

**Madison Area Chapter – The Embroiderers’ Guild of America, Inc.**

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**President’s Message –**  
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Wow, the August meetings were so much fun! They were devoted to talking about our “Samplings” pieces. We shared our triumphs and our challenges as we made our decisions about what colors to put where and which stitches/patterns to use. It was amazing to see how different these pieces looked even when using the same pattern. I can’t wait to see the full array at the show!

The September morning meeting is all about scissors. I’ve already counted up to 10 scissors that I use for embroidery and I know I probably have more! The September evening meeting is our most important meeting of the year as it is our annual business meeting. This is your opportunity to voice your opinions and to give guidance to your board of directors. The agenda for the annual meeting on September 15 is listed later in this newsletter.

*Kathie Zwettler*

**September Program**

**Scissors: Old and New**

Friday, September 9, 9:00 a.m.  
Bethany United Methodist Church

Sandi Nicolai is going to talk to us about antique scissors, including showing us some of her collection of scissors. You are also welcome to bring along your oldest pair (or pairs) of scissors for a little show and tell. Do you know how old your scissors are? Where you got them? Start counting now – I am also going to ask you how many pairs of scissors **you** own.

**Annual Meeting**

Thursday, September 15, 2011  
Bethany United Methodist Church

Be sure to attend the September evening meeting where you will be introduced to our incoming Board and find out what the Program Committee has in store for 2012. More information on the Annual Meeting can be found within this newsletter.

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**Monthly Meetings:**

Regular chapter meetings are held the second Friday morning, 9-11 AM and the third Thursday evening, 7-9 PM of each month, except July and December when we meet only once. Unless otherwise announced, meetings are held at Bethany United Methodist Church  
3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI.  
Cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on Madison, WI radio stations 1310 AM and 98.1 FM.

**2010 Officers and Board Members**

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**Membership Renewal:**

Chapter dues are \$55.00. Dues for plural members in Great Lakes Region are \$13.00; dues for plural members not in GLR are \$14.00. Youth membership is \$15.00.

Membership is open to anyone interested in embroidery, and can start at any time during the year.

**Name Tags:**

New Members – Welcome! Please stitch a nametag for yourself using your favorite needlework techniques(s) and wear it to meetings and workshops. It helps everyone to get to know you a little faster

**Address Changes:**

All address changes should be sent to:  
Diane Dowd  
1110 Shorewood Blvd  
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The Embroiderer's Guild of American, Inc.  
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## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

**September 15, 2011, 7:00 pm**

**Room 228, Bethany United Methodist Church**

- Call to Order
- Old Business
  - Minutes from September 2010 Annual Meeting – Claire DeChristina
  - Treasurer’s Report for 2011 – Jane Bailey
  - Membership Report – Diane Dowd
  - Show Committee Reports – Lois Hubert and others
- New Business (to be voted on by membership)
  - Motion to approve the amended bylaws for the chapter as presented in the August Newsletter – Mary Jo Prieve
  - Presentation of slate of officers for 2012 – Diane Dowd
  - Presentation of budget for 2012 – Jane Bailey
  - Presentation of 2012 program – Bonnie Beer and Mary Jo Kopecky

### **Slate of Officers for 2012**

The slate of officers for 2012 is:

President	Sandi Nicolai
President-elect	
Secretary	Claire DeChristina
Treasurer	Jane Bailey
Program Chairs	Bonnie Beer Mary Jo Kopecky
Program Chair-Elect	
Communications Chair	Judy Caruso
Membership Chair	Diane Dowd
Show Chair	
Director at Large	Karen McCarty

We still have a few vacant positions for next year’s Board of Directors. Please consider filling one of these roles either by yourself or with a partner. Contact Diane Dowd at 238-8306 if you need further information about these positions.

