

The Needle Knows



Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild South Central Region

http://www.DNTG.org

From the President

I hope you and all our members enjoyed the summer and had a great time. My daughter's wedding in Guatemala had me very busy and I didn't have time to stitch, but we enjoyed being with friends and family and celebrating the wedding with them.

I'm very proud to announce that Paige Guillory got the region "Gold Thread award" that's given to outstanding members that have shared their time and talent to represent EGA's objectives. She will be participating among the recipients for other regions for the "National Gold Thread Award" at our National Seminar, that will be at the Hilton Anatole, Dallas, from November 12-16, 2025.

I want to share that Lisa Thompson got the DNTG Heart and Hand Award 2025, which is given to members that have been part of the chapter for 5 years and have contributed by being part of the Board, taking leadership roles, participating in classes, lectures, stitch in public, and other activities held by the chapter. Congratulations Lisa!!!

Please join us for the **Fall Welcome Coffee**, on September 11 from 10-12. Each chairman will be sharing information about the coming workshops, education classes, lectures, projects, 50th Anniversary celebration, etc. We will have coffee and brunch, Show and Tell, and much more.

Hope to see you there!! Elena Andrade



Calendar September October 2025

September

- 4 Sew Day
- 8 Satellite Group
- 11 General Meeting/Welcome Coffee
- 18 Sew Day/Sampler Group
- 22 Satellite Group
- 25 Sew Day

October

- 6-7 WORKSHOP— Jarvis the Jelly Fish by Kurdy Biggs
- 19 General Meeting
- 27-28 WORKSHOP Monarch by Wendy Innes

Newsletter highlights

- -Welcome Coffee Sept 11
- -Retreat: Information and Registration form
- -Member Awards: Gold Award, Heart and
- Hand award, State Fair participants
- -50th Anniversary: New! September Stamp

The Church of the Holy Communion 17405 Muirfield Drive, Dallas, TX 75287

Sew Days: Thursdays 10 am to 2 pm. Bring lunch.
General Meetings: Second Thursday of the month,
Coffee at 9:30 am, Meeting at 10:00 am

From Our Vice President

I act as a liaison between DN&TG members and the Chapter's Board. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, concerns, and suggestions related to our guild and I will bring the issue to the Board for resolution.

Michelle Kocurek

Directory

This year DNTG is putting together a photo directory to help new members recognize the people they meet at meetings and sew days. We'd love for everyone to participate. If your picture is not on the directory yet, please email a passport type photo/selfie to the membership chair, Paige Guillory.

The photo directory will be posted on the Members Only section of the website. Thank you for your participation in this new initiative.

Lisa Miller

Plano Satellite

The Plano Satellite group meets on the second and fourth Mondays most months at 7:00 p.m. at:

United Methodist Church
6601 Custer Road in Plano, Room B1 (basement)

Robin Caraway (214) 803-8516

Technology



Join Dallas Needlework (DNTG) Group Facebook Page!

You can scan this QR code to join.





Visit our website www.dntg.org for information about workshops, education classes, photos, calendar, membership information, directory, and newsletter.



www.egascr.org



www.egaus.org

Michelle Kocurek Technology

Membership

This year you will receive an email from EGA when it's time to renew your EGA/DNTG membership.

- If you are a visitor and would like to join DNTG, simply click on the following link https://egausa.org/product/dallas-needleworktextile-guild-chapter
- If you are a plural member, you'll need to fill out the form on the DNTG website to renew your membership with our chapter. https://www.dntg.org/_files/ugd/51c461_80b79f3_be07540f091163abc3a275618.pdf

Lisa Miller Membership

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2025-2026 Master Calendar

September 11, 2025 GENERAL MEETING - FALL WELCOME COFFEE

October 6-7, 2025 WORKSHOPS – Jarvis the Jelly Fish by Kurdy Biggs

October 9, 2025 GENERAL MEETING Nametag finishing

October 27-28, 2025 WORKSHOPS – Monarch by Wendy Innes

November 6, 2025 GENERAL MEETING Altoid topper finishing and cord making

November 12-16, 2025 EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR, Needlework Faire – Dallas, TX, South

