

New Jersey Needle Artists  
American Needlepoint Guild  
July 18, 2018 Meeting

Hi Everyone –

Diane B welcomed 24 members to our meeting and summer salad supper last night. What a wonderful assortment of appetizers, salads, and desserts we had! Please remember to send a copy of your recipe to Rosie or Diane so that we can share it in the “Members Only” portion of the NJNA website! I know that many of these are my go-to recipes!



Last month, Heidi reported the very sad news that Pam Grannick died on June 19<sup>th</sup>, just two weeks after going on hospice for pancreatic cancer. Pam’s family gave Heidi all of our Pam’s needlepoint books and stash to share with NJNA. Last night, we displayed the books and offered them at \$5 a piece to members! The board is planning a special event for our November meeting, likely either a silent auction or a tricky tray, to distribute Pam’s needlepoint stash.

**REMINDER: Due to holidays, our September and November meetings will be a week earlier than normal: September 12 and November 14.**

The current NJNA treasury balance is \$4,411.99. This includes workshop deposits and expenses that are expected to be vouchered, so the effective balance is lower by about \$2000. NJNA now boasts a total of 39 members!

The National ANG seminar is coming up soon! NJNA will be well represented. Sue C has coordinated with everyone who is going and distributed a list with phone numbers and known plans.

The SOTM group is now more than halfway through Autumn Kaleidoscope. We had nine in-person (and a few remote) stitchers at our July session. Seeing all the unique colorways is fascinating AND educational! Linda posts tips on what we've jointly found during our stitching. Those tips can be found under the SOTM tab on our website! Please visit our NJNA blog for an up-close and personal look at the amazing colorways!

Sylvia announced that NJNA's stitching workshop for Debbie Rowley's "Explorations" will be postponed until the spring of 2019. This will allow NJNA time to generate additional attendees; currently eight people are enrolled. Needleworker's Delight has offered to split the travel costs for the workshop!

NJNA has purchased the canvas, threads, and stitch guide for the "Children's Classics Bookshelf" book canvas by Alice Peterson. NJNA members will stitch this as a community service project for the Bernards Township Library. We will have the Needlepoint Novelist draw the Library Logo to be stitched. The two pieces will be framed together. A sign-up sheet to list first, second, and third choices for stitching was provided at the meeting. If you weren't at the meeting and are interested in helping, please let Cathryn know. We are anticipating that this project will take about two years to complete.



"Children's Classics Bookshelf" by Alice Peterson

Cathryn described the programs for the next few months.

- August: Stitch-in and Discussion on common stitching mistakes, critiques from Woodlawn. Cathryn requests that you bring in any pieces for which you received a critique or any prize winning entries.
- September: Seminar Recap and Key Fob Project – free, but you need to sign up!
- October: Ribbon Embroidery Class by Pam from the Edwardian Needle, picture below. The cost will be \$20 for the kit; check must be received by the September meeting (September 12).
- November: A competition for Pam G's stash projects!
- December: Holiday Party!



Diane opened our program discussion by reviewing a hand-out of board positions and responsibilities, ad-hoc position responsibilities, and other volunteer options to increase member's participation in NJNA. Cathryn asked everyone to write ideas for what they want to get out of their membership on cards. We had quite a lively discussion and many creative ideas were presented.

I hope you enjoy the Show and Tell pictures. Everyone should feel free to e-mail me with pictures and relevant information about their project and I will include them in the next summary! Relevant information includes: piece name, designer, where finished, stitch help or stitch guide info, other fun stuff – like who it's for, why, etc.

Cheers,  
Rosie

Show and Tell



Sue C recently completed stitching “My Favorite Things” by Mountain Laurel Designs. Sue picked a Watercolours and chose her other threads around it. Framing was done by JoAnn’s in Succasunna, NJ. You will note that it is a single mat with a groove carved into the mat to give the impression of a double mat. Sue C shared the price of the framing, but forgot to mention that the price was after a generous JoAnn coupon!



