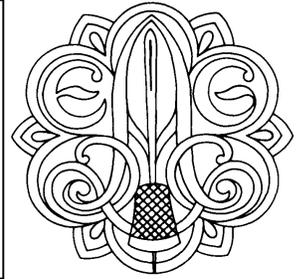




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From The President's Desk

Editor's Note: Donna Cairns was installed as President and Annette Tolles was installed as Vice President in December. However, Donna has continued to have problems with her eyes and has had to step down. She and Annette agreed to swap: Annette would be President this year while Donna continued to be Vice President and will be President next year assuming she does well with her upcoming eye surgery and treatment. We wish her the best and thank Annette for stepping into the role as President a year early.

Happy New Year to all of my fellow embroiderers! I am looking forward to leading us through 2020, learning new techniques, enjoying our guild's comradery, and outreaching into our community to keep our art alive and well. Please join me in wishing Donna Cairns a speedy recovery with restored vision so that she can enjoy many more years of stitching bliss! I want to encourage everyone to volunteer their help as the year progresses. And please contact me with any and all concerns about the Needle Arts Guild of Toledo. Let's make this a great year and have fun together! Thanks!

-- Annette Meyer Tolles



Program Schedule

Here is the tentative schedule for the exciting new programs that will be featured this year. **Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.**

Date	Program - Program Leader	Refreshments
Jan 8	Now I Know My ABC's presented by Maria Nowicki	Annette Tolles
Feb 12	Show and Tell - Bring in your current project and tells us all about it	Irene Leonard
Mar 11	To Be Announced - Volunteer presenter needed; <i>Get It Finished!</i>	Marilyn Levinson

Please remember to share ideas for programs you would like to see presented or that you would like to present. Volunteers always appreciated! Email me at nohiorn@aol.com with suggestions. *Maria Nowicki*

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-gl.org)

Dates	Event Information
04/22/20 — 04/26/20	GLR Regional Seminar - "Vision of Stitches", Appleton, WI
09/04/20 — 09/08/20	EGA National Seminar - "Boston Stitch Party", Boston, MA
09/18/20 — 09/20/20	NAGT Annual Needlework Show. Sanger Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Library.
09/01/21 — 09/05/21	EGA National Seminar - "The Magnificent Stitch", Chicago, IL

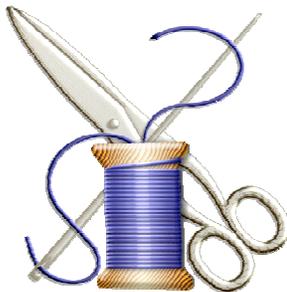
Stitch-In

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. The last Saturday of the month we stitch at Way Public Library in Perrysburg beginning around 1:00 pm on the Lower Level. If it is a holiday weekend there may be a cancellation. Please contact either Lee McLaird (lmclair2000@yahoo.com) or Marianne Mussett (marianne.nagt@gmail.com) for more information. If we need to make other plans, Marianne will send out an email to everyone and ask Amber to post it on Facebook too.

Winter Weather Reminder

NAGT policy is to cancel our monthly meeting whenever the Toledo Public Schools cancel classes due to bad weather (even if conditions improve by evening).

We have further refined our policy to cancel if it is a Level 2 or 3 snow emergency. Marianne Mussett will send emails to members if the meeting is canceled.



Birthdays

January - Elizabeth Freeman

February - Marylyn Doyle, Donna Gotts, and Denise Waterfield

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

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Get It Finished! - March

Announcements and Snippets

Program Notes

On-Going Projects: Members are always happy to help if you need advice. Please bring your pieces to the meetings so we can share in your progress.

EGA Stitch-a-Long is a Facebook program that you can join if you use Facebook. There is a different project or technique featured each month. There is a link to the instructions in the Facebook group. The instructions can be found on the EGA website at <https://egausa.org/free-projects/>

Asking for suggestions for **future programs**: Is there something new you would like to try, or something you'd like to re-visit? Perhaps a finishing technique you're interested in? Also looking for volunteers to present, so if you have a super-duper idea and the burning desire to present, let me know. All help appreciated. Call 419-824-9631 or email nohiorn@gmail.com. Thanks in advance. Also looking for program assistant to help this year in preparation for taking over next year. *Submitted by Maria Nowicki.*

