



# The Needle Knows

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild  
South Central Region



<http://www.DNTG.org>

## From the President

Wow! Can you believe it's already 2024? The year has just flown by and now that it's January, it's time to think about your MAGIC list. Did you get all the things finished that you planned? I know I didn't... but maybe this year. It's time to think about what you want to accomplish this year and that includes DNTG. So, what will you put on your **(My) Annual Good Intentions Contract**? I'll be carrying some things over that I didn't get to.

I encourage everyone to participate. Remember it's not a contest with anyone but yourself. It's to help motivate you to get some of your projects done. Maybe that one that's long forgotten in a project bag in the back of the closet. Good opportunity to earn that long term project charm!! And you don't have to fill out the whole list, you just need one thing to put on the list.

And January means RETREAT!! The Terrific Turtles have been working hard to get it all planned and organized. I'm sure it will all be wonderful. I can't wait to see all my friends and all the stunning projects they will be working on. While you are there, please stop by the Turtles table and thank them for all their hard work in making it happen.

I wish everyone a fabulous New Year!  
Randye

## Calendar January 2024

- 4 Sew Day  
Board Meeting
- 8 Plano Satellite
- 11 Sew Day  
General Meeting  
"MAGIC revealed"  
**EDUCATION:** Needle Darning
- 17-21 DNTG 30<sup>th</sup> Annual ReTreat
- 18 **NO SEW DAY**
- 23 Plano Satellite
- 25 Sew Day

### The Church of the Holy Communion

17405 Muirfield Drive, Dallas, TX 75287

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

**General Meeting:** 10:00 am,

Coffee at 9:30 am

**Board Meeting:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Custer Road United Methodist Church

6601 Custer Road, Room B15, Plano, TX 75023

**Plano Satellite:** 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:**

Randye Engeran

**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 of most months at 7:00 p.m. at:

United Methodist Church.  
6601 Custer Road Plano.

Entry to the building is through the far SE door on the corner: it faces the traffic signal at Custer and Cumberland. We meet in room B15 in the basement. Come join us for a fun evening of stitching!

Robin Caraway

## Join Our New Facebook Group



**Come join our new DNTG Facebook Group!** You’ll be able to post pictures of your projects, talk to other stitchers and see what they’re working on. If you can’t attend an event, our

Facebook Group will have posts from our monthly Show & Tell, workshops and education classes. We’ll also post upcoming activities on the Events page on our website [www.dntg.org](http://www.dntg.org).

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

Be sure to come back often to see what our chapter is doing and check out other DNTG members’ posts featuring their projects and make comments.



Michelle Kocurek  
Please join our Facebook Group

## Have you seen our New 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  
DNTG Website

## Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2023-2024 Master Calendar

January 4, 2024	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
January 11, 2024	General Meeting – Soup & Salad Luncheon <b>“MAGIC Revealed”</b> <b>EDUCATION</b> –Needle Darning
January 17-21, 2024	Tanglewood Cir, Pottsboro, TX 75076
January 18, 2024	<b>NO SEW DAY</b>
February 3, 2024	EGA sponsored <b>“Stitch-in-Public Day.”</b>
February 8, 2024	General Meeting, <b>EDUCATION</b> – Small Crazy Quilt Project <b>PROGRAMS</b> – ‘When this you see, remember me’ by Connie Liftin
February 15, 2023	Sew Day and <b>Sampler</b> Group
February 22, 2024	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM <b>WORKSHOPS</b> - Trinket Boxes by Cindy Hambrick
March 14, 2024	General Meeting, Program <b>EDUCATION</b> – Cross Stitch on Silk Gauze by Cyndi Scott <b>PROGRAMS</b> –Heirloom Baptismal Gowns by Marty Anderson
March 21, 2023	Sew day and Sampler Group
March 28, 2024	<b>WORKSHOPS</b> – Ornaments by Cindy Hambrick
April 11, 2024	General Meeting – <b>“Birthday Celebration”</b> <b>EDUCATION</b> –How to make Journal Covers
April 18, 2024	Sew day and Sampler Group2024-2025 Budget Proposal Meeting
May 2, 2024	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM

## Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2023-2024 Master Calendar

May 6-7, 2024	<b>WORKSHOPS – “Turkish Delight”</b> taught by Barbara Ellis
May 9, 2024	Annual Lunch and Induction of New Officers
May 16, 2023	Sew day and Sampler Group
June 10-16, 2024	SCR Region Seminar – <b>“Dive into Stitching”</b> in San Marcos, TX
August 14-18, 2024	EGA National Seminar – <b>“Preserving Needle Arts”</b> in Atlanta GA
June 2025	SCR Region Seminar – Fort Worth TX
November 12-16, 2025	EGA National Seminar – 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.