Janet P finished and framed “Patriotic Topiary” in a commercial frame that she already had. She noted that the frame opening was a little bit taller than the piece, so she added grass using green perle cotton and an extra right-hand square. Nice job!



Robin had previously shown us “Fire and Ice” by Toni Gerdes. She has now had it framed by Dillons in Bernardsville, NJ. The grey suede mat really extends the canvas and allows the stitching to shine. The tall center column is Robin’s own creative design. A number of NJNAers took this course, but as far as I can recall, only Robin has finished! Awesome job!



Linda M’s daughter, Nora, picked out this plaid heart canvas so that Linda could teach her to needlepoint.

Nora stitched the pink square in the middle of the canvas. Now many years later, Linda finished stitching Nora’s canvas with the threads that Nora had picked.

Pam at the Edwardian Needle finished the ornament. The back cleverly reads “Nora’s First!”

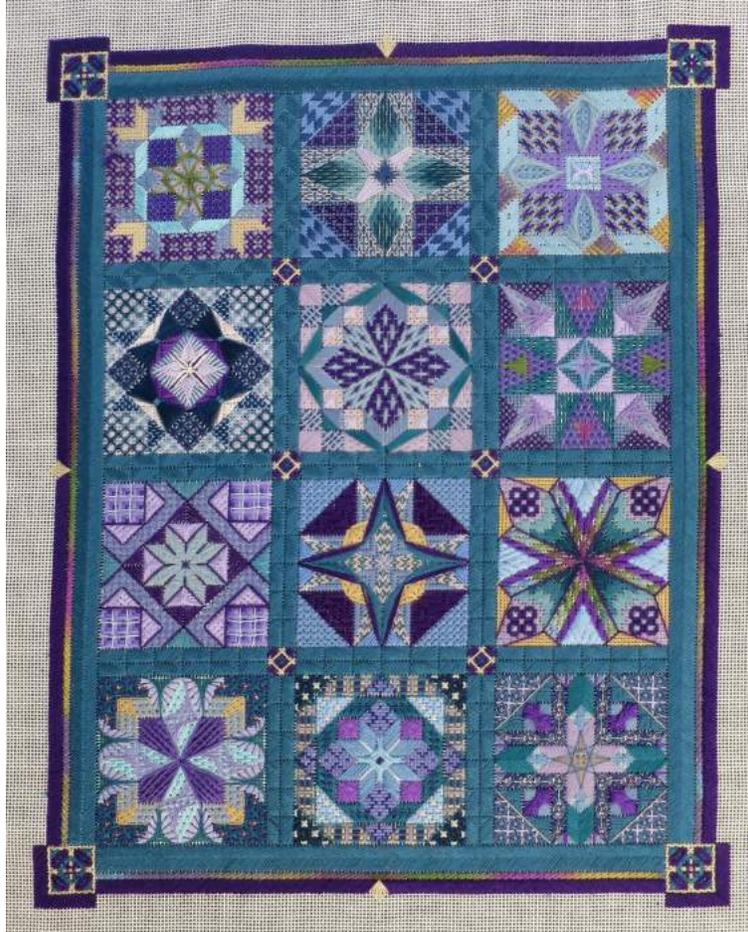


Heidi stitched this cute Santa that she found and bought from Tina's stash! She finished the ornament herself.

The ornament will be a gift for a friend's daughter.



This is a charted design called "Kinky Boots" by Laura Perin. The original boots were done in neon colors, but Rosie saw this colorway at The West in Tucson and thought it was so much more authentic. It worked up quickly in Very Velvet and Impressions. The boots are done in the Very Velvet and feel like suede!



Here is Robin's completion of Tony Minieri's "Stars for a New Millennium", the NJNA 2017 SOTM project, in the Granite colorway. (With, of course, a few thread changes by Robin!) NJNA hopes to display a number of these pieces at Woodlawn next year. Another awesome job!