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The Needle Knows

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region



From the President

As this is my last "letter from the president", I would like to thank all the members of DNTG for your support and enthusiasm during this year. It was a very challenging learning experience for me, but it has been an honor and a privilege to serve

I want to thank all the Board Members for the hard work each and everyone of you put in to making this a great year for the guild. I was very lucky to serve you as president during the 50th anniversary of DNTG. We had a lot of fun getting gifts from the 50th Anniversary Committee every month, learning finishing techniques, having access to many projects related to the 50th Anniversary, learning about EGA, having sampler group projects, and having many more activities during this year.

I want to thank the 50th Anniversary Committee for the great work they did during the 3 years that took to put every thing together: designing and making the Zoo project, designing and making kits for all the stitched and beaded projects, and organizing the finishing classes.

Our last activity will be the May Luncheon which will be our final celebration of the 50th anniversary, where we will be displaying all the finished projects. We will have installment of next year's Officers as well.

I will be doing the newsletter for you next year, which makes me very happy!

Hope to see you all at the May Luncheon.

With my deepest gratitude.
Elena Andrade

Calendar May/June 2026

May

**7 BOARD MEETING – Budget Review
Sew Day**

**14 GENERAL MEETING – Installation of
Officers, 50th Anniversary Party
ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

21 Sew Day

28 Sew Day

June

4 BOARD MEETING – Officers Turnover

11 Sew Day

18 Sew Day

25 Sew Day

Newsletter highlights

50th anniversary zoo installation picture

Don't forget to attend the May Luncheon

It's not too late to turn in your MAGIC list.

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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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

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



50th Anniversary

Please join me in thanking the 50th anniversary committee for all of their help planning all of the wonderful projects, favors, and activities we had this year. They spent the last three years stitching zoo animals, creating and piloting patterns, writing instructions, kitting out projects, making favors, sewing tote bags and a quilt to raise money for this event. A special thanks to June Roden and Traci LePage who occasionally stepped in to help. We hope you all enjoyed celebrating DNTG’s 50th anniversary with us.



- Paige Guillory
- Michelle Kocurek
- Jo Ann Jackson
- Elena Andrade
- Judy McGraw
- Cyndi Scott
- Valorie Russell

Paige Guillory
50th Anniversary Chairman

Sampler

Members of the Sampler Group are currently working on their own example of “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.

The 2026-27 Sampler Group Project will have a patriotic theme in honor of our country's 250th anniversary. 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



Dallas Zoo Installation of 50th Anniversary Project

Stitching Snippets

Did you know...

Lace making originated in the early 16th century, likely emerging simultaneously in Italy (Venice) and Flanders (Belgium) from earlier embroidery and netting techniques. As a high-fashion luxury item favored by European elites, it evolved into two main types: needle lace and bobbin lace. By the 17th century, it was a thriving industry, spreading across Europe through trade and, later, colonialism to the Americas and Asia.

Key Historical Developments:

- **Origins (Early 1500s):** Lace emerged from "punto in aria" (stitches in the air) embroidery in Italy and bobbin work in Flanders.
- **Techniques:** Needle lace is created using a needle and thread to make buttonhole stitches, while bobbin lace involves twisting and plaiting multiple threads wound on bobbins.
- **Key Centers:** Italy (Venice/Milan) and Flanders (Antwerp/Brussels) were early centers, with England later developing its own traditions.
- **Industry & Trade:** Due to its high cost and popularity, lace was heavily traded and sometimes regulated by laws.
- **Industrialization (19th Century):** The invention of lace-making machines, particularly for net, revolutionized the industry, making lace more accessible and less dependent on hand production

Evolution of Style and Use:

- **16th–17th Century:** Used primarily for elaborate collars, cuffs, and church vestments, featuring bold, geometric designs.
- **18th Century:** Laces became more delicate and floral, with centers like Alençon and Valenciennes in France producing highly detailed work.
- **19th Century and Beyond:** Machine-made lace (like Nottingham lace) became common. While handmade lace production significantly declined, it remained a prized, traditional craft

Regional Representative

The last day to signup for classes at the Dallas SCR seminar is fast approaching. Check out the SCR website for all the specifics!

Currently the name of the SCR newsletter is "Stitches". In next winters issue the name will be changing...the new name will be a surprise. If you would like to be taken of the list of receiving these newsletters, please let Sherri Seville know at ... SCRCommunications24@gmail.com.

In 2029, SCR will be celebrating their 50th anniversary! We are still taking small sewing donations to put with the Opportunity Knocks project.

