



San Antonio Samplings



Newsletter of the San Antonio Needlework Guild, Inc.

South Central Region, Embroiders Guild of America

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Our President's Message:

I want to thank Pat Sweet for teaching the plastic canvas shamrock with me at Forest Hills Library on March 10, 2020. We had nice time but no one came to take the class. The librarians said the attendance was down due to the Coronavirus and spring break. We got other stitching done.

I hope everyone is staying home stitching while we are home confined. It just feels strange that we can't drive to Stitches from the Heart for fabric or threads or run to the grocery store for milk or eggs, hoping they are not out. I want to get the 2 Christmas stockings finished. I am watching Hallmark Movies and Mysteries and working on the stockings. They ran an Aurora Teagarden marathon and Gourmet Detective Mysteries marathons. Have you found new websites or new projects or getting out an old project to finish? Most of us have email and we can pass along a new project idea even to the ones who don't have email. Check out Stitches from the Heart Facebook page. They have some free designs. I found a new Italian needlework designer, Clotilde Cherubini. Her Etsy page is <https://www.etsy.com/shop/MyFanny>. My Italian language is gone but the designs are pretty.

Our next regular meeting is April 28, 2020. Pat Sweet will be teaching her cute spider. If anyone needs anything, contact a SANG member. The Board members phone numbers and emails are on the back page of this newsletter. We need to stay in contact with each other.

Reminder: 9 pm is the time to remove your day pajamas and put your night pajamas on. This was posted on Facebook by one of my high school buds. LOL

Joan Vanderbrink

Membership

It is rapidly moving into April. Our national and chapter dues will need to be received by the end of May. With the health situation, we will not be seeing each other for several weeks. Your information and dues will need to be sent to Carmel Friesenhahn at her post office box. Carmel will pass your information to me with a notation of the amount of money sent to her. I will complete the paperwork required by the national office and forward it to them. The coupon for membership renewal is in the newsletter. It has Carmel's address on the coupon.

I hope everyone is coping well and look forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible.

Kay Foster, VP Membership

Programs

April 28

Program – Halloween Plaid Spider



SANG is anticipating that things will be back to something near “normal” in time for Pat Sweet to teach us how to create a plaid with needlepoint. The plaid is completely reversible, so you may find the technique helpful in unusual finishing situations. The method for constructing and stitching a needlepoint plaid was designed by the late Chottie Alderson, a well-known and much beloved needlework teacher from southern California. It is sometimes referred to as “Chottie’s Plaid.”

We will be offering two different kits:

Complete Kit: this kit will include an 8”x8” 18 count mono canvas, instructions and threads to stitch one plaid circle. The cost will be \$15

Canvas and Instructions Only: this kit will cost \$5. If you decide to use threads from your stash, here’s a list of the threads used in the sample and the completed kits so that you can select equivalent threads in whichever colorway you prefer.

- DMC Perle #5: Purple 972, Black 310, Yellow 208
- Kreinik #12 Braid (listed either as Lime or Chartreuse) 15

With either kit, you will need to supply 8” by 8” stretcher bars, needles and your usual stitching supplies.

Time is running out – if you plan on doing this project, please complete the coupon on page 12 and send (along with a check made out to SANG) to Pat Sweet, no later than April 10, 2020. Pat would also appreciate it if you could contact her and send her your money as quickly as you can. Class materials need to be purchased soon. She can be reached at (210)365-8951 or at her email address sweetp50@aol.com. The class may need to be rescheduled if closures are extended. If your plans are not flexible and you would like to cancel – contact Pat and we can return any payment you have made. This piece can be finished using a cupcake holder in the shape of a spider. Anyone participating in the plaid class can join us again in the Fall – where we will offer a spider finishing class.

May 9

Program – Victorian Era Embroidery



Please plan on joining SANG at Ft. Sam Houston Country Club for our May Luncheon. In addition to good food, a chance to embroider with friends and a refreshing outing after sheltering in place for so long, SANG is pleased to offer members and their guests a truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view an incredible collection of embroidery from the Victorian Era.

Kathleen O'Brien will give a presentation discussing her collection of garments, needlework pieces, and patterns that were used by Victorian embroiderers. Attendees will also be able to observe the detail work on the pieces. Included in Kathleen's collection are needlework on garments (decoration on dresses, a man's vest, shoes, etc.) and needlework pieces that were made for the home. Among these are a examples of uncut needlework slippers and patterns that were available for sale in stores.

In addition to beautifully finished pieces, Kathleen plans to bring some pieces – either unfinished or pieces where lining has rotted - where we can see how the stitches were formed. (A cautionary tale for those of us who have sloppy backs on our finished pieces – centuries later, ladies may be looking closely at our pieces and think “Yikes, at least I know how to bury my threads correctly”).

