



JANUARY 2024 NEWS

Welcome! We are the San Diego chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild. We meet monthly to share our love of stitching and welcome all who share our passion, from beginners to needlepoint designers. We offer workshops with nationally known designers, open stitching opportunities, and great conversation with like-minded people. Please join us - Email membership@sdang.org today.

Connect with us, Meet with us, Stitch with us!

SDANG BOARD

President

Joanne Einhorn
president@sdang.org

VP-Programs

Michelle Crownhart
programs@sdang.org

VP-Membership

Chris Loudon
membership@sdang.org

Secretary

Jo Ann Jackson
secretary@sdang.org

Treasurer

Jan Woolsey
treasurer@sdang.org

Workshops

Open
workshop@sdang.org

Technology/Social Media

Shirley Chin
webmaster@sdang.org

Newsletter

Sheryl Forster
newsletter@sdang.org

Donations

Susan Driscoll-Bannister
donation@sdang.org

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Chapter Meetings – 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00pm – Hybrid

February Mtg: Saturday, Feb 17, 2024 DAYTIME Hybrid @ 10:30 am PST.

In Person San Diego Location: Access, 6212 Daniel Ave, SD 92111

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84276739008?pwd=U3lnNzJuQlh6Z0hZM0YyS21wOVhTUT09>

Meeting ID: 842 7673 9008

Passcode: SDANG

One tap mobile

+16699009128,,84276739008#,,,,*248764# US (San Jose)

+12532158782,,84276739008#,,,,*248764# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 842 7673 9008

Passcode: 248764

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84276739008?pwd=U3lnNzJuQlh6Z0hZM0YyS21wOVhTUT09>

Second Sundays Social Stitching@ 12:00pm PST - Hosted by Jennifer Kiss

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85090797011?pwd=QXFkR4aVh1aHdidTBaL2w1NEUjZ09>

Meeting ID: 850 9079 7011

Passcode: 757182

Fourth Sundays Social Stitching @ 12:00pm PST – Hosted by Jo Ann Jackson

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84442227740?pwd=K0hrRzhhUFFiWp2TjUwRmFHNGRVZz09>

Meeting ID: 844 4222 7740

Passcode: 757182

Pajama Party - 2nd & 4th Fridays @ 8:00pm PST - Hosted by Margi Thornburgh & Heather Cowan

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89080427569?pwd=SEdNVE5RYWd6SFJWUDRiM3BaU0lUZz09>

Meeting ID: 890 8042 7569

Passcode: pajama

Passcode: 248764

First Fridays San Diego In Person Social Stitching – 10:30am-2:00pm PST

In Person San Diego Location: Access, 6212 Daniel Ave, SD 92111



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2024, everyone. Are any of you into numbers? If so, did you notice that the last day of 2023 was abbreviated as 123123? Very cool.

Whether or not you celebrated a particular holiday in December, I hope that you spent time with family and friends and continued to STITCH! Since I celebrate Chanukah, which was early this year, the end of the month was pretty quiet for my family. I must admit we fit the stereotype of many Jewish families - we went to the movies and ate at a Chinese restaurant on Christmas Day. If you are a musical buff, I highly recommend WONKA. Three generations of my family loved it! After we got home I picked up an unfinished project and got back to stitching. It was great fun and relaxing.

Before we get into 2024, let me look back on 2023 a little bit. Thanks to the Holiday Box Committee headed by Margi Thornburgh and Susan Driscoll-Banister, the contents of the box this year gave us everything a new stitcher needs plus lots for those of us who have been stitching a while. The committee listened to input from members and created a collection that we all appreciated. And the Holiday Party Committee gave us a party that exceeded expectations with great food, decorations, fun, and conversation. As always, Shirley Chin came to the rescue, developing a Zoom Plan B when the technology in the building didn't work. I was personally honored (and shocked) to be the recipient of the Sandy Higgins Award. Truly I was surprised and appreciative - not just for the acknowledgment that you recognize what I do for the chapter, but also to receive an honor in Sandy's name. Sandy's someone I respect as a role model and love as a friend.

This brings us to 2024. As I mentioned at the party - we have a lot in store for you this year.