## Madison Area Chapter EGA Proposed 2012 Budget

	Proposed 2012	In-kind	Budget 2011
<b>INCOME</b>			
Program	480.00		800.00
Workshops	2,625.00		1,820.00
Newsletter & Calendar	390.00		350.00
Show	2,400.00		2,150.00
Fund Raisers	400.00		310.00
Membership	3,520.00		3,225.00
Library	10.00		10.00
Donations/Contributions	100.00		
Interest	20.00		60.00
In Kind Contributions-Total	0.00	865.00	1,150.00
Transfer from savings	0.00		0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,945.00</b>		<b>9,875.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program	2,095.00		2,602.50
Workshops	2,480.00		1,820.00
Newsletter & Calendar	380.00		455.00
Show	1,467.00		1,775.00
Fund Raisers	100.00		60.00
Membership (a)	2,773.00		2,560.00
Officers	80.00		50.00
Library	10.00		10.00
Regional/National travel	170.00		200.00
Community Outreach	200.00		100.00
Memorial Fund	50.00		50.00
Internet	120.00		100.00
Checking Fees	20.00		50.00
Teacup Auction			20.00
In Kind Contributions-Total		865.00	
Transfer to Savings	0.00		0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,945.00</b>		<b>9,875.00</b>

(a) Assumes GLR dues of \$5.00 per member

## Chapter Financial Report

Submitted by Jane Bailey

As of August 16, 2011

### Income to Date:

Program	\$ 220.50
Workshops	1669.51
Newsletter and Calendar	390.00
Show	
Fundraisers	8.00
Membership	3523.25
Library	55.70
Miscellaneous	<u>300.57</u>
Total	\$6167.53

### Expenses to Date:

Program	\$ 614.10
Workshops	1620.00
Newsletter & Calendar	147.53
Show	225.00
Fundraisers	
Membership	2410.00
Officers	
Miscellaneous	<u>633.39</u>
Total	\$ 5650.02

Balance in Checking Account \$ 8,552.21

Balance in Savings Account 6,010.14

Total Chapter Funds \$14,562.35

## WAUSAU FESTIVAL OF ARTS, September 8-9, 2011.

Submitted by Debra Steaffens

Wausau's annual Festival of Arts is in its 47th year. This free celebration of the arts includes exceptional artwork, entertainment and children's activities. Among those who will be displaying their art is Chinese-Canadian thread painter Verne Yan, who does gorgeous work with silk thread. Kari at Needle Workshop says that his needlework is absolutely mesmerizing. Looking for a road trip? This may be just the place to go. For more information on Verne Yan, see his website [outofparadise.com](http://outofparadise.com).

## SHOP TALK ----from our advertisers. Please let them know that you appreciate their support!

**Lynn's:** Lynn's welcomes the Cross Stitch Club that is moving from Stitchers Crossing. Call Lynn's at 274-1442 for information or to join. We have increased our selection to help our customers who may have gone to Stitchers Crossing for specific items. Many thanks to the employees of Stitchers who have sent customers our way throughout the years.

**Witchery Stitchery:** New designs, kits, fibers and fabrics from the August market. Fun new Halloween designs, beautiful samplers, wonderful fall and winter kits. New colors in Gentle Art, Weeks Dye Works and Crescent Colors. The 2011 Nordic Needle hardanger booklet is in. Stop out soon to see us!!

**Stitcher's Crossing:** Be sure to stop in for a great yarn "tasting." Fingering- Plymouth Stiletto; DK and Sport- Twilley's Freedom Sincere and Lang Tosca Light; Worsted- Plymouth Covington; Chunky-Berroco Weekend Chunky and Sundae; Specialty-Lana Gatto Silk Mohair. We have many new fabric lines for your fabric "fix." Moda-Preppy Plaids and Little Apples; Westminster-Amy Butler Lark; Kaufman and Island Batik- many beautiful batiks. Have a creative fall!!!

**Needle Workshop -** Come visit us for color season! The 2011 Prairie Schooler Santa is here (along with other patterns and the limited edition Santa kit too), Mill Hill bead kits are here and going very fast. Just Cross Stitch has done a Halloween Collection that is huge, like the annual Christmas Ornament issue, which will be here soon. The 2011 Award Winning Hardanger book is here and, as usual, the winners pulled out all the stops. Pumpkin Patch Farm is the 5th in the series of small farm samplers from Victoria Sampler and will make you smile with over 40 little stitched pumpkins. For those who are thinking snowmen, Lizzie Kate has a new Flip-It series called 6 Fat Men that can be stitched individually or in one large picture...really cute! Oh, and there are new thread colors from Caron, Weeks and the Gentle Art. These is just a few of the newest things "up north."

