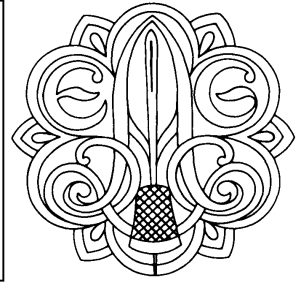




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From The President's Desk

Can you believe it's September already?! The summer has flown by! We've adapted well to the new COVID-19 world with new virtual programs and lots of virtual stitch-ins. EGA lives on! Thanks to our devoted membership who work to keep our programming going! And thank you to all who stepped forward for our Nominating Committee to fill the spots of President and Secretary for the coming year.

Remember to submit your virtual show items to the special link created for the show. Look for more opportunities to learn online with offerings through the national EGA site. Check your email for information about the Ohio virtual State Day that Dayton is hosting in October, and also check out the online course we are sponsoring with Jane Ellen Balzuweit teaching Casalguidi embroidery in an embellished box project. I hope there are still members stitching on the Temperature Trees some of us started in January too.

Out of all the people hunkering down in the homes during this pandemic, I suspect that stitchers like us are among the happiest. No shortage of projects to work on, and plenty of time to devote to them! Happy stitching!

-- *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
Sep. 9	Zoom Meeting - Conversations on Stitching Progress and general chatting; Program - Ideas for Finishing presented by Maria Nowicki	Enjoy snacks at home
Oct. 14	Zoom Meeting - Conversations on Stitching Progress and general chatting	Enjoy snacks at home
Nov. 11	Zoom Meeting - Conversations on Stitching Progress and general chatting	Enjoy snacks at home
Dec. 9	Zoom Meeting - Conversations on Stitching Progress and general chatting; Installation of Officers	Enjoy snacks at home

We will be rescheduling programs when we can finally get back to seeing our buddies. 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 or call me at 419-824-9631 with suggestions. Do you have a program that you can present using Zoom? Please let me know. I will be happy to schedule you. *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
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

Stitch-In

We have been having our Thursday Stitch-In and Last Saturday Stitch-In via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. We have averaged 9 - 15 people at the Thursday get togethers and as many as 13 people at the Last Saturday Stitch. While we are not all in the same room sitting beside each other, the camaraderie is still there!

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.



Birthdays

September - Ann Rorarius

October - Fawn Caplandies, Sharon Hennessy, Denise Duda, Irene Leonard, Carol Ann Woidke and Pat Ricker

This year's *Seasonal Smalls Basket* will have a **Summer** theme. The plan was to have everyone 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 could be displayed at our Annual Show.

Again, that **was** the plan, but with COVID-19 cancelling our show and most of our meetings, just hang on to everything for next year!



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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 (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. 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 Maria at 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.*

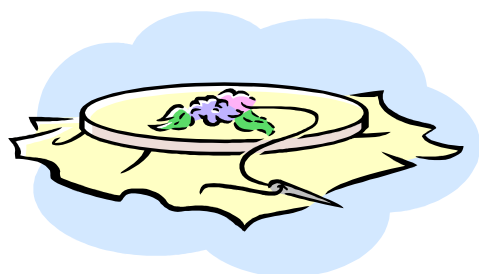
NAGT Class Project

This is an update on our fall class, *Home of the Bees*, designed by Jane Ellen Balzuweit. We are going to meet via Zoom on Saturday mornings at 10 AM for 60 – 90 minutes for our classes. The first class will be on October 10 and will be an introduction, setting up your linen, and learning the four-sided stitch. Lesson 2 will be on October 17 and we will learn Casalguidi stitch. Lesson 3 will be October 31 and we will learn other decorative stitches. Lesson 4 will be on November 7 or 14, depending on how much stitching we all get done. On November 7 or 14 we will make our boxes. None of this is written in stone. We may be able to combine Lesson 2 and 3 depending on how confident we are feeling. Or we may go a little longer or shorter on time for the lessons. It's all new for us so we are going to be flexible.

The kit fee was originally \$70 but that has been reduced to \$62.50. With that reduction, we will each download and print our own instructions. Supply kits will be mailed to me and I will distribute them right away so you will have them in plenty of time. These are the members signed up at an earlier date: Marianne Mussett, Sharon Hennesy, Maria Nowicki, Sue Wiemer, Carol Ann Woidke, Denise Waterfield, Irene Leonard, Diane Myers, Caren Scarbrough, Beth Thompson, Denise Duda, Janet Min, and Fawn Caplandies. If you are not on the list, you can still sign up! If you have changed your mind, let me know.

The important thing is to send me a check made out to Needle Arts Guild of Toledo (not NAGT or EGA or any other name as the bank has gotten fussy) for \$62.50 as soon as possible. Jane Ellen has made up a couple extra kits so if you have been on the fence about signing up, it's not too late. Just let me know and we'll add your name to the class invitation list.

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. This is for all levels of stitchers as each stitch will be taught in class. Jane Ellen's kits are always generous and she is an attentive teacher. *Submitted by Diane Myers.*



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Annual Needlework Show

If you have not already done so, please send in your photos of items you want to put in our Virtual Show. The original deadline was September 1, but we will still take a few more photos if you want to participate. Check our website for the information we need for your entries. My goal is to have this posted around September 20, 2020. Thank you to those who have already submitted their entries.

