



American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.

**Executive Branch,
Maryland Chapter**

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Message from the President

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Hello Ladies,

July's meeting was super hard for me. I must be addicted to needlework! It was soo frustrating to sit and not be working on the Bargello Spools of Color. I hope to catch up next month.

The August meeting will be a "Stitch In" to finish our July project and September will be the Eight Point Star by Sandy. Cara Hayes donated the instructions from her Holiday Montage to our chapter as a thank you for being the pilot class. Cara's class is still open on the Seminar web page, so I hope it is a go. I really enjoyed the different threads and stitches.

We are always talking about different books we all have. I'm wondering if someone would like to be an unofficial librarian for our group? If someone would keep a catalogue of member's books and recommendations, it would be a great reference pool for everyone.

Vi has offered to do a "history" of our chapter and an important notebook was found with our charter and early correspondence. If anyone remembers events from the seventies or eighties please contact her.

Tara has agreed to store our Projects Books from ANG. She is looking for some fun programs for next year for us. Remember ANG's web site has a wealth of information for us and lots of ideas.

There are still openings for the National Cathedral needlework tour and tea on Sept 29th. I am going early at 12:30 for the organ recital, then afterwards checking their gift shop in the herb cottage. The tea is served in one of the towers with a beautiful view of the city. Ask a friend who might be interested in joining our group.
<www.nationalcathedral.org/visit/tourAndTea.shtml>

Think about stitching a kissing pillow or bookmark for our charity donations. If we make a commitment to finish one or more by the end of the year, it might actually get done. And it will count for bring and brag.

The Montgomery County Fair is Aug 13-21. Last year Audrey and I both won ribbons in the Home Arts Section. She got a blue one in fact! I have bragged to friends, relatives and strangers about mine. The entries are secured and covered in heavy plastic, so no worries about their safety. Kunni Biener [email homeartskunni@aol.com] is the co-chair of the building and happy to answer any and all questions. She is also looking for volunteers to demonstrate during Fair hours. You get a free pass into the fair, and a chance to talk with lots of people interested in many different projects.
<www.mcagfair.com/>

Thank you Thank you to Jane for stepping up as treasurer. September 4th is over Labor Day weekend. I will be in town, but check your calendars. I don't want to stitch alone. Don't forget your finished projects for Bring and Brag.

Take Care & Happy Stitching!

Meetings

Where: Leisure World ClubHouse
3700 Rossmoor Blvd.
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Date & Time: **SAT August 7, 2010 10 am – 2 pm**
SAT September 4, 2010 10 am – 2 pm
SAT October 2, 2010 10 am – 2 pm
SAT November 6, 2010 10 am – 2 pm
SAT December 4, 2010 10 am – 2 pm
SAT January 1, 2011 10 am – 2 pm
SAT February 5, 2011 10 am – 2 pm

Don't forget your name badge!

If you don't, the chapter assesses a 25¢ fee at meetings. If you haven't finished your badge yet, just bring it to avoid paying.

August 2010 Agenda

- Secretary minutes OKed
- Treasurer's report
- Bring and Brag
- Spring Class-Barbara checking on teacher
- Sign Up for charity project
- Brain Storm for 2011 programs
- MD Flag update by Jean

Chapter Programs

- **August 2010** – Stitch-in to work on Bargello Spools of Color
- **September 2010** – Sandy leading Eight Pointed Star
- **October 2010** – Stitch-in to work on Eight Pointed Star & Midwest Mosaics ANG Seminar October 1-8
- **November 2010** – Tara leading Pat Mazu's Xmas Flower Mini Stocking from 2009 ANG Chapter Project Book
- **December 2010** – The Social! Bring food. ☺
- **January 2011** – Jane leading making a picture frame a la Denise
- **February 2011** – Stitch-in for Picture Frame



Deadline for the next newsletter submissions

August 13, 2010

Please send all submissions to Tara Roberts.

<embc.ang@gmail.com>

Miscellaneous News

Zweigart's newest hand-dyed needlepoint canvas
review by, Threadneedle Street
<www.threadneedlestreet.com>

No doubt you will be reading about new colors of Zweigart hand-dyed needlepoint canvas on various websites, blogs and in magazines. When this was first announced late last year, I was a bit skeptical, in part because of the large number of hand-dyed colors (35), many of which are very similar, but also the rather high price (\$62.00 per yard). This canvas is different than other Zweigart canvas. It is not dyed by the Zweigart factory in Europe but hand-dyed in the US. As with all hand-dyed fabrics, it is done in small batches so it

is not possible to buy large continuous pieces (for example, it would not be available to a store in a 5 yard cut). Color consistency should be expected to be less accurate than with factory-dyed canvas. Two of the colors we recently received came in significantly lighter in value than our fabric swatches. Also, most of the body or stiffness of the canvas is gone - it is rather limp. Many of you will be excited at the appearance of these new colors of canvas but please be aware of some of the drawbacks as well.

Details on New Threads (excerpt)
<www.nuts-about-needlepoint.com>
Janet Perry

Rainbow Gallery brought out new colors of several of their threads. Some of these are just perfect for popular applications.

Sparkle Rays has two new colors, both orange, that will be perfect for Halloween. These are not fluorescent oranges, but a lovely bright orange (think Netherlands World Cup uniforms) and a lighter orange. The two together will be perfect for pumpkins.

Soft Sheen Fyrewerks has come out with a vintage silver. It looks absolutely wonderful, a dark, almost matte silver. It would be great for shadows, or areas of tarnish or maybe even an old mirror.

Fourteen new colors came out for {Wisper} They include a lovely light taupe, called mink (an excellent name), three very light tans, two new grays (one light one very dark), a good rust (think red fox here) and three very dark browns.

Vineyard Silk has added twelve new colors including great dark and light orange, a lovely family of teal and another family of grayed blues. The new colors of Silk & Ivory are all in their wonderful very pale colors. These colors are almost white with just a hint of color, perfect for backgrounds.

Threadworx has added their new colors to their catalog pages. In the Overdyed Merino Wool, there are some multi-colors, but I was particularly struck by the great brown and a very pale gray.

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