



The Needle Knows

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region



<http://www.DNTG.org>

From the President

Stitching Friendships Together - 2026 ReTreat

Thank you very much to **The Stitching Queens**, Chris Wasson, Terry Blankenship, Debbie May, Mary Ann Gallagher, Kerri May, Tami Mason, and Pat Wingate for organizing DNTG 32nd Annual ReTreat at Tanglewood Resort, it was a great success!!

They did a wonderful job putting this event together. We had few first time attendees, which loved it as much as the rest of us.

We were showered with beautiful and very useful stitching tools, delicious mini cupcakes, fun games, and also had a lot of fun during ReTreat.

Thank you for your enthusiasm, keeping a positive and happy attitude in spite of the bad weather.

The Stitching Queens got gift certificates and stitching supplies for all the attendees. We want to thank all the vendors that were very generous sending all these presents for our ReTreat. Please take the time to thank them when you use the gift certificates. I am including the list of vendors, please keep them in mind when you order stitching supplies.

I loved meeting with you all and having the chance to see the projects you were working on. There are a lot of members that I only see at ReTreat and it is very nice to catch up with them. During the 6 years I have attended, I have been getting to know what kind of stitching each of you likes the most, and how your techniques improve each year. I have learned a lot by walking around the room and seeing what you are working on. I have always found it so fascinating to see other members work.

Elena Andrade

Calendar February / March 2026

February

5 Sew Day

12 **GENERAL MEETING – Magic Reveal and scissor case/fob finishing with tassel making**

7 Sew in Public Day at Stonebriar Mall

19 Sew Day

26 Sew Day

March

5 **BOARD MEETING – Slate of Officers**

12 **GENERAL MEETING – Review Officers proposal and ort bowl finishing. Ukrainian Eggs by Sammia Khan**

19 Sew Day

23-24, **WORKSHOP – Needle Lace by Carolyn Wetzer**

Newsletter highlights

EGA National Stitch in Public Day is Saturday, February 7th.

Information about the Sampler groups project for next year.

Check out retreat pictures.

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, Lisa Miller.

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 from **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at Custer Road United Methodist Church. The church is located at 6601 Custer Road in Plano. Entry to the building is through the two sets of double doors in the lobby. We meet in room **B6** in the basement (elevator just to the side of the Welcome Desk). Come and join us for a fun evening of stitching!
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.



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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-needlework-textile-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_80b79f3be07540f091163abc3a275618.pdf

Lisa Miller
Membership

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2025-2026 Master Calendar

February 7, 2026	Sew in Public Day, Stonebriar Mall
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. Ukrainian Eggs by Sammia Khan
March 23-24, 2026	WORKSHOP – Needle Lace by Carolyn Wetzer
April 9, 2026	GENERAL MEETING – Election of Officers BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION with gift exchange and needlebook finishing
April 2026	BUDGET REVIEW
May 7, 2026	BOARD MEETING – Budget Review
May 14, 2026	GENERAL MEETING – Installation of Officers, 50th Anniversary Party ANNUAL LUNCHEON
June 4, 2026	BOARD MEETING – Officers Turnover
August 12-15, 2026	SCR REGION SEMINAR, Stich on a Star, Dallas, TX
October 9-14, 2026	EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR, Wish upon a Stitch, Orlando, FL

Retreat

Congratulations to Merry Bailey for winning the 50th anniversary quilt raffle!



We had an unexpected visitor at retreat. The return of Gregory Peck!!



Programs

February is MAGIC - Bring your stitched projects to share - Turn in your forms for 2026 to Jo Ann by the May Chapter Meeting.
Jo Ann Jackson

Regional Representative

We are asking for small sewing related donations to put under the 12 days of Christmas tree that we are making for opportunity knocks. Chapter members are making the ornaments for the tree. It makes money for the chapter as it will be raffled off at the SCR seminar in Dallas this August. You can give these to myself or Jo Ann Jackson.

Marty Anderson
Region Rep.