Central Region

November 17-18, 2015 WORKSHOPS – Monarch by Wendy Innes

December 11, 2025 GENERAL MEETING – HOLYDAY PARTY

January 8, 2026 BOARD MEETING AT 9:00 am and GENERAL MEETING

January 21-25, 2026 DNTG 32nd ANNUAL RETREAT at Tanglewood Resort

290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, TX 75076

February 12, 2026 GENERAL MEETING – Magic Reveal and scissor case/fob finishing

with tassel making

March 5, 2026 **BOARD MEETING – Slate of Officers**

March 12, 2026 GENERAL MEETING – Review Officers proposal and ort bowl

finishing

April 9, 2026 GENERAL MEETING – Election of Officers

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION and needlebook finishing

April 2026 **BUDGET REVIEW**

May 7, 2026 **BOARD MEETING – Budget Review**

May 14, 2026 GENERAL MEETING – Installation of Officers

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

June 4, 2026 BOARD MEETING – Officers Turnover

August 12-15, 2026 SCR REGION SEMINAR, Stich on a Star, Dallas, TX

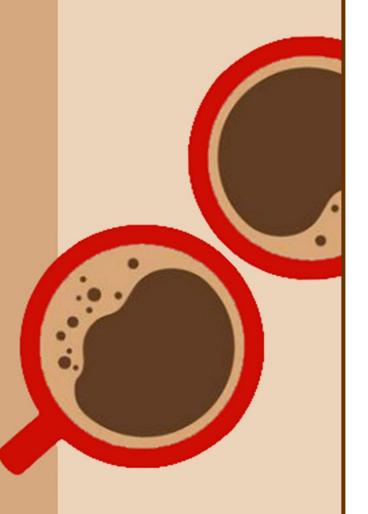
You're Invited to a Welcome Coffee & Kickoff Meeting

September 11, 2025 10:00-Noon

- Enjoy coffee and brunch
- ❖ 50th Anniversary gift for members
- Monthly programs announced
- Sign up for workshops / Dragonfly Stitch-a-Long
- Education class schedule
- Zoo project presentation
- ❖ Show & Tell
- Bring a Friend Free gift for all new visitors

Church of the Holy Communion 17405 Muirfield Drive Dallas, TX 75287





Sampler Group

The Sampler Group is a special interest group in the Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild dedicated to learning about and stitching newly designed samplers or antique reproductions. The group meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 until 2:00 at Church of the Holy Communion. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 18. Please bring your lunch and join us for a fun day of stitching. Anyone interested is welcome.

The group will focus on the topic of Spot Samplers dated from the 17th and early 18th centuries during this year. Members who choose to participate will stitch a small sampler with examples of spot motifs. We are looking forward to learning about a topic of historical importance and stretching our practice of new skills.

Linda Cox, Sampler Group Chairman lindarcox@earthlink.net 512-750-7983



Regional Representative

2025 EGA National Seminar is being held in Dallas at the Anatole hotel November 11th-16th. Please sign up as a volunteer to help out. There are many opportunities available. It will give you a chance to see what it is all about, see next years classes, shop in the vendors pop-up booths and meet lots of fellow stitchers. Check out all the action at:

Needlework Faire: EGA National Seminar 2025 | Embroiderers' Guild of America

There will also be chances to help Jo Ann Jackson with preparing the registration packets for all who attend (over 400). She is the national registrar, and it is a big job! Let's help her out when asked!

2026 SCR Regional Seminar will be held in Dallas August 12-15th and is being sponsored by Greater Dallas. You can already sign up for classes! To do so go to SCR 2026 Seminar | EGA SCR

2026 National Seminar will be in Orlando, Florida, October 9-14th. You can see the projects for the classesnot a picture, but the real thing....at the Dallas 2025 seminar.

Programs

This year we will be reviewing some basics about EGA, stitching, and the tools we use. In September at the Welcome Coffee, I will briefly explain our position in EGA and the Region and how they are organized. October will focus on basic tools available to the stitcher. See you in September.

Jo Ann Jackson

Stitching Snippets

The thimble evolved from ancient bone or leather finger protectors to the mass-produced metal devices of the 18th century, which revolutionized sewing and made thimbles accessible to everyone. The Romans used bronze thimbles, and John Lofting began large-scale production in England in 1695, leading to the widespread use of the tool. Thimbles also became popular as decorative collectibles, with various materials like porcelain and metal used for ornate items, and later plastic versions emerged in the 20th century.

