

New Jersey Needle Artists
American Needlepoint Guild
November 19, 2015 Meeting

Hi Everyone --

Carol opened the meeting since Diane knew she would be late. Eighteen members and one guest attended last night's meeting, including two new members who were both visitors last month: Janet and Andrea. Andrea brought Michelle P as her guest to this month's meeting. And we are happy to report that Mary D-S was at the meeting and knitting away!!!

The nominating committee has been asked to propose a slate of officers to be presented next month. The committee is headed by Linda M with committee members Tina and Sue C. Anyone interested should contact one of the three to express their interest. Linda M plans to send out a reminder to members shortly. In addition to the elected officers, there are also several ad hoc positions.

As Tina was not at the meeting, we had no report about the possibility of running a workshop around Susan H's pilot program for Susan's piece being offered at the New Orleans seminar.

As agreed at the last meeting, name tags are important. Carol had paper badges available for those without stitched name tags -- Janet (new member) is already diligently working on stitching one for herself in needlepoint!

Carol reminded us that Needlefest sign ups should be completed and will be collected at this meeting for the NJNA table(s). It turns out that we filled two tables as there were 14 who signed up! Rosie will send the forms and a check into Susan H for our group reservation right after Thanksgiving. Get your check and form in the mail to her if you are interested! Needlefest is a full day of stitching with lots of friends, some of whom we see only at Needlefest. There are also vendors to help you with your addiction to needlework and associated supplies. You can find the registration form and more details at www.needlefest.com

The December meeting will be jam-packed with activity. First, there will be food -- please bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share.

Second, if you would like to participate in the "Dirty Santa" run by Ellen, bring a wrapped needlepoint-related gift costing about \$20 to the meeting. Those who bring a gift take one home. Gifts include things like storage containers, lights, laying tools, etc.

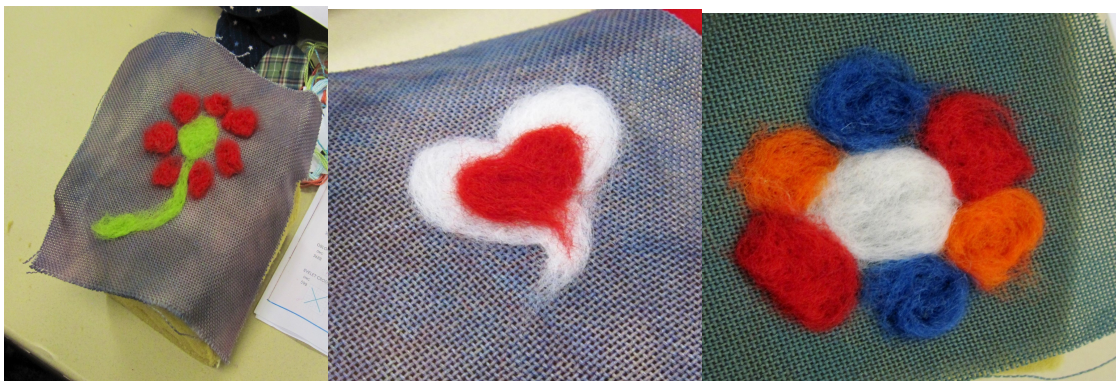
Third, we will present and sign-up for the six projects being offered for next year. There will be samples or pictures for each one. The projects will be presented during the coming year and NJNA will provide the directions as well as something from the supply list--usually canvas. Carol

assured us that the materials for each of the projects are reasonable in price. Those members who complete the stitching on **three** of the six projects will receive a prize.

As Rosie was not in attendance, there was no treasurer's report.

Diane arrived just in time to teach tonight's program--not even time to sit and catch her breath, but that is Diane! The program was on applique needlefelting. This had been a request at the January meeting. Diane took a class at seminar which used some applique needlefelting so Diane based her instructions on this as well as research that she did. Each attendee at the meeting had a chance to try doing this. There are some photos below of this technique.

Diane had blocks of foam about 3 inches thick for us to use. And Rona found a use for that soft canvas that is hard to use when learning a new stitch. With the wool roving and the needle felting needles (very sharp and barbed) that Diane supplied from Michael's, we were off and running with exuberance. Diane told us that this would be a good technique to use for Santa's beard, furry animals, a flower center, or clouds. You can use your imagination.



Patti's Needle felting on the left and Dee's in the center and Michelle P's on the right

As all of you who receive the NJNA blog in your mailbox know, Mary D-S reported that there were three at SOTM this month which Mary hosted. Ruby Razzle Dazzle and other SOTM will meet again in December. Those of us who attended the seminar in Myrtle Beach have an idea of what we would like to see for the project next year! You can see a variation of Ruby Razzle Dazzle in the Show and Tell photos.

