

# SNIPPETS

## President's Message

*Summer is upon us with a vengeance. Take your pick of 90 degree temperatures, thunder and lightning or over the top humidity. It's almost enough to make winter look good. But, seriously, we are so much luckier than our fellow stitchers who are plagued with flooding and tornados. Can you imagine your entire stash plus a lifetime of stitching projects being destroyed? I wonder if EGA National will sponsor a stash drive for our unfortunate sisters? I have heard of such things done for quilters.*

*Now is the time for small projects that we can stick in our purse and do under a tree in the park. In case you are wondering what to do with these tiny treasures, I have a solution. I mount the little pieces on heavy cardboard and place them on a small easel on an end table or shelf. I have enough pieces so I can rotate them through the seasons.*

*This may also be the season to organize all those fibers and fabrics. Or maybe it's just a good time to take a long nap.*



*Joyce*

Regular meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Logan Square Public Library, 3030 W. Fullerton, Chicago at 9:30 am.

To join Windy City contact Kathy Zmich, [kzmich@covad.net](mailto:kzmich@covad.net). Due are due in April and total \$53 (37 for national, 15 for chapter, 1 for regional). For plural members within the region dues are \$15, for plural members outside the region dues are \$16. Make checks payable to Windy City EGA and mail to 1445 Wisconsin, Berwyn IL 60402.



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## Cedarburg, Wisconsin trip



It's time to book your room (if you haven't already)!

August 13 & 14: These are your 2 choices for downtown Cedarburg, and they are very close to one another. Rates are lower at The Stagecoach, but rooms look prettier at Washington House. There aren't too many doubles, but the Stagecoach has a room with 2 twins, and another with a queen and a sleigh bed. The Washington has a couple of double-bedded rooms

<http://www.stagecoach-inn-wi.com/rooms.htm>

<http://www.washingtonhouseinn.com/cedarburg-inn-rooms.html#>

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## REGIONAL NEWS

It has already been reported at the business meeting that the increase in regional dues did not pass. This issue may or may not appear at a future business meeting.

The nominating committee is looking for people to complete their slate. If you are interested in being on the regional board or a future nominating committee for the Great Lakes Region please contact Lori Schreiber.

Some dates to keep in mind for regional events:

- 2011 Fall Business Meeting will be held on September 24th at the Marriott in Indianapolis. Jane Ellen Balzweit will teach an afternoon workshop after the business meeting and lunch. Please contact Lori if you are interested in attending.
  - GLR Seminar 2012 - "Stitch Down in Titledown" - Green Bay, Wisconsin April 22 - 26. Classes that are being offered can be viewed on the GLR website. Registration will begin in the fall. Start to think about your contribution to our Chapter's basket for this seminar. The theme we have chosen is "Chicago Bears".
  - GLR Seminar 2013 will be in Indianapolis. Dates and theme to be announced stay tuned.
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## Regional Seminar 2011

“Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh. Here we are at Camp EGAGLR. Camp is very entertaining, and they say that our eyes are ever straining.”

You get the idea, we were at camp, we were good scouts, and we were happy campers. Natalie was a first time seminar participant and she had a wonderful seminar experience. There was a great boutique sponsored from a shop in Plano, TX. We made many trips to the boutique for purchases as well as inspiration. The bookstore was once again stocked with a selection from Ruth Kern Books. Merchandise night was chock full of items to tempt our wallets. The hotel was so accommodating to all the seminar needs. It was located along the beautiful Cuyahoga River and falls. The view outside the hotel window was spectacular. Ask Lori to see her pictures of the falls.

Oh, and we can't forget the classes! Marilyn took a class from Debbie Stiehler called Full Moon Frog Stew. Marilyn took studio time for the second two days, and even though she volunteered both days at the boutique, she managed to make a lot on progress on her project. Natalie also took a Debbie Stiehler class called Timeless Tomato. She liked her class and found Debbie to be a fun and relaxing teacher. Diane had studio time for the first two days followed by a class with Pat Donaldson called Amalia ethnic drawn purse. Now, if Diane would have had studio time after her two day class she would have brought



back a completed purse, so now we will just have to wait a few more hours for that one. Lori took a beaded fringe notebook class with Carolyn Sherman and a shading class with Barbara Jackson. Lori is now inspired again with crewel work and will hopefully go back to finish some past seminar pieces.

