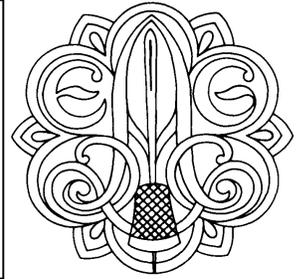




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From The President's Desk

Hello my stitching friends!

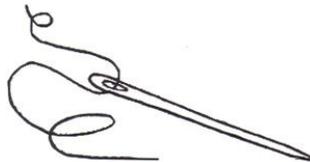
I hope everyone is healthy and happy and enjoying the spring weather! Since I am not working due to the COVID 19 pandemic, I've had a lot more time to stitch, knit, organize my sewing room, and also more flower gardening than I usually get a chance to do. It's great!

I have also been busy counting thousands of beads out for the dozen of us who are participating in the EGA Group Correspondence Course, "A Frenzy of Fringes." Our books came about 8 days ago, and I had many of the necessary beads in my stash. But some of the supplies I had to order online and I expect delivery on those by the end of April. So, for those of you enrolled in the course, I'll be in touch and we can dig into this fun educational project! I'll be setting up Zoom online meetings to help guide you all through the course, and (if necessary) we'll meet in small groups so that I am sure you all have access to the answers to your questions.

Speaking of Zoom meetings, I think our April meeting went well. It is our consensus that it won't work well to attempt extensive demonstration through a Zoom meeting, so for our May meeting on May 13, we will again share conversation for everyone to do a show and tell, if they would like. This time, let's share with each other some of our favorite tools, books, tips, or other go to stitching information.

Happy quarantine stitching everyone!

-- *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
May 13	Zoom Meeting - Conversations on Stitching Progress and general chatting	Enjoy your snacks at home
June 10	We will have our annual Potluck if it is safe to meet, otherwise we will meet via Zoom as above	Potluck or snacks at home

We will be rescheduling programs when we can finally get back to seeing our buddies. Hoping by June we may be able to have the pot luck! Stay well, stay healthy. 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. **Several events have been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.** Further info may be obtained from the EGA (www.egausa.org) or GLR (www.ega-glr.org) TBD = To Be Determined

Dates	Event Information
09/18/20 to 09/20/20	NAGT Annual Needlework Show. Sanger Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Library.
04/11/21 to 04/15/21	GLR Regional Seminar - "Vision of Stitches", Appleton, WI. Original dates 04/22/20 to 04/26/20
04/30/21 to 05/02/21	MER Regional Seminar - "Through the Stitching Glass", Corning, NY. Original dates 05/15/20 to 05/17/20
TBD	EGA National Seminar - "Boston Stitch Party", Boston, MA. Original dates 09/04/20 to 09/08/20
TBD	EGA National Seminar - "The Magnificent Stitch", Chicago, IL Original date 09/01/21 to 09/05/21

Annual Show

I have been thinking about the possibility that we may not be able to have our annual show this year. Everything changed a month ago and we are uncertain what lies ahead of us. I have talked with some of our members to get an idea of their thoughts about what to do. I also have asked President Annette to call a Board Meeting with this as a part of our discussion. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes leading up to our show in September. While we are not rushed at this point to make a decision, as Show Chair I would like to have a final decision by the end of May or early June.

Stay well. Stay home, Wash your hands.

Submitted by Marianne Mussett



Stitch-In

We have been having our Thursday Stitch-In via Zoom at 11:30 am and we had our first Last Saturday Stitch-In on April 25th with 14 people in attendance. Our numbers for Thursday vary between 12 and 14 people. We will be continuing these until it is safe for us to be together again in person. If you need assistance with the Zoom app, please let Marianne know. It has helped us all to be able to see friendly faces and beautiful smiles, as well as the resident pets of several members! Just like we do with any of our Stitch-Ins, if you know someone you would like to invite to stitch with us, please do. She just needs to know who you may be inviting so she can admit them to our meeting. It is a security issue! Please contact Marianne Mussett (marianne.nagt@gmail.com) for more information.

