Year Long Project
Gnomes by Marilyn Owen and Lorraine Stobie

Chicago ANG News

President's Greeting

As I write this, it's August which means there's only one month left to finish our challenge pieces. The crazy weather we've had over the last couple of months has meant that I, for one, got a fair bit of stitching done this summer. I'm up to the Outline/framing part of Wendy Moore's Iris, which is giving me fits at the moment. But I hope to have it finished to show off at the September meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone else's finished pieces, too.

Our ongoing project this year is 4 of the Gnomes that were in the 2023 *Needle-pointers*. I will be rolling them out in September and presenting the first one at the October meeting. I will be presenting a second one later on, and Sharon DeVault has volunteered to present a third one. We are looking for someone to present a 4th Gnome in the spring. If you plan on stitching one, please volunteer to be that person. They are fun and fairly quick to stitch.

At the start of our new year, I'd like to thank all the work our board does to keep this a vibrant and active guild. Without each and every one of them, Chicago ANG would not be what it is today. Thanks once again to Arlene Jastrzembowski, Chrissy Blanchette, Sharon DeVault, Joanne McGowan, Jenny Ross and Pat Chromy.

Happy Stitching, Pat

Inside this issue

Challenge Pieces 2
Workshops 2
Calendar 3
Membership 4
Programs 4
Year Long Project 5

Special points of interest

- September 6, 2024 registration deadline for Larry the Lion with Toni Gerdes
- September 28, 2024 Chapter Meeting—bring your challenge pieces. Gnomes registration deadline.
- December 1, 2024 Tall, Dark & Handsome Registration Deadline

2024-2025 Workshops

November - Larry the Lion with Toni Gerdes

November 9 and 10, 2024: Larry the Lion by Toni Gerdes

2 days

Larry is a ferocious Patchwork Lion that explores many different stitches to create a happy addition to your needlework decorations. He is the third in a series of patchwork animals: the first was Elliot the Patchwork Elephant, followed by Gertrude the Patchwork Giraffe. The autumnal feel of the colors make stitching on this canvas a dream. The optional addition of a fun gold beaded crown and whiskers makes Larry the definite "King of the Jungle." Several Rainbow Gallery metallic threads, Vineyard Silk, Treenway Silk Eyelash and Planet Earth Silks, along with beads and sequins will be used to create this charismatic design.

The stitches include old favorites, as well as a few surprises. The background will be a white on white diagonal pattern that emphasizes the corners of the design and enhance the lion's strong personality. We are excited to welcome Toni back to Chicago ANG. Her designs, instructions and teaching style are notable.

Proficiency level: Intermediate

Design size: 9" x 11" on canvas cut to 13" x 15"

Kit Cost: $190.00

Registration Deadline Date: September 6, 2024

Reminder: Students will need to bring stretcher bars, tacks or staples, usual stitching supplies including scissors for silks/cottons and metallics, laying tool, pencil, tape, strand or frame weight and light and magnification as needed

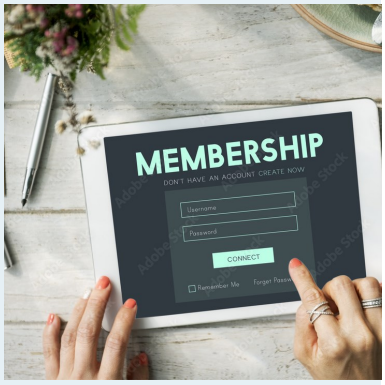
Membership Chair

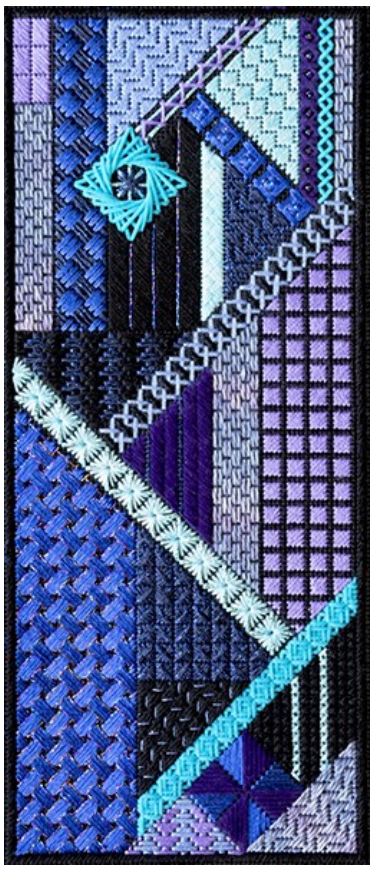
Welcome to our two newest members:

Theresa Di Pietro

Mary Jo Leamy

If you have not renewed for 2024-2025, or are not sure if you renewed, contact Arlene Jastrzembowski, Chicago ANG Membership Chair.





