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## May 2026 Newsletter

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.

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

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### CHAPTER MEETINGS

- **Monthly Chapter Meetings (Hybrid: In Person & via Zoom)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 6:30pm PST

**In Person San Diego Location:** North Clairemont Recreation Center, 4421 Bannock Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117

**Join Zoom:** See body of e-mail for zoom link.

- **Sunday Social Stitching (via Zoom)**

Every Other Sunday @ 12:00pm PST

Hosted by Jo Ann Jackson

**Join Zoom:** See body of e-mail for zoom link.

- **Friday Social Stitching (via Zoom)**

Every 2 weeks on Fridays @ 7:30pm PST

Hosted by Jo Ann Jackson

**Join Zoom:** See body of e-mail for zoom link.

- **Thursday Social Stitching (In Person)**

First Thursdays in San Diego @ 10:00am-2:00pm PST

**In Person San Diego Location:** North Clairemont Recreation Center, 4421 Bannock Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117



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## President's Report:



Dear stitching friends,



My mother (pictured above) used to chant the saying that "April Showers Brings May Flowers", but that is not something that we think of much here in California; however, I am thrilled to say that we've had a few showers this year and it's been glorious!! Now, Lora would not completely agree with me since she's had to miss some pickleball, but even she has been happy to have had the rain! It's been great for our garden.

Speaking of mothers ... I hope that everyone had a good Mother's Day. Whether you are a mother, know one, or had one, we've almost all had a reason to celebrate Mother's Day over the year. One of my friends even said that for those of us who are members of ANG, needlepoint is our baby even if we don't have children to call us mother. I sometimes think of my projects that way.

How many of you learned to stitch from your mother? Grandmother? An aunt? I learned knitting from one grandmother, embroidery from another, and extrapolated from there to teach myself to needlepoint. I find that it is my "happy place" and I work hard to ensure that I have time to stitch a bit every day. How many of you do the same? I'm now a mother and a grandmother, and have introduced needlepoint to my son and his family. One grandson picked it up really quickly (as did my son), but only my son has a working project. I was able to pull a project that had been started from the SDANG Stash, pulled some threads from my own stash and offered it to him. It travels with him when he flies overseas, and found himself sitting next to an Admiral in the Navy not long ago and he was explaining what he was doing. The Admiral asked what he saw in it ... he shared that if Rosie Grier thought it was relaxing and his mother found it to be the same, he would give it a try. He then told the Admiral that he could "hook him up" with a kit if he wanted to try it. He was gruffly told that he was not interested, but that he was fascinated by Jonathan's progress over the course of their travels. Good for him for not backing down to the Admiral!

No matter how you learned ... or if you consider yourself a beginner who is still learning ... we are so happy to have you as a member of SDANG! I feel so blessed to be your president and look forward to getting to know you better over the course of my service. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. I'm here and want to hear your ideas!

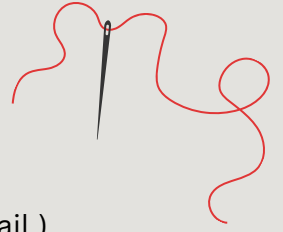
Wishing you a wonderful spring with good weather to be able to stitch outside.

Jan

## Upcoming Programs:

### May Program - The Art of Compensation

Ever find a decorative stitch you love, only to have it “clash” with the edge of your design? Join us this month to master Compensation: the art of fitting any pattern into curves and corners. Cynthia Thomas will lead the session. Learn to trim your stitches with confidence!



**JOIN US Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30pm PST**

(If you are unable to join us in person, see Zoom link in Newsletter e-mail.)

## 2026 SDANG THEME:

# STITCHING IN YOUR NEST

Last year, our focus was on exploring stitching while traveling the world. This year, we're bringing the spotlight **home**. We'll feature one member each month and highlight the “nest” where they stitch. We look forward to sharing these stories and learning from our members throughout the year.

This month we are highlighting Shirley Chin!  
Shirley has a great studio that is nicely organized with her needlepoint supplies (among other crafts)!



