Chicago ANG News

President's Greeting

Hello fellow stitchers,

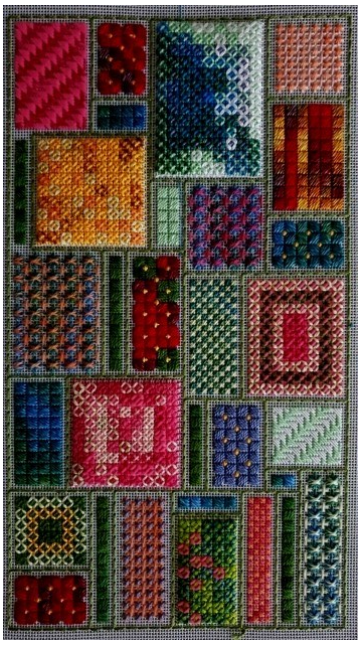
Spring has sprung
The grass has riz
I wonder where the birdies is?

My mother always attributed this poem to Ogden Nash, her favorite poet. But after some research, I'm disappointed to find that that is not necessarily correct. Anyway, in spite of some really interesting weather this spring, I think the poem is appropriate. Soon, it will be summer, and I'll be doing one of my favorite things, stitching outside on the front porch, listening to the birds chatter and greeting the hikers and dog walkers as they go by.

Have you looked at the historical chart of Chicago ANG pieces? Be sure to bring your oldest finished piece to show off at the June meeting. You might even be lucky enough to win the drawing prize. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's pieces.

The deadline for membership dues is coming at the end of summer. Please be sure to send/give your checks and completed coupons to Arlene or you can pay via Zelle.

Happy Stitching, Pat



Year Long Project
Gift Boxes by Merrilyn Heazlewood

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- Debbie Rowley Lecture—Anchors Away—November 22
- Autumn Kaleidoscope Workshop with Lorene Salt—November 7 and 8

Membership Chair

Welcome to our newest members:

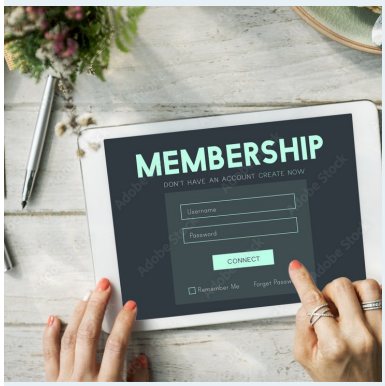
Rebecca Bridgeman-Acosta

Christine Garvey

Michelle Remenik

Marilyn Salimi

You can renew your membership for 2025-26 by submitting payment and a coupon to Arlene Jastrzembowski, Chicago ANG Membership Chair.



2025-2026 Workshops

October—Zelda the Zebra with Toni Gerdes

October 11 and 12, 2025 Zelda the Zebra with Toni Gerdes

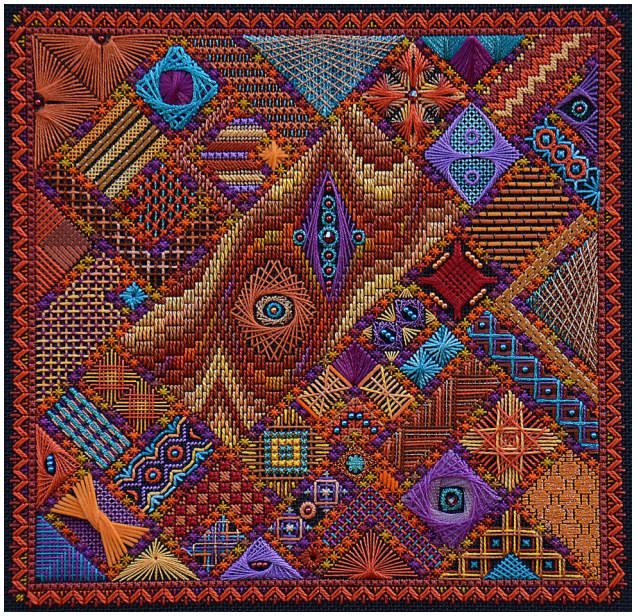
2 days

Zelda is an exuberant Patchwork Zebra with her stripes of many colors. She is the fourth in a series of Patchwork animals; the first was Elliot the Patchwork Elephant followed by Gertrude the Patchwork Giraffe and Larry the Patchwork Lion. The jewel tone color palette makes Zelda exquisite. Zelda's "false" eyelashes will have her flirting with you. Several Rainbow Gallery metallics, Caron threads, Straw Silk, & Planet Earth Threads, along with beautiful beads will be used to create her captivating design. The stitches will include old favorites, as well as a few surprises. The background will be a white-on-white diagonal pattern that emphasizes the design and enhances Zelda's whimsical personality.

Design Size: 11" x 9"
Kit Content: Line drawn on 18 count white mono canvas, threads to include metallics, overdyed, and silk threads with beads and false eyelashes, and printed instruction.
Students to Provide: Stretcher bars or frame (13" x 15"), tacks or staples, laying tool, usual stitching supplies, light and magnification, if desired.
Kit Cost: $215.00

Registration Deadline is August 1, 2025; gh

February—Autumn Kaleidoscope with Lorene



February 7 and 8, 2026 Autumn Kaleidoscope with Lorene Salt

Virtual workshop with portions over 2 days.

