



# SEMINAR 2019

Houston, TX | August 14-19

## Hotel Information

### Hotel Address:

Marriott Marquis Houston 1777 Walker Street  
Houston, TX  
Tel: +1 713-654-1777

Experience the perfect blend of exceptional service, convenience and modern style at the Marriott Marquis Houston. The ANG host hotel is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Houston, connected by skywalk to the George R. Brown Convention Center. The hotel offers spacious guest rooms and suites with pool, park or city views and deluxe amenities. Attendees can enjoy the infinity pool or the world's largest Texas-shaped rooftop lazy river. Enjoy the full-service spa and modern fitness center, or satisfy your palate with myriad dining options

**Internet Access:** Marriott Rewards members can receive complimentary guest room internet. Not a Marriott Rewards member? [Sign up today to receive this exclusive perk!](#)

### Room and Hotel Amenities

#### Include:

- Print your airline boarding pass in the lobby.
- Coffee maker available in all guestrooms
- Lazy River
- Infinity Pool
- Whirlpool
- Full bath amenities
- hair dryer
- Concierge services
- Dry cleaning
- Laundry services
- Rollaway bed: 20.00 USD Per Room Daily.
- Iron and ironing board
- Alarm clock
- Individual climate control
- Air conditioning
- Electrical outlet: desk level
- 24 hour fitness center
- Housekeeping service daily

## Ground Transportation Information

### Airport Transfer:

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

[www.fly2houston.com](http://www.fly2houston.com)

2800 N Terminal Rd, Houston, TX 77032

(20 miles/26 minutes from the hotel)

Est. Taxi Fare: \$50 (one way)

Est. [Shuttle](#) Fare: \$23 (one way)

William P Hobby Airport (HOU)

[www.fly2houston.com](http://www.fly2houston.com)

7800 Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77061

(10 miles/22 minutes from the hotel)

Est. Taxi Fare: \$35 (one way)

Est. [Shuttle](#) Fare: \$23 (one way)

### Shared Shuttle and Sedan Service:

Super Shuttle provides an inexpensive shared ride service to and from:

- George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH): \$23 per person/one way
- William P Hobby Airport (HOU): \$23 per person/one way

To book a shared shuttle or private sedan and/or to verify pricing, please visit the Super Shuttle website:

<https://booking.supershuttle.com/>

### On-site Restaurants:

- **Biggio's** – Created in partnership with baseball Hall of Famer Craig Biggio, this elevated restaurant/sports bar boasts two 30-foot multimedia screens with all of the day's biggest games. Feast on American classics coupled with local beers and craft cocktails.
- **Cueva** - This sophisticated wine bar is the perfect place to unwind after a busy day in downtown Houston. Savor flavorful Mediterranean tapas, paired with one of over 200 wines, both in bottles and on tap. Visit the wine cave or join us for our 5pm daily ritual!
- **Xochi by Hugo Ortega** - This upscale Mexican restaurant is a wonderful setting for a meal by James Beard Award winning Chef Hugo Ortega, Xochi serves traditional Oaxacan cuisine with an unmistakable Houston flair. Open for lunch and dinner Dress code: Smart Casual
- **Walker Street Kitchen** - The unique flavors of the Gulf Coast are on full display at Walker Street Kitchen, the hotel's signature hotel restaurant. They specialize in fresh, locally sourced, farm-to-table homestyle meals. Enjoy a breakfast buffet or lunch.

## Hotel Parking

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For your convenience, Marriott Marquis Houston offers premium valet services, available 24 hours a day. The Valet Overnight Parking rate is \$45.00 per night.

In addition to the hotel's valet, you may also access the self-parking lot. The Overnight Self-Parking rate is \$30.00 per night.

## Scooter and Wheelchair Information

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If you have a mobility issue and would like to rent a scooter or wheelchair at the ANG Seminar, please contact Scootaround, Inc., the primary provider of scooters and wheelchairs for ANG attendees.

Scootaround will deliver your scooter or wheelchair directly to the Marriott Marquis Hotel and they will also pick it up at the end of Seminar. Upon your arrival to the hotel, please inquire about your pre-rented scooter or wheelchair at the hotel guest services desk. A bellman will assist with your pick-up and drop-off during Seminar. To learn more or to obtain an online rental quote use the following link: <http://locations.scootaround.com>. Make your reservations with Scootaround by calling +1-888-441-7575; option #1. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is very important that you make these reservations ahead of time, as supplies are limited.