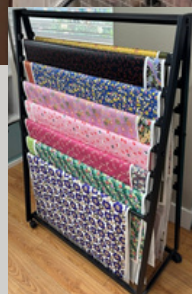
There are cubbies and bins for larger supplies...



And pull-out drawers and cases for smaller supplies, such as beads and threads...



She organizes and hangs each project in a clear bag with a child-sized clothing hanger in a nearby closet.



Here's a standing storage container for stretcher bars.



## Membership Status:

**The Chapter has 185 members!**

**happy birthday!**

Nancy Steenson	05-05	Sandra Helt	05-20
Denise Park	05-07	Merry Jackson	05-25
Barbara Waldman	05-07	Kathleen Peterson	05-25
Diane Reed	05-09	Ellen Mathias	05-27

*Welcome New Member*  
Joyce Klejbuk!

*Spring Renewals!*

Hello! It's Renewal Time!  
Please keep in mind three things:

- 1) SDANG membership year: May 1-April 30
- 2) Members can renew for:
  - 1 year \$21
  - 2 years \$40
  - Lifetime \$450
- 3) Please use the renewal form found on the website: [sdang.org/membership/](http://sdang.org/membership/)

If you have questions feel free to email:  
[membership@sdang.org](mailto:membership@sdang.org)

If you'd prefer to renew by check, please  
make check payable to:

**San Diego Chapter ANG**

Please write on the memo line:  
**"2026 Membership and Your Name"**

**Please mail checks to:**

Catherine Salamon  
9375 De Camp Drive  
La Mesa, CA 91942

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## MONTHLY TREAT SIGN-UP



Coordinator: Sandy Higgins  
If you need to cancel, please contact Sandy at (858) 274-0306

May 12 - Catherine Salamon  
June 9 - Joanne Einhorn  
July 14 - **OPEN** - If you would like to bring treats,  
please reach out to Sandy Higgins

August 11 - Lindsay Kimnach  
September 8 - Marianne Randall  
October 13 - Susan Driscoll-Bannister  
November 10 - Jan Woolsey  
December - Holiday Party!

# UPCOMING WORKSHOP

THERE'S STILL TIME to register for the **Jackpot! Workshop**. Check out the link below to pick your color way and select more than one choice if you wish. We're looking forward to hosting Sandie Cormaci-Boles on August 8 & 9 as we stitch this versatile design together.



**See attached flyer!**

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

DATE: AUGUST 8 - 9, 2026

TIME: 9:30 AM PST THROUGH 4:30 PM PST

LOCATION: 5490 CAMINITO HERMINIA, LA JOLLA, CA

REGISTER BY JUNE 8, 2026

## Workshops

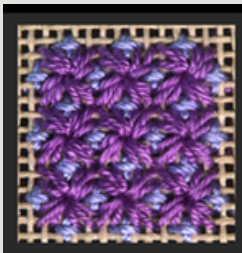
Workshops 2026 Workshops Workshop: Jackpot! With Nationally Recognized Instructor Sandie Cormaci-Boles Join SDANG for our first workshop of 2026! We are excited to announce that Sandie Cormaci-Boles will be sharing and teaching h...

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# RSN STITCH BANK

As you know, we're donating money to the Royal School of Needlework stitch bank Royal School of Needlework Stitch Bank (RSN) to sponsor a stitch and here is the stitch:



**Treble Leviathan** - This canvaswork stitch forms a textured square rosette pattern. It is created by working sets of three angled stitches from each corner of a square into the center to form rosettes; the gaps between them are filled with upright cross stitches.

To sponsor a stitch, we are still raising funds!

