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Cloth.

There are table cloths, men-of-the-cloth, and though as sold contains no cheese, cheesecloth; there are cloth bound books and cloth binding, one of which has nothing to do with the other. Cotton Duck is a cloth but doesn't quack; anyone who has ever changed an infant's cloth diaper may, however, quack.

Kente cloth is meant to be worn only on highly important occasions and one would never wear fiberglass cloth, but it is possible to go sailing in a boat made of fiberglass cloth. You may be waiting anxiously, but it was once common to dry cloth after the milling process on tenterhooks.

DMC was established in 1746 as a manufacturer of hand-printed cloth.

One may have a shoe shine cloth, French terry cloth and even a tack cloth. Although a tack cloth won't hold your work to a stretcher frame. There is also broad cloth. No...I'm not going to touch that one. Oxford, Henrietta, nankeen, shantung, bombazine are cloths; also voile, organza and chintz, oh my!

For a needlepoint aficionado there is even weave cloth of all sorts, the often used congress cloth and the ever popular painted canvas which can be on a single, double or Penelope, even rug canvas. Your single canvas can be plain or interlock and all come in a wide variety of gauge i.e., the number of meshes per square inch. How about Bargello canvas, silk gauze and even plastic canvas, although I'm not sure plastic canvas would qualify as a cloth. Your needlepoint cloth can be "straight from the package," or dyed by hand or machine. Now there's an addiction for you, hand dyed fabric! I can attest to its allure, with the amount I have in my stash for "that perfect project."

From flax fiber to threads to yarns to make cloth, as a stitcher and sewer I have a love affair with cloth that started at a very young age. I cut my teeth as an embroiderer on handkerchief linen. Without patterns I was shown "this is how to make a flower, a leaf, etc." If you have never worked with fine handkerchief linen, I encourage you to do so.

From a sign that hangs in my studio:

A stamp collector is not expected to mail letters with the stamps, and coin collector is not expected to spend the coins, why would I use my fabric?

Kristi

The NAS Board is sorry to report the deaths of Dick Weiss, Alice's husband; Halsey Quinn, Millicent's husband; and Fred Fiedler, Pat's husband. We send our condolences to Alice, Millicent, and Pat.

2008 Programs

Alice Weiss is taking a leave of absence from her Programs position. Please direct all questions to Jacque Prideaux.

April Program: Calling unfinished projects! You know the ones where the stitching is complete, but the project is not finished. Hmm... Is it going to be hung on the wall or stand on a table? Dot Reed will be with us on April 10 to teach finishing techniques. Dot has many creative finishing ideas and is eager to see our projects that need that final idea. You will receive Dot's excellent instructions for finishing a round object. Bring a note pad and pen as you may also want to take notes.

May Program: Lecture: Tips and Techniques for Using Everyday Threads - David McCaskill

David's lecture will be about everyday threads and their myriad uses. Kits are \$27. Bring a piece of doodle cloth with your usual stitching supplies. Don't forget paper to jot down notes. Last day to sign up for a kit is at the April 10 meeting.

June Program: Christmas... Yes, Christmas is just around the corner already. Frances Packer is leading us in stitching a Patricia Mazu miniature stocking to get ahead. It is the perfect size for a gift card to make it a little more special. The kit will be \$10 which includes the instructions and canvas. The threads are up to you. Examples will be posted next month. Three samples are at the general meeting.

Jacke Prideaux, Vice-President Programs

Membership - Please join me in welcoming TWO new members:

Chris Higgins & Anne Baker

Thanks to Cecilia Canut and Polly Womack for introducing them. Remember there is a membership challenge again this year, so if you have stitching friends, please encourage them to attend one of our meetings.

I'm still looking for Needle Artists past projects that we can display at the membership table at the Shoreline Stitcher's Showcase. If you have anything you'd be willing to give up during the show times, please let me know.

Remember to wear your stitched name tag to the meeting. You will get a free ticket for the opportunities and it is a real help to our newer members.

Mary Ellen Bell, Membership Chair

Show and Tell - Congratulations to Anne Lenker, Lorraine Bowman, Janet Halliday, Marlene Ezratty, Linda Dunsworth(2), and the team of Nancy Caughlin and Cecilia Canut. Keep the projects coming!

Betty Van Acker

Hospitality – Thanks to Marlene Ezratty, Polly Womack, Alta Graham, Janet Halley, and Lorraine Bowman for the March refreshments. Those signed up for April are: Joan Stewart, Marge Gowling, Joyce Lifshin, Peg Vezzetti, and Marge Roberts. Don't forget to bring your coffee cups!

Hospitality Helpers for April are: Marlene Ezratty, Joan Stewart, and Peg Vezzetti.

