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I appreciate all the thanks for getting the shot for the ANG Seminar..... but the real "Thanks" should go to Dave Pessin, Mgr. of the eastside Sports Authority at Kolb and Broadway. After contacting his buyers, etc. he got in touch with Denise at Murphy's Gun Shop, 3235 N. Country Club for the shot we needed. Dave really came through for us in finding this contact and saved us a BUNCH of \$\$.

Kay Kopp

Calendar

July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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10	11	12	13 6:30pm Board Meeting	14	15	16 10am-5pm Stitch-In
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Night Meeting: Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church, 5360 E Pima (1/2 block w. of Craycroft).

Day Meetings: Pima County Medical Society Building (5199 E Farness Dr)

Board Meeting: Bookman's community classroom at 6230 E. Speedway (southwest corner of Wilmot and Speedway), second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm

Stitch-Ins: The West Classroom (River & Craycroft Roads), 10am- 5pm

Hospitality for July: Barbara Lewis and Angela Yardy for day meeting
Charleane Boyles for night meeting

President's Letter

Margaret von Kuegelgen

Hello Stitching People!

Well, in Green Valley the new activity is to watch the mountains burn. Honey and I saw many fires there when we came home from the Board meeting last night and we're hoping that some of them were backfires.

But on to stitching. . . . There is a new policy for paying dues which was explained in your last "Needlepointer's." However, it bears repeating. Anyone whose dues are due in October, 2005 or later will be billed by National for the National dues (\$29.00) which you should return to them immediately to avoid cancellation of your membership and loss of any copies of "Needlepointer's". At the same time *YOUR CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE (\$12.00) and should be mailed to the local chapter Membership Chairperson (Donna Lawrence). Plural members of the Tucson Chapter and Life Patron members of ANG will be notified in the Tucson newsletter when their dues are due. Any questions, give me a call or email me.

Lot's of good things are going on with preparations for the 2006 Seminar. Please come to some of the meetings at Barbara Richardson's house to help. We all have a good time together and many hands make little work, as they say. Barbara's article will explain more. See you there on Saturday, July 23rd!!!!!!!!!!

Check out the "Member's Only" section of the website for a wonderful article on "How to Stitch a Painted Canvas." There are many excellent suggestions and hints in the article. If you are unable to access the website, please let me know and I will print out a copy of the article for you. (It should be posted by July 20th)

And finally, it is HI HO STITCH AWAY deposit time. Hi Ho Stitch Away is a stitching retreat at the Amado Territory Inn in Amado which is 20 minutes south of Green Valley. It is in a wonderful setting with a stitching room which has windows on three sides and a view of the mountains and farmlands. There is room for only 22 people so get in your deposit early! If we have more than 22 people interested, we will hold a lottery. (see article later in newsletter)

Quick reminder to members of the Board - **no Board meeting in August.** Deadline for newsletter articles is August 10th.

Keep on stitching, stay cool if you are in our part of the country and travel safely if you are on the road,

Margaret

July's program will be "The Mystery of the Vanishing Canvas" presented by Myldred Richardson. August will be a program about Palestinian needlework presented by Barbara Lewis.

Don't forget to start working on a cowboy boot. Information and template on page 8. Myldred has already done one that is just darling. Bring your canvas to the meetings for some inspiration!

"The Mystery of the Vanishing Canvas" led by Myldred Richardson.

If you wish to participate in the "hands-on" portion of the program you will need to bring:

