

New Jersey Needle Artists
American Needlepoint Guild
September 16, 2015 Meeting

Hi Everyone –

Fourteen of our twenty-six members attended last night's meeting, including seven of the nine members who will be going to the seminar in Myrtle Beach! We also welcomed a visitor, Mally, who is a neighbor of Nancy W! We hope that she will decide to join our group. Please encourage her, Nancy!



Diane discussed a fundraiser that it being sponsored by a California ANG Chapter. It is a small needlepoint cushion with parking spaces for scissors, laying tools, needles, and other tools. It was designed by Nancy Cucci and can be bought with or without threads. Diane will coordinate the order from our group and she sent a paper around for sign-up.

Diane reminded us to send her any "small" ideas that we have for our 2016 projects. We plan to offer a number of small projects with an incentive prize for anyone who completes a set number (not all). Stay tuned for more details, but meanwhile, if you see something, please send it to Diane.

We are looking for a nominating committee to canvas and propose a slate of officers for the 2016 calendar year. Linda, Mary D-S, and Dee did a great job last year. In addition, anyone who would like to be an officer of NJNA next year (President, VP-Membership, VP-Programs, Secretary, or Treasurer) or an Ad Hoc board member (Newsletter, Website, or Meeting Summaries) should see one of the current board members for more information. Diane is coordinating all volunteers for either the nominating committee or board positions.

Sue C reported that Mary D-S has been in the hospital. She is home, but will schedule a surgery soon. We all wish her a successful surgery and a very speedy recovery. We miss her at our meetings and SOTM and Serengeti!

Heidi reported that Ada D has rejoined NJNA after a hiatus of several years! Welcome back, Ada! I hope you'll be able to get to a future meeting and hopefully our meeting summaries will inspire your needlework!

Rosie reported our bank balance of \$1,969.93!

Carol summarized the remaining programs for 2015.

- Tonight: Eight-Point Star Stitch
- October: Needle Felting
- November: Angel Wing Stitch
- December: Holiday Party

The NJNA Holiday Party is a fun night where members bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share. If interested, we have a "Dirty Santa" game where participants bring a needlepoint-related gift (around \$20) to exchange in an organized, yet rowdy, session that includes thievery! I see that some folks are still holding grudges from years past!!!

Diane taught the eight-point star for our stitch notebooks! Dee thought there was too much open canvas but thought it would be a great embellishment stitch over basketweave.

I hope you enjoy our Show and Tell pieces! We didn't have many tonight, so they are getting special treatment (multi-sided views) in our appendix!

Cheers!

Rosie

PS – Don't forget to check out our NJNA blog from seminar!

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Last year while in route to Cuba, Barbara L realized that she didn't have an ID tab for her luggage. So she shopped around and found this self-finishing needlepoint tag in Florida.

The tropical fish seems like an ideal (and cheerful) motif for a visit to a tropical isle! It reminds me of Dory in Finding Nemo!



Heidi intends to make a Christmas ornament for Declan every year. She is done early in 2015 with these adorable mittens. One with his initials and the other with the date! Heidi finished them herself with a coordinating Christmas fabric. And they are tied together for hanging – just like the string on toddler mittens! Great job, Heidi!



As we have seen in prior months, Robin has been enrolled in a course about making tamari balls. This one – viewed from two angles – is the second to last one in the course. Isn't it beautiful? I love these colors together. Robin says that she might not do the last tamari ball in the class and she will definitely not do the next level class. What a lovely talent to add to her repertoire!