

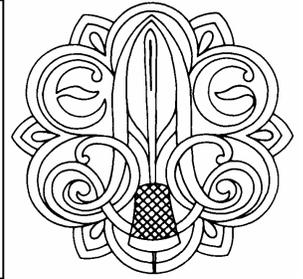


Needle Arts Guild of Toledo

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From The President's Desk

Holiday greetings to you all,

We are entering the holiday season when the colors change on the trees outside our windows, the landscape takes on a different hue with pine needles and leaves strewn across the grass, frost on the bushes in the morning hours, and the "white stuff" that likes to appear soon after Thanksgiving. Our needlework also changes colors as we complete gifts to give for the December holidays and to welcome a new year, or work on a piece that brings some warmth to chase away the chill in the air.

Thank you to everyone who has made this past year such a great one for our guild. Each month we have had interesting programs to teach us new stitching techniques, we have worked to curtail some expenses by posting our newsletter online, we held our very successful Annual Needlework Show at the Sanger Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, we have supported the Toledo Botanical Garden through our volunteer efforts and representation at meetings of the Resident Organizations, we proposed a change in the EGA dues process (to allow renewals all at one time instead of four times a year) which was accepted by the Regional Directors and then approved at the National Seminar in Chicago in September. And we did not stop there. Our Membership Committee will continue working to make sure we have an up to date roster, our volunteer hours will be maintained by us as well as TBG, we have recognized the need for an historian for our guild and will be looking for volunteers to help with that pursuit, our assistance to the families of soldiers recuperating in Texas has won recognition by their facility, we created beautiful bookmarks for the successful students at Penta Adult Education, we are continuing to organize the opportunity drawing and donate an ornament decorated wreath for the Heralding the Holidays event for TBG, and the list goes on.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President this past year. It has been an honor.

Happy Stitching to you all as we approach this holiday time of year.

Marianne

About Our 32nd Annual Show

By all accounts this show, as all shows in the past, was a success! There was a location change for the first time but it proved to be a positive move. Sometimes change is good! The Sanger Branch Library was very accommodating and our attendance was very good. Those in attendance were impressed with the quality of stitching and the variety of techniques, as was our judge. Our guild members got a lot of questions and that left little time for us to do any stitching during the show. We met some very interesting people and had the opportunity to share our passion for needlework.

It takes a great number of people to put on this show. On Thursday evening there was the crew to take in entries and the crew to set up stands. On Friday there was the crew to work with the judge and another group to "hang the show". It got a little hectic as 5:30 approached on Friday evening but the job got done. On Saturday and Sunday the tables were manned with greeters and demonstrators all with friendly and smiling faces. Finally, there was the tear down crew. Thanks to everyone for your time and hard work!! It is fun to be part of a group so willing to do whatever it takes to get a job done... and done well.

And thanks to those stitchers willing to make entries in the show and share their finished needlework. You inspire us all to continue to practice and learn new techniques.

Keep stitching,

Diane Myers

There were 38 entrants with 114 items in this year's show, resulting in 65 ribbons and over 250 people attended the event. The triathlon winner was Caren Scarbrough, who also won the Best In Show, Judge's Choice and Guild Choice Awards for her *Field Mouse* embroidery piece. Popular Choice was won by Elaine Laney for her *Eye of the Tiger* cross-stitch piece. Beth Thompson won the Joyce Merrill Award for her *Deerfield Sampler* embroidery piece. Congratulations to everybody for a great show!

Program Schedule

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.

Get It Finished!

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

Calendar of Events

Dates	Event Information
11/14/07	NAGT Monthly Meeting
11/30/07 – 12/02/07	<i>Heralding The Holidays</i> , sponsored by TBG
12/06/07	NAGT Board Meeting
12/12/07	Annual Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange



Caren Scarbrough and the *Field Mouse* took multiple ribbons at this year's annual show. The Tanja Berlin thread painting design was beautifully stitched and won the Judge's Choice, Guild Choice and Best in Show. Caren was also this year's Triathlon winner. Congratulations, Caren! Photo by D. Myers.



Photo by T. Pellitieri



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We had a wonderful display for our show this year at the Sanger Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Library.

