

New Jersey Needle Artists  
American Needlepoint Guild  
November 14, 2018 Meeting

Hi Everyone –

Cathryn welcomed a small group of twelve members to our November auction! This was unusually low attendance, but we had a rousing time bidding for some gems from Pam Grannick's lovely, donated stash.

Cathryn conducted a brief business meeting. Heidi announced that we had one new member, Brenda C. from Delaware! She joined so that she could sit with us at Needlefest! Brenda is the retiring ANG Correspondence Course chair and is the author of Brenda's Needlepoint Studio blog (<https://brendasneedlepointstudio.blogspot.com/>). Welcome to NJNA!

Rosie reported that NJNA treasury has a current balance of \$3574.11.

Linda M is chairing our nominating committee for NJNA board positions in 2019. Her committee has been canvassing members concerning their interest and willingness to serve in various NJNA roles. The committee will be sending out the slate of candidates later this month for voting at our December meeting.

Linda M also showed her progress on Autumn Kaleidoscope, the 2018 NJNA SOTM group project. Only the border and beading remain to be done in December. The group has been narrowing the options for next year's project. We will vote on the top three at our December meeting.

Cathryn has been coordinating the stitching for the Children's Bookshelf canvas that NJNA is stitching for our community service project. The borders are 75% complete and Barbara L is working on the gray borders. We are a month ahead of schedule! Here's our progress to date:



Beading on the books is expected to start in January!

Sue C displayed pictures of the offerings at the EGA Regional Seminar, Savvy Stitchers. This seminar will be held in Florham Park on April 5-7, 2019. There are a number of needlepoint projects that will be taught by nationally-known teachers over a two-day seminar. NJNA members are encouraged to sign-up and experience the seminar experience at a fraction of the cost. Food and accommodations are great. Best of all, the Regional Seminar will feature a seminar store by Needleworkers Delight – even the ANG national seminar hasn't been able to secure a store for several years now. And we'll have FUN, FUN, FUN.....

In December, NJNA will hold its annual holiday party with awesome food and revelry. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. If you wish to participate in the annual Dirty Santa Swap, please bring a \$20 needlework-related wrapped gift to the meeting. It is always amazing to see what our members come up with!

In January and March, NJNA will begin a small project called Herringbone Happening. NJNA will be supplying canvas in one of a choice of six colors: white, french blue, sage green, red, pewter, and natural. If you can't make the December meeting and want to participate, please e-mail Cathryn with your color choice. Please refer to the following chart for the materials list.

#### Herringbone Happening Materials List

8 by 8 canvas (colors above will be provided)  
Stranded cotton or floss – 3 values – dark, medium, light  
Impressions contrasting color  
Silk Lame 18 braid (full card)  
Petite Very Velvet (main color light)  
Sage 11 beads – main color 1 or 2 values  
6MM bugle beads, main color (optional)

In February we will have a discussion of color. Please let Cathryn know if you will be there so that she can print a handout for you.

In April we will do Mille Fleur which was postponed due to bad weather in 2018. If you didn't sign up last year and now want to do it, Cathryn has a sign-up sheet!

After a quick show and tell, Margaret M got the auction started. Look at this amazing table full of items for auction.



NJNA collected \$575 from the sale, including \$42 in donations from people who resisted augmenting their stash! Linda suggested that we show the winner and winning bid for each piece, so here it is: please refer to the auction booklet that we distributed to see the pieces in more detail. We only had a few bidding wars and you can see where they were! Perhaps you will have a few regrets when you see the bounty!

Piece Name	Winner	Winning Bid	Notes
Summer Seeds Leigh Canvas	Noelle	\$15	Noelle looked this up on <a href="http://stitchtherapyneedlepoint.com">stitchtherapyneedlepoint.com</a> where it was on sale for \$221 marked down from \$260!
Three Angels Sold as Set	Margaret	\$25	We saw one of these at Nimble Needle going for \$69.
Fish in Weeds About 5 X 5	Sylvia	\$7	
Wildflowers Barbara Russell Canvas About 4 X 8	Cathryn	\$20	
Springtime Cottage About 8 by 10	Andrea	\$15	
Angel Threads	Mally	\$5	
At the Beach Threads About 7 X 7	Heidi	\$15	
English Tapestry Threads	Janet	\$15	
Black Eyed Susans Threads	Amy	\$10	
Roses Dede Canvas Threads	Cathryn	\$15	

