

## **Azure Verde Chapter Report**

Prepared for the October 29, 2011 Region Meeting  
Prepared by Marge Roberts – Region Representative

**1) Programs** – Azure Verde invited Betty Hamilton to our chapter to teach her Inspiration – A Whitework Sampler this year. We also completed another UFO Challenge. Eighteen UFO's out of 56 entered were completed and returned for Show and Tell table in June. We hosted Knot Another Project XXII in July. This annual fundraiser/Education Exhibit was once again well attended and successful. Rachel Watkins dazzled us with her needleart and china painting exhibit. Our September meeting featured our member's Chapter Stories. Each member in attendance had the opportunity to tell us about the hobbies and interest they enjoy when they are not stitching.

**3) Community Outreach** - Donations for 2011 – Adult Scarf/Hat 2, Baby Blankets 3, Bootie/Hat sets 6, Cosmetic Bags 15, Cosmetics 56 pounds, Fingertip Towels 52, Shawls 7, Lap Robes 2, Preemie Hats 61, Soldier Kissing Pillows 227, Helmet Liners 212, Chemo Caps 30, Slippers 1, Fleece Blankets 6, Inspiration Gift Bags 71, Afghans 8. Our newest outreach project are Inspiration Gift Bags. They are small gift bags with a stitched inspirational message and will be filled with shampoo and lotions for Rainbow Services, a shelter for abused women and their children.

**5) Future event(s) of interest to other chapters:** Azure Verde will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012. We are working on some special programs to celebrate this milestone. Knot Another Project XXIII to be held July 26, 2012.

BALDY VIEW Chapter Report  
Prepared for the FALL Region Meeting  
By Helen Imbach, President

### **Programs**

**Aprl/May- Linda Driscoll's Hardanger Needle Book**

**June- The slide show from National EGA Headquarters- Katy Doty, Clothing Embellishment**

**July- Blackwork Design pattern for a decorated Altoids tin designed by Georgette Brownlee**

**Aug- Laurie McLellan taught finishing and embellishing unpainted wooden and papier-mache boxes**

**Sep- An Ice Cream Social to celebrate summer with a show and tell of "A favorite piece of your needlework" with several short talks on the needlework -past and present**

**Oct - Liz Lennert presented another of her always interesting Gadget presentations**

### **Workshops**

See the report from Inland Empire Guild as they are sponsored by Baldy View and Pat Correz is Workshop Chair for Both Guilds.

### **Outreach**

We continue to provide Kissing Pillows for our service people being deployed. To date we have placed over 6,000 pillows.

We also support the San Bernardino County Museum with demonstrations and classes for children during the year, as well as stitch a Challenge for exhibit using a selection of textiles from the collection at the museum.

### **Other Activities**

We have started a Stitch-in at Gingers Quilts Shoppe in Upland to encourage new stitchers to get better acquainted and to encouragement, or answer questions, on their project. The attendance is growing.

## **Bishop's Peak Chapter Report**

Prepared for the October 29, 2011 Region Meeting  
Prepared: by Judie Neufeld- Region REP

**1) Programs:** April/May – The Yard Long Band Sampler, taught by Rita Glasgow and Fran McCormick; June – My Colors Run Deep, designed and taught by Pat Rusch; July – Drawn Thread Bookmark from the March 2011 NeedleArts, taught by Judie Neufeld; August – A display of Chinese embroidery by Mary Helen Kreihbel,

Doris Abraham, and Rita Glasgow. In addition we stitched Kissing Pillows. September – Coni Canino designed and taught “Tentatively Tenerife Poinsettia. October – Autumn Banner by Nancy Cucci, Taught by Fran McCormick.

**2) Workshops:** We had a workshop in July featuring Margaret Bendig who taught her Star Spangled Fandango. We had eight members participate.

**3) Outreach:** We continue to collect toiletries and donate them to the homeless shelter (Prado Day Center). Our members have been stitching Kissing Pillows throughout the year. One member, Ann Starlin has stitched over 500. She has another 100 to stitch for a lady in Pennsylvania. She is sent the fabric and embroiders them and returns the finished tops for finishing into pillows. Ann has health problems but is able to stitch these pillows and knit helmet liners for the Troops. Our Chapter donates money to the 4H, via a chapter member, to be used in home economics 4H projects.

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

Our Chapter keeps getting new members and guests. We have lost some members but we still have more members than last year. Our membership is at 48 and we are getting about 30 at our meetings.