*Hands across the Sea*  
Emma Livinia Crocker  
1825  
*The Reproduction*



## Birthdays

Sheryl Overstreet	Jan 4
Jymmie Stanton	Jan 4
Caroline Daigle	Jan 8
Elena Andrade	Jan 10
Dwana McKee	Jan 11
Betty Dunn	Jan 14
Jo Ann Jackson	Jan 15
Noelle LaBrecque	Jan 17
Mary Jo Thomson	Jan 17
Sharon Walter	Jan 19
Dana Cheneler	Jan 20
Nicole Kindred	Jan 23
Ilene Levine	Jan 29
Sheila Wryze	Jan 29

## Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep

:

Connie Liftin

in your thoughts and  
Prayers

Please keep all members safe.

## Arrangements

I want to thank Karen Dittmar for opening her lovely home for our Annual DNTG Holiday luncheon. 27 members attended and brought an assortment of delicious foods and desserts. A wonderful time was had by all. Each member brought a new toy for charity, and they were donated to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital.

On January 11, please join us for our general meeting and our:

### Annual Souper Salad Luncheon

A variety of soups and salads will be provided for you to enjoy. Hope to see you there.

Valorie Russell  
Arrangements

## Programs

Connie Litfin will be speaking at the February general meeting. Her program is titled "When this you see, remember me". Connie will be presenting information on autograph or signature quilts, sometimes called friendship or presentation quilts.

Marty Anderson has also graciously agreed to speak at our March program. She will be presenting her Heirloom baptismal gowns. I am very excited for these programs, and I am looking forward to hearing from these two talented women from our Guild.

We will celebrate all our members birthdays in April and continue the tradition of having a gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

Before you know it, it will be time for the May Luncheon. Enjoy the holidays and I hope everyone carves out some time to stitch.

June Roden

## Education

On January 11, 2024, we will do Needle Darning.  
You will need to bring a small pair of scissors.

Connie



## 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 antiques which have been reproduced for duplication. Members also enjoy stitching sampler related small items such as needlebooks, pincushions, and miniatures. The group meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 until 2:00 at Church of the Holy Communion

Sampler Group **will not meet in January**. The next meeting of the will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2023 from 10-2 at the Church of the Holy Communion. We will continue to share our knowledge and love of samplers and our study of Quaker samplers in particular. Anyone interested is welcome.

Each member is encouraged to challenge herself to incorporate a Quaker design into a stitched piece...anything from a full sampler to a small pin keep. Finished pieces will be displayed at the Spring Luncheon in May 2024. Please make plans to investigate Quaker patterns and select one that is of interest to you. The group will appreciate any information you learn while researching your project.

Linda Cox,  
Sampler Group Chairman



Needle Print free chart

## Membership

### New Members:

Your membership number will be sent to you directly from EGA. Please forward this number to [dntg.ega@gmail.com](mailto:dntg.ega@gmail.com) so that our records will show you are qualified to participate in all the FUN stuff offered through DN&TG!!!

### All Members:

CHANGES! If ANY of your information changes, please remember to contact me at [dntg.ega@gmail.com](mailto:dntg.ega@gmail.com) to insure you receive the latest and greatest news from DN&TG. You must also contact Tonya Parks at EGA National, [typarks@egausa.org](mailto:typarks@egausa.org) or call 502-589-6956, to ensure you continue to receive your local, Region and National EGA communications and publications. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THESE CHANGES TO RECEIVE ANY AND ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM EGA.

### Bring a Friend!

Your name will go in a drawing for each one of your friends that joins DN&TG during the year. What does that mean? You have a great chance to win a year's **FREE** membership!

### Come to our General meetings!

Great friends, delicious refreshments, and outstanding programs! And...just be attending, you may be the lucky one that receives a small prize. Service length pins are available at the membership "Welcome" table. Don't forget to wear your name tag.

Paige Guillory  
Membership Chairman  
[dntg.ega@gmail.com](mailto:dntg.ega@gmail.com)

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tote Bag Fundraiser

Help support our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary community service project by purchasing a tote bag. The tote bags are made with needlepoint canvases that were donated to our guild. They are all lined and have a 6" bottom/sides. You can see the bags and their sizes on the DNTG website under the **Members Only** tab. The money we raise from the sale of the bags will fund the framing of the 14 animals we are cross stitching for the Dallas Zoo.

- All items will be sold on a **first-come first-served** basis
- You can view all the items for sale at [www.dntg.org](http://www.dntg.org) - under the **Members Only** tab
- Enter the password (if you don't remember it, email Paige and she'll send you the password)
- At the top of the page, there is a button titled "**50th Anniversary Fundraiser**" click on this to see the bags
- If you find a bag you want, email Paige at [paige.guillory@verizon.net](mailto:paige.guillory@verizon.net) with the item number and description (i.e., Yellow Flower – S2)
- If the bag is available, you'll receive an email with the total for your purchase (it's \$15 extra if you want it shipped)
- You will then Zelle the money to [dntg.treas@gmail.com](mailto:dntg.treas@gmail.com) or write a check made out to **DNTG**
- When payment is received, you can pick it up at a sew day or it will be shipped to you

Thanks to everyone who has already purchased a bag. We appreciate your support!

Paige Guillory  
50th Anniversary Chair

### Opportunity knocks

We are collecting Seashore or under the sea items for Opportunity Knocks. Remember that any contributions that need help with finishing need to be turned in by the January Chapter Meeting.

