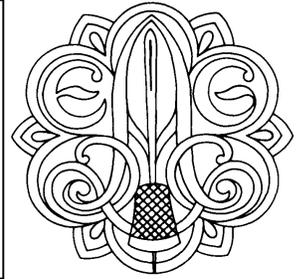




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**Program Schedule**

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. Please look for a sign up list for the refreshments and opportunity drawing baskets.

Date	Program	Refreshments	Opportunity Drawing
Nov. 14	Blocking Your Needlework by Irene Leonard and Sue Wiemer (rescheduled from September)	Maria Nowicki	Annette Meyer
Dec. 12	Christmas Party; Ornament and Cookie Exchanges; New Officer Installation; <i>Get It Finished</i> entries	Cookie Exchange	To Be Determined

**From The President's Desk**

November for me is the beginning of the season for thanksgiving, not just the national holiday, but generally speaking a time when we can all take a moment to reflect and give thanks for our families, friends, good health, and doing activities which we enjoy, such as needlework. As the leaves fall from the trees and the days become cooler, enjoy your inside time stitching a new project, perhaps one of the kissing pillows (our newest Outreach project) or the toy ornament you are making for the Christmas wreath.

If you are unable to attend the Thursday stitch-ins, please consider stopping by the Way Public Library in Perrysburg the last Saturday of the month anytime between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm.

After a delightful and filling tea at my favorite tearoom, Sweet Shalom, my thoughts turned to "the special things in life" for which I am thankful. One of them is NAGT!

As president I give thanks for the many people who give of their time and skills to make our programs interesting, keep our books balanced, our minutes and history files up to date, and our refreshments tasty.

Also my thanks go to our new Outreach Chair, Christine Hampshire, who has helped us find another way to serve military families.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Donna Cairns who is still collecting kits to send to the army hospital as our other military project, so please remember to contribute to that effort too.

Thanks also for the "opportunity bags" we all enjoy each month, whether we win the bag or just get the fun of seeing what the winner takes home. I always get ideas for possible items to include in one of these bags!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you,  
*Marianne*

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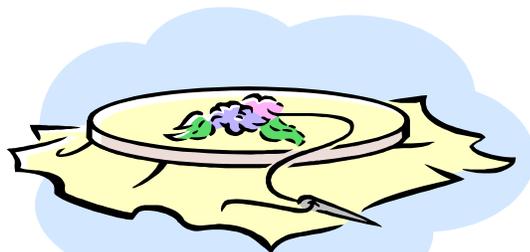
## Calendar of Events

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.

### Dates Event Information

- 11/10/12 **NAGT Fall Program** - Silk Ribbon Ornaments by Debbie Mitek. Location: Way Public Library, Perrysburg, OH. Further details in the next newsletter or contact Caren Scarbrough for more information.
- 11/15/12 Early Registration Deadline for the 2013 GLR Seminar. Pre-Registrations must be confirmed by this date as well.
- 04/28/13 — **Great Lakes Region (GLR) Seminar** -  
05/02/13 "Hoopin' Up in the Circle City" Hosted by the Indianapolis Chapter, the event will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219. For more information, you may contact the registrar, Trish Hickman at GLR.Seminar2013@yahoo.com, or by phone at 317-848-3689 before 8pm.
- 10/05/13 — **National (EGA) Seminar** - "Winner by a  
10/12/13 Stitch!" Hosted by EGA. Location: Louisville, KY. Contact: Gwen Nelson at mgtnelson@hotmail.com.

View details of the projects in the Calendar of Events at [www.ega-qlr.org](http://www.ega-qlr.org) or [www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org)  
Follow links as needed to registration forms and chapter websites to view color photos.



*Get It Finished!*

Don't forget to bring in your projects to the December meeting!

## Announcements and Snippets

**Fall Seminar:** Our autumn class with Deborah Mitek will be ribbon ornaments. The class will be held at Way Public Library on November 10. Sign up for this class is complete.

**Spring Seminar:** Our first spring class will be April 6 with Carol Lynn Stratton. We will be stitching the *Herbarium* Sheet Mini. It is hardanger and blackwork. The cost for the kit is \$35.00. It will be held at the 577 Foundation and we will have a potluck for lunch. There is pre-work for this class. If you want to take the class, sign up as soon as possible as we will be discussing the pre-work at our January meeting.

The night before, April 5, we have invited Carol Lynn to give us presentation about judging and shows. She is an EGA certified judge. She has also led Fiber Forum and is currently the head of the Master Craftsman program in Counted Thread. There is a sign-up sheet for this, but no cost. We are looking for a place to have it now.

**Ohio State Day:** NAGT has signed up to host Ohio State Day on July 27, 2013. Marylyn Doyle and Jane Ellen Balzuweit will be designing a piece just for us. It will be held at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio. We hope to keep the cost between \$50-60. This will include the teacher fee, hall rental, kit fee, lunch, all day beverage bar and snack..

**Nominations Committee:** This year's nomination committee consisted of Caren Scarbrough, Ann Simmons and Marianne Mussett. Here is the list of nominations for officers for 2013.