Sampler

The February meeting of the Sampler Group will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 from 10-2 in the Parish Hall at the Church of the Holy Communion. Please bring your lunch and join us for a fun day of stitching. We will continue to share our knowledge and love of samplers and sampler related items. Anyone interested is welcome.

Members of the Sampler Group are currently working on their own example of the 2025-26 project – “A Sampling of Spots – A Study of 17th Century Spot Samplers”. The completed projects will be displayed at the September 2026 General Meeting and Welcome Coffee. A majority of the group have agreed that the 2026-27 Sampler Group Project will have a patriotic theme in honor of our country's 250th anniversary. Many of our members love patriotic projects and already have collections. Others have projects in their stash waiting to be stitched. As usual, each member will select a sampler-related project that includes patriotic motifs. The official start date will be September 2026, and completed projects will be displayed at the May 2027 Luncheon.

Linda Cox
Sampler Group Chairman

Stitching Snippets

Did you know...

The term “embroidery” originates from French: “embroider” (embroder) from Old French “broder”, which means “to sew.” The suffix “-er” indicates someone who does the action, derived from the verb “brodeur,” which comes from the Latin “brodus”, meaning ‘embroidered’.

An archaeological excavation in Sungir, Vladimir in Russia revealed the remains of a Cro-Magnon (believed to have been alive around 30,000 BC) in the year 1964. His hat, fur, and boots were decorated with parallel rows of ivory beads. This shows that this art is older than 30,000 BC!

Primitive instances have been found across the globe from China, Northern Europe, and Egypt. Touches of embroidered crafts have been perceived in surviving works from the Iron Age (1300 BC-600 BC). In the Middle East embroidery began to represent social status. It was adorned by rich Muslims.

Josue Heilmann developed the first-hand machine in the year 1828. It did the work of up to four people. It brought the fabric to the needle rather than the needle to the fabric. The designs were six times the size of the original. It took quite a bit of coordination to run the machine. He could only sell 2 units because of fear of it threatening the industry.

Isaac Groebli designed a machine that had a boat shaped shuttle, that contained a bobbin of thread, that created a backing stitch. His son improved it and made it an automatic machine. Many viewers believed that the work from it was done by hand because it was so high quality.

It may seem surprising, but you can use human hair to embroider. In Mexico, to formally accept the marriage proposal, a handkerchief was sometimes embroidered with the groom’s hair. And people also used hair to embroider Buddhist images in late imperial China.

Education

February 12-learn how to finish the stitched scissor case and fob; you will also learn, by doing, how to make a tassel

March 12-finishing the Ort Bowl-I will take your through the finishing of the ort bowl; **if you want to actually put some of the pieces together, you will need to have at least a couple of the inside panels stitched.**

April 9-finishing the stitched needlebook

Cyndi Scott

Arrangements

EGA National Stitch in Public Day is Saturday, February 7th at Stonebriar Mall, Frisco, from 11:00 to 1:30.

We will meet between Lululemon and Lush. Please arrive around 10:40 to help set up.

Your participation is greatly appreciated to make this a successful event for our Guild.

Janice Jones

NATIONAL
Stitch-in-Public
DAY

Birthdays

Traci LePage 2-4
Ashley Herrmann 2-6
Robin Caraway 2-8
Melissa Huber 2-8
Gail Manning 2-9
Ann Weissler 2-16
Pamela Hoops 2-19
Randy Engeran 2-20
Pam Gardner 2-23
Brenda Myers 2-26
Heather Luce 2-26
Kate Johnson 2-27
Connie Roberts 2-28

