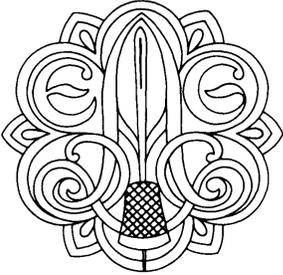




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Program Schedule

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
Mar. 9	Crown Head Tassels, led by Diane Myers; <i>Get It Finished</i> entries	Lee McLaird	Diane Myers
Apr. 13	Alison Cole's <i>Floral Tile</i> goldwork piece, demonstration led by Caren Scarbrough	Karlyn Thompson	Karlyn Thompson
May 11	Jean Hilton's <i>Puzzle</i> canvas piece, led by Caren Scarbrough	Pat Ricker	Gretchen Schultz
June 8	Annual Potluck; <i>Get It Finished</i> entries; Secret Stitchers	Potluck	To Be Determined
July 13	A program to be determined, led by Lois Wetherall.	Maria Nowicki	Kathy McCarthy

From The President's Desk

We have survived a winter with small amounts of snow! St. Patrick's Day and an early Easter are on the horizon, and we are all thinking about projects we want to finish and begin. March is a *Get It Finished* month, so come prepared to show off your latest creations.

Irene Leonard and Sue Weimer have offered to assist Caren Scarbrough with program ideas, so I am adding them to the Board as Program/Education Co-Chairs. The Board will have our first meeting for this year on March 5th at 1:30pm at Biggby's Coffee on Detroit at the Anthony Wayne Trail. Members who want to attend are welcome to join us.

See you soon!
Marianne Mussett

Save The Date!
 Member Appreciation Day - Saturday, June 4, 2016, 9:30am - 4:00pm
 577 Foundation, Perrysburg, OH

There were 19 responses to my email about whether or not the guild should pay for the lunches at the Member Appreciation Day. The vote was 10 in favor of the guild paying for the lunches and 5 who expressed a willingness to pay for their own lunch and save money for education. One member indicated she is willing to pay for her lunch, but did not address the education issue, two others did not address the question, and another believes she is too new to the guild to have a reasoned response. The option is open to anyone attending this special day to bring their own lunch. The guild will pay for the lunch of any member who attends and places a lunch order. Thank you to those members who responded to my email. Thank you all for your well thought out responses.

Marianne

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-glr.org)

Dates	Event Information
04/24/16 — 04/28/16	GLR Seminar - "Birds of a Feather Stitch Together" Hosted by the Great Lakes Region. Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH.
06/04/16	NAGT - Member Appreciation Day. Saturday 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the 577 Foundation, Perrysburg, OH.
09/23/16 — 09/24/16	NAGT - 41st Annual Needlework Show at the Sanger Branch of the Toledo Lucas County Library, Toledo, OH.
11/2/16 — 11/6/16	EGA Seminar - "Star Spangled Seminar" The 2016 Seminar will be held in Alexandria, VA.
05/06/17 — 05/10/17	GLR Seminar - "Sweet Stitch Chicago" Hosted by the Windy City Chapter. Location: Chicago, IL
08/16/17 — 08/20/17	EGA Seminar - "Blue Ridge Rendezvous" The 2017 Seminar will be held in Asheville, NC.

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



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.

Get It Finished!

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

Announcements and Snippets

Program and Education Notes

March: The March program will be how to make a crown knot tassel. Please bring 3 full skeins of #5 perle cotton; each skein a different color. All three skeins will be used to make one tassel. I will provide a demonstration and there will be a handout with step by step written instructions and step by step color pictures. This was an evening class I took at the national seminar in San Antonio last year. Sandy Crow taught the class and allowed all of us to share it with our chapters. (If you don't have the #5 and can't get out to get it, bring three full skeins of DMC cotton floss.) *Submitted by Diane Myers*

April: Caren will finish the demonstration of the *Floral Tile* goldwork piece by Alison Cole. Bring your piece at any stage of completion and questions will be answered. If you are stuck, chances are someone else will be too. Caren will also share some secrets of using glue in finishing needlework. *Submitted by Caren Scarbrough*

May: We will revisit the *Puzzle* piece by Jean Hilton. Bring your piece and we will share how we chose the color scheme and what threads we decided to use. Everyone can participate and you may get some ideas for future projects. *Submitted by Caren Scarbrough*

Bento Bags Revisited: If anyone has questions regarding making the Bento Bag please see me at the March meeting. Also if you were not at the February meeting and would like a copy of the instructions, I have extra copies. *Submitted by Irene Leonard*