Virtual Workshop - Tall, Dark, & Handsome with Jennifer Riefenberg

February 1 and 2, 2025: Tall, Dark, & Handsome by Jennifer Riefenberg

2 days—virtual

Tall, Dark & Handsome is one of a series of charted designs, celebrating and modifying the traditional samplers. The kit contains a variety of threads including metallics, cotton, silks, etc. Tall, Dark, & Handsome shows off in a dramatic and elegant design that feels like its' namesake—enjoy stitching this exciting design.

Proficiency level: Intermediate

Design size: 4" x 10"

Kit Cost: $120.00

Registration Deadline Date: December 1, 2024

March—Moon on the Water with Wendy Moore

On March 29 and 30, 2025, we will hold an in person workshop with Wendy Moore with her piece Moon on the Water. We are excited to welcome Wendy back to Chicago ANG with her great designs, instructions and teaching style.

Moon on the Water is a 6" x 7" intermediate piece that depicts the water rippling in the reflection of a large, romantic moon. More information about this piece and registration information will be available in the fall.

Calendar

September 28, 2024
Chapter Meeting
Challenge Pieces

October 28, 2024
Chapter Meeting
Quilted Owl by Nancy's Needle
Gnome 1—Bondy

November 9 & 10, 2023
Workshop—Larry the Lion
Toni Gerdes

December 7, 2024
Chapter Meeting
Carolyn Mitchell Lecture
Cookie Swap

January 25, 2025
Chapter Meeting
Darned Good Sampler—Part 1
Gnome 2—Dotti

February 1 & 2 2025
Virtual Workshop

February 22, 2025
Chapter Meeting
Garnet by Freda's Fancy Stitching

March 22, 2025
Chapter Meeting
Darned Good Sampler Part 2
Gnome 3—Hope

March 29 & 30, 2025
Workshop—Moon on the Water by Wendy Moore

April 26, 2025
Chapter Meeting

Membership

Chapter Membership

Membership dues for 2024-2025 are $15.00. Renewals should be sent to Arlene Jastrzembowski.

Chicago ANG Incentive Program

How exciting to be able to meet in person again! We know everyone has been stitching up a storm in the past 18 months and we're looking forward to seeing everyone's completed projects.

Program Guidelines

To receive credit for a completed project, the project must be brought to a regular meeting and presented to the Membership Chair. The Membership Chair will record the project in the member's record and give the appropriate award. Should there be a question about the evaluation of a project for an award, a panel of 3 board members will be asked to determine the evaluation. ANG National by-laws define needlepoint as "needlework executed by hand with a threaded needle on a readily counted ground."

National Membership

National dues are now payable on January 1 each year. If you haven't renewed yet, please go to the national ANG website: needlepoint.org and renew.

October Program

Quilted Owl by Nancy's Needle

Our October project will be this delightful owl from Nancy's Needle. The design is 8.00" x 8.00" on 18 count canvas and is stitched in a combination of DMC perle cotton, Caron watercolours and snow, and Gold rush.

Gnome 1—Bondy

December Program

My Stitching Journey
Lecture by Carolyn Mitchell

We are planning a fun holiday meeting for December with our annual cookie exchange and a lecture by Carolyn Mitchell, a talented Canadian counted canvas designer and former owner of a needlework shop.

January Program

Darned Good Sampler by Toni Gerdes, Part 1

Toni Gerdes Darned Good Sampler was the 2018 ANG Stitch of the Month. This piece can be worked on any count canvas of even weave fabric and in any thread or color combination. It provides a sampling of Darning Patterns that can be used both as background stitches and as the main focus in a design. It includes horizontal, vertical, diagonal and 2-way darning patterns. This will be presented in 3 parts with part 2 in March and part 3 in May.

Gnome 2—Dotti

February Program

Garnet by Freda's Fancy Stitching
This is Freda's latest gem series design. The design features Caron Watercolours Cinnabar and Rainbow Gallery Very Velvet in Burgundy and a few other deep red threads and 437 beads which add a delightful sparkle to the piece. The finished size is 5 1/2" by 5 1/2" and fits nicely in a 6" square frame. Available for download at www.fredasfancystitching.com

March Program

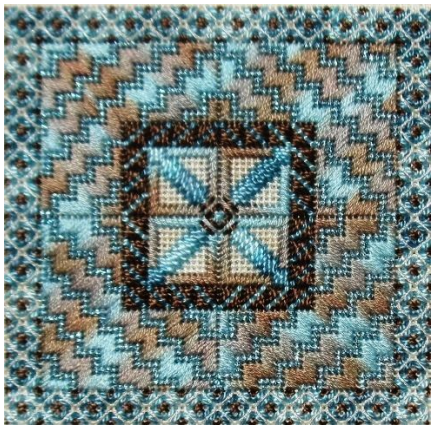
Darned Good Sampler by Toni Gerdes, Part 2

Gnome 3—Hope

April Program

Surf and Sand Double Delight by Needle Delights Originals

This piece is one of Kathy Rees' Double Delights which are studies in color and texture. Piece is stitched in Threadworx overdyede threads, pearl cotton and metallic in blues and browns on 18 count canvas. An alternative pink and brown colorway is provided. Chart or kit is available from www.needledelights.com.



Chapter Meetings
Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month from September through June except in December when the meeting is held earlier in the month.
Meetings are held at the West Lawn Park District field house, located at:

4232 W. 65th Street
Chicago, IL 60629.
Telephone: 773-284-2803

Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. and end around noon.

Members are welcome to stay and stitch after the meeting until 3:30 pm.

A Zoom option will be provided for our meetings. Please let Jenny Ross know at jenny60060@comcast.net if you are interested in participating via zoom.

Chicago ANG Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers
President Pat Warren 708-409-1610 patwarren10817@gmail.com
1st Vice President—Sharon DeVault 708-259-2578 sharon@wb-legal.com
2nd Vice Pres—Workshops Joanne McGowan 847-404-6972 jem1811@gmail.com
Treasurer Sharon DeVault 708-259-2578 sharon@wb-legal.com
Secretary Chrissy Blanchette 815-342-4575 christineb.13@hotmail.com
Committee Chairs
Hospitality vacant
Membership Arlene Jastrzembowski 708-562-7813 arlenejlestat@comcast.net
Newsletter Jenny Ross 847-404-9673 jenny60060@comcast.net
Coordinator for Correspondence Courses Pat Chromy 773-816-4388 p_chromy@yahoo.com
Webmaster/Social Media Jenny Ross 847-404-9673 jenny60060@comcast.net

Chapter by-laws, policies and standing rules are available in the membership directory.

CANG Group Correspondence Course Survey Time

Time to review opportunities for next Group Correspondence Course

Please see available programs on website https://needlepoint.org, Education section. Only changes since Aug 2023 survey is removal of Ben's Kites, Susan Hoekstra and addition of Hearts of Gold, Michelle Roberts.

1. Hearts of Gold, Michelle Roberts
2. Geometric Butterfly, Toni Gerdes
3. Royal Kimono, Toni Gerdes
4. Red Hearts, Michelle Roberts
5. Empire of the Sun, Toni Gerdes
6. Let the Good Times Roll, Janet Zickler Case

The components of cost for Correspondence Courses are:
Registration Fee: $35 for an individual or $105 for a group. Chicago ANG will cover this cost if 4 or more sign up.
Teaching Fee: $35 for an individual and each member of a group
Instructions: $0 for a pdf file sent via email; color printouts as shown in course description
Optional/Required Items: As shown in course description plus postage as listed for those items.
Kits: As shown in course description, includes shipping charges for individuals in the U.S.
Shipping Charges: Groups only; will be billed once package size & weight is known
Optional Course Evaluation Fee: $25 plus postage to and from the teacher, payable to the instructor
Please note each course may have additional costs beyond cost listed in above components.

If anyone needs help or has questions contact me at p_chromy@yahoo.com