Welcome

Please welcome new members to DNTG at sew days and meetings

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers

Please keep all members safe

Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild

Invites You to Attend Our 50th Anniversary Luncheon

May 14, 2026
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Cost \$30

Chocolate Angel
635 W Campbell Rd.
Richardson, TX 75080

Name: _____ Phone: _____

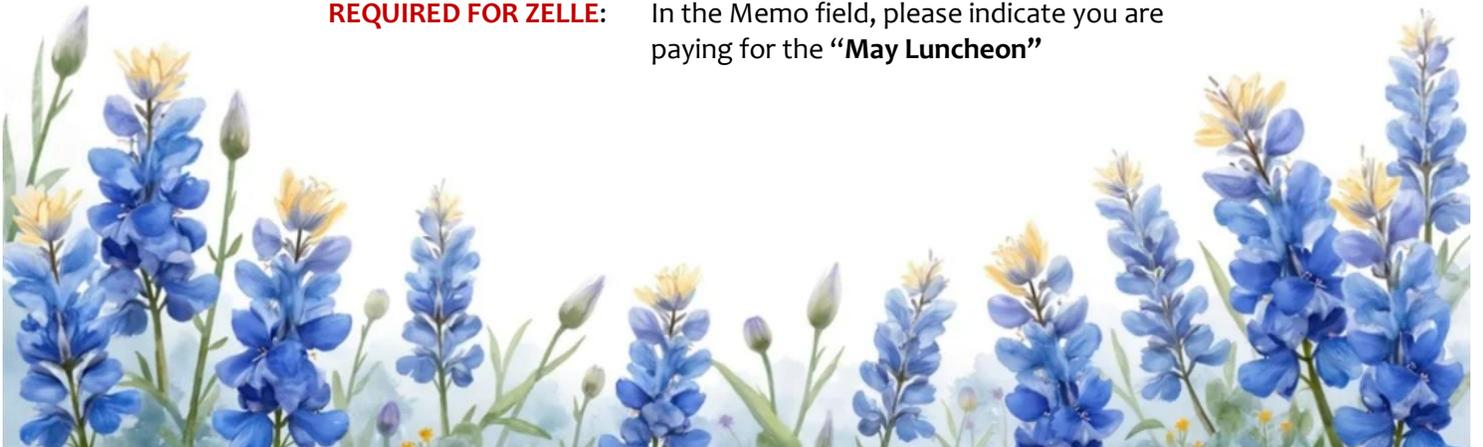
Email: _____

Mail this form with payment by April 30th to:

Janice Jones, 5016 Dunster Dr., McKinney, Texas 75070

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

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, please indicate you are paying for the “May Luncheon”





MAGIC 2026



My Annual Good Intentions Contract

It's time to review your stash of stitching projects and decide what you would really like to finish in the next year. It often helps to write it down and make a promise to yourself.

Please complete the list below and either email or mail it to Jo Ann Jackson or hand it to her at a general meeting. You don't have to complete five. Just list ones you want to complete.

In addition, list one new technique you would like to learn next year. As usual, there will be a prize for those who complete their MAGIC list.

Please mail this form to: Jo Ann Jackson at jajjmj@gmail.com

Deadline to submit form: March 31, 2026

DALLAS NEEDLEWORK & TEXTILE GUILD – MY ANNUAL GOOD INTENTIONS CONTRACT

Please write the name of the project and the designer on the lines below

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. I want to learn a new technique this year...

Name: _____



50th Anniversary Stitch-a-Long (SAL)