Anne Lenker, Hospitality Chair

NAS Community Outreach Project - We mailed off 99 pillows! Please continue to stitch for this very worthwhile project. How about one or two pillows a month? It doesn't take long. Need a chart? We have them for you! **Marlene Ezratty, Community Outreach**

CHARM AWARDS - Don't forget to inform me when completing a project(s) no later than Tuesday before the monthly meeting. You can contact me by phone or email. Awards shall be presented monthly at the

regular meeting and **the project must be presented to the membership at the meeting.** Notifications received after Tuesday will be awarded the following month.

Ginger Colton, Charm Awards

Ways and Means – The Irish Gnome went home with Jacque Prideaux and the Easter Gnome went home with Anne Lenker. The Gnomes were knitted & donated by Sara Balough. Thanks again, Sara

NEEDLE ARTISTS' BY THE SEA



SOLID STERLING SILVER THIMBLE IS HERE!!!!

The unique logo of our American Needlepoint Guild chapter has been cast in sterling silver by a local jeweler. The sides and back are inscribed Needle Artists by the Sea. Handmade thimbles are \$40.00 each. Members can request that a jump ring be soldered to the thimble so it can hang on a chain, for an extra \$6.00.

One Size Fits All! Please support our Ways & Means fundraiser for 2008!

Order your custom made silver thimble today!!!

I wish to order the NAS Thimble!

Name _____

Telephone _____

Quantity _____ X \$40.00

Total \$ _____ **Enclosed**

Send your check payable to:
Needle Artists by the Sea to:
Alta Graham

Delivery date to be determined.

Sign Up Now - Field Trip Thursday, June 19th - San Bernardino County Museum

View A Piece of My Heart: Samplers from the collection at the San Bernardino County Museum and enjoy Tea at Victorian Edwards Mansion



Bus departs Cabrillo Marina Parking Lot at 8:30AM
Return on bus to San Pedro about 3:30PM.

\$50.00 per person due at signup.

Contact Alta Graham for reservations regarding this wonderful day! Limited space available!

Workshops

NAS is offering a two day workshop on Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 24, 2008. The 7" by 5" threadscape, "Pigeon Point Lighthouse" is designed and taught by Lois Kershner of Cupertino, CA. (Check ANG's "Needle Pointers" January 2008 issue to see the project). It is stitched on congress cloth with a wide variety of thread and stitches. The workshop will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 2200 Via Rosa, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The number of sign ups will determine the final cost. Cost of the workshop is \$140.00 which includes kit cost, two lunches, and teacher fees. Cost of the workshop will be adjusted according to the number of participants. We can take 24 sign ups and the final cost will probably be lower if we have a full workshop. For further information, contact Debby Power.

Debby Power, Workshop Chair

Shoreline Stitchers' Showcase – May 31 & June 1, 2008 – Mary Fleming

I would first of all, like to encourage all members to enter at least one piece. We know you have all finished at least one thing since the 2006 Showcase! The Committee would also like to encourage members to sell advertising space in the Showcase program. This doesn't have to be fancy, nor does an ad have to be stitching related. If you have or know of a business that would like to purchase an ad for the program, please let us know. Ad prices are shown below. We can accept business cards (which we will scan) or electronic image files. We can even put together a special ad saying, "So-and-so congratulates the exhibitors of Shoreline Stitcher's Showcase" or other similar vanity ad if you like. Advertising is an important part of the show revenue, so we are hoping for your support. **Advertising Rates:**

Business Card	2" x 3 1/2"	\$25.00	Half Page	5" x 4 1/4"	\$50.00	Full Page	5" x 8"	\$100.00
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We also have opportunities for individuals to become Patrons of the Showcase. Patronage does not constitute a specific amount (although if you would like to sponsor a specific aspect of the show, I could let you know what we have budgeted for certain expenses), but every little bit helps and is certainly appreciated.

Entries are starting to trickle in and plans are being finalized. It's getting close! Here is when we will be doing what:

March 26	Showcase Committee Meeting	Marge Roberts' Home	6 p.m.
April 9	Showcase Committee Meeting	Tammy Kritz Home	6 p.m.
May 3	Showcase Entries Due	To Tammy Kritz	
May 6 th through 8 th	Judging	Marge Roberts' Home	All Day
May 30	Hang Exhibit	South Coast Botanic Garden	All Day
May 31 and June 1	Shoreline Stitcher's Showcase	South Coast Botanic Garden	

All of the Showcase Managers are actively recruiting to fill open volunteer positions. If you could offer a couple of hours to docent, cashier for the Boutique and the Opportunities, or help at the Entrance desk, please let us know. We are also looking for strong bodies to help set up and take down the Showcase. Thank you so much to all the people who have so generously already offered to help. See you soon!