Ancient Origins and Early Materials

- Prehistoric Thimbles: The earliest known protective devices, used by mammoth hunters 30,000 years ago, were made of bone to help push needles through leather.
- Roman Thimbles: The earliest known thimbles were Roman and made of bronze, dating to the first century AD, with simple, bell-shaped designs.
- Other Early Forms: Other early forms found globally were made of bone, horn, and leather



2026 Retreat



Stitching Friendships Together is our theme for the 2026 DN&TG ReTreat January 21-25, 2026.

It will once again be held at Tanglewood Resort on Lake Texoma. You will find the registration form in this newsletter.

Registration and deposit will be due by October 9, 2025 with final payment due on December 11, 2025.

Your committee has already started planning for the week and hope to have a great turnout.

We have decided to have a silent auction this year with the funds collected to be donated to GiGi's Playhouse, INC. Their purpose is to change the way the world views Down Syndrome and to send a global message of acceptance for all.

If there are any items available for donation, please provide that information to Chris.

Look for the registration form near the end of the newsletter.

Award Winners





TO: Carol Wallin, Region Director, South

Central Region

RE: 2025 Gold Thread Region Winner

It is my honor to inform you that **Paige Guillory** is the South Central Region
Winner of **The Gold Thread Award**.
Paige Guillory is a member of the Dallas
Needlework & Textile Guild of EGA in your
region.

We would like to congratulate Paige on her amazing work to achieve this award. And we thank you for all the submissions from your region.

Respectfully,

Deborah Berger EGA National Director of Education

SCR Heart in Hand Award

Lisa Thompson has been a member of our chapter and EGA for a little over two years. In that time. she has participated in all aspects of our chapter education, learning new techniques and finishing the projects. She has assisted in the Stitch in Public Day for the chapter and the Stitching at the State Fair. She assisted the committee coordinating our chapter ReTreat last year. She has taken on the job of Assistant Workshop Chairman, learning what is involved in running workshops, and attending and finishing the various workshop projects this year. She was just installed as the Workshop Chairman for the coming year and is coordinating two upcoming workshops this fall. She is always willing to take on a new challenge and is a great asset to the chapter, including helping the 2025 National Seminar Committee.





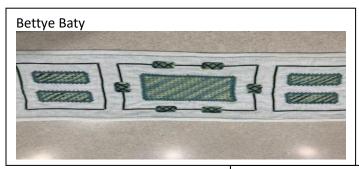
Congratulations to all our members who entered pieces in the Texas State Fair this year! DNTG members who participated include **Jo Ann Jackson, Gail Manning, Bette Baty, and Michelle Kocurek**.

Entries featured **needlepoint, cross stitch, embroidery, appliqué, and beading**—a beautiful showcase of our members' talent and dedication.

Congratulations to all!

Michelle Kocurek Vice President

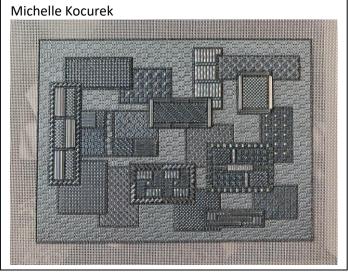




















Other Entries







Birthdays

Mary Anne Gallagher	9-1
Pat Simmons	9-6
Karen Dodge	9-10
Toni Moore	9-10
June Roden	9-12
Alison Fisher-Kocurek	9-13
Gretchen Bennett	9-15
Melanie Norton	9-21
Brenda Haven	9-22
Risa Diamond	9-24
Kathy Scioneaux	9-25
Connie Liftin	9-28
Barbara McMillin	9-28

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new member!

Please welcome them to DNTG at sew days and meetings

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep all members safe

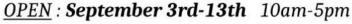
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Phone: 832-331-7887 12682 Shiloh Church Rd. Houston, Texas 77066

SHOP HOURS

OPEN: August 21st-27th 10am-5pm & Sunday 12pm-5pm.







You are welcome to partake in our clearance, a 40% off sale on all threads, canvases, beads, & embellishments.

THREADS

We carry Splendor, Patternann, Silk & Ivory, Pearl Cotton, Krenik, DMC floss, Overdyed Silk, Overdyed Floss, etc.

CANVASES

Fans of Sandy Jenkins, we have a nice selection. We have handpainted canvases for all seasons & occasions.