Armadillo Threads	Carol	\$35	
Grasshopper Belt Threads Buckle	Heidi	\$15	
3D Package Ornament	Janet	\$20	
Guitarist Barbara Russell Canvas Threads	Rosie	\$5	
Angel Gabriel Threads	Noelle	\$40	Noelle looked this up on stitchtherapyneedlepoint.com where it was on sale for \$157 marked down from \$185!
Starry Night Threads Ehrman Canvas	Sylvia	\$20	
Woody with Ghosts Threads	Cathryn	\$40	
Japanese Autumn Threads	Rosie	\$25	
Happy Halloween Shelly Canvas Threads	Diane	\$30	
Peaches			No Sale
Oranges	Sylvia	\$5	
Plums			No Sale
Pears	Sylvia	\$5	
Cherries	Rosie	\$5	
Grapes	Rosie	\$5	
Peacock Threads	Heidi	\$15	
Geometric Threads			No Sale
Ben Franklin Threads Stretcher Bars	Andrea	\$10	
Sandpipers Threads	Sylvia	\$10	
Nova Ginny Morrow Design Threads	Mally	\$40	
Tiffany Lamp Threads Stretcher Bars	Andrea	\$20	
Mosaic Animals Sold as Set Threads	Carol	\$25	
Olympic Equestrian Patch Threads	Amy	\$3	
Ribbons and Lace Lynne Tomlinson Design Threads	Janet	\$18	

The board is considering several options for use of the proceeds. The final decision will be put to a member vote later in the new year – after the board meets in January. The possibilities include: a donation to a memorial being set up by the Y in Pam’s name, a donation to the ANG golden needle in Pam’s name, or putting proceeds toward our community service project (the children’s bookshelf canvas) and acknowledging Pam on the dedication plaque. It will not go into NJNA general funds.

Sylvia has created a Facebook page for our group. Please look for New Jersey Needle Artists on Facebook and ask to join. Once accepted, please post your stitching updates there!

I hope you enjoy the Show and Tell pictures; with the small group we had fewer than normal.

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



I thought I would start this month's show and tell with Matt's frog and Zach's frog. Janet P found these two nearly stitched frogs in Pam's stash when she and Heidi were sorting through it. They were clearly labelled for which went to which of Pam's sons. Janet took these two frogs and finished them for Zach and Matt. What a wonderful gesture, Janet, and what a happy memory of Pam for her two sons! We all agreed that these reminded us of Pam's playful spirit.



Janet also completed this red and gold heart that Pam was in the middle of stitching for Matt's girlfriend, Monica. I think Janet said that she was going to make it into a small pillow. They hope to deliver these lovely gifts at Pam's Party at the YMCA where Pam taught water aerobics for many years.



Last month, we saw Sue C's "Two Haunted Houses" displayed in the beautiful boxes that we could buy earlier in 2018. Sue was sending it to her sister in Texas for Halloween. This month, Sue is enroute to visit her sister with "Two Gingerbread Houses" to put into the box for the holiday season! The design is by Nancy's Needles and the buttons were included in the kit. So wonderful!



Cathryn stitched this colorful Halloween mask from Associated Talents in accordance with their stitch guide for it. However, Pam at the Edwardian Needle built it out into a full-size Venetian mask complete with feathers, ribbons, and stick! Makes me want to be invited to a masquerade ball!



This is Sue C's "Bargello Muse" designed by Lorene Salt. Isn't the colorway lovely? Sue plans to gift it to a friend who adores anything purple! You might remember that last month Sharon brought in her completed version of "Bargello Muse" and asked for suggestions on how to finish it. Sue R had suggested making it into a candy bowl. Sue C is nearly done finishing this as a boat-shaped candy bowl!! Isn't it wonderful to have stitching advisors?



Sue C completed "Shell Game" by Dakota Rogers. Sue has had the stitching done for a while, but she was intimidated by attaching the shells. When she finally got around to it, she discovered that attaching the shells was super easy! The lovely framing was done by Helricks in Dover.



Finally, Rosie gave this memorial piece to her friends and recommended that they go to see Rob at the Framed Image to get it framed. I knew he would do a super job for them and the canvas was not very straight to begin with. Mary sent me this picture to show me what they chose for the framing! I am delighted with the choice AND the final outcome! PS – so are they!