Diane participated in her first Teacher Showcase at this seminar. It was wonderful to see the attention that Diane's projects brought to her table. She had many people asking about the projects and class details. Diane was pleased with the enthusiasm of her first Teacher Showcase and hopefully she will see the same interest at the national seminar as well.

All good things come to an end. The closing banquet had the girl scout's color guard removing the flags from the banquet room, and sending the four of us back home.

## Seminar Goodies!

Marilyn was certainly a happy camper at seminar because she won the basket from the Indianapolis chapter. She received a collection of sampler patterns and kits, as well as \$100 in cash. Leslie Putman from the Town and Country chapter in Ohio won the Windy City Chapter basket. She only put tickets in our basket, and jumped out of her seat when her name was called. It was great to see how our basket make another stitcher so happy. She was going through each of the items and marveling at each of the handmade items.



***Here are some quotes from seminar.***

***Can you place the name and meaning with each quote?***

- She was doing his legs on the plane.  
*(Marilyn was knitting the legs of her stuffed frog on the airplane to Cleveland.)*
- One is too hot and one is too cold. I want one just right.  
*(Natalie is stuck between the pool and the hot tub.)*
- Am I the only one who did not meet my husband in a bar?  
*(Diane met her husband at church.)*



*Pat Chromy and Suzanne Pass start checking in projects, then Marlene and Dorothy took them out to start arranging the shelves.*

## WINDY CITY EGA EXHIBIT AT LOGAN SQUARE LIBRARY

We heard many people have stopped to check out our exhibit, which was put up before Easter and will stay through mid-summer. We will also hold a Meet & Greet in June to connect with the community.

*Marlene Tomasello, Librarian Shirley, Pat and Suzanne in front of the finished exhibit.*



# LITTLE SNIPPETS....

## Libby Sturdy's Windy City Santa

Planning is in the early stages for this 2 day class. At the June meeting potential dates will be discussed, November 2011, February, March, June or July 2012. We have a choice to schedule the dates a month or two apart, which gives more time to digest the stitches you've learned.

The cost of the line drawn canvas and stitch guide is \$50.00 and she will provide a supply list so we can hit our stashes and share threads.

She will also bring a trunk show. If there are specific designs you would like we would need to tell her so she brings them.

Write or call Kathy Zmich with your thoughts!



Take a close look at the stitching sampler running around the inside edge of these tables. Yes, it is going *all the way* around the edge. Done by Sharon Boggan of Australia, she rolls it up and takes it to all her classes as a teaching sampler. She blogs about each section on [www.pintangle.com](http://www.pintangle.com), a wonderful website not only for crazy quilting, but all stitching.

Sharon was a teacher at the Crazy Quilt Adventure held in April in Glastonbury, CT, and will be back in 2012. Ask Dorothy if you want to see the other 100 pictures taken at the event!



Below: Closeup of a tiny section of the sampler



## **Lizzie Kate and JBW at Tomorrow's Heirlooms**

Save the date!!! Tomorrow's Heirlooms is thrilled to announce that Linda Ebright of Lizzie Kate and Judy Whitman of JBW Designs will be coming to us for a special event weekend!

When: Friday, July 15 (special event meet and greet in the evening) and Saturday, July 16, 2011 (all-day class)

More specific information will follow soon---we have no details yet! However, we wanted to give you all advanced notice before your summer calendars fill!

See you all soon!

Kim and Pam

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## **Calendar**

June 11 - Smocking Project

July 9 - Pulled Thread Pincushion

July 30 - Oak Park Library Stitch-in

August 13, 2011: Road Trip to  
Cedarburg, WI

October 1 Anniversary Luncheon  
(backup date: October 8)