We also carry preworked canvases.

YARN

For Knitters and Crocheters, we carry high quality yarns, books and patterns, 40% to 70% off



EGA's Special Interest Groups

Are you feeling like you don't know anyone interested in the same embroidery techniques as you? Would you like to get more connected to EGA members across the country who share your interests? Consider joining one of EGA's online special interest groups (SIGs).

Special interest groups are a community of stitchers wanting to do a deeper dive into a particular technique. Historically, chapters would form small hubs of people who would meet in person usually outside of the regular monthly chapter meeting. Using Zoom has given our EGA groups the ability to meet virtually.

If you would like to connect with others on any of the following techniques and are available at the times shown, please send an email to the indicated contact with the technique name in the subject line.

Technique: Beading

Meeting Date: 2nd Thursday

Meeting Time: 7 pm Eastern, 6 pm Central, 5 pm Mountain, 4 pm Pacific

Contact: beading@egausa.org

Hosted by: EGA National, Tina Marie Maes

Technique: Beading

Meeting Date: 4th Saturday

Meeting Time: 3 pm Eastern, 2 pm Central, 1 pm Mountain, Noon Pacific

Contact: beading@egausa.org

Hosted by: EGA National, Tina Marie Maes

Technique: Metal Threads

Meeting Date: 1st Monday

Meeting Time: 7 pm Eastern, 6 pm Central, 5 pm Mountain, 4 pm Pacific

Contact: metalthreads@egausa.org **Hosted by:** Dayton Chapter, Jana Bass

Technique: Silk, Metal and Surface

Meeting Date: 1st Wednesday

Meeting Time: 7 pm Eastern, 6 pm Central, 5 pm Mountain, 4 pm Pacific

Contact: silkmetalsurface@egausa.org

Hosted by: Central Florida - Jane Allingham and Margaret Kinsey

Technique: Surface Embroidery

Meeting Date: 3rd Saturday

Meeting Time: 2 pm Eastern, 1 pm Central, Noon Mountain, 11 am Pacific

Contact: surfaceembroidery@egausa.org **Hosted by:** EGA National, Leslie Brady

Technique: Surface Embroidery

Meeting Date: 2nd Sunday

Meeting Time: 2 pm Eastern, 1 pm Central, Noon Mountain, 11 am Pacific

Contact: surfaceembroidery@egausa.org
Hosted by: EGA National, Wendy Lynn

No chapter membership is required to participate in any of these groups. All are invited: Members at large, Chapter members, nonmembers. Come meet other stitchers like you.

Interested in starting a group for another technique or another date?

Contact: specialinterestgroups@egausa.org

Interested in a Counted Thread online Special Interest Group?

Contact: countedthread@egausa.org

Jarvis the Jellyfish by Kurdy Biggs

October 6-7, 2025 at 9 am

Location: Museum Tower, 1918 Olive St, Dallas, TX 75201



Registration Deadline: September 1st, 2025

Jarvis will be woven with Jessica, sprats' heads, Rhodes, and crescent stitches, stitched with a palette of pearlescent threads in white, green, blue, lavender, and pink hues. Capturing the essence of the jellyfish's allure, sparkles and an array of threads, mesh ribbon, and pearl strings to introduce delicate tentacles and sea grass.

Technique: Counted Canvas

Level: Intermediate

Kit Cost: \$200

Name:	EGA#:	_EGA#:		
Email:	Phone:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	
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Your kit fee is your non-refundable deposit.

There is a \$20 additional charge for non-chapter members.

You can pay either by check payable to DNTG or ZELLE to: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field: please type: JARVIS This form must be submitted to be registered for the class.

Mail to: Lisa Thompson, 3308 Teakwood Ln, Plano, TX 75075

Email: lisat96@yahoo.com

Payment Method (circle one)

Check ZELLE

33nd Annual ReTreat Registration Form January 21-25, 2026

Name: EGA #:						
Address:		City	/	State	<u> </u>	Zip
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	Triple*	\$619.00	\$473.00	\$327.00		
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DNTG's Standing Rules state "items on the stash table are to be taken for the members' stitching enjoyment and are NOT to be taken by members for sale."

By signing this I acknowledge this policy and grant DN&TG permission to use photos taken of me in future newsletters.

