



From the Region Director

The 2011 GLR Semiannual meeting and lunch was an opportunity for about 40 EGA members from the region to meet, share information and do business for the organization. Although this year was a transition period for Indianapolis Marriott East with extensive expansion and remodeling underway, that work will be complete prior to the Semiannual meeting in 2012 when we will meet there again. It was also an opportunity for attendees to experience some of the facilities that will be available to us when the Indianapolis chapter hosts Seminar 2013 there.

For your officers, business began on Friday, September 23, with meetings of the Executive Committee and the Executive Board of Directors.

The 2011 Semiannual meeting came to order shortly after 9 a.m. Saturday, September 24. One of the principle topics of business was the vote on the requested increase in dues. While that motion failed, there was a good discussion that will be considered by the Executive Committee as we review the issue prior to the 2012 annual meeting.

In order to expand the discussion on dues, as well as other issues that may be of concern to the chapters within the Region, I will be contacting chapter presidents. It is my hope that through this personal communication the Region can develop a plan of action that meets the needs of the Region and its member chapters, and reach a symbiotic relationship that benefits all of us. That is a lot of phone calls, so be patient; it will take me a while to get through the whole list.

The Executive Committee presented a recommendation that GLR offer to host EGA Seminar in 2020. That motion was

adopted and I am pleased to announce that the EGA Board of Directors has accepted our offer to host. Work on this event will begin several years ahead of the scheduled date.

Work has begun on updating the GLR website. Su Pellitieri has accepted the position of Webmaster. She and her husband, Tom, are busy updating the website, creating a format that is easy to navigate and that allows us to establish a Members Only area. The goal is to have the transition completed in early 2012. We have located a new vendor to host the website which will give us some added capabilities at a better, reduced price.

Those of you who plan to "taste" GLR seminar by enrolling in a mini-class on Sunday will be happy to hear that the Seminar Hotel Policy has been changed. Those who register only for a mini-class at Seminar will NOT be required to stay at the Seminar hotel. If you are enrolled in two- or four-day seminar classes, the policy still requires that you provide proof that you are a registered guest at the Seminar hotel.

During the afternoon most of the participants at the fall meeting also availed themselves of the workshop with Jane Ellen Balzweit. She taught Woven Ribbons, a lovely pulled work project. Not only did participants have the opportunity to reproduce this brand new design, but Jane Ellen granted permission for them to teach the project to their chapters. In turn they need only purchase the directions from Jane Ellen. We appreciate Jane Ellen's generosity in not only presenting a wonderful workshop, but also allowing us

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the opportunity to serve our chapters and work toward fulfilling our mission of supporting education in the needle arts.

A few weeks prior to the fall meeting, I had the opportunity to represent the Great Lakes Region at the EGA Board of Directors meeting in Naples, Florida. Although I was not able to stay for the International Embroidery Conference or the Seminar that followed, it was an interesting experience. I learned much about EGA and made contacts with others who deal with problems similar to those of the GLR. I will be developing those connections and resources throughout the next two years.

During the discussions and presentations at the Region Directors' meeting and the Board of Directors meeting, several resources were discussed which we as a region will be able to take advantage of. Many of you will already have received a Constant Contact email regarding registration for Seminar 2012 in Green Bay. Constant Contact is a service offered by EGA to the Regions to promote important events or share information with the members within the region several times each year. The GLR Seminar 2012 committee has also employed the EGA Yahoo Group to promote their event not only within the Region but to discussion group participants across the internet.

It is my hope that as I learn more about the resources that are available to us from EGA, we can share ideas that will help us to learn and grow as members of EGA, and adopt new ways to fulfill our mission to the needle arts.

Terry Butz, GLR RD

GLR OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

Once again, we are asking for baskets to be donated to GLR for the "Opportunity Baskets" during Seminar 2012 in Green Bay. All Region chapters are encouraged to bring or send a basket from your chapter to assist the general operating fund.

Raffle tickets are sold and participants drop them into the basket of their choice with one winner per basket. Have fun with your chapter members creating a themed basket or even a one-piece type of entry!!!

Carmen Heare, Fundraising Chair

THANK YOU MARJO!

Marjo van Patten, who has been webmaster for GLR for the past six years, has retired from that position. Thank you, Marjo, for the time and talent shared with the Region during your years of service.

2011 GLR Semiannual Meeting Summary of Minutes

The Semiannual meeting at the Indianapolis Marriott East was called to order by Region Director, Terry Butz, at 9:10 a.m. September 24, 2011.

