

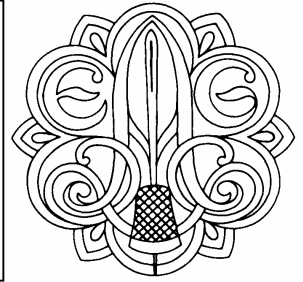


Needle Arts Guild of Toledo

Newsletter

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From The President's Desk

Greetings Stitchers,

Well Spring has sprung and we are fast approaching Summer in NW Ohio. The Toledo Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers to assist with their plant sale in early May and to work on a weekly basis in the gardens. If you have some time to dig in the dirt and earn us some volunteer hours to help defray our rent costs, please contact their Volunteer Coordinator.

On a business note: at our last meeting I explained the need for us to figure out a way to keep producing our current newsletter and reduce the cost of distributing it to the membership. The production cost for our newsletter is minimal compared to the postage, which will increase in mid-May. Su has graciously agreed to look at ways to generate the newsletter in a format which can be posted to our website at <http://members.aol.com/needleartstoledo>.

Another resource which I have created is a blog <http://nagt1.blogspot.com/> which can provide a link to the newsletter on our website. The blog will also provide members an opportunity to communicate with each other in an electronic forum. We are trying hard to figure out ways to provide information in a variety of formats, both electronic and hardcopy. Please keep in mind that for those members who prefer to continue receiving the newsletter via mail, we will continue to mail it to you. If you are willing to check the website or the blog for the latest copy of the newsletter, please let Su and me know, so we can take you off the newsletter mailing list.

I truly appreciate your willingness to try new ways of accessing information about our guild and our many activities. Another site you may want to check out is the website at TBG <http://www.toledogarden.org/> and see the information they were happy to post about our upcoming Show in September. We can continue to give them information to post which may be of interest to people who click on our link under the Resident Organizations.

See you stitching,
Marianne

From the Editor's Desk

As you can see, the newsletter has changed. Marianne and the rest of the board wish to provide the newsletter electronically to help reduce postage costs. I have changed the format of the newsletter from a booklet to a paged layout so I can more easily create an electronic version and keep the content in order.

Several people suggested that I email the newsletter. There are several problems with this, regardless of the format. Newsletters that are included in the body of the email (not as an attachment) cannot be formatted reliably, and therefore can be difficult to read. Some services (like AOL) require you to save an attachment before you can open it. Other services automatically reject any email with an attachment, or reject email based on size limits. Some services mark emails with a lot of addressees as spam. Some members have also expressed concerns about viruses.

I prefer having the newsletter posted on our website, rather than sending it out via email. This eliminates the delivery problems and provides the option for repeated access in case the file gets deleted.

I asked the GLR newsletter editor and webmaster for advice, and they told me that the GLR newsletter is published as a PDF on their site with all contact info and so far, no bad things have happened. National has a new web company that is a stickler for permission forms so GLR will be insisting on it in the future. This may not apply to local chapters but it would be safer for us to obtain permission.

In order to protect our privacy, I am using a secure area on our website for the newsletters. This area can only be viewed by someone with the full address. *A search engine cannot find the page!* I did not post the last page, since I would like to obtain written permission from our officers before I publish their contact info.

This is the last newsletter you will automatically receive by mail! You must notify me by June 25th if you wish to have me send it by regular mail. Put your name on a sign-up sheet at the May and June meetings or send me a notice. The newsletter can be viewed online at:

<http://members.aol.com/needleartstoledo/private/news.htm>

Program Schedule

May 9: The Making of Silk Fabric, taught by Caren Scarbrough

June 13: Annual Pot Luck Party; *Get It Finished* entries, and Secret Stitchers revealed

July 11: Assissi Petite Project, taught by Linda Morris, a member from Fort Wayne

August 8: Finishing of Nametags & Ornaments, taught by Barbara Hoyer

September 12: Huck Weaving, taught by Katherine Thompson; *Get It Finished* entries

October 10: Reversible Cross-Stitch, taught by Su Pellitieri (rescheduled from February due to bad weather)

November 14: Hungarian Embroidery, taught by Donna Mohn

December 12: Annual Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange. Also *Get It Finished* entries, Cookie Exchange, prizes for *Get It Finished* and volunteer drawings, New Officer Installation.

About the May Project

At the May meeting we will be making silk felt. Most of the materials you will need will be provided. You will receive silk roving, tulle, foam brush, textile medium and a plastic bag to protect the table and to help you carry your piece home. You may want to bring a piece of cardboard or a flat tray to help carry the wet piece. This is an option only. The plastic will protect anything you lay the piece on. The cost of the kit will be \$6.00 payable to NAGT. You will have some choice of color. It will be fun.

