



# The Needle Knows

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild  
South Central Region



<http://www.DNTG.org>

## From the President

Happy holidays!!

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving celebration with friends and family. We had family from Guatemala this week, and after so many difficult times in the past weeks, it has been a blessing to share this celebration with them. Our hearts are ready to welcome this holiday season, with the hope that next year will bring happiness and blessings to my family and yours as well.

We want to thank all of you who participated at the National Seminar for all the hard work, enthusiasm and effort you put into helping Greater Dallas chapter in having a very successful event. Special thanks to Jo Ann Jackson for the magnificent job she did preparing and participating at Seminar.

Retreat is around the corner!! Please remember that you have to send your payment no later than December 11. I am already beginning to plan the projects that I want to take with me, specially the ones that require few hours to complete each step, that usually I don't have time at home.

Please join us for the Holiday Party on December 11, hope to see you there!!

Elena Andrade



## Calendar

December 2025 January 2026

### December

December 11, 2025 **GENERAL MEETING – HOLYDAY PARTY**

### January

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

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

## Newsletter highlights

**-Please bring an unwrapped toy to the Holiday party.**

**-Retreat Final Payments are due Dec 11.**

### 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](http://www.dntg.org) for information about workshops, education classes, photos, calendar, membership information, directory, and newsletter.



[www.egascr.org](http://www.egascr.org)



[www.egaus.org](http://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](https://www.dntg.org/_files/ugd/51c461_80b79f3be07540f091163abc3a275618.pdf)

Lisa Miller  
Membership

## **Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2025-2026 Master Calendar**

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January 8, 2026	<b>BOARD MEETING AT 9:00 am and GENERAL MEETING</b>
January 21-25, 2026	<b>DNTG 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL RETREAT at Tanglewood Resort</b> 290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, TX 75076
February 12, 2026	<b>GENERAL MEETING – Magic Reveal and scissor case/fob finishing with tassel making</b>
March 5, 2026	<b>BOARD MEETING – Slate of Officers</b>
March 12, 2026	<b>GENERAL MEETING – Review Officers proposal and ort bowl finishing</b>
April 9, 2026	<b>GENERAL MEETING – Election of Officers</b> <b>BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION and needlebook finishing</b>
April 2026	<b>BUDGET REVIEW</b>
May 7, 2026	<b>BOARD MEETING – Budget Review</b>
May 14, 2026	<b>GENERAL MEETING – Installation of Officers</b> <b>ANNUAL LUNCHEON</b>
June 4, 2026	<b>BOARD MEETING – Officers Turnover</b>
August 12-15, 2026	<b>SCR REGION SEMINAR, Stich on a Star, Dallas, TX</b>
October 9-14, 2026	<b>EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR, Wish upon a Stitch, Orlando, FL</b>

## Programs

Thanks for the help - Thanks to everyone that helped me prepare for the recent National Seminar in Dallas. I appreciate all the assistance that you provided that helped to make the Seminar a success I appreciate the time you took from stitch days to complete the Goodie Bags and other more individualized information. Your assistance was appreciated. Also, all the volunteers at Seminar helped to make Seminar run smoothly. Thanks.

Jo Ann Jackson

## Congratulations

*Congratulations to Paige Guillory – Golden Needle Award Recipient*

*We are thrilled to congratulate Paige Guillory on receiving the Golden Needle Award from EGA in the South Central Region—a well-deserved honor that reflects her extraordinary dedication and service. Paige has devoted countless hours to strengthening and growing our chapter. Her leadership, creativity, and willingness to serve in multiple board positions have made a lasting impact on our members and our mission. Whether guiding new initiatives or supporting ongoing programs, Paige's commitment shines through in everything she does.*

*Please join us in celebrating Paige for this remarkable achievement. Congratulations, Paige, and thank you for your unwavering dedication to our chapter!*

## Arrangements

Thanks to everyone who signed up to bring food for the Holiday Luncheon on December 11th, as well as the "Souper Bowl Luncheon" on January 8th, 2026. I will send reminders prior to those events. Planning is underway for the May Luncheon and we have some very nice choices so far.

**Please bring a new unwrapped toy to the Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Enjoy your Holiday Season!  
Janice

## Regional Representative

Hope everyone enjoyed National Seminar as much as I did! Stay tuned...next year...Orlando!

Marty Anderson

## Special Thanks

*With Gratitude to Jo Ann Jackson for Her Outstanding Service*

*The success of our national EGA seminar was made possible in no small part by the dedication and hard work of Jo Ann Jackson. Jo Ann generously devoted her time and expertise to overseeing all aspects of seminar registration, ensuring that every detail was handled with care and precision.*

*Her patient guidance and willingness to assist members who needed help made the registration process smooth and welcoming for everyone involved. Whether answering questions, solving last-minute issues, or offering reassurance, Jo Ann was a steady and supportive presence throughout.*

*We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jo Ann for her exceptional service, her kindness, and her unwavering commitment to our community. Her efforts truly made a difference, and we are grateful for all she has done to help make this seminar a success.*

## Education

**January** at retreat-learn how to bead:

Michelle and Paige will teach beading during the retreat. This is a good time to get started on any of the beading projects offered for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**February 12**-how to finish the stitched scissor case and fob, make a tassel

**March 12**-finishing the Ort Bowl

**April 9**-finishing

## Stitching Snippets

### US history

During the American Revolution, women created homespun cloth as a form of patriotic resistance against British goods. Wearing homespun became a visible symbol of defiance, while organized "spinning bees" where women gathered to produce yarn and cloth provided a way to participate in the political movement and support the cause. This domestic production was a crucial part of the non-importation agreements and helped pressure Britain by boycotting its textiles.

