

New Jersey Needle Artists
American Needlepoint Guild
June 15, 2016 Meeting

Hi Everyone –

NJNA had another wonderful meeting, back in the usual library, with twenty people attending this month. Carol had asked the library to set up additional tables because of our increasing regular turn-out and, as usual, they came through with flying colors. NJNA is very lucky to have such an accommodating (and free) place to meet.

Diane opened the business portion of our meeting with announcements.

The Somerset Patriots will hold this year's "Stitch and Pitch" for local stitchers and knitters on Thursday, August 18; the game will start at 7:00 PM and end with fireworks! The discounted price is \$8.50 and family and friends are encouraged to join us! NJNA will register as a block and will be collecting money for tickets at our June and July meetings! Or, please arrange to get your money to Sue C. if you want to attend and won't be at the meetings.

Rona announced that the Keystone Chapter was forced to cancel the Gail Sirna "Chapel in the Woods" workshop that we heard about last month. Sue C and I are disappointed.

Sue C. announced that the Metropolitan Region of EGA will be hosting a regional exhibit called "Stitched Art" in St. Elizabeth College's Annunciation Hall. The exhibit runs from June 18 to June 26 and is free! There are 75 pieces on exhibit from 10AM to 4PM (8PM on Thursday). Sue says it is spectacular. To make it even more interesting, Sue C, Jill, and Mary D-S all have pieces that are displayed!

The Edwardian Needle will be holding a Summer Needlepoint Retreat at the Sheraton Tara hotel in Parsippany. The retreat is August 6 and August 7 from 9AM to 10PM on Saturday and 9AM to 4PM on Sunday. \$240 for two days includes the stitching room, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, and an ice cream social. Tony and Pam will be there to consult on your project! I've attached the brochure at the end, but Linda indicated that the location had changed, so please check with the Edwardian Needle before booking.

To make the decision harder, Carol K. will be hosting the annual "Stitch by the Pool" on August 7 at her home in Basking Ridge. We will meet to stitch from 1:00 to 4:00. Carol will provide ice tea and appetizers are pot luck! If it's hot, we will even swim!

Sudberry's annual "garage sale" is coming up on the first two weekends in August. At this sale you can pick up boxes, trays, clocks, and trivets for needlework at deeply discounted prices. Diane is gauging interest in a road trip to the sale!

Rosie reported that NJNA now has a balance of \$3075.09 in its treasury.

Diane and Carol solicited opinions on this year's structure and ideas for what we want to do next year. Please e-mail anyone on the board if you have any suggestions. The following were offered for consideration:

- New Chapter Project Book – there are many beautiful projects, one of our members sent in her preferences already!
- Cathryn offered to teach "Shell Game" which she is currently teaching for Ridgewood Needlepoint.
- She would also be willing to teach an old chapter book project by David McKaskill that contains 17 background stitches!

Diane led us through show and tell – see the details at the end.

Carol reviewed the remaining projects for the year. Then she introduced our new mini-project for a pulled thread boxtop. She showed us how perfectly her sample fit into a Sudberry box and we discussed the many wonderful ways to gift needlepoint in a box or tray.

Carol passed out directions and then taught us the "mistake stitch" for our stitch notebooks. This stitch forms the center of the pulled thread boxtop. Time just flew!

We hope you enjoy the show and tell pictures.

