders to wear multiple hats. Some examples of this are I am President and oversee philanthropy.

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Jane Normile has Sunshine, Public Relations, and now Stitch-Away. Susanne Nielsen is handling Programs and Fundraisers. There are other examples, but we cannot do it all and we each have lives to live. Our guild needs a little of your time and effort to keep going.

Thank you to Suzanne Nielsen, Margaret Orend, and Charlene Wall for working on our nomination committee. If you would like to know more about one of the positions available, please contact one of them. Working on our board helps make our chapter strong. Many positions do not take up a lot of your time. You may also want to inquire about a position by speaking with someone who is currently doing that office and see what is really involved.

I am so looking forward to our March meeting as we are having a guest speaker. It is Lauren who is the Finishing Manager at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. She will be bringing examples of different types of finishing. If you have questions about finishing, Lauren will be able to answer your questions. (Don't forget the meeting will be at 1 pm.)

April meeting will be a different program. Please look in the newsletter for information related to this program.

Spring is just around the corner and yes, it is that time of year when we have our Spring Retreat at Sign of The Arrow. Mark your calendars for April 23, 2023, and look for registration in this newsletter. Thanks to Jane Normile and Sign of The Arrow for organizing this fun day.

Jane Normile, Hanna Evens, and I are looking into a Fall Stitch Away, stay tuned as we learn more information.

Happy Stitching,
Judy Lewis
President

Upcoming Programs

March 16 Program: Finishing Oh My!

We are thrilled to have Lauren who is the Finishing Manager at The Needlepoint Clubhouse who will discuss trends in needlepoint finishing, provide suggestions for finishing types and a Q & A session. I think we all wonder should I do extra rows for the finishing. I like the canvas, should I frame it or have it finished into a pillow or a standup. What are the standup finishing options? I want to buy a canvas to be finished into a purse, what should be considered when selecting the canvas? I think I want the canvas to be made into a pillow. What are the finishing pillow options? This is a great opportunity to learn, see samples and ask all those questions.

April 20 Program: Spring Cleaning Stash Day

We all have items in our stash that we purchased with good intentions but now the intentions have changed. Like what was I thinking? Well now is your chance to share those items with your fellow ANG members in good standing and give them the chance to own them, let's call it "needlepoint opportunities" or "sharing those good intentions" with your fellow ANG members. Members are allowed to bring up to 10 items (canvas, accessories, thread bundles -count as 1 item). All items must be labeled with the sellers name and priced before the sell. Seller's items are to be packed up or boxed and brought to the meeting. After the meeting sellers will set up their shop. Pre-selling not allowed. Once all the shops have been set up the selling will begin. Buyers will be given labels to put their names on and place a label on the item they want to buy. Sellers and buyers can shop at the same time. After the sale is over the buyer will figure up the sales and give a bill to buyers. Buyers must pay with cash or check payable to the seller. Sellers are responsible for having cash on hand to make change when necessary. The event is not a fundraiser, it is an opportunity for our members to decrease their stash and/or increase their stash. So start getting ready to set up shop for the April program. Remember to bring cash and checks so you can buy. This is going to be fun!!!

ANG Beginner Needlepoint Teachers

Below is a schedule through May of teachers to teach the beginner needlepoint classes. Anyone is welcome to come observe and then teach – you are all more than qualified! We will need teachers through the summer.

Contact Jane Normile if you are interested. 314-313-8690

<u>Sign of the Arrow</u> 10AM-12 Wed. March 8 – Judy Lewis & Jane Normile	<u>Needlepoint Clubhouse</u> 9AM – 11AM Sat. March 11 – Donna Beaman & Julie Cook
April 12 – Janice Marsh & Julie Cook	April 1 – Jane Normile & Donna Beaman
May 10 – Charlene Wall & Jane Normile	May 6 – Jane Normile & Hanna Evens

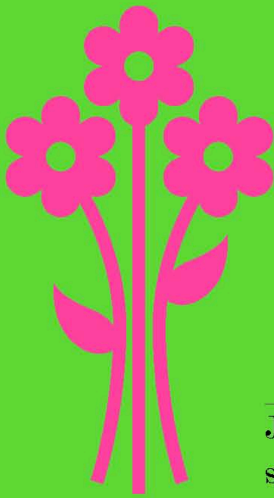
Stitch Away

If you have not heard, Judy Lewis, Hanna Evens, and Jane Normile are beginning plans for a stitch away in the future. The decision has been made to not return to Cedar Creek. Do you have a suggestion of a place? We would love to hear from you. Things to consider—price, ease of accessibility, availability. Our dates are pretty flexible at this point—fall of 2023 or winter of 2024. (Believe it or not, we had a great lead on a place thanks to Charlene, but it is booked already!) We realize that what matters most to us is a place we can gather with friends to stitch. Contact Judy, Hanna, or Jane with your input.

Philanthropy

Please bring your completed Hearts for Hospice to the March meeting. Jane Normile will send them to Kansas City after that meeting. Thank you in advance for all those who stitched for this worthy cause.

Charlene Wall



*Annual Gateway ANG Spring Retreat
Sunday, April 23rd
10AM-4PM
Sign of the Arrow*

Join your fellow ANG members for a day of stitching, visiting, and fun. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost is \$25. Space is limited to the first 20 so sign up today!

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Stitches

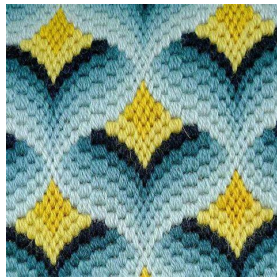
from *The Crafter's Choice*

Do you often question yourself ... "which stitch" should I use??? Are these questions holding you back from stitching??? Is it because there are so many stitches and you are not sure which stitch to use??

Here is an article that might help you with selecting your stitches.

Bargello is a great beginner needlepoint method that has reached a popular level in the last few years, especially during the Covid years. Bargello is often selected as a modern embroidery design but can also be translated as quilt designs. It is sometimes known as a popular needlepoint stitch Hungarian that is also easy to stitch! Simple straight stitches become geometric designs with bright colorful patterns.

The canvas is usually a mono or interlock choice and usually is white because the threads cover the canvas. Select a slightly thicker thread, such as wool, Persian, or a crewel yarn.



Bargello patterns are defined by their pattern – curve pattern, flame pattern, and the simple zigzag pattern.

- *Zigzag pattern is easy to work, with peaks of identical size and a nine-stitch repeat.*
- *Flame pattern stitch is worked over four threads with an upward or downward step of one thread.*
- *Curve pattern includes stitches worked in blocks, creating a curved look. Be sure to include one strong color.*

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

Show-N-Tell

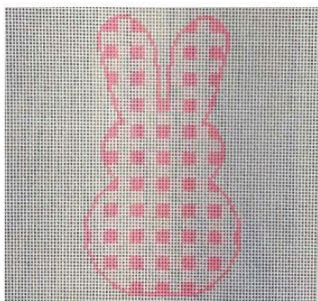




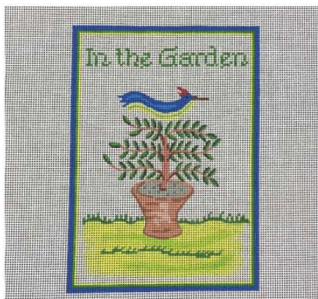




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WE ARE HEADED TO SPRING MARKET! Looking for any thing in particular? Let us know!



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See you at Sign of the Arrow for ANG Spring Retreat, April 23, 2023!

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