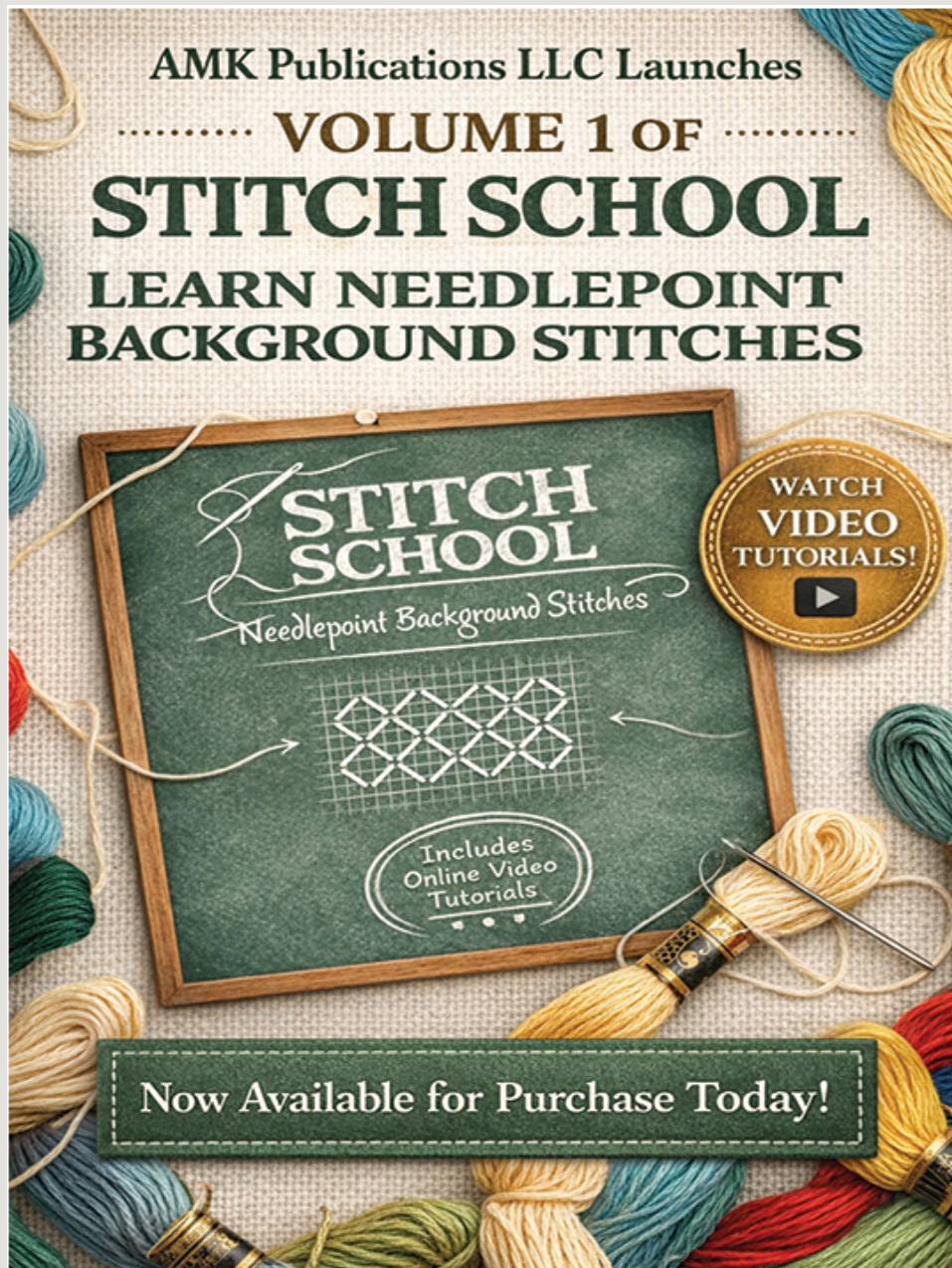
Submit your donation to any board member and make out checks to SDANG.

**Please mail checks to:**

Catherine Salamon  
9375 De Camp Drive  
La Mesa, CA 91942

Thanks for your time and donations!

**AMK Publications, LLC is happy to announce the launch of  
Volume 1 of the digital Stitch School series!!**



This is a fun new way to learn and view stitches. They are offering a digital stitch book that you can take wherever you go. The stitch book not only has a picture and chart of the stitch, but also a link to a video tutorial to show you the stitch being shown by a team member.

