



June 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!

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

2nd 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:



Happy summer ... it is finally getting warm enough to enjoy time in the sun (but do wear your sunscreen and hat when out in the sun)! This month's newsletter features some exciting events that are coming your way - please read through to the end to ensure you don't miss something new.

Please look for the details of the upcoming SDANG Stash Sale and Teaching Opportunity coming up on Saturday, June 27th. We have secured a space in Grossmont Mall (between Barnes and Noble and Sees Candies). We will be open to the general public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with set up and take down to take place before and after. We are seeking volunteers to help teach new stitchers and to help host the tables and answer questions that might arise regarding what is available for sale. We have invited the area chapters of both ANG and EGA to join us and hope this will be a robust opportunity for all of the groups to make a little money for their chapters and to expose potential new members to the joy we have in needlepoint! If you don't have time to join us as a volunteer, I hope you will come shop. We have confirmed participation from ANG National as well as the north county ANG/EGA chapters who will operate a table jointly. It will be an opportunity not to be missed!

We've been talking about our Jackpot! Workshop - thank you to those of you who have signed up. For those who have not, we have extended the deadline until June 10th so that we might include folks who attend our meeting next week and want to participate. We will have a "hard stop" on the 10th so don't miss out on

this fun opportunity! I've taken a couple of classes with Sandie Cormaci-Boles and she is not only a genuinely nice woman, but a wonderful designer and stitcher. If you are thinking of joining us ... don't think too long! Once again, the dates of the Jackpot! Workshop are Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th and will be held in La Jolla.

As part of our website redesign, we have introduced a new email automation platform - MailChimp by Intuit. At the current time, in order to send out meeting minutes or the newsletter, we use gmail to send them and must generate seven or eight tranches of emails to be sent since we cannot email our roughly 200 members at once without triggering a spam alert in many email systems. As this is a manual process, it is not only tedious for the board members responsible for sending these documents, but we also run the risk that if the sender gets interrupted during the sending process she might miss a tranche and you would not receive your email from the chapter. My sincerest thanks to our Technology lead, Jeannie Roehers, for researching options for us and for testing it out with the Jackpot! flyer.

MailChimp is fully automated and will handle thousands of emails at once without triggering a spam concern. As we have had to register and be verified as a user, our use of MailChimp guarantees a fully compliant and safe platform to send notices, meeting materials and reminders to our members. Like many other emails that you receive, there is an option to "unsubscribe" at the bottom of each email. We would encourage you NOT to unsubscribe since you will miss out on all mailings from the chapter. Once we have a bit more experience with MailChimp, the desire is to be able to discontinue Groupslo for sending the reminders about stitch-ins. Once that happens, we will have a mechanism in place for you to notify someone if you don't wish to receive those reminders without eliminating you from all emails being generated by the chapter; however, if you elect to receive nothing from us, you would click the Unsubscribe button to stop receiving all mailings from us going forward. We hope you will not chose that option!

One of the other advantages to MailChimp is that it is fully integrated with several social media platforms, and when we prepare a special flyer regarding a special event - like we did for Jackpot! - we can push that information to our Facebook and Instagram pages without having to manually prepare a post for such. This should make life easier for the social media chair and should help make recruiting a successor down the road easier ... and NO I'm not trying to replace our wonderful Shirley Chin, but I am confident that there will be a day that she will want to be replaced ;-)

Hosting a Summer Social event ... we will be calling for volunteers to help organize another summer social. We have partnered with the north county ANG/EGA chapters to hold a luncheon the last two summers. The board voted this week to rally a committee to plan an event for late August or September (after the Jackpot! workshop). We are kicking around ideas about places we might hold the event ranging from a nice restaurant in University Town Center in San Diego to a tea shop that would serve tea, finger sandwiches and small desserts. In order to have a voice in what we will do, please volunteer to be on the committee. I will be leading the charge unless we have a volunteer that would like to be our summer social chair - please reach out to me at president@sdang.org to volunteer!