Announcements and Snippets

New Members

There has been a lot of interest lately through 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 \$43 (National is increasing by \$3 in 2008) and should be sent directly to the Treasurer, Karlyn Thompson. Karlyn is acting as assistant to our Membership Chair, Donna Mohn, so that the dues can be processed faster. Here's the list of membership renewals that I have for December 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: Beverly Freshour, Connie Gonser, Kay Griffith, Christine Hampshire, Annette Hill, Sue Hojnacki, Anna Kerlin, Kathleen King, Jennie Kronberg, Irene Leonard, Lynne Long, Jennifer Miller, Donna Mohn, Marianne Mussett, Maria Nowicki, Susan Pellitieri, Caren Scarbrough, Carla Stichler, Cathy Studer, Denise Waterfield, Debra L. Williams, and Nancy L. Wright.

Group Correspondence Course Completed!

Eight members completed Judy Jeroy's group correspondence course titled "Crewel Choices". This is an intermediate level course and we were encouraged to change colors, change the placement of elements in the design, and add or leave out elements of her original design. Each of the eight finished projects had changes that certainly made them unique pieces. Judy's comment sheets were thorough, as usual, and had positive and helpful suggestions. Two of the members, Sue Wiemer and Kay Griffith, were asked to sign release forms so that Judy can show their finished pieces as examples on the EGA website. So, be on the lookout for that posting!



GCC News from National

The following message is from Sharon Shimohara, Director of Education

I am very happy to announce an exciting addition to our GCC program. BettyLou Pendleton, GCC Chairman, and JoAnn Paules, National Web Coordinator, have formed a special Yahoo Group for the Group Correspondence Course School.

This site, (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EGA_GCC), will have links to and from the EGA web site. It will be a place for general discussions about the program's procedures and courses and also a place for asking questions.

Membership is limited to EGA members. The site features pertinent files, such as pilot stitcher application forms and registration forms for all of our 2007 GCCs. These files may be printed from the site itself. Photo albums will feature teacher photos of current GCCs and student photos submitted on invitation from the teachers. We all hope you will use and enjoy this new site. An article explaining the site will be in the December Needle Arts.

I would like to thank BettyLou Pendleton and JoAnn Paules for their work in creating this wonderful addition to our Correspondence Course School. If you have any questions, please email JoAnn (EGA_National@hotmail.com) or BettyLou (blpendle@aol.com).

Sharon Shimohara, Director of Education

Resident Organization Committee

The R.O.C. of Toledo Botanical Gardens is looking for new leadership. The present officers have served longer than their required time in these positions and would like others to step up and replace them. My name is Vicky Dankert and I represent the Toledo Stained Glass Guild as its member to R.O.C. I am heading the nomination committee to find candidates for new R.O.C. officers. In November, I need to present a list of prospective new officers for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Job descriptions for these jobs are in the R.O.C. by laws section III under Duties of Officers. The present officers will gladly train anyone interested in these positions over the next few months. As a member of a TBG resident organization, we need to support the R.O.C. and its link to TBG. Please share this information with your group and report any interested candidates from your group back to me by Wednesday November 14. You can reach me at 419-352-1434 or by e-mail at vdankert@dacor.net.

Thank you,
Vicky Dankert

Announcements and Snippets

Stitch-In

Stitch-In meetings are held every Thursday from 11am–5pm. The third Thursday of the month we are at Something Extra. Other Thursdays we meet at a member's home.

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 6:30pm – 9:30pm.

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

GLR Seminar 2008

Regular registration begins on Nov. 15, 2007 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>

33rd Annual Needlework Show

We had such a successful show this year and it's not too early to think about next year's show. Peverly Hormann will be our show chairman next year and would love to hear from you if you would be interested in being her assistant. We were so pleased with the change in venue this year to the Sanger Branch Library that we would like to go back there for future shows. Peverly is looking into her schedule and will try to coordinate a date with the library for next year's show. The only drawback to using the library is the more limited time we have for judging. We can start no earlier than 9:00 a.m. when the library opens and they close at 5:30 p.m. With a lunch break, this means just 8 hours to get everything judged and on display. We have been averaging about 115 entries for the last few years (and we had about 150 in 2005). One hundred fifteen entries judged in 8 hours means each entry has to be judged in 4 minutes! This leaves no time to judge critiques; in fact this year's judge, Donna Halpin, took notes, worked after hours and came back Sunday afternoon to complete the critiques. Thanks to Donna for all this extra work!! Not every judge will be able to devote this time, so the guild voted at the October meeting to eliminate critiques in future shows due to the time constraint. Judges will still be able to write comments for each entry on the judging sheet.