## Schedule of Events

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Be sure to check your Participants Handbook at Seminar to confirm room locations and times. All times listed here are subject to change.

## On-Site Registration Check-In

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Registration will be located in the Texas Ballroom Foyer on Level 4

Wednesday, August 14	12:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 15	7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Friday, August 16	7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 17	7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 18	7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 19	7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

## Hospitality Desk & Golden Needle Society

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Located in the Texas Ballroom Foyer on Level 4

Wednesday, August 14	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 15	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, August 16	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 17	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 18	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 19	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## ANG Exhibit

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Located in the Texas Ballroom on Level 4

Wednesday, August 14	Closed for Judging
Thursday, August 15	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, August 16	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 17	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 18	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 19	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Dress Comfortably

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Room temperatures tend to vary within hotel structures, so layered clothing works well. There is also walking involved, so bring comfortable shoes. Average Houston temperatures in August range from the upper 80s to the lower 90s.

## Seminar Safety

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When inside the hotel, nametags should be worn and visibly displayed at all times. For security reasons, we recommend that you **DO NOT** wear your name badge outside of the hotel. Do not give your lodging information to any person, and do not allow strangers into your room. If you have any questions about the identity of a person attempting to gain access to your room, please call the hotel front desk to confirm their identity before opening your guest room door. In the event of a medical emergency, please notify ANG security, ANG staff, and/or EMS immediately.

## No Smoking / No Scent Policy

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All ANG events are non-smoking. The hotel is a non-smoking facility; however, smoking is allowed in the outdoor designated areas. Members and participants are requested not to wear scents. This policy is for the protection of our members' health and comfort.

## Food & Drink in Classrooms Prohibited

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Water stations will be set up close by in the hallways throughout the Seminar. There will be a morning break from class, a two-hour lunch break, and an afternoon break. It is important to remain hydrated throughout the day. Please make it a point to drink water during these breaks. NOTE: Classrooms will be locked each day from 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.; please plan accordingly.

## REMINDER: Classrooms and Lighting

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Due to safety and hotel restrictions on extension cords and power strips, as of January 1, 2018, ANG has a new classroom policy - classroom lighting brought by students **must be battery-powered only**. ANG will no longer allow the use of plug-in lights, power strips, or extension cords for lighting in the classrooms.



## First Timers Reception

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Wednesday, August 14  
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.  
Kingwood

If you are a first-time Seminar attendee, you do not want to miss this event. Meet the ANG Board members and get a preview of what is in store for you over the next week. Mix, mingle, and ask questions so that we may help your first Seminar experience to be an unforgettable event. Door prizes will be awarded!

## Needlepoint Fiesta

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Thursday, August 15  
Cash Bar at 5:45 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Texas Ballroom Salon F

Welcome to ANG's Seminar celebrating 47 years of ANG! The Welcome Banquet is our official kick-off event and we will introduce those that make ANG possible. It is also when one of the most exciting and anticipated events takes place - the announcement of the Exhibit Special Award ribbon winners and their winning entries are unveiled! Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact the ANG Registrar ([ANG@needlepoint.org](mailto:ANG@needlepoint.org)) if you wish to add or change a banquet ticket.

## CyberPointers Connection

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Friday, August 16  
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.  
Montrose

Open to all CyberPointer Chapter members, other online stitchers, and all those interested in learning more about the CyberPointers Chapter. Greet your fellow chapter members and connect faces with names! Future chapter projects and events will be discussed.

## Chapter Presidents and Officers Meeting

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Thursday, August 15  
11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.  
Texas Ballroom Salon E

This meeting provides a get-together with your peers from other ANG chapters to discuss shared concerns. Attendees will have the freedom to discuss any topics that are of interest to all chapters and members of ANG.

## Teachers Showcase

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Friday, August 16  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Texas Ballroom Salon H

Meet the ANG teachers and gather information on their current teaching pieces, workshop fees, and traveling requirements.

## Life Patron Luncheon

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Saturday, August 17  
11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.  
Texas Ballroom Salon H

Sherri Cooley, current Chairman of the Presidents' Skirt Committee and past president of Lone Star ANG will be this year's Life Patron Luncheon guest speaker! All tickets must be purchased in advance and you must be a Life Patron to attend. Contact the ANG Registrar ([ANG@needlepoint.org](mailto:ANG@needlepoint.org)) if you wish to purchase a ticket.