"Autumn Kaleidoscope" is a study in String Art and "Spirograph" type stitches. When the design is finished it begins to take on the look of shards of coloured glass, which one would see while looking through a Kaleidoscope. The student will put the Star Stitch/Smyrna grid in place as pre-stitching. There are over 50 different stitches including various types of Jessicas, Amadeus, Sprats Head, Balloon, Waffles, and Chilly Hollow in this piece. Techniques include Bargello, Diaper Patterns, and Laid Fillings. The piece is further embellished with Swarovski crystals and pearls. This class will appeal to those students who would like to try new techniques while challenging themselves by mastering complex canvaswork stitches. This is for the Intermediate/Advanced stitcher.

Threads used include Kreinik and Threadworx Metallics, Vineyard Silk, Caron Impressions, Perle Cotton, Overdyed Perle Cotton, Rainbow Gallery Neon Rays, Neon Rays+, Silk Lame Braid 18, Very Velvet, Petite Frosty Rays and Soy Lustre Shadows. The colour palette is Autumn colours of orange, yellow, copper, purple and turquoise.

Design Size: 9-1/4" x 9-1/4"
Kit Content: 18 count black canvas, threads to include metallics, overdyed, and silk threads with beads and embelishments, and printed instruction.
Students to Provide: Stretcher bars or frame (15"x15"), tacks or staples, laying tool, usual stitching supplies, light and magnification, if desired.
Kit Cost: $278.00

Registration Deadline is September 27, 2025

Calendar

September 27, 2025
Chapter Meeting
Challenge Pieces
Year Long Project Kick Off

October 11 & 12, 2025
Workshop - Zelda the Zebra with Toni Gerdes

October 25, 2025
Chapter Meeting
Autumn Fire by Lorraine Stobie
Year Long Project

November 22, 2025
Chapter Meeting
Debbie Rowley Lecture, Anchors Away
Year Long Project

January 24, 2026
Chapter Meeting
A Tree for All Seasons Part 1
Year Long Project

February 7 & 8, 2026
Workshop—Autumn Kaleidescope with Lorene Salt (virtual)

February 28, 2026
Chapter Meeting
Turple Double Delights
Year Long Project

March 28, 2026
Chapter Meeting
Jade by Freda's Fancy Stitching, Part 1
Year Long Project

April 25, 2026
Chapter Meeting

Membership

Chapter Membership

Membership dues for 2025-2026 are $15.00. Renewal coupons and payment 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

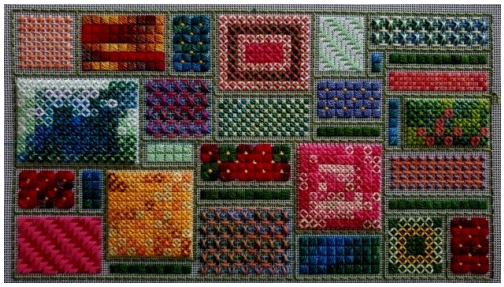
National dues are now payable on January 1 each year. If you haven't renewed yet, please go to the national ANG website: needlepoint.org and renew.

September Program

Challenge Pieces

Bring your completed 2024-2025 Challenge pieces, or $10.00, and pieces for the Chapter to choose among for 2025-2026.

Start our **Year Long Project: Gift Boxes by Merrilyn Heazlewood,** the 2025 ANG Stitch Along. We will start off this stash-buster project with the January and February 2025 patterns.



Gift Boxes by Merrilyn Heazlewood

October Program

Autumn Fire by Lorraine Stobie of Colour Complements

Autumn Fire is a small (2-1/2 in square)ornament stitched on 18 count mono canvas. It is a perfect quick and simple design to stitch. Threads and pattern are available from

https://colourcomplements.com

Year Long Project—Gift Boxes March 2025

November Program

Debbie Rowley Lecture: Anchors Away

Debbie Rowley will tell us all about pin stitches, loop starts, away knots, and ways to anchor threads for beginning and ending.

Year Long Project—Givt Boxes April 2025

January Program

A Tree for All Seasons, Part 1 by Becky Breshears

This piece was the ANG Winter Quarterly Stitch. The pattern will be distributed to Chapter Members in December 2025. It can be stitched with your stash and in multiple colorways.

Year Long Project—Gift Boxes Jay and June 2025

February Program

Turple Double Delights by Needle Delights Originals

Square counted design in a combination of Turquoise and Purple or colors of your choice. Available from: https://needledelights.com/

Year Long Project—Gift Boxes July and August 2025

March Program

Jade by Freda's Fancy Stitching

Approximately 6" square piece stitched in a variety of threads and stitches. Can be stitched in recommended greens or in colors and threads of your choice. Available from: https://fredasfancystitching.com

Year Long Project—Gift Boxes September 2025

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.

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