Boutique –Spring cleaning time is here!

A huge thank-you to Sonja Kalman, Mary Croes, Alice Weiss, Fran Lambert, Lorraine Bowman, Mary Ellen Bell and Susan Rossi! They have started their spring cleaning early and are helping to get the boutique stocked up. The enthusiasm is so great that even neighbors and EGA members are contributing things. Books, complete kits, and painted canvasses would be very welcome.

Go into your closets and pull out all your treasures. Isn't your stash wonderful? Sigh... So many beautiful things. If there are any beauties you can bear to part with, please remember that our Boutique at Shoreline Stitcher's Showcase will take place May 31 and June 1. You can be assured that your donations will go to a good home where they will be loved and even stitched.

The Boutique Committee is looking for a member to assist us with donations. If you are familiar with Word or similar software and can do mail merge, consider volunteering to join us. No meetings. You can work at home, at your own pace. You will NOT be soliciting donations. Interested? Please contact Laura Herrmann.

Would you like to rent a self-manned table to sell at SSS boutique? Please contact Laura Herrmann at to discuss prices and days.


Docent Committee. Janet Halliday and Ginger Colton are co-chairing this committee. Please consider volunteering one hour or more of your time as a docent on May 31 and/or June 1. A sign-up sheet will be available at the General Meetings or you may contact Janet or Ginger by email or phone.

A TISKET A TASKET – Opportunity Baskets - Linda Dunsworth has three Christmas Baskets, wrapped and ready to go! And of course, you can always sponsor a basket with a theme that is dear to your heart. The possibilities are endless!

That's Amore', Italian Basket	Ginger Colton	Stitching on the Go Basket	Kristi Todd
Gardening Basket	Tammy Kritz	Picnic Basket	Betty Van Acker
Red Wine and Chocolate	Mary Fleming	Black and White Basket	Nancy Caughlin
Thread Lovers' Basket	Anne Lenker		

The SSS showcase committee is sponsoring the following baskets: Gadgets, Hearts, Anything Goes, Patriotic or Autumn. If you have anything to contribute, let Betty Van Acker know and we can collect your donations at Stitch & Chat or various meetings.

Staff Directory	
Showcase Manager	Mary Fleming
Administration Manager	Tammy Kritz
Treasurer	Linda Dunsworth
Entries Manager	Marge Roberts
Exhibit Manager	Charlotte Halley
Judging Manager	Polly Womack
Docent/Volunteer Manager	Ginger Colton
Publicity Manager	Pat Bagge
Boutique Manager	Laura Herrmann
Showcase email	NASWebmaster@miketodd.com

<p>Needle Artists By The Sea Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild Presents</p> <p>The Second Biennial</p>  <p><i>Shoreline Stitchers' Showcase</i></p>	<p>A Judged Needlework Show & Boutique</p> <p>Saturday, May 31, 2008 10 am to 5 pm Sunday, June 1, 2008 10 am to 4 pm 10am to 4pm</p> <p>South Coast Botanic Garden 26300 Crenshaw Blvd Palos Verdes Peninsula, Ca Donation at the Door - \$8 Adults \$2 Children 8 to 12 yrs.</p> <p>Entry form deadline is: April 12, 2008 postmark</p> <p>Entry forms are available at NAS General Meetings and may be downloaded at:</p> <p>http://geocities.com/needleartistsbythesea/</p>
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Val Reece is looking for people to join her group to stitch Gay Ann Rogers' "Mystery In A Corner" project. Val says: I want to assemble a group of 10 people to sign up by May 15, 2008. If I get a group of 10 people, the price will be \$36.00 per person. Contact Val for complete information.



Calendar

- April 3** **Board Meeting** (10 am to ?)
Convoid, 2830 California Ave, Torrance
- April 8** **Stitch and Chat Central** (10 am to 3-ish) Our new meeting spot is the Boardwalk Café' at Ports of Call Village in San Pedro. Please call Laura Herrmann more information.
- April 10** **General Meeting** (10 am to 12:30 pm)
Community Room, Via Cabrillo Marina, San Pedro
- April 17** **Stitch & Chat South** (10am to 3pm)
Rancho del Rey Mobile Home Park
1622 Monterey Dr. Huntington Beach
Call Fran Lambert for information.
- April 22** **Stitch & Chat North** (10am to 3pm)
We will meet at the La Tijera United Methodist Church, 7400 Osage Avenue, Los Angeles.
Please contact Laverne Baker if you plan to attend.
- May 31 & June 2** **Shoreline Stitchers' Showcase**



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