



October 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: TBD

New In Person Monthly Stitching to be Announced

**STAY
TUNED!**



President: Jan Woolsey

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Technology & Social Media Team: Shirley Chin and Jeannie Roehrs

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Newsletter Editor: Lindsay Kimnach

President's Report:

Dear friends!

Can you believe that it is October!! We are coming into shorter days and cooler weather. For those that like to watch big games we have the World Series and football coming up. Great times for stitching!!

Here are some of our highlights for October -

Our regularly scheduled evening meeting is the second Tuesday - 10/13th - at 6 pm for social time and 6:30 pm in person. We will meet via zoom (see body of email for zoom link) and at the the Cathy Hopper Center located at 4425 Bannock Avenue, San Diego.

The board will meet via zoom at 5:30 pm the night before - Monday, 10/12th since I will be traveling the week before.

We host Toni Gerdes for her two special pilot programs later in the month - 10/29th and 10/30th at Jill Rigoli's clubhouse. More details will be provided to registered stitchers by the workshop committee.

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our upcoming gatherings and am so happy to have such a vibrant chapter. Thank you for all you do to make our chapter what it is!!

Make time to stitch ...
Jan Woolsey, President



Sometimes you need a helping hand...



**These leaves were amazing -
fallen from the Broad Leaf
Maples**



**The Five Pack on a gorgeous day
when we first got there!**

Special Announcement:



2026 SANDY HIGGINS AWARD NOMINATIONS

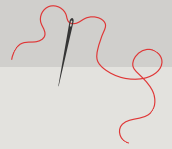
The San Diego ANG Chapter is seeking nominations for the Sandy Higgins Award.

If you would like to nominate a fellow member, please submit their name to the Board at board@sdang.org.

The Sandy Higgins Award is given to a member that goes above and beyond to assist the San Diego Chapter of ANG.

Deadline for Nominations is November 10, 2026.

Upcoming Programs:

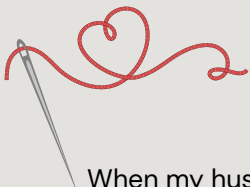


October Program - *Stitching on the Diagonal* by Dawn Donnelly

Nationally recognized artist and teacher, Dawn Donnelly, and author of "Transformative Stitching: Needlework on the Diagonal" will lead this program. Learn how to overcome any intimidation you might feel toward diagonal stitching, discover how to rotate stitches, and gain the confidence to create your own stunning "transformations." Whether you're a beginner or an experienced stitcher, this session is designed to inspire and empower you!

JOIN US Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm PST via ZOOM or In-person in San Diego!

2026 SDANG THEME:



STITCHING IN YOUR NEST

Welcome to Joanne Einhorn's Nest!



When my husband & I moved into our home 27 years ago we were delighted that unlike most Southern California houses, ours was built into a hill thus giving us a finished walkout basement! We had positioned a number of pieces of antique furniture downstairs, just because we had space there; they really weren't being used. The prior owner used the back room of the basement as a family room, and rest of the space as a landscape architect's office with built in shelves and desks, a closet, and even a wine cellar!

For most of our years here, we just used the basement's backroom as a 'man cave' for my husband and the rest of the floor as a storage/display/book area. I used some of the shelves and a built-in table as the area for my thread stash. But all of my other needlepoint stash was upstairs near the living room where I usually stitched. About a year ago, I decided to turn the entire area (or most of it) into my needlepoint studio.



The recliner serves as my primary stitching area. It's the first piece of furniture that we bought when we got married – and my husband refuses to retire it. It's been refinished a number of times, and it works perfectly with my System4 Floor stand, floor lamps, and tool cart. Plus, the small table next to it is perfect for holding scissors and tools in easy reach. I can either watch TV or listen to audio books while stitching contentedly.

The far end of the room houses much of the antique furniture I mention. I opened one side of a small drop leaf table to center my teaching and prep area. It gets plenty of light and is close to everything I need while teaching or identifying stitches for canvases. The old oak wardrobe holds my books, back up tools and is the perfect place for storage of items that I use when I teach or provide to the Chapter when needed. There's a drawer that is primarily filled with needles, for example.



The sideboard on the other side of the table is filled with miscellaneous things. I keep everything I need for beading in one drawer. In the lower cabinet I have small canvases.

The front room primarily holds my stash. I sort most of my threads by color or type. We installed hooks and use rings to hold thread cards as well as plastic storage boxes for others. Beads and spools are collect in a sorted containers. I store extra project bags and totes under the table as well as some works in progress with their threads. The wooden file cabinet holds mostly stitch guides & magazine. The desktop is a great place to tape my canvases and staple them to stretcher bars.

Following that room into the bowels of the cellar, I use other areas for some of my things. I didn't photograph those areas because the needlepoint stuff is mixed in with personal items. Suffice it to say that I have places to store stretcher bars, to hang unstarted canvases, and to hold my larger pieces of equipment. I know, I'm lucky!



Membership Status:

Fall is upon us!

We are holding at a fluctuating 193 and I am still working to ensure the membership list is up to date and ensure that everything is as requested. If you have an address change or email change or membership change, please feel free to email me at membership@sdang.org.

happy birthday!

