



# The Needle Knows

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild  
South Central Region



<http://www.DNTG.org>

## From the President

I was asked recently, how was it that I got into doing embroidery. I had to think about it for a while, as it was a most circuitous route! Unlike many of you, I didn't grow up around embroidery. To begin, I must first introduce you to my grandmother. My family always said I was the most like her. I'll tell you about her and let you decide.

My grandmother's name was Mattie Leona Burns Davis. She was born in 1893 to a 14-year-old mother that was the 2nd wife of a farmer. She basically raised her six siblings that came later. She divorced my grandfather in the 30's (unheard of those in those days) ... took care of "old ladies" (her words, not mine), that were younger than her. She was very staunch Church of Christ, and once told me I was going to hell for wearing pants. She always wore a dress, hair in a bun, and lots of jewelry.

My grandmother quilted and I remember the huge frame that hung from her ceiling, that she would lower to work on, and then hoist it up out of the way. Her quilts were utilitarian, and I didn't think much about it. She made doll clothes, and I had a slew of them even though I never much played with dolls. She was constantly making something... yarn wrapped clothes hangers (which I still have), and foot stools made out of big tin cans and covered with fancy fabric, to name a few. She always had some project going on that I was fascinated about. Is this where my interest in crafts began?... tune in next month to find out.

Marty Anderson

## Calendar January 2025

- 2 **NO SEW DAY**
- 9 **GENERAL MEETING**  
**BOARD MEETING** - Nominating  
Committee Selection
- 13 Satellite Group
- 15-19 31st Annual ReTreat at  
Tanglewood Resort
- 16 **NO SEW DAY**
- 23 **EDUCATION – Hardanger**
- 27 Satellite Group
- 30 Sew Day

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, Sew in Public Day from  
11 am to 2 pm at Stonebriar Mall**

### [The Church of the Holy Communion](#)

17405 Muirfield Drive, Dallas, TX 75287

**Sew Days: Thursdays** 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Bring lunch.

**General Meetings:** Second Thursday of the month,  
**Coffee** at 9:30 am, **Meeting** at 10:00 am

### [Custer Road United Methodist Church](#)

6601 Custer Road, Room B15, Plano, TX 75023

**Plano Satellite:** Second and Fourth Mondays of  
the month, from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

This is the newsletter of the Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild Chapter of “EGA, The Embroiderers’ Guild of America, Inc.”

**President:**

Marty Anderson

**Membership:**

Paige Guillory

**Newsletter:**

Elena Andrade

General meetings are held at *The Church of the Holy Communion*, 17405 Murfield Drive, Dallas, on the second Thursday of the month with coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the general meeting at 10:00 a.m. Information and dates for these and other meetings will be listed in the calendar. Sew days are also held at *The Church of the Holy Communion* on all other Thursdays of the month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch.

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**The deadline for submission of written articles for publication in the newsletter is the 15th of the prior month.**

## 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

Entry to the building has changed recently and is now through the two sets of double doors in the lobby. We meet in room **B15** in the basement.

Come and join us for a fun evening of stitching!  
Robin Caraway  
(214) 803-8516

## Facebook Group



Join our DNTG Facebook Group! You’ll be able to post pictures of your projects, talk to other stitchers and see what they’re working on.

For upcoming activities and events, visit our website [www.dntg.org](http://www.dntg.org).

It’s easy to get started! You can search for Dallas Needlework Group (DNTG) on Facebook or scan the QR code.

Michelle Kocurek  
Technology Chairman



## Website



Visit our website at [www.dntg.org](http://www.dntg.org). It has information about our organization, workshops, education classes, photos, an interactive calendar, membership information,

newsletters and even a member only section. It’s even easy to use on your phone.

