CAPE FEAR NEEDLEPOINTERS

CHAPTER ANG

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023

NO REGULAR MEETING

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 9

Gerri Michaels Home

12:00 -

1088 Sandy Grove Place

Leland NC 28451

RSVP  1-503-317-3041

**Presidents note**

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. This is my Crazy Quilt Heart! (see below) Take a close look to see the different stitches and crazy attachments. We will be doing one in January, so save little tidbits you find to put on yours. Maybe, Janice and Mona will share their pleather of dodads. This is not a big piece.  It measures 5x5 inches. Your design will be simpler, which I will provide in January newsletter to trace on your canvas. So, gather your favorite stitches, threads, fabrics, trims, and imagination.

I wish you the happiest of holidays,

Karen

**PROGRAM**

December - Holiday Party

January - Crazy Quilt Heart

February - Stitch In

March - Bargello Balls (part 1)

April - Bargello Balls (part 2)

May - Field Trip

June - Stitch In (elections)

As I mentioned last month, I'll be reviewing some basic tenets of needlepoint. Recall that stitches should be taken in the opposite direction of the work.  For example, if you start at the top of your canvas, you should have your thread go from bottom to top as you take stitches.

Another technique that will ensure that you will have unoccluded holes is be mindful of making the transition between rows.  As you work back and forth and begin a new row, DO NOT TAKE THE FIRST STITCH, instead take the second stitch first, then back to the first stitch, and then carry on across the row.  This will ensure that you do not carry the thread behind your stitches and cover the hole.

Lori

**Membership:**

Hi Ladies,

It’s time to renew your membership with ANG and our local Chapter.

Please pay ANG online or mail a $60.00 check to this address make sure to add your membership number and make checks to American Needlepoint Guild.

American Needlepoint Guild

100 East Washington St

Springfield, IL 62701

Our local of $15.00 can be mailed to:

Denise Bruscato

496 Riverwood Dr SE

Bolivia, NC 28422

Make check to : Cape Fear Needlepointers

Or give in person at our January 2024 meeting.

All money is Due by the end of January 2024.

If you are not planning to remain in the chapter please let one of us know.

Have a wonderful Holiday

Mona

**December 27th  Stitch In is canceled.**

**The Library is closed that week.**

**If you have any suggestions on a meeting place or y’all want to change the date reach out to me.**

**We will Zoom.**

**Mona**

**Minutes for the monthly meeting November 11, 2023**

Attendance: 9 members

Call to order: 10:25

Minutes: The October 14th minutes were approved

Reports:

Treasury: There was no report on how much is in the treasury.

Membership:

There are 29 members. Membership dues are due at the January meeting.

Outreach:

Outreach position is still open. The mission of our guild is to bring the craft into the communities in which we live and to teach others so that it doesn’t become a lost art.

Deb Miller will be meeting with Lori to discuss next steps in getting the program started at Crosswinds Church.

Programs:

December is the Christmas Party at Geri Michael’s house

January - Crazy Quilt Heart taught by Lori

February - stitch in

March and April - Bargello Ball class

Show and Tell:

Deb showed the two pumpkins that she stitched and asked for ideas for framing them.

Harriet showed her nutcracker piece.

Bonnie showed us the ornament that she finished for Karen.

Janice showed us progress on her rabbit and spoke about framing pieces at Frameworks in Wilmington.

Adjournment: 11:03

Our next meeting will be held at the Northeast Library in Wilmington on January 13, 2024.

Submitted by Deb Miller