

Starlight Stitchers

A Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.



Nighttime News

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Hi Ladies:

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Halloween has just finished, and we are now on the short slide to the end of the year. And what a year it has been! Our chapter, small but mighty, has had a lot of activity this year. Several of our members were heavily involved in the PSR Seminar (especially Marilyn Evans as Seminar Chairperson, but also Gloria Zanella as Registrar and Kim Garza who was in charge of the Bookstore). We also had wonderful programs, displays of a variety of needlework at our meetings, participated in several stitching in public events and demonstrations, continued our active support of My Sister's Place, held open stitching on the first Saturday of each month, some of us entered the Arizona State Fair (and some were judges at the fair) and most important of all, enjoyed each other's company.

When I'm asked why I belong to Starlight Stitchers and EGA, I think about the many friends I've made over the years, as well as how I have grown in my skill and knowledge of embroidery. Yes, I could just stitch at home, in the comfort of my sofa and dachshunds. But I would have missed being with other stitchers; working, learning and laughing together.

And so it is on to 2018. This coming year will be the 30th Anniversary for Starlight Stitchers, and there are lots of plans underway. We will also be hosting the needlework exhibit Through the Needle's Eye (April 3 through May 12) and the PSR regional meeting on April 21.

From my house to yours, I wish you the happiest of holidays depending on what you celebrate, and a very Happy New Year.

Mary Louise



Starlight Stitchers Holiday Party...at 7 p.m.
Manuel's Mexican Restaurant
2350 E. Southern Ave., Tempe AZ

A sign up sheet will be available at the November meeting so we know how many to expect!!

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!



Arizona State Fair by Mary Louise Eck

Here's what I know about Starlight Stitchers participation at the Arizona State Fair: Helene received a first, a third and a participant award for her entries. Gloria received a lot of awards for her 11 entries, including a first place and Starlight Stitchers Award for Spanish Wine (*shown at Right*) and a third place for her San Francisco Houses. I received a third place for my Just Nan piece. Mark Carlson from Tucson received the other Starlight Stitchers Award, along with a Best in Show for his English Garden Sampler (*shown at Left*).



Helene Ossipov's Presentation of Metalwork Stitching

Viewed by Kim Garza, Linda Noecker and Barbara Scott.



Mary Louise's

This is going to be an on-going item in the newsletter. If I have overlooked or missed anyone, please let me know right away so I can include a thank you in the next newsletter. There is nothing worse than feeling your work has been overlooked and I would never want to do that.

A very big thank you to **Marilyn Evans** for her hard work on the PSR Seminar for 2017. It was a great success! Thank you, too, for always being willing to give me advice when I asked for it. You were a hard act to follow as President!

To **Gloria Zanella**, our long time Newsletter Editor, PSR Seminar Registrar, PSR Membership Chairman, Starlight Stitchers Secretary, retreat planner and so many other positions. Gloria has decided to step away from Newsletter Editor after many years of work producing and writing our newsletter every two months. We are grateful you are going to continue as Secretary for our chapter.

Carol Wilson has completed her term as Vice President, Membership. Thank you for the painstaking job of keeping our records straight over the past four years, and your wise counsel.

Kim Garza, thank you for your willingness to be Region Representative when I asked you if you would be interested in this position four years ago (and didn't tell you any about the job, because I'd never held it!). We are very happy you are continuing on as Education/Programs Chairman for the next two years.

Helene Ossipov, thank you for all of your diligent work arranging the upcoming EGA needlework exhibit, Through the Needle's Eye. If it had not been for Helene, the exhibit would probably not be coming to Arizona. Thank you, too, for the October program on metalwork embroidery. Your projects are beautiful!

Linda Noecker and **Kathe Rathe**, thank you both for taking charge of putting together the PSR Seminar opportunity basket and driving it to California. And thank you again to **Gloria Zanella** for donating the basket (it wouldn't be an opportunity basket without a basket!).

Thank you to the Merchandise Night Table Ladies: **Barb Scott, Gloria Zanella, Linda Noecker** and **Kathe Rathe**. You did a wonderful job and raised \$258 for our chapter by selling wrap and rolls and Janet's Brazilian Embroidery kits.

To the ladies who demonstrated embroidery skills at the Arizona State Fair: **Jean Doig, Bette Crowell, Jill Borge** and several of Jill's friends – thank you for representing Starlight Stitchers at the Fair. **Jean**, an extra special thank you for judging at the Fair (Jean was so discrete, she wouldn't even tell me what categories she judged).

