

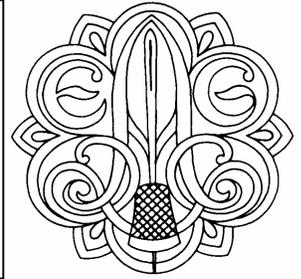


Needle Arts Guild of Toledo

Newsletter

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Program Schedule

Here is a tentative schedule for the exciting new programs that will be featured this year. **Meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Maumee Senior Center.** A map is located at the back of the newsletter. Our new Program Chairmen (Caren Scarbrough and Cathy Studer) are still finalizing the programs so some months are listed as TBD (To Be Determined). Please look for a sign up list for the refreshments and opportunity drawing baskets.

Date	Program	Refreshments	Opportunity Drawing
Mar. 9	Do-It-Yourself Project Safe - lead by Su and Tom Pellitieri. Learn how to make a custom protector for your work-in-progress. <i>Get It Finished</i> entries.	Marilyn Freeman	Marilyn Freeman
Apr. 13	Bended Bias Tape with Kelly Jackson	TBD	TBD
May 11	Philippine Textiles and Embroidery with Peverly Hormann	Christine Hampshire	TBD
June 8	Annual Potluck; <i>Get It Finished</i> entries; last year's Secret Stitches revealed, new year's selected.	Potluck	Annette Meyer
July 13	Hardanger with Ann Rorarius	Caren Scarbrough Julia Stange	Nancy Wright
Aug. 10	TBD	TBD	Maria Nowicki
Sep. 14	Stamping with Lynn Buri; <i>Get It Finished</i> entries.	Jennifer Miller Cathy Studer	TBD
Oct. 12	Pulled Thread with Cathy Studer	Marianne Mussett Sue Wiemer	Donna Cairns
Nov. 9	Cutwork with Anna Kerlin	Maria Nowicki	TBD
Dec. 14	Annual Christmas Party with ornament and cookie exchange; Wreath drawing; <i>Get It Finished</i> entries and winner; 2012 Officer Installation	Cookie Exchange	TBD

A Message from the President

It is snowing again and I am sure we are all anxious for spring. I hope you did not lose power in the recent storms and are nice and warm. I also hope you are taking advantage of some of these snow days to get some stitching finished. Remember that Get-it-Finished is March 9. I think there might be some Sudoku pieces finished already. If you don't have a project going (ha ha) you could be working on the poinsettia ornament for our December wreath. or a bookmark for our Outreach project. Because of the weather, there was a smaller but enthusiastic group at the January and February meetings. Maybe March will be better and more of you can make it to the meeting. Remember we will be making our project safe. If you have not signed up you should contact Su -- see her article in this newsletter. There are two awards we should be thinking about because nominations are due around May 1. The Bobby Pilling Award is for an original needlework, and the Gold Thread Award is for promoting the mission of the EGA. Does our chapter want to nominate a person for the Gold Thread Award, and would someone write up the nomination? We have several members who are deserving of this award.

Sue Wiemer

Calendar of Events

Here is a list of events besides our monthly meetings that you may find interesting. Further info may be obtained from the EGA or GLR websites or in later issues of this newsletter as it becomes available.

Dates Event Information

- 04/03/11 – **GLR Seminar** Sponsored by the Town & Country Chapter and will be held at 1989 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221. Contact Carmen Heare at carmen.heare@omnova.com
- 04/15/11 – **EGA National Tapestry: America the Beautiful.** William M Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Visit www.fhgov.com/community/Costick/Costick.asp
- 06/16/11 – The *National Quilt Association* is presenting the 42nd Annual Show in the Greater Columbus Convention Center from 9 A.M. – 6 P.M. daily.
- 09/08/11 – *International Embroidery Conference*
09/10/11 Embroidery in the Americas: The Influence of Colonization on the Embroidery. English, Spanish and French influence will be explored by experts in the field. Naples Grande Beach Resort, 475 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL. For more information contact Margaret Kinsey at rkinsey223@aol.com
- 09/11/11 – Flamingo Fandango – **EGA National Seminar**, Naples, FL. Hosted by the Sun Region. Contact Donna Christie dlchristie2011@yahoo.com
- 09/23/11 – **NAGT 36th Annual Needlework Show;**
09/24/11 Sanger Branch Library, Toledo, OH. Judge - Pat Donaldson.
- 05/16/12 – *Mid-eastern Region (MER) Seminar-*
05/20/12 Common Threads The event is sponsored by the Mid-Eastern Region at 2800 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505. For more information contact Marilyn Bell at Dollyandmabell@aol.com

