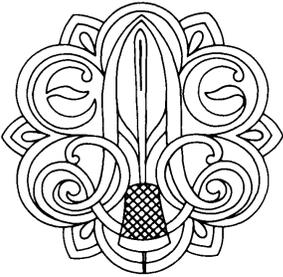




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Program Schedule

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
March 11	Buttercup Pincushion (<i>continued</i>), led by Maria Nowicki; <i>Get It Finished</i> entries	Karlyn Thompson	Karlyn Thompson
April 8	Floral Tile, led by Caren Scarbrough	To Be Determined	Kathy Falgout
May 13	Floral Tile (<i>continued</i>), led by Caren Scarbrough	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
June 10	Annual Potluck; <i>Get It Finished</i> entries; Secret Stitches	Potluck	Diane Meyers

The full list of programs for the year is still being worked on and will be published in the next issue.

Outreach Program

**What's a ditty bag?
 ditty bag (plural ditty bags)**

1. A small bag used to carry one's personal effects or toiletries while traveling.
2. A sailor's small bag to hold thread, needles, tape, etc.
3. A huswife, i.e., a small container for needles, thread, and other sewing equipment.

As stitchers, we are more familiar with definition number three. The Veterans Administrations (VA) uses the term with relationship to definition number one. As such, it's our Outreach project this year. In addition to continuing to send needlework and craft kits to the Brooks Army Hospital, we will be making ditty bags for the Veterans Administration CBOC (Community Based Out-patient Clinic) in Toledo located on Detroit Avenue just north of Glendale. The CBOC served over 15,000 veterans in 2014. The clinic uses them to give out foot-care kits, etc. Ditty bags also go to VA hospitals for in-patients to use for bathing supplies, letter materials such as envelopes and stationery, etc. These bags are always in demand.

Making them is simple: a piece of rectangular fabric is folded in half and stitched on the two long sides, the top turned down and pinned. The top is stitched around twice to form a drawstring tube. Turn the bag right side out and thread two drawstrings in opposite directions through the tube and voila you have a ditty bag. All dimensions are set by the VA for uniformity. We will have the first ditty bag stitch-in on May 14th, 2015 at 647 Peregrine Drive, Northwood, Ohio 43619 in the Cedar Creek Woods housing development off of Williston Road. If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it. Some folks can use the machines, others pin the tops at the specific length, others cut the drawstrings and/or thread them through (bring your favorite bodkin). Arrive anytime after 10 am and bring a brown bag lunch. There will also be snacks and beverages on hand.

Submitted by Christine Hampshire.

Get It Finished!

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

Calendar of Events

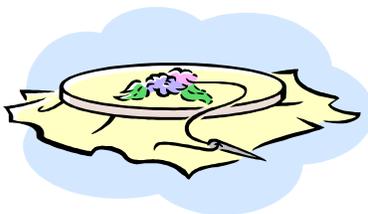
Here is a list of events besides our monthly meetings that you may find interesting. Further info may be obtained from the EGA (www.egausa.org) or GLR (www.ega-qlr.org)

Dates	Event Information
04/26/15 – 04/30/15	GLR Seminar - "Flying Needles" . Location: Dayton, OH. More details are available at www.ega-qlr.org/seminar15
09/18/15 – 09/19/15	NAGT 40th Annual Needlework Show . Location: Toledo/Lucas County Library, Sanger Branch. More details will be available in future newsletters.
10/28/15 – 11/01/15	EGA Seminar - "Stitch' Fiesta" Hosted by the South Central Region. Location: San Antonio, TX. Visit the EGA website for more information.

View details of the projects and events in the Calendar at www.ega-qlr.org or www.egausa.org
Follow links on these pages as needed to locate registration forms and visit chapter websites to view color photos.

Sanger Library Showcase

This year Sue Wiemer will be organizing the display case in August. No theme has been decided yet, so pass on your ideas to her. We usually have a nice display of small to mid-sized needlework items to help advertize our annual show there in September. It's not too early to be thinking about this or making pieces for the display.



Stitch-In

A Stitch-In is held every Thursday. The first Thursday of the month we meet at Timeless Stitches in Tecumseh starting around 11:30am, winter weather permitting. The fourth Thursday of the month we meet at Yarn Envy, 4570 Sterns Road. Other weeks, the locations change. Call or email Diane Myers for more information.