**President:** Maria Nowicki

**President-Elect:** Annette Meyer

**Secretary:** Jennifer Miller

**Program:** Caren Scarbrough and Cathy Studer

**Show Chairman:** Diane Myers

**Assistant Show Chairman:** Irene Leonard

The election will be in November and the installation in December.

**Glossary available from EGA:** While surfing the EGA website, I found a glossary of needlework terms. It is 47 pages long and is a wonderful resource if someone uses a term you are unfamiliar with. The show committee will be using the definitions given here for categories for our show. The program committee will be using the color terms to start a discussion of color in embroidery. *Submitted by Caren Scarbrough.*

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### Program Notes

**November:** The program will be Blocking Your Needlework, a part of the *Get it Finished* series. Irene Leonard will demonstrate how to lace your needlework, and Sue Wiemer will show how to wet or dry block your piece. This is information only, so you do not have to bring any supplies.

**December:** Christmas party; Ornament and Cookie Exchanges; New Officer Installation; Get It Finished entries, Wreath Opportunity Drawing. This year's theme is toys. Please bring your finished ornaments to the November meeting so Maria Nowicki can assemble the wreath.

**January:** pre-work for *Herbarium* Mini class in April. We will discuss how to work hardanger.

**February:** Designers Across America series. *Hearts by Four* by Peg Dunayer, led by Irene Leonard.

**2013:** We will be doing four *Designers Across America* series found in Needle Arts magazine. We are starting with the current project in the September 2012 issue. If you want to do the projects you must order them from EGA. The information to do this is on page 21. Individually the projects cost \$7.00. This one must be ordered by December 1, so order now. A yearly subscription is \$25 (4 projects). Several of us have completed the first project. It was fun and relatively quick. You can choose your own colors from your stash. The projects in the DAA series are usually smaller and will give us a variety of techniques for a reasonable price.

We will also be working the *Honeysuckle, Wisteria and Sweet Pea* crewel project by Canby Robertson that was in the June 2009 issue of Needle Arts. If you don't have this issue, you may download the directions from the EGA website. It is listed under Resources, NeedleArt Magazine, Free Articles, Projects & Techniques. This is not in the members only section so anyone may download and use the project. The stitches are basic. The fun part will be using the colors in a thoughtful manner. We will be assembling kits for this project and there will be a sign-up sheet and fee early next year. *Submitted by Caren Scarbrough.*

### Stitch-In

The first Thursday of the month we meet at Timeless Stitches in Tecumseh usually arriving there around 11:30, winter weather permitting. On the third Thursday of the month, we meet at Something Extra 2214 Tedrow in Toledo. The shop opens at noon. Other weeks, the locations change. Call Katherine Thompson or email Diane Myers for info.

### 37th Annual Needlework Show Report

This year we had 30 stitchers (17 guild members) from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Colorado enter 111 items and approximately 135 people came to see the exhibit. Most of them discovered the show while visiting the library, from word of mouth, and from newspapers. Our judge, Donna Halpin, awarded 12 first place, 15 second place, 17 third place and 19 honorable mention ribbons. Judge's Choice was awarded to *Dresden Garden*, stitched by Caren Scarbrough. Guild Choice went to Irene Leonard's Canvas piece, *Oh My Stars*. The Joyce Merrill Award went to Denise Waterfield's piece, *Little Red Dress*. Best in Show was Caren Scarbrough's Open Work piece, *About A Tree* and Popular Choice went to Pamela Lugulow's Cross-stitch piece, *Noelle*. The Triathlon Winner was Caren Scarbrough. Congratulations to everybody and thanks for making it another great show.

Heller Zeller had this to say about the show: I liked this year's judge, Donna Halpin. She said my House was extremely well stitched and my frame was perfect for my piece. Wow. I was also pleased to realize that my Surprise Bag of ten item netted Denise Waterfield ribbons for her "Little Red Dress." Do I have any more of those plastic doilies?

We are always looking for ways to improve our show. After some comments that made, the board decided to form a show committee to look at clarifying some categories, perhaps adding a new classification for Interpretation and formalizing some procedures. Members of the show committee are Irene Leonard, Diane Myers, Su Pellitieri and Caren Scarbrough. We will be looking at some of the guidelines and terms used by the EGA to help improve our show but if anyone has other suggestions, please let one of us know. The committee will report its findings back to the membership later in the year.

**Contacting the Newsletter Editor:** Several members have asked about the best way to contact me and which email to use. After staring at a computer all day, I usually do not check email at home so you are more likely to get a timely response by sending to my work email. Since I can only access that Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, it is best to send to both addresses listed on the officers' page so it won't be missed.

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### Guild Wreath Ornaments

This has been a great project for us over the years. It is fun to see all of the clever stitching and the variety of ornaments within the theme. Below is a timeline of our ornament themes. When we decided on Toys this year, we also voted to do Mittens, next year. In October, Christine Hampshire reported that another group used a leaf outline shape, and everyone stitched the leaf with their choice of technique and fibers. All of the leaves were joined to form a wreath. The picture she saw of it was lovely. We could do this next year, and postpone the Mittens until the following year if we want. Christine will try to get us more information if we do.

