

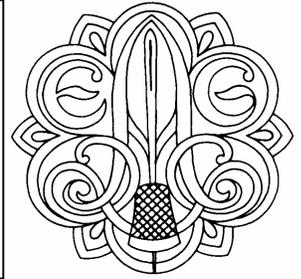


Needle Arts Guild of Toledo

Newsletter

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From The President's Desk

Dear Members of NAGT:

At a meeting with the TBG administration, I was told that they will no longer accommodate our organization. We will need to find a new place to meet for our April meeting. Board members are checking things out and we will make sure we find a suitable place.

Here is the summary of the actions taken by the TBG administration:

TBG re-examined the concept of the resident organizations and spoke to "those associated with the garden for a long time". No one could tell them how the ROs came to be. "It just happened" was the response they received. TBG examined their goals for maintaining their association with the ROs, and what they were willing to do. They expressed their needs to be careful with their physical and staffing resources (They have a low number of staff at present). Based on their review, they decided that they did not have the staff hours to handle the current number of organizations. They also reviewed our organization: our members, how many were garden members, number of volunteer hours, etc.

Long story short: our charter will not be renewed. TBG will accommodate us through March 2009. They stated that holding space for a large number of organizations prevents them from renting space.

I asked which organizations would be staying, and was informed that most of those occupying the houses, except for Spectrum, which is disbanding and will not be in existence next year. TBG said that they want to maintain a relationship with the art groups that better aligned with the art that was represented in the garden.

They closed by giving me a list of libraries and suggested we check banks and churches.

We have 5 months to find a new meeting place.

Maria

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.

November 12: Stitch of the Month - Knotted Stitches. 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. So please bring a favorite piece(s) of embroidery for "Show and Tell."

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

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!

November treats will be provided by Diane Myers and Nancy Wright.

Calendar of Events

Dates	Event Information
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

Stitch-in

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.

Membership Renewal

The EGA is transitioning to its annual dues schedule in May. New members will be charge for a partial year based on when they join, renewing members may be charged for a full year as well as for a partial year during the transition to get everyone on the same schedule. Our membership chair, Diane Myers, will be sending out notices with your payment amount and due date. If you have any questions about this, please contact her.

Local Woman Hero in House Fire

The women were sitting quietly, each concentrating on the work before her. All skilled embroiderers, they were gathered in a beautiful sunroom for a weekly time of stitching, sharing, and of course, good food.

Suddenly smoke began to arise from the work of one of the stitchers! She was working on a K-frame with a Daylite magnifier, and sitting blissfully with the sun on her back, on the soft, comfortable sofa.

SMOKE! The wonderful sunshine had focused through the magnifier and started a fire right on the table in front of the stitcher!

As the women all began to see and exclaim over the smoke, Nancy L. Wright of Grand Rapids, Ohio sited the origin of the smoke, and risking life, limb and stitching finger, smashed out the flames. Fortunately no damage occurred beyond a large charred hole in the stitcher's paper pattern, which had been laying on a table in front of her.

The stitcher, who wishes to remain anonymous out of sheer embarrassment, is grateful for the heroic action taken by Nancy!

For Sale

Karla Burroughs has Medici Wool from Judy's Creative Needle for Sale. Please contact her for more information. 419-829-6433

My First Seminar

My first seminar was really a great experience. I went to the EGA National Seminar in Louisville last Sept. The fact that it was the 50th anniversary, and in Louisville, made it very special. I took a four day class from Marsha Papay Gomola, learned a lot, and plan to finish the Four Seasons Sewing Box some day. It is a big project, but I really like it.

Our hotel was connected to the Convention Center, so it was easy to get to class. We were in class from 8:30 to 4:30, with about a two hour break for lunch. There was also a boutique and a bookstore in the Convention Center. We could see the teachers exhibit of the projects for next year's seminar in Pittsburgh.

We found great places to eat, for lunches and for dinner. Two dinners were the EGA opening and closing banquets. EGA also had an express lunch available. It was fun to meet friends and decide where to eat.

Since EGA headquarters was about a block from the hotel, we got to see the National Exhibit and the new National Tapestry. Lots of beautiful needlework.

Just being there with friends from our guild made it even more fun. We laughed a lot, learned a lot, stitched together and had a great time.

Sue Wiemer

About Our Website

As was mentioned at our last regular meeting, AOL decided to stop their free web hosting services and pull all of the websites. As a result, the old website address is no longer valid. We had hoped to have a forwarding address on the old site but AOL didn't make that possible. After doing some research and a quick meeting of the board, a relatively inexpensive hosting service was found and we will be trying them out for a year before we have to renew the hosting fee. The new website looks and feels just like the old one and hopefully we have also solved the error with the online show entry form for next year. Thanks to Beth Thompson, there are a lot of new links to other interesting sites for me to post (I just haven't had the time to do so yet). If there is anything else you would like to see on the site, please let me know. It is new enough that it won't be found in a web search yet, but I'm sure that will change. New contact info has been sent to the EGA and GLR so they have the update.

