



Azure Verde Chapter Prepared by Tammy Kritz - Region Rep

Since our April 2022 Spring meeting our chapter has done the following programs:

- April - This was our first session of the Year Long Project "Tiny Treasures". It is a Blackwork technique sampler.
- May - We celebrated our Birthday month along with 'Knot Another Project', our annual fundraiser. It included a luncheon, exhibit and lemonade sale. It was well attended after an absence of 2 years due to Covid. Everyone was happy to gather once again. We also honored member, Frances Packer, for all the many past KAP events she chaired. This was her last with Azure Verde. She has moved to Missouri. She will be missed.
- June - Idele Gilbert led the 2nd part of the perforated paper needle book she designed.
- July - 2nd installment of the yearlong project.
- August - Rachel Watkins taught us the technique 'Or Nue'.
- September - we will be doing a Halloween project.

Our Outreach projects keep getting good support from our members. Our thanks to our members for donating their time and generosity to the community. Mary Gould is our Community Outreach Chair and works hard on getting everything distributed.

We are currently supporting:

- Ronald McDonald House - 5.25 pounds of aluminum can tabs
- Project Linus - 10 crocheted baby blankets
- Bookmarks for Literacy - 27 counted cross-stitch bookmarks (5 hours spent for kit prep and 5 hours on finishing)
- Joanie's Purse - 37 purses/totes, 4 boxes of feminine hygiene products, 4 baggies toiletries and hair care products.

We just started meeting at the Del Amo Mall in Torrance for our First Monday Sit and Stitch. We meet in the food court and hope that the foot traffic there will generate interest in our stitching and maybe new members.



Bishop's Peak Judie Neufeld, Region Rep

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

- 1. Programs** – We have met in person and via zoom each month since the spring region meeting. Each month we have had a small project that was taught by members. We try to vary the technique. We have had counted cross, needlepoint, and this month silk ribbon embroidery.
- 2. Workshops** – None
- 3. Outreach** – We judged needlework at the Mid-State Fair in July. A chapter business card and comments regarding the needlework were attached to each entry. We had a booth at the fair two different days where we gave an hour lecture about EGA and needlework. Small counted cross kits were made up and given out to children and adults. We had lots of personal needlework on display and used National's Festival Box. We are planning to buy a chapter banner to use for these types of events as the postage to return the festival box was \$76. We have been taking toiletries to Prado Day Center for the homeless and we are also continuing to stitch Hospice Hearts.
- 4. Other activities of interest to other chapters** – Our meetings are held in person with zoom for those who do not wish to meet in person and/or live far away. Our membership keeps growing as we are up to 43 members now and will be having a new person join us for this month's meeting.

We meet via zoom every Wednesday night and invite other interested ladies to join us. Thursday nights there is in home stitch night at Judie Neufeld's home, but it is not well attended and many nights no one shows up. With zoom available, it's hard to go and drive in the evening to someone's home.

Our chapter had a "lemonade sale" the third Saturday in May. Channel Islands chapter agreed to take our leftovers, which we took to them. They had a sale, had leftovers, and forwarded them on to another chapter.

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



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We have been invited to have a needlework showing at a local bank. The framed needlework would hang in the office for a month. We are in the process of discussing just how to do this and seeing what interest there is.

There is a field trip to the home of Doris Abraham on Thursday, October 6, 2022, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for Bishop's Peak Chapter EGA members to view her forty years of embroidery work, pieces that she has bought when she traveled, and pieces she has bought at antique shops as well as a family treasure which is a quilt over 100 years old that is hand-pieced and hand-quilted. Doris' home has about 200 framed needlework pieces (this does not count the embroidery, mostly canvas work, which her family owns). Doris has also done pulled thread, drawn thread, blackwork, silk and metal pieces, counted cross-stitch, etc.

Baldy View Ruth Plummer, Region Rep

Baldy View is trying out a new hybrid meeting schedule, meeting on the 1st or 2nd Saturday morning odd months and the 3rd Wednesday evening even months.

We spent three months on the Aztec Stitch Scissor Case and two months on Brite Eyes by Margaret Bendig and finishing it into a flat fold. We are spending six months on "Not Exactly Blackwork" poinsettia from Needle Arts December 2013. Our year-long project of "Historic 1" is also moving along. Each meeting is in person in members' homes and with Zoom.

Channel Islands Eileen Tighe-Stage, Region Rep and Michelle Baylis, Co-President

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

1. Programs

Six members participated in the Hardanger GCC, led by Judith Laurentowski; and four members participated in the Filet Lace Papillon GCC, led by Mari Bangs.