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Election of Officers

Our November meeting will include the election of officers. Here is the slate of elected officers:

President: Mary Louise Eck
 Vice President, Operations: Bette Crowell
 Vice President, Membership: Kathy Rathe
 Treasurer: Barb Scott
 Secretary: Gloria Zanella
 Region Representative: Jean Doig

The following members have agreed to serve as appointed officers:

Education/Programs: Kim Garza
 Community Outreach: Mary Louise Eck
 Webmaster: Helene Ossipov
 Ways and Means: Marilyn Evans

We have openings for Newsletter, Publicity and Historian if you are interested in serving in either of these positions.

Through the Needle's Eye
White Glove Sign Up

We can't open the exhibit on days we don't have volunteers to serve as white glove ladies. Helene has set up an on-line calendar for sign ups. The link is:

<http://tinyurl.com/TNESignup>

Here, Kitty, Kitty

If you don't wear your name tag to the Starlight Stitches chapter meeting, please be prepared to:

**Pay 25¢ to
feed the kitty!**

MAGIC Challenge

At our November meeting, please bring your completed MAGIC Challenge projects to show and tell for praise, or if you are like me and have not completed your project, please bring \$5 to go towards My Sister's Place.

ME and ME2 Challenge

I don't know about ME (Marilyn Evans) but ME2 (Mary Louise Eck) didn't finish her project for Go Big or Go Home. So I think we are going to have to continue our challenge into 2018 unless Marilyn or anyone else pulls out an upset and has completed their project. There are no awards for this project, just bragging rights, but ME2 is hanging her head in shame.

From Kim Garza:

Besides taking wonderful walks on the beach and eating too much good food, I took a two day class with Eileen Bennett. It was "The Flax Sampler," which is a box sampler of over 50 stitches. We also talked a lot about the history of samplers.

My husband and I sold a few hundred books, and made PSR over \$1500.00 (I haven't gotten the final tally yet.)



Basket Contents & Winners at PSR Seminar

Bits and Pieces All things useful and fun for the stitcher — **Roni Jeffery**

A Picnic in Slo County A complete picnic basket filled with San Luis Obispo County food items.
Connie Rubsamen

Needlepoint Canvas & Threads "Secret Wisdom" painted canvas by Tish in a decorative box with stretcher bars, tacks, stitching guide & threads/beads - **Sharon Fredgren**

Arizona Pleasures Southwest food items, Native American Music CD, Western table runner, 4 stitching kits & 2 patterns & other miscellaneous Southwestern themed items. – **Ann Norton**

We Love Hardanger-A full assortment of Hardanger Charts, Projects & Books! - **Rachel Watkins**

Gold Basket A Book on gold work, gold threads, good scissors & tassel and other gold things. -**Shari Herzfeld**

Beach Basket-All about the beach: mermaid charts, shell charts, shell canvas, mermaid dish & scarf. - **Gretchen Albarran**

Bevy of Kits & Bits Several cross stitch & needlepoint kits, a bead embroidery book, Gold & Silver Embroidery book, paperweight chart & weight, shell laying tool & green scissors.—**Tamara Kritz**

Needlearts On The Go! - \$150.00 Nordic Needle gift card & a hand painted canvas in a Longaberger Basket. - **Susan Fitzsimmons**

Needle Felting Kit Lots of materials for doing needle felting & a book "Pretty Little Pincushions"
Vicki Young

Cash for Your Stash —\$100,00 - **Susan McTigue**

Halloween Décor Everything you need to decorate for Halloween - **Margaret Azpeitia-Taylor**

Starry Relaxation Everything you need to relax in your bath: Music, scented items, wine, tea & See's Candy!
- **Ruth Plummer**

Sonoran Desert Impressions Tucson Twilight kit by Laura Perin, 3 painted canvases, 2 DeGrazia cross stitch charts, Kokopelli frame weight, other miscellaneous Southwest themed items. - **Joan Van Loozenoord**

Let's Travel A Leigh Designs bag w/painted canvases insert, a Vera Bradley bag w/matching wallet & other kits. - **Gretchen Albarran**

A Stitcher's Christmas Stash Many charts, kits, two painted canvases, a few magazines, and other Christmas themed accessories. - **Jeanne Munzer**

Project Bag two cross stitch kits, a cold Beveridge container with vinyl insert, & a giant paper clip.
Carol Stevenson