Michelle Kocurek  
Technology Chairman

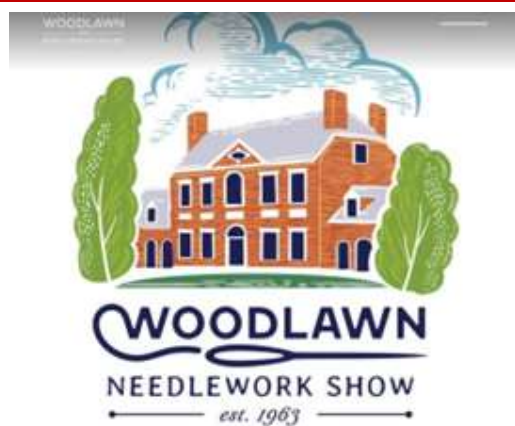
## Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2024-2025 Master Calendar

January 2, 2025	<b>NO SEW DAY</b>
January 9, 2025	<b>GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> – Nominating <b>Committee</b> Selection
January 15-19, 2025	<b>DNTG 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL RETREAT</b> at Tanglewood 290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, Tx 75076
January 16, 2025	<b>NO SEW DAY</b>
January 23, 2025	<b>EDUCATION</b> – <b>hardanger Class</b> by <b>Karen Dittmar</b>
February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	<b>SEW IN PUBLIC DAY</b> , from 11 am to 2 pm at Stonebriar Mall
February 6, 2025	<b>GCC – Baby Steps Beading Workshop</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> – Review officers’ proposal
February 13, 2025	<b>GENERAL MEETING</b> – Nonbusiness <b>MAGIC REVEAL</b>
February 27, 2025	<b>EDUCATION</b> – <b>Hardanger Class</b> by <b>Karen Dittmar</b>
March 1-31, 2025	Woodlawn and Nelly's Needlers 62nd Needlework Exhibit
March 6, 2025	<b>GCC – Baby Steps Beading workshop</b>
March 13, 2025	<b>GENERAL MEETING</b> – Review Officers proposal
March 27, 2025	<b>EDUCATION</b>
April 10, 2025	<b>GENERAL MEETING</b> – election of officers <b>BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</b>
April 17, 2025	<b>BUDGET REVIEW</b>
April 24, 2025	<b>EDUCATION</b>
May 1, 2025	<b>GCC – Baby Steps Beading Workshop</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> – Budget review

## Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2024-2025 Master Calendar

May 8, 2025	<b>ANNUAL LUNCHEON GENERAL MEETING</b> – Installment of Officers
May 22, 2025	<b>BOARD MEETING</b> – Officers turnover
June 11-14, 2025	<b>SCR Region Seminar</b> – Fort Worth TX
November 12-16, 2025	<b>EGA National Seminar</b> – Dallas, TX, South Central Region

The purpose of the master calendar is to help our members see all upcoming DN&TG events in one place. The workshops of other guilds are being included in attempt to avoid scheduling conflicts. Events will be added as dates become available, so check your monthly newsletter for the most recent calendar.



**62ND ANNUAL  
WOODLAWN  
NEEDLEWORK SHOW**

*CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF NELLY'S  
NEEDLERS*

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST - MONDAY,  
MARCH 31ST 2025

(CLOSED ON TUESDAYS)

Woodlawn and Nelly's Needlers are preparing for the 62nd Needlework Exhibit which is their 50th Anniversary exhibit.

They're trying to get participants from all 50 states! It's a must see. I have my piece ready.

Read all about it at

<https://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/nwshow25>

## Welcome

*A warm welcome to our new members!*

*Debra May  
Brenda Claybrook  
Morgan Edward*

*Please welcome them to  
DNTE at sew days and  
meeting*

## Birthdays

<i>Sheryl Overstreet</i>	<i>Jan 4</i>
<i>Jymmie Stanton</i>	<i>Jan 4</i>
<i>Debra May</i>	<i>Jan 5</i>
<i>Caroline Daigle</i>	<i>Jan 8</i>
<i>Elena Andrade</i>	<i>Jan 10</i>
<i>Dwana McKee</i>	<i>Jan 11</i>
<i>Betty Dunn</i>	<i>Jan 14</i>
<i>Jo Ann Jackson</i>	<i>Jan 15</i>
<i>Noelle LaBrecque</i>	<i>Jan 17</i>
<i>Mary Jo Thomson</i>	<i>Jan 17</i>
<i>Sharon Walter</i>	<i>Jan 19</i>
<i>Dana Cheneler</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>
<i>Nicole Kindred</i>	<i>Jan 23</i>
<i>Bobbi Norris</i>	<i>Jan 28</i>
<i>Ilene Levine</i>	<i>Jan 29</i>

## Thoughts and Prayers

*Please keep*

*Lynn Melder  
Rebecca Morris  
Karen Hamilton  
Gail Berman*

*In your thoughts and prayers.  
Please keep all members safe*



## DNTG Is Turning 50!!

Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild was chartered in the summer of 1975 and officially joined the Embroidery Guild of America (EGA) in January 1976. We'll start our yearlong anniversary celebration at the May luncheon.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee is excited to announce our theme is:

### *Texas Wildflowers and Dragonflies.*

For the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have lots of fun activities planned.

