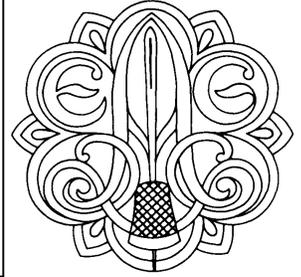




Needle Arts Guild of Toledo  
**Newsletter**  
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**From The President's Desk**

Hello Needle Arts Guild of Toledo Members!

First ... a thousand thanks to Su Pellitieri and her husband Tom for the many years of selfless volunteering in producing our bi-monthly newsletter! We have been blessed to have your help in keeping our membership informed. For those members who have not heard, this is the last edition of the newsletter with Su at the helm. Please share your appreciation with them!

I promised you a questionnaire so here it is. Please respond by email or mail to these short questions so that we can start our initiative for a new start for our newsletter. Email can be directed to me at [nettie@bex.net](mailto:nettie@bex.net), or you can send US Mail to me at 5515 Woodridge Drive, Toledo, OH 43623. Thanks!

1. Are you feeling inspired to become the Newsletter Editor yourself?
2. Would you like to work on a committee to review new options in desktop publishing in producing the newsletter, and making the transition to a new editor and format smooth?
3. What experience do you have that you can share with us to help spread the news? Past newsletter writing? Work experience? Software knowledge? Let us know!
4. What changes or additions would you like to see to our newsletter?
5. Do you know of publishing programs that you can suggest to us that are user friendly?

Please sign your name so we know who is volunteering. A quality newsletter helps keep all of our programs running smoothly, so please be generous with your time! Thanks in advance.

-- *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
Nov. 11	Zoom Meeting - Program: Show and Tell, share your "works in Progress"	Enjoy snacks at home
Dec. 9	Zoom Meeting - Installation of Officers; Program: Join us with your cookies and hot chocolate and enjoy a surprise program	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](mailto: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](http://www.egausa.org)) or GLR ([www.ega-glr.org](http://www.ega-glr.org)) TBD = To Be Determined

Dates	Event Information
04/11/21 to 04/15/21	<b>GLR Regional Seminar</b> - "Vision of Stitches", Appleton, WI. Original dates 04/22/20 to 04/26/20
04/30/21 to 05/02/21	<b>MER Regional Seminar</b> - "Through the Stitching Glass", Corning, NY. Original dates 05/15/20 to 05/17/20
TBD	<b>EGA National Seminar</b> - "Boston Stitch Party", Boston, MA. Original dates 09/04/20 to 09/08/20
TBD	<b>EGA National Seminar</b> - "The Magnificent Stitch", Chicago, IL Original date 09/01/21 to 09/05/21



**NAGT Class - The Home For the Bees Class** with Jane Ellen Balzuweit is continuing to meet via Zoom on Saturday mornings. We have had three meetings so far and have learned the Italian 3-sided stitch, the raised stem band, how to make a couched, wrapped thread, woven picots, and needlelace. All of that on our petite box! The final class will be on November 14 and will focus on making the box itself. Jane Ellen has included supplies to make a practice calico box. Zoom has been new to all of us. Its use has improved with each class. *Submitted by Diane Myers.*





**Ohio State Day Class** - October 24 was Ohio State Day organized by the Dayton Chapter. There were twenty two participants from all of the states in the Great Lakes Region. The class was taught by Michele Roberts and titled Two Tartan Ornaments. There were all sorts of decorative doodads to apply: metal threads, beads, colored sequins, montees and twisted cords. You get the picture - a very bright and sparkly Christmas ornament! She taught a beautiful corded and beaded edge trim which will be handy in finishing ornaments in the future. *Submitted by Diane Myers.*

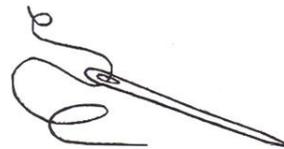


## Stitch-In

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](mailto:marianne.nagt@gmail.com)) for more information.



## Birthdays

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- November** - Sue Wiemer, Janice Lunan
  - December** - Jennifer Miller, Ann Link, Kathy Falgout, Carola DePasquale, Jennie Kronberg, and Marianne Mussett
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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 (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](mailto: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.*

### A Message from the Editor

As Annette has stated in her President's letter, this will be my last issue. I have been doing this since November 2001 and it is my 115th issue. In addition to the questions Annette asked, the new editor will also have to consider how she would like it to be distributed. Currently, I am sending out about 8 printed copies, it is posted to our website and we send out an email notification that it is available. The new editor will, of course, be sending out the printed copies but you have a choice on how to handle the electronic (pdf) copies. Assuming we still want it on the website, you can either send it out electronically yourself and I will post it to the website when I receive my copy or you can send me my copy and I will post it to the website and continue to send out the notifications if you keep me updated with email changes. Let me know your preference. *Submitted by Su Pellitieri.*

### Membership News

Welcome to new members: Patti Beach and Michelle Breitner. We are staying in touch with each other through our Zoom meetings for the Monthly Meeting, Thursday Stitch In, and Last Saturday Stitch In. Some of you are probably already doing this, but I encourage all of us to reach out to people who we have not seen in any of these venues and let them know we are thinking about them. I am making calls to folks, but I know they might enjoy talking to someone other than me. This is also a good time to use those notecards we all have been saving!

The website link to our Contemporary Virtual Exhibit is on the GLR Calendar. I plan to leave it up on our Facebook page and FB Group page as a way of showcasing the variety of needlework we pursue in our guild. Thank you to everyone who sent photos of your work.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Membership Chair and Show Chair for 2020. It has been a year to remember and look back on with appreciation for our flexibility and willingness to try something new so we can all share time together.

