

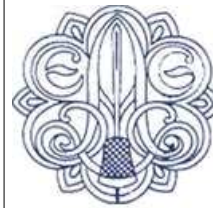
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings!

Well, here it is September already. I don't know about you, but I am not sure where this year has gone! I hope that you have been able to spend some time stitching and relaxing over the summer.

I would like to thank Marjorie and Carol for being the leaders for Camp Quality and the Lake County Fair event. Both of these events are important for our outreach as an organization. Hopefully, to tell others about our guild, teach others and just to brighten others' days.

I have been working on next year's education calendar and I am hoping a few of you can help me out. Is there anyone who would be interested in teaching a Swedish weaving class or a hardanger class? Both projects are picked out, just need someone to lead???

We have a nominating committee put together. I hope you will approve them, and also, if they call you to serve, you will think about it.

Well, as our days hopefully turn cooler, I hope that you are thinking of our ornament exchange at the Christmas party. I am sure we all have those gifts we want to stitch on our minds. Fortunately, I have two of mine done with, which is a relief. Not sure how many more I will do this year; especially since our son got engaged and I have to do some stitching for that (at least they gave me till next June). So, do you have your projects lined up? The way this year has been going, it will be here in a wink of an eye!

Until next time!

May you be blessed with stitches,

Karol



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Memberships

Hospitality

The following members have volunteered to bring treats to our general meetings. Also remember, anyone may bring a treat to share at any meeting, even if they are not signed up for that month.



Happy Birthday Ladies!



September
Cathy Wurzer
Karen Jablonski

October
Breck Spencer
Melanie Ellexson
Janet Charleston

November
Claudia Currie
Pam Schopp-Young
Karol Johns

September
2 Patricia Logan
12 Breck Spencer
20 Carol Collet

October
3 Cheryl Muszynski
5 Pam Schopp-Young
11 Jacqueline Hanson
18 Janice Hunn
20 Linda Hart
22 Amanda Grimmer
31 Mel McCormick

Holiday Party 2011

Our annual Holiday Party will take place on Tuesday, December 6 at Briar Ridge Country Club. The festivities begin with our arrival and socializing any time after 6 p.m. Our meal of assorted salads, pastas, and pizzas, will be served around 7 p.m. Dessert will be the ever popular make-your-own ice cream sundaes. Plan to have a hand-stitched ornament to exchange. Secret Stitcher participants will "reveal" themselves and our new treasurer will be inducted. The cost is \$25 for both members and guests. The deadline for signing up will be November 28. See Sue Hanson at any of our monthly meetings to sign up. This is a good time to invite a friend who may be interested in joining the guild to get together for an enjoyable evening with our members.

The Lake County Fair

This year, six NANI members entered items into the Lake County Fair Exhibit. Exhibiting, and ribbon winning, members were Carol Collet, Sue Dahlkamp, Elaine Hein, Debbie Landman, Mary Carroll, and Pat Bellinger. Below are a few photos, taken by Pat Bellinger, of the items entered.



Carol



Debbie



Elaine



Mary



Sue



Pat



Don't forget to check the Flying Fingers Plus blog, at www.needleartisans.blogspot.com, for updates and notices of events that occur between issues of the Flying Fingers.

A Note from Elaine Hein

Remember that you may invite a friend for two meetings before they have to join. I will be glad to mail information to anyone you feel is interested in our Guild. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

**Chapter Happenings
And Needlework Events**

Now - October 2
The Urge to Embellish Exhibit
Hosted by the Illinois State Museum, Springfield, IL. For more information, visit www.museum.state.il.us/exhibitions/

Now - February 5, 2012
Material World
Hosted by the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN. For more information, visit www.imamuseum.org/exhibition/material-world

September 8 - 10
Quilt Expo
Presented by Wisconsin Public Television and Nancy Zieman Productions in Madison, WI. For more information, visit www.wiquiltexpo.com

September 11 - 16
Flamingo Fandango
EGA National Seminar
Presented by The Sun Region in Naples, FL. For more information, visit www.egausa.org

September 23 - 24
36th Annual Needlework Exhibit and Judged Needlework Show
Hosted by The Needle Arts Guild of Toledo, OH. For more information, visit www.needle-arts-toledo.org/showinfo

September 24
Woven Ribbons - A Pulled Thread Workshop
Presented by Jane Ellen Balzuweit at the GLR Semiannual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

September 30 - October 2
Camp Wonderland

October 8
Indiana's State Bird - The Cardinal
Indiana State Day 2011
Hosted by the Indianapolis Chapter EGA. For more information, contact Jane Farber at NeedleJane@aol.com or 317-251-0789.