Information on the luncheon and coupon for sign up can be found on page 6. We encourage everyone to attend and bring guests. Watch for additional information in next month's newsletter!

June 23, July 28, August 25

Program – Stitch Ins – Evenings Only

SANG takes a break from offering programs and technique classes during the Summer months. We encourage our members to stitch on their UFOs, Seminar Projects and enjoy spending time with friends and family. We

do not have day meetings, but do meet during the evening on our regularly scheduled meeting dates (the Fourth Tuesday of the month) for unstructured stitch-ins

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to the plate and offered to teach programs and technique classes. We have a very talented and generous group of stitchers – you all make my job easy. I would also like to thank all who have attended the technique classes or participated in the programs – its fun to learn together. If you have any suggestions for programs or technique classes you would like to see (or teach) in the future, please let me know.

Mary Hodges, VP Education

Stitch-Ins

APRIL

We will not have any stitch-ins the month of April. Our meeting is Tuesday, April 28 at 10:00 am for the morning meeting at Northwood Presbyterian Church and 6:45 pm at St. Marks Methodist Church for the night meeting

MAY

Our May Stitch-ins will on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:00 pm Maverick Library; Wednesday, May 6 at 9:30 am, Northwood Presbyterian Church; Monday, May 11, 6 pm at Forest Hills Library; Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 am, Memorial Library; Wednesday, May 20 at 9:30 am, Northwood Presbyterian Church; Wednesday, May 27 at 9:30 am, Northwood Presbyterian Church. I did not put Franklin Park for Wednesday, May 13. We were not going there until further notice.

Notes from the ~~Board~~ Bored:

Dear Diary,

It is now day ~~812~~ ??? of our Coronication...and I'm climbing the walls. I'm sick of peanut butter sandwiches and am running out of things to do. So far I've:

- Sorted my sock drawer (forgot how cute those Duran Duran leg warmers were, can't wait to wear them to the next SANG meeting)
- Read "A Tale of Two Cities"
- Finally figured out how to solve the Rubic's Cube
- Cleaned out the pantry (who knew that Girl Scout Cookies had expiration dates???)
- Opened my craft closet to begin sorting through my projects...



Guess what? I've found enough stuff to keep my busy for MONTHS – can't wait to get started on that cute Dorothy Leshner "Sun Dragon", or the "Celestial Dragon" from Design Works, or that adorable Mill Hill Christmas ornament for the December SANG Ornament Exchange. Hey, this enforced "me time" isn't so bad.

On a more serious note, hang in there. If you're looking for things to keep you occupied, there is a lot of informative or entertaining information available on the internet – museums have opened their virtual doors, Amazon is offering free Audible books, the San Antonio Library has a tremendous digital library to dig into, we truly live in a remarkable age, where the world is available at our fingertips.

Stores have really stepped up and are offering unprecedented levels of curbside service. If you need help, don't hesitate to contact a fellow SANG member – if we put our heads together and pool our knowledge we can figure things out and help each other through this.

Mary Hodges (deltagal@prodigy.net)

Please note that due to Covid-19 all SANG activities have been cancelled until April 17 at the direction of SCR Leadership. The situation will be continually monitored and adjustments to dates will be made as needed. We encourage all our members to follow CDC protocols and stay at home. Please be safe!

Message from Jane Flagg:



Shout out to all my sewist friends. So far I've made 25 face masks for a friend who has nurse friends who will be testing for the COVID-19. They are concerned because the mask supply is extremely low. I have plenty of fabric in my stash but am out of 1/4 inch elastic—any color. Does anyone have elastic in their stash? Let me know if you can share for these nurses on the front line. Today I'm trying out patterns for masks that have a pocket to place a filter for a nurse who works with bone marrow transplant patients. This temporary fix will be the next best option until more CDC masks are manufactured & delivered. Thanks, JANE

Membership Form

Membership dues are up for renewal in May each year. Renew and keep your benefits coming.

		2020 Dues Amount
New SANG Primary Member	National, Regional, and Chapter Dues	\$55.00/year Aug 1-Oct 30/\$43.25, Nov 1-Jan 31/\$35.50, Feb 1-Apr 30/\$23.75
Returning SANG Primary Member		\$55.00
SANG Plural Member (Primary Membership in another South Central Region Chapter)	Chapter Dues	\$11.00
SANG Plural Member (Primary Membership outside South Central Region)	Regional and Chapter Dues	\$16.00
SANG EGA Life Members		\$16.00

*New Members dues will be prorated as follows: Aug 1-Oct 30/\$43.25, Nov 1-Jan 31/\$35.50, Feb 1-Apr 30/\$23.75

VERY IMPORTANT: Each member must make any changes to personal information (address, phone number, email) directly to EGA. Go to the National EGA website - www.egausa.org - click the "Contact Us" tab at the top of the page. Under "Other contacts" is a form "Change of member address or email". NOTE: Our membership chair, Kay Foster, is no longer allowed to do it for you.