Quorum was met with 25 chapters and 7 Executive BOD members present, totaling 32 voting members.

Region Director: Terry Butz explained how the RD and ARD positions have been blended temporarily. The Semiannual meeting 2012 will also be at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Terry Butz reported on discussions at the recent EGA Board of Director's meeting: cyber chapters, Constant Contact email blasts, membership and recruitment. EGA has adopted a three-member committee, comprised of Chairman, Registrar, and Treasurer, to serve on the EGA Seminar committee. Terry reported that Caren Scarbrough, Needle Arts Guild of Toledo, was awarded the Gold Thread Award for our region.

Treasurer: Pat Esterline reviewed the Financial Report for January 1 through September 20, 2011, and discussed the Region's financial liabilities for Seminars 2012 and 2013.

Motion: The Executive Committee recommends that the Great Lakes Region increase the annual dues from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per primary individual chapter member and per plural member whose primary chapter is not in the GLR. The motion failed. The vote, taken by roll call, was Ayes, 22; Nays, 16; Abstention, 1; and Non-voting, 9.

The Treasurer answered questions regarding GLR finances, reserve funds, and seminar contractual issues. Sandi Nicolai, Parliamentarian, responded to questions regarding vote thresholds and amendment of GLR bylaws, and stated that a lower vote threshold for a motion regarding Region dues would be consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. An amendment

to the Region Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote threshold. The *previous question* was exhausted. The membership requested that the motion be presented again for vote. The vote, taken by roll call, was Ayes, 24; Nays, 14; Abstention, 1; and Non-voting, 9.

Motion: The Executive Committee recommends adoption of the 2011 budget. Adopted.

Webmaster: Su Pellitieri has been approved as Webmaster by the Executive Committee.

Fundraising: Carmen Heare had items on display for sale.

Education Coordinator: Melba McGuire resigned in April as Coordinator. The position is yet to be filled.

GCC: Participation is down. Deadline for registration is November 1, 2011.

Outreach: Outreach reports may be as simple as putting Marjorie Holme, Outreach Coordinator, on the newsletter mailing list from individual chapters.

Nominating Committee: Jan Dunmyer, chair, and Patti Crowley resigned from the nominating committee. Sally Svoboda was named chair. Linda Busalacchi, Nominating Committee member, conducted the election. The slate included Terry Butz, Region Director; Mike Farmer, Assistant Region Director; Graciella Aubey, Treasurer; Secretary, vacant. It was explained that the current Nominating Committee will continue to seek to fill the vacant position which will be presented to the Executive Committee for vote.

Seminar Coordinator: Hotel search for Seminar 2014, which will be hosted by the Region, is underway.

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Summary of Minutes

Motion by Sandi Nicolai: Seminar participants who register for a mini-class only are not required to stay in the Seminar hotel. Adopted.

Seminar 2011: Sandi Nicolai, Seminar Coordinator, thanked Carmen Heare, Chairman of Seminar 2011, for a wonderful seminar.

Seminar 2012: Linda Busalacchi reported the Seminar 2012 registration brochures were available. There will be a participants' exhibit. The name of the hotel will change to the Hyatt, but the contact information remains the same.

Seminar 2013: Ann Bizzaro reported that Seminar 2013, "Hoopin' It up in the Circle City" will be held at the Indianapolis Marriot East April 28 – May 2, 2013.

New Business

EGA Seminar Host: GLR hosting an EGA seminar sometime after 2019 was discussed.

Motion: The Executive Committee recommends that GLR offer to host EGA Seminar 2020 or later. Adopted.

Announcements

Indiana State Day has registrations for the Marsha Gomola class available.

Michigan State Day will be July 28, 2012, hosted by the Marshall Chapter.

The EGA Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for open officer positions. See Kris Kyles for resumé forms.

A thank you was made to Corinne Clift for her dedication to GLR and she was presented with a special crystal gift.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by,
Wendy Moore, GLR Secretary

Note: Election of the Nominating Committee 2012-2014 will be held when a full slate of candidates has been named.

2012 Great Lakes Region Seminar Participants Exhibit

Great Lakes Region 2012 Seminar will host an exhibit of region members' needlework on Wednesday, April 25th. You are encouraged to show two completed stitched pieces in a non-juried exhibit.

