

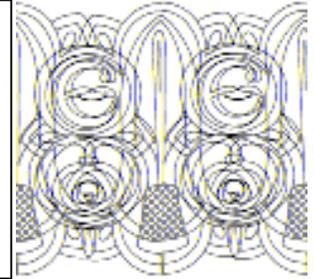


Needle Arts Guild of Toledo

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From The President's Desk

Greetings to all! Hopefully you are all stitching like crazy to get all of those unfinished projects completed in time for the September show. It was really beautiful last year and I know I am looking forward to seeing lots of great things. Check the web site for more information. The needlework display case that our members set up brought lots of comments from the visitors to the Sanger Library and we're hoping for a big turnout for the show as a result. Any assistance you can provide in set up or greeting or cleanup will be greatly appreciated. Many of us are off to the national seminar in Louisville the first week in September. I know I'll come back with lots of things I don't need but managed to convince myself that I couldn't live without! And isn't that wonderful.

Happy Stitching!
Maria

Children's Outreach Project July 15, 2008

During Open Art Days at the Toledo Botanical Garden, members of the Guild had the opportunity to work with area children on a plastic canvas needlepoint project. The children were able to pick out their own colors for a "fish" project. Big Thank You to Annette Hill and Anna Kerlin for materials and special thanks to Anna for organizing.

Members who participated were: Julia Stange, Anna Kerlin, Diane Myers, Helen Zeller and Maria Nowicki. Each little girl left with a completed fish necklace or ornament complete with google eyes. They were also given enough materials to make another one at home. It was a great time for everyone who took part.

Arts in the Garden August 3, 2008

Members of the Guild helped with needlework demonstration at the Arts in the Garden held at the Botanical Gardens the first Sunday in August. We had many visitors stop by and comment on the work being done by our members. Thanks to everyone who participated in the demonstrations. We were able to pass on information about our September show to the visitors who stopped by.

Very Important Announcements!

September Meetings

There will not be a board meeting in September due to the EGA National Seminar in Louisville, KY. *The general meeting on Sept. 10th will start at 7:00 p.m.* The TBG board will be meeting in the room before us and will run longer than normal due to the master plan being presented.

Annual Show

I recently discovered a major problem with the online entry form. The form appeared to be working and after you clicked on the submit button, you got the "thank you" message that indicated that the form had been sent. But I never received it!! I have no idea how many people submitted entries. I have replaced the form asking people to email me their entries again. I also sent out a message to everyone I could telling them of the problem and asking them to resubmit their entries. *If you submitted an online form before August 28th and did not get a reply from me acknowledging the entry then I never got it! **Please resubmit it!!***

A lot of members wait to give me their forms at the general meeting. *Please don't wait!* The meeting is the night before item drop-off and I will have limited time to enter all of the information into my database. *Please mail your entry form as soon as possible!* Even receiving it two days before our meeting will help me get the data entered on time. If you will not be able to drop off your items, I will take them at the meeting, but I'd rather not have to transport that much.

Obviously these problems might cause more tension during item drop off on Thursday. If we are calm about it and explain, I'm sure everyone will be patient and understanding. We may have new people who entered but didn't get my message about the error and the request to resubmit. We will have to explain the issue and ask them to fill out an entry form when they arrive just like the regular walk-in entrants. Therefore, I might need more people than normal to handle clerking duties on Thursday than I originally thought. Peverley had the sign up sheet during the August meeting so please sign up to volunteer if you haven't already.

Thanks for helping your frantic show registrar!!

Su

Program Schedule

Stitch of the Month Club: We started in January with the Stitch of the Month Club. Our goal is to assemble the different samples of our stitches in a cloth book later this year. If you missed a month or are just getting started on this project, copies of earlier stitches are still available. As far as supplies for this project, I would encourage you to use materials and fibers from your stash.

September 10: Stitch of the Month - Motif Stitches. Correspondence Class - Moonlight Sonata continues, Su Pellitieri will be available to answer any questions regarding this project. Looking ahead - Selecting/ordering a new group project. *Get It Finished* entries.

October 8: Stitch of the Month - Filling Stitches. Please note if you missed any of the Stitch of the Month series extra copies are available. Correspondence Class - Moonlight Sonata continues. Nomination of Officers for 2009.

November 12: Stitch of the Month - to be determined. Correspondence Class - Moonlight Sonata continues, working toward a deadline of Dec. 10th. Election of Officers for 2009. Sharing heirloom needlework - Nancy Wright has suggested that the members bring some of the needlework pieces that have been "passed down" from generation to generation.