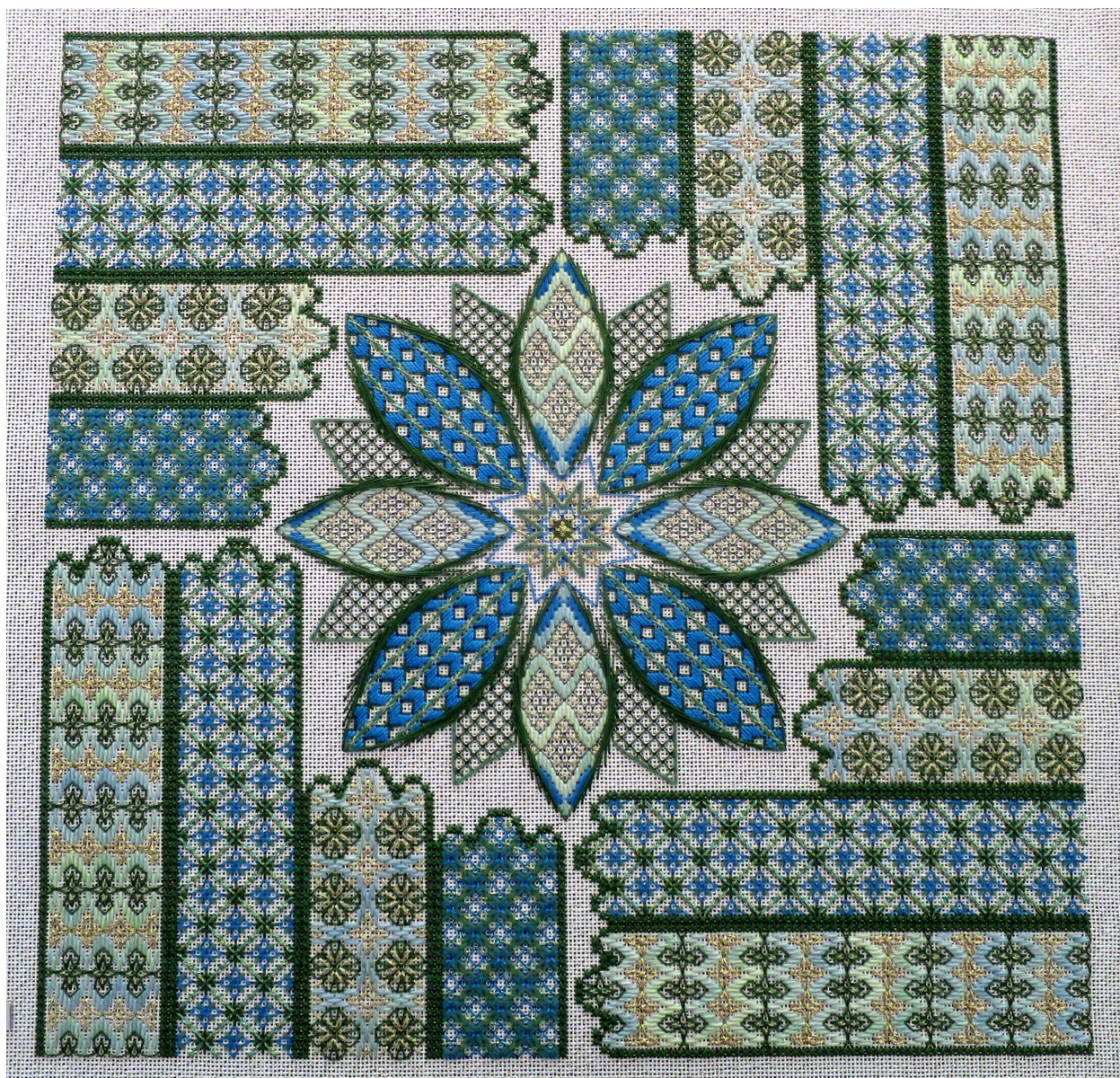
Cheers,

Rosie

Show and Tell



Michelle Pearlman says that the cupcake tower above was the first thing she ever stitched – just last year! This is such a fun piece; I think it is all cross-stitching. Michelle loved doing it -- couldn't put it down. And when you see her work in progress you won't believe that she hasn't been stitching all her life (Ya gotta come to a meeting for that!!) Michelle had this framed at "Framed Image" in Pompton Plains.



This picture doesn't do justice to Jill's very un-ruby version of last year's Stitch of the Month project "Ruby Razzle Dazzle" designed by Ann Strite-Kurtz. Jill's canvas has gold sparkles in it and they totally disappear in this picture. Many of us are still slogging our way through this piece so we can appreciate just how much time and effort went into this large piece! Congratulations to Jill for finishing it and for the courage to determine her own colorway!

Time for Needlepoint

SUMMER NEEDLEPOINT RETREAT

Crowne Plaza
690 US-46
Fairfield, NJ 07004
Saturday August 6th & Sunday August 7th



Join us for 2 fun days of stitching- Saturday from 9am to 10 pm and Sunday from 9am to 4pm

Cost- \$240.00 to be paid in full by paypal

What's included:

- Room for stitching
- Saturday lunch and dinner
- Sunday lunch
- Dessert Party @ The Edwardian Needle (390 Fairfield Rd Fairfield, NJ)
- Studio time with Pam Miller and Tony Minieri
- Door prizes

Extras:

- Hotel Rooms @ The Crowne Plaza

Standard King or Double Room \$119.00/night

Junior Suites \$129.00/night

*Code for reserving rooms will be given when you register for the retreat

- Private Classes with Tony Minieri

1 hr individual \$50.00

Group (4 people) \$100

You will be able to register for this while paying for paypal

First come first serve

Please email any questions to : needlepointexperience@gmail.com

*If you register and paid but cannot attend please contact us first as we may have a wait list that could take your spot.