Include projects from previous seminars, master craftsman and correspondence courses. If you are not attending seminar, send your pieces with someone who will be there. We will not accept mailed entries. If you are interested in participating, contact:

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Community Outreach

On Friday August 12, **Needle Artisans of Northwest Indiana** participated in two separate outreach activities. Ten members demonstrated and taught cross stitch and punchneedle embroidery on premade needlebooks to visitors to the Lake County Fair in Crown Point, Indiana.



When not busy teaching they stitched their on their own projects. They provided instruction sheets and needlebook "take homes" to those interested. Additional chapter members helped with materials and preparation.

A second group of five taught at our annual Camp Quality outreach program in Frankfort, Illinois. This year's project was in keeping with the camp's cruise theme—the NANI members helped campers stitch 4" square nautical flags using felt. Each flag represents a letter of the alphabet. Most campers stitched their initials, some stitched words. Additional chapter members donated materials and assisted in precutting felt for the flags.



The **Farmington Hills** chapter continued to collect materials for their long list of charity items, everything from pop-top rings to used tennis shoes.

The **Indianapolis** chapter answered the call to make kissing pillows for a unit out of Fort Bliss, Texas that was heading to Afghanistan. Together with the White River ANG chapter and Needle Fever, a local shop, they stitched and finished 180 pillows for the unit. Two additional pillows were stitched for an ANG member's nephew, also heading to Afghanistan.



The **Day Lilies** chapter (Medina, OH) recently sent off 37 Soldier Kissing Pillow tops to Geraldine Trappey of the **Yellow Rose of Texas** chapter for finishing and distribution to deserving troops. Quite an accomplishment for 23 chapter members, only about 13 of whom are active! They are proud to help create these keepsakes for our soldiers and their families—and have already started a second wave of completed tops for a spring mailing to Texas — six more were turned in at their October meeting.

One of the **North Coast** chapter's philanthropy projects is sewing and stitching bears to distribute to area hospitals and nursing homes. On June 28, 2011 Karyl Kitchen and bear helpers Allan and Valerie McAllister had a successful delivery of 150 bears to Fairview Hospital in Cleveland. Sandy was thrilled to receive the bears and stated that 50 bears would go to ER, 50 to the Cancer/Surgery Center across the street from the hospital and the last 50 would stay on the Pediatric floor.

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Hello everyone!

Great Lakes Region Seminar, "Stitch Down in Titledown," is accepting registrations for our seminar in Green Bay, Wisconsin, April 22-26, 2012. Registration opened on November 15, 2011 for GLR members. If you have not registered you still have time to do so.

You can view our brochure with photos and descriptions of the classes on the GLR website at www.ega-qlr.org. When registering at the hotel please let them know you are from the Embroiderers' Guild of America/Great Lakes Region.

Seminar events will include a Boutique, Bookstore and on Tuesday night a tour and dinner at Lambeau Field. Wednesday is "Wear Your Team Colors Day," a Participants' Exhibit, and Merchandise Night.

We have selected the Hyatt on Main (formerly Hotel Sierra), a suites hotel with wonderful rooms. We invite you to come and join us in Green Bay.

Karen Wojahn and Linda Busalacchi
Registrar Seminar Chair
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GLR Seminar 2012
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It is so nice to know that the bears will be put to good use. As Karyl, Val and Allan were taking



the elevator up to the Pediatric floor for delivery, one of the nurses was so entranced with checking out the darling bears, she forgot to get off at her floor!

Keep those Outreach reports coming!
Marjorie Holme, Outreach Chair

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Caren Scarbrough upon earning the 2011 Golden Needle Award for the Great Lakes Region. Caren is a member of the Needle Arts Guild of Toledo.

The Golden Needle Award is presented annually to recognize outstanding individuals who have given freely of their time and talents, and best exemplify EGA's purpose. A total of 13 individuals may be acknowledged—one from each region—with a national recipient selected from among the region honorees. Any member or chapter may recommend a candidate for the award. For more information, contact EGA Headquarters.

SEMINAR 2013

The Great Lakes Region Seminar 2013 will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott in Indianapolis, IN. "Hoopin' it up in the Circle City" is April 28th to May 2nd, 2013. We hope to see you there!