In July members demonstrated stitching and displayed EGA information and projects at the Mid-State Fair. This year the Fair asked our members who demonstrated to award two ribbons. The first was for “Diversity in Stitch” to a crazy quilt that had hand embroidery on every block. The other award was called “Elegance In Design” for an embroidered holiday table cloth. The Chapter will be awarding these ribbons again next year.

**5) Future event(s) of interest to other chapters:** January 28-29, 2012, we are having a Terry Dryden Workshop. Terry will be teaching her “Safari” project. There are a few openings left. The last date to sign up is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Channel Islands Chapter Report**

Prepared for the October 29, 2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by Debbie Flittner - Region Representative

**Programs-** We made a satchet with Brazilian Embroidery, had a formal tea party with a great quilt giveaway, had a stitch in and learned cutwork. We finished up the Nutcracker GCC and the Summer Dream GCC. We have started the Plum blossom GCC.

**3) Outreach-** We have been making preemie hats, blankets, kissing pillows, helmet liners and toiletry bags. We also make bookmarks for a literacy program. We demonstrated at Scandinavian Days at California Lutheran University and also at the Ventura County Fair.

**4) Other activities** Of interest to other chapters-In the future we will do some drawn thread on bookmarks from a recent issue of Needle Arts. We will also be taught a small beaded tassel. In October we make ornaments for a Halloween Tree and in December we make ornaments for a Christmas Tree. We then use these trees as Opportunity Drawings. We have a hardanger mini group that meets once a month. We also have a group that meets every few months to work on a Rae Iverson piece that was taught some years ago.

**5) Future event(s)** Of interest to other chapters: We are working on an upcoming fundraiser workshop with Toni Minieri. He will be teaching "Antique French Ribbons", September 13-16, 2012. The cost and exact location are being worked on.

**Desert Threaders' Chapter Report**

Prepared for the 10/29/2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by Barbara Kammerzell - President

**1) Programs:** May –Night Blossoms Scissors Case taught by Bonnie Marshall  
June, July, August – Stitch in at 3 local Needlework shops

September, October, November –Linen Band Sampler presented by Bonnie Marshall

**4) Other activities of interest to other chapters.** Participation in the January Quilting and Craft Festival. Last year 3 new members joined as a result of our participation

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA  
Pacific Southwest Region Chapter Report  
For **EL SEGUNDO BLUE** - By Olivia Carnahan  
PSR Meeting - October 29, 2011

April – Button Bracelet lead by Pat Pascal  
 May – Open Stitching  
 June - Star Spangled Fandangle at El Segundo Library on 2 Saturdays in June  
     Taught by Margaret Bendig  
 July – Christmas in July – Melinda Toppenberg taught Festive Beaded Earrings  
 August – Dark  
 September – Finger-loop Braiding by Melinda Sherbring  
 October – Open Stitching  
 November – Petite Project of Assisi Embroidery led by Carol Hays  
 December – Holiday Pot-Luck Gathering  
 January – Plaited Braid Stitch by Melinda Sherbring  
 February – Tubular Bead Fob taught by Vicki Young  
 March – Chapter Fundraiser (Formerly Super Bowl of Stitches)

GCC Swiss Sampler concluded in August. Lead by Olivia Carnahan

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ESB to donate 12 beaded (12 days of Christmas) Crystal Ornaments for Breast Cancer Research Silent Auction.

UFOs (Un-Finished Objects) Awards - Points are awarded for completing undone projects as an incentive to finish. Points are determined by type of project done. Points are recorded monthly. Prize winners are announced in December and include the following:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place Super Bowl of Stitches - One paid attendance to annual event.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Membership - One paid year of membership awarded.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Program- One paid chapter program project.

## **INLAND EMPIRE Chapter Report**

Prepared for the FALL 2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by Jean Serafini - Region Representative

### **1) Programs**

Apr 13 Carol Algie Higginbotham - *Designed for Fun – Your Choice Piece, Part 1*  
 May 11 Program by Joan Thomasson  
     "Designing when you Can't Draw a Straight Line with a Ruler"  
 June 8 Carol Algie Higginbotham - *Designed for Fun – Your Choice Piece, Part 2*  
 Jul 13 Margaret Bendig – *Smiling Jack the Pumpkin – Part 1*  
 Aug 10 Carol Algie Higginbotham - *Designed for Fun – Your Choice Piece, Part 3*  
 Sep 14 Margaret Bendig – *Wicked Sticks – Pumpkin, Part 2*  
 Oct 12 Michele Nielsen, Curator of History, SB Co Museum...program on textiles  
 Nov 9 Petite Project: Scissor Fob  
 Dec 14 Holiday Party