This year's *Seasonal Smalls Basket* will have a **Summer** theme. Please bring your small, stitched items (broche/pin, necklace, bookmark, picture, pin-cushion, etc. - it doesn't have to be an ornament!) to the September meeting so that they may be displayed at our Annual Show.

Birthdays

May - Colleen Ramsdell, Gretchen Schultz, Su Pellitieri, Connie Gonser

June - Donna Cairns

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Get It Finished! - June

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Program Notes

On-Going Projects: Members are always happy to help if you need advice. Please bring your pieces to the meetings (or share on Zoom) 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/>

Our challenge project is Initials! At our January meeting we discussed ways to embellish and highlight your initial, so the challenge is to have one initial or a 2 to 3 letter monogram stitched in some ways. You can find lots of samples on Pinterest. This needs to be completed by **June**. If we are unable to meet for our June potluck, we will share our completed initials at a future meeting.

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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 in conducting programs. Call 419-824-9631 or email nohiorn@gmail.com. Thanks in advance. Also looking for a program assistant to help this year in preparation for taking over next year. *Submitted by Maria Nowicki.*

Membership

Many thanks to all of those members who have mailed or made arrangements to get their dues payment to me. I am once again getting the hang of using the "fast delivery with a vacuum tube" at the drive-thru window at the bank. It has been years since I used that method!! EGA will be proud of us for getting our monies to them by the May 31st deadline. They are counting on us at EGA Headquarters to help them keep the organization moving forward. *Submitted by Marianne Mussett.*



Get Social With Us

Several years ago we set up a Facebook (FB) page - Needle Arts Guild of Toledo, which gives basic information about our guild and is now managed by Amber Stark. Currently the administrator (Amber) is the only one who may post information, photos, etc. to this page. I want to say how much we appreciate the time Amber puts into making sure this page makes people aware of the many opportunities membership in our guild can provide. Another way to promote our guild is with our new Facebook Group page - Needle Arts Guild of Toledo (NAGT). Annette Tolles, Amber Stark, and Marianne Mussett are Administrators of the Group. Amber has linked our Facebook page to our Facebook Group page.

The FB Group allows members to post items of interest to those who follow the group, share ideas, and promote needlework in a friendly environment. Right now we have 39 members in our group. Currently this is a private group, but I plan to make it public by this summer. Making it public will allow anyone who finds our group to make a request to join. Once the request is approved then they will be able to see our posts, make comments, and share their thoughts and experiences. We should be able to reach people in our area who are unaware that we even exist. Hopefully, these two FB tools will help us further increase our chapter size, meet new people, and broaden our experiences.

If you are on Facebook and want to join our FB Group, please search for it and follow the necessary steps, or contact me with your Facebook information and I will invite you to join. You will receive an invitation in the Notifications (that is the Bell  in the upper right of your FB page) which you need to accept. I will then get a notification letting me know you accepted the invite.

Thank you all for your many contributions to our guild! I really enjoy being a part of this wonderful world of embroidery and sharing my journey with so many amazing people. *Submitted by Marianne Mussett.*

Stitching Retreat

We are uncertain if we can still have our stitching retreat on the weekend of Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28 at the *Artistry on Evans* in Tecumseh, MI. Further details will be shared as soon as they are known if this will need to be rescheduled.

Announcements and Snippets

NAGT Class Project

Home of the Bees is our class for 2020. It is designed by Jane Ellen Balzuweit, and she will be teaching this two day class sometime this summer. **The date is to be determined, especially now considering the pandemic, so more information will be available as it is known.** The technique is Casalguidi Italian white work, along with needle woven flowers and leaves, and the Italian 3-sided stitch. It will be stitched on 28-count linen using size 12 pearl cotton, Wild Flowers by Caron, and specialty threads by Rainbow Gallery. The design area is 4 x 4 x 2 inches - very doable! Included in your kit will be the supplies to make the finished embroidery into a box. We will make a sample box on the second day of class. This is for all levels of stitchers as each stitch will be taught in class. All you need to bring are the usual stitching supplies. The kit cost is \$70. This will be a great weekend of stitching with an experienced designer and teacher. Jane Ellen's kits are always generous and she is an attentive teacher. *Submitted by Diane Myers.*



