

Meeting Summary

August 9, 2017

President Diane B opened the meeting and introduced a new member – Marge M. Welcome and we hope to see you often! We also had one guest – Michelle – who we hope enjoyed the meeting and will join our group.

Diane mentioned that the night's program was open stitching. She mentioned that there would be a sale of needlework later in the meeting.

Diane then discussed possible outreach or community service projects. Ada had suggested at a previous meeting that we might want to do something in association with the library, which is so accommodating with our meetings. Ada had looked into reading programs to see if we might stitch some bookmarks for the participants. However, she learned that there are over 1,000 students enrolled in the summer program and more than 250 in the winter program which starts in January. Everyone agreed that the numbers are not manageable for our group. Janet suggested looking into providing holiday ornaments for an adult day care and Mally suggested possibly teaching needlework at an after-school program. Cathryn suggested using some of the proceeds from the needlework sale to purchase something for the library.

Diane stated that we would continue to explore opportunities and Ada will look into the idea of ornaments as a 2018 project. Sue C mentioned that at Lord Stirling Park, organizations can decorate holiday trees that the public can pay to view; perhaps we can decorate a tree for next year; proceeds go to the park. (Note that decorations are returned to the organization.)

Next month's program (**September 20**) is **Shell Game Part II** taught by Cathryn so don't forget to bring in your supplies and complete the pre-work! Also, we will have a recap of both the EGA Seminar (August 16 to August 20 in Asheville, NC) and the ANG Seminar (August 25 to September 1 in Anaheim). Members who are attending these seminars are encouraged to bring in their class projects to show off!

The **October 18** meeting program is finishing the **Candy Corn** ornament. The **November 15** meeting is **Shell Game Part III** and, rounding out the year, the **December 13** meeting (NOTE THE DATE) is our **annual holiday celebration and grab bag**. Members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert for all to enjoy. Those who wish to participate in the grab bag should bring in a wrapped needlepoint-related gift (no cross stitch) costing no more than \$20. The grab bag is always great fun and enjoyed by all.

Diane mentioned that the Hunterdon County 4-H Fair is at the end of August (Wednesday, August 23 to Sunday, August 27) and there is a needlework section which includes embroidery,

needlepoint, cross stitch, sewing, knitting and crochet. All submittals are to be brought to the Flemington 4-H Office. If you are interested in exhibiting, contact the Hunterdon County 4-H at 908.782.6809 or 4hagfair@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Workshop – Background Sampler I

Cathryn handed out the materials for the pre-work for David McCaskill's *Background Sampler I* Workshop which will be held at Needleworker's Delight (Plaza K, 181 Route 1 South, Metuchen 08840) starting September 16 (second session September 17, third session November 12). Class starts at 9:30 a.m.

The materials folder included a list of "workshop manners" and the first 12 pages of the 50-page instructions. Cathryn explained the stitch map and discussed the order of stitching. She went through the thread list and members were asked to check their materials to be sure they had all of the required threads. Cathryn suggested that the threads be stored individually in plastic bags (Floss-A-Way or sandwich bags) and that each bag be labeled with the thread letter. Prior to class everyone should stitch the outlines for the stitching areas as well as the marbling veins in Area 8. It was noted that anyone who is stitching the red colorway should use the darkest color (not necessarily the suggested Thread A) in order to get the appropriate contrast.

A question was raised about lunch during the Workshop. Sue C mentioned that an EGA group who were at Needleworker's Delight for a stitching session ordered from a local food place. That is the consensus for the Workshop group as the easiest way to get lunch.

Show and Tell

Our members were busy this year and there were a number of beautiful pieces at the meeting.

Sylvia took a biscornu class at Needleworker's Delight and made this beautiful poinsettia ornament, which she finished herself.



Sylvia's Poinsettia

Dee finished her *My Patriotic Heart* designed by Nancy Cucci and taught at the ANG Seminar in Myrtle Beach. Finishing was done by The Edwardian Needle. She plans to put up an ornament tree for the holidays.



Dee's Flag Ornament

Sylvia also took a Sue Hillis finishing class at Needleworker's Delight and made this cute Halloween piece. How adorable!



Sylvia's Halloween Ornament

Sylvia has been busy – she also stitched *Two Cabanas* from Nancy's Needles. She is considering inserting this very summery piece into a box. What a great idea!



Sylvia's Two Cabanas

Needlework Shopping

Tina recently received a large amount of needlework “stash” – in progress projects, charts, canvases, threads – from a friend. In addition, she is de-stashing her own collection in a down-sizing endeavor. She has donated all of this treasure to NJNA to dispose of as the Chapter sees fit. The Chapter has decided to sell these articles to the membership to raise funds for the treasury. Pieces are priced at \$2.00 for small pieces and \$5.00 for large pieces (cash or check). Our sale this month netted the Chapter approximately \$300.00! The “stash” will be available for viewing again at the September meeting so bring your check books! Any leftover “stash” will be sent to Fireside Stitchery to sell for the Chapter.

Four Tables of Projects



Shopping Frenzy!