If it does not need assistance with finishing, you can give it to me by the end of May. Thanks for everything you are sharing.



### From Our Vice President

To all DN&TG members,

I am pleased to serve as your Vice President. One of my roles is to act as a liaison between DN&TG members and the Chapter's Board.

If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding DN&TG, please forward them to me. All issues will be respected, seriously considered, and brought before the Board for resolution. You can even remain anonymous if you choose. I can be reached in person, by phone, or email. My contact information is in the Chapter Directory.

Don't forget to share your positive experiences with the Chapter too!

With your suggestions and help, we can make DN&TG the best chapter ever!

Marty Anderson



## Opportunity knocks Basket Stitchin' Texas Retreat

In April 2024, DNTG will be promoting our chapter and EGA at the **DFW Cross Stitcher's Retreat**. This three-day event had 140 attendees last year from the DFW area. The Fort Worth EGA chapter has attended this event for three years and gained 13-17 new members each year.



This is a great opportunity to grow our chapter with members that are already cross stitching together on Facebook in the DFW area. As part of the event, Greater Dallas EGA, Fort Worth EGA, and DNTG will have Opportunity Knocks baskets for the attendees. Our basket theme is “**These are a Few of My Favorite Things.**”

Please consider donating items for our basket. We are looking for stitching tools, patterns, fabric, lights, scissors, magnets, fobs, etc. It can be anything you really like to use when you stitch.

If you'd like to participate, please give your “**Favorite Things**” items to Paige Guillory at a Thursday sew day or General meeting.

Thank you for your help promoting DNTG!

## ReTreat 2024



ReTreat 2024 Update  
January 17-21, 2024



The 31<sup>st</sup> annual DN&TG ReTreat at Tanglewood Resort is only a few weeks away. All registrations are complete for this year. If you are unable to attend, we will miss you and hope you can join us next year.

### A few reminders:

- Bring your **Coca-Cola** products if you want to enjoy them.
- The **Snack Table** will still be located in the back of the room. We have been asked to monitor the table more closely. Reseal packages/containers, pitch empties, etc.
- Please consider thoughtfully what you will bring to share on the **Stash Table**. **Bring only original books, magazines, or patterns**. Stitching accessories are welcome. Teresa no longer has the option of distributing left-overs, and there is no recycling at Tanglewood. The table will be cleared on Saturday night, and all will be asked to remove their left-over items.
- Look for emails addressed to all registrants for more detailed information such as “What to Bring” reminders, map to the resort, etc.

Please refer questions to Linda Cox, ([lindarcox@earthlink.net](mailto:lindarcox@earthlink.net)) or to any member of the Talented Turtle Committee.



Ribbon Embroidery by Stitch Piece'n'Purl

**Barbara Ellis - Turkish Delight**  
**May 6-7, 2024**  
**At Museum Tower, 1918 N Olive St, Dallas, TX**



**Registration Deadline:**  
**March 24, 2024**

This is a dual-strand infinity style necklace that focuses on multi-rope variations that are connected using coin pearls and jewel stones. Sections of the necklace are created one at a time and connected to create one 78" long necklace and one shorter 18" necklace finished with a charm and drop focal piece. These ropes are really fun to create and there will be several kits to choose from including purple haze, ivory coast, and midnight clouds.

**Technique:** Bead Weaving

**Design Area:** 18" - 78"

**Proficiency Level:** Intermediate

**Kit Cost:** \$125.00

**Pre-Work:** Optional

**Kit Contents:** Gemstones, decorative drop, connectors, coin pearls, 15/0 and 10/0 seed beads, accent crystals, clasp.

**Student Provides:** Fireline (6 lb.) or One-G thread, size 10 and 12 beading needles, usual beading supplies, light and magnification if needed.

**Color Choices** – Purple Haze, Ivory Coast or Midnight Clouds

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

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

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

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

**Select One:**  Purple Haze  Ivory Coast  Midnight Clouds

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

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

**There is a \$20 additional charge for non-chapter members. No ghosts are allowed for this class.**

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: **Turkish Delight**

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

**Mail to:** Cyndi Scott, 6817 Riverchase Trail, Denton, TX, 76210

**email:** [dntg.ega@gmail.com](mailto:dntg.ega@gmail.com)

**Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild  
 South Central Region (SCR) of Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA)  
 Membership Form – 2023-2024**

<p><b>\$64 – DN&amp;TG Primary (June-May)</b></p> <p>_____ New EGA / DNTG member</p> <p>_____ Renewing DNTG member</p> <p>_____ EGA member / new DNTG Primary</p>	<p><b>\$20 – Plural inside SCR / \$25 – Plural outside SCR</b></p> <p>_____ Plural Member</p> <p>Primary Chapter: _____</p>
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EGA #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

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  
[paige.guillory@verizon.net](mailto:paige.guillory@verizon.net)

**Payment Method (circle one)**

**Check    ZELLE**

**Annual dues are payable by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

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

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

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**Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild**

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c/o Elena Andrade

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