Announcements and Snippets

Program and Education Notes

March: Maria will continue with the pincushion. A special needle technique will be shown. Here are some more details:

The oversized Buttercup Pin Cushion features a yellow buttercup in a roundel of green leaves. The petals are embellished with French knots, rays of straight stitches, and detached chain or lazy daisies. The instructions include directions for making and using freezer paper patterns, working with placement template guides, utilizing a variety of basting techniques, and executing needle-slanting techniques.

I had the opportunity to take a class with Deborah Tirico at the Spring GLR and her technique for making the appliqué puff without stuffing was an easy way to work with the wool. *Submitted by Maria Nowicki*

April/May: Floral Tile by Alison Cole. The first session Caren will demonstrate at least 3 ways to frame up. We will also discuss transferring the design to the silk fabric and long and short stitch using silk fibers. Bring your directions if you would like to take some notes and your kit in the interest of keeping everything together. Even if you are not working the piece, you may enjoy the discussion as it applies to all silk and metal work. *Submitted by Caren Scarbrough*

GLR Seminar 2015 - Flying Needles

If you registered online for GLR Seminar 2015 - Flying Needles in Dayton, OH April 26-30, you should have seen the start of the new Seminar Registration System. There is a lot more to the program than that! My husband, Tom, and I have designed this program so that all future Seminar Committees can have an easy, automated system to collect data for the annual Seminar. This custom program is designed to work with any web browser, and features several data entry screens and reports to make it easier for committee members to organize and share information. I will present an overview of the system in the Studio Time room (the Oakwood Room) at seminar on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. If you are considering volunteering to be a future Seminar Chairman, Registrar, Treasurer, or Dean of Faculty, please come see the new system. If you had trouble with the online registration, or were uncertain on how to use it, you can get more information at this presentation. I will also be available to answer questions throughout the week. I will be in Studio Time Wednesday and Thursday, so I can help you then as well. *Submitted by Su Pellitieri.*

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Education News

Please look at the latest Lightning Round offerings listed in your current *Needle Arts* magazine. Also look at all the Group Correspondence Courses (GCC) on-line at www.egausa.org or in the education catalog. I want to know if there is enough interest in either of these programs for us to participate. There will be discussion at the next meeting. *Submitted by Caren Scarbrough.*

Editor's Note: Here is a description of the GCC program from the EGA website. Visit the site for color photos of the great projects being offered.

Group Correspondence Courses offer a low cost, high quality learning experiences for groups of twenty or less and their group coordinator.

- Correspondence Courses are open to all EGA members.
- Participants work together or individually to learn new techniques, and the course fee is divided among them
- Participants purchase their own course booklets and other supplies
- At least two supply sources are provided with every course.
- Some students may have difficulty in finding and working with some of the unusual materials featured in Correspondence Courses. These materials have been included because they provide a variety of options for a student's own work.

A coordinator is appointed by the chapter president to act as a liaison between teacher and students. The coordinator orders booklets and arranges to have projects sent to the teacher and evaluated projects returned to students. For this service, the group coordinator is charged no fee for the course but does purchase a booklet and supplies.

EGA members-at-large may also form a group, appoint a coordinator, and share in a Correspondence Course. Any individual member may register for a Group Correspondence Course and will be responsible for the entire course fee.

The course, text, and approximate supply fees are listed with each of the course descriptions. The course fee is shared equally by participants, excluding the group coordinator. Each participant, including the group coordinator, purchases a text and supplies.

Membership News

Reminder: Memberships are renewed in May. I have not received any news of an increase. So far the annual renewal will remain at \$52. That's your membership in EGA (national), GLR (regional), and NAGT (local). *Submitted by Diane Myers.*

Quilt Show

The annual Quilt Show at Sauder Village will be April 28 through May 3. Sauder Village is at 22611 State Route 2 in Archbold, Ohio. *Submitted by Diane Myers.*

Silk Thread Factory Fire

One of the Au Ver a Soie sites in France caught fire. On February 27 they posted on Facebook that they are in the process of rebuilding that unit and hope to have it up and running in three weeks. According to Tricia Wilson Nguyen, the company was mistakenly bombed by the Americans in WWII and the Boucher family rebuilt it. They produce and distribute from several locations in France so the destruction of one location does not bring everything to a screeching halt. You can show them your support by "Liking" them on Facebook. Keep a good thought as this is a beautiful silk thread and its loss would be a horrible blow to our favorite pastime. *Submitted by Diane Meyers.*

Did you know that EGA is a 501c(3) organization and that donation to the organization are tax deductible? Donations can also be made to your local group. The first page of the *Needle Arts* magazine has more information on contributions to the EGA Annual Fund.