- A stitch-a-long published in the newsletter beginning with the May/June issue
- Free giveaways each month at our general meetings beginning in September
- Four projects for purchase
  - **September:** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary nametag (stitched and beaded versions)
  - **November:** Wildflower ort box/pincushion (cross stitch and hardanger)
  - **January:** Scissor case and fob (stitched and beaded versions)
  - **March:** Needle case (stitched and beaded versions)
- Presentation of “Protecting the Twelve” cross stitch animals to the Dallas Zoo in October 2025
- Door prizes at the May luncheon

**Order your kits now!** Pictures of the projects and order form are in this newsletter.

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





## DNTG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Projects

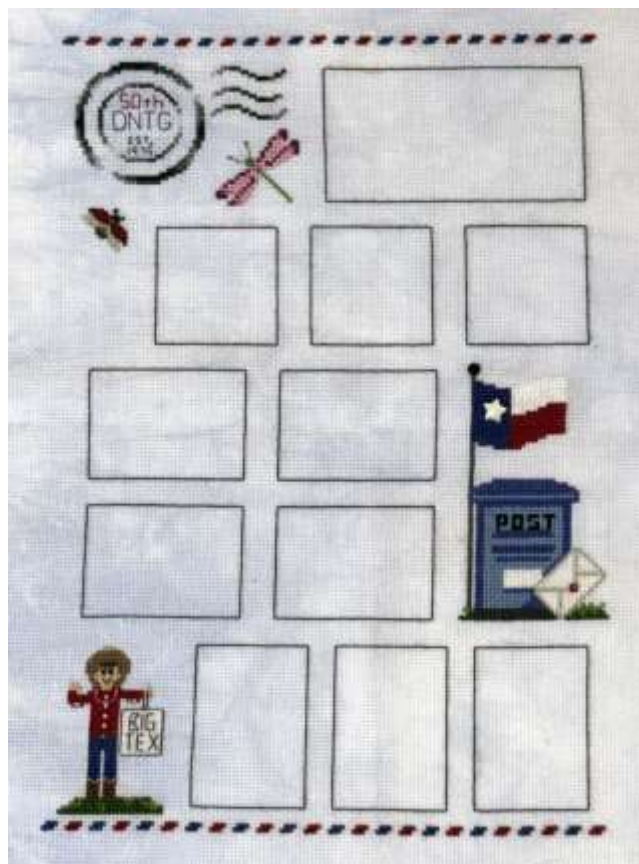
Order Deadline: April 10, 2025

### Texas Wildflower Stitch-a-long

May 2025 – March 2026

### September Projects

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Nametag



### November Project

Wildflower Ort Box/Pincushion



### January Projects

Scissor Case and Fob

### March Project




Needle Case





## DNTG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Order Form

Order Deadline: April 10, 2025

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Texas Wildflower Stitch-a-long</b> (monthly patterns in newsletter) Includes 18ct. linen, floss, needle, and accessory pack	\$35	_____
<b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Nametag Kit</b> Cross Stitch – pattern and fabric for finishing Bead kit – pattern, beads, needle and thread	Free \$20	_____ _____
<b>Wildflower Ort Box/Pincushion Kit</b> Includes pattern, 25ct. even weave fabric, floss, charms, buttons, needles, and fabric for finishing	\$45	_____
<b>Wildflower Stitched Scissor Case and Fob Kit</b> Includes pattern, 25ct. even weave fabric, floss, charms, buttons, needles, fabric for finishing and scissors	\$20	_____
<b>Dragonfly Beaded Scissor Case and Fob Kit</b> Includes pattern, beads, thread, clasp and scissors	\$20	_____
<b>Wildflower Stitched Needle Case Kit</b> Includes pattern, 25ct. even weave fabric, floss, wool, buttons, needles, and thread	\$15	_____
<b>Dragonfly Beaded Needle Case Kit</b> Includes pattern, wood case, beads, needle, and thread	\$20	_____
<b>Accessory Pack</b> (only purchase if <b>not</b> doing the SAL) Includes charms and beads for embellishments	\$10	_____
<b>Additional Beaded Scissor Case, Fob and Needle Case Patterns</b> (check the patterns you want)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bluebonnet <input type="checkbox"/> Daisy <input type="checkbox"/> Thistle	\$10 each	_____
  		