You have an amazing board of directors who are working diligently to enhance and improve the experiences of our members - my job is made simpler when everyone is pulling in the same direction. Thank you to each one of you who answered the call and said YES to serving on the board. We are open to new suggestions for meeting topics and workshops, and encourage you to reach out to us to make those suggestions. I'm particularly excited about our program this month as we will be hosting June McKnight, teacher and author extraordinaire who I am very pleased and proud to call my friend! She will be presenting a program on how to get projects that are languishing in your stash out and finished! I just know that you will find her knowledgeable, passionate about our art and FUN to listen to. Please don't miss our meeting on Tuesday, June 9th - we look forward to seeing you whether in person or on Zoom.

As we enter the first days of summer, please make time to stitch and to share your finished projects with us. We are always excited to see them ... so, until I see you next, happy stitching!

Jan

Upcoming Programs:

June Program - *Giving Your Canvas a Second Chance*

This ANG program presented by June McKnight is set to get you across the finish line on your current project with the style and grace of a Kentucky Derby winner. There will be tips, tricks and techniques to avoid the pitfalls that often throw us off track. It's guaranteed, after attending this program that you will be infused with dynamic creative energy for your older projects. The end is near.

****Please print the five-page leaflet for easy reference during our evening meeting. See attachments to the Newsletter e-mail. And be certain to ponder the questions on the quiz page in advance of our meeting.****

JOIN US Tuesday, June 9 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 Sheryl Forster!

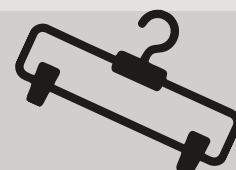
Here are Sheryl's many "nests" and organization systems...

1. Seems I'm constantly on the move most of the day, so my projects are "grab n go" & find a place to sit. Yesterday, I was stitching in my car (***The Mobile Nest***) waiting for one of my dogs to finish his rehab exercise appt. Saturday, I was in my favorite place (***The Nature Nest***) which is any place outdoors - our deck at home, the decks at our mountain cabin, on the beach, kayak on the lake was fun while it lasted, etc. Waiting for my husband's many VA appts (***The Waiting Room Nest***) and finally (***The Winter Nest***) in the evening by the fire with a cup of tea & a cookie or two. Therefore, I always have a "go" tote bag containing a **Mighty Bright light with magnifier** and a **Walker bag** with basic tools. Just add the project.

2. Supplies are actually well organized but in multiple locations - linen closet, guest room closet, living room cupboard, & laundry room shelf. The following threads are sorted by type then color - Kreinik, Straw Silk, Silk Ribbons, & Trebizond. There rest are stored by color then type. One box has beads & beading supplies and 2 others have stitching tools & supplies. Carry bag has stretcher bars of all sizes. All threads are stored in plastic, stackable boxes & labeled with color or type.

3. Project organization: I use **Ziploc bags** for projects & only keep the threads I don't have in my stash with them (avoids buying duplicates). Project bags are hung on **skirt hangers**.

I have an Excel project template for each project: Title, notes, designer, canvas name & number. Each area of the canvas to be stitched notes the thread, color#, number of plies, stitch & stitch diagram, if needed. This goes in a binder with a photo of the original canvas & a photo of the finished piece. When project is completed, the project bag is disassembled, & all threads are then stored & ready for the future.



Membership Status:

The Chapter has 188 members!

happy birthday!

Graciela Rosinsky	06-02	Cammie Vail	06-19
Shirley Chin	06-06	Joanne Einhorn	06-21
Frances Whiting	06-09	Fran Silver	06-23
Jana Bass	06-10	Kathy (KK) Medlock	06-24
Susan Driscoll-Bannister	06-13	Barbara Crick	06-25
Rose Marie Konet	06-15	Donna Brandeis LaGanga	06-27
Marianne Randall	06-18	Pam Thompson	06-27

Welcome New Members

Jaqueline Alcott
Vicki Maffei

Spring Renewals!

