

STARLIGHT STITCHERS

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Nighttime News

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Stitching Behind Barbed Wire: WWII POW Samplers
A Talk by Professor Maureen Goggin
Arizona State University Department of English
Presented by Starlight Stitchers,
Embroiderers' Guild of America

Monday March 6, 2017 7:00 PM

Friendship Village Recreation Center
2645 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ 85282

American service man Sergeant Morris William Larkin, British service man Major Alexis T. Casdagli, and housewife Frantiska Albrechtova were just three of the many Prisoners of War in World War II. Although they were held in different German POW camps, they were connected by a thread as the three stitched samplers. Sampler making was just one of the many forms of trench art POWs created while imprisoned. As they say, sewing mends the soul, and in this talk, Goggin examine their samplers not just as pieces of art, but as evidence of a productive way to deal with terror and trauma.



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**Chapter Meetings held at
Friendship Village Rec Center
2645 E. Southern Ave.,
Tempe AZ**

**Park at Village Center, use
phone in the entrance foyer
and dial 8888, ask for the
"Tram to Circle Drive"—a tram
driver will come by to get you
& drive you to the Rec Center!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's beginning to look like spring! I sat out on my back porch and worked for a while today (the pleasure of a home office). While I realize much of the country is still covered in snow, this is our reward for the hot Arizona summers.

As most of you know, my family are big baseball fans, and spring training is about to start. And with spring training, and opening day of Diamondbacks baseball in April, comes my annual question: What will I do for my baseball season sampler this year? So many charts to choose from!

Inside the newsletter you will find information on our special event on Monday, March 6 at 7 PM in our regular meeting location, a program entitled, "Stitching Behind Barbed Wire: WWII POW Samplers". This talk will be presented by Professor Maureen Goggin, Arizona State University Department of English, and will take place in the Rec Center of Friendship Village. Visitors are welcome and you are all encouraged to invite people you know who would be interested in this topic. We are very grateful for Professor Goggin, who has given up her only free Monday evening this semester to speak with us.

Please note that the meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month, not our regular second Monday meeting date.

Because we are expecting so many guests, we will not be having a business meeting in March. Instead, all business will be conducted by email.

Our April meeting will be held on the regular second Monday of the month, April 10. The program for that evening will be Victorian Make Dos. In honor of Earth Day, we will have a demonstration by Kim Garza of pin cushions you can make today that are reminiscent of Victorian Make Dos.

More information on these two programs are inside the newsletter.

Now, what to work on for those 162 baseball games

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BUDGET REPORT:

Barb Scott reported: This year we have had no expenses. Income has been \$205 in stash sales plus \$3 in eBay sales for a bank balance the end of January of \$3030.96.

Barb Scott, Treasurer



Open Registration has begun for all who are planning to attend this exciting event. The seminar brochure has pictures, descriptions of the classes being offered, fundraising items, and the registration form! All of that is available on the PSR website: psrega.org

Registration will be open until June 30th — register now!



“Books of Notes” from leather book plates and covers created by Kim Garza



“Fifty Shades of Paisley” by Aimee EGA On-Line Class created by Helene Ossipov



“Ruffle Apron” by CW Design Co sewn by Gloria Zanella



“Inspired by Antique Sampler—Not a Reproduction” by Alyce Stroth, - a gift from Debi Cress in 1992. Cross-stitched & finished by Mary Louise Eck 2016!

JANUARY SHOW &

“Metal & Lapidary Pendant” designed & created by Barb Scott using copper, sterling and agate



FEBRUARY SHOW & TELL



“My Victorian Heart” a needlepoint design by Nancy Cucci Stitched by Jill Borge

My Sister's Place

Thank You Corner



to the members of Starlight Stitches who participated in the Sewing and Craft Festival at the Fairgrounds!



to Jean Doig, who completed our financial audit in record time! ... and also for arranging the Stitching in Public Day at Heritage Square on February 4. Joining her were Bette Crowell, Linda Noecker, Gloria Zanella, Helene Ossipov, Barbara Scott and Mary Louise Eck. Linda Noecker even taught a young girl how to stitch. It was a beautiful day to be outside and a very fun event.



to Kathy Rathe and Linda Noecker for volunteering to coordinate the opportunity basket on behalf of our chapter at the PSR Regional Seminar,

and to Gloria Zanella for donating the basket, and offering to drive the basket to the seminar.

“Stitch In Public Day” at Heritage Square in Phoenix



Our March and April collection project for My Sister's Place will be a Pajama Party.

