



The Needle Knows

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region



<http://www.DNTG.org>

From the President

TH *thank you!* **U!**

What a great year it has been for DNTG. After being in lock down for almost 2 years, it has been so nice to meet in person for sew days, have in-person programs at our general meetings, attending workshops, and ReTreat. I really enjoy being around family and friends again!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President this past year. I was lucky to have an amazing board and long-term planning team to work with. Please join me in thanking our board members Paige Guillory, Cyndi Scott, Jan Goss, Marty Anderson, Karen Hamilton, Elena Andrade, June Roden, Randye Engeran, Judy McGraw, Karen Dittmar, Valorie Russell, Jo Ann Jackson, Gwen Gibbs, Lisa Miller, Gail Bergman, Debbie Morris, and Mary Waldsmith. I would also like to thank Linda Cox, Ursula Gross, and Robin Caraway for heading our special committees this year.

The Workshop Chairmen, Marty, and Elena, brought in several new teachers this year to teach us Goldwork and Japanese Beading. At the end of this month several members will have the opportunity to pilot a class for the National Seminar in New York and learn how to do thread painting. In the fall we will be hosting a teacher from the National Seminar to teach us stump work. The Workshop team did a great job in finding new techniques for us to learn this year.

The Long-Range Committee, Jo Ann Jackson, Linda Cox, Lynn Englebrecht, and Paige Guillory were busy this year helping me update the Job Descriptions and Bylaws. Thank you for all your hard work and time.

Cyndi Scott had many great programs at our general meetings this year – Appraisal of Needlework, demonstrations of needlepoint techniques, a lecture on Samplers, and Karen Hamilton giving us some insight on the future of EGA.

Thank you everyone for a wonderful year!

Happy Stitching!

Michelle Kocurek
DNTG President

Calendar

May

5	Board Meeting/Sew Day
9	Plano Satellite
12	Luncheon and Installation of Officers
19	Sew Day
23	Plano Satellite
26	Sew Day

June

14-18	SCR Region Seminar – “Krewe of Needle and Thread” in Shreveport, LA
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August

24-28	EGA National Seminar – “Broadway Bound” in New York City, NY
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September

21 & 22	Corncockle and Dragonfly stumpwork by Jane Nicholas
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The Church of the Holy Communion

17405 Muirfield Drive, Dallas, TX 75287

Sew Days – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch

General Meeting – 10:00 a.m., Coffee at 9:30 a.m.

Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Custer Road United Methodist Church

6601 Custer Road, Plano, TX 75023

Plano Satellite – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Room B15

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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 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

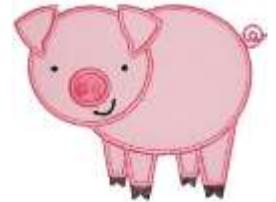
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The deadline for submission of written articles for publication in the newsletter is the 15th of the prior month.

Plano Pig Tails

The Plano Satellite group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of most months at 7:00 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 far SE door on the corner: it faces the traffic signal at Custer and Cumberland. We meet in room B14 or B15 in the basement. Masks are now voluntary in the hallways. Come and join us for a fun evening of stitching!

Robin Caraway
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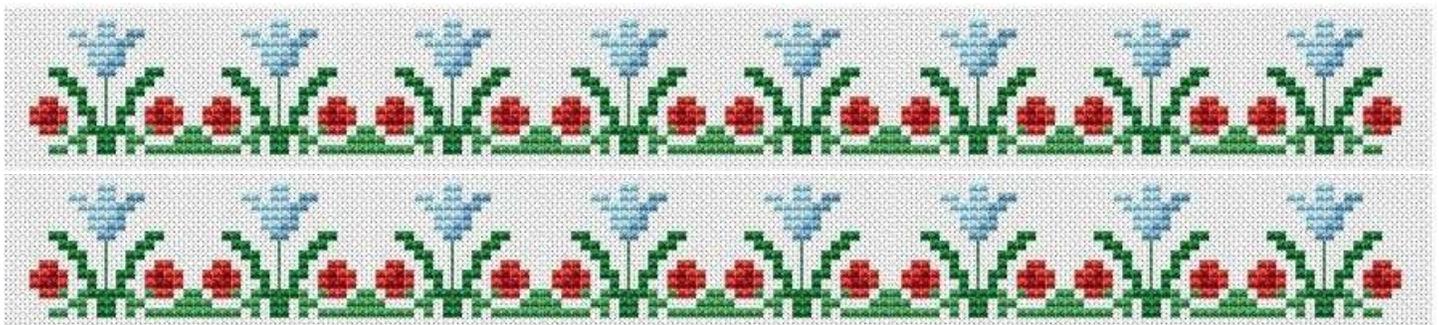
Sampler Group

Sampler Group meets from 10:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday each month at *Creative Stitches and Gifts*, 12817 Preston Road, No. 137, Dallas, TX 75230. Anyone interested in joining may contact Linda Cox at lindarcox@earthlink.net for more details. Members will be notified of any date changes due to a conflict with the Creative Stitches schedule.

The 2021-2022 meeting dates are: May 18

Attendees are asked to refrain from wearing cologne, wear masks, and be respectful of the generous use of classroom space granted to us from Creative Stitches.

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Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2021-2022 Master Calendar

May 5, 2022	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
May 12, 2022	DN&TG May Luncheon & Installation of Officers for 2022-2023 – 11:00 AM
May 19, 20, 23 & 24, 2022	Costa's Hummingbird Pilot Class by Joyce Houck
September 21 & 22, 2022	Corncockle and Dragonfly stumpwork by Jane Nicholas
June 14-18, 2022	SCR Region Seminar – “Krewe of Needle and Thread” in Shreveport, LA
August 24-28, 2022	EGA National Seminar – “Broadway Bound” in New York City, NY
June 2023	SCR Region Seminar – Houston, TX
September 4-8, 2023	EGA National Seminar – “Boston Stitch Party” in Boston, MA
June 2024	SCR Region Seminar – in San Marcos, TX
June 2025	SCR Region Seminar – Hosted by Fort Worth Chapter
2025	EGA National Seminar – South Central Region
2026	SCR Region Seminar Hosted by Greater Dallas Chapter in Dallas

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.

Elected Chapter Officers

The following were elected as officers for the 2022-2023 Chapter Year. Installation will be May 12 at the Luncheon at Maggiano's Willowbend.

President – Paige Guillory (moves up previous year)

Vice President – Randy Engeran

Secretary – Jan Goss

Treasurer – Jennifer Mullens

Programs – Karen Hamilton (Move up from previous year)

Arrangements – June Roden

Workshops – Elena Andarde and Marty Anderson (Moves up from previous year)

Assistant Workshops – Cyndi Scott

Membership – Judy McGraw (Continue from last year)

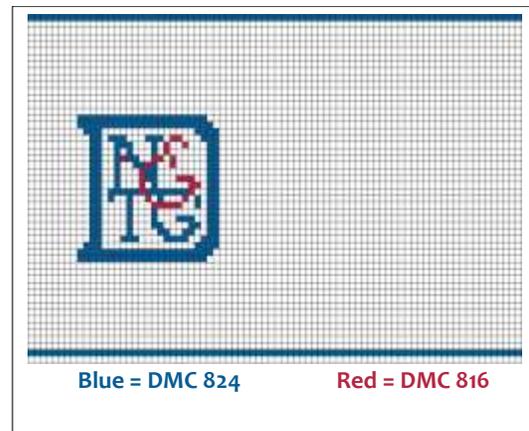
Education – Connie Litfin

Region Representative – Karen Dittmar (Continue from last year)

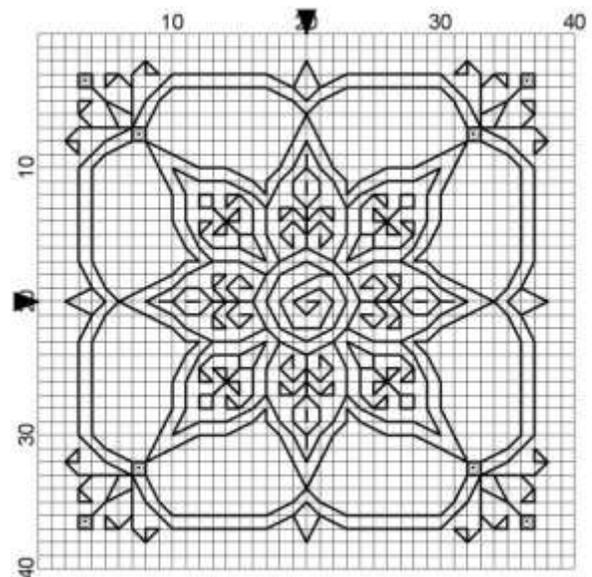
2021-2022 – Sampler Group Project

The members who attended the June Sampler Group meeting voted to select **A Happy Life Sampler** from La-D-Da Designs for counted thread for our 2021-2-22 group project. Each interested member will be responsible for ordering her own pattern, fabric, & thread. We will officially begin the project at the September Sampler Group Meeting and plan to display our completed pieces at the May 2022 Luncheon. The discussion topic for the November Sampler Meeting will be: How do you record your needlework projects? Fabrics, threads, patterns, start and end dates, etc.

For more information contact Linda Cox
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THERE ARE
 SOME PEOPLE
 IN LIFE THAT
 MAKE YOU
 LAUGH A LITTLE
 LOUDER, SMILE
 A LITTLE BIGGER
 AND LIVE JUST
 A LITTLE
 BIT BETTER.





Region Director By Valerie Russell

South Central Region will hold an Officer Training Session on June 15, 2022, during the South Central Region Seminar in Shreveport, Louisiana. The Power Point Presentation will be held from 3:30 to 5:00 pm immediately after the SCR Annual meeting. This training is for Chapter Elected Officers and anyone that might be interested in becoming an officer in their chapter.

Valorie Russell
South Central Region Director

May

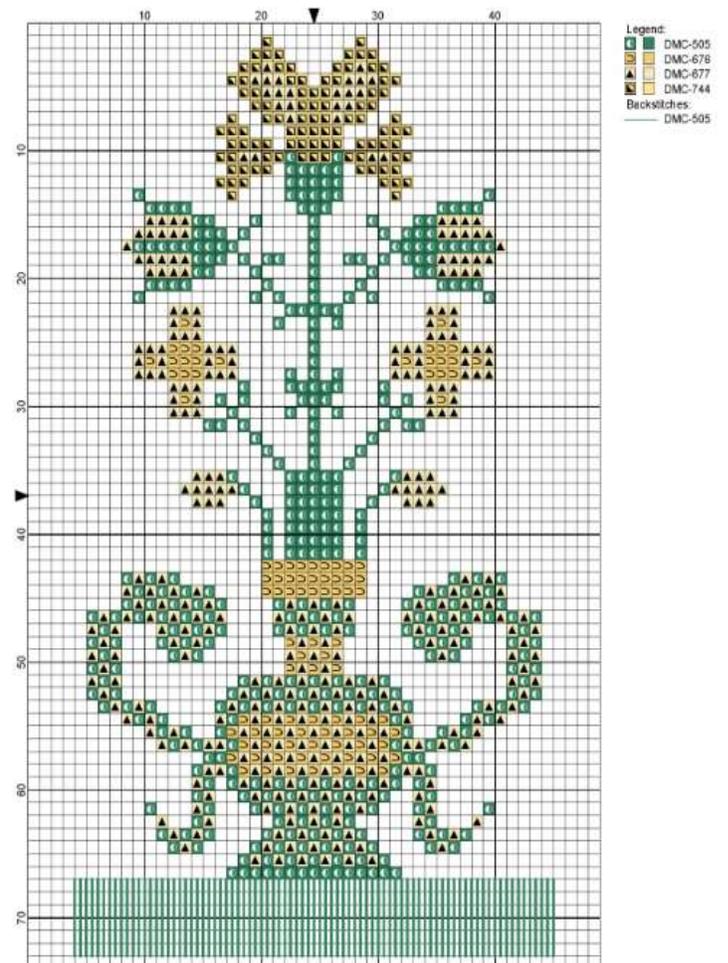
Karen Dittmar	2
Jane Tracy	9
Colleen Heath	11
Kathy Aikens	12
Lilianne Sobrado	12
Barbara Rasmussen	14
Cheryl (Cheri) Hammer	16
Linda Herrian	22
Lisa Villalobos	22
Paige Guillory	27
Donna Casey	28

June

Jan Blevins	1
Lois Albert	2
Barbara Shaw	2
Shirley Chin	6
Susan Koellner	23
Marilyn Nagle	24
Lisa Miller	26



Designed by Sandra Moffitt of Hands Across the Sea Samplers





A Needle Art Love Story
Chapter IX
An exhibit of needle art treasures from private collections.

HAPPY NEWS!!! The Needle Art Committee has been joyously meeting and planning Chapter IX of A Needle Art Love Story. In June of 2022, we are delighted to once again be featuring the amazing works of those who do needlepoint and cross stitch at *A Needle Art Love Story, Chapter IX at the Ball-Eddleman-McFarland House*. Both needlepoint and cross stitch give the stitcher an avenue for self-expression and are challenging and rewarding in their own rights. It's like painting with a needle. In the past 8 years, our exhibit has featured over 604 stitchers and contained more than 5,578 pieces on display from private collections. These artisans, some from across the state, create elaborate needlepoint pieces for every holiday, occasion and reason.

The Party with the Stitchers will honor HFW's **Featured Stitcher, Deidra Pozez**, the participating stitchers, donors and sponsors. Honor these talented artisans who create these amazing treasures showcased in the exhibit by becoming a Host Committee member. Host sponsorship includes your name listed as a Patron Supporter on the invitation, listing in the commemorative booklet, one reservation to the Party with the Stitchers on **June 8**, plus your admittance to the exhibit all 4 days, **June 9 – June 12**.

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 Mendie Cannon at velcro5101@gmail.com
- If you are a **needlepointer**, please contact Suzy Coleman at suzy_coleman@historicfortworth.org