Meadow Medley Correspondence Class: For those members taking this class, I will be demonstrating the bullion knot at the April meeting during the refreshment break. If you need help with project, please feel free to contact me. *Submitted by Irene Leonard*

Maumee Senior Center Classes: I've scheduled *Beginning Counted Cross Stitch* at the Maumee Senior Center for June 10, 12:30-3:30 p.m. This will be similar to the classes we recently taught at the 577 Foundation. Please let me know if you can assist in teaching. *Submitted by Maria Nowicki*

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Membership Dues

Our annual membership renewal is coming up in May. I haven't heard of any increases, so dues rates will remain the same as the past couple of years. The total is \$52.00, which you may pay at the May meeting or by mailing a check payable to N.A.G.T. to Diane Myers, 22045 W. River Road, Grand Rapids, OH 43522.

The fee covers your membership in EGA (national): \$39, Great Lakes Region (regional): \$3, and NAGT (local chapter): \$10. Payments will be sent to national and regional on May 27 as they are due by May 31. If you are not receiving your quarterly Needle Arts magazine, please let me know. The most recent issue came out the first week of March.

I will have the new membership roster ready at the June meeting. If you have any changes in phone or address or email, let me know. Also, we would like to have your cell phone number if that is the number you can be reached at most of the time. This roster is only distributed to our chapter members. *Submitted by Diane Myers*

Quilt Show

Sauder Village in Archbold will have their 2016 Annual Quilt Show Tuesday, April 26 through Sunday, May 1. Tuesday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.. Admission to the quilt show only and Threads of Tradition Quilt store is \$11. Visit www.saudervillage.org/quiltshow for more information. *Submitted by Diane Myers*

Annual Needlework Show

As show chairman, I have a signed contract for judging services from Jane Farber. She is looking forward to working with us. *Submitted by Caren Scarbrough*

Display Cases

In addition to the display case at the Sanger Branch library in August, we will also have the display case at the Maumee Senior Center in May. The showcase will be emptied by April 29th, so we can set up any time after that. Please check out the case at our meetings (shelves are adjustable) and bring appropriately sized pieces to the April meeting. In addition to the cross-stitch class that will be taught in June, this is a nice start to further our relationship with the Maumee Senior Center.

Hints and Tips

Here are some tips from Donna Halpin (our 2015 judge) and other exhibitors (as noted) about ways to improve work especially for a show.

Outline or back stitching in counted cross stitch: Consider using a very dark brown instead of black for back-stitching. The purpose of out-lining is to create a shadow around an object to create depth. In some designs you might need charcoal or very dark blue or green.

White canvas showing between stitches: If this happens, check your needle size. A larger needle will make a larger hole in the fabric that may not squeeze the thread so much. You can also use a light grey or light blue fabric to start with so the color change doesn't jump out at you. From Caren, if you are ambitious, you can paint your ground fabric the correct colors and show through problems will go away.

On choosing a commercial design: As a stitcher, you have a responsibility to choose a design worth doing. Unless you really love a design, look for common design errors such as too many design elements, too many different stitches, too many colors, too many embellishments. Use your ability to adapt a design.

When you are considering a frame and mat: walk away and turn around from a distance. Whatever you see first (frame or mat) is probably too much. You want to see the needlework first. From Maria Nowicki.

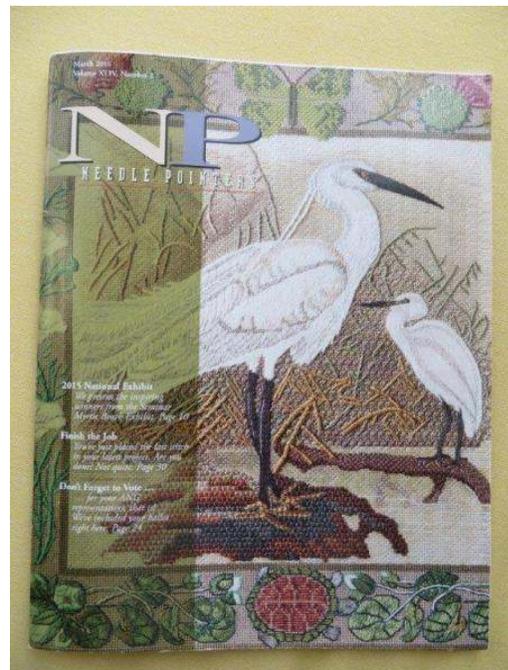
Dog-eared corners on pillows: When you buy a standard pillow form, add more stuffing in the corners so they don't become pointy. From Caren: when you sew your piece to the backing, don't sew the corners at 90 degrees. Stop short of the corner, stitch 3 or 4 small stitches across the corner, stop again, turn in the new direction and stitch to just short of the next corner.