- We'll be sharing info on our new SDANG name tag design.
- Our Program Chair and team have brainstormed great ideas for future meetings.
- We are working on the potential for up to 3 workshops this year - including a pilot for the 2025 Seminar.
- We are announcing a SOUL STITCHER (voluntary) program to help minimize the distances between us.
- And there are a few more surprises up our sleeves...to be announced as the year progresses.

Do you make New Year's Resolutions? Did you know that there is a "Ditch New Year's Resolution" Day? from <https://nationaltoday.com/ditch-new-years-resolution-day/>

"There's not a lot of history behind this holiday, as it is quite unofficial, but there are plenty of reasons backing this day's coming into existence. Did you know that one in three people fail their New Year's resolutions in the first month? And only 10% of people are successful at keeping their resolutions throughout the year? According to a study by the University of Scranton, an estimated 80% of people don't stick to their resolutions. Ditching New Year's resolutions has been a practice for almost as long as New Year's Resolutions themselves. Beginning with the ancient tradition of making resolutions for the new year at the Babylonian festival of Akitu over 4,000 years ago, the Earth completing a single orbit around the Sun brings with it the opportunity to turn over a new leaf and the hope of a 'New Year, New Me.' Unfortunately, most of the time, New Year's Resolutions are as effective as pouring water into a colander.

But the thing is, the commitment to make a change in your life and actually stick to it happens only when you have the willpower to do it. A date change or orbital cycle won't miraculously make you want to alter your lifestyle. This is probably why New Year's resolutions are mostly so unsuccessful. Why is the day celebrated on January 17? Most probably because it takes at least a fortnight for people to realize that they don't actually care all that much about the resolutions they have made, and don't want to feel tied to them any longer."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - cont'd

That's not to say that I don't believe in goal-making. In fact, I do. I've learned over the years to set realistic goals regularly and to revisit and refresh them as time goes on. The Board meets before the end of each year to review our Chapter's goals and set new ones. One of my personal goals is to continue to work with all of you to make SDANG a dynamic, caring, creative chapter while we grow along with the changes in our art.

I am so happy with the direction this chapter has taken in the past few years. Our members have stepped up when we've needed them, both locally and via distance. I now have stitching friends and collaborators all over the country and even in Australia! I wish you all a wonderful New Year filled with good health, love, laughter, learning, and stitching!

Joanne



"THE TREASURERY"

Jan Woolsey, Treasurer
Email: treasurer@sdang.org

Total Assets as of Dec 2023		
~ PayPal	\$	1,181.17
~ Petty Cash	\$.	247.32
~ San Diego County Credit Union		
Small Business Checking	\$	1,750.00
Money Market Max	\$	27,297.79
Primary Savings	\$	1.00
Total Balances	\$	30,477.28

**Available for purchase – Contact Jan: (5) Holiday Boxes remain, SDANG Tape, magnets, and pin sets available.

Jan

MEMBERSHIP

Chris Loudon, VP Membership
Email: membership@sdang.org

203 members

We would like to recognize our members who have or will be celebrating an anniversary as an ANG member in January. The list is based on those having a "five" year anniversary from January 1st through January 31st. This group represents 60 years of membership. Congratulations and thank you for your support and membership in ANG!

30 years
Nancy Steenson

20 years
Cindy Heller
Congratulations Ladies!

10 years
Barbara Levy

Chris

PROGRAMS 2024

Michelle Crownhart, VP Programs

Phone - 619-246-7681

Email – Programs@SDANG.org

Are you looking forward to exciting new programs in 2024? Shirley Chin and I have been brainstorming and have developed some fun and interesting ideas appealing to all stitching levels. So, tune in and learn something new, expand & update your knowledge, and share your ideas with others.

Here's what we have planned thus far:

- Jan 9** Follow along with Margie Thornburgh & several friends as they demonstrate the tools from the Holiday Box. Some of the uses for needlepoint will surprise you. Even if you didn't purchase the holiday box, you may learn something new for your tool kit! There's (5) remaining boxes for sale or you can source them out separately. After the hybrid meeting is over, local members are encouraged to bring their extra needlework tools to trade, sell or giveaway.
- Feb 17 Sat @ 11:00 PST** Shirley Chin will lead the project, "Bountiful Heart" by Toni Gerdes featured in 2023 Sep/Oct issue of Needle Pointers. After the program, there will be a potluck with the local members. Soul Stitchers matches will be revealed in the general meeting and will be sent out to everyone after the meeting.
- Mar 12** The History of Bargello and Its Use for Backgrounds" by Chris Loudon
- Apr** TBD
- May** TBD
- Jun** "Knots" by Debbie Rowley
- Jul** Summer Soiree – We will be having a mid-year social event this year in addition to the Dec Holiday Party. Details available in following months
- Aug** TBD
- Sep** TBD
- Oct** TBD
- Nov** In Progress
- Dec** Holiday Party