Caren

About the June Meeting

Don't forget to bring a place setting for our Potluck. We will also be revealing last year's Secret Stitcher and selecting names for next year. Can you guess your Secret Stitcher?

To My Secret Stitcher: Thank you for the Valentine candy and the card for our anniversary. Joe and I both are enjoying the dark chocolate! Marianne Mussett

Get It Finished!

Don't forget to bring in your projects to the June meeting.

Calendar of Events

Dates	Event Information
05/03/07	NAGT Board Meeting
05/09/07	NAGT Monthly Meeting
06/07/07	NAGT Board Meeting
06/13/07	Annual Potluck Meeting <i>Get It Finished</i> Entries accepted at NAGT
07/05/07	NAGT Board Meeting
07/11/07	NAGT Monthly Meeting
08/02/07	NAGT Board Meeting
08/08/07	NAGT Monthly Meeting
09/02/07 – 09/07/07	<i>That Needlin' Town</i> - EGA National Seminar, Chicago, IL
09/12/07	<i>Get It Finished</i> Entries accepted at NAGT
09/29/07 – 09/30/07	NAGT 32nd Annual Needlework Show at the Sanger Branch Lucas Co. Library
10/04/07	NAGT Board Meeting
10/10/07	NAGT Monthly Meeting
10/20/07 – 10/21/07	Visiting Teacher Class: "The Village Green", sponsored by NAGT
11/01/07	NAGT Board Meeting
11/14/07	NAGT Monthly Meeting
12/12/07	Annual Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange

First Sundays

Join us for an afternoon of stitching and earn much needed volunteer hours for our group. The Toledo Botanical Garden hosts "First Sundays" during the summer where the Resident Organizations can display their skills. We will be stitching in the Terrace Room of the Crosby Conference Center (our regular meeting room) on May 6th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. In the past, TBG has also hosted First Sundays throughout the summer, so plan on joining us in June, July and August as well. Check with our TBG Representative, Anna Kerlin for more information.

Don't forget to bring examples of your completed works as well as your current stitching project. This is a great opportunity to promote our upcoming show and our group.

Announcements and Snippets

Board Meetings

The board meeting will be held at Marianne Mussett's on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

New Members

There has been a lot of interest lately from our website from people who are interested in joining our guild. We also get a lot of new members after our show. So if you see an unfamiliar face, please introduce yourself and make the new person welcome. And if you've just joined us: Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Membership Renewal

Is it time to renew your membership? Dues are \$40 and should be sent directly to the Treasurer, Karlyn Thompson. Karlyn is acting as assistant to our Membership Chair, Donn Mohn so that the dues can be processed faster. Here's the list of membership renewals that I have for June 2007. We are working to keep this list synchronized with the national list, but that can be difficult, so please let us know about any discrepancies: Teresa Bettac, Marilyn Bick, Jenny Bodensteiner, Karen Breslin, Donna Cairns, Marilyn Freeman, Shirley Gray, Barbara Hoyer, Pam Kurth, Linda Morris, Linda Pitzen, Kathy Redpath, Martha Shouldis, Julia Stange, Beth Thompson, Marge Toth, Karen Trombley, and Helen "Jo" Wagoner.

National Seminar

The 2007 EGA National Seminar, *That Needlin' Town*, will be held in Chicago, IL on September 2-7, 2007. Full seminar information should arrive with your March 2007 issue of the *Needle Arts* magazine. Photos of the projects and registration forms are on the EGA website (www.egausa.org or use the EGA link on our website). Chicago's not that far away, so hopefully many of our members will take the opportunity to attend the seminar. It will be a first national seminar for many of us and it looks like a great time.

GLR Seminar 2008

You can pre-register to attend the EGA - GLR Seminar 2008 which will be held April 20-24, 2008 in Madison, Wisconsin. The full brochure with color photos of the class projects and registration information for the seminar is available to view and download on the EGA GLR website: <http://www.ega-glr.org/>

Regular registration does not begin until Nov. 15, 2007. However, pre-registration is being offered to get your first chance opportunity for a class from now until May 27, 2007. A copy of the form will be available at the next NAGT meeting.

Stitch-In

Stitch-In meetings are on Thursdays from 11 am – 5 pm. The third Thursday of the month we are at Something Extra. The other Thursdays we meet at members' homes.

The third Tuesday of each month we have a group for canvas projects. We get started around 6:30 PM and end around 9:30 PM. Sometimes we pick a project for the group but you can always work on any project you have.