Visit NAGT online at
<http://www.needle-arts-toledo.org>

For the Newsletter, visit
<http://www.needle-arts-toledo.org/private/news.htm>

Photo Gallery



Sometimes I have a hard time with the newsletter: here's Scooter (far left) demanding attention while I'm trying to work and Simon helping to edit a picture.

I didn't have any new pictures this month. Since March is our first *Get It Finished* entry meeting for the year, here is a montage of photos of previous *Get It Finished* entries.

We are fortunate to have a large, active, happy group. These photos are a reminder of how busy and creative our members are throughout the year!

(To be honest, it was either that, or more photos of my cats. I figured you'd prefer more stitching!)

All Photos by S. Pellitieri



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ANNUAL DUES - NAGT annual dues of \$52 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 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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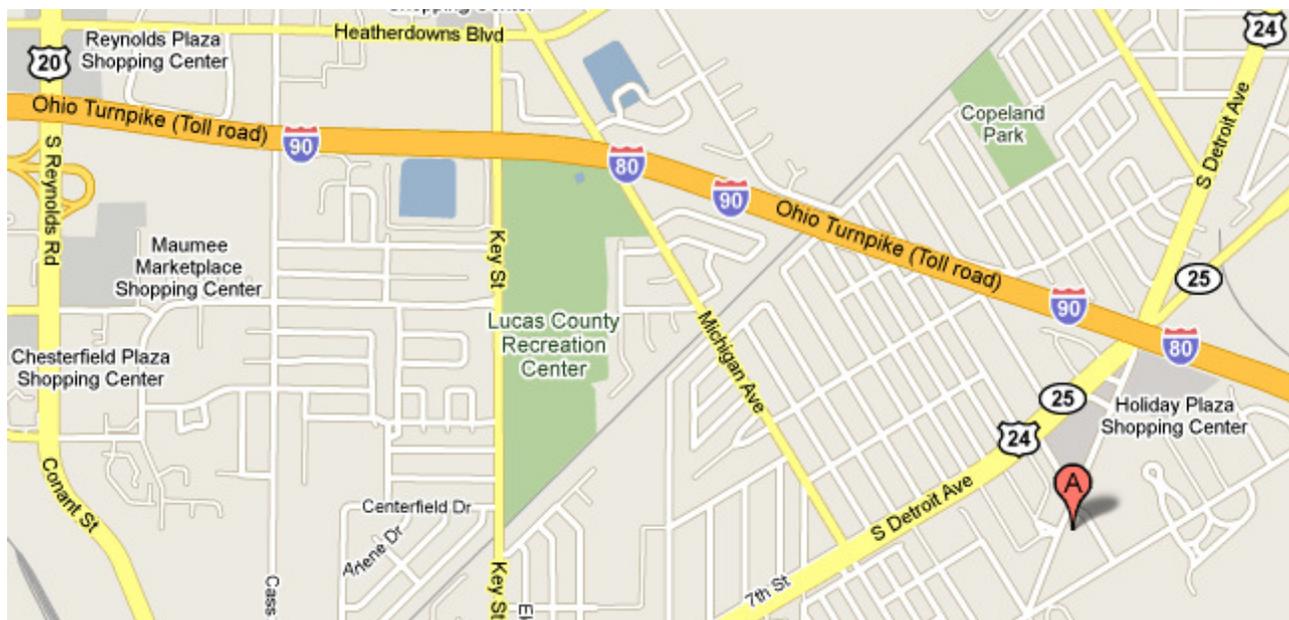
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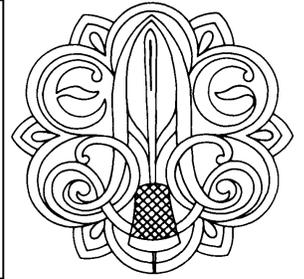
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- Foster high standards of design, color, and workmanship in embroidery;
- Teach the embroidery arts; and
- Preserve our national needle arts heritage.

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