I hope you enjoy the Show and Tell! Many thanks to Sue C for filling in for Rosie.

Cheers!

Rosie and Sue

FINISHED!



Andrea B., a new member just picked this up from the framer. She told us that it came as a kit which could be personalized for the stitcher so this is Andrea's Needlework Shop! Great job, Andrea, and the two thin mats bring out the red and tie it together!

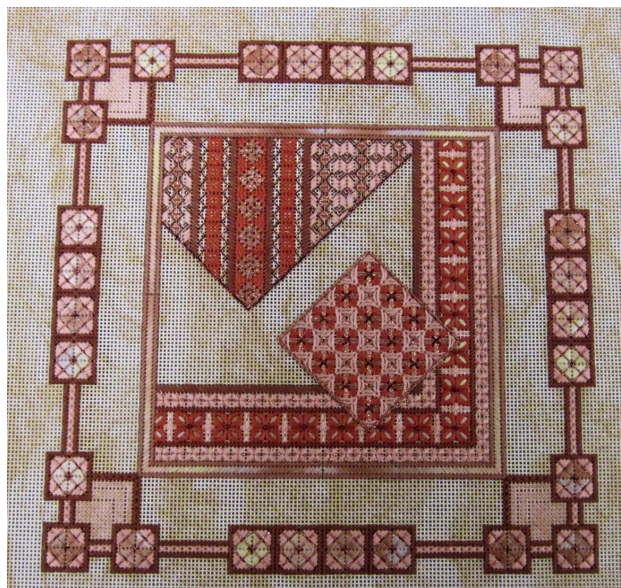


Ellen T. brought us a beautiful beaded ornament. This came as a kit called "Cats" by Deb Moffett-Hall. As usual Ellen told us that it was not hard. (As someone who has made a beaded ornament working with beads around a slippery round object, it is NOT easy!!!)

STITCHED!



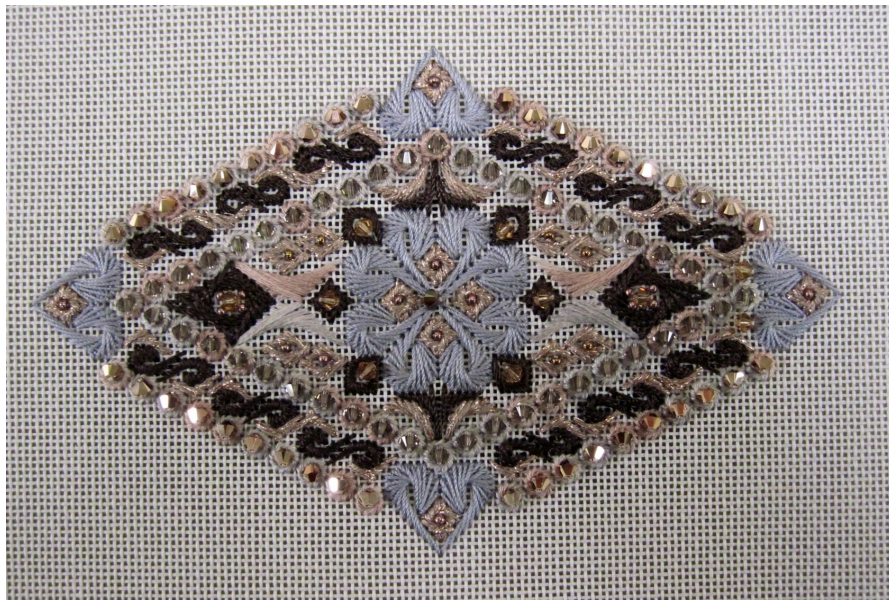
Rona G's piece, called Blue Bayou by Northern Pines, was a project from the Keystone ANG chapter. Rona said the chart was not easy to work from as it only had horizontal lines, no vertical! She said she worked the center diagonal first and then from there out. You will note that it is asymmetrical.



Robin is on a roll!! This is another class (#4) that Robin took at the seminar late September and she has finished them all, I believe. This one is called Copper Line, designed and taught by Sue Reed. It is on a canvas that is printed like an overdyed on one side. Unlike overdyed canvases that lose their body, this one has the stiffness of a regular canvas.



Robin's second piece is Ruby Razzle Dazzle completed!!! Robin changed the shape of the outline around the flower to make it more pleasing to her and she changed some of the threads that came in the kit she ordered. Do not worry, Robin has another project begun to keep her out of mischief!!!



This is a Kurdy Biggs design for an ornament called "Crescents Only" (but with lots of jessicas) that Sue C saw set in a purse flap at a trunk show at Needleworker's Delight late last spring. She thought a purse would make a good Christmas present for her sister who LOVES bling!!! Her sister picked out the threads and fabric that will be used for the purse. Now all Sue has to do is make the purse and mail it off before Christmas!