Celebrate the Journey of Life Decorative box w/project bag w/corner marking gauge, ruler w/ thread holds, Ginger scissors, Chatelaine Misty Morning chart & specialty beads. **Jean Lima-Keyte**

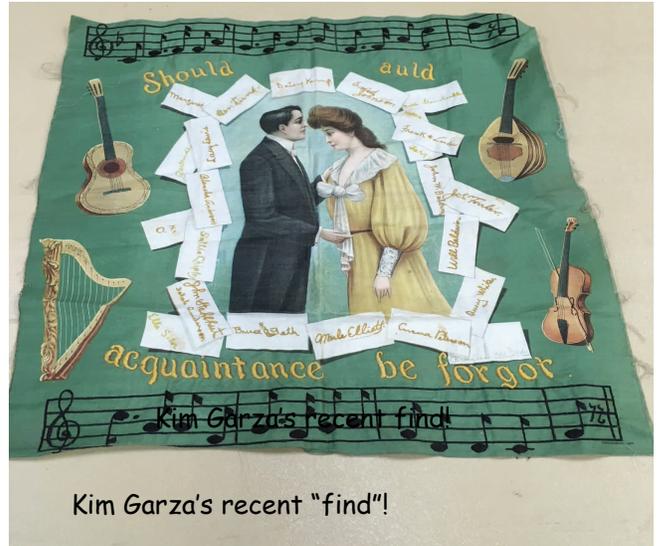
Tool Time Naturalight Smart Lamp, two scissors fobs by Annie Lane, Perfect Thread Bag, Needle Niche Medium Case, & a needle tube container. **Vicki Young**

Gadget Basket Gadgets & tools. **Susan McTigue**

'Boo'tiful Basket Halloween Themed **Debby Wolf**



Bette Crowell's Stitched Map of USA



Kim Garza's recent "find"!



Mary Louise Eck's stitched this belated wedding sampler!

Show & Tell

Bette Crowell's sampling of stitching projects done when she was a girl!



My Sister's Place

Did you know that October was Domestic Violence Awareness month? My Sister's Place was so grateful for our continuing support of their shelter. Here are items that Starlight contributed in September and October:

- 3 large containers of Clorox wipes
- 4 bottles of dish soap
- 4 large containers of Comet cleaner
- 8 packages of 55 count dryer sheets
- 4 containers of toilet bowl cleaner
- 5 liquid laundry detergent bottles
- 4 containers of fabric softener
- 4 bottles of liquid spray cleaner
- 4 bottles of Spic and Span
- 2 containers of glass cleaner
- 4 bottles of bleach

For November and December, My Sister's Place has requested donations of paper items: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, any other paper items you can think of, and more Clorox wipes. This is a change for us, as we usually donate gift cards. However, this was a special request from the shelter staff. As always, if you prefer to donate cash, Mary Louise will be glad to do the shopping for you.



I did the Starlight Stitchers newsletters for several years in the late 1990's and early 2000's and this last stint started with the Jan-Feb 2010 issue. Now my "newsletter days" have finally come to an end! I have also ended my newsletter editor position for the Jane Austen Society –Greater Phoenix so will now have more time to spend with my dear Mickey instead of working on the computer!! Mary Louise, I will still continue as chapter secretary and I look forward to "reading" the next Nighttime News, or whatever the name may be! I thank all of you for your contributions to the newsletters as they made them more interesting! Thanks again to all of you!



Gloria

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Starlight Officers

Starlight Chairman

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Vice President	Bette Crowell	Ways & Means	Marilyn Evans
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Treasurer	Barbara Scott	Webmistress	Helene Ossipov
Region Rep	Kim Garza	Community Liaison	Mary Louise Eck
	Tempe, Arizona		
Membership	Carol Wilson	Historian Open— <i>please volunteer</i>	

Annual Dues: \$60 per year for Primary membership
 \$20 per year for Plural membership

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..

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at:
 Friendship Village Recreation Center
 2645 E. Southern Avenue

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.

** Open Stitching and Board Meetings held at FV Center — 4th floor clubroom*

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

November



- Nov 6 Open stitching,* FV, 10—4pm
- Nov 2 SS Chapter Mtg, FV Rec Ctr 7pm
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 23 Labor Day

December



- Dec 2 Open stitching,* FV, 10—4pm
- Dec 11 SS Chapter Holiday Dinner
- Dec 12 Hanukkah
- Dec 25 Christmas

Advertising: Subject to space available, members & non-members may advertise in *Nighttime News*, published 6 times per year.

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Chapter Member (personalized message) \$ 2.00

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