### **2) Workshops - all workshops held in conjunction with Baldy View Chapter**

May 12, Joan Thomasson: 1 day Sudberry music box w/insert  
 May 13, 14, 15, FSS...Joan Thomasson: *Victorian House Sampler*  
 Jun 3, 4, 5...FSS – Dorothy Leshner – *Goldie, the Mermaid* - pilot class  
 July 8, Fri..Janet Casey..pilot for *Freaky Frankie/Snowglobe Santa*  
 July 9,10, S/S Janet Casey - *We Three Kings*  
 Oct 1, 2, 3, Michael Boren's...*Frankie* – taught by Peg Dunayer  
 Oct 21, 22, 23, FSS - Dorothy Leshner's *Dragon Castle* –

\*\*\*Coming: Nov 18-20, FSS – Carolyn Sherman *Mission Garden* – pilot

**3) Outreach** – IEC continues to support the Kissing Pillow project and requests from the San Bernardino County Museum for their Textile Department

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

Scheduled workshops w/Baldy View Chapter. Contact Pat Correz for info on “teacher sharing”/workshop signups at [egangcorre@aol.com](mailto:egangcorre@aol.com).

2012 Jan 14-15 S/S Nancy Cucci – *AMAZING GRAYS* – ghosts ok

Feb 11, 12, SS....Lois Kershner, *Yellowstone* pilot

March 30, 31, April 1...FSS, Laura Smith, *Enchanted Landscape with Mixed Media*....pilot class no ghosts

Apr 19, Thurs – Janet Casey – 2 pilot ornaments/half day: *Jingle Bell Santa, Moon Pie Kitty (Halloween)* – no ghosts

Apr 20, 21, 22, FSS - Janet Casey *Away in a Manger (Nativity)* ghosts ok

Jun 1, 2, 3, FSS - Dorothy Leshner...*Pele*

Juen 28, Thurs - Terry Dryden.. *Color Kaleidoscope*

June 29, 30, Jul 1 – Terry Dryden - 3 day workshop ...either *Mediterranean Squares* or *Leaf Collage...to be determined*. Ghosts allowed.

July 21/22, FS – Vickie Nessel – *Yei-Bi-Chei* – pilot ...no ghosts

Fall 2012 Mary Alice Sinton, Sep..dates to be set.....Japanese Beading

2013 Apr 19, 20, 21 - FSS - Janet Casey: *Peter Pumpkin Head*

MAY 31, Jun 1, 2 – FSS - Dorothy Leshner ....*Dragon's Tea Party*

\*\*\*Coming\*\*\* workshop with Sandy Arthur

**Long Beach Chapter Report**

Prepared for the October Region Meeting,  
Prepared by Vicki Young Region Representative.

**1) Programs**

April: Margaret Bendig taught her “Tiny Little Needlebook”

May: Polly Womack taught us how to use Vinyl Canvas

June: Nancy Cucci taught her “Sweethearts”

July: Vicki Young taught a Petite Project “Tubular Bead Fob”

August: Laura Herrmann taught a Petite Project “Promise Star”

September: Melinda Sherbring gave us a lecture and demonstration on “Elizabeth Clothing”

October: Polly Womack gave us a lecture on “Winning Ways”

**2) Workshops**

“A Touch of Smocking” a needlebook and pincushion designed and taught by Kathy Awender.

**3) Outreach**

Ongoing: Food for St. Gregory’s Food Bank, Scarves and Hats for the homeless, Socks for St. Luke’s Shower program and of course Kissing Pillows for the Armed Services. We also give to the Long Beach Rescue Mission’s Backpack program and are knitting slippers for people in nursing homes for Christmas.

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

Long Beach Chapter gave out 2 Helen Brooks Awards this year, one at the Orange County Fair to Jennifer Porterfield and one at the Los Angeles County Fair to Katherine Braker.

Our Second Chance Sale was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

We will be having a workshop on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2012. “Shimmering Beaded Tassels” taught by Margaret Church-Ish. A great tassel made with metallic threads and beads.

**Mountain View Chapter Report**

Prepared for the October 29,2011 Region Meeting  
Prepared by Carol Hutte - President

**1) Programs:** Four Seasons, Parts 3 and 4 taught by Eileen Gibbs

**2) Workshops:** Return to South Africa Workshop taught by Leora Raikin of South African Folklore Embroideries June 2011.