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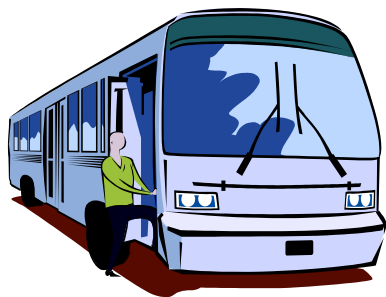
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Charter Bus to Green Bay

A charter bus has been reserved to take stitchers to the GLR Seminar 2012. We'll be departing on Saturday, April 21st and returning Friday, April 27th. As of today, we'll have three pick-up sites... but two others have asked to be added — North Ridgeville (near Cleveland) and Chicago — and will be decided on whether or not they are added depending on how many are interested in those sites. The following round-trip costs are per person — includes gratuity and is based, so far, on 16 per site — costs will go up or down as numbers and sites are finalized:



Akron/Youngstown - **\$187** (hotel in Richfield)

Toledo/Michigan - **\$144** (hotel in Maumee)

South Bend - **\$102** (site to be determined in South Bend)

A **\$20 deposit** will reserve your spot on the bus (address below) by **January 15th** (refunds given up to March 1st for those not able to participate). **Please include the site** you'll be picked up at (or if you'd like to be included in one of the other added sites along the way as noted above).

Please give me a call if you have any questions ---- More info to come!!!

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GLR Events Calendar

2012

- February National Embroidery Month
- Feb 4 "Stitch in Public Day"
- Apr 22-26 GLR Seminar 2012 in Green Bay, WI i
Hosted by the Green Bay Area Chapter
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- July 28 Michigan State Day hosted by the Marshall Chapter
- Sept 21 GLR Executive Committee and GLR Executive Board
of Directors at the Indianapolis Marriott East
- Sept 22 GLR Semiannual Meeting at the Indianapolis
Marriott East
- Oct 28-
Nov 2 "Santa Fe Enchantment" EGA Seminar 2012
in Santa Fe, NM Hosted by Rocky Mountain Region

2013

- April 28-
May 2 "Hoopin' it up in the Circle City" Great Lakes
Seminar, Indianapolis Marriott East,
Indianapolis, IN
- Oct 5-11 "Winner by a Stitch" EGA National Seminar,
Louisville, KY

Great Lakes Region Seminar



Come join us in:

"Titledown USA"

Green Bay, Wisconsin

April 22 – 26th, 2012



Chapter News

Monguagon is celebrating it's 40th anniversary in 2012. An extra special year of programs and workshops is planned. Gail Sirna is teaching "Embroidered Letters" in March and September. Lois Kershner is presenting one of her fabulous needle painted scenes in July. Programs in bargello, ribbon embroidery, goldwork and beading will also be offered, led by chapter members. Contact Monguagon GLR representative Marti Mashinter at mnmbroider@aol.com for additional information. We'd love to have you join the celebration.

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GLR MERCHANDISE

Check out the GLR website (<http://www.ega-qlr.org>) that has been recently updated to now offer all three items available for sale to the EGA members including:

GLR Pins (\$6)

Tote bags (\$25)

Needlework Boxes (#7 types & prices)

Newsletter Editor Responsibility

The Newsletter editor is responsible for assembling the region newsletter, editing submitted articles and , if necessary, delaying inclusion of an article until a future issue if there are space constraints and the article is not time sensitive. Every effort is made to ensure accurate and timely information. We apologize for any errors or omissions. We welcome constructive comments and appreciate your support and contributions.

The deadline for the March 2012 newsletter is February 1, 2012.

Subscriptions are available for \$5 a year for four printed issues, published quarterly. If interested and for more information contact Karen Bonse online: kmbonse@aol.com or at 11900 Oregon Trail, Orland Park, IL 60467

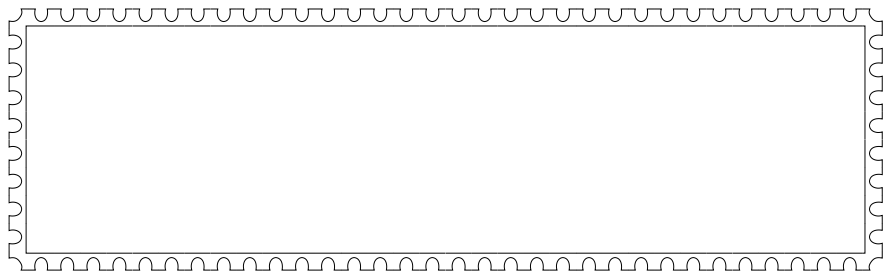
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EGA Mission Statement

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, exhibition,

GLR Mission Statement

To foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery through an active program of education.

Education is the main focus of the GLR. We do this on a region level by offering group correspondence courses, hosting an annual seminar and sponsoring other programs.

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