Sharing Opportunities

I have received some questions via our website concerning Beginner's Education. Some people have difficulty with books and online classes and would prefer hands-on instruction. A few years ago we did some classes for non-guild members at the 577 Foundation on beginning needlework techniques. Do we wish to do some more classes? Now that we have a Facebook presence, advertising may be easier and we might get more interest. We have also been approached by a former member, Lois LaFountain, who still attends our show and is now a member of Club for Growth. They are looking for someone to do a presentation of needlework pieces and talk about the Guild. I forwarded the email about this to Diane Myers and Annette Tolles who think it is a great opportunity to share our love of needlework with others. Diane said she will contact the Club for Growth for more information and some possible dates so I'm sure this will be discussed at a future meeting. Please think of other ways we can share our love for needlework and promote the guild. *Submitted by Su Pellitieri.*



Editor's Note: Here's some tips from past issues, I'd like to make this a regular feature so please provide more tips for the future!

Round Robin Tips from Seminar - Floss Tips

To avoid tangles and knots when removing floss from the skein: First, look at the skein - you will notice 2 paper bands on the skein. Upon further inspection, you will notice that the longer band has a pair of hands: that is the end of the end of the skein that you pull. No more tangles!

Which end to thread up? After you cut a length of floss from the skein, look at the cut ends. Notice one end separates and the other end is tighter: thread the tighter end. If your thread does knot, gently pull the knot towards you.

If you use cotton floss in surface embroidery, such as satin stitch, gently stroke (in one direction, not scrub in two directions) your stitching with your needle or finger nail and this will bring out the shine in your floss. Remember: gently! *Submitted by Irene Leonard.*

Hints and Tips

Twisted thread: Watch for twisted threads (like pearl cotton) un-twisting as you get to the end of a thread. Don't use too long a length. It can also mean not getting your threads parallel when laying multiple strands. There might be one thread crossed over another.

Creating a perfect shape: if you are using a recognizable shape, like a heart or oval, turn it upside down before you stitch it. This will show you any errors, i.e., flattened side, uneven sides, etc.

With extra large pieces, you don't necessarily need a massive frame.

Be careful with what you choose to clean museum glass. Some products leave permanent marks or iridescence.

Did you know that the EGA is a 501(c)(3) organization, and that donations to them 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.

Photo Gallery

A collection of photos from our December meeting (all taken by Su Pellitieri): Lee McLaird with new officers Donna Cairns, Annette Tolles, Caren Scarbrough and Donna Hoskins; some of the Tea Cup Challenge pieces and Get It Finished pieces.



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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 Epilepsy Center of NW Ohio, 1701 Holland Rd., Maumee, OH, 43537.

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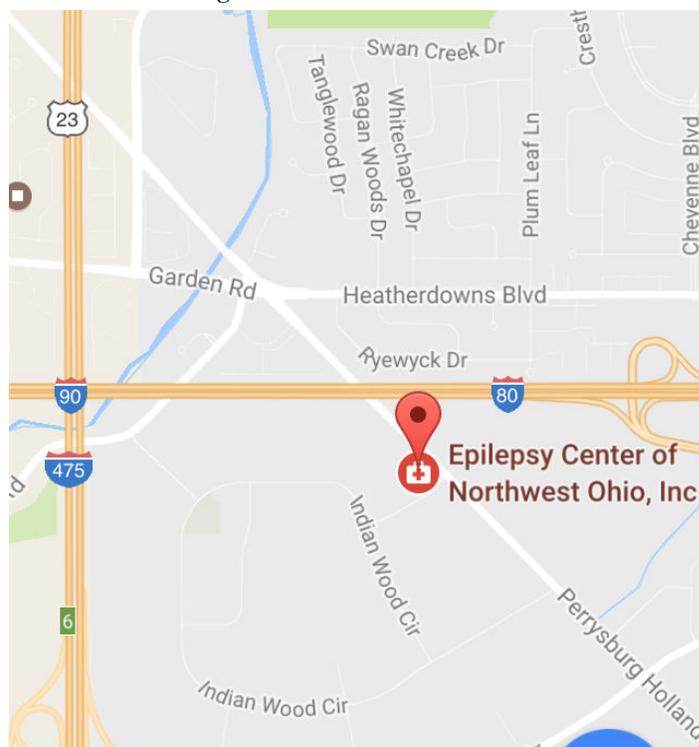
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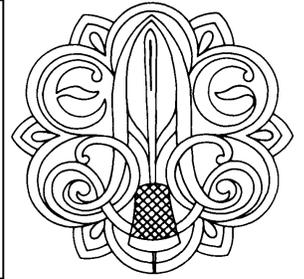
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- Teach the embroidery arts; and
- Preserve our national needle arts heritage.

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