**3) Future events:** Agecroft Sweet Bag taught by Donna DiMarco in March, May and June programs in 2012.

### **Muchas Manos de San Diego Chapter Report**

Prepared for the Fall 2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by: Jean Lima-Keyte - Regional Rep

#### **1) Programs:**

April - Aztec Stitch Cover for notepads designed by Lois Kerschner

May – Dorsett Buttons – lead by Laura Breen

June – Betsy Morgan – Napkin Ring Pincushions

July – Open Stitching / Browse Beading Study Box

August – Beading lecture with Beading Study Box

September – Basket Twining

October – Basket Twining continued / UFO Push

November – Reversible Ornament lead by Heather Cowan

December – Chapter Holiday Party

#### **2) Workshops:**

June – Betsy Morgan – Exact Change Etui

September/October – Jane Nicholas – Persian Peony Tile Workshop Dragonfly, Helebores & Berries Workshop

#### **3) Outreach:**

Soldier Pillows

Preparing for Stitch for Literacy

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

May 19, 2012 – Carolyn Standing-Webb – Diamond Pomegranate Workshop

May 21, 2012 – Carolyn Standing-Webb – Whitework lecture

### **North Arizona Stitchers Chapter Report**

Prepared for the Fall 2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by Leigh Shafer - President

**1) Programs** – We had our annual Christmas Ornament project for the Library's Festival of Wreaths, we continued to work on our year long band sampler, and we started Marilyn Owens' folding ort box.

**3) Outreach** – We continue to support our military with Kissing Pillows. 265 pillows went to Evergreen Chapter for Fort Lewis, 200 to Pennsylvania. We will continue to do Kissing Pillows until there is no longer a need.

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

Several members are stitching Christmas ornaments for sale at the Village of Oak Creek Library as part of the rotating artist program. Sales support the Library and then our Chapter.

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

We are currently planning a March 2012 workshop Stitching the Empress Kimono with Margaret Bendig

### **Orange County Chapter Report**

Prepared for the Oct. 29 2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by Betty Hamilton - Region Representative

#### **1) Programs**

Linda Leone taught us a unique lining method for an altoid box with a top of choice.

Fran Alsberg taught a beaded bracelet for our birthday month, the chapter provided the kits.

The Christmas in July project, a mini stocking on canvas was taught by Betty Hamilton.

Claudia Kilmit led us through construction of a bead scissors fob.

Margaret Bendig is teaching a two month canvas project, 'Long may it Wave', Oct. & Jan.

#### **2) Workshops**

Jane Nicholas – two days – There were 25 happy stitchers at the September stump work workshop entitled 'Corncockles and Dragonfly.'

### **3) Outreach**

Kissing Pillows are a continuing project. We also have delivered over 300 baby hats to local hospitals, Soaps and lotions to City of Costa Mesa for their unit of marines serving in Afghanistan, loads of magazines to Western Medical Hospital for distribution to patients and knitting yarns to the Marine brig. (The inmates make lab robes for the hospitals.)

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

We had a small exhibit of members work (about 25 pieces) at the El Toro Library in September and October. Membership information was available for interested viewers.

The White Work Group now 30 members strong, finished a lengthy study of Ukrainian white work. More study is planned after a brief review of hem stitching which we started this month.

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

We have reserved the PSR Bead Study Box and plan to have a bead workshop early next year.

## **PINE NEEDLERS Chapter Report**

Prepared for the 10/29/11 Region Meeting

Prepared by SANDRA PLOURDE - REGION REP

**1) Programs** WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE CAROL ALGIE HIGGENBOTHAM AS ONE OF OUR MEMBERS AS SHE KEEPS US BUSY LEARNING NEW TECHNIQUES AND DOING INTERESTING PIECES. WE HAD – DESIGNED FOR FUN, ANAZALI DREAM, HARDANGER, ETC.

### **3) Outreach – DOVES**

WE SUPPORT THIS WOMEN'S SHELTER HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS.

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

**OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT THE LAKE ARROWHEAD RESORT.**

## **Southern California Chapter Report**

Prepared for the October 29, 2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by Kathi Ellis – Region Representative

**1) Programs:** Beading – Love & Laughter Sampler – Crazy Heart Sampler- 31<sup>st</sup> Birthday in September

**2) Workshops:** Lori M Clellan – candle mats

**3) Outreach:** Continuing Pillows

**5) Future event(s)** of interest to other chapters: Stitching Retreat in January

## **SPLIT THREAD Chapter Report**

Prepared for the 10/29/11 Region Meeting

Prepared by Kathy Feste Region Rep.

1) **Programs:** Brazillian needlework

Hardanger

Temari Balls

2) **Outreach:** Stuffed animals to the Fire Station

Toiletries to Women's Rehab Center

Preemie hats and booties, bibs and blankets to Hospitals

Chemo Hats for Knots of Love

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

Our librarian gives a wonderful report in our newsletter each month of books in our library.

