

New Jersey Needle Artists
American Needlepoint Guild
December 18, 2019 Meeting

Hi Everyone –

We had 15 members venture out in snow squalls for our annual holiday party meeting. Food and fellowship were in abundance and helped to keep us warm!



Doesn't it all look so yummy!

After we all filled our plates with food, Diane opened the business meeting.

In Jill's absence, Barbara L collected dues of \$30 for 2020. As a reminder, NJNA dues are payable in January. NJNA Members need to renew their ANG membership if they haven't already. This is a requirement for NJNA chapter membership. You can do this on-line at the ANG website.

Rosie reported that the current balance in our treasury is \$4,437.32. The 2020 budget was approved at our November meeting. Linda and Cathryn presented the new library director with the 2019 NJNA donation of \$200 before the meeting. Rosie hopes to present the annual report in January.

Sylvia has arranged two NJNA stitch-ins at Needleworker's Delight. Please mark your calendars for January 26 and February 23, both Sundays. We will stitch from 11:00 to 4:00. Please drop Sylvia a line if you want to attend one or both so that she can give Needleworker's a headcount. This is a great opportunity to complete some of your UFO's!

In addition to the two stitch-ins, members from NJNA have been offered the opportunity to pilot two new projects. The first is a two-day course called "Stacked Rectangles" by Susan Hoekstra. Susan is planning to teach it at the ANG National Seminar in Tucson later this year. (You can see the picture on ANG's website.) The class is likely to be at Linda M's house in either late April (25,26) or late June (27,28). The teacher's fee is waived for pilot classes, so the expected cost is \$95 for the kit and a maximum of \$30 (actual TBD on class size) toward Susan's transportation from Maine.

The second pilot opportunity is for Lorene Salt's "Circles of Life". Lorene is being sponsored by CheckerSpot Stitchers in Silver Spring, Maryland. Please see Diane B's December 19 e-mail for the details and follow-up directly with either Barbara Evans (baevans2933@gmail.com) or Marian Altman.

The Keystone Chapter of ANG is offering "Arrival of Spring" by Gail Stafford as a workshop on June 8 and 9 near New Hope. If you are interested, please talk to Diane B or Trish Vine.

NJNA is now the co-host of a weekend stitching retreat called "Stitchfest" held annually in Voorhees, NJ. This event was started by the Monmouth County EGA, the other host. This year it will be held from 3:00 PM October 23 through 4:00 PM October 25 at the Hampton Inn – Philadelphia-Voorhees. The stitching room is bright and the rooms are very nice (and cheap!). SAVE THE DATE – MORE INFO WILL BE COMING SOON. Several of our members have been long-term attendees!

NJNA is stitching Alice Peterson's *Children's Classics* to be given to the Bernards Township Library as our community service project. The canvas was not available for pictures this month.

In January and February, NJNA plans to stitch Hearts for Hospice; we will send them to the Greater Kansas City Needlepoint Guild for finishing and distribution. You can learn more about this project here: <https://www.greaterkcneedlepointguild.com/hearts-for-hospice>. NJNA will provide 8 by 8-inch white canvas and a heart template at January's meeting. Cathryn will have several pattern suggestions available as well. This is a great stash buster project.



Linda M got a head start on her Hospice Heart! She brought this in for show and tell. This is Nobuko Heart by Sue Dulle, a free pattern from Colour Complements. Linda used her stash and a wooden heart from JoAnn's as a template.

<https://colourcomplements.com/2019/11/hearts-for-hospice-needlepoint-colour-complements-embroidery-threads.html>

Also in January, NJNA will be providing materials and assistance in packing your pieces for the Woodlawn exhibition. Please bring your submissions (with entry form and check to Woodlawn as well as \$10 per piece for gas) to the January NJNA meeting. Linda can arrange for an alternative pick-up if you are not able to attend the January NJNA meeting. Please follow this link for more information and submission forms:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/557b0301e4b0e26cf0c4476e/t/5dc47fb190037e41ba4387bb/1573158840756/Woodlawn+Needlework+Show+2020+Brochure+and+Entry+Form.pdf>

Linda and Mr. M will drop off the NJNA exhibits on February 8th. The SOTM group is planning to submit Lorene Salt's Kaleidoscope.