<b>Grand Total \$</b>		_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Payable by check to DNTG or ZELLE: [dntg.treas@gmail.com](mailto:dntg.treas@gmail.com)

**FOR ZELLE:** In the Memo field indicate, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Order

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

**Payment Method** (circle one)

Check
ZELLE



**Happy Holly Daze by Celeste Chalasani**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**Location: Jan Goss' home – 5443 Neola Drive, Dallas, TX 75209**  
**From 9 am to 3 pm**



**Registration Deadline:**  
**March 29, 2025**

Remember holidays gone by and celebrate new ones with this elegant Stumpwork ornament. Festive red wrapped berries nestle gently against padded holly leaves. Green velvet ribbon tied festively in a bow tops it all.

All materials included in the kit.

Cost of kit \$40

Skill level: Beginner/All levels

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EGA #: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:dntg.treas@gmail.com)  
**REQUIRED FOR ZELLE:** In the Memo field, please type: **FALL HOLLY DAZE**

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

**Mail to:** Jan Goss – 5443 Neola Drive, Dallas, TX 75209  
**email:** [janjgoss@gmail.com](mailto:janjgoss@gmail.com)

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**Location: Jan Goss' home – 5443 Neola Drive, Dallas, TX 75209**  
**From 9 am to 3 pm**



**Registration Deadline:**  
**March 29, 2025**

Celebrate autumn with this elegant Stumpwork ornament. Sun kissed acorns hold tightly to the mighty oak while golden leaves prepare to fall. Rust velvet ribbon tied festively into a bow tops it all.

All materials included in the kit.

Cost of kit \$40

Skill level: Beginner/All levels

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EGA #: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ReTreat 2025

## Friendships Bound with Needle and Thread

### January 15-19, 2025



The ReTreat is just around the corner and here are a few things to know:

Tanglewood address: Tanglewood Resort  
 290 Tanglewood Circle  
 Pottsboro, TX 75076  
 (903) 462-7806 – Direct Line

### *"Friendships Bound with Needle and Thread"*

Remember if you want to come **earlier** than Wednesday you must call Tanglewood directly and make your own reservations. Let them know you will be a part of the Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild the rest of the week. The cost of your room including use of the Texas Room for stitching is \$94 per night plus tax and resort fees (\$111.60 total).

**Stash Table:** This year the leftovers on the Stash Table will be collected by the Stitchin' Chicks.

**Snack Table:** Remember to bring snacks to share and please make sure they are in reseal packages or containers with lids.

**List of Supplies:** Lamps, magnifiers, chargers for phone, computers, iPad; maybe an extra blanket (the temperature in the room varies) or a sweater; of course, all the stitching you're wanting to work on! If you have any questions, please contact Judy McGraw ([JAMcGraw1946@outlook.com](mailto:JAMcGraw1946@outlook.com)) or Pamela Hoops ([pshoops@cox.net](mailto:pshoops@cox.net)).

**Note:** The Spa Treatment will NOT be available during our stay.

Please send your final payment to:  
 Marty Anderson  
 4003 Rolling Knolls, Parker, Texas 75002

If we can assist you in any way, please contact:  
 Judy McGraw ([JAMcGraw1946@outlook.com](mailto:JAMcGraw1946@outlook.com))  
 or to Pamela Hoops ([pshoops@cox.net](mailto:pshoops@cox.net))

The *Threadhogs and the Honeybees*  
 are looking forward to seeing all your happy faces!