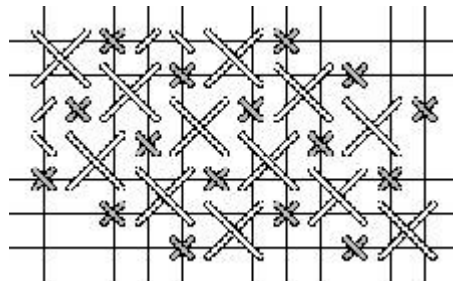
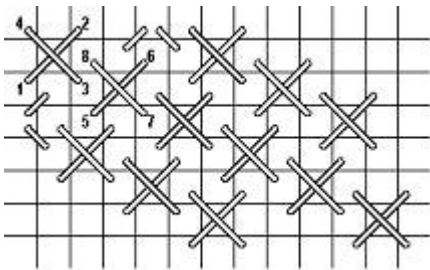
- 3" or 4" or 5" adjustable embroidery hoop
- 1 square piece of a medium to dark color cotton 2" larger than hoop
(no stretch materials nor patterns, please)
- 1 spool of medium to dark green sewing thread for basting
- 6 strand floss that contrasts with cotton fabric
(no white, ecru, or blue)
- size #9 crewel needle
- tweezers

Stitch of the Month for July is Staggered Cross Stitch

The Staggered Cross Stitch is another one whose overall appearance is diagonally oblique. By changing the position of the second cross stitch, you can change this final direction.

Work the Staggered Cross Stitch in two steps

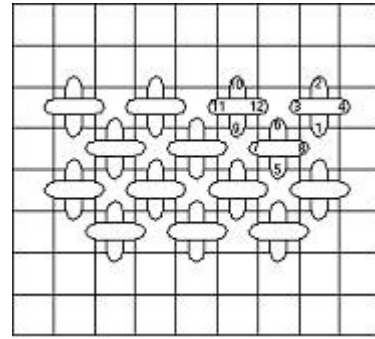
- Step 1 Fill the area with 2 x 2 cross stitches in staggered rows.
- Step 2 Fill in the voided areas with 1 x 1 cross stitches.



Use a smaller needle and thinner thread for Step 2. For example, on 18-count canvas, I may use #5 pearl cotton and a #24 tapestry needle for Step 1 and #8 Kreinik braid and a #26 tapestry needle for Step 2.

Stitch of the Month for July is Upright Cross

This stitch is also called the Straight Cross. It is another great stitch for small areas and provides great texture. This stitch is a great substitute for Turkey Work or French Knots. For less texture, use a finer size thread or decrease the number of plies that would normally be used on the canvas size.



Seminar 2006 Update

Barbara Richardson

With our seminar only a little more than a year away there will be several things that we need to get finished. I will be having several workshops at my home to get things put together.

Workshop dates and projects to do: Times will be from 10 AM to 3PM

Please let me know which one you will be able to help with, sign up at meeting or call me to reserve your chair. Bring a sack lunch, Pop, ice tea, lemonade will be provided

- Saturday July 23** package the luggage tags for Nashville seminar (800+) begin the frame weights for the Tucson Seminar (see Note below)
- Monday August 15** frame weights
- Saturday August 20** frame weights
- Monday September 12** frame weights
- Saturday September 17** frame weights

NOTE: we have 370 stuffed animals that will require cutting open, inserting the lead weights, and re-stitching them. Therefore, if we work in three to a team we will be able to efficiently get them done.

All of these steps need to be done **very carefully**.

October/November - we will be stitching the teacher's nametags, as well as our committee nametags.(there are 37 teachers, see me if interested in stitching)

December - no workshops, enjoy the holidays

January - the Phoenix ANG Guild will be finishing the teacher's nametags. The ribbon centers will be started

February/ March - putting together the closing banquet ornaments

April/ May - finishing up all items for the favors and EXPO sales. Make list of those that will be volunteering at the Hospitality Table and working in the Exhibit

June/July - National Board will be coming for their pre-seminar visit. Work up the table centerpieces.

August - rest up, except for the Exhibit Committee who will be receiving the exhibit pieces for our seminar

September – Seminar is here and as you can see we will be very busy over the next few months and any time that you can help with the projects will be greatly appreciated. Remember we are the host chapter and we want to make this a really great seminar, so the more people that help the greater the success.

As always in stitches and friendship,
Barbara A Richardson

Pre Seminar Shirt Sale ends July 28, 2005

For those that will be going to the Nashville Seminar and working with me at the EXPO sales, many of us will be wearing our seminar shirts to promote sales. Also for anyone that has worked on the seminar (stitching, donating, beading) we are having a one-time 10% discount sale on our seminar shirts.