Announcements and Snippets

Stitch-In

Stitch-In meetings are held every Thursday from 11am–5pm. The third Thursday of the month we are at Something Extra. The fourth Thursday will be at Swan Pointe Care Center or at a member's home. Saturday Stitch-In will be on the last Saturday of the month at the Way Public Library in Perrysburg. Come as early as 9 a.m. and stay until closing, 5 p.m. Call Katherine Thompson at 419-385-0081 or e-mail Diane Myers at jrmyers@roadrunner.com for the next meeting place. Locations change weekly.

If You Need A Ride

If there are any members needing transportation to a meeting please let us know. We have members attending from all over the area. Don't stay home just because you can't drive!

Board Meetings

This year board meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month at Sue Wiemer's home. Please let her know if you have business to address at the meeting. Meetings will be confirmed via email.

Program Details

The March meeting will be how to make a Project Safe from the same ANG *NeedlePointers* magazine that we have been following for the Sudoku Serendipity project. This will protect your in-progress piece while traveling. It is made of foam core board and duct tape and there will be a materials fee of approximately \$5-\$6 (depending on the finished size). Because of the weather, few people were at our January and February meeting and only 10 people have signed up for this project. It is estimated that each person will use between 1 and 1 1/2 pieces of foam core for the project safe. Diane Myers found some on sale and purchased 15 pieces of foam core so we should have some extra. People who wish to make a project safe but haven't signed up already will be permitted to do so only if materials are available.

Please read through the article in the magazine to be familiar with the project so it will go faster during the meeting (we have a lot of other things to discuss at the meeting). **Please note:** The safe is designed to protect a specific piece of needlework based on stretcher bars you are using for that project. You must bring the project (or least the assembled stretcher bars you will be using) with you to the meeting. One of the steps in the assembly is to fit the safe to the stretcher bars. Your completed safe does not have to be square, but it should match the piece you are working on! Also, please bring scissors to cut duct tape. *Submitted by Su Pellitieri.*

Welcome to our new member, Lois Wetherill of Bluffton, Ohio. She will be attending the GLR seminar in April so look her up and introduce yourself.

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Increase in Dues

As was discussed at the February meeting, we are facing an increase in our dues this year. There will be a \$5 increase for our national EGA dues. That is a certainty. Our Great Lakes Region is requesting a \$4 increase taking their dues from \$1 per year to \$5. Our chapter dues remain at \$10. That is a total of \$52 per year.

I will be attending the GLR meeting in Cuyahoga Falls in April when the vote on the dues increase will take place. I need to know how you want me to vote so plan to attend the March meeting to be heard. GLR has not increased dues since 1980. Yes, there is money in the bank. As it was explained to me, that money is necessary when securing a venue for our regional seminar. Membership is declining and expenses are rising.

There were some suggestions made at our February meeting that could make the payment a little less painful this year and a payment arrangement suggested to make it a little less difficult next year. We have a very active guild and that is because we all have a love of needlework and enjoy the company of friends with our shared interest. We all enjoy trying new techniques and we gain from the expertise of other members. We participate in and make use of the offerings of our national and regional organizations through Group Correspondence Courses, the Master Craftsman Program, Petite Projects, National and Regional seminars, State Days and more. It all contributes to making us better at what we love to do... for only \$1 per week. *Submitted by Diane Myers, Membership.*

Some Things to Consider About Dues

There has been a lot of discussion in different chapters about the potential increase in dues. The Monguagon chapter placed the following questions in their newsletter that I thought our group should also consider: How often does the Region operate on a balanced budget as opposed to a deficit? What funds are currently in the treasury? Can any expenses be trimmed? What income opportunities exist to counteract the shortfall? How will the increase impact our membership?

I think these are all very good questions to ask. In addition, I would like to know the timetable for this increase. National dues are going up when we pay in May. If GLR's increase gets passed at the April meeting will that increase also be payable in May, or will we have to pay it separately at some future date?