October 21 - 23
Land of 10,000 Stitches
Heartland Region Fall Workshop
Hosted by St. Paul Needleworkers Chapter in Bloomington, MN. For more information, contact chairperson Susan Ritter at smritter50@yahoo.com or visit www.stpaulneedleworkers.org

December 6
NANI Annual Holiday Party
Held at Briar Ridge County Club.

April 22-26, 2012
Stitch Down in Tittletown - 2012 GLR Seminar
Hosted by Green Bay Area Chapter EGA in Green Bay, WI. For more information, contact Karen Wojahn at GLR2012@new.rr.com

Camp Quality 2011 Outreach Follow-up

by Marjorie Holme

We had a beautiful day on August 12th for our annual visit to Camp Quality. We received a warm welcome and our presence was announced several times, which helped draw campers to our table. The project was popular and we were busy helping campers and companions stitch their flags.

A big thank-you to Joyce Kinnally, Margaret Shaw, Renee Stern and Jane Compeau for coming to teach. Jane kindly stepped in at the last minute to help round out our teachers. Joyce, Margaret and Renee also spent an evening with me at the Munster Library planning the project and getting things organized - they also donated supplies. Carol Parry and Renee Reimer donated supplies, too. (If I missed someone, I apologize.)

The campers came too fast for us to keep count. I remember three companions, about nine campers, perhaps more. At least one camper took materials and went elsewhere to stitch. Most stitched their initials, but I heard one camper was working on spelling out "tea time."

We have plenty of extra materials if you have a group with whom you'd like to share this project. I made cut paper patterns for each flag design. I have also charted all of the flags for needlepoint. I tried it and thought the large blocks of color would be too tedious for the campers, so we switched to felt. You're welcome to the charts if you wish to stitch the flags.



Joyce, Renee, Margaret, Marjorie, and Jane displaying the Camp Quality 2011 nautical flag project.

Lake County Fair Outreach Event Follow-up

This year at the Lake County Fair, NANI had a demonstration area set up in the Family Arts & Crafts Building organized by Carol P. Cross stitch and punch needle techniques were shown.

The estimated 30-35 guests who visited the area were allowed to try their hand at the three Punchneedle hoops that were set up in the area. Guests were also taught how to cross stitch. They were given Aida and Hardanger cloth needle books, complimentary patterns and fibers, a "Learn to Cross Stitch in Five Minutes" instruction sheet, as well as information about EGA and our chapter, to take home with them.

Guild members who participated were Beth V., Carol L., Carol P., Debbie L., Janet C., Karen J., Karol J., Pat B., Renee R., and Sue D., along with Marjorie H. and Mel M., who made donations and did pre-assembly work.



Photos of the tables that were set up in the Family Arts & Crafts Building taken by Renee R.

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Please watch the Flying Fingers Plus blog for any location/date changes of any NANI chapter events or meetings.

NOTIFICATION

Needle Artisans of Northwest Indiana, a Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., offers various educational opportunities for its members during monthly local chapter meetings and during special weekend workshops. This listing outlines class offerings planned for 2011. Guests are welcome to attend free lectures and some workshops for an additional fee. For sign-ups, please contact one of our education co-chairs.

Class Schedule

September	Biscornu II
October	Shepherd's Bush III
November	Christmas Ornament
December	Holiday Party



October Class

Shepherd's Bush Sampler Pt. III

The Cranberry Pinafore, a sampler from 1997, is done in cream, rose, and green Au Ver A Soie Silks on 32 count hand-dyed Belfast linen. This design is for the Intermediate/Advanced stitcher. Participants should bring a "doodle cloth" and thread to practice each stitch during classes.