Membership Form

New Members and Renewals

Annual membership is from May through April. Dues for one year are \$55 and are prorated for new members only as the year goes on (Aug 1-Oct 30/\$43.25, Nov 1-Jan 31/\$35.50, Feb 1-Apr 30/\$23.75)

Dues include a subscription to Needle Arts magazine and to the chapter's newsletter, San Antonio Samplings. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the morning as well as at 7:00 PM in the evening.

Plural membership is available to members of other EGA Chapters for \$11 per year if your primary chapter is within the South Central Region or \$16 if outside the South Central Region. Life member dues are \$16 per year.

☐ I would like to join SANG as a new Member How did you hear about us? _____

☐ I would like to renew my membership. My EGA Member Number is: _____

Name: _____ I have been a member since: _____

Address: _____ Birthday: (mm/dd) _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____ ☐home/☐cell

E-mail: _____ Amount Paid: _____

I would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail. ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, ensure that your correct e-mail address is entered in the line provided.)

Plural, Life or At-Large Members please list home chapter _____

Please print and mail this form with your check made payable to **San Antonio Needlework Guild** to:

Carmel Freisenhahn, P.O. Box 178, St. Hedwig, TX 78152

Calendar of Events

April

Apr 23

Board Meeting, 6:45 pm
Joan Vanderbrink's Home
2742 Johnson Grass, San Antonio

Apr 28

10:00am-12:00pm (Day Meeting)
Northwood Presbyterian Church
518 Pike Place

7:00-9:00pm (Night Meeting)
St. Mark's UMC Church
1902 Vance Jackson

Calendar of Events

May

May 5

Stitch-In 6-8pm
Maverick Library, 8700 Mystic Park

May 6, 20, 27

Stitch-In 9:30am - 3:00pm
Northwood Presbyterian Church, 518 Pike Place

May 9

Luncheon, Ft. Sam Houston Golf Course Club
1050 Harry Wurzbach
Visit @ 9:00am
Program @ 10:30am
Lunch @ 11:30am

May 11

Community Outreach Stitch-in 6-8 pm
Forest Hills Library, 5245 Ingram Rd.

May 16

Outreach Stitch-In, 10:00am-1:00pm
Memorial Library, 3222 Culebra



Needlework:

- Decreases symptoms of stress and depression
- Can help provide a sense of accomplishment or control over one's life
- Offers relief from feelings of isolation
- Can help build self-esteem
- Is an opportunity for relaxation

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Board Mtg 6:45 Joan Vanderbrinks Home	24	25
26	27	28 Program 10am- 12pm Northwood Presb 7-9pm St. Mark's UMC	29	30		

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Community Stitch- In 6-8pm Maverick Library	6 Stitch-in 9:30-3 Northwood Presb.Church	7	8	9 SANG Luncheon Ft. Sam Houston Golf Course Club 9am
10	11 Community Stitch- In 6-8 pm Forest Hills Library	12	13	14	15	16 Community Stitch- In 10-1 Memorial Library
17	18	19	20 Stitch-in 9:30-3 Northwood Presb.Church	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27 Stitch-in 9:30-3 Northwood Presb.Church	28	29	30



April 4th seminar committee meeting and workday has been cancelled.

Please stay tuned for upcoming workday dates.

We need all hands on deck.

Plaid Halloween Spider

April 28, 2020

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

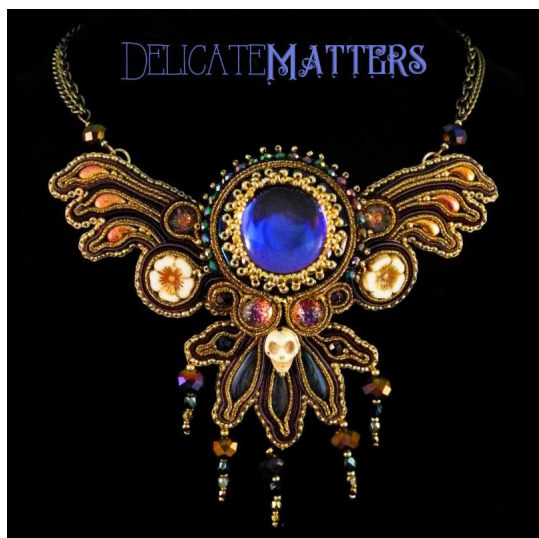
Kit Fee: _____ Complete \$15 _____ Instructions and Canvas only \$5

