



The Needle Knows

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region



<http://www.DNTG.org>

From the President

Why do I stitch? For me, it can be to relax, to challenge myself, to learn, for therapy, for distraction, as a cathartic, as a statement, for nostalgia or just for fun.

For me, when I am stitching to relax, I pick something I don't have to count or think about too much... something repetitive I can do in front of the TV. When I am choosing a new project, it will most likely be something that is challenging... a project where I will learn something in the process. The learning is what drives me. I'm always amazed at how much I don't know or how much I thought I knew but can always learn a new perspective. The sewing I did when I had breast cancer was both therapeutic and a distraction. When my son passed away, the stitching I did was cathartic and a huge distraction. The Quilts of Valor I made for a close friend and a relative, were statements of appreciation of their years of service for our country. The quilts I own that my mother and grandmother made, bring back nostalgic memories of our time together. Stitching on sew day is always filled with fun, laughter, and camaraderie! Why do you stitch? Is it because of any of the reasons I listed, or do you have a list of your own? I would love to hear!

Why ever you stitch... I hope you love it,

Marty Anderson
President

Calendar November 2024

- 2 **WORKSHOPS - Jolly Santa**
- 7 Sew Day
 GCC – BABY STEPS BEADING
- 11 Plano Satellite
- 14 **GENERAL MEETING**
 PROGRAMS – ANTIQUE SEWING TOOLS
 EDUCATION – HARDANGER CLASS
- 21 Sew Day
 SAMPLER GROUP
- 25 Plano Satellite
- 28 **NO SEW DAY**

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

Our Facebook Group



Come 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.

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.

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
Technology Chairman

Have you seen our website?



Visit our website at 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

November 2, 2024	WORKSHOPS – Jolly Santa by Brenda Stofft
November 7, 2024	GCC – Baby Steps Beading Workshop
November 14, 2024	GENERAL MEETING – nonbusiness PROGRAMS – Antique Needlework Tools by Judy McGraw EDUCATION – Hardanger Class by Karen Dittmar
November 21, 2024	SAMPLER GROUP
November 28, 2024	NO SEW DAY
December 5, 2024	GCC – Baby Steps Beading Workshop
December 12, 2024	GENERAL MEETING HOLIDAY PARTY at The Church of the Holy Communion
December 19, 2024	SAMPLER GROUP EDUCATION - Hardanger Class by Karen Dittmar
December 26, 2024	NO SEW DAY
January 2, 2025	NO SEW DAY
January 9, 2025	GENERAL MEETING BOARD MEETING – Nominating Committee Selection
January 15-19, 2025	DNTG 31ST ANNUAL RETREAT at Tanglewood, 290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, Tx 75076
January 16, 2025	NO SEW DAY
January 30, 2025	EDUCATION
February 6, 2025	GCC – Baby Steps Beading Workshop BOARD MEETING – Review officers' proposal
February 13, 2025	GENERAL MEETING – Nonbusiness MAGIC REVEAL

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2024-2025 Master Calendar

February 27, 2025	EDUCATION
March 6, 2025	GCC – Baby Steps Beading workshop
March 13, 2025	GENERAL MEETING – Review Officers proposal
March 27, 2025	EDUCATION
April 10, 2025	GENERAL MEETING – election of officers BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
April 17, 2025	BUDGET REVIEW
April 24, 2025	EDUCATION
May 1, 2025	GCC – Baby Steps Beading Workshop BOARD MEETING – Budget review
May 8, 2025	ANNUAL LUNCHEON GENERAL MEETING – Installment of Officers
May 22, 2025	BOARD MEETING – Officers turnover
June 11-14, 2025	SCR Region Seminar – Fort Worth TX
November 12-16, 2025	EGA National Seminar – 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.

Birthdays

Judith Markus	Nov 1
Jennifer Kiss	Nov 3
Joy Read	Nov 10
Marceil Geiser	Nov 13
Gale Ozment	Nov 14
Dianne Stauber	Nov 14
Anne Tuley Johnson	Nov 16
Ann Tipps N	Nov 16
Holly Laughlin	Nov 17
Dee Smith	Nov 17
Jan Fabion	Nov 18
Yvonne McCauley	Nov 26
Stella Montgomery	Nov 27
Lynn Melder	Nov 28
Jan Goss	Nov 30
Betty Quelch	Nov 30

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new members!

*Ann Burgess
 BreAnne Robbins
 Carole Fiore
 Felicia Russell
 Liz Young
 Mary Ann Borden-Neary
 Merry Bailey
 Melanie Jobe
 Kerri May*

Please welcome them to DNTG at sew days and meeting

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep

*Lynn Melder
 Rebecca Morris
 Karen Hamilton*

The family of Mary Ann Bruton

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


In Memory of Mary Ann Bruton



Mary Ann Bruton, a retired educator, passed away on October 3, 2024, just two short weeks of her husband, John Bruton's, passing.

She was born in Dallas, Texas on February 28, 1939 to Barnell and Audra Lowe. She was a lifelong educator and accomplished needle pointer.

She will be missed at the Dallas Needlework and Textiles Guild.



**WOODLAWN
NEEDLEWORK SHOW**
est. 1963

**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>



ReTreat 2025
Friendships Bound with Needle and Thread
January 15-19, 2025



In just few months we will be gathering for our 32nd annual retreat on January 15 - 19, 2025 at the beautiful Tanglewood Resort on Lake Texoma.

The Threadhogs and the Honeybees have been working tirelessly to provide you with another relaxing and fun time!

The deadline for the deposit has passed and your balance is due by December 15th. You may pay by Zelle or check. Either way, please note in the memo section that your payment is for retreat.

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

"Friendships Bound with Needle and Thread"

We are also happy to announce that a Stitching Room (The Texas Room) will be provided again this year for early arrivals on Tuesday, January 14th. The cost of your room including use of the Texas Room is \$94 per night plus tax and resort fees (\$111.60 total). ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY YOU DIRECTLY WITH TANGLEWOOD RESERVATIONS and are not included in your DN&TG ReTreat payment.

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

We are looking forward to seeing you in January!

The Threadhogs
and
The Honeybees





Members with Last Name beginning with:

A-L please bring something sweet to share
M-Z please bring a savory to share

The Chapter will provide the main dish and refreshments

DNTG at the Texas State Fair



Thank you to all the DNTG members that volunteered to teach cross stitch at the State Fair. On Thursday, October 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We taught people of all ages to cross stitch a Texas cowboy boot while promoting EGA and DNTG. We handed out 100-150 kits each day in less than three hours. Kathy Bennet, the Creative Arts Director for the Texas State Fair, told us they had more cross stitch entries this year than in years prior. She believes this is a direct result of us teaching at the fair. She also said, “the fairgoers have really enjoyed your participation in Creative Arts. That is very evident when they run out of kits. I love to promote different hobbies here in Creative Arts and this certainly helps.”

Thanks again to everyone that helped make kits and taught at the fair. I hope you consider volunteering at the fair next year.

Paige Guillory



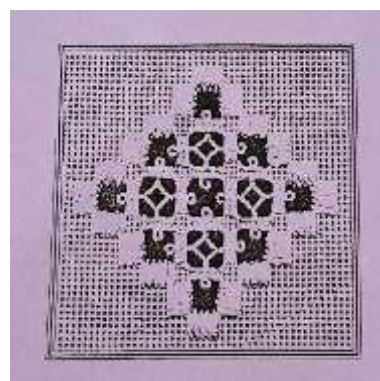
Education

Our next adventure in Hardanger will be on **November 14**, after the general meeting.

We will be working on the decorative stitches inside the Kloster blocks. So, if you're taking the class, you should have 5 Kloster blocks finished and cut according to the instructions.

Hope to see you there!

Karen Dittmar
Education



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.

Please consider donating one of your favorite tools for a possibly new stitcher to learn to love.

Jo Ann Jackson

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.

The November meeting of the Sampler Group will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2024 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 a new theme for the 2024-25 year. Each member will select a sampler or related piece that has a house on it anything from a full sampler to a small pin keep. Finished pieces will be displayed at the Spring Luncheon in May 2025. Please make plans to investigate samplers with house 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
lindarcox@earthlink.net
512-750-7983

From Our Vice President

I am very honored for being elected as your Vice President for 2024-2025.

This position involves working with Workshops Chair and Workshops Assistant in planning and having Workshops for this coming year

I will also 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

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!!

Elena Andrade
Dntg.newsletter@yahoo.com
Cel 972-533-3144

DNTG 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. At the fall general meetings and retreat, we'll be taking head shot photos of the members that would like to participate. Or you can 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.

Paige Guillory
Membership

EGA/DNTG Membership

Don't forget to renew your EGA/DNTG membership online. DNTG has a lot of exciting workshops, education classes, ReTreat, programs and other activities planned for this year. Check out the calendar in this newsletter or on our website at www.dntg.org

To renew your membership, simply click on the following link. You will need to log in to EGA, so make sure you have your username and password before you begin. If you have never logged onto the EGA website before, you create an account.
<https://egausa.org/product/dallas-needlework-textile-guild-chapter>

When you renew your membership online, you will have the option to set your membership renewal as a recurring payment. With this new feature, you will be able to have your membership auto-renew each year. Payments can be set up using a credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay.

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

Paige Guillory
Membership

Bring A Friend

Invite your friends to stitch with us on Thursdays. If they join DNTG, you will receive a special charm for bringing in a new member.

PROGRAMS

Opportunity for New Members

We are so fortunate to have so many new members this fall and are opening up the **MAGIC List program**. **MAGIC is an acronym for My Annual Good Intentions Contract**. We each have goals and sometimes we meet them and often we don't. But putting them in writing gives us encouragement and motivation. You can list however many you like, but you only are required to complete one to earn a small prize. And on a larger piece your intention can be a partial completion. For instance, I have a large canvas from a class I took with a lot of new stitches, so my contract says complete 3 hearts (still not done). The contract is a full page printed in this newsletter which may be turned in at the next 3 meetings. Or if you do not have easy access to a printer, you can just text or e-mail your name and list of one to six items to me at 214-621-6818 or dotty86tulips@gmail.com Our program in February will be Show and Tell of **MAGIC List** items. It is great to see how varied our stitching can be

Welcome Judy McGraw

I am very excited that longtime member Judy McGraw will be sharing some of her antique embroidery tools as the program for the **November 14th meeting**. She is an excellent stitcher and is interested in the history of our hobby.

Dotty Rowan
Programs



MAGIC 2024



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. Either email or hand it to June Roden 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 e-mail this form to: june_rdn@yahoo.com

Deadline to submit form: March 31, 2024 - (New members can send in their form when they join DNTG)

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: _____



Celeste Chalasani
“Stump Work Workshops”
1 and 2 Day Classes

Please contact Jan Goss if you are interested in these classes
janjgoss@gmail.com



Project #1
1 Day Class, Kit \$45



Project #2
2 Day Class Kit, cost \$65



Project #3
1 Day Class, Kit \$45



Project #4
1 Day Class, Kit \$45



Project #5
2 Day Class, Kit cost \$85



Project #6
2 Day Class Kit, cost \$130

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

UPDATE ABOUT THE EXHIBIT!!!!

In March of 2025, Historic Fort Worth, Inc. is delighted to once again be featuring the amazing works of those who do needlepoint and cross stitch. The next exhibit will include another complementary needle art, hand embroidery. Needlepoint, cross stitch and hand embroidery give the stitcher an avenue for self-expression and are challenging and rewarding in their own rights. It's like painting with a needle.

WHAT MAKES THIS SHOW SO UNIQUE?

1. **There isn't an entry fee to participate.**
2. **Your treasures exhibited are not juried.**
3. **The Needle Art Committee doesn't send invitations to stitchers to display their artisanship in this delightful show.**
4. **The show is held in an 1899 Cattle Baron Mansion, The Ball-Eddleman-McFarland House (Fort Worth's second historic landmark) at 1110 Penn Street 76102.**

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING:

If you are a cross stitcher, please contact Tami at stitchfw@yahoo.com

If you are a hand embroiderer, please contact Tami at

stitchfw@yahoo.com

If you are a needle pointer, please contact Tami at stitchfw@yahoo.com

*We Don't Need to Know What You Will Be Showcasing at This Time.
We Do Want to Know if You Will Be Participating in The Exhibit!*

DATES FOR THE EXHIBIT: MARCH 6-9

Thursday, March 6: The exhibit opens with A Party with the Stitchers.

Friday, March 7-Sunday, March 9: The exhibit is open to the public.

32nd Annual ReTreat Registration Form

January 15-19, 2025

Name: _____ EGA #: _____

NOTE: DNTG membership must be up to date upon deposit.

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I stitch with (name of group): _____ Is this your first time at ReTreat? _____

Emergency Contact (name & phone): _____

The registration fee includes all appropriate lodging and meals based on the day you arrive. Meals include: 2 meals on Wednesday, 3 meals on Thursday-Saturday, and Sunday brunch as well as sodas, coffee and tea in our meeting room.

Arrive on:	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Single	\$817.00	\$622.00	\$426.00
Double*	\$659.00	\$503.00	\$347.00
Triple*	\$611.00	\$467.00	\$323.00

Circle the fee for the date of your arrival and list your roommate(s) here: _____

* Prices stated are for roommates arriving on the same day. If arriving on different days, additional room costs are the responsibility of the roommate arriving on the earlier day

Special Requirements: NOTE: First come first served on the following rooms:

Room near event _____ Walk-in Shower with one King Bed _____ (3 available)

Handicapped room has step in tub with helper bar and two queen beds _____ (2 available)

Mail this form to: Marty Anderson, 4003 Rolling Knolls, Parker, TX 75002

Please indicate if you are paying your \$100 deposit by check or ZELLE

ZELLE: dntg.treas@gmail.com

REQUIRED FOR ZELLE: In the Memo field, indicate ReTreat

Deposit / registration form due by Oct. 10, 2024. Balance due Dec. 12, 2024.

Payment Method
(circle one)

Check ZELLE

DNTG’s Standing Rules state “items on the stash table are to be taken for the members’ stitching enjoyment and are NOT to be taken by members for sale.”

By signing this I acknowledge this policy and grant DN&TG permission to use photos taken of me in future newsletters.

Cancellation Policy: Fees are fully refundable prior to December 14, 2023. From 12/15/23 – 1/8/24, the fees paid minus \$100.00 deposit are refundable. After January 8, 2024, no refunds can be issued except in cases of emergency, the effort will be made to refund the fee minus the \$100 deposit. No refunds can be guaranteed.

**Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region (SCR) of EGA
Membership Form – 2024**

DNTG Primary Membership (\$80) is now online. You'll need your EGA username and password. Then you can renew your membership at: <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, AR, LA, MS) / \$25 – Plural outside SCR

Primary Chapter: _____

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

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

Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild

c/o Elena Andrade