This is so helpful and sparks interest in what is available. We participated in the October Southern Calif Fair by showing samples of our needlework and how it is done. Hosting a Fall Bazaar with San Jacinto Community Center.

## **Starlight Stitchers Chapter Report**

Prepared for the October 29, 2011 Pacific Southwestern Region Meeting  
Prepared by Gloria Zanella, acting for Bernice Honig, Region Rep

### **1) Programs**

Chelsea

MAGIC (contract to complete unfinished projects designated at the beginning of the year and agreeing to complete by the November meeting – projects NOT finished by the November meeting will be assessed at \$5 per project with the money being donated to My Sister's Place. Starlight Stitchers Banner: Stitching is in progress with the anticipated completion date of January 2013 for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chapter.

### **3) Outreach**

Helmet Liners

Bookmarks for Literacy

Donations of full size health and cleaning items, paper products, gift cards to grocery/drug stores for distribution to families residing in safe houses.

Demonstrated at the Arizona State Fair and awarded Starlight Stitcher sponsored rosette ribbons to exceptional stitched items.

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

Annual retreat July 22-24 at Scottsdale Camelback Resort & Spa – 9 attended

Open Stitching every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Friendship Village

Open Beading every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Friendship Village

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

**Changing meeting location for 2012 to Friendship Village – no fee for use of facility**

## **Threaded Needle Chapter Report**

Prepared for the October 29, 2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by Cathy Seibert Region Rep.

**1) Programs:** We have done Tropical Daydream by Teresa Wentzler; a pyramid ornament that was a Petite Project; Hidden Hearts from Needle Arts, done as a multi-month program. We had a presentation on free-form stitchery by Mary Denise Giesling.

**2) Workshops:** We had a joint workshop with the San Diego Costume Guild. The Costume Guild showed us how to make a reticule and we showed them how to embellish it with surface embroidery.

**3) Outreach:** We stitched "Kiss" pillows for servicemen and their families. We donated needlework supplies and kits to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. We purchased back-to-school supplies for Interfaith to give to needy children. We collected sample cosmetics to give to the battered women's shelter. We collected yogurt tops for breast cancer, and can tabs for dialysis. We demonstrated needlework at the local craft show at the county fair.

## **Torrey Pine Needlers Chapter Report**

Prepared for the Oct. 29, 2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by Geraldine Nazar - Region Rep

- 1) **Programs** May – Hardanger bookmark taught by Paulette Sexton
- 2) June – Bouillon rose needle case or drawstring jewelry bag taught by Barbara Romero
- 3) July – Romanian Braid taught by Margaret Ferguson plus a show and tell of her international collection of handwork
- 4) August picnic – auction lunch of picnic baskets to generate money for programs
- 5) September – Rainbow Gallery's Woven Wheel ornament taught by Geraldine Nazar
- 6) October – Crazy Quilt program taught by Kris Herman

### **3) Outreach**

Stitch in Public Day, first Sat in Feb

Demonstrated at the San Diego Craft Fair in May. We found two new members from the fair sign ups

Demonstrated at the San Diego County Fair in June/July.

Stitched 45 Kissing Pillows which were sent to the Yellow Rose Of Texas Chapter in Texas.

Knit or crocheted 6 hats for Preemies for Stitches from the Heart.

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

Vi Garner took first prize at the SD County Fair for her entry of a silk ribbon embroidery decorator pillow.

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

November White Elephant Sale to generate money for programs.

***Yuma Chapter Report***

Prepared for the October 29, 2011 Region Meeting

Prepared by Norma Wigren, President and Marilyn Evans, Region Rep

- 1) **Programs:** We have not had any special programs since the last meeting
- 2) **Workshops:** We started the chapter sponsored GCC, Ikebana on October 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 8 of the 10 members participating.
- 3) **Outreach:** Those members who knit are currently knitting the helmet liners. As one of our members, Sharon Fredgren, has both her son and daughter-in-law currently on active duty for the US Army, the liners are being sent to them directly to give to others in their platoon and also to the local Afghanistan citizens.
- 4) **Other activities of interest to other chapters:** Yuma Chapter is dark during the summer months.
- 5) **Future events of interest to other chapters:** The Annual Fall Stitching Retreat in Green Valley, AZ is scheduled for November 13 – 17<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Norma Wigren no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>. Her email is [nstitchin@aol.com](mailto:nstitchin@aol.com) please put Fall Retreat in the subject line.

**No Chapter reports received from the following:**

Sequoia

Silver Meadows

Tucson