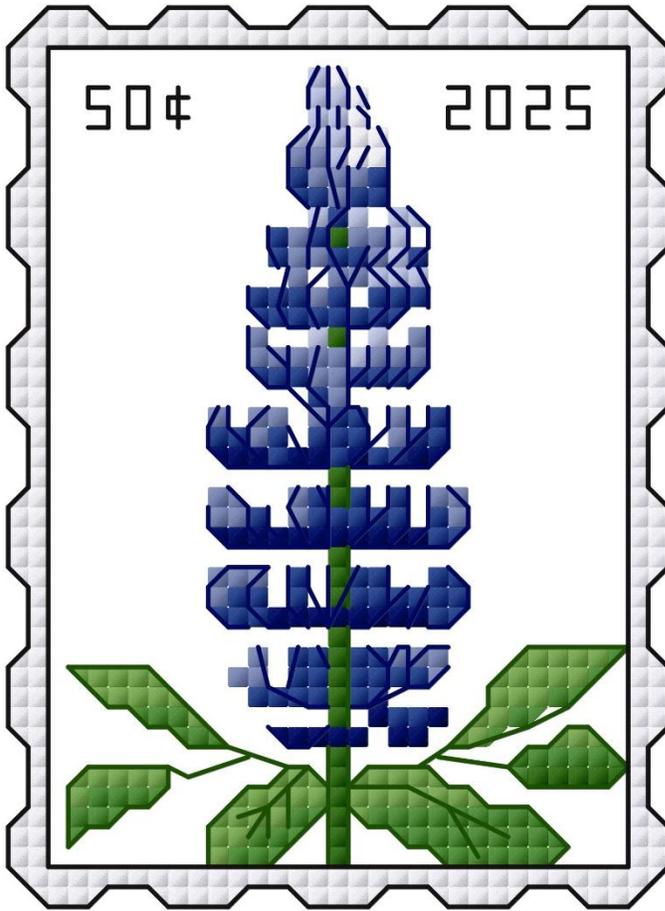
The final stamps for the 50th anniversary Texas Wildflower stitch-a-long are in this newsletter. We hope you enjoyed stitching this project with us. You have two months to catch up if you've fallen behind in your stitching.

If you haven't participated in the 50th anniversary SAL, but would like to, you can download the entire project from our website. You'll need to download the May file of the background and the February pattern file - it will include all of the monthly patterns. There are a few accessory packs left. Just ask Paige Guillory at a sew day or text her and we'll get one to you. They're \$10.

We can't wait to see everyone's finished pieces at the May luncheon!

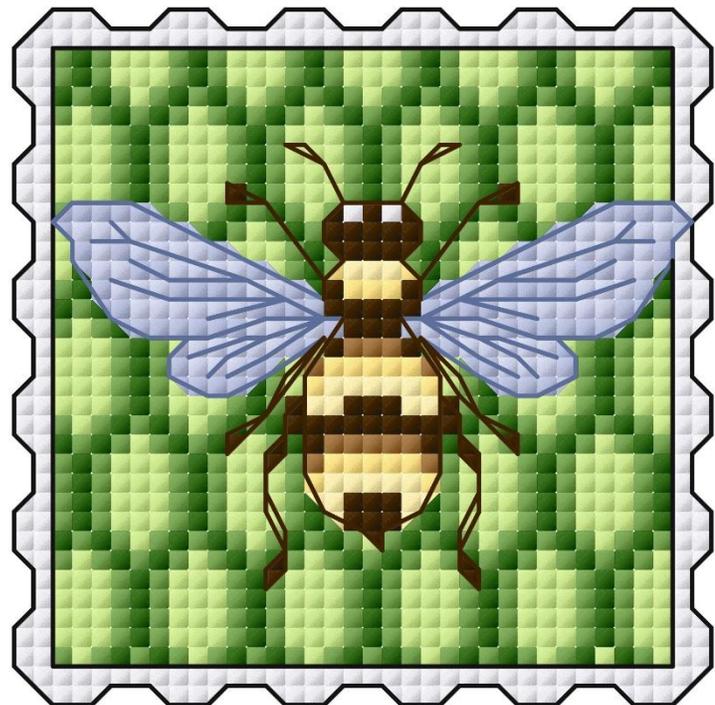
Your 50th Anniversary Committee
 Elena Andrade, Paige Guillory, Jo Ann Jackson,
 Michelle Kocurek, Judy McGraw,
 Valorie Russell, and Cyndi Scott