Heralding The Holidays

Don't forget that we will be doing Snowflake Christmas ornaments for Toledo Botanical Garden's *Heralding The Holidays* event November 30-December 2, 2007. Our holiday wreath is always one of the most popular at the opportunity drawing. Also, please be sure to sign up to help out, if possible!

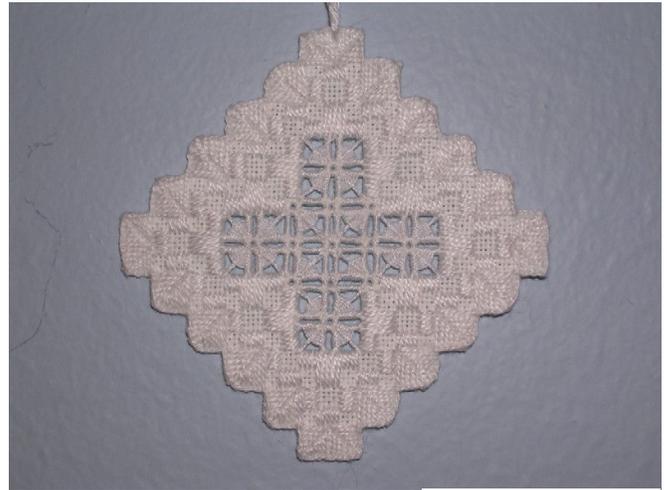


Photo by S. Pellitieri

Don't forget to bring your ornament to the November meeting!

Just What Is An Adaptation?

Over the years we have made improvements to our show in how it is run and in how people can enter (with new entry forms and the addition of on-line entries), but there still seems to be some confusion over the adaptation classification. Most of the confusion is coming from non-guild people entering the show, although even guild members have trouble understanding and explaining it. Many people entering the show think that a small change to a commercial pattern makes the piece an adaptation and this error is not always caught when the piece is dropped off before judging on Thursday night. I would like to form a small committee to discuss adaptations before the next show. I'd like to have a better definition of what is or is not an adaptation and how we can communicate this on our entry form for next year's show. I'm thinking that we will only need a few meetings after the first of the year and can meet after our regular meetings or at my house on a different night if that is more convenient. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact me.

Su Pellitieri

NAGT Officers and Board Members for 2007

The NAGT Newsletter is published six times per year (January, March, May, July, September, and November) by the Needle Arts Guild of Toledo (NAGT) chapter, The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. The Editor welcomes comments, input, and story items. Please send them to the editor by the 25th of the month preceding publication.

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MEMBERSHIP in the Needle Arts Guild of Toledo is open to all embroiderers. New and renewing dues payments should be sent to : Karlyn Thompson, 19330 Tuller Rd, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

ANNUAL DUES - NAGT annual dues of \$40 (\$43 in 2008) includes:

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.

MEETINGS are the second Wednesday of every month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Toledo Botanical Gardens Conference Center.

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.

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.

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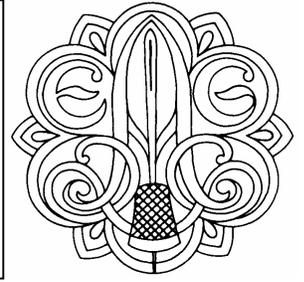
Kay Griffith received the Gold Thread Award for the Great Lakes Region at the opening banquet at the 2007 EGA National Seminar in Chicago. *Photo by D. Hampshire*



Kay surrounded by her friends and fellow members of the Needle Arts Guild of Toledo after receiving her award. *Photo by D. Hampshire.*



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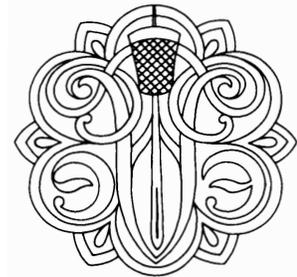


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- Foster high standards of design, color, and workmanship in embroidery;
- Teach the embroidery arts; and
- Preserve our national needle arts heritage.

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