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

The 577 Stitch Getaway

We have been working on our stitch of the month projects and thought that it would be helpful to put everything into an elegant fabric book that Caren Scarbrough has so graciously agreed to teach us. We also thought that it would be pleasant to get away to a relaxing place for a stitch-in. Based on the suggestions from several people, arrangements have been made for us to gather at the 577 Foundation in Perrysburg on Saturday, November 1. It is a beautiful house and it should be a fun project. More details on the location and times will be available at the September and October meetings. Also look for a sign up sheet for a possible potluck lunch. Caren has provided the following information on the project and the materials needed.

We will meet on November 1 at the 577 Foundation in Perrysburg to learn to make a fabric book. You will be provided with enough materials to make one muslin book. You can make the book by machine or hand sewing.

Calendar of Events

Dates	Event Information
08/31/08 — 09/05/08	<i>National Seminar</i> , hosted by EGA, Louisville, KY
09/10/08	NAGT Monthly Meeting at 7PM (<i>Get It Finished</i> Entries)
09/13/08 — 09/14/08	NAGT 33rd Annual Needlework Show at the Sanger Branch Library
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)

You will need to bring thread to match muslin, thread scissors, fabric scissors, disappearing or chalk fabric markers and straight pins. If you are machine sewing, you will need your machine (don't forget the cords), and extra machine needles. If you are hand sewing, bring hand sewing needles.

If you have them, bring a rotary cutter and cutting mat and your quilters ruler. We will need one iron and ironing board for every 3 people. We'll get volunteers at the meeting.

We will spend the first half of the day making the muslin book. The second half we will discuss ways to enhance our stitched samples from this year. Most of you will have time to start a book with your choice of fabric. You will need one yard of cotton quilters fabric to make the book. About 1/2 yard more to make bound edges. If you want each page to be different you will need 4 to 8 fat quarters. You will need thread to match your fabrics and thread to match the background fabric of your stitched pieces.

I have a sign up sheet for Pam Sussman's book "Fabric Art Journals". The book has detailed instructions for making 5 types of fabric books along with many embellishment ideas. You do not need to purchase the book to take the class, but you might want to take some notes. The book will cost \$22-\$25. The September meeting will be the last sign up day.

Refreshments

There is a sign up sheet for volunteers to bring refreshments at the meetings. Please consider signing up for one of the future meetings. Thanks!

Announcements and Snippets

Annual Show Times

These are the dates and times that we have the meeting room available to us. Others may be in the room as well, especially on Thursday.

Thurs, Sept. 11: available from noon - 8:45 pm (close at 9 pm)

Fri., Sept. 12: available from 9am-5:15pm (close at 5:30 pm)

Sat., Sept. 13: available from 9am-5:15 pm (close at 5:30 pm)

Sun., Sept. 14: available from 1pm-5:15pm (close at 5:30 pm)

Item drop-off will be on Thursday from 4pm-8pm. We will try to get in the room at 3pm so we can set up the tables. The actual show hours are 10am-5pm on Saturday and 1pm-4pm on Sunday. This will give us an hour on Saturday morning to do any last minute preparations and plenty of time on Sunday to break down the stands and clear out the room.

Website Link Updates

I have received some info for links to interesting needlework related websites on our website, but I'd like to receive more! Some of the sites are for vendors who have given us donations/prizes for our show. I'd like to also include some sites from non-vendors. Does anyone know of any good cyber-stitch sites - places where people can chat with other stitchers, compare notes or get inspiration on new projects? If you know of any good sites, please send the link to me so I can check it out and include it on our site.

Su Pellitieri

Beth Thompson found an Online Fall Needlework Show that will be active September 24th-29th, 2008. While it is primarily directed at vendors, the web page is open for browsing by the general public. The site provides links to a wide variety of products from various needlework vendors. You can visit the show at <http://needleworkshow.com/> and use the General Viewing link which will be active starting September 24th.

Michigan Shop Hop

Shopping, Fun, Prizes, New Patterns! It's time for the Michigan Shop Hop. Check out each store for great deals and trunk shows. We all need more stash, right? Maybe some of us can get together and do a road trip? The dates are September 19 - 29, 2008. Shops participating include Timeless Stitches-Tecumseh, In Stitches-Jackson, Flying Stitch-Battle Creek, Distinctive Stitches-Kalamazoo, Stitching Bits and Bobs-Plainwell, Homestead Needle Arts-Grand Blanc, and Ladybug Shoppe-Royal Oak. Passports are \$5 and there are door prizes from each store and a grand prize.

County Fair Ribbon Winners

Congratulations to Jennie Kronfeld for being in the ribbons with her needlework at the Lucas County Fair. Jennie entered crocheted and knitted pieces along with some counted cross stitch. Karlyn Thompson also won numerous ribbons in the needlework division at the Wood County Fair. Karlyn has served for more than ten years on the needlework committee keeping categories up to date, receiving entries, setting up the display, and a multitude of other jobs. Past member Denise Waterfield also won ribbons at the Wood County Fair. Making entries for your county fair is a great way to promote what we all love to do.

