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American Needlepoint Guild

**October 2005**

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Many of you have written or called to inquire about the status of the NASA Patches at the Stennis Space Center, which received extensive damage during the recent hurricane.

Someone from the center called me this morning, and I'm happy to report that the NASA Patches are completely safe!

They will not be open to the public for quite some time, but it is gratifying to know that our labor of love was spared from harm.

Susan

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Susan H. Davis, President

American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.

# Calendar

## October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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9	10	11	12 6:30pm Board Meeting	13	14	15 10am-5pm Stitch-In
16	17	18	19	20	21 Hi Ho	22 Stitchaway
23 Hi Ho Stitchaway	24	25	26 6pm Night Meeting	27 10:30am-3pm Day Meeting	28	29
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## November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6	7	8	9 6:30pm Board Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 10am-3pm meeting/potluck
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 6:30 pm Board Meeting	15	16	17 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)

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

**Hospitality for October:** for day meeting is Kay Kopp and Sue Beveridge  
for night meeting is Shelly Pope

# President's Letter

Margaret von Kuegelgen

Hello Fellow Stitchers:

Well, the folks are back from Seminar with wonderful tales of classes and projects and successes on behalf of the Tucson Chapter. Also the classes which will be offered here next year are spectacular.

Our bunny rabbit which we stitched was auctioned for \$1,500. Hooray! We don't have a picture of it in its completed form because taking photographs is discouraged at the seminar but those who saw it said it was really cute and charming.

AND all the goodies which we had on our table plus advance sales of the Tucson "Desert Tapestry" Seminar shirts brought in a goodly sum. Double Hooray!

Many, many thanks again to all of you who participated in both of these projects and for those who did all the hard work at seminar. . . . and now it is less than a year before the seminar is in Tucson. Triple Hooray!

The next opportunity to participate in Tucson seminar preparation activities is our Combined Meeting in November (the 12th, Saturday, during the day). We will be assembling the closing banquet favors which I would describe except we want it to be a surprise. Please plan on attending. It will be a good time to meet the folks from the other group and help the Chapter and maybe win an opportunity basket and eat lunch (potluck) and then stitch and chat. All the activities that we stitchers absolutely love!!!!!! I would go on with the Hoorays but enough is enough.

See you at the October meetings when Judy Burgess will tell us about Depth Perception. . . .

Margaret

## Programs

Charleane Boyles (nights)

Barbara Lewis (days)

Ladies: Our program for October is "Depth Perception" by our own Judy Burgess. Judy is the holder of many degrees, the latest of which is an art degree. Giving depth to a piece can be tricky and Judy is going to help us out.

November 19th: DON'T FORGET OUR POTLUCK!!! You know that stitchers are also good cooks! Saturday, the 19th at 10 am we will be at the Streams of the Desert Lutheran Church for a little work on seminar stuff and then good stitching and absolutely GREAT opportunity baskets!!! You don't want to miss these.

Bring one of your favorite dishes and be prepared to eat well, stitch well and get together with your friends.

Don't forget to take pictures of your stash room when you have your camera out during the holiday season. We want pictures of how you store your stash.... and we also want pictures of your room as it's worst! They will be needed for the February meeting.

January is when we will once again look at painted canvases but in terms of "Where do I start" and threads to use.

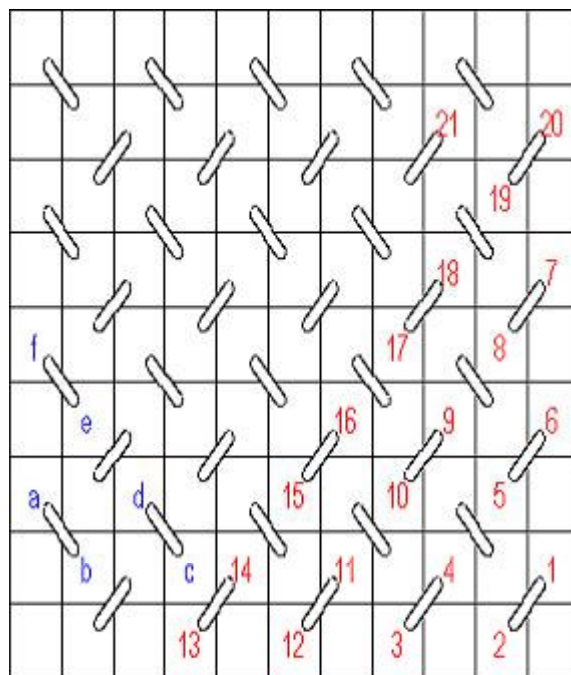
## Stitches of the Month: T-Stitch and T-Square led by Charleane Boyles (night meeting) day meeting is being requested

The T-Stitch is a good background stitch. It creates a light, lacy look because every other canvas intersection is left unworked. The amount of laciness can be controlled by the weight of the thread -- use a heavier thread for a more solid appearance or a lighter thread for more airiness.

This stitch is best worked in diagonal rows of running stitch. Work all the rows in one direction (red numbers on chart) first, then those in the opposite direction (blue letters).

Because this stitch is so open, you must be careful with your travelling threads. In the diagram, when going from 20 to 21, for example, you should take tacking stitches in the margin of your canvas or run the thread under previously worked stitches in adjacent areas to avoid dragging the thread across the open holes.