Let's Chat

Earlier this month Gretchen Schultz shared with me the newsletter from the Neapolitan Chapter of EGA which is her Florida chapter. One of the segments was "Let's Chat" and it included notes and photos from various members about what they are doing during isolation or Stay at Home orders. I thought this would also be a good way for our membership to spend some time together. Not everyone is comfortable with using Skype, Zoom, FaceTime, Google Hangout, or prefer not to add more apps to their phones, tablets or computers. But, all of us receive the newsletter either electronically or in paper format. If Su has the room or needs some other items for the newsletter this might be a good way to share news about our progress on a

project, how we spend our days with stitching or other tasks, how those of us who are working are coping with the new reality of dealing with people outside our clan, how those who are at home by themselves are doing, how those of us with a spouse/child/roommate have managed with a lot of togetherness, include some photos, and generally let others know that, as a group, we are friends and care about one another. Just a thought....! *Submitted by Marianne Mussett.*

Let's Chat with Su Pellitieri.... I think this is a good idea and something we can continue after the outbreak is over and we are meeting in person once again by interviewing one member for each issue. Since this is a new thing and I don't have info from another member, I guess I will have to interview myself. I am still working 8-5 M-F as my company, NAMSA, is part of the essential medical supply chain. I am fortunate that I still have a regular schedule, don't have to work from home as most of my department does, or work three 12-hour days like most in my company. The regular schedule is nice, but I haven't had time to stitch as much as some of the other members. I did manage to finish *Seasonal Rays: Summer* by Kurdy Biggs (below top) and I am working on *Oasis* by Kathy Rees in the periwinkle color scheme (below bottom). I previously did *Oasis* in the copper scheme for my office and will put the periwinkle scheme in my living room. Stay healthy and keep posting to our Facebook group!



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- 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
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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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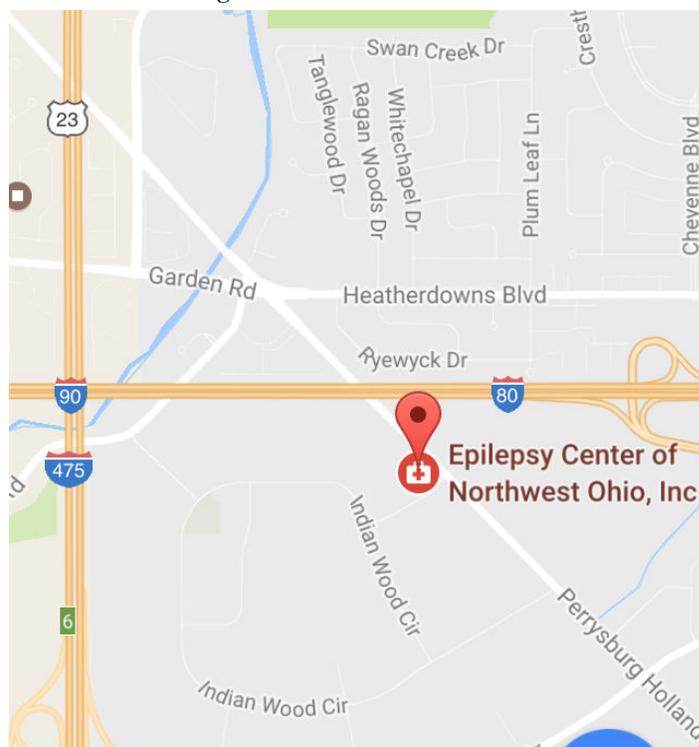
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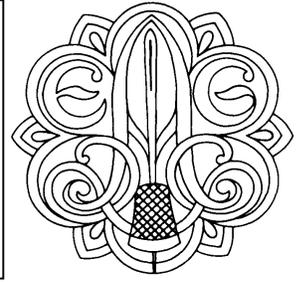
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