Michelle

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Annette-Marie Capriotti
- 04 Katherine Mathews
- 05 Eileen Kee
- 08 Jean Early
- 09 Pamela (Joy) Higgins
- 10 Michele Brown & Eloise Watts
- 11 Jane Barnes
- 13 Virginia Noe & Anne Barney
- 15 Jo Ann Jackson
- 21 Janet Dix & Joan Gottlieb
- 22 Laurie Bowers-Kane
- 24 Elena Siurna
- 29 Marge Kelly & Ilene Levine

... New Beginnings & New Goals. National Blood Donor Month

- 01 New Year's Day & in 1908 - 1st New Year's Eve ball dropped.
- 03 International Mind/Body Awareness Day
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- 19 Dolly Parton's Birthday
- 21 1799 - Smallpox vaccine discovered by Edward Jenner
- 23 National Pie Day - Have a slice of your favorite
- 25 1924 - The 1st Winter Olympic games held in Chamonix, France
- 31 National Hot Chocolate Day - Yummy while stitching

TECHNOLOGY & SOCIAL MEDIA

Shirley Chin, Western Area Rep, SDANG IT Chair
Email: webmaster@sdang.org

Our website has made many improvements for the benefit of our members. Currently, all 2024 meetings have been updated as well as our social media links for Facebook & Instagram. Currently, we are exploring the ability to have educational videos available as well as new innovations to share this year. Check out the website and provide feedback to me.

Website: <https://sdang.org> is featuring information on our new hand painted name tag and the Soul Stitchers program. See descriptions below.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sandiegoang/> is full of pictures, Tips & Tricks, Social Stitching opportunities, etc.

Shirley

"Soul Stitchers" 2024

We are matching stitchers to be stitching pals in February 2024. For the remainder of the year, we encourage you to get to know your match. The rules are simple:

- * Volunteer to be partnered with someone you don't know well.
- * Communicate as often as you like via zoom, calls, emails, postcards, letters, etc. throughout the year. All cost associated with calls and postage are your responsibility.
- * During the year, the newsletter editor may call to solicit a story about your new relationship.
- * At the 2024 Holiday Party, we'd love to hear about your experiences.

Please email info@sdang.org to be placed on the list. The deadline is Feb 10th, and the matches will be announced at the February general meeting sent out as a separate email.

Think About This for 2024...

Smile More.

The smile changes the way you feel, how you look, and in your voice (in person, on the phone, or behind a mask).

Treat others as your equal with kindness & gratitude.

You will feel better about yourself and will be rewarded with the same.

Learn something new each day.

It can be simple, complex, fun or serious – no one knows it all!

Share your knowledge.

As with love, knowledge not shared is wasted.

Say Thank You Often.

Merci

Arigato

Gracie

Efcharisto

Gracias

Danka

Mahalo

Bedankt

ΧΙΕΧΙΕ

SDANG Nametags - Painted - Available on SDANG.org/merchandise

The painted chapter name tag canvases are now on sale. The unstitched canvas is what you will receive with your choice of no name or painted name with choice of font. The finished canvas was done by Shirley Chin, and her daughter, Ava Gaughen, painted the background (sky and sand). Pricing and ordering is as follows:

Nametag without Name - \$20.00 Nametag with Name - \$30.00 Shipping - \$2

If you are interested in having Ava paint the background, please contact her at avagaughen@gmail.com



SDANG Nametags - Counted

If you prefer a counted vs hand painted canvas, the counted version is in finalization – instructions, pricing, and background painting. The counted version and details will be available in February 2024.



HOLIDAY PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

Check the link below & enjoy to party!

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/kc6e6hn7CTdKZ_WsuDmWv7rs9wY5UECLz8BkH_ahhUOOlhvxAV9N_XiPME_ay8jO.jzm9j784Nz2aKdRg Passcode: A8+.DsdM

A good time was had by all in person & on Zoom with Good food, Friends, Stitching, Donations to Toys for Tots, Needlepoint Trivia, Prizes, Photos, & the Holiday Box reveal.

