



SDANG CHAPTER MEETING

June 9, 2026

Chapter Meeting started at 6:30 PM PDT

Members Present - 55 (14 In person, 41 on Zoom)

President: Jan Woolsey Welcome, Call to Order & President's Report

1. Some of you are aware that I spent a couple of weeks in Denver with my family due to a family emergency – for those of you who have reached out to check on us, THANK YOU!! Things continue to be a little up and down for my son and his family, but I'm pleased to say that yesterday might have been their best day in the last month. I'm sure I will go back to help, but have no immediate plans to do so. Again, thank you!
2. **2026 ANG Seminar**
 - * It's not too late to sign up for the Destination Denver 1-day mini seminar on Sunday, July 19th. This special event occurs during Seminar, & several of our members plan to attend.
 - * We are going to be hosting the SDANG Hospitality Suite and hope to see you there!!
3. Thank you to Sheryl Forster and Nancy Holub for their efforts on making the final edits on our Bylaws and associated Standing Rules – they will very soon be ready to present to you.

Secretary: Sheryl Forster

- * May minutes approved - Approval: 100%.

Treasurer: Catherine Salamon - Accounts as of 05/31/2026

* Petty Cash	\$	107.00
* Pay Pal	\$	1,111.49
* Checking	\$	4,637.11
* Money Market	\$	6,223.15
* CD1	\$	10,291.08
* CD2	\$	5,065.56
* Savings	\$	1.00
* TOTAL	\$	27,473.09

VP Membership: Kimberly Scott

- * Current membership - 196
- * 5 new members

VP Programs: Pamela Blumberg

- * 2026 & 2027 - waiting for confirmations & dates from upcoming presenters, Gwen Schoen, Dawn Donnelly, & Marilyn Owens

Workshops: Joanne Einhorn & Chris Loudon

- * Aug 8-9, 2026 - Sandi Commaci-Boles - Registration extended to June 10th.
 - 1) Current registration: 26 - 10 local in person & 16 ghosts.
 - 2) Workshop will be held at Jill Rigoli's clubhouse.

- * Oct 29-30, 2026 - Toni Gerdes - (2) pilot programs: "Jolly" for \$165 and "Crystal Snowflake" for \$115 (Includes both red & blue canvases).
 - 1) In person only - no ghosts - 24 max participants
 - 2) Payment by check to Joanne Einhorn or Jan Woolsey
 - 3) Location: Jill Rigoli's clubhouse - Lunch is \$20/day

Social Media: Shirley Chin

- * Posting to Instagram & Facebook re-started with new materials - Ideas always welcome.

Technology: Jean Roehrs

- * Photos needed for the gallery
- * Chapter meeting minutes posted on the website.
- * PayPal working for dues only at this time, not workshops.
- * Mail system - MailChimp testing continues for bulk mailing.

Donations: Susan Driscoll-Banister

- * Chapter sale - June 27, 11:00am-2:30pm at The Well, Grossmont Center.
- * Volunteers needed for sorting, pricing & transport of products to sale site. Local members are coordinating dates, times, and transport details.

Newsletter: Lindsay Kimnach

- * Need "Stitch in Your Nest" volunteers - send info to Lindsay who is willing to assist with presentation.

Old Business:

1. Standing Rules - Sheryl Forster

- * Standing Rules sent out to all members 30 days ago for review & revisions. Minor revisions (mostly wording changes) incorporated. **Vote to adopt: 1st Sheryl, 2nd Stephanie, 100% approved by all present.**
- * Bylaws update: **Approved** Joyce Klebjuk, ANG bylaws Chair.

2. Royal School of Needlework: Shirely Chin

- * Since our 1st choice (Treble Leviathan) was already sponsored, our 2nd choice (Tent Trame) was sponsored.
- * Shirley presented the official Royal School of Needlework certificate for our sponsorship.

Program

"Completing Unfinished Needlepoint Projects" by June McKnight

June McKnight is well known for her informative presentations, handouts and humor, and tonight was no exception. Her presentation offered so many useful & motivational tips to finish projects that are languishing for attention and finishing.

Tips:

1. Leave the project out where you see it frequently and look at it. The solutions will come.
2. Look at threads where the piece will reside for color, thread type, stitches or plies.
Don't be afraid to switch!
3. Ask if the piece is suitable to the room, the era, the style, and the light.
4. Take the canvas to a retreat, a stitching group, a teacher, friends, etc for opinions & differing perspectives.
5. How long will it take to complete the piece?
Formula: Measure unfinished area in square inches divided by how many inches or half inches based on canvas count you can **reasonably** finish in a day or week. Example: 18ct canvas with 36 sq inches unfinished, 1 square inch/day stitching = 36 days to finish.

6. Thread & Stitches:

- * Count canvas threads available to accommodate the stitch. - See Stitch Library handout for ideas
- * Focal points - use large stitches; Receding areas - use small stitches. - see Stitch Library handout for ideas.
- * To soften bolder overdyes, add ply/plies of floss in less bold colors.

Handouts:

1. "911 Needlepoint Emergencies" - Transitioning dye lots, Soils & Stains, Cutting a Canvas Thread
2. "Let's Ge It Right - Wrong Stitch, Wrong Ply, Wrong Color"
3. "Pondering" - Why did you choose the project or to give a 2nd chance, What excites you or scares you, Be honest - how many WIP are waiting for you?
4. "Thread Count Stitch Library"
5. "Colorful Stitches for Over-dye Threads"

Closure: Meeting ended at 7:01pm & Program ended at 7:37pm PST.

Next Meeting: July 9th, 2026 @6:30pm PST

Respectfully Submitted by Sheryl Forster

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