A Reminder to All Monthly Class Participants

Please remember to check the class descriptions for items you may be responsible for bringing with you on your class night.

ALWAYS bring your personal stitching supplies that you would carry to any workshop. This includes, but is not limited to: scissors, extra needles, thread heaven, a needle threader, laying tool, magnification, a hoop, a practice "doodle" cloth and spare thread to practice new stitches.

You are always welcome to bring whatever you are working on and stay and stitch after the business meetings, even if you are not taking the class that night.



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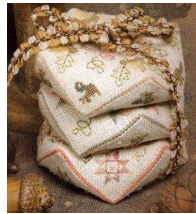
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www.egausa.org
www.ega-qlr.org

Have you checked out the EGA's members only area on the EGA website?

Username: MembersLogin
Password: WEareEGA

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September Class

Autumn Biscornu Stackers Part II

In this class, we will be making 3 small biscornus in a fall pattern. This is a Jeannette Douglas pattern. The motifs are acorns, squirrels, and fall flowers. In the 1st class, we will be working on cross-stitching the motifs. In the 2nd class, we will be putting the biscornu together, stacking them, and tying them up with ribbon. Then you will have a nice decoration just in time for fall.

Kit will include the pattern, fabric, buttons, beads, and overdyed threads. Participants need to supply the DMC threads for the class. The DMC color list will be given out to participants the month before class begins.



November Class

Surface Embroidery Christmas Ornament

Start with a muslin printed and colored ornament. Do the surface embroidery, add the backing, and you will have an ornament. The kit will include the pre-printed ornament design and batting. Participants need to provide floss and backing fabric. There are many designs to choose from. The kit price is \$8.

The sign-up deadline is the October general meeting.

Stitch-A-Month

SAM is a guild program we purchased from another chapter. It is for guild use only and not to be copied for anyone who is not a guild member. Each month is a handout of a stitch diagram showing how to work the stitch and some info on that particular stitch. Each handout comes in a clear sheet protector with a swatch of fabric on which to practice the stitch. Sets still available (while supplies last) are: 2003 (set of 7) for \$3.50, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 (set of 10 for each year) for \$5.00 each year. If you are a new member and would like to see a sample SAM, contact one of our education co-chairs.

EGA Group Correspondence Courses

Needle Arts Quarterly Offering

September - November
Hummingbird & Honeysuckle
Teacher: Luan Callery
This project uses padded and wired elements to establish dimension with the stuffed body sculpting a life-like hummingbird. The vine has whipped chain, dimensional buds, padded and wired flowers with a smattering of wired leaves.

Circle with Blue Flower
Teacher: Margaret Kinsey
This project is a study in silk and metal thread, designed for the beginner, inspired by the illuminated letters created in medieval times. The stitcher will be working with real metals as well as imitation metal threads. Stitches include couching techniques using pearl purl, twists and silk thread; and satin stitch over padding of parchment and cord.

On-Line Course Offerings

September - October
Liesel - Schwalm Embroidery
Teacher: Barbara Kershaw
This project introduces the German whitework technique of Schwalm Embroidery. It combines surface stitches with pulled and drawn thread techniques. Stitches include the coral knot, chain stitch, satin stitch, rose stitch, cording stitch and mosquito stitch, ending with a mousetooth edge.

Blue Heaven: Temari II
Teacher: Barbara Suess
The second EGA course on Japanese temari focuses on the favorite stitch of many temari makers - the kiku herringbone stitch. You'll learn detailed tips on how to perfect the stitch while creating two stellar designs. The first project, Baby Blue, is good for experienced beginners. The second project, Big Blue Heaven, is intended for intermediate level temari makers.

