

New Jersey Needle Artists
American Needlepoint Guild
October 19, 2016 Meeting

Hi Everyone –

NJNA had another great turnout – we had at least 20 members attend Wednesday's meeting! So I admit I forgot to count – but it was way more than the total membership when I first joined this group. A big shout-out to our VP of Membership, Heidi! We now have a total of 39 members!

We welcomed several members who haven't been able to attend for a while, Sue R, Pam, and Barbara L, and one new member, Jamie A. Jamie lives in NYC, so she wasn't at the meeting, but we wish her a warm welcome to the chapter! Can you believe that there is not a single ANG chapter in the city?

Diane opened the business portion of our meeting with announcements. Michelle P had heart surgery at the beginning of October and is doing well.

We asked everyone to add their birthday (month and day) to the attendance sheet – the board is thinking about a possible surprise for next year!

Dee moved that we increase our donation to the library for this year, because of the wonderful services that they have rendered to our group, including finding a meeting space for us when one of our dates was double-booked. The library doesn't charge us for using the space and that is a huge benefit for our chapter. Our typical donation is \$100 and we decided to increase it to \$200 for this year. Robin seconded the motion and it carried.

At Sue C's suggestion, Carol will let them know, for budgetary purposes, that the increase is for 2016 only. Future amounts will be subject to a vote of the membership. Diane will send a note with the donation.

The NJNA board also voted to set-up a Sunshine Committee to send cards and notes to members who might appreciate them!

Diane announced the 2017 nominating committee for next year's officers and chairmen: Linda M, Nancy W, and Mally. Please see or e-mail any of them if you are interested in volunteering for NJNA. In addition to someone to run the Sunshine Committee, we are looking for a 2nd VP of Programs and someone to help update our internet content. While some of our 2016 officers are willing to continue in their current roles, we expect that we will need a secretary. Please see the table on the next page for the listing of board positions.

Heidi suggested that we amend our by-laws to make the new positions official and she agreed to spearhead that effort.

If you are considering volunteering, an added incentive is amazing food that we share at our four Sunday afternoon board meetings each year. If Sundays are an issue and you want to volunteer, the board is quite flexible on dates. Board meetings are open to the membership.

Board Position	2016
President	Diane
VP Membership	Heidi
1 st VP Programs	Carol
2 nd VP Programs	New
Secretary	Rona
Treasurer	Rosie
Workshop Chair	Tina
Sunshine Chair	New
Internet Content Chair	New

I understand that we've had a few people volunteer already and that is just awesome! I can foresee some outstanding months ahead!

Rosie reported balance of \$2,687.39 at the end of September.

NJNA has tentatively reserved two tables for NJ Needlefest to be held on April 8, 2017 at the church in Pluckemin. If you attend as a member of our group, the registration is reduced from \$25 to \$22.50. We already have eleven sign-ups! If you want to attend with NJNA, please fill out the NJ Needle Festival registration and give your check made out to NJNA to Rosie. I will write a single check to Susan to cover all of us. We will have blank forms at the next meeting. Feel free to e-mail Rosie if you need her address.

Carol passed out canvas and directions for the "Little Autumn Ornament", October's mini-project. Canvas was orange, yellow, or dark green. Next month, the mini-project will be "Windmills at Stinson Beach", and December is our holiday appetizer and dessert meeting, including "Dirty Santa" (the stealing one) grab bag – limit \$20 and needlepoint related.

We hope you enjoy the show and tell pictures.

Cheers,

Rosie

Show and Tell



It only seemed right to start the show and tell section with our most recent mini-project, Bali Ha'i.

From the top we have Mally's, Cathryn's and Rosie's finishes. Mally and Cathryn both did the original colorway. The progression of the variegation makes them each look a little different.

You might also note that Mally's has a different center; it looks a lot like those God's Eyes that we all used to make at summer camp! Mally achieved this by making an honest mistake while stitching the Double Fan Doubled in the center. At seminar, I have been taught several "Mistake" stitches because often they are as unique and interesting as Mally's is. (In fact, I am sure that I've been taught this one!) NJNA thinks that Mally should teach us how to make her Mistake Stitch for inclusion in our stitch notebooks!

Rosie has been trying to use stash on this year's mini-projects! This one was no exception! A different look because the variegated yellow yarn didn't change very much. My seminar roomie will attest to my impatience with shopping – that's the real reason I'm using stash! That's my story and I'm sticking to it.



This amazing Christmas stocking was designed by Diane for her Grandson. She used the above picture from a coloring book as her inspiration. After drawing the image on her canvas outline of a stocking, she picked her own colors and stitches! I am awestruck!

Lucky Jack Robert!

Oh....Did I mention that she finished it herself?



Sue R's ANG Chapter in Atlanta ordered these boxes as a group. They are buying their canvas designs from the Nancy's Needles website. The designs cover all holidays and special occasions and they all fit in the box. So you can change the canvas out whenever the mood hits! NJNA members are lusting after this box. Sue says you can get them on the Nancy's Needles website, but these were made for the Atlanta group by a secret friend!



This Sudberry box is a perfect fit for the design that Sue C bought when she attended the EGA seminar in Phoenix. For a few days prior to seminar, Sue and I made a tour of all the needlepoint shops in Phoenix. Old Town Needlework in Scottsdale had offered this design by Toni Gerdes at a retreat in Tucson the weekend before. We both succumbed!



Sue R found this Lee's bag on clearance at Mrs. Stitches and paired it with a poppy canvas. Lee's bags can be self-finished with sticky tape! Isn't this stunning?



Barbara L found this fun tooth fairy canvas at Rita's in NYC. It was finished by Edwardian Needle and there is even a pocket for a tooth! Barbara stitched this for her five-year old Granddaughter in California. The tooth fairy will be visiting soon, I bet!

Now we have a parade of ornaments!



Sue R and Sue C stitched the pig on the left as a gift for Rosie, who has a collection of pig ornaments. Sue R made the lighthouse for her daughter who just bought a house in Connecticut. The fluffy clouds are done by pulling Frosty Rays and couching it down. Both of these were finished by Nimble Needle in Atlanta.



Cathryn purchased this canvas from Needlepoint Inc. in San Francisco. They also did the finishing. You had to be at the meeting to hear the rest of the story!



During a visit to Paris, Cathryn found these two ornaments at Tapisseries. This shop encourages stitching with wool only. Cathryn thought they needed some bling, so she added beads and a ruched ribbon to the one on the left and some silk threads to the one on the right. Both were finished by the Edwardian Needle.



Two more ornaments that were stitched by Cathryn and finished at Edwardian Needle.



Barbara L has found that Chandal Needlework in Texas has a selection of Jewish ornaments by Lee's Needle Artists. She used brick beading on this one – Barbara's first use of this beading technique. I love how the beaded tassel echoes the stripes in the star! Edwardian Needle did the finishing!



Heidi likes to buy an ornament canvas to commemorate her travel destinations. What better way to commemorate her time at the ANG National Seminar in New Orleans than with a Tabasco ornament? (Admittedly, we had some awesome (and spicy) food in New Orleans!)

I can't believe that Heidi has already found the time to stitch this!

She plans to finish it herself.