Shirts are denim or golf shirt (available in: white, navy, pistachio, yellow, pink and blueberry).

Sizes are (bust sizes):

S-6/8	M-10/12	L- 14/16	XL- 18/20	XXL- 18-20W	XXXL- 22-24W
(34-35)	(36-38)	(39-41)	(43-45)	(47-51)	(52-56)

Regular price of each shirt is \$35 for regular sizes (S-XL) and \$39 (XXL-XXXL)

Sale price is \$31.50 and \$35.10 respectively

Make checks payable to **Tucson Chapter ANG** and give to Dorothy Green, Shirt Sales Chairman or to me.

This sale offer is only good until the July meetings.

Thank you
Barbara Richardson

Hi Ho Stitch Away

Hi Ho is on October 21, 22, and home on the 23. Our normal activities are dinner at a good restaurant (which is next door) on Friday night, breakfast is provided by the Inn, stitch all day Saturday breaking for High Tea (complete with hats and feather boas) at 3:00 or 4:00, massage in the afternoon if you wish (15 minute massage for \$10.00). We usually suggest that the participants bring snacks and drinks and we end up with more food that we could possible eat so meals on Saturday are informal except for breakfast and High Tea. Sunday breakfast is also included. I must be writing this when I'm hungry since I seem to be centered on the food and not stitching!!!! If we fill the Inn, then we can leave our stitching out in the Atrium and stitch whenever we wish (even in our jammies)! The Inn is a wonderfully relaxing spot with a short path through the grounds (a new cactus garden was planted last year) and a lovely terrace on which to sit and drink coffee (food again) and watch the birds. We even get lots of stitching done. Everyone is more than helpful if you run into a problem or want a suggestion for your canvas.

Cost is \$100.00 which includes room, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and High Tea. There are a variety of rooms, some of which are on the second floor so if you have a problem with stairs, please put that on a note with your deposit check. Most rooms will have twin beds but about four or five rooms have a queen bed with a roll away bed for the second person. I've slept on the roll away and it is not bad at all.