It is best to start and stop all your threads at the beginning or end of the row.

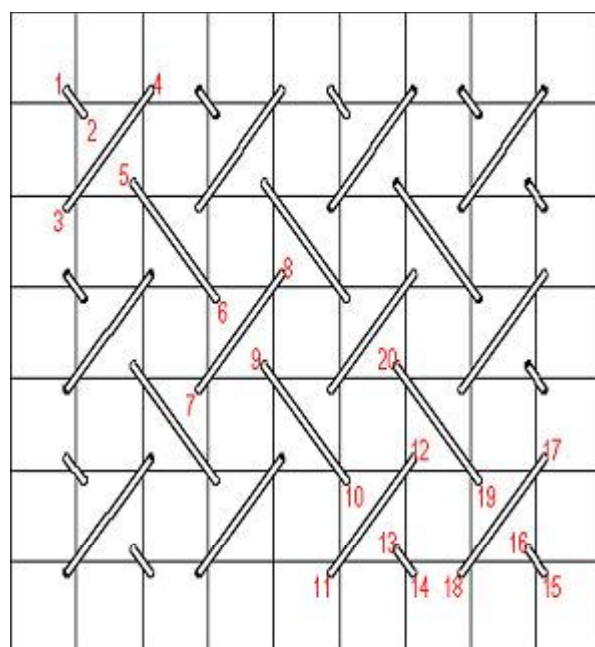


The T-Square stitch is a larger version of the [T-Stitch](#). It also creates a light, lacy look even though every canvas intersection is covered. The openness is created by the traveling paths on the back of the canvas, all of which are behind stitches on the front of the canvas.

This stitch would be perfect for the lattice-work on a porch or gazebo.

Work the T-Square stitch in diagonal rows as charted. Use your laying tool to gently push previously placed stitches aside when coming up at #5, #9, etc.

It is best to start and stop all your threads at the beginning or end of the row. If you must stop in the middle of the row, make sure you weave your ends so that the change of thread is not visible from the front of your canvas.



## MARCH WORKSHOP

On March 11 of 2006 we will be having Mary Ellen Searcy, who is a well known national teacher, teaching her piece entitled "**Along Came a Spider**". This is a fun piece and is very doable, as it is only about a 3" circle when completed. If you have never taken a class from Mary Ellen, or even if you have, you will have a great time and learn many techniques.

PLACE: Hacienda Del Conde, 5910 N Pontatoc, Tucson TIME: 9:30am until 3:30pm

KIT COST: \$35.00 Kit includes directions, photograph, Ecrú congress cloth (8" x 8") and all threads to complete.

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate (ability to read chart)

If you took the class in Green Valley and would like to audit it in Tucson (maybe even complete it) the cost is \$14.00.

LUNCH: Brown bag

Please make check payable to Tucson Chapter ANG and mail to:

Dorothy Green

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: January 26, 2006**



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## Seminar 2006 *Update*

Barbara Richardson

What a great time was had at the Nashville Seminar, it was nice to see old friends, make new friends and enjoy a whole week of needlepoint. Several of us worked in the Exhibit, on Hospitality and Opportunity Baskets and attended classes.

I had several meetings with the different chairmen and managed to make lots of notes. The final reports with numbers for shirt sales and frame weights will be coming in the next few weeks. But I think we are on the right track and are ahead of schedule on several of the things that need to be done for Tucson Seminar 2006.

Our EXPO sales were a success and we only have a few items left to put on next years table along with our fabulous frame weights. Between shirt sales and miscellaneous items we made gross sales of \$3501, this money will be used for the purchase of the shirts, as well as the closing banquet favors.

The TS rabbit for the Auction went for \$1500 (stitched by Barbara Lewis, Connie Lagergren, Honey Montrose, Margaret von Kuegelgen, Myldred Richardson, Donna Lawrence, Mary Christoph, Nancy Eide, Sue Beveridge, Dorothy Green and Barbara Richardson). National ANG uses the monies raised from the auction for educational needs. We were the third largest bid, so thank you to all who participated in this endeavor. For next year we are working on two items: a DeDe treetop angel and a cowboy boot tree, so be sure and contact either Barbara Lewis, Charlene Boyles or myself for stitching on these items.

The next item on our agenda will be stitching the teachers' nametags and I already have a list of stitchers for them. After which will be the closing banquet favors, which we will be working on at the November meeting.

So thank you again to the wonderful volunteers who have worked many hours to complete the tasks of stitching for the Tucson Seminar 2006.

As always in stitches and friendship,

**Barbara A. Richardson**

Local Coordinator for Tucson Seminar 2006

# Membership

Donna Lawrence

Members who need to be renewed by December 1, 2005 are Freida Bensch, Kathy Devine, Donna Lawrence, Nancy Lee, Ann R Seese, Angie Valencia and Janet Watson.

Please send your chapter renewals (\$12) as soon as possible. I wish to take care of them in a timely manner to prevent interruption of the records.

For your national due (\$29), complete the form that national has sent to you. You have the choice to pay by credit card or check. If you have misplaced your form, you can acquire another by going to the American Needlepoint Guild, Inc. internet site, then click on FORMS, and then the Membership forms.

We still must all be members of the national organization to belong to Tucson Chapter ANG

New phone number and e-mail – Freida Bensch

Please send any changes of address or email to Donna Lawrence. You can simply use the form below.

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