2. Workshops



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Our classes included Kumihimo braiding, taught by Judith Laurentowski; applique, taught by Annalee Mages; and Ribbonaire Scissors case, taught by Mari Bangs.

3. Outreach

Our chapter participated in the following outreach activities:

In June, we demonstrated Huck Weave embroidery at Scandinavian Days at Cal Lutheran College.

In July we donated many handmade items, stuffed toys, arts and crafts kits and books for the Children's Auxiliary of Ventura County picnic.

In August, we demonstrated and displayed a variety of embroidery projects and techniques on three different days at the Ventura County Fair.

Several of our members also gathered at the Fabric Shoppe in Camarillo for mini group/stitch in public days on several Friday afternoons in Spring and Summer.

4. Other activities of interest to other chapters

In April, we held a Lemonade Sale fundraiser with items donated by another chapter. We, in turn, are passing what didn't sell to another chapter to use as a fundraiser.

Several of our members visited Shoreline Stitchers Showcase in May. Cheryl McCombs won "Best in Class" and Michelle Baylis won a fall-themed basket.

In June we shared various antique and heirloom items at our meeting. Items included knit lace, surface embroidery from the 50's and a quilt from 1905.

Mini Groups were hosted by members in March, April, May, and August.

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

We are planning an Open House at our meeting on October 26th. We hope to raise awareness of our chapter to the local public. We will have two opportunity baskets with items donated by members and two drawings for beautifully framed stitched pieces donated by the estate of one of our members.



Desert Threaders Rosemary Isaacs, President

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

1. Programs

- January, Valentine pin cushion free design by Bird Sampler Stitchery
- February, Please Enter Your Pin free design by Primitive Hare
- March, Ribbonaire Scissors Case a Petite Project by Margaret Bendig
- April, Mini Owl Needlebook and fob a free design by Jeannette Douglas Designs
- May, Tea towels a free design by Bird Brain Designs

2. Workshops – none are planned

3. Outreach: Host a booth at the Rusty Barn Sewing, Quilting, Craft Show in January 2022. We will also be hosting the booth in January 2023. We share the booth with Starlight Stitchers chapter.

4. Other activities of interest to other chapters: none currently

5. Future event(s) of interest to other chapters: none currently

EL SEGUNDO BLUE - Val Reece, Region Representative

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

- 1. Programs --** All programs are held at our usual meeting place and via Zoom: El Segundo United Methodist Church
 - April 2022 – We stitched the Ukrainian bookmark on linen with the goal being to put a nun stitch border on it at the May program.
 - May 2022 – Val Reece taught the nun stitch.
 - June 2022 – Margaret Bendig taught us some more ways to finish the edges of our projects
 - July 2022 – Kim Griffin designed a small cross stitch gnome for us to stitch
 - August 2022 – Held the meeting via Zoom because the church was tenting for termites. Joanne Seruto introduced the ESB UFO Challenge.
 - September 2022 – Held a White Elephant Sale and started the UFO Challenge



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- October 2022 – Vickie LoPiccolo Jennet of NeedleWorkPress (via Zoom) was our guest lecturer on the history of the importance of pins.
- 2. **Workshops** -- We held a workshop on Sunday, May 29 to discuss the final steps needed to complete the 2019 ESB Yearlong project: *Simple to the Sublime Band Sampler* by Marion Scoular. On October 8 Kim Griffin held a beginner's workshop at her home on how to finish a circular ornament.
- 3. **Outreach** – We volunteered at the 2022 Shoreline Stitchers' Showcase. Some of our members entered the exhibit and won ribbons.
- 4. **Future event(s) of interest to other chapters:**
 - **Saturday, February 11, 2023 – PSR Superbowl of Stitches:** *Crazy Quilt Pin Keep* by Catherine Jordan. Catherine will join us via Zoom to teach us this lovely project. Please see the flyer on the PSR or ESB website. Contact superbowl@elsegundoblue.org

INLAND EMPIRE Pat Correz, Region Rep

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

1) Programs

- March/May – Margaret Bendig - *THE LITTLE TREASURE BOX*
- June 8 Planning meeting for programs/anniversary
- Jul 13 Margaret Bendig's *Patriotic Bag*. Taught by Pat Correz
- Aug 10 No meeting
- Sep 14 *Patriotic Bag* finishing. Taught by CJ Frye

2) **Workshops:** No summer workshops. Two pilots for Jennifer Riefenberg scheduled for October via Groups io. Two workshops scheduled for November, in person at US Bank, Ontario, with Toni Gerdes. Schedule for 2023 set with both in person and Groups io classes. All workshops in conjunction with Baldy View Chapter

3) **Outreach** none

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

Plans in progress for 50th birthday in 2023.



