

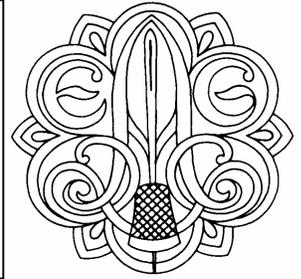


# Needle Arts Guild of Toledo

## Newsletter

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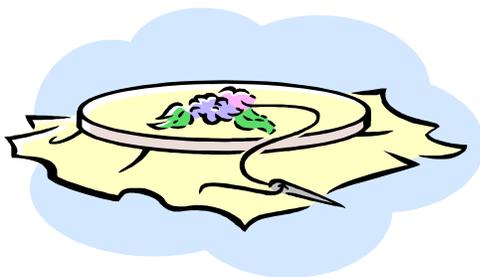
#### From The President's Desk

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy 2008. This is the time of year to be grateful for the joys we've experienced and make our resolutions for the year to come. First of all I would like to thank Marianne Mussett for the wonderful job she did as president this past year. She did a really superb job of leading the board and the organization. Thanks to Su for the great newsletter, I really enjoy the format and all of the sharing that takes place there. The show was a great success this year as we presented it in a new venue. Diane Myers did a super job of organizing. Thanks to all of our members who gave their time to volunteer to cover the Opportunity Drawing table at *Heralding the Holidays and Arts in the Garden*, stitching demonstrations, bookmark making, ornament stitching, kit collecting, and all our activities. Your hours help us so much.

I remember how Beth Thompson and I found NAGT. We attended one of the shows and we were both so impressed with the beautiful things we saw and we were hooked. I would like to thank all of the talented women who have shared their specialties with us over the years. I've done so many wonderful projects that I probably never would have tried on my own.

I look forward to a great year for the chapter. In keeping with the theme of sharing and supporting, I hope we can encourage more talented people to join our chapter and have all of our current members take an active role in the chapter activities.

Happy New Year!  
*Maria*



#### Announcements and Snippets

##### Board Meetings

This year the board meetings will be held at the home of Maria Nowicki at 6:45 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. The address and directions have been emailed to the board members. If you didn't receive directions and want to attend a meeting, please contact Maria.

##### 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](mailto:jrmyers@roadrunner.com) for the next meeting place.

##### New Members

There has been a lot of activity 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!

##### Special Thanks

Thank you to you wonderful guild members who sent cards or came to the visitation when my mother passed away. I was overwhelmed by how many of you sent cards. You all are so caring!

Also, thank you to my secret stitcher for the wonderful fall basket for my birthday. I have been enjoying all the goodies. Thank you also for the Christmas stocking with all the goodies in it. -- Sue Wiemer

## Program Schedule

### "Hearts" EGA National Outreach Program 2006

At the November meeting, the members chose the Hearts project as the on-going project for this year. If you would like to participate in this project, there is a \$12 fee for the booklet. Normally there is a \$5 shipping and handling fee, but the EGA will waive this fee for a group order. Remember, this project not only supports EGA but the American Heart Association. If you are interested in getting a copy of the Hearts booklet, please let Irene Leonard know by the January meeting. The \$12 book fee is due in January. A picture of the project is on page 5 of this newsletter.

**Stitch of the Month Club:** Each month in 2008, there will be a mini-lesson on a different stitch. The goal of this program is to (re)introduce a basic stitch, demonstrate variations on the stitch, and in some cases, the progression of the stitch. The monthly schedule appears below. Hopefully at the end of the year, you can assemble your examples into a book. Caren Scarbrough is willing to give a demonstration on making a "Cloth Book".

This series of mini-lessons will be a perfect opportunity to use up some of your stash, so please bring some appropriate fabric and threads to each meeting. If you would like to share your stash with your stitching neighbor, please do so! If you would like to volunteer to teach a stitch, or if you would like to learn more about a particular stitch, please see Irene Leonard.

January 9: Stitch of the Month - Chain Stitch; Hearts book orders and \$12 due; *also* Village Green - a work in progress for those who need help

February 13: Stitch of the Month - Herringbone; Hearts project start (if the U.S. Postal Service will cooperate); *also* Village Green - a work in progress for those who need help

March 12: Stitch of the Month - to be determined; Hearts pattern #1, Bargello and Couched Trellis; *Get It Finished* entries

April 9: Stitch of the Month - to be determined;

May 14: Stitch of the Month - to be determined;

June 11: Annual Pot Luck Party, *Get It Finished* entries, and Secret Stitchers revealed

July 9: Stitch of the Month - to be determined;

August 13: Stitch of the Month - to be determined;

September 10: Stitch of the Month - to be determined;

October 8: Stitch of the Month - to be determined;

November 12: Stitch of the Month - to be determined;

December 10: Annual Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange. Also *Get It Finished* entries, Cookie Exchange, prizes for *Get It Finished* and volunteer drawings, New Officer Installation.