<u>Cancellation Policy</u>: Fees are fully refundable prior to December 11, 2025. From 12/12/25 – 1/8/26, the fees paid minus \$100.00 deposit are refundable. After January 8, 2026, no refunds can be issued except in cases of emergency, the effort will be made to refund the fee minus the \$100 deposit. No refunds can be guaranteed.

Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild Turns 50!



Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild (DNTG) is celebrating our 50th anniversary this year. In 1975, twenty-five women held an open house at City Park in downtown Dallas to recruit new members by showing the public different types of needlework. With the addition of several new members, the officers applied to become the Dallas chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America. In January of 1976, DNTG became an official EGA chapter. Over the years, our chapter has continued to grow and we now have over 165 members including Gwen Gibbs, the only remaining charter member.

The theme "Texas Wildflowers and Dragonflies" was announced at the May luncheon. There's lots of ways for members to participate this year.

- DNTG members will receive a special gift at every general meeting or 1st Plano satellite meeting
- A "Texas Wildflowers" stitch-a-long will be published in the newsletter through February
- Members can order projects designed for DNTG's anniversary see the order form in this newsletter for more information (last order date is Oct. 9th)
- Presentation of "Protecting the Twelve" animals to the Dallas Zoo in December
- Final celebration at the May luncheon with door prizes

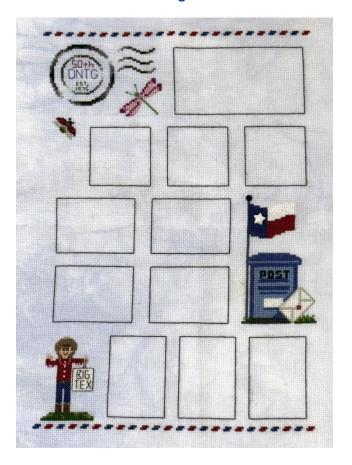
Help us celebrate our 50th anniversary this year!

Your 50th Anniversary Committee – Paige Guillory, Michelle Kocurek, Jo Ann Jackson, Judy McGraw, Elena Andrade, Valorie Russell and Cyndi Scott

DNTG 50th Anniversary Projects

Order Deadline: October 9, 2025

Texas Wildflower Stitch-along



September Projects

50th Anniversary Nametag



November Project

Wildflower Ort Box/Pincushion



January Projects

March Project

Needle Case









DNTG 50th Anniversary Order Form

Order Deadline: July 24, 2025

tem		Cost	Total
Accessory Pack for Texas Wildflower SAL Includes charms and beads for embellishment (while supplies last)		\$10	
Wildflower Ort Box/Pincushion Kit			
Includes pattern, 25ct. even weave fabric, floss, charms, buttons, needles, and fabric for finishing	5	\$45	
Wildflower Stitched Scissor Case and Fob Kit			
Includes pattern, 25ct. even weave fabric, floss, buttons, needles, fabric for finishing and scissors		\$20	
Dragonfly Beaded Scissor Case and Fob Kit Includes pattern, beads, thread, clasp and scisso	rs	\$20	
Wildflower Stitched Needle Case Kit			
Includes pattern, 25ct. even weave fabric, floss,	wool,	4	
buttons, needles, and thread		\$15	
Dragonfly Beaded Needle Case Kit Includes pattern, wood case, beads, needle, and	thread	\$20	
Additional Beaded Scissor Case, Fob and Needle (check the patterns you want)	Case Patterns		
☐ Bluebonnet ☐ Daisy ☐ Thistle	\$1	0 each	
	Grand	l Total	\$
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip	:
Email:			

Payable by check to DNTG or ZELLE: dntg.treas@gmail.com

FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field indicate, **50**th **Anniversary Order**