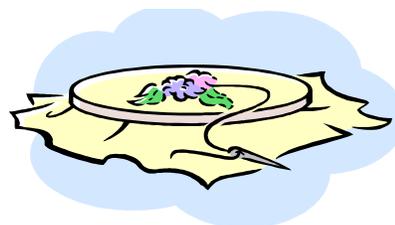
Keep Stitching... *Submitted by Marianne Mussett, Membership Chair*

### Let's Chat With...

What have people been doing while staying at home during the pandemic? We have info on two people in this issue because I ran out of room in the last issue (sorry Maria!).

Let's Chat With Ann Rorarius:

During the last 6 months of Covid, I have been trying to organize my stash - books, patterns, unfinished projects and projects that need framing and finishing. Have been making progress on finishing. Cross-stitched a 2020 Be Well pattern and framed it. There are so many projects that I want to start but I am working on an Eileen Bennett sampler, an old Hardanger piece and the Temperature Tree. Other than that, I landscaped the front of my house and planted hostas. *Submitted by Ann Rorarius.*



## Announcements and Snippets

Let's Chat With Maria Nowicki:

What I did on my Covid Vacation

By Maria Nowicki, Grade Unknown

Hi Everyone!

This has been a very different summer. Feel like college kids who put on the College 15 pounds, me I have the Covid 20. Have done lots of gardening. Put in multiple river rock paths in my backyard. Riley loves it, runs in and out. Have to say the very hot weather put an end to that.

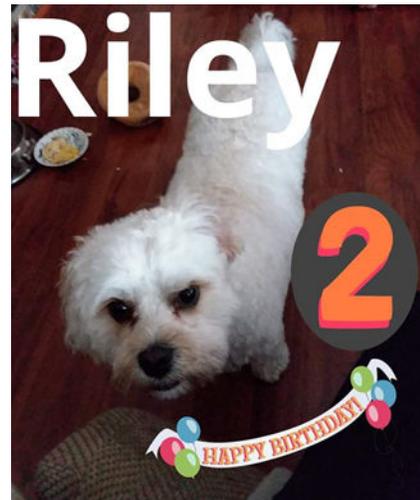
Right now, there are 7 projects on my coffee table. This pandemic has had a great shortening effect on my attention span. How about you? I switch back and forth. Beads, dogs, samplers, Christmas, and old seminar projects.

I am great at social distancing now and have sewed up masks for the family. Miss going out to eat on a regular basis and would rather someone else do the cooking once in a while. I did participate in a free one week program on line about making and covering boxes. Great directions! The teacher's name is Claudia Squio and she has an Etsy shop called Colorways. I've done a few more boxes and note pad holders. Next project is an etui. If this craft interests you, check out her website.

Finished a necklace designed by Anee Sweet McNamara. This was an online class in Soutache and making a wire armature for the base of the stitching and beading. She has some of the best online directions. I would recommend her without reservation.

Riley celebrated his second birthday and he and I are in Private School trying to correct some of our mutual bad behaviors. The objective is to get him to walk on leash nicely rather than pulling me all over the neighborhood. Our teacher said we both catch on quickly.

My other project has been to organize my craft room, or as I call it, The JoAnn Annex. Small pockets of organization are popping up, but actually being able to create in it is a long way off. Walking in it is hazardous to your health. One thing I am trying is to set up a finishing box. I have been putting anything I think I could use to finish a project in one place. Have also been checking on line for finishing suggestions. Will share those at our next meeting for program. That's why I asked you to send any unusual finishing you have done.



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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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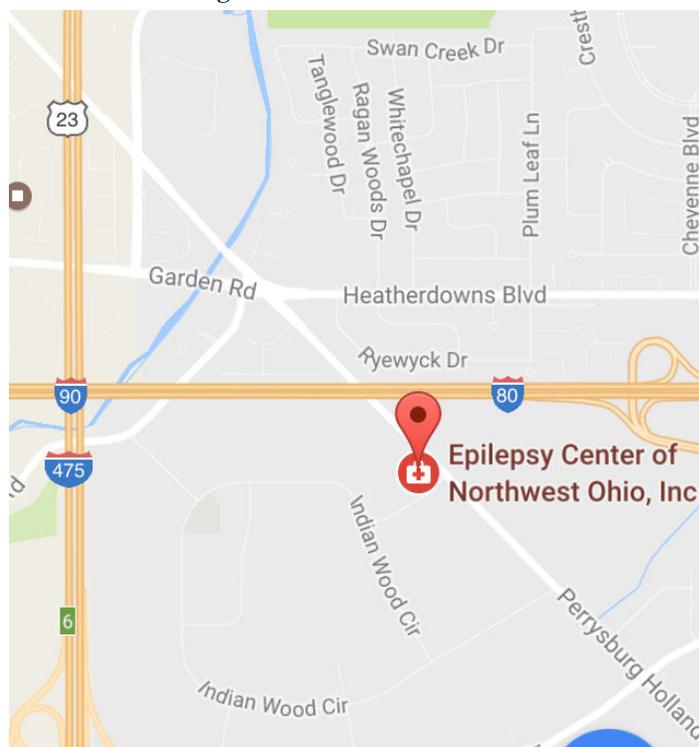
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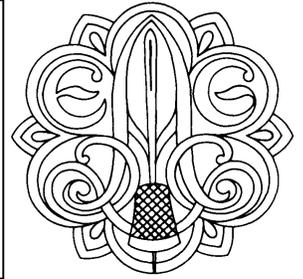
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