Mail completed form and check made out to SANG to: Pat Sweet, 9134 Gothic Drive, Universal City, TX 78148-2853

Deadline April 10, 2020

**Wildflowers Chapter of ANG is sponsoring
Delicate Matters, taught by Amee Sweet McNamara
June 14, 2020
Holy Trinity HS, Temple TX**

(only an hour and 45 minutes north of San Marcos)



Here's your chance to make a pendant that is all your own - reflecting your own unique style and mood. Adventurous Beginners will learn the basics of Soutache and Bead Embroidery while more advanced stitchers will be excited by learning a new bezel-design and techniques for incorporating some of the newest beads on the market. All kits come with "choices" (skulls or daisies? Disks or flowers?) and optional design decisions are offered throughout the project.

Kits will contain all beads, soutache, thread, backing glue, findings, instructions and needles. There will be three color ways: students will choose their color the day of class.

Students should bring a bead blanket or tray, good scissors, and any additional lighting or magnification needed. If possible, please bring a battery for your light.

The complete cost of the workshop (teaching fee and kit) is \$125 for members of Bluebonnet ANG, the Austin Stitchery Guild, the San Antonio Needlework Guild and the Wildflowers Chapter ANG. For members of other ANG or EGA chapters the cost is \$145. For all others the cost is \$175. Lunch is included. Ghosts should add an additional \$15 to cover postage. Space is also available for non-participants to bring their own stitching and enjoy the company of friends.



Amee Sweet McNamara Workshop: Delicate Matters

June 14

Deadline to register May 15

Space is limited

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

	Check here	
Members of Bluebonnet, ASG, SANG, and Wildflowers		\$125
Members of other ANG or EGA chapters (chapter name? _____)		\$145
All others		\$175
Non-participant stitchers wanting lunch		\$10
Postage for ghosting		\$15
Total:		

Box Lunch options:

Roast Beef sandwich _____

Ham sandwich _____

Smoked Turkey sandwich _____

Vegetarian option _____

Make your check payable to Wildflower Chapter, ANG
and send to:

Gretchen Reilly
900 S. 39th St.
Temple, TX 76504

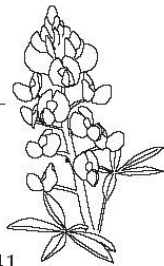
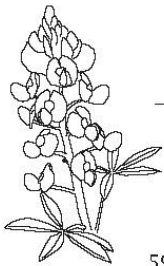


Questions? Contact Gretchen Reilly at gareilly@mac.com

Blue Bonnet Studio Time Needle Arts Retreat February 13-16, 2021

Featuring 10+ Faculty & 15+ Classes
Sugar Land Marriott Town Square
Sugar Land, Texas, USA
281.288.9290 for room reservations

For event details and registration
Visit www.bluebonnetstudio.com
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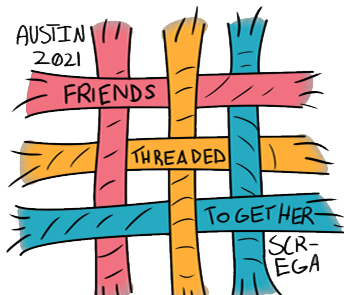
Stitches From The Heart

Counted Cross-Stitch Mon. - Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-4
5123 N. Loop 1604 W. #109, San Antonio, TX 78249
Phone: (210) 479-2600 Toll-Free: (877) 479-2620

Email: stitches.heart@att.net
Website: www.heartfeltstitches.com

To any non-members who may be reading this newsletter: We hope you've enjoyed reading our newsletter. SANG would love to have you attend a meeting or join us at any of our community stitch-ins. All guild activities are open to SANG guild members and our sister-guilds (ANG and Bluebonnet). EGA members belonging to other guilds are welcome to attend our meetings, and attend workshops and classes if space is available. Visitors are welcome to attend any of our community stitch-in events and are encouraged to attend up to two official guild meetings (either the First Wednesday of the month stitch-in or our Fourth Tuesday day or night meetings) prior to joining. Workshops and classes are only open to EGA Guild members unless otherwise stated in the announcement.

San Antonio Needlework Guild
3501 Enchanted Farm
Schertz, TX 78154



Austin, TX
May 31-June 4, 2021



EGA National Seminar 2021
September 1-5, 2021
Chicago, IL

Newsletter Deadline for submissions is the 4th Tuesday of the month.

The mission of the Embroiderers' Guild is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage.