

New Jersey Needle Artists  
American Needlepoint Guild  
January 20, 2016 Meeting

Hi Everyone –

What a wonderful way to kick-off a new year with an exciting new program concept! Twenty four members braved a cold, dark night to join in the learning! This included three guests! Nancy R joined our chapter after a hiatus of several years. Nancy is an active member of the Skylands Stitchers chapter of EGA; she was previously a member of NJNA until she relocated out of the area. We are glad she is back! Michelle P. visited last month and joined this month! Welcome to our growing group! Our third guest was Carol F, a friend of Mally; she and Mally met at work and Carol loves doing needlework. We hope she'll decide to join us too!

We also welcomed many of our newer members. After missing two months of meetings, I was amazed by all the new faces and by the incredible enthusiasm.

Rosie reported that NJNA now has a balance of \$1903.93 in its treasury. The board has budgeted \$500 for programs for the year and we saw the result of some of that in our January program. Would it be bragging to say that we have already met our budget number for dues?

Diane read a thank you note that we received from Ruth Lufkin, Director of the Bernards Township library, following our \$100 donation last month. We are incredibly lucky that the library provides our meeting space for free and this donation is our way of saying thanks! They plan to use the money on library programs.

Sue C. collected NJNA entries for the Woodlawn Exhibit in March. Linda M and Mr. M will deliver these to Woodlawn before the deadline of February 15. If you would like to exhibit your work, please contact Linda M to arrange for drop-off before the first of February. Some of us will go down to view the exhibit and others will volunteer as docents. I think several of our "A Different View" by Kurdy Biggs will be on display!

Rosie has been updating our website. Please visit to view information on this year's programs, an updated gallery, and other fun things. The members only section of the website is password protected and contains a directory of members, recipes, our nametag template, and our by-laws! The password will change on February 1. Heidi will send the password to all members in good standing on that day!

Tina F is now our Workshop Chairperson and ad hoc member of the board. Our first workshop will be a counted design by Susan Hoekstra, designed specifically for NJNA, called Diamond Jubilee. It will be taught on **Sunday, April 17th** at a location still to be determined based on the number of us who enroll. A check for \$25 to NJNA will hold your place. The deadline is January 29th, 2016. The kit fee (\$56) plus your share of the teaching/travel fee will be collected the day

of the class. Additional information and a sign-up form are under the Workshops Tab on the Website. The design comes in three colorways.



Diamond Jubilee in the Blue Teal colorway



Golden Purple colorway



Kings Maroon (Aqua) colorway

This will be a trial to see how the workshop process works for us! I hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to work with a live teacher!

Diane introduced the idea of having another retreat this year. Past retreats have been in Mexico, the Catskills, and Myrtle Beach! Please let Diane know of your interest and any suggestions that you have for location.

Carol K-B presented the programs for next year. We hope that you decided to sign-up for a few of them. The chapter is providing the **canvas and directions** for each design that **you sign up for** at no charge. You will be providing your own threads, except for Honey I Shrunk the Flag. The board decided to kit the threads and make them available to members for a nominal charge – which, considering the large number of threads on such a small piece, is a godsend! Descriptions and pictures of all of the 2016 mini-projects are under the Workshop Tab on the website. Please let Carol know which ones you want to stitch. Anyone who completes at least three of the six mini-projects by March 17, 2017 will receive a prize!

The January mini-project, “Starburst”, was designed by Patricia Hartman and is from the ANG Chapter Project Book. The sample was stitched by Carol on congress cloth (24 count); we had a choice of either white or black canvas. Carol discussed setting up the design and her technique to match the colors in all four quadrants. The hard part is finding that elusive color repeat in a variegated thread!



Starburst, stitched by Carol

2016 is sure to be a stitch-filled year! We hope you enjoy the show and tell pictures!