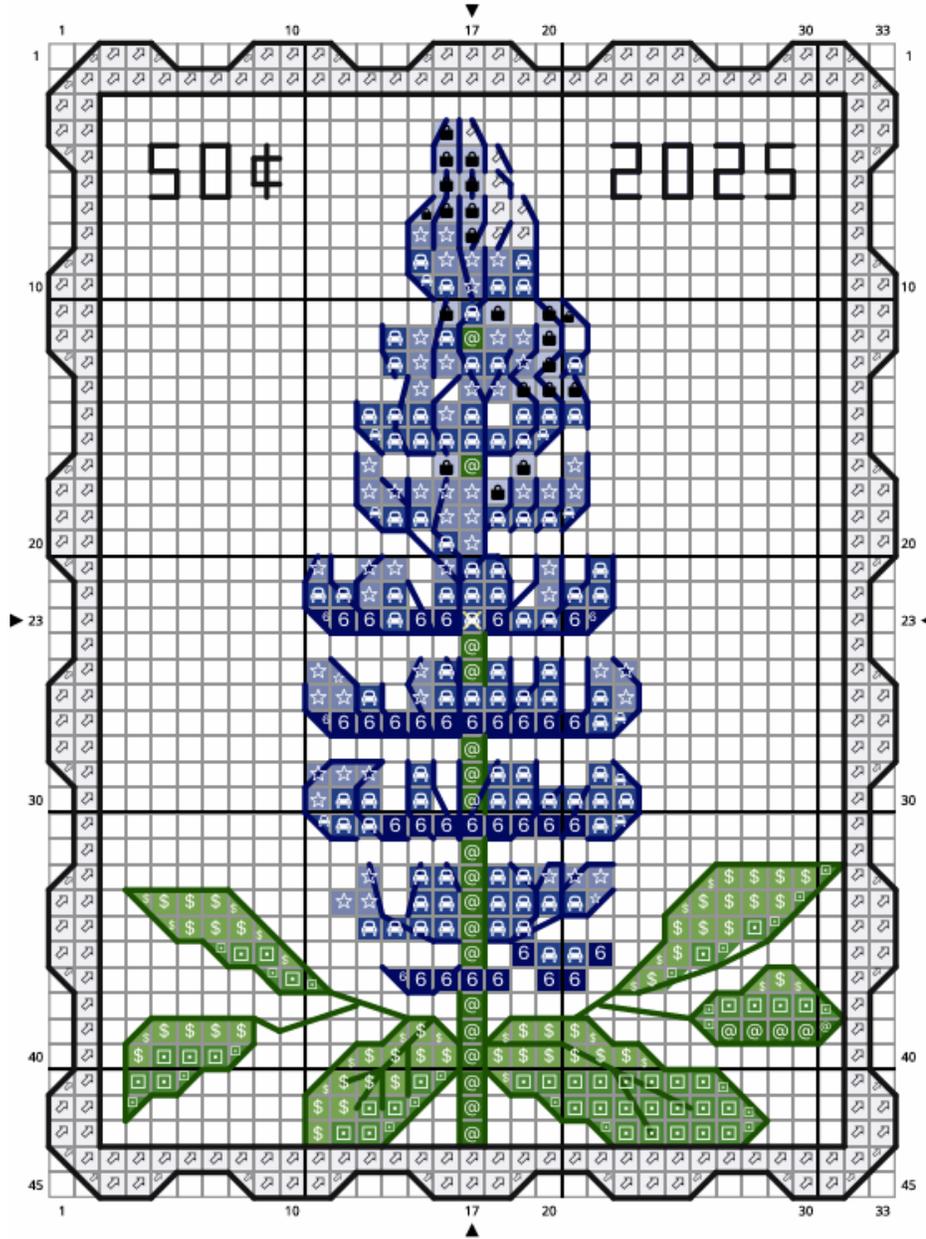
February Stamps

Bluebonnet – vertical
Bee - square



February Stamp – Bluebonnet (vertical block)

Use 2 strands of floss for all cross stitches. Outlined stitches that look like half stitches are ¼ stitches. Use 1 strand of floss for outlines.