Later in the year, NJNA will offer Margaret Bendig's Kimono's as a project. There are four kimonos representing the four seasons. Margaret's kits are generally not available, but you will be able to purchase up to all four at \$10 each from NJNA during the program. The cut-off will be March or April (weather depending). Cathryn is stitching all of them as samples.



Winter



Spring

COMING SOON!

Summer

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Autumn

The SOTM group met at Linda's for the last installment of the 2019 Stitch of the Month (SOTM), a Mystery Project by Debbie Rowley, Pat Hartman, Linda Reinmiller, and Mary Knapp. We had six or so finished projects at the meeting – Linda took pictures and will post them to the NJNA blog. Everyone seemed to have a love/hate relationship with this mystery project, but we all agree that it is so much fun to stitch with friends!

Linda also announced next year's NJNA SOTM plans. We will be stitching an eight-point star by Kathy Rees. We think it will be a fun stitch and allow us to experiment with our own color choices.



All NJNA members are welcome to join the SOTM group as long as they are stitching a current or past project. Contact Linda M for more info and to get on the e-mail list.

This year the NJNA nominating committee was again Mally B, Linda M, and Marge K. Mally presented the proposed slate of officers, Ada motioned to accept them, Sue C seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. So, with no further ado, the officers for NJNA for 2020 are:

President	Linda M
Vice President, Programs	Cathryn C
Vice President, Membership	Jill W
Treasurer	Rosie L
Secretary	Noelle D

In addition, the following members volunteered for ad hoc positions:

Assistant to VP, Programs	Marge K
Assistant to VP, Membership	Barbara L
Assistant to Treasurer	Ada D
Assistant to Secretary	Sue C
Website/Social Media	Diane B (assisted by Jill, Rosie)
Meeting Summaries	Rosie L (Mally B is back-up)
Newsletter	Mally B
Workshops	Sylvia B
Sunshine	Carol F
Nominations	TBD

Thanks to everyone for volunteering. NJNA is lucky to have so many people stepping up to help keep this a vibrant and growing chapter.

I think the only other business is that Needlepointers magazine plans to publish an article about NJNA in March! We have been busy getting releases from the designers of the pictures that we want to include: six are done and three are left to go!

With business taken care of, Ada distributed numbers for our Dirty Santa gift exchange. There were lots of great gifts and only a little “stealing!”



The not quite before table – I messed up and forgot to take a before picture, so this is about midway through the gifts!



The after table – and yes, the gifts are all present and accounted for here.

After the exchange, we all found out where all the gifts were purchased!

REMINDER: Please pick up all needles/pins from the library floor.

I hope you enjoy the Show and Tell pictures.

Everyone should feel free to e-mail me with pictures and relevant information about their completed 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



Rosie had “Zapotec Rug” framed and “Navaho Blanket” reframed for her daughter. Marisa picked out the framing treatment and wanted the option to hang them either together or separately. Both designs are by Toni Gerdes. Framed by Rob at Framed Image.



Linda M finished “Herringbone Happening” by Marilyn Owen – our NJNA chapter project from last spring. I love the southwestern color scheme. Linda was using her stash and didn’t have bugle beads in the right color so she substituted four seed beads instead. Beautiful!



Barbara L stitched this marvelous piece from DJ Designs. Tony Minieri proposed the threads and stitches at an embellishment class held at the Edwardian Needle. Tony called the canvas “Les Girls”. We had a hard time deciding whether we liked the hat, the eye, or the jewelry the best! Just stunning, Barbara!



This is the 2019-2020 Nina design from San Bernardino Chapter ANG. “Balloons for Nina” was designed by Kathy Rees and stitched by Rosie. She chose her own colors (with help from Vicki at Edwardian Needle). Apart from an afternoon’s stitching before she left, Rosie completed the piece during Needleworker’s “Christmas in Williamsburg” retreat! She plans to mount it into a tray for presentation of a wedding check!