## Sampler Group

**The Sampler Group is a special interest group in DNTG dedicated to learn and stitch newly designed samplers or antiques ones reproduced for duplication. Members enjoy stitching sampler related items like needlebooks, pincushions, and miniatures. It meets on the third Thursday of each month from 10 to 2 at Church of the Holy Communion.**

**NOTE:** Due to the Retreat 2025 to be held at Tanglewood Resort there will NOT be a meeting of the Sampler Group in January 2025. Please meet us for the next meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025. 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.

The group has selected to stitch a piece of needlework with a house on it for the 2024-25 year. From all appearances members are having fun with this theme. Some are stitching more than one piece! Please bring your work in progress (WIPS) for show & tell.

Good news! If you finish your piece after February 2025, you can list it on your MAGIC LIST for next year!! Finished pieces will be displayed at the Spring Luncheon in May 2025.

Linda Cox,  
Sampler Group Chairman  
[lindarcox@earthlink.net](mailto:lindarcox@earthlink.net)  
512-750-7983

## Education

Looking forward to seeing everyone as we learn how to needle weave and wrap threads on Thursday, January 23, the 4th Thursday of the month.

Karen Dittmar

## 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. You can contact me by phone, text or email.

Elena Andrade  
[Dntg.newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:Dntg.newsletter@yahoo.com)  
Cel 972-533-3144

## Programs

Our program in February will be Show and Tell of **MAGIC List** items. It is great to see how varied our stitching can be

Dotty Rowan  
Programs

## Sew in Public Day

Just a reminder that stitch in public is **February 1<sup>st</sup>, from 11 am to 2 pm at Stonebriar Mall.** We will be on the first floor in the main rotunda.

Thanks,  
Stacey Lundgren  
214-738-2363  
[stacey@ericlundgren.com](mailto:stacey@ericlundgren.com)

*A Needle Art Love Story*  
*A New Era*  
Chapter XI  
An exhibit of needle art treasures from private collections

**March 7th - 9th, 2025**  
Tickets Go On Sale January 6th, 2025

We are thrilled to once again showcase the remarkable works of needlepoint, cross stitch, and hand embroidery enthusiasts at **A Needle Art Love Story, Chapter XI**. Held at the historic Ball-Eddleman-McFarland House next March, this event celebrates the artistry and passion of stitchers.

Become an Exhibitor - All Levels Welcome!

**Announcing the 2025 Featured Stitchers**

- Brian Bell
- Beth Slater
- Mendie Cannon
- Sherry Smith
- Kathryn Egger
- Riley Tillman
- Mae Maly
- Margaret Vondra
- Rhonda Neal

*Support Your Featured Stitchers*

**Each Golden Needle Host Receives**

- One ticket for the Party with the Stitchers Thursday, March 6, 2025
- Early Access to the Stash Sale!
- Listing on the invitation to the Party with the Stitchers mailed to over 1,000 needle art fans
- Listing in the needlepoint booklet given to each guest visiting the exhibit
- Unlimited admittance to the exhibit Friday, March 7 through Sunday, March 9, 2025
- Limited edition Historic Fort Worth Glass Ornament

**Hurry, the deadline for hosting is January 17, 2025!**



**Click Here to Become a Golden Host**

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

THURSDAY March 6, 2025	FRIDAY March 7, 2025	SATURDAY March 8, 2025	SUNDAY March 9, 2025
Party with the Stitchers 5pm - 7pm Get early access to the stash sale 4:00pm - 5:45pm	Exhibit opens to public 10am - 6pm Needlepoint 101* 10:30am - 12:30pm Brazilian Embroidery Techniques 2pm	Exhibit opens to public 10am - 4pm Brazilian Embroidery Techniques 10:30am Needlepoint 101* 1pm - 3pm	Exhibit opens to public Noon - 4pm Self Finishing Demonstration 1pm - 3pm

## Regional Representative

For this year, we are collecting your favorite tool to fill a tool belt for the SCR Seminar next June in Fort Worth.

Jo Ann Jackson  
Regional Representative



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

Membership Form – 2025



DNTG Primary Membership (\$80) is now online. If you are a new member, 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:

Paige Guillory, Membership Chairman  
3704 Skyline Drive, Plano, Texas 75025

Payment Method (circle one)  
**Check**    **ZELLE**

Payable by check to DNTG or ZELLE: [dntg.treas@gmail.com](mailto:dntg.treas@gmail.com)

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

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**Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild**

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c/o Elena Andrade

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