In this economy, an increase is not so surprising, but why such a huge jump now? Perhaps the increase could be less this year, for example \$2 instead of \$4. Many members are seniors on fixed incomes. How many can afford both increases at once? Our group is very fortunate. We have a large, diverse membership that is very active. Just think of all of the projects we have done recently, most of which we have tweaked for personal preferences. I have heard that some other groups have declined in membership and activities and would hate to see that happen to our group. Should we consider using some of our treasury to help defray these increases? Could we use opportunity drawings and other fund raisers as a pool of money to split amongst members for the extra dues? There is a lot to talk about on this subject, so please be prepared for a discussion at the March meeting. Diane will be conveying our thoughts at the GLR meeting in April. *Submitted by Su Pellitieri.*

National Tapestry

The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. National Tapestry, *America the Beautiful* will be displayed by the Farmington Hills Chapter, EGA, from Thursday, April 14, 2011, thru Friday, May 27, 2011. This tapestry, depicting the US, its flora, fauna and geographic features, is in five panels, each 24" x 48". In conjunction with the tapestry display, Farmington Hills Chapter will also display a selection of its members' work.

The exhibit will be held at William Costick Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 48334 (248-473-1800) in the City Gallery at the main entrance facing Eleven Mile (between Inkster and Middlebelt). Exhibit hours are: Monday thru Friday, April 14-May 27, 8:30am-4:30pm **except:** Thursday, 4/14: 4pm-8:30pm; Friday, 4/15: 8:30am-10pm; and Saturday, 4/16: 10am-1pm.

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Get It Finished!

Don't forget to bring your completed
projects to the March meeting!

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Sanger Branch Library Display

Please raise your hand if you would like to volunteer to handle the display case at Sanger Library in August. We have been doing this for a few years to spread the word about needlework, NAGT, GLR and EGA. You will need to collect needlework, set up the display the first of August and, finally, take it down at the end of August. We will have flyers advertising our show on September 23/24, 2011 to place on top of the case. I am looking for hands and cannot see them through this medium so, maybe, you could call me at 419-832-3801 or email me so this volunteer position can be filled. *Submitted by Nancy Wright*

2011 Needlework Show

Work has started on our 36th Annual Needlework show, which will be held at Sanger Library on Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24. Judging will take place on Thursday, September 22. Please mark your calendars now ... when you take a break from stitching to get those entries done!

Did you see that word that started this article? It was *work* - and the old saying is that work is easier when three people share it than when it is done by only two! With that thought in mind, an assistant chair is needed this year who will be the chair in 2012. Our current chairman, Nancy Wright, is looking forward to hearing from a volunteer. Su Pellitieri handles the registration and a lot of the paperwork. Won't you consider being the third person for this year?

Community Outreach

I am starting a Bookmark stash, probably to be presented at the National Seminar, for their project, so our deadline may have to be before the September Meeting. You can use any embroidery technique you would like to use. What I have been doing is to use my leftover canvas or linen from my other projects, so I have all different sizes. So far I have been winging the designs used. Diane has some darning patterns she will share. Let me know if I can be of help. *Submitted by Kay Griffith*

2011 Christmas Ornaments

For 2011, we've decided to do poinsettias for the annual Christmas fundraiser wreath. Please have your ornaments completed by November. We will need a volunteer to collect and organize them into a wreath or other seasonal display.

Award Nominations

The Bobby Pilling Memorial Award is presented to an EGA member for an original piece of needlework that "goes outside the lines." Nominations are due by May 5, 2011.

The annual Gold Thread awards recognize outstanding individuals from each EGA Region who have given freely of their time and talents, and best exemplify EGA's purpose. Nominations are due by May 1, 2011.

Nomination forms are available on the EGA website.

Photo Gallery

Stitch In Public Day

On Saturday, February 5, Annette Meyer, Katherine Thompson, Cathy Studer, Sue Wiemer and Su Pellitieri (left to right, below) braved the surprise snow storm to participate in EGA's Stitch In Public Day at the Heatherdowns branch of the library. We had a nice display and a good time stitching but not many patrons asked us questions. Thanks to everybody who made it out! *All photos by Su and Tom Pellitieri.*



The NAGT Newsletter is published six times per year (January, March, May, July, September, and November) by the Needle Arts Guild of Toledo (NAGT) chapter, The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. The Editor welcomes comments, input, and story items. Please send them to the editor by the 25th of the month preceding publication.