Marty Anderson
Region Rep.

Programs

We have had an interesting year celebrating our 50th Anniversary the programs have reviewed various topics to share where DNTG fits into EGA and the region, tools that we can use, and all the items that are available from EGA. I am looking forward to the next year the the programs that Elizabeth (Liz) Young will plan for us. Thanks for you participation this year and I look forward to seeing your at our 50th Anniversary Party Luncheon.

There is still time to turn in your MAGIC list.

Jo Ann Jackson

Arrangements

The May Luncheon will be May 14th from 11:00 to 1:00 at The Chocolate Angel, 635 W. Campbell Road, Suite 310, Richardson, 75080. The Menu is set and will be Tomato Basil Soup, one-half Turkey Sandwich and a House Salad. You will choose your beverage and dessert.

If you have a dietary restriction, please let Janice know by May 5.

Janice Jones

Birthdays

No Data Available

Welcome

Please welcome new members to DNTG at serw days and meetings

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers

Past DNTG president Sharon Davis - surgery

Please keep all members safe



South Central Regional Semina 2026

August 12 - 15th

Dallas, Texas

Registration is now open. You do not have to be a EGA member to come.

www.egascr.org/scr-2026 seminar

The in person classes are:

Margaret Bendig will be teaching her Star Dance (2 days thread & count selection) and Cat, Hat & Kicks (1 day)



Barbara Ellis will teach Wrapper Bracelet (2 dys) and Radiance Earrings (1 day)

Fern Ridge will beach Sitches Preserved (2 day cross stitch from National EGA 2024), and a custom designsd beaded needle fob (1 day)



Dawn Fisher will be teaching Spool of Stitches (2 day - color selection) and Grandma's Button Box (1 day - box not included)

Jennifer Riefenberg will be teaching Winter Fire (Poinsettia 2 day) and Autumns Sampler



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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.

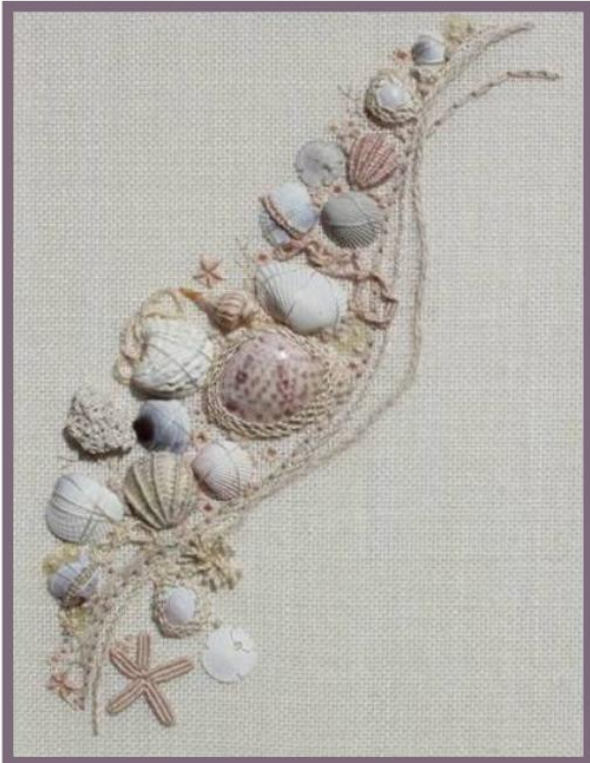
Interested in starting a group for another technique or another date?

Contact: specialinterestgroups@egausa.org

Interested in a Counted Thread online Special Interest Group?

Contact: countedthread@egausa.org

Dawn Donnely – “Sea Treasures” Workshop
October 27-28, 2026



“Sea Treasures” contains a variety of items that have been washed up from the ocean. After transferring the base lines onto the linen, you will bring the ocean visitors to life use Stem Stitch, Ribbed Spider’s Web, Needleweaving, Eyelet, Buttonhole Rings, French Knot, Feather, Split and Chain.

You will learn how to make seashells and a sea anemone and how to attach seashells, in a variety of ways, to the ground fabric.

Design size: 6” x 9”

Class length: 2 days

Skill level: Intermediate

Kit cost: \$100

Name: _____ EGA #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell or Home (circle one)

email: _____

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2026

Mail this form to:

Paige Guillory, Membership Chairman
 3704 Skyline Dr., Plano, Texas 75025

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 – Sea Treasures Workshop