We want to follow the same criteria as past years for entries. Please provide: Your name, the name of the Designer (if commercial), Category, and Classification for the piece. If the piece was from a class or seminar, please include that information as well. Please check the Show Information on our website for a list of Categories and Classifications.

Take a photo of your work and save it as a jpeg file. Attach your photo(s) to an email with your information for each piece. If you are asked to select the size photo you want to send, please select large or actual size. If you take the photo with your phone it should automatically be in the correct format. Photos that are not clear will not be used. We will ask you to try again.

Send your photos to show2020@needle-arts-toledo.org

This address will forward your message to both Marianne and Fawn. Thank you for all your support as we make lemonade out of lemons! *Submitted by Marianne Mussett, Show Chair 2020.*

Membership News

A friend of Maria's (Patti Beach) is in the process of joining our guild. I also received a note from someone on Facebook who may be interested too. Both have been invited to attend one of our Stitch Ins and our Business and Program Meeting. We may be holding our meetings "virtually" for now, but we certainly can encourage people to consider joining us. After all we are still having a good time. So encourage folks you may know to pay us a visit. *Submitted by Marianne Mussett, Membership Chair*



Ohio State Day

Mark your calendars for Ohio State Day in October ... another virtual stitching opportunity!

Yes, you read that right, we ARE going to have an Ohio State Day this year and it will be the first-ever Virtual Ohio State Day on Saturday, October 24, 2020!

The Dayton Chapter is having the incomparable Michele Roberts do one of her tartan ornaments that she taught at an ANG seminar (think tartans, gold, spangles, making your own #24 braid, and more) along with showing us how to do her entwined beaded edging. There will be two kits: one for the morning, when we do the tartan ornament, and one for the afternoon, as we learn how to do her edging (great for all kinds of ornaments) and more.

The registration fee is only \$5, and while the total for the kits is just over \$100, attendees can attend in their jammies or whatever, because there will be no additional expenses for hotels, travel, or food. I think that when all was said and done, I easily spent well over \$200 for last year's Ohio State Day because of those added expenses – but what a great class that was with Diane Herrmann!

So we're upping the ante with Michele Roberts. We have to, since last year's was so good. This class is for confident beginners on up. Detailed information, including pictures, descriptions of the kit contents, and the registration form, is available for your chapter members. The registration deadline is September 15. With the status of the US Mail right now, please remind everyone to get their registration with their check into the mail ASAP.

All of this information will be in the GLR Newsletter, but I figured Ohio chapters should get first call. After all, we ARE Ohio! :-)

We hope to see you in Zoom for our Virtual Ohio State Day with Michele Roberts!

Jana Bass
President, Dayton EGA

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Editor's Note: A copy of the flyer with color photos of the ornaments and the registration form is available on the NAGT newsletter page:

<http://www.needle-arts-toledo.org/private/news.htm>

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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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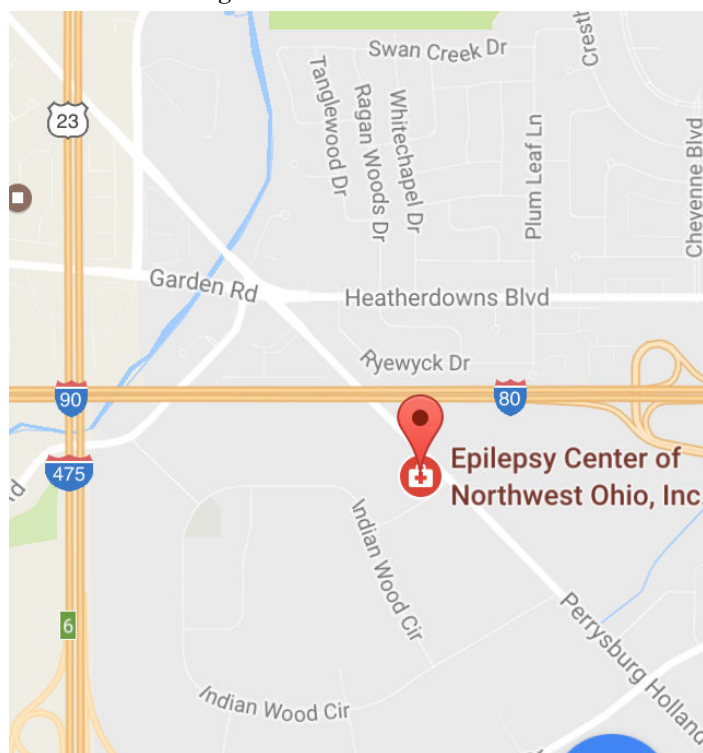
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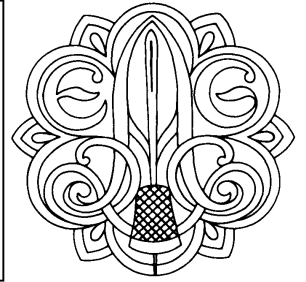
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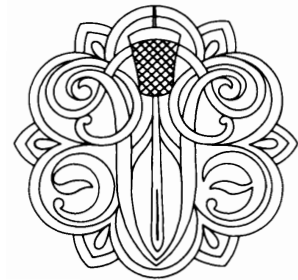
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