#### Homespun as a patriotic symbol

- **Refusal of imports:** The [Homespun Movement](#), which started in response to British taxes, encouraged colonists to boycott imported textiles and create their own domestically spun cotton and wool.
- **Symbol of defiance:** Wearing homespun clothing became a public and bold statement of patriotism and support for the American cause, as it showed a rejection of British rule and taxation.
- **Political and social events:** Women organized "spinning bees" to produce homespun cloth, turning a domestic chore into a politically charged social event. These gatherings were publicized in newspapers and became a way for women to unite and contribute to the boycott.
- **Publicity:** The homespun movement gained national attention, with events like the "Homespun Ball" in Williamsburg, where nearly 100 women wore homespun gowns to make a political statement.
- **Support for troops:** Beyond boycotts, the production of homespun cloth was essential for supplying the Continental Army with clothing and other necessities.



## Sampler

The December meeting of the Sampler Group will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2025 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.

The group has selected to stitch a piece of needlework on linen containing an example of a historical 17<sup>th</sup> century Spot Sampler for the 2025-26 year. Many have started their pieces. Anyone who is interested but needs help can find it at Sampler Group or Sew Day meetings. 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 in Spring 2026.

Linda Cox

## Outreach

*Thank You, DNTG Members, for Supporting Operation Shoebox!*

*The members of DNTG have once again demonstrated their generosity and community spirit. Thanks to your heartfelt contributions, we successfully donated over 150 kits to Operation Shoebox, bringing joy and creativity to children aged 10 to 17.*

*By sharing our passion for stitching, we're helping introduce a younger generation to the joy of stitching. Thank you to every member who contributed time, materials, or funds. Your kindness is making a real difference—one stitch at a time.*

*Michelle Kocurek  
Vice President*



## Birthdays

Kassandra Uses	12-3
Dona Moore	12-6
Kate Gaunt	12-7
Kris Fioto	12-16
Jeanne Guhl	12-18
Stacey Lundgren	12-18
Liz Young	12-21
Jean Neisius	12-24
Dawn Popovich	12-24
Cathy True	12-28
Dotty Rowan	12-29
Brianna Gonzales	12-31

## Welcome

*A warm welcome to our  
new members!*

*Emily Herrmann  
Farah Razi  
Courtney Jawresky*

*Please welcome them to  
DNTG at sev days and  
meetings*

## Thoughts and Prayers

*Please keep these members in  
your thoughts and prayers*

*Please keep all members safe*

## Retreat



January 21-26 2026

Reminder: Don't forget that your retreat balance is due December 11, 2025.

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

Tanglewood address: 290 Tanglewood Circle

Pottsboro, TX 75076

(903) 462 7806 (Direct Line)

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 including use of the Texas Room for stitching is a total of \$121.00.

Stash Table: We will once again have the Stash table. Any leftovers will be taken by Yvonne McCauley of the Stitchin Chicks.

Snack Table: Remember to bring snacks to share and please make sure they in a resalable package or container with a lid.

Silent Auction: We have some great items that we will set up for our silent auction that will end at 4:00 on Saturday. We will take cash or checks for these items.

List of supplies: Lamps, magnifiers, chargers for phone, computers, iPad, maybe an extra blanket & sweater you never know what the temperature will be in the room. Don't forget your stitching the reason for the ReTreat! If you have an questions, please contact Chris Wasson([wassonchris1@gmail.com](mailto:wassonchris1@gmail.com)) or Pat Wingate([patwingate@me.com](mailto:patwingate@me.com))

Please send your final payment to: Tami Mason

2736 Rosewood Dr. Mesquite, TX 75150

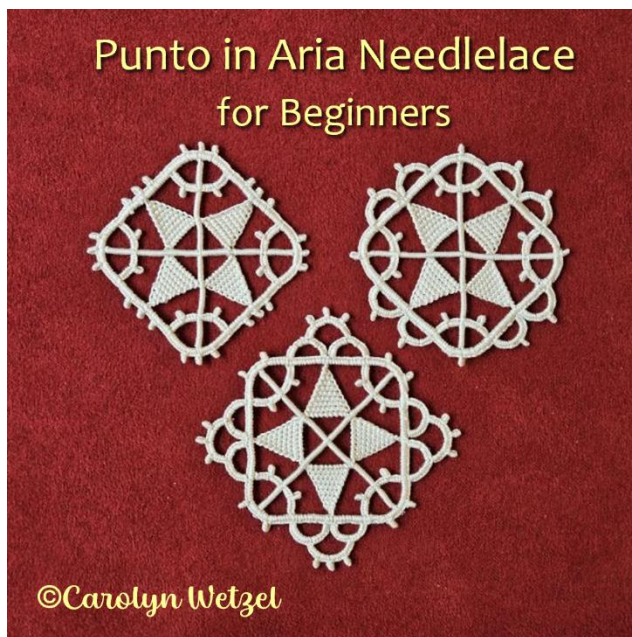
We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and several new faces who will be joining us this year.

The Queens

## Needle Lace with Carolyn Wetzel

March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 9am

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



### Registration Deadline: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

The earliest needle-made laces like reticella were constructed by withdrawing threads from fabric. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century this evolved into “punto in aria” or “stitch in the air” leading to more elaborate shapes and eventually the true needle laces like Gros Point de Venise, Alençon, and Aemilia Ars. This introductory class will make a classic 16<sup>th</sup> century geometric lace square using punto in aria techniques.

Technique: Needle Lace

Level: Beginner

Kit Cost: \$14

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thread (white or ecru): \_\_\_\_\_

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: NEEDLELACE

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**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:specialinterestgroups@egausa.org)

Interested in a Counted Thread online Special Interest Group?

Contact: [countedthread@egausa.org](mailto: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](mailto:dntg.treas@gmail.com)

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