At the January meeting, Joyce Chadwell from My Sister's Place spoke to us about the shelter. One of the needs they regularly have is night clothes for families just arriving at the shelter. Often, the guests come with very few clothes and items. We would like to gather night clothes, robes, pajamas and slippers to help out My Sister's Place. Joyce suggested the sizes run from 2T to adult size for children, medium size men's for boys and medium to XXL for women.

Thank you for participating in this project. As usual, if you would prefer to give cash, Mary Louise will be glad to take your donations and do the shopping for you.

Here, Kitty, Kitty

We have had a request to bring back the Name Tag Kitty.

Starting at the April meeting, if you don't wear your name tag, please be prepared to

Pay to feed the kitty!



THE HOUSE IS ON FIRE!!

The program for the February Chapter meeting was: "If your house was on fire, what important item would you take with you when you ran out?" Below are some of the items that our members would take with them!



Carol Wilson's Knit Baby Shawl & Blankets



Jill Borge's Jacket made by her mother



Kathy Rathe's Needlepoint Clock



Barb Scott's Evanescent Aspens



Kim Garza's Winnie the Pooh



Linda Noecker's Mother's Luncheon Cloth & Napkins

On the following page is the "M A G I C Contract" for 2017. Signing the contract commits you to completely stitching the piece(s) you have chosen, (a contract is to be signed for EACH piece selected) —perhaps it is something that has been in your stash for the last 15 years, or a piece you recently started. Please take a photo of the piece as it currently exists and it will be attached to the contract, which you will sign. Another picture will be taken when you have completed the piece. You will experience a sense of accomplishment!

If you do not complete the piece, you have promised to pay \$5 for each uncompleted piece and that \$5 will be donated to My Sister's Place.

MY ACTUAL GOOD INTENTIONS CONTRACT

My Actual Good Intentions Contract, hereafter referred to as **MAGIC**, is entered into by and between * ("First Party") and **Starlight Stitchers Chapter EGA** ("Second Party"). The terms of this contract are as follows:

Effective Dates: **MAGIC** shall begin on January 11, 2017 and continue through its termination on November 13, 2017.

Specific Terms of MAGIC are as follows:

The unfinished embroidery piece, a photograph of which is made part of this contract, shall be finished by the termination date of November 10, 2014, and displayed (or provided photographic proof of the finished piece) at the Starlight Stitchers meeting on that date. Finished is defined as "all required stitching is completed." The First Party shall benefit by experiencing the thrill of completing the piece and having a beautifully stitched piece to display. The Second Party shall congratulate the First Party on the accomplishment.

If, on November 13, 2017, the embroidery piece is not finished as described in paragraph 1, the First Party will pay the sum of Five Dollars and no/100 Cents (\$5.00) to the Second Party. The Second Party will, in turn, donate the \$5.00 by December 31, 2017 to My Sisters' Place, the sponsored charity of the Second Party.

This Contract may not be modified in any manner unless in writing by both Parties. This document constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties.

(Signature of First Party)

Description or Name of Piece

(Signature of Second Party Representative)

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Starlight Officers		Starlight Chairman		Website address: starlightstitchers.org
President	Mary Louise Eck	Programs	Kim Garza	Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at: Friendship Village Recreation Center 2645 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, Arizona <i>The FV Recreation Center is at the South end of FV property. Stop at the guard booth to inform them you are attending a meeting at the Rec Center.</i> <i>* Open Stitching and Board Meetings held at FV Center—4th floor clubroom</i>
Vice President	Bette Crowell	Ways & Means	Marilyn Evans	
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Membership	Carol Wilson	Historian	Open— <i>please volunteer</i>	
Annual Dues:	\$60 per year for Primary membership \$20 per year for Plural membership			
<p>Guests are invited to attend 2 meetings. Further attendance requires becoming a member. Membership can start at any time and is open to anyone interested in textile arts. For more information, contact the membership chairman listed above..</p> <p>Roster of Starlight Stitchers members is for the sole use of the membership and may not be sold or distributed.</p> <p>Nametags – members are encouraged to wear stitched nametags at the meetings</p>				

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



Mar 4 Open stitching,* FV, 10—4pm
 Mar 6 SS Chapter Mtg, FV Rec Ctr 7pm
 Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day



Apr 1 Open stitching,* FV, 10—4pm
 Apr 10 SS Chapter Mtg, FV Rec Ctr 7pm
 Apr 16 Easter
 Apr10-17 Passover

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