Kudos: **The Holiday Party** committee organized a wonderful event to end our year. Kudos to Joanne Einhorn, Shirley Chin, Danice Dean, Sandy Helt, Janet Dix, and Jeannie Roehrs. Judy Boland created: the trivia. Susan Driscoll-Bannister and Pamela Blumberg helped set up. Jill Rigoli provided the facility.

The Holiday Box committee provided something special this year thanks to our co-chairs, Margi Thornburgh & Susan Driscoll-Bannister and all their holiday elves who contributed ideas, used their homes for storage & sorting, packing, & mailing – Javiva Horne, Sandi Higgins, Sandra Helt, Stephanie Wong, Debbie Thomas, KK Medlock, Jana Bass, Carla Hamilton, Sheryl Forster, Shirley Burns, Shirley Chin, and Joanne Einhorn.

Charity Drive – USMC Toys for Tots Sandra Helt headed up the effort to collect new toys, books & financial contributions for our military families, a charity she has successfully championed for many years. She also gave a great history of the Toys for Tots organization.

Video by: Shirley Chin, Technology & Social Media Chair, ANG Western Area Representative stepped up to save the day with iPads. She enabled the distance members to attend via Zoom and created the video in the link above. Beautifully done, Shirley.

Program: Joanne Einhorn, President
* Installation of new officers – President, Joanne Einhorn and Treasurer, Jan Woolsey
* Thanks to Joanne and Jan for continuing in their roles. They have given so much to the success of our chapter.
* Thanks to all board members for their contributions
* Recap of SDANG's 2023 successes.

HOLIDAY PARTY HIGHLIGHTS - Cont'd

2023 Awards: "Sandi Higgins Scholarship Award for Meritorious Service" – Joanne Einhorn by unanimous decision. She was completely surprised & speechless to say the least.

"Lifetime Achievement Awards" – Sandi Higgins & Jill Rigoli were celebrated at a May 2023 luncheon for their valuable contributions and lifelong support of needlepoint locally, nationally, and internationally.

Needlepoint Trivia by Judy Boland – "This was a tough one!"

1. What diagonal needlepoint stitch is made up of three stitches?
Mosaic stitch is composed of 2 tent and 1 long stitch.
2. What actor/actress on M*A*S*H wrote a book on needlepoint?
Loretta Swit has a book with a needlepoint design of Ms. Pac-Man. The book, "A Needlepoint Scrapbook," was first published in 1986 when Pac-Man was at the height of arcade magic.
3. What royal has a needlepoint award named in her honor? Extra credit: When was it first awarded & by whom?
Princess Grace of Monaco. The Princess Grace award was presented by Princess Grace in 1973. It is given for needlepoint completed entirely in tent stitch with no embellishments and was established by the American Needlepoint Guild to honor the original needlepoint form.
4. What very recent Time's "Person of the Year" award includes needlepoint among their interests? *Taylor Swift. The MTV documentary "Nine Days and Nine Nights of Ed Sheeran" aired in 2014 revealed the Taylor Swift made a drake-themed needlepoint for Sheeran as a sign of their friendship.*
5. True or False – DMC color #666 is known as Christmas Red – *True*
6. When was ANG established?
Incorporated in 1972. The 1st convention/seminar was held at St. Simon Island, Georgia in August 1972.
7. What book is commonly referred to as the "Needlepoint Bible"?
The most popular & long lived is The Needlepoint Book by Jo Ippolito Christensen, Simon & Schuster. First published in 1976 by Prentice-Hall, the widely distributed text has been continuously in print and was revised in 2015. Over 425,000 copies have been sold as of 2017. It contains 436 stitches & 1680 illustrations in 560 pages.
8. What is the definition of Petit Point?
Needlepoint done on canvas with 16 to 20 or more holes per linear inch.
9. What is the defining characteristic of Penelope canvas?
The weave. Penelope canvas has two threads closely grouped together in both warp and weft. Because these threads can be split apart, Penelope sizes are often expressed with two numbers, such as 10/20.
10. The Bargello stitch is also known by that other names?
Florentine, Hungarian point, Irish, Flame stitch.
11. The 2024 ANG Seminar will be held in what city?
Kansas City, MO 8/30/24 – 9/6/24
12. When did SDANG host the "Sand, Sea and San Diego" seminar?
1998 at the Hotel Del Coronado, coordinated by Judy Bullock & Sally Williams
13. What is the purpose of a Bunka Brush?
The Bunka Brush is used to raise the nap of specialty fibers.
14. How many colors are in the Rainbow Gallery line of Splendor?
360 per Rainbow Gallery website
15. Who designed the ribbon center for the Shirley Fetter of Halloween Award?
Sharon Meng designed & stitched the first ribbon center for the initial award in 2019.