## Samplings: A Taste of Creativity

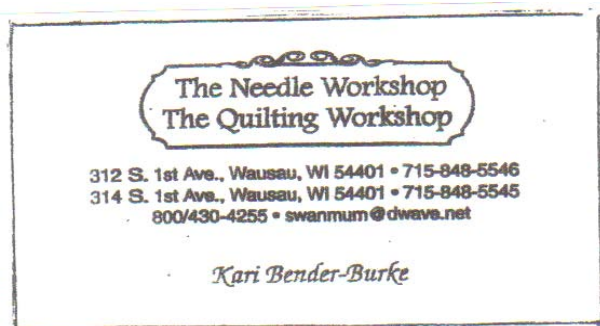
Submitted by Debra Steaffens

You are now in possession of all the instructions for Samplings. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 848-2465 or email me at [dasteaffens@tds.net](mailto:dasteaffens@tds.net). I will be working on the instructions to make them ready for sale at the GLR Seminar in 2012, so comments and suggested changes are welcome. Also, be sure to register your Samplings (finished or unfinished) for the Show – remember to bring along your crayons, so our guests can see where your colors came from.

## TV STARS.....

Submitted by Linda Harvey

On Saturday, August 6, Kathie Zwettler, Deb Damrell, Dena Dramm, Gerri Martens, Judith Miller, Linda Harvey and Claire DeChristina worked on the WHA pledge drive phones. WHA needed eight workers and only seven members were available that morning. The true star of the morning was Claire's husband Curt Reif, who joined the group so WHA wouldn't be short of workers. Together, our eight workers put in thirty-two hours on the phones and \$68,332 was raised for WHA. The morning was a public relations success with studio workers asking questions about what we do and the exposure on T.V. that we received for our chapter. It was a fun morning. Please consider joining the group for the pledge drive next August.



## THE MEDIEVAL WORLD, Section 2: The Bayeux Tapestry

Submitted by Mary Jo Kopecky

The Bayeux Tapestry is one of the most precious and historically significant objects to have survived from the Middle Ages. Embroidered shortly after the Battle of Hastings in 1066, this famous wall hanging with its powerful images depicts the events surrounding the Norman Conquest. The course will study this fascinating primary source within the context of the 11th century. It will look at its history, subject matter, political messages, mysterious scenes, borders, embroidery techniques, restoration, and other topics.

Instructor: Jane T. Schulenburg is professor of history at UW-Madison Continuing Studies Tuesdays, Oct. 11-25, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Chazen Museum, 800 University Ave., \$48.

To register: Call 262-2451 and register with a credit card; or register online with a credit card at <http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/lsa/history>

## Weblink of the month

Submitted by Judith Miller

Two wonderful articles...bead embroidery with a hook in India...and the history of umbrellas! While on the website, look through back issues for the many other embroidery related stories.

<http://www.saudiaramcoworld.com/issue/201104/>



## **Show News**

**Dates: October 22 & 23, 2011**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Place: Lutheran Church of the Living Christ**

This year's show is just around the corner and there are so many ways in which you can participate:

- Enter your completed never shown before projects in the show. Registration forms are accompanying this newsletter.
- Enter your "Samplings" project in the show regardless of its state of completion.
- Enter up to three previously completed pieces in the show.
- Sit at a stitching station and share your stitching skills with a novice.
- Distribute flyers and posters promoting the show. The flyers and postcards will be available at the September and October meetings.
- Volunteer at the show. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the September and October meetings.
- Contribute items to the boutique and stash sale.
- Offer your stitch-work for sale on a consignment basis. Registration forms are on the chapter's website.
- Sign-up to bring treats for the hospitality area.
- Contribute props to add interesting background for the displays.
- Attend the show (bring your family and friends too) and purchase boutique items and drawing tickets.
- The show is our chance to share with others our creations while enjoying the creations of others. It is also a time enjoy each other's company and, of course, to raise funds for future program costs. We look forward to a wonderful show this year and hope all our members can participate in one manner or another.