## Calendar of Events

Dates	Event Information
01/09/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting
02/07/08	NAGT Board Meeting
02/13/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting
03/06/08	NAGT Board Meeting
03/12/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting ( <i>Get It Finished</i> Entries)
04/03/08	NAGT Board Meeting
04/09/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting
04/20/08 – 04/24/08	<i>Threads of Friendship</i> , GLR seminar, hosted by the Madison Area Chapter, Madison WI
05/01/08	NAGT Board Meeting
05/14/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting
06/05/08	NAGT Board Meeting
06/11/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting (Annual Potluck, <i>Get It Finished</i> Entries)
06/28/08 – 06/29/08	<i>Crosby Festival of the Arts</i> , sponsored by TBG
07/03/08	NAGT Board Meeting
07/09/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting
08/07/08	NAGT Board Meeting
08/13/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting
08/31/08 – 09/05/08	<i>National Seminar</i> , hosted by EGA, Louisville, KY
09/04/08	NAGT Board Meeting
09/10/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting ( <i>Get It Finished</i> Entries)
10/02/08	NAGT Board Meeting
10/08/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting
11/06/08	NAGT Board Meeting
11/12/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting
12/04/08	NAGT Board Meeting
12/10/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting (Annual Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange; <i>Get It Finished</i> Entries)

## Announcements and Snippets

### Group Correspondence Course

We have had a lot of fun in the last few years working on Group Correspondence Courses. There is a new GCC being offered called *Moonlight Sonata* by Cindy Valentine that I think is very pretty. Is anyone else interested in doing the project? I have never led an GCC, but if someone who has done so it in the past can provide some guidance, I would be willing to be the coordinator. I'm even now thinking of what I need to buy for my mat cutters to do the special framing.

*Su Pellitieri*

#### Here are the project details from EGA:

An intermediate course in Hardanger embroidery, this piece focuses on some of the ways traditional Hardanger embroidery stitches can be embellished using other pulled stitches, surface stitches, specialty threads, and beads. There is a chart to help the student select an alternate colorway if desired. Several filling stitches will be learned while stitching this sampler, including small webbed spokes, adjoining wrapped bars, curled V, struvor, and large, wheeled spokes. In addition, there are double cables, a four-sided stitch, faggot stitch, Algerian eyelets and other eyelet stitches. These stitches are combined with traditional Hardanger motifs, satin stitches, and klostors to make a piece suitable for framing. Because some of these stitches require compensation or complex pathways, information is given to help the student plot a path for irregular areas of needleweaving or wrapping. Information is provided about how to repair common cutting errors.

**Project:** Framed piece

**Size:** Stitched area is 7.43" x 15.29" on 28-ct linen

**Fabric:** 28-ct linen

**Threads:** A variety of cottons, silks, and metallics

**Colors:** Periwinkle blues and white; chart included to aid in selecting alternate colorways

**Skill level:** Intermediate

**Prerequisites:** Ability to read a chart and some Hardanger experience

**Time:** Six months

**Fee:** \$150 per group

**Text:** \$40.00 per student; more than 70 pages, extensive color graphics including photos showing each step for completing complex stitches and pathways

**Supplies:** (Approximate) \$50.00

There is also a more detailed picture on pg. 49 of the December 2007 *Needlearts* magazine.



Moonlight Sonata (picture downloaded from EGA website)

### Thank You

Ladies of Needle Arts Guild of Toledo:

I was pleasantly surprised at the December meeting when I received your gifts: a \$50 gift certificate to Meant to Bead (you all know how much I love beads and to bead) and a basket of threads from several members from their private stashes. I will remember each of you as I use the threads and the beads I will collect.

I did put in a lot of years of service because I feel that EGA is a wonderful organization and needs supporting. EGA has been my teacher, my savior and much more for many years. I was more than happy to support the organization while I was able, and encourage all of you to do the same. Thanks again for your gifts. -- Kay Griffith

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### Heralding The Holidays

Thanks to everyone who made the *Heralding The Holidays* a success. Our holiday wreath was once again the most popular at the opportunity drawing. The ornaments were made by: Donna Cairns, Maria Nowicki, Cathy Studer, Irene Leonard, Su Pellitieri, Katherine Thompson, Kay Griffith, Marilyn Freeman, Anna Kerlin, Jennifer Miller, Debbie Williams, Sue Wiemer, Elizabeth Thompson, Jennie Kronberg (2), Ann Rorarius, Peverley Hormann, and Diane Myers.

Here's a full list of the ornaments we have done:

- 2001 Santa
- 2002 Nutcrackers
- 2003 Angels
- 2004 Snowmen
- 2005 Birds
- 2006 Dogs & Cats
- 2007 Snowflakes

And we have already voted that next year the 2008 wreath will be Stockings.



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Did you know that EGA is a 501c(3) organization and that donation to the organization are tax deductible? Donations can also be made to your local group. The first page of the *Needlearts* magazine has more information on contributions to the EGA Annual Fund.

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**ANNUAL DUES** - NAGT annual dues of \$43 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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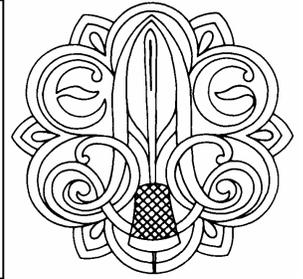
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The photos at left are from the EGA website and show the Hearts project discussed on page 2 of this newsletter. I had initially signed up for the booklet even though I'm not a "hearts" person, figuring that I could at least learn some new stitches. When I mentioned this at the board meeting and that I was not certain I really wanted to do it, Caren Scarbrough suggested that I do different outlines like cats instead. Thanks to this suggestion, I would be more likely to complete the project! We discussed other outlines that could be done, like flowers or even ice cream cones. There are lots of ways to personalize this piece and it would be great to see them all displayed side by side in our show. So ladies, I challenge you to think of ways to make this project your own. -- Su Pellitieri



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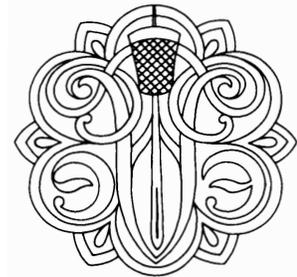


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- Teach the embroidery arts; and
- Preserve our national needle arts heritage.

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