Cheers,

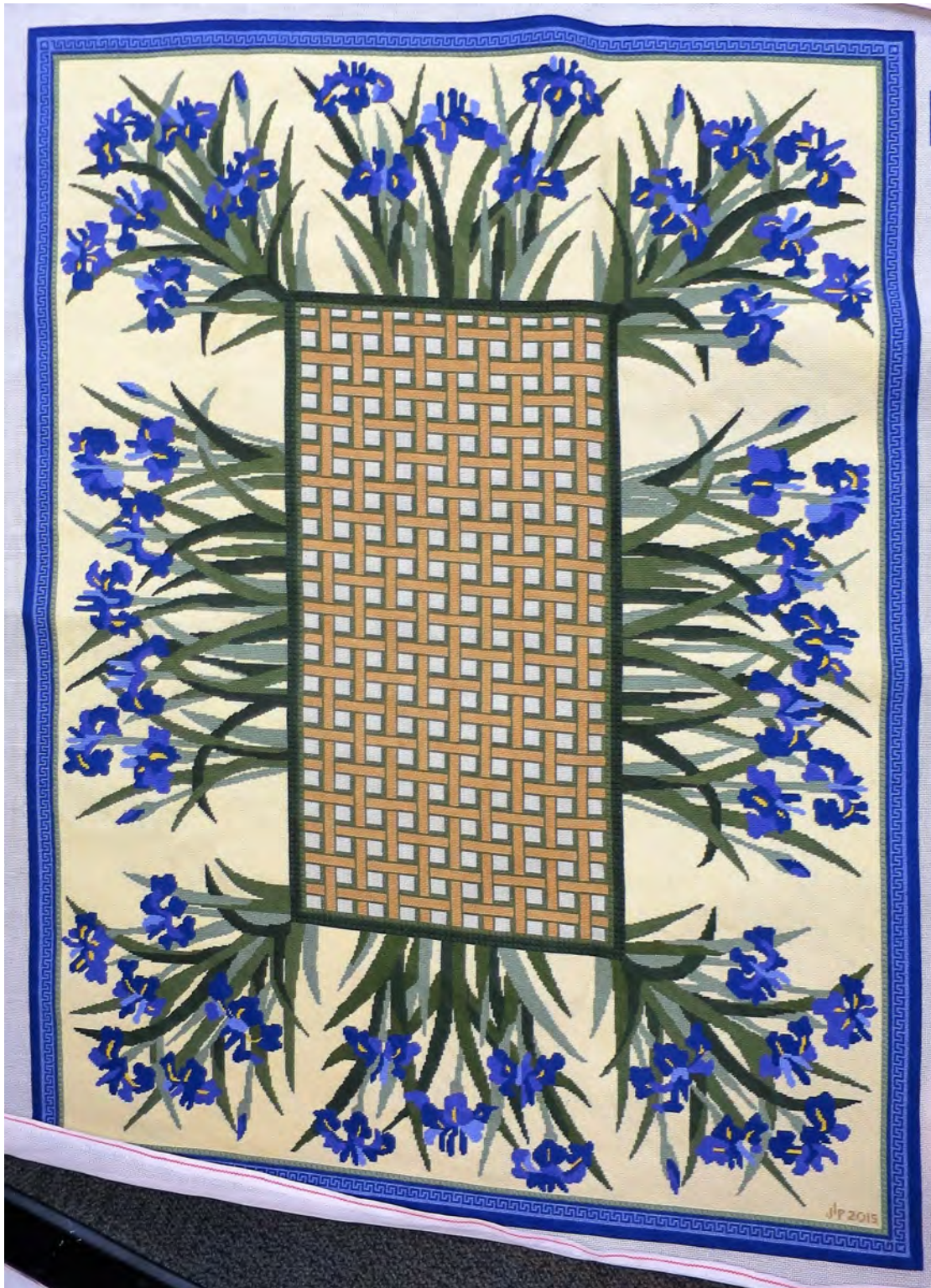
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Show and Tell



Nancy B turned this DebBee Design into the cover for a notebook. The notebook can be removed and replaced. She had the finishing done through Beyond Knits and Needles in Caldwell. What a beautiful way to show off your work and be reminded of the joys of stitching every day, Nancy! (This is being repeated with a better photo!)





This magnificent rug measures about 3-foot by 4-foot and was done entirely in basketweave by Janet P. It is called "Iris" and started as a painted canvas. Janet says she bought it about 30 years ago, but started it last January and finished it in August. Janet says that she has no intention of letting anyone walk on it. As a consequence, "Iris" will be framed!





Robin M stitched "Northern Lights", a vibrant design by Laura Perin. The metallic frame suits this piece wonderfully. Robin finished this last year but had it framed in January. We loved it, so she decided to send it to Woodlawn! I think it just may win a prize!



Heidi purchased the leather tote and the insert at the silent auction at the ANG seminar in Chicago. They were two separate items and the bidding on the tote was fierce! The canvas is called "Five Leaf ivy" by Nature's Garden. The canvas was larger than the opening, so Heidi chose the section of canvas that she wanted to show on the tote. The really awesome part is that Heidi gave this stitched bag to Pam G! As Pam says, it's nice to have friends who needlepoint! Lucky Pam! Well done, Heidi!





Diane finished Serengeti by Pamela Harding. A number of our members bought this project and we stitched it together as an informal workshop – with varying degrees of success. Some of us developed a love/hate relationship with it (that would be me!) Diane added the border which was not part of the design. She plans to finish it into a pillow! Way to stick with it Diane!