

New Jersey Needle Artists  
American Needlepoint Guild  
July 15, 2015 Meeting

Hi Everyone –

Ten members, Including new member Ilene R, were in attendance for our annual summer salad supper! Welcome to Ilene and her aide, Katie. We are so happy that you decided to join our group.



What a delicious feast! Thanks to all!

Diane opened the meeting by welcoming Ilene and Katie. Then we all ate (and in some cases made a second trip through the buffet line!)

While we were eating, Diane conducted the meeting. She reminded us about the upcoming "Stitch and Pitch" with the Somerset Patriots on August 12, 2015 at 7:05 PM. Sue C is coordinating the tickets for NJNA. If you (and any of your friends and family) want to attend, please send a check for \$8.50 per person to Sue C – she plans to order the advance tickets next week. You can read about last year's fun on our blog: <http://blog.njneedleartists.org/2014/08/08/peanuts-and-crackerjack/>

Diane then reviewed our continuing SOTM program meeting on the second Saturday and our Serengeti workshop meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. Serengeti is almost done so we should be seeing some of these at show and tell in the coming months.

The NJNA newsletter was emailed today! As usual, Diane has done a wonderful job at keeping us informed about all things needlepoint! Some of us got our postcards about the Sudberry "garage" sale in August. Stay tuned by e-mail to see if a field trip emerges!

Members have been receiving their Needlepoint NOW! magazine in the mail this week. If you haven't gotten yours, check to make sure you renewed your subscription!

Carol's annual "Stitch by the Pool" is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Sunday, August 2. You can stitch, swim, or both! Potluck snacks are welcome! If you haven't done this before, it really is a fun event for stitching fellowship!

Whether you are going to the ANG national seminar in Myrtle Beach or not, Carol has offered her timeshare in Myrtle Beach as a stitching retreat for the week prior to seminar. So please consider joining the retreat from September 19 to 25. Seminar arrival is on the afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup>!

If you are going to seminar in Myrtle Beach, keep an eye on your e-mail. Teacher's letters are beginning to be sent!

Diane then described the plans for next year's programs. We hope to introduce four small projects at meetings throughout the year and to award a prize to anyone who finishes all of them by a date TBD. We will collect ideas for the projects and everyone will have a chance to voice their preferences. NJNA will share some portion of the project cost and we will coordinate thread sharing where possible to keep the cost reasonable.

Tina suggested that we consider doing a group correspondence course sponsored by ANG. ANG will provide the directions, with or without a kit. The kit price includes a critique by the teacher. If we did as a group, someone would act as the coordinator to pass out the kits and coordinate the evaluations.

For tonight's program Heidi and Diane taught two stitches from "Flowers of Italy" for our stitch notebook. Heidi taught us the Sprat's Head and Diane taught the Reverse Sprat's Head! Both are quick, fun stitches once the initial set-up is done. If you missed the meeting, you can still learn these stitches by coming to stitching hour from 6 to 7 PM before each monthly meeting.

I hope you'll enjoy our show and tell pictures!

Happy Stitching!

Cheers, Rosie

## FINISHED!



When she was in Japan, Robin purchased a number of Tamari balls to bring home as gifts. Then, Shining Needle Society offered a course in making Tamari balls and Robin signed up and completed these two balls! Tamari balls are traditionally made from used, scrap materials, so these used a stuffed (dryer lint) stocking for the base (rather than the Styrofoam that we used when Barbara D taught this for an NJNA program).

## STITCHED!



Patty S unearthed this treasure while she was sorting through old boxes. It is the first needlepoint that she ever did – when she was 10 or 11 years old! It made us all smile as we remembered our own first stitching adventures. Patty plans to finish it in some way!

We hope to see what she decides at a future meeting!





Robin finished her “Flowers of Italy” – way ahead of schedule! I’ve decided to show Rona’s again, below, since Heidi made the observation that each of them did the colors in their Walnetto stitches a different way. (Bottom left in Robin’s, top right in Rona’s) Interestingly, neither is exactly the way that is done in the instructions for “Flowers of Italy”. How cool is that?