Mail Form to: Paige Guillory, 3704 Skyline Dr., Plano TX 75025

Payment Method (circle one)
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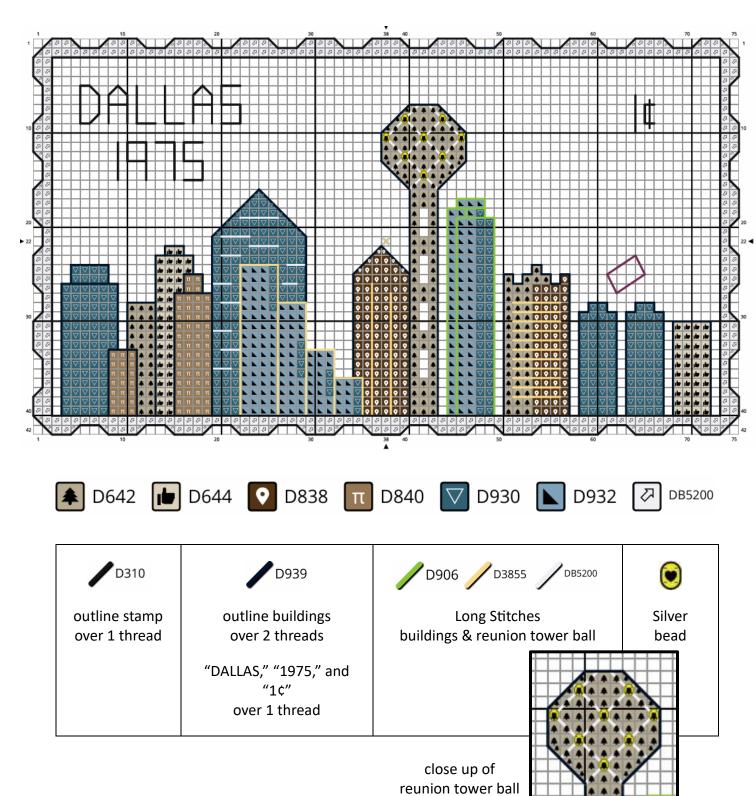
September Stamp

Dallas Skyline –horizontal (top right)



September Stamp – Dallas Skyline

Use 2 strands of floss for all cross stitches. Outlined stitches that look like half stitches are ¼ stitches. Backstitching around the buildings (DMC 939) are over 2 threads. Outlines for colors 906, 3855, and B5200 are **long stitches – not backstitches**. Use 1 strand of floss for stamp outline (over 1), beads and to attach the Pegasus charm (purple box indicates placement).





Dragonfly Dreams – by Linda Lachance 2025-2026 Needlepoint Stitch-a-Long

Permission to reprint granted by ANG

Dragonfly Dreams captures the lacy, open wings and shimmering colors of a dragonfly in the sun. The stitching paths are carefully chosen to allow the canvas to show through.

Stitches used are a variety of Rhodes, slanted and satin stitches, diamond eyelets, 2- and 3-color wrought iron stitches, octagon eyelets, stars with crosses and stars with squares, and blackwork octagons.

Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Design Area: 10" x 6.5"

Kit Fee: \$35

Kit Contents: 18-count canvas, cut 14" x 14"

Threads, instructions, &

tapestry needles



The deadline for registration is October 2, 2025.

Name:		
Address		
Address:		
City:	State: Zip:	
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email:	Phone:	

Your kit fee is your **non-refundable** deposit.

You can pay by check (to DNTG) or **ZELLE**: dntg.treas@gmail.com **REQUIRED FOR ZELLE**: In the Memo field: **Dragonfly Dreams**

This form must be submitted to be registered for the class.

Mail to: JoAnn Jackson, 6608 Garfield Dr., Plano TX, 75023

email: jajjmj@gmail.com

Payment Method (circle one)

Check ZELLE



Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild South Central Region (SCR) of EGA





DNTG Primary Membership (\$80) is now online.

Simply click on the link below to go to the registration page or scan the QR code: https://egausa.org/product/dallas-needlework-textile-guild-chapter

If you are joining as a **Plural Member**, (your primary EGA membership is with another chapter), you will need to fill out this form and mail it to the address below.

\$20 - Plural inside SCR (TX, OK, LA, MS, AR) / \$25 - Plural outside SCR Primary Chapter:



DNTG Primary Membership

Name:	EGA #:		
Address:			
City:	State: Zip:		
Phone:	Cell or Home (circle one)		
email:			
Birthday (Month and Day):	Referred by:		
How long have you been stitching and what is your stitching passion?			
How did you hear about us?			

Guests are welcome to attend three general meetings, sew days or satellite meetings after which we invite you to become a dues-paying member!

Mail this form to:

Lisa Miller, Membership Chairman 9604 Edmonson Dr., Denton, Texas 76207 Payment Method (circle one)

Check ZELLE

Payable by check to DNTG or ZELLE: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, please indicate you are paying – **Membership Dues**