DEPOSIT (\$50) DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1ST. PLEASE SEND TO MARGARET VON KUEGELGEN

Newsletter

Angela Yardy

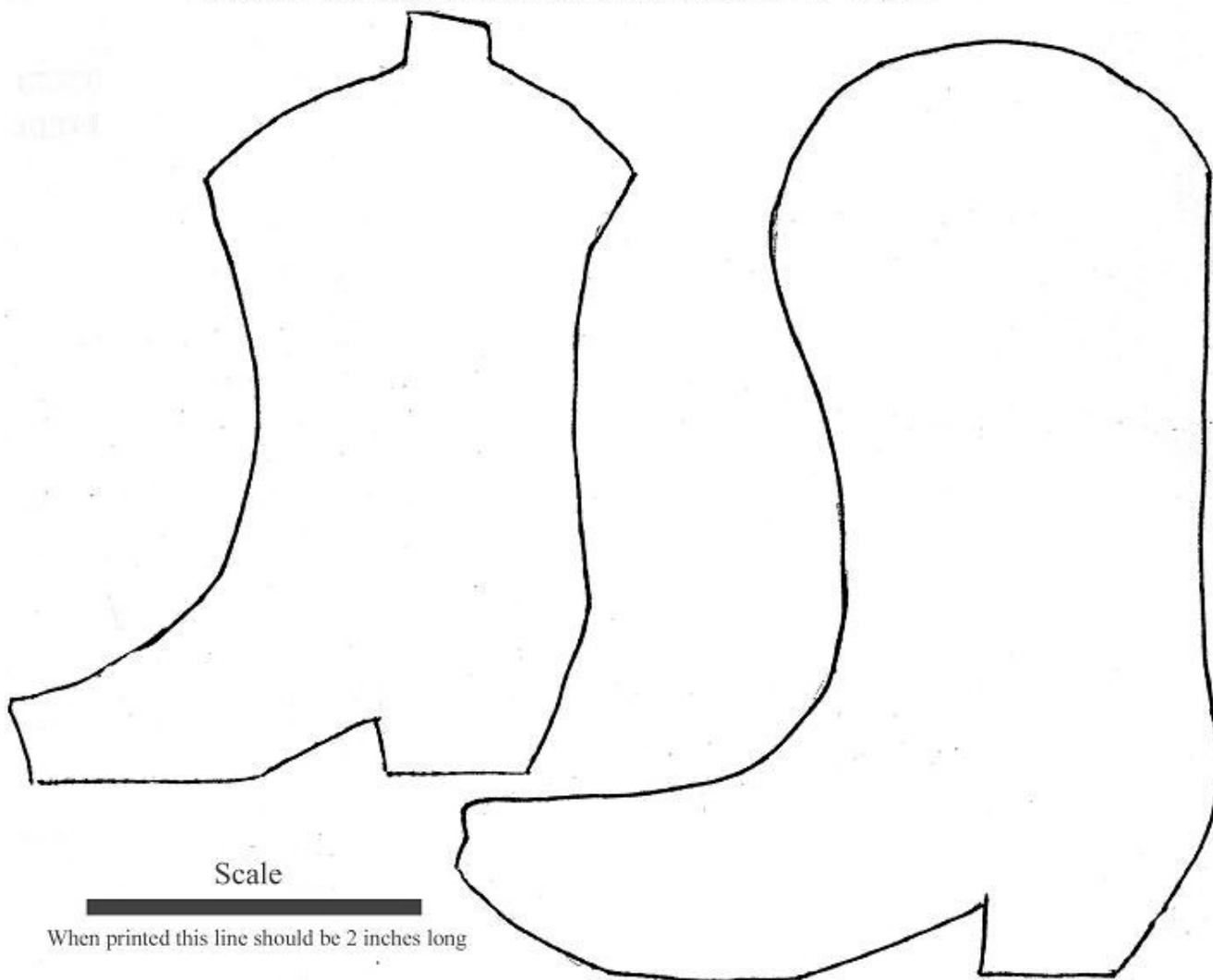
Deadline for submissions for the August newsletter is 10 August. Thanks.

Western Boot

We would like members to stitch something fun for the auction when seminar is here in 2006. We came up with idea of stitching cowboy boots....not just any old boot, but thinking outside the box-boots! What that means is perhaps a Valentines Day boot, Halloween boot, birthday boot or perhaps a regular cowboy boot. Whatever your heart desires. I think it will be fun and they aren't very big so you can get them done quickly.

Please have them done by June 1st and I will try to get some people together to finish them for the tree.'

I would recommend putting the bottom of the boot on a canvas line to trace. Let's show them what we've got!!



Membership

Donna Lawrence

Please read secure area of website for information on Membership.

Please read – If your name is listed on the Renewal List, please return the **completed** form with your check in order to keep our records up-to-date. The National ANG office no longer gives a month’s grace period for renewal of dues. It is imperative your check be received by the membership chairman by the date stated on the form, or sooner, to avoid being dropped by National and not receiving your Needle Pointers magazine. **Please advise if you do not intend to renew.** If there is a red dot on your label, this is your last newsletter until dues are received.

**New Members – Shelly Pope
Carrie Arbiter**

**Resignation – Ursula Neumann
New Address – Wendy Bovie
Ruth Wallace**

Renewal List: The following members are past due on renewals. If you do not plan to renew, please let Donna Lawrence know, otherwise a check for your dues should be forthcoming, as soon as possible. Your membership expires on **1 August, 2005**. If you have a red dot on your label this is your last newsletter. Pat Britton, Rhonda Davis, Dorothy Green, Sandy Jeffrey, Betsy Mueller, Joan Mueller, Nancy Pfeifer, Mary Ramsey. Please remit your dues by 1 August, 2005.

Please read your new Needlepointer! There is a major change in how you will be paying National dues!

Please send any changes of address to Donna Lawrence

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## AMERICAN NEEDLEPOINT GUILD MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

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