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

a. Upcoming Workshops

- a. Contact Pat Correze for more information: egangcorre@aol.com

Long Beach - Anne Baker, Region Rep.

• Programs:

- Rose Monogram, a cross stitch pincushion top constructed in a teacup on a plate.
- WannaBe Christmas Snow Globe.

We are happy to be back to our regular meeting location at Long Beach City College.

Mountain View – No report submitted

Muchas Manos De San Diego Jean Lima-Keyte, Region Rep

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

1. Programs

April – We had a Show & Share program on our favorite needlework tools. Members talked about their favorite tool and why. Also started the EGA Petite Project “Rhodesia Rage.”

May – Interesting Needlework Information. Membership shared several interesting places to obtain a ton of information about needlework. i.e., Websites, Stitch Banks, Blogs, Classes.

June – Our chapter President, Deborah Komatsu, gave a presentation on her trip to the Bowers Museum on the Guo Pei, Chinese Couturier Exhibit.

July – Kim Sanders presentation The History of Needles and Pins.

August – Stitching on alternative surfaces other than fabric.

September – Open Stitching.

2. Workshops – None scheduled at this time.



3. Outreach – Bookmarks for Libraries

4. Other activities of interest to other chapters –

- Each month a member contributes an article on a different subject from their viewpoint. Such as their favorite stitch and why, Benefits of stitching, Choosing your own colors for a project, etc.
- San Diego County Fair opened after being closed for two years. We had several members who won ribbons.

5. Future event(s) of interest to other chapters: We have Zoom Stitch-Ins on the first Monday of the month in the afternoon and the second and fourth Friday of the month on the evening.

Orange County Chapter: Linda Leone, Region Rep

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

1. Programs

- a. May, Covid canceled in-person meeting so meeting on our bi-annual unfinished project was virtual
- b. June, Virtual trip through Norway with Michelle Fay
- c. July, Virtual lecture by Sara Zander on crazy quilting
- d. August, In-person program by Linda Leone using chapter provided lace, ground fabric, floss and Kreinik
- e. September, Virtual program Honey Combed Smocked Christmas ball with Jean Becker
- f. October, in the works
- g. November, In-person annual holiday meeting with installation of new officers
- h. December, dark

2. Workshops, No Workshops

3. Outreach, No Outreach yet. Currently discussing purchasing a self-inking stamp so anything we donate will have our EGA information on it as much as possible.

4. Other activities of interest to other chapters

- a. Currently working on a new website



- b. White work group, meeting in person monthly at Barbara Larson's mobile and currently working on Barbara Kershaw's "Pulled Thread Passion." Claudia Kilmit is our leader.

5. Future event(s) of interest to other chapters: None planned but will notify when ready to occur

Southern California Jill Bonino, President

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

1. **Programs:** We have finished the Historic I Chottie Sampler and we have one more meeting to complete Barbara Kershaw's Drawn Thread piece. We also had a program

On the Renaissance Angels in the Dec 2020 issue of NeedleArts.

Our June 2022 program included attending the Zoom virtual lecture put on by PSR region on "The Unbroken Thread Sampler"

Four of our members attended the Zoom EGA lecture on The Bayeux Tapestry.

2. **Workshops** - none
3. **Outreach** – We delivered one sampler to Habit for Humanity. They finally finished a new house, and we provided the "Welcome" sampler for the new family. We will continue to do this as houses are completed in our area.
4. **Other activities of interest to other chapters** – We are overhauling our chapter website. Hope to have it up and running by Jan 1, 2023.

Our member Carol Algie Higgenbotham won this year's Region Golden Thread Award.

5. **Future event(s) of interest to other chapters:** Attached is a flyer for our "Stitching with Friends" to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Palmdale, CA January 12-15, 2023.

Starlight Stitchers Kim Garza Region Representative



Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

1. **Programs:** Because of the Arizona Needlearts Show we took it easy this summer! We did a recap of the show and discussed having another one in the future (nothing definite decided yet).

Starlight Stitchers discussed your favorite go-to to kickstart your creativity. This could be a shop, a magazine, a website, etc.

We also practiced the original design for the upcoming class at the museum.

2. **Outreach:** Starlight Stitchers does stitch-in-public 3 times a month at a rec center and 2 different coffee shops. We always display our banner!

On October 29 two Starlight Stitchers members, Kate Morgan, and Linda Noecker, will be holding a class for both adults and children teaching embroidery. They will be using an original design and it will be at the HD South Museum in Gilbert where the Arizona Needlearts Show was held.