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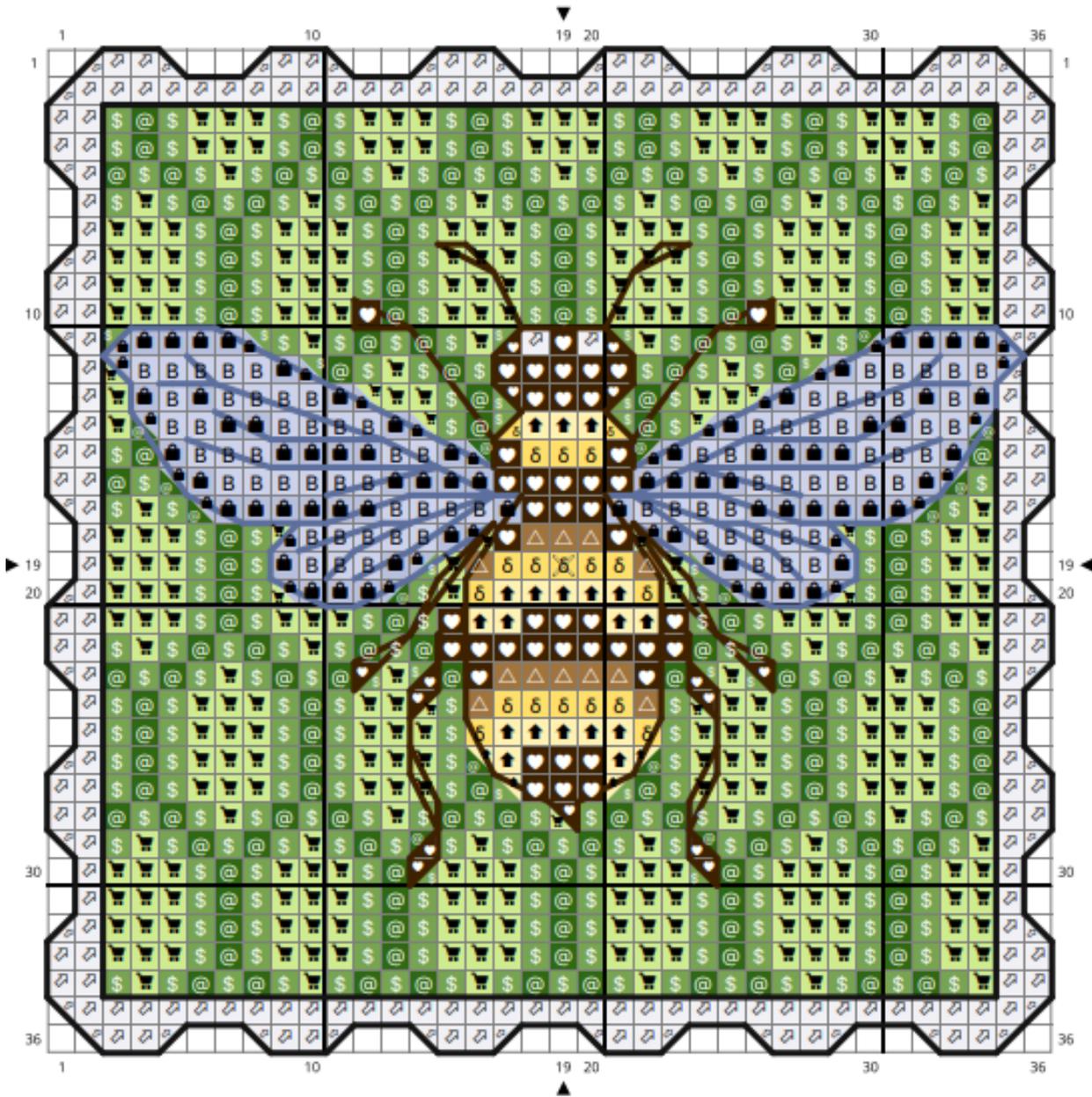
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outline stamp outline outline leaves

50¢ and 2025 bluebonnets and stems

February Stamp – Bee (square block)

Use 2 strands of floss for all cross stitches. Outlined stitches that look like half stitches are $\frac{1}{2}$ stitches. Use 1 strand of floss for outlines.



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|  D310 |  D938 |  D3838 | | | | | | | |
| outline stamp | outline bee | outline wings | | | | | | | |

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



Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region (SCR) of EGA
Membership Form - 2025



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