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ANNUAL DUES - NAGT annual dues include:

Dues - Local chapter

- Bimonthly NAGT chapter newsletter
- Chapter meetings and programs
- Local chapter lending library
- Group correspondence course (additional fee required)

Dues - Great Lakes Region (GLR)

- GLR seminar (additional fee required)

Dues - The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. (EGA)

- Subscription to quarterly magazine, Needle Arts
- Individual correspondence courses for a fee
- National seminars for a fee

Members can attend optional local Chapter workshops presented by teachers contracted by the Chapter and paid for by workshop participants.

MEETING CANCELLATION: Monthly meetings are cancelled due to bad weather if the Toledo Public schools are closed. Tune into AM 1370 News radio in Toledo for school closings.

GUESTS are welcome at all meetings and may attend two meetings before being asked to join.

NAME TAGS must be worn at all meetings or pay a 25¢ fine. The fines collected go to general funds to help cover expenses.

MEETINGS are on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Maumee Senior Center, 2430 Detroit Ave., Maumee OH 43537. Please note that the Google Map below labels Rte. 25/24 as S. Detroit Ave. south of the Ohio Turnpike, but it really is Anthony Wayne Trail.

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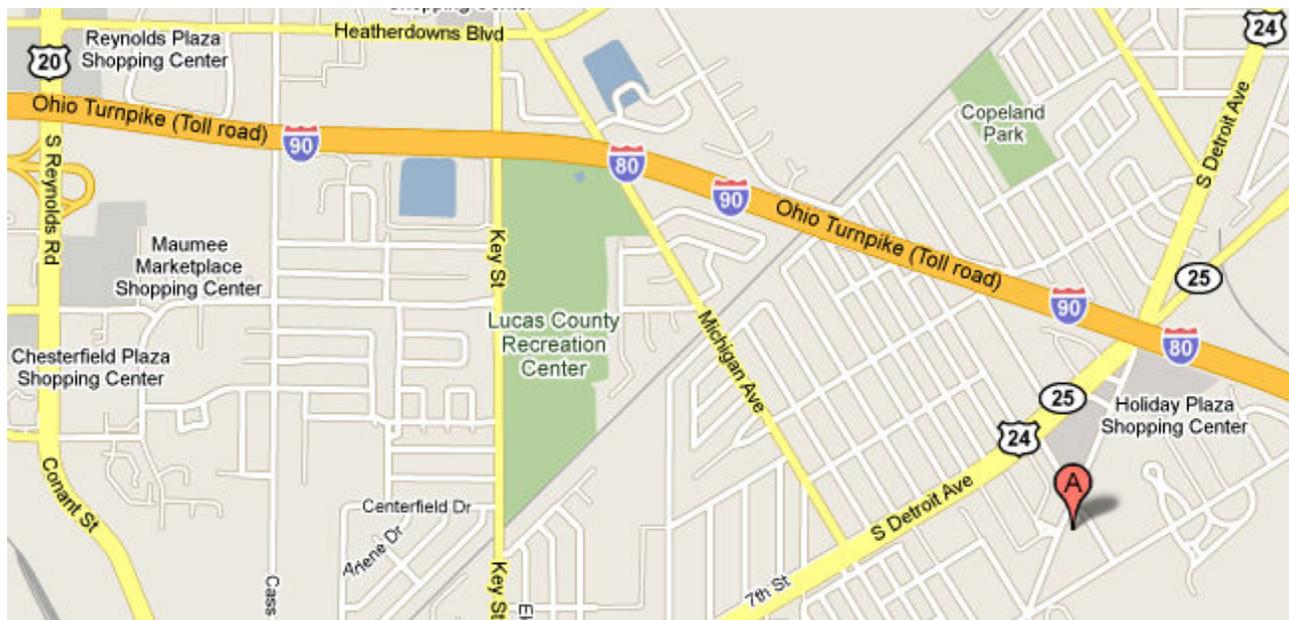
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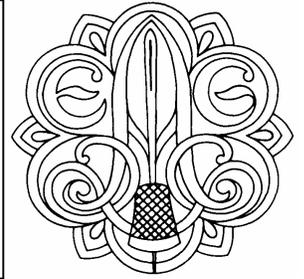
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- Foster high standards of design, color, and workmanship in embroidery;
- Teach the embroidery arts; and
- Preserve our national needle arts heritage.

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