## Needlepoint Expo!

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Saturday, August 17  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Texas Ballroom Salon E

Do you know about Expo!? You will be amazed at how much shopping you can accomplish in two glorious hours. There's no admission fee, so you will have that much more to spend. Don't miss this fun and exciting event!

## Farewell Banquet

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Sunday, August 18  
Cash Bar at 5:45 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Texas Ballroom Salon E

At this banquet, many special announcements are made for awards, scholarship and certifications. Among them are the coveted Exhibit People's Choice and Delegate's Choice awards, and the presentation of ANG's Certification Programs credentials and pins to those completing their certification level. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact the ANG Registrar ([ANG@needlepoint.org](mailto:ANG@needlepoint.org)) if you wish to purchase a banquet ticket.



## Attendee Shipping

Marriott Marquis Houston has an onsite FedEx Office for your convenience. They handle shipments that are pre-packaged and pre-labeled with your FedEx Account Number or you can simply take your shipment to their office for processing. They are happy to help should you require full shipping services. You will find the FedEx Office on level 2 of the hotel.

### FedEx Office Print & Ship Center Hours:

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Saturday & Closed Sunday

## ANG Seminar Charms Coming Soon!

The 2019 Seminar charm is coming soon on the Lifesignets website ([www.lifesignets.com](http://www.lifesignets.com)). There will also be a link to the Lifesignets website from the ANG website. To access from the ANG home page, click on the "About ANG" tab and then click "Links to Other Organizations." Sterling silver charms will be available for \$45, and 14K gold charms will be priced at \$239. Stay tuned for the announcement that it is open for orders!

## What to Bring

Bring your favorite stitching supplies such as clamps or weights, different types of scissors, spare needles, tacks or staples for adhering canvases, light magnification if needed, and lots of empty space for your new items. Bring a positive and determined attitude to have fun, make new friends, visit with old friends, and go home with a whole new stash! (Remember to pack all scissors or sharp instruments in your checked luggage, not your carry-on bag, if you are flying to Houston.)

If you forget to bring something, check out the merchandise at the Buy It Now Event, and at EXPO! on Saturday evening. You may be able to find just what you need: needles, frame weight, stretcher bars and so much more!

## Last Minute Changes?

If you have any questions about your classes, fees, or need to make any changes to your registration, please contact the ANG Registrar at: +1-856-380-6911 or [ANG@needlepoint.org](mailto:ANG@needlepoint.org).

PLEASE NOTE: All requests relating to changes with your registration must be made in writing to the ANG Registrar. Registration closed on June 21, 2019.

## Contact Information

### ANG Registrar

1120 Route 73, Suite 200

Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Phone: +1-856-380-6911

Email: [ANG@needlepoint.org](mailto:ANG@needlepoint.org)

### ANG Seminar Coordinator

Jessica Tew

Email: [Jessicategew@aol.com](mailto:Jessicategew@aol.com)



Stop by, say hello, make a gift!  
*Preserving the Past, Ensuring the Future*

## Master Teacher Program Workshop

Have you ever thought about joining the Master Teacher Program, but were afraid to ask for an application? Have you ever wondered what it takes to succeed within the program? If you answered yes to either of the above questions, then join the MTP as it presents a 30-minute workshop for anyone interested in pursuing the teaching of needlework through the ANG.

If you are interested in beginning the journey into the MTP, please join us for this workshop on **August 16 starting at 8:00 p.m.** It is free of charge to anyone interested in the teaching of needlework.

Please email [masterteacherprogram@ang.org](mailto:masterteacherprogram@ang.org) to reserve your spot in this workshop at the ANG D.C. Seminar!

## Online Auction

This year we have an Online Auction as well as an in person Silent Auction during the week of Seminar! Go to <https://ang.afrogs.org/> to register for the online pieces and see the wonderful canvases, books and finished items available! ONLINE AUCTION starts at 8:00 AM CST on Sunday, August 11 and ends at 6:00 PM on CST Saturday, August 17.

## Silent Auction & Buy It Now!

Texas Ballroom Salon C

### Buy It Now

Friday, August 16 11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 17 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

### Silent Auction

Thursday, August 15 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 16 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 17 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

The Auctions contain fantastic pieces that have been donated, some stitched and finished by you and your peers. Buy It Now! proceeds are used to support the mission of ANG! Didn't get a chance to order a 2019 Seminar tote? A limited supply of 2019 totes will be available first come first served! Buy It Now! will also be open on Saturday, August 17 from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. for last minute buys!