### **A request to members:**

Judith Miller and Mary Mahon are putting together the Education table for the Guild Show. They are planning to display a "Sampling" of past meeting hands-on projects, finished or unfinished, along with the written instructions, so that visitors can see the detailed teaching of various needlework techniques that the Guild provides. They are looking for examples of the following projects:

Deb Damrell's - Needlepoint Plaid (2005)

Helene Georgalan's Needleweaving Brooch

Margaret Kinsey's "Small Iris" Rozachi study

Andrea Sapon's "Bejeweled" beaded pendant (2009)

Sandi Nicolai's Stumpwork project (2010)

Judy Caruso's "Spring Flower" Brazilian Embroidery (2010)

Nostalgic Needle's Nametag taught by Graciela Aubey and Kathie Zwettler (2010)

We can collect these pieces at the Annual Meeting on September 15th, at the October meetings, or you can call Mary Mahon (233-7142) to arrange a pick up. Thank you

## Show Registration - Deadline October 7, 2011

There are a few reminders regarding the registration form.

- An unlimited number of 1st time pieces may be shown.
- A limit of 3 Encore pieces may be shown unless it is a set of pieces. Please denote these items in the check-off area.
- Items to be displayed at the special interest group areas should be denoted in the check-off area.
- Family members can also enter pieces using the registration form
- We will again have check-in both Friday, October 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

## Show Drawing

Submitted by Mary Jo Prieve

Below is a current list of items for the Show Drawing. The stitched pieces and kits will be displayed at the annual meeting and tickets will be available. The items are:

1. "Birds and Flowers" appliquéd and quilted wall hanging, donated by Laura Faber
2. "Charmed Hearts", Shepherd's Bush framed counted thread design, donated by Mary Jo Prieve
3. Sudberry box with Hardanger insert, stitched by Edith Popelka, donated by Jane Bailey
4. Cherry Blossom scissors fob with red scissors, donated by Mary Jo Prieve
5. \$125 Gift Certificate donated by Gary's Art & Frame
6. Two \$50 Gift Certificates donated by Lynn's
7. Embellished Tote Bag in brown tones with Humbug Bag donated by Laura Faber, Pat Stone & Debra LaVenture
8. Embellished Tote Bag in brown tones with Humbug Bag donated by Laura Faber, Pat Stone & Debra LaVenture
9. Painted Canvas with three camels, one kneeling and two standing, with colored picture and directions, donated by Jane Bailey
10. Silk Biscornu (pin cushion), stitched and donated by Judith Miller
11. "Scared Silly", Halloween counted thread pattern with fabric, threads and directions, donated by Jane Bailey
12. \$10 Gift Certificate donated by The Bead Bin
13. \$15 Gift Certificate and Drawn Thread Chart, "26 Stitches" donated by The Stitcher's Crossing
14. \$15 Gift Certificate and "Signs of Autumn" counted thread chart, donated by The Stitcher's Crossing
15. \$15 Gift Certificate and "A Harvest of Blessings" counted thread chart, donated by The Stitcher's Crossing
16. \$15 Gift Certificate and two skeins of Caron Collection Wildflowers thread, donated by The Stitcher's Crossing
17. Two Gift Certificates donated by Witchery Stitchery
18. Chart pack with threads from Victoria's Sampler, donated by Witchery Stitchery
19. Helen M. Stevens' Embroidered Landscapes , donated by Mary Jo Prieve
20. Felted and embellished Hand Bag, donated by Carol Watkins



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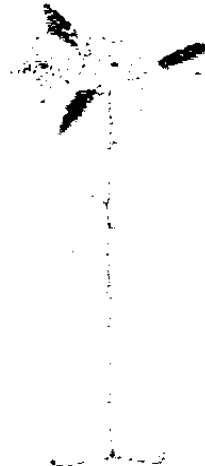
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## September 2011

Sept 9, Friday	A W	<b>Scissors Old and New</b>	9 AM	Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison
Sept 10, Saturday	C	<b>GTDTD – Get the Darn Thing Done</b>	9 AM	Tamarack Club House, Westfield Rd., contact Debra Steaffens, <a href="mailto:dasteaffens@tds.net">dasteaffens@tds.net</a> or 848-2465
Sept 15, Thursday	A W	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	7 PM	Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison
Sept 28, Wednesday	C	<b>Hardanger Interest Group</b>	6:30 PM	Linda Harvey's home, 5801 Tolman Terrace, Madison, <a href="mailto:gmaharvey@charter.net">gmaharvey@charter.net</a> or 271-6488

AW=All members and guests are welcome; PR=Pre-registration was required to attend; C=Call the Hostess ahead of time

**EGA Mission Statement:**

To stimulate appreciation for and celebrate the heritage of embroidery by advancing the highest standards of excellence in its practice through education, exhibition, preservation, collection and research.

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