

New Jersey Needle Artists  
American Needlepoint Guild  
December 11, 2013 Meeting

Hi Everyone –

Even with the change to the regular meeting date, we had nine members participate in our December holiday party. We missed our regulars who had other commitments and look forward to seeing them in January!

Carol opened the meeting. Heidi gave the Treasurer's report. Our treasury has \$1202.80. We are pending receipts from one of the Frankie workshop participants. We paid \$26.00 for annual website charges for using our domain name. Rosie moved that we again contribute \$100 to the Bernards Township Library who provides our free meeting space. Diane seconded and the motion carried. Heidi delivered this check during the meeting.

Heidi moved that we accept the revised NJNA By-laws as distributed for the November meeting. Dee seconded and the motion carried. The new by-laws have now been posted to the NJNA website.

Sue R and Ellen presented the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers for 2014. Sue C moved that the proposed slate be approved and Carol seconded. The motion carried and our 2014 officers are:

President – Diane  
VP Programs – Carol  
VP Membership – Rosie  
Treasurer – Heidi  
Secretary – Sue C.

In addition, Diane will continue with the newsletter and Rosie will continue to maintain the website and prepare the meeting summaries.

Diane announced that she had published the December newsletter right before leaving to come to the meeting. She had two paper copies with her and we all agreed that it was an outstanding resource for our members, as usual.

Carol reminded us that we are encouraged to present program ideas at the January meeting. She reminded us of the great ideas that came from last year's ideas: Stitch Notebooks, Or Nue, St. Margaret's Star, and even the Frankie Workshop. (I have my idea ready!! Now if only I don't forget it by January....). We will continue with our stitch notebooks and start the year with some of the Hilton stitches used in "Frankie".

Carol announced that the Stitch of the Month (SOTM) subgroup will continue to meet next year on the first Saturday of each month. The group is eagerly awaiting the ANG announcement of next year's project, but we have several other potential ideas in case we don't like that one. We will decide at the January 4<sup>th</sup> SOTM meeting. We hope that more of NJNA will join us when you see what we have planned.

Reminder: If you want to register for the NJNA table at NJ Needlefest, please return your registration form and check to Rosie. We currently only have two members who are signed up.....:-)

With all this business discharged, we all converged on our holiday groaning board of appetizers and desserts! We had a wonderful assortment this year and thanks to Sue R and Ellen, the presentation was as beautiful as the food was delicious!



What a Spread!!

Did you know that Heidi makes one batch a day of her special toffee starting the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas?? We had a needlepoint-related food this year: Sue R made Rainforest Crunch brownies. Linda, Mary, and Sue R all have stitched this beautiful Kathy Rees piece; the recipe was included in the directions!!

Next, Ellen and Sue R ran our grab bag gift exchange. This year we played "Dirty Santa" which allowed "stealing" of already opened gifts. Each participant had a number and the order of gift opening was pulled from a box at random. What a lot of fun we had with this!



### The Gift Table – Before!



### The Gift Table – After!

But wait! Hold on to your numbers! Sue and Ellen hadn't finished with their surprises. Ellen donated two very special door prizes for our party. So numbers were returned to the box and another drawing was held.



Special Door Prizes!

Sue C won the lighted tree and Sue R won the lighted snow man! Lucky ladies! We barely cleaned up and got out of the room before the library closed. We all thanked Sue R and Ellen for making this a very festive holiday party.

We had expected to be in the small conference room, but the library arranged for a small youth group to trade rooms with us so that we could have our regular room. We did not do show and tell or any stitching (when would we have found the time?) but we DID decide that we would include the finished SOTM photos in this meeting summary! Stay tuned for more in the coming months as Diane and Carol are still stitching and we have yet to see Rona's and Gwen's results.

Happy Stitching! Apologies to all for any errors in descriptions or any omissions!

Cheers,

Rosie



## STITCHED!



Sue C's SOTM



Linda's SOTM





Sue R's SOTM



Rosie's SOTM