Renewals have slowed down a bit and we still have time, Please send in your renewals! If you have questions please contact membership@sdang.org



SDANG Stash Sale & Teaching Opportunity



At long last, we have found a beautiful location for our stash sale! It will take place on **Saturday, June 27th** in the following location:

The Well, Inc
Grossmont Mall
5500 Grossmont Center Drive, Suite 195
La Mesa, CA 91942

SALE

JUNE 27th
11am-2pm

They have the space reserved for us from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.; however, we have been assured that we will be able to come a little bit earlier for setup. We will advertise **opening up to the public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, with the intention of offering access to the stash sale, as well as to offer needlepoint instruction to new stitchers.

We have invited the north county chapters of ANG and EGA, as well as San Diego based Muchos Manos and Torrey Pines Needlers chapters to join us. The National Seminar committee for ANG will also have some items to sell that have been deemed to be either too heavy to ship or less valuable to auction to warrant spending the money to ship them to Denver. Each chapter will be responsible for collecting their own money, and pricing their own merchandise.

We are seeking volunteers to come work the sale and to help teach any new stitchers that desire to join us. Please contact either Susan Driscoll-Bannister at donations@sdang.org or Jan Woolsey at president@sdang.org to be added to the list of volunteers. We recognize that it will be a long day, but we encourage you to come for even part of the event as you are available – we will need extra hands for set-up and break down.

If you cannot provide time to volunteer, we encourage you to come shop and check out the event in support of SDANG and our sister organizations around the county! Thank you in advance for helping to advance the mission of our organization through the education of new stitchers and the exposure to our many kits and canvases to purchase!

MONTHLY TREAT SIGN-UP

Coordinator: Sandy Higgins

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

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!



Special Announcements:

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.



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...

San Diego Chapter /

See attached flyer!

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

DATE: AUGUST 8 - 9, 2026

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

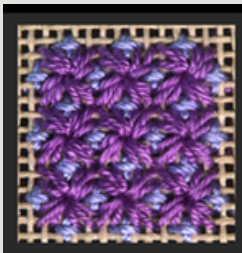
LOCATION: 5490 CAMINITO HERMINIA, LA JOLLA, CA

~~REGISTER BY JUNE 8, 2026~~

*****Registration has been extended to
June 9th*****

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:

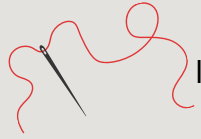
Catherine Salamon
9375 De Camp Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942

Thanks for your time and donations!

Secretary's Update:

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

Supporting the Community:



UPCOMING SDANG STASH SALE on JUNE 27th!

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 May 31, 2026			
	Balances as of 05/31/26		
	Petty Cash		\$107.00
	PayPal	\$ 1,147.93	
	Note - Paypal fees through 03-31-26		\$ 10.02
	Subtotal PayPal		\$1,147.93
	SDCCU		
95	Small Business Checking	\$4,637.11	
01	Money Market Max	\$6,223.41	
CD	Certificate of Deposit	\$10,291.08	
CD	Certificate of Deposit	\$5,065.56	
00	Primary Savings	\$1	
	Subtotal SDCCU		\$26,218.16
	Total Balances		\$27,473.09



Upcoming Pilot Classes:

Mark your calendars!

Jan just signed the contracts for **Toni Gerdes to teach 2 pilot classes** here. Each is a one class, one on 10/29/26 and one on 10/30/26. If you haven't taken a pilot class yet, you are in for a treat. Toni is a great teacher. During the pilot she 'tests' her new designs on us before they are open to the public. Attendees provide Toni feedback during and after the class so she can revise the stitch guides. Because she needs our direct input, these are in person classes only. We feel privileged to host her. More details to come...

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?



Canvases Stitched by: Catherine Salamon

"These were both designed by Deborah Reichert. The series just started in the January/February Needlepointers magazine. They will be doing a series of six small Bargello pieces this year. The one on the left is called Rising Wave, on the right is Flame. I plan to do seasonal colors for them. When done I plan to sew them back to back with some stuffing and hang on my Christmas tree."

Needlepoint Resources:

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