On the fourth Tuesday, the crewel group has a stitch-in from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM.

Locations change weekly. Call Katherine Thompson at 419-385-0081 or e-mail Diane Myers at jrmyers@roadrunner.com for the next meeting place.

The Village Green

Myrtis Justianiano, from Goshen, Indiana will be leading us in Genny Morrow's *Village Green*. On October 20th and 21st, 2007.

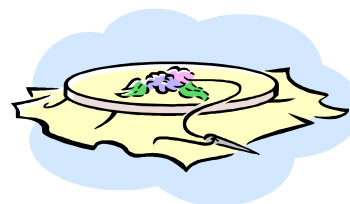
Myrtis was a good friend of Genny's and has her family's permission to teach her designs. *Village Green* was one of the last designs Genny was working on.

Myrtis will provide the hand-drawn size 18 canvas, instruction booklet and all threads (some are split skeins) needed for stitching for her kit fee of \$68.00.

I do not know the entire cost of the class. Students taking the class will be paying for the room rent, plus the teacher's fee and transportation. If we fill all 24 seats, the total cost will be \$97 per student. That is my goal, if you will all help me.

I am asking for a deposit of \$50.00, payable through me, before August 10th. Myrtis needs two months to get supplies together. I will let her know August 11th, how many kits to prepare, THIS IS OUR DEADLINE. On August 10th, I can let those who have given me a deposit, know how much the remainder of the class will be.

If you have any questions, let me know--Kay Griffith



Announcements and Snippets

32nd Annual Show

The dates, location and the judge have been set for our annual show. As you know, the Toledo Botanical Garden has decided to start charging us a fee to hold the show which has prompted us to look at other venues. We are pleased to announce that we have found a wonderful space at the Sanger Branch of the Toledo Lucas County Library, 3030 W. Central Avenue, Toledo OH 43606 (east of Secor Road). They are graciously not charging us for the use of both meeting rooms. The meeting rooms are large (together I estimate the size to be about 22' x 60') with a bump out window wall and very visible from the main entrance to the library. We will not be having a book sale, of course, although the library has suggested that they might put out a display of needlework books.

Show dates are Saturday, September 29th from 10am to 5pm and Sunday September 30th from 1pm to 4pm. We had to shorten the time on Sunday to ensure that we have everything cleared away before the library closes. This year's judge will be Donna Halprin, who assisted with last year's judging.

Our show chairman, Diane Myers, is working hard to make this year's show great (and is trying to cut costs wherever she can) and she is looking for an assistant (who will be next year's chairman). If you are interested, please let her know. Diane has also enlisted the help of a publicity committee to help advertise the show this year so if you have any ideas, let Diane and her team know.

It Just Takes A Second...

My husband, Tom, left early Saturday morning on April 14th, leaving me all alone to enjoy several relaxing days of stitching. About 6pm, I returned from a quick trip to the restroom to discover my cat, Jared, chewing on the end of my thread *and no needle in sight!* After calling the vet (after hours, of course), I took him to get x-rays. Sure enough, there was a needle in his stomach and he had to have surgery to get it out. It was rather expensive, I'm sure it was very painful and he didn't eat for a week and a half, causing us lots of worry. It could have been worse. The vet said that they had never had a cat owner react so quickly: he was at the office about 30 minutes after swallowing it so it hadn't had time to go further and perforate his stomach or intestines. He's fine now and getting back to be his usual self. You can be sure that the pillow case that I use to store my project when I'm not working on it will be used to cover the piece whenever I'm not there, even if I leave the room "for just a second". -- Su Pellitieri



32nd Annual Needlework Show



hosted by the Needle Arts Guild of Toledo

September 29 & 30, 2007
Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm



Enjoy viewing
works of art
stitched by hand!



**Toledo Lucas County Public Library
Sanger Branch
3030 W. Central Ave., Toledo OH 43606**

Free - Open to the Public

Ribbons & Prizes will be awarded, including a special Triathlon prize!

To submit an entry into the show, go to online application at
<http://members.aol.com/NeedleArtsToledo/showinfo.htm>
or call Susan Pellitieri at 419-382-1329 for more information.

This Space Available

What would you like to see in the newsletter? I often have space to fill and would like suggestions from you. This month I didn't have any tips, book reviews, humor or member spotlights to use that I haven't used already. I would appreciate it if you could provide me with quick space fillers to use in future issues. I'm looking for items that may not have time constraints. I have seen patterns and stitch illustrations in other newsletters, is this something you want to include in ours? If so, please remember copyright restrictions!

Your articles and feedback are welcome.

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