#### Ornaments by Year

2001	Santa	2008	Stockings
2002	Nutcrackers	2009	Trees
2003	Angels	2010	Nativity
2004	Snowmen	2011	Poinsettia
2005	Birds	2012	Toys
2006	Dogs & Cats	2013	Mittens
2007	Snowflakes		

### EGA National Seminar — Santa Fe Enchantment

NAGT Members Diane Myers and Nancy Wright attended the national seminar 10/28 to 11/2. In the photos below, Tonya Parks from EGA HQ appears with Diane, and Nancy is with outgoing EGA president Lori Welker at the closing banquet. Projects from Barbara Elmore's class *Las Flores de la Noche* are shown drying in the Santa Fe sun. *Photos submitted by Diane Myers*



### Soldier Kissing Pillows

Sixteen members and past guild members assembled at Christine Hampshire's to assemble Soldier Kissing Pillows on October 25. She assigned us our jobs as we marked the pillow tops, sewed the tops and backing together, turned the pillows right side out, ironed, poked out the corners, stuffed, stitched closed the small opening and placed them in a plastic bag. We completed 41 pillows that day and have dozens more at various stages in the process of becoming a finished pillow. Many thanks to Christine and her husband David for having us at her home.

A very nice article about our outreach project appeared in the Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune newspaper on Saturday, November 3, 2012. It described the project and gave information about EGA and our guild. Copies of the article will be available at our November meeting.

The top photo shows Barbara Hoyer and Julia Stange stitching the stuffed pillows closed. The bottom photo shows Caren Scarbrough marking pillow tops as Karlyn Thompson and Ann Simmons sew them to the patriotic backing fabric.

*Photos and Report submitted by Diane Myers.*



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**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 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Maumee Senior Center, 2430 Detroit Ave., Maumee OH 43537. 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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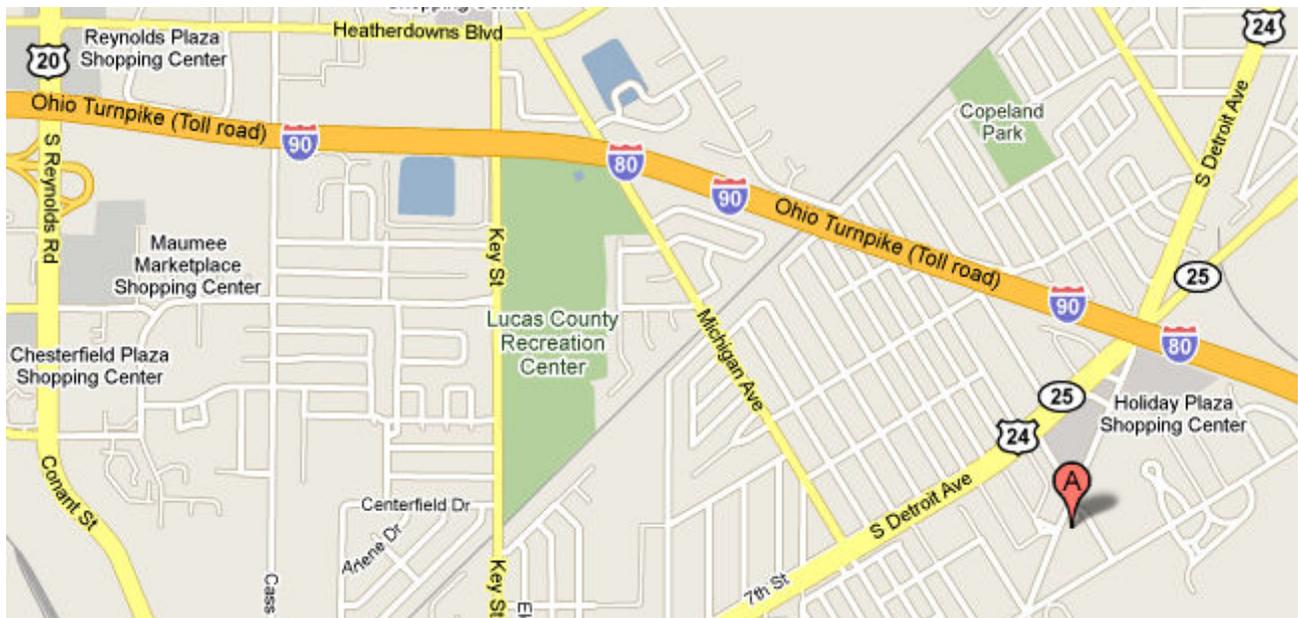
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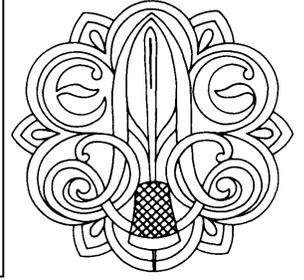
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