Barbara	Evans	10-01
Michelle	Ganoff	10-03
Elizabeth	Horne	10-03
Ferris	Yayasaki	10-04
Stephanie	Carroll	10-06
Cynthia	Rigoni	10-06
Melissa	Hull	10-08
Dian	Higginbotham	10-11

Barbara	Pierschalla	10-13
Kelly	Lynn	10-13
Carley	Linn	10-14
Margaret	Orend	10-18
Penny	Luce	10-18
Victoria	Becker	10-20
Nanette	Cebulski	10-23

Sandra	Higgins	10-23
Donna	Cowan	10-24
Jeanne	Krinsky	10-28
Deb	Ogden	10-28
Lisa	Newsome	10-30



Stay Connected with Technology & Social Media:



Be sure to check us out on Instagram: [San Diego ANG Instagram](#)

**1,000
followers!**



And, Facebook: [San Diego ANG Facebook](#)

The ANG 2027 Nashville classes are posted on Facebook

and you can see all the classes in this video: [ANG 2027 Nashville Classes on You Tube](#).

Registration begins in early 2027 so be sure to read the ANG online newsletter for all the details.

MONTHLY TREAT SIGN-UP



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

October 13 - Susan Driscoll-Bannister
November 10 - Jan Woolsey
December - Holiday Party!

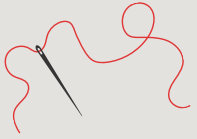
Secretary's Update:

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

Supporting the Community:



If you have needlepoint materials to donate, please contact Susan Driscoll-Bannister.



Treasurer's Corner:



Treasurer's Report for Sept 30, 2026				
Balances as of 09/30/26				
Petty Cash		\$107.00		
PayPal	\$1,169.86			
Note - Paypal fees through 08-31-26			\$218.69	
Subtotal PayPal		\$1,169.86		
Stripe	\$511.36			
Note - Stripe fees 7/1/26-9/30/26			\$12.95	
Subtotal Stripe		\$511.36		
SDCCU				
Small Business Checking	\$6,283.52			
Money Market Max	\$6,605.02			
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,000.00			New CD
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,109.73			
Primary Savings	\$1			
Subtotal SDCCU		\$27,999.27		
Total Balances		\$29,787.49		

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?

SEE PAGE 6 FOR BEAUTIFUL COMPLETED WORKS!

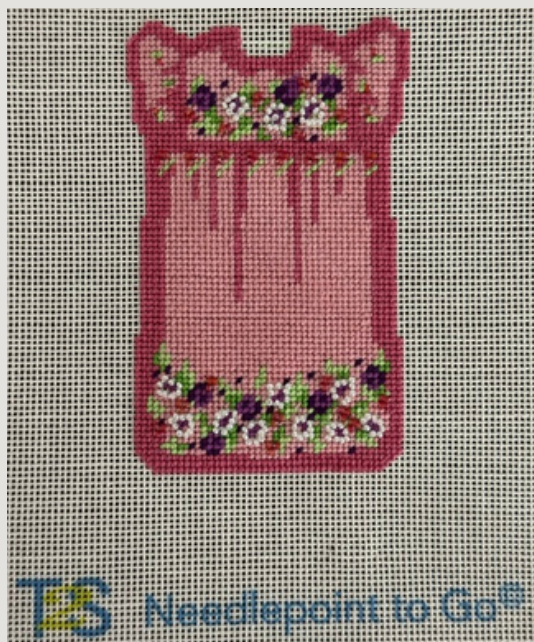
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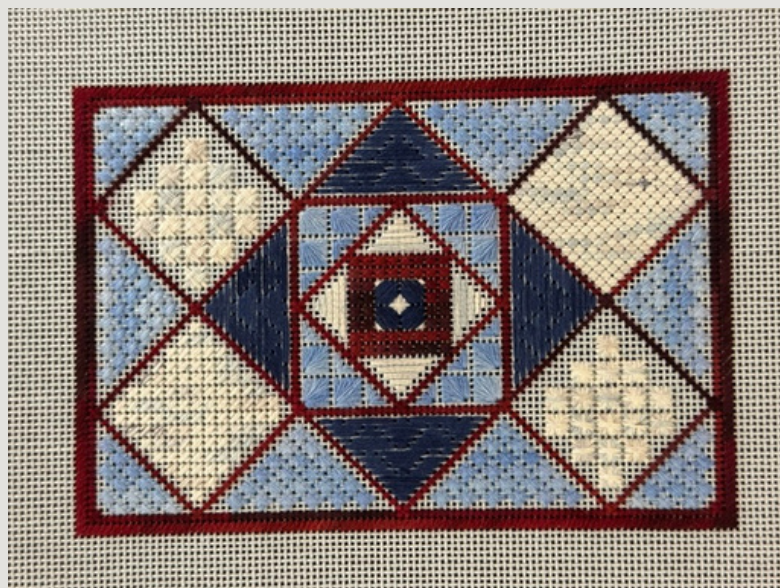
**Stitched and Finished
by Cherry Nichols**



Stitched by Fran Silver



**Stitched by Cherry
Nichols with beadwork!**



Jackpot! Stitched by Fran Silver



**Janet Casey Heart Ribbons
Stitched by Jo Ann Jackson**

**Nancy Cucci's Heart
Stitched by Marianne Randall
Finished by Sandy Higgins**



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