SDANG MEETING ETIQUETTE PRINCIPLES

Thank you all for your patience as we've refined our hybrid meetings. It's been a journey - we've learned what to do and what not to do to assure our success. The best achievement is the bond created between our local and distance members. Based on the lessons learned through trial and error and your valuable feedback, we have developed our meeting etiquette principles.

1. All Chapter members are to abide by ANG's commitment to non-discrimination and to refrain from comments, references, or inferences to the contrary. **Article III, Section 2 of the ANG National bylaws and to our local Bylaws states: "This Chapter is non-discriminatory as to race, color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies."**
2. Be respectful to the person speaking whether in person or on Zoom:
 - ◆ Refrain from all side conversations or comments. If you'd like to add to the conversation, raise your hand to be recognized.
 - ◆ If on Zoom, "mute" yourself when background noise impacts the meeting, i.e., TV, animals, echoes from the bathroom, family members, etc.
 - ◆ If you are In Person, refrain from side discussions with your neighbor, moving about the room, rummaging & banging stitching frames & tools, etc.

Rationale: Reinforces the long-standing principles of courtesy and respect to each other.
3. Create an atmosphere of familiarity and camaraderie.
 - ◆ In Person attendees: At the beginning of the meeting, introduce yourself by name to the Zoom attendees.
Rationale: New members & Zoom attendees will become familiar with faces & names of Chapter colleagues.
 - ◆ Zoom attendees:
 - a. Video and sound are to remain "ON" during the meeting unless background noise occurs.
 - b. Full names are required to be displayed on the screen during the meeting. A temporary name change can be made & switched back after the meeting.

*Rationale: The safety, security and connection between members is at risk. Additionally, we've found there are multiple "Pats", "Joannes", "ipads," and names other than that of the member. *Members will be asked to change their names. If you decline, you will be removed from the meeting.*
4. Zoom links, Log in codes, Passwords, and In Person sites will be available in multiple locations.
Rationale: We are committed to providing consistent, easy access to all SDANG electronic and local activities, facilitate communication, and eliminate frustration.
Locations: The Newsletter's front page, the SDANG website, the ANG website, and Email.
5. "Continuing by popular demand – Social Stitching & Pajama Parties!!" Thanks to our moderators, Jennifer Kiss, Margi Thornburgh, Jo Ann Jackson, and Heather Cowan who have agreed to continue in their roles. Details available on the Newsletter's front page, the SDANG website, and Email notifications.



NEEDLEPOINT RESOURCES

Est. 1972

SANDY'S FINISHING TOUCHES

*Professional Blocking and Finishing
For Your Fine Needlework*

Sandy Higgins

<http://sites.google.com/site/sandysfinishingtouches/home>

(858) 274-0306
sandysfinishing@gmail.com

5455 Soledad Road
La Jolla, CA 92037

FAMILY ARTS //
NEEDLEWORK
 // SHOP

5555 North 7th Street / Suite 144
 Phoenix, AZ 85014
 (602) 277-0694
 email: familyarts@familyartsaz.com
 www.familyartsneedlework.com

JULIE ELDER
 DIRECTOR

Valerie B. McAleenan, MNAA, AOA
 Senior Appraiser, ANG
 timelessneedlearts.com
 vmcaleenan@mac.com



**TIMELESS
 NEEDLEARTS
 APPRAISALS**

616.293.4815

shop owners
 allyson farimond & annette paape

the
**needle
 works**

let's stitch together!

(p): 512.451.6931 | (a): 4401 Medical Pkwy. Austin, TX 78756
 (e): annette@theneedleworks.com | allyson@theneedleworks.com
 www.theneedleworks.com



Have a burgeoning stash? I can help find
new homes for things you would like to sell.

For more information:

Needlearts@comcast.net – 206-406-5642