Our new website is:

www.needle-arts-toledo.org

Announcements and Snippets

Quilt Show

Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

All Saints Lutheran Church

5445 Heatherdowns Blvd.

Toledo, Ohio 43614 (1/4 mi. west of Reynolds)

Large Display of Quilts

Maiolica Pottery by Ann Tubbs

Arts and Crafts Sale

Quilt Drawing

Bake Sale

Proceeds Benefit Lutheran Social Services

Lunch Available

Free Admission

Question - Call 419-865-7701

Gretchen Schultz of the Quilt Foundry has a big part in this show. Members have attended in past years and it is very nice with a good variety of old and new.

EGA Consignment Store

EGA seeks original work by embroiderers and other fiber artists for sale by consignment in the Embroidery Museum's retail shop in Louisville, Kentucky. Wall art, jewelry, three-dimensional pieces, wearables, and needlework accessories will all be considered. Artists practicing any embroidery techniques who have work they would like to sell are encouraged to apply.

To apply, send an email to me, Brad Cape, at bcape@egausa.org briefly describing the type of work you do along with images. If you have a website with images of your work, you may send a link to the site instead of attached photographs. It is not necessary to send pictures of the actual pieces to be sold. Please include your price (wholesale) for each piece.

Notification of acceptance or denial will be sent within two weeks of receipt of submission.

Work should be ready for display when it arrives at the EMRC (e.g. jewelry should have appropriate stands, pieces meant to be framed should be framed etc.)

Pieces will be insured while at the EMRC.

Payments for items sold will be sent monthly.

Artists will receive 70% of the retail price of any item sold.

Election Time

Yeah, you're probably tired of hearing about those other elections that are going on, but don't forget that we also will be electing officers for our group soon. At the November meeting, we will be electing the President Elect (who will be the President in 2010), and the Secretary. We also need a Program Chair and would like to have an Assistant Program Chair and Assistant Show Chair. Elections will be at the November meeting and installation will be at the December meeting. If you are interested, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee: Marianne Mussett, Nancy Wright and Sue Hojnacki.

Annual Show Report

There were 41 entrants with 120 items in our 33rd annual show, 72 ribbons were awarded and over 250 people attended the event. There were 28 first place ribbons, 18 second place ribbons, 19 third place ribbons and 7 honorable mention ribbons. The triathlon winner this year was a tie between Caren Scarbrough and Beth Thompson. Pamela Lungulow won the Best In Show for her *Silver Pierrette* counted cross stitch piece. Wendy Wilson won Judge's Choice for her *Two Days at Sleeping Bear Dunes 2* quilted piece. Kay Griffith won the Guild Choice Award for her *Frederick the Fiddler* multimedia piece. Popular Choice was won by Elaine Laney for her *Wild Menagerie* cross-stitch piece. Bobbie Bettinger won the Joyce Merrill Award for her *Cancer Treatment What!* multimedia piece. Congratulations to everybody for a great show!



Frederick the Fiddler by Kay Griffith, winner of the Guild Choice Award. Photo by T. Pellitieri.

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Diane Myers provided the following pictures from the 50th Gala EGA National Seminar in Louisville, KY in September 2008. Seminars are a great learning experience and loads of fun! The GLR regional seminar is in Dearborn, MI in April 2009 and the EGA national seminar is in Pittsburgh, PA in October 2009.



Needle Arts Guild of Toledo members visit the headquarters of EGA in Louisville KY during the Golden Gala celebration.

Pictured: Jennifer Miller, Maria Nowicki, Beth Thompson, Sue Wiemer, Marilyn Freeman, Nancy Wright, Moira MacAvoy (past member), Katherine Thompson, Carol Ann Woidke, Diane Myers. Also attending but not pictured: Christine Hampshire, Caren Scarbrough.



The stitching continues long after class has ended for Sue Wiemer and Nancy Wright.



Marilyn Freeman and Nancy Wright pose on the street under a poster of the Colonel during the lunch hour. (Diane recalls that they had been to Wolfgang Puck's that day.)



First time attendees and roommates Sue Wiemer and Jennifer Miller pack up to go home. Where did all of this stuff come from?

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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: Nancy Wright, 17515 Sycamore Rd., Grand Rapids, OH 43522.

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.

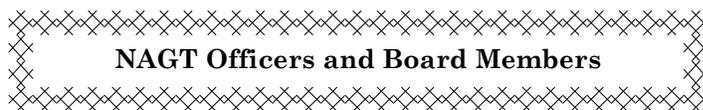
If You Need A Ride

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.

Board meeting times and locations for next year have not been decided yet.



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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!

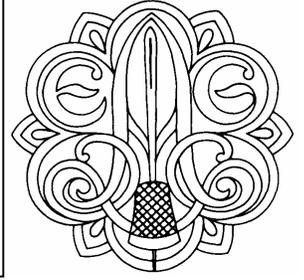


Get It Finished!

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



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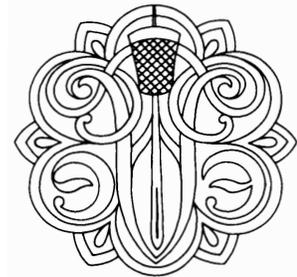


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- Teach the embroidery arts; and
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