Updating Your Contact Info with EGA

EGA Headquarters can accept changes to a member's record only from the member. This includes address, email and telephone changes. All change notices should be directed to Membership Coordinator Tonya Parks at headquarters or use the On-Line Form at <http://www.egausa.org>

When notifying headquarters about address or other record changes, members should also provide the same information to their chapter membership officer to make sure all of your records are up to date.

Photo Gallery



▲ Congratulations to Caren Scarbrough for making the cover of the American Needlepoint Guild's magazine, *Needle Pointers*, with her award winning *Vintage Egrets*. At ANG's national exhibit in Myrtle Beach, *Vintage Egrets* took 1st place in the Painted Design Without Stitch Guide - Professional Category. *Vintage Egrets* was also chosen as a Judge's Choice, President's Choice, and finally Best in Show!

Magazine cover photo by Diane Myers, photo of Caren by Su Pellitieri.

◀ This is the beautiful tatted snowflake ornament I received from the December ornament exchange. Thank you Denise Waterfield. I will treasure it!

Photo by Diane Myers



I Got It Finished but I can't bring it to the meeting to show you because I've already given it away as a gift! This is a baby blanket that I made for my friend and co-worker, Josh Godfrey. And, yes, I was crazy enough to do it in reversible cross-stitch because the back is visible.

Photo by Su Pellitieri.

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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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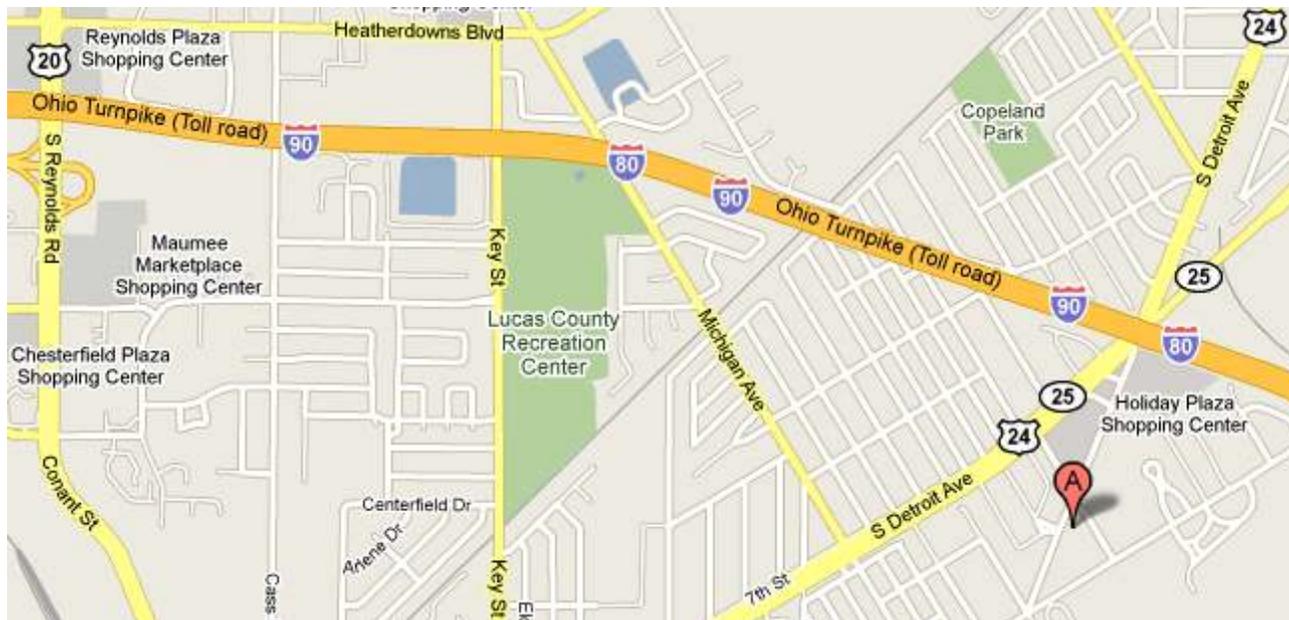
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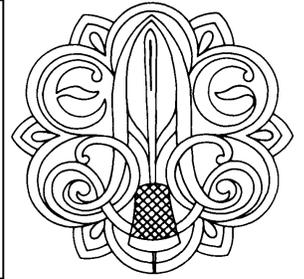
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