2012 GLR CORRESPONDENCE COURSE SELECTIONS

Project Name	Embroidery Type	Designer	Cost
Spring Splendor	Silk and Metal	Kay Stanis	\$60.00
Floral Whimsy	Beading	Peggy Wright	\$68.00
How To's of Swedish Naversom	Naversom	Phyllis Maurer	\$70.00
Florentine and Tulips	Canvas	Gail Stafford	\$60.00
Moonlight Sonata	Hardanger	Cindy Valentine	\$70.00
Roses	Blackwork	Carol Algie Higginbotham	\$60.00
Star Studded Samplings	Blackwork Sampler	Ilse Altherr	\$62.50
Crewel Choices	Crewel	Judy Jeroy	\$60.00
Summer Dream	Stumpwork	Luan Callery	\$60.00
Blue Heaven	Temari II	Barbara Suess	\$70.00

In its continuing mission to stimulate the appreciation of embroidery and to advance the highest standards of excellence in the practice of embroidery, EGA offers many educational opportunities through its Correspondence Courses. Chapters are not able to offer every course that would meet all the interests of every member of their group. To that end, the GLR underwrites the cost of a selected group of classes each year that will allow chapter members to pursue their interests without having to form a group from their home chapter. The GLR CC Coordinator serves as the liaison between the class participants and the designer/teachers. You will not have a local group leader and you will be stitching on your own.

Many exciting new classes are being offered for 2012 as well as some outstanding perennials. Many techniques and all skill levels are represented. For details regarding course content and the approximate cost of supplies, please refer to the Correspondence Course section of the Education Catalog that is available online at the EGA website, www.egausa.org.

Registration deadline is November 1, 2011. Send the registration form below to the GLR CC Coordinator who will order and distribute instruction materials, and remind you of deadlines to submit your work for evaluation. The deadline to submit pieces for evaluations is October 15, 2012. The cost includes the instruction materials and postage with delivery confirmation. GLR pays the course fee. A minimum of 5 students is required to have the course go forward. You will receive your manuals in late January or early February 2012. You are responsible for purchasing your supplies. Supply sources are provided with each course. If you have any questions, please call Kris Kyles at 920-469-1799 or email at krismark858@new.rr.com. Send the registration form below with your check made payable to Great Lakes Region EGA to Kris Kyles, GLR CC Coordinator, 3346 Langdon St., Green Bay, WI 54311

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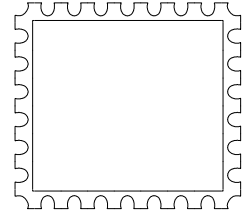
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NANI General Meetings

Meetings are held in Munster, IN, the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 7pm at the Munster Community Social Center.

Please join us!

The mission of The Embroiderers' Guild of America is to stimulate appreciation for and celebrate the heritage of embroidery by advancing the highest standards of excellence in its practice through education, preservation, collection, and research.

EGA Seminar 2012 - Santa Fe Enchantment

Early Registration for the 2012 EGA Seminar opens for all EGA members on September 17, 2011 and continues through October 1, 2011. EGA Seminar 2012 runs from October 28, 2012 to November 2, 2012 and will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico. You may Early Register for four-day and two-day classes (any combination up to 6 days of class).

Class descriptions and photos, along with the Early Registration form, will be posted on the EGA website (www.egausa.org) beginning on September 17, 2011. Forms can be submitted via e-mail or USPS mail delivery. More information can be found in the June 2011 issue of Needlearts.

A Message from the GLR Director

Below is Corinne Clift's message regarding her resignation as the Director of the Great Lakes Region. You must all be aware of the many contributions Corinne has made to EGA, her local EGA chapters, but particularly to the GLR over the years. Her passion for stitching and for EGA is an inspiration to all of us. The GLR Executive Committee appreciates the many hours Corinne has devoted to the organization and hopes that she will now have the time to attend to her full recovery. We send her our best wishes for the future. Terry Butz

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It is with much remorse and regret that I have relinquished my position as RD of Great Lakes Region to Terry Butz this 7th day of August, 2011. However due to the health problems I have had the past few months it is felt for the sake of the region and for my own health the stress of this position needs to be dealt with.

Best wishes to the Executive Board and to the Region. Whenever there is anything possible for me to do I will strive to do my very utmost in serving the Region and also working with National. I will miss this opportunity greatly.

With much love and mixed emotions.....thank you all for allowing me the privilege and the confidence of serving as Region Director for the short time I had. It has been a great honor.

Corinne Clift