Ohio State Day

This year's Ohio State Day was appropriately called "Friends in Stitches". The Columbus Area Chapter of EGA did a great job of setting up a perfect day for about forty area stitchers. Attendees from NAGT were Jennifer Miller, Kim Carles-Hammer, Anna Kerlin, Karlyn Thompson, and Diane Myers. The day took place in a very nice room in Dublin Community Church, Dublin, Ohio. The day began with tables loaded with breads, rolls, and morning drinks. The class was taught by Ellen Chester of With My Needle. She designed a needle book and sewing case featuring two friends sharing needlework, cardinals, and carnations. At the noon break we were served a delicious lunch by the ladies of the church. Everyone received door prizes following lunch and we finished up the class around 3 pm. Ellen had loads of her patterns stitched and on display to tempt us into purchasing her patterns.....and she was successful! We were sent on our way with a snack bag and a bottle of water for the trip home. But before we left Dublin we shopped at the local needlework shops. What's the Point was everyone's favorite with a great selection of threads. I think we are all looking forward to next year's day of stitching.

Stitch-in at Clark Lake

This was the second annual visit to Clark Lake by the Thursday stitch-in group. Sue Wiemer's family has been at the lake for generations and her family still stays in one of the original cottages. She and her husband Doug were wonderful hosts taking us for a tour of the lake in their speedboat and telling stories about the various cottages and their owners. We had our lunch enjoying the view of the lake. It was a beautiful day and very relaxing just sitting on the dock. And yes, we did get some stitching done.

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Thursday Stitch-in Group goes to TMA

On August 7 several of us met at the Toledo Museum of Art to view the Winterthur exhibit. Henry Francis DuPont, born in 1880, was a collector of American decorative arts. The exhibit displayed a small fraction of his collection. Of special interest to our group was a beautifully embroidered bedcover and two framed, embroidered pieces. The workmanship was exquisite. After our self guided tour we all had lunch in the museum cafe and continued our day with an afternoon of stitching at past member Carol Yonov's home.



Ann Rorarius, Anna Kerlin, Nancy Wright, Sue Wiemer, Marilyn Freeman, Katherine Thompson & Julia Stange. Photo by D. Myers.

If you ever have a free afternoon on any Thursday please join us. The Stitch-Ins are open to all. The first two Thursdays of the month we stitch at a member's home, the third Thursday we stitch at Something

Extra, and the fourth Thursday we are in Tecumseh at Timeless Stitches. We have loads of fun and if you have questions about stitching (or life in general) there is plenty of experience in this group! 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 Winterthur exhibit is free and continues through September 7.

Membership Renewal

Is it time to renew your membership? Dues are \$43 and should be sent directly to the Treasurer so that the dues can be processed faster. Here's the list of membership renewals that I have for September. 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: Phebe Cheaney Engel, Peverley Hormann, Diane Myers, Ruth Schaffer, Connie Shiple, Karlyn Thompson, and Sue Wiemer.

Sanger Library Display

During the month of July NAGT had an exhibit of needlework in the display cases at Sanger. Several members loaned their finished needlework and that was mixed with various threads, books, linens and tools. It was a beautiful display, so I was told by the employees and a library patron. It is a busy place and on some days 800 patrons pass through this branch. Hopefully it stirred up some interest in the guild and our September show. Many thanks to Karlyn Thompson for the perfect placement of the display items.



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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.

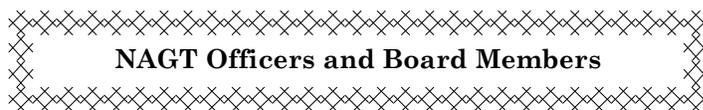
MEETING CANCELLATION: Monthly meetings are cancelled due to bad weather if the Toledo Public schools are closed. Tune into AM 1370 News radio in Toledo for school closings.

If You Need A Ride

If there are any members needing transportation to a meeting please let us know. We have members attending from all over the Toledo area. Don't stay home just because you can't drive!

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.



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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!

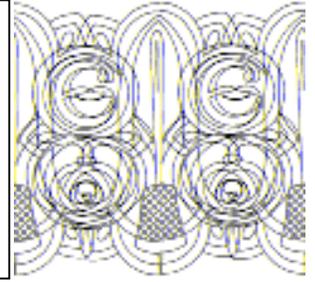


Get It Finished!

Don't Forget to bring in your projects to the September meeting!



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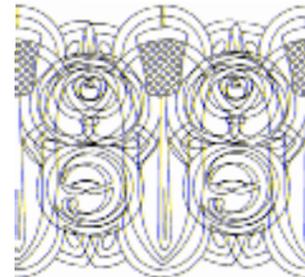


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