

# TUCSON Chapter Report

Prepared for the 2019 Spring Region Meeting  
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## **Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:**

### **1) Programs:**

October: we made Christmas tree cards, quick to stitch needlepoint design on Congress cloth with Kreinik, assembled into pre-cut card stock. Members Sandy and Rosemary provided kits and led the program.

November: Brazilian Embroidery presentation by a local teacher Louise Bailey who shared techniques and a variety of her completed work.

December: Annual holiday pot luck and gift exchange.

January: Claudia Dutcher Kistler of Dutch Treat Designs is a member of our chapter. Claudia treated us to a very informative program on Quaker Samplers. We had an opportunity to see some of her beautiful antique samplers. We look forward to Part 2 of this program in the near future.

February: Blackwork program presented by Sandra included a handout with history and some free designs. We had a hands-on lesson and also viewed her beautifully stitched pieces.

March: our program was a lesson in wool felt appliqué complete with ready-to-stitch kit, a needlecase designed by Suzanne who also led the program. We were inspired by the display of her many completed projects.

Our breakout Beading Group which meets once a month also has group programs including a beaded ornament cover from a Jill Wiseman free design, and an introduction to free form peyote.

### **2) Workshops:**

\*\*In October 2018 we had a 2 day workshop with Deborah Mitek, "A Garden View" featuring silk ribbon embroidery and various knotted stitches on Congress cloth with photo transfer background.

\*\*In February 2019 we held a 1 Day workshop with Diane Fitzgerald "Two Hole Beaded Beads", with instruction booklet with 4 clever designs that can be completed in less than a day.

### **3) Outreach:**

\*\*We participated in Stitch-in-Public day Feb 2, with a stitch-in at our local Barnes and Noble bookstore.

\*\*Our chapter has logged approximately 500 outreach hours in the past 6 months, much of it Charitable Outreach supporting The West, our local needlework and gift shop 501(3)(c), by way of teaching needlework classes, and working as sales assistants and buyers.

\*\*Our membership has increased to 66. The West continues to offer abundant recruitment opportunities.

\*\*Other outreach activities include sewing and knitting for charity. We also support Paraclete Designs in Phoenix by donating several boxes of stitching materials.

### **4) Other activities of interest to other chapters:**

\*\*Our Tucson Chapter yard sale slated for April 5 and 6 is loaded with items from so many of our "stashes". The proceeds will enrich our Education Fund, and what's left will be donated to Paraclete.

\*\*Our chapter has an expansive library, and the current project is to convert our "card catalog" to an "on-line catalog system", making it more accessible to our members.

\*\*We are participating in the Pima County Fair, on Saturday April 20 we will spend the day conducting stitching demonstrations and displaying many types of needlework. And Several members have entered their work in the judged competition.

**5) Future event(s) of interest to other chapters:**

\*\*We have a 2 day workshop with Gary Clarke "Tasmanian Screech Owl" as part of the International Teaching Tour. Dates are Dec 3 and 4. If we have openings we will keep you posted.

\*\*We are busy making plans for the next PSR regional meeting to be held in Tucson November 2019. Hope to see you all there!

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