They put their hearts into this book and hope you enjoy it as much as they enjoyed creating it. This is one of many, so make sure to follow them on social media to get all the latest updates when the next series comes out.

You can purchase the digital book today at the below link:

**[AMK Publications, LLC](#)**

## Secretary's Update:

Meeting Minutes will be posted to SDANG Website: <https://sdang.org>

## Supporting the Community:



### UPCOMING SDANG STASH SALE!

If you would like to assist with the Stash Sale, please contact Susan Driscoll-Bannister.  
If you have needlepoint materials to donate, please contact Susan.



## Stay Connected with Technology & Social Media:



Be on the lookout for upcoming improvements to the SDANG website, including a **Members Only** Section: <https://sdang.org>

Connect with us on Instagram:  
<https://www.instagram.com/sandiegoang/>

## Treasurer's Corner:

Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2026			
Balances as of 04/30/26			
Petty Cash		\$107.00	
PayPal	\$ 1,111.49		
Note - PayPal fees through 03-31-26			\$ 10.02
Subtotal PayPal		\$1,111.49	
<b>SDCCU</b>			
95 Small Business Checking	\$4,085.11		
01 Money Market Max	\$6,223.15		
CD Certificate of Deposit	\$10,261.01		
CD Certificate of Deposit	\$5,050.76		
00 Primary Savings	\$1		
Subtotal SDCCU		\$25,621.03	
Total Balances		\$26,839.52	



## Artists Gallery:

**We want to celebrate our members' artistic talent each month!**

PLEASE SEND PICTURES OF YOUR FINISHED PIECES WITH THE FOLLOWING INFO:

- YOUR NAME & LOCATION
- NAME OF THE CANVAS & DESIGNER
- DESCRIPTION & ANY STITCHES, EMBELLISHMENTS, OR TECHNIQUES USED
- IF THE PIECE IS STILL "ON THE BARS," HOW DO YOU PLAN TO FINISH IT?

# Needlepoint Resources:

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# JACKPOT!

by  
Sandie Cormaci-Boles

Saturday  
Aug 8-9, 2026



Join SDANG for our first workshop of 2026! This versatile piece can be finished as a frame weight, eyeglass case, acrylic tray insert, or sewn on a bag or piece of clothing. Of course it can be framed as well.

The design contains a “Jackpot” of stitching techniques that would be appropriate for any level of stitcher. The design is stitched on a 10” x 12” 18 count mono canvas. Originally, Sandie had offered 4 different color palettes/color ways. At our request, she created the Patriot’s Pride color way that she’ll introduce exclusively to us to commemorate our nation’s 250th Anniversary! All kits include the canvas and various shades of overdyed silk. The finished design size is approximately 5 1/2” x 3 1/2”. Ghost stitchers are welcome.

Register and Pay via PayPal at [sdang.org/workshops/](https://sdang.org/workshops/)

Or mail your check, payable to SDANG, and registration form to:  
Joanne Einhorn, SDANG  
6384 Rockhurst Drive, San Diego, CA 92120

Visit our website for more info:  
[sdang.org/workshops](https://sdang.org/workshops)

For additional information contact:  
[workshops@sdang.org](mailto:workshops@sdang.org)  
or call Joanne at 619-203-2620

### Registration Deadline June 8, 2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ANG# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Choose options below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$115 registration for SDANG members 1<sup>st</sup> kit
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$175 non chapter member 1<sup>st</sup> kit
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$90 additional Kits (indicate #)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$23 Mailing costs within US per kit mailed for Ghosts
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Lunch for 1 day (for attendees only)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Lunch for 2 days

Please indicate whether you are participating as:

- \_\_\_\_\_ attending
- \_\_\_\_\_ ghost stitcher

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Choose your Color Palette(s) (indicate #)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Purple Happiness
- \_\_\_\_\_ Desert Zen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean Depths
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coral Berry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patriot's Pride