3. **Other activities of interest to other chapters:** We bought a projector and other equipment to help with programming. This is to make it easier for members zooming in to be able to participate in the meeting, and for when we have remote speakers for our programs.

Threaded Needle Chapter Jan E. Woolsey, Region Rep

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

1. Programs

- We have continued to meet via Zoom throughout 2022; however, we found a location to meet in-person beginning in May – while we still have hopes to return to our traditional location, the new location has been a welcome change to see one another in person. We continue to offer weekly stitch-ins on Monday afternoons and Saturday mornings with evening stitch-ins having been introduced on Wednesday and Thursdays when we don't have guild meetings. We have continued an in-person stitch-in option for those who are



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comfortable meeting in person on Tuesdays which is hosted in a member's home.

- We had a Summer Luncheon in lieu of a meeting in October.
- In January 2022, since our membership was unsure when we might meet together in person, we introduced a new program “WIP it Done!”. Each member selected five projects that were languishing in their stash, numbered them and submitted the numbers in advance to the Program VP. This has been a really exciting program and many members are making great progress on the stash projects they selected – we have gone through all of the numbers once (and several projects have been completed) and are now going through the numbers a second time.

2. Workshops

- None

3. Outreach

- This year, we collected backpacks and school supplies for the Transitional Youth Program at Interfaith Community Services clientele. We had 100% participation from all the local membership.
- In addition, we continue to collect soda/beer can pop tops to give to a military organization that collects them to provide to a medical group which in turn trades them in for cash to help fund kidney treatments for children.
- During the holidays, we anticipate adopting a family for their holiday program.
- We have been discussing options for hosting a Stitch-in-Public Day in 2023.

Torrey Pine Needlers Geraldine Nazar, Region Rep

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

1) Programs

- April - Drawn Thread Cover for a Satin Box
- May - Finishing the cover for the box
- June - Rooftops of Paris, a needlepoint design
- July - Rooftops of Paris, continued
- September - Dragon Fly stumpwork nametag
- October - Beaded Collar for ornament

2) Workshops None



3) Outreach

- Stitching for Angel Project
- Knitting for Lyons Project
- Member has stitched in public at a hospital

4) Other activities of interest to other chapters

August is our yearly picnic. We also have a silent auction where members bring stitched related articles, also books, plants, and many other things, but no charts, and we auction them off. The money collected goes to our chapter to help pay for teachers, etc.

5) Future events of interest to other chapters

November is our Busy Bee Awards where members receive a small prize for what they have stitched in the past year. We bring the pieces in, if possible and showcase our work. We also have a white elephant sale at this meeting. Members bring stitch related donations, especially charts and we sell them. The money collected goes to our chapter.

December is our Christmas party. We have an opportunity drawing, usually a basket of stitching items and chocolate. We also do an ornament exchange where we each stitch an ornament and then play a game to exchange them.

Tucson Chapter Helen Salkowski, Region Rep

Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

- 1) **Programs:** Our chapter meets informally in July and August, so we only have a few programs to report. In April and May we did Hardanger, a presentation of the history by one of our members, Karen Kelley, and a small project incorporating some of the techniques. Our June program was Ukrainian Embroidery including a discussion of motifs, colors, and their meanings. In September we were able to resume our traditional Fall Potluck (absent for 2 years due to Covid). Our program was a round table discussion on needlework hacks and tips. It was lively and fun, each member relayed their favorite. We learned a lot!
- 2) **Workshops:** our workshop "Tumbleweeds 1" with Hazel Blomkamp as part of the International Teacher Tour was held in September and was a huge success in spite of the late change to a hybrid/Zoom venue because Hazel's visa did not



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come through. Hazel was an exuberant and very enjoyable teacher in spite of the 9 hour time difference between Tucson and South Africa. In addition to having her on Zoom we had unlimited access to very detailed videos of all the stitches in the project. Our workshop team of Betsy, Martha and Maura also worked very diligently to ensure a good experience for all attendees (including 5 from outside our chapter).

- 3) **Outreach:** Work is continuing assembly of the lap quilts for which we had cross stitched multiple squares. Additionally, several of our members donate their time to working at The West, the non-profit needlework and gift shop.
- 4) **Other activities of interest to other chapters:** Our presence at the Pima County Fair in April was a success. Our tables were located in a high traffic area. We had small starter kits ready to give to anyone who would sit down and try their hand at embroidery. This attracted many “takers” including some very young stitchers.
- 5) **Membership:** Our annual membership drive was successful. We lost 5 primary members this year, but we gained 7 new members. We currently have 62 members, and we continue to have new inquiries each month, and guests at our monthly meetings.
- 6) **Future event(s) of interest to other chapters:** none at this time.