Year Long Project
Gnomes by Marilyn Owen and Lorraine Stobie

Chicago ANG News

President's Greeting

Even though the calendar says it's spring, as I write this, it seems like summer has come and so have the cicadas, with a vengeance. I can't go outside or open a window without hearing them. Their drone, as one article I read said, sounds almost like a ray-gun in a science-fiction movie or a thin metallic sheet rippling, which I agree with. The western suburbs seem to be hit the hardest, we have piles of shells underneath a couple of our trees and I've been hit a few times with those blind creepy red-eyed critters blundering into me. If you aren't in an area where they are, take a trip to the Morton Arboretum in Lisle to see what they call a natural phenomenon.

All of the lectures we had this past year were very popular, not to mention interesting and knowledgeable. Carolyn Mitchell's lecture for December looks to be another interesting one. If you have any ideas for lectures we can add to next year's calendar, please let someone on the board know.

Looking at the Programs Sharon has selected for next year has me excited. I keep promising myself I won't start any new projects, and then I see what is coming up and know I will be right in line to sign up for a lot of them. I'm already half finished with the Gnome I will be presenting in October. They are a lot of fun to stitch, and I love the wonderful overdyes from Colour Complements. These threads are a delight to stitch with.

Happy Stitching, Pat

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Special points of interest

- September 15, 2024 registration deadline for Larry the Lion with Toni Gerdes
- September 23, 2024 Chapter Meeting—bring your challenge pieces.
- October 28, 2024 Chapter meeting—Quilted Owl and Gnome 1—Bondy

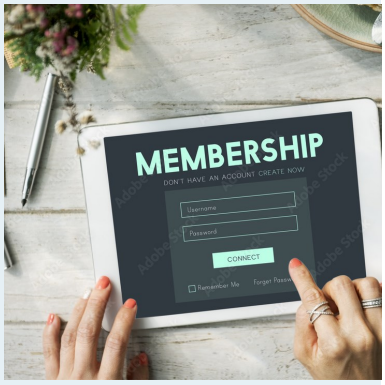
Challenge Pieces

Challenge Pieces for 2024-25 will be selected at the September meeting. There will be prizes in September 2024 for those who complete their 2023-24 challenge pieces. Those who do not complete their challenges will have to pay the Chapter $10. If you finish your challenge early, bring it to any meeting to show off during Show and Tell.

Chrissy Blanchette: Monet Kimono by Toni Gerdes
Sharon DeVault: Ocean Blues by Kathy Rees
Arlene Jastrzembowski: Raven Queen by Mirabelia
Jamie Reft: Church of the Savior of the Spilled Blood by Carol Lake and Michael Boren
Sue Rous: Leaves in Needlepoint Now
Pat Warren: Gertrude Gafirfe by Toni Gerdes
Joanne McGowan: Wright Kimono by Toni Gerdes

Membership Chair

Arlene Jastrzembowski is the new Chicago ANG Membership Chair please send inquiries about membership and payments to her.



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 15, 2024

Larry the Lion by Toni Gerdes

Additional Workshops

We will again offer a virtual workshop on a cozy winter weekend on February 1 and 2, 2025. The final selection has not been made for this workshop. Registration will open in the fall.

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 23, 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

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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.

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.

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

Year Long Project

Gnomes by Marilyn Owen and Lorraine Stobie
Our year long project for 2024-25 is going to be 4 of the gnomes featured in the 2023 Needle Pointers Magazine.s These were designed by Marilyn Owen and Lorraine Stobie of Colour Complements. These small, simple projects feature overdyed threads and can be finished as ornaments, stand ups, door hangings or many other ways. They will be presented every other month, starting in October. We will be kitting these for you with the individual threads for $30.00 for the first kit and $25 for each subsequent kit. (You only need one card of the V220 yellow Very Velvet even if you do all 4). You can purchase the kit directly from www.colourcomplements.com but her price includes the cost of the design and directions which you should already have. The chapter will cover the cost of the 8" x 8" 18 count canvas for you. Digital copies of the magazines are available on the ANG website.

October—Bandy—July/August 2023

January—Dotti—March/April 2023

March—Hope—November/December 2023

May—Autumn—September/October 2023

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Chapter Meetings

Chapter meetings will be held in person and via zoom unless advertised as virtual only. Links will be sent out in advance to all Chapter members. If you need help with Zoom or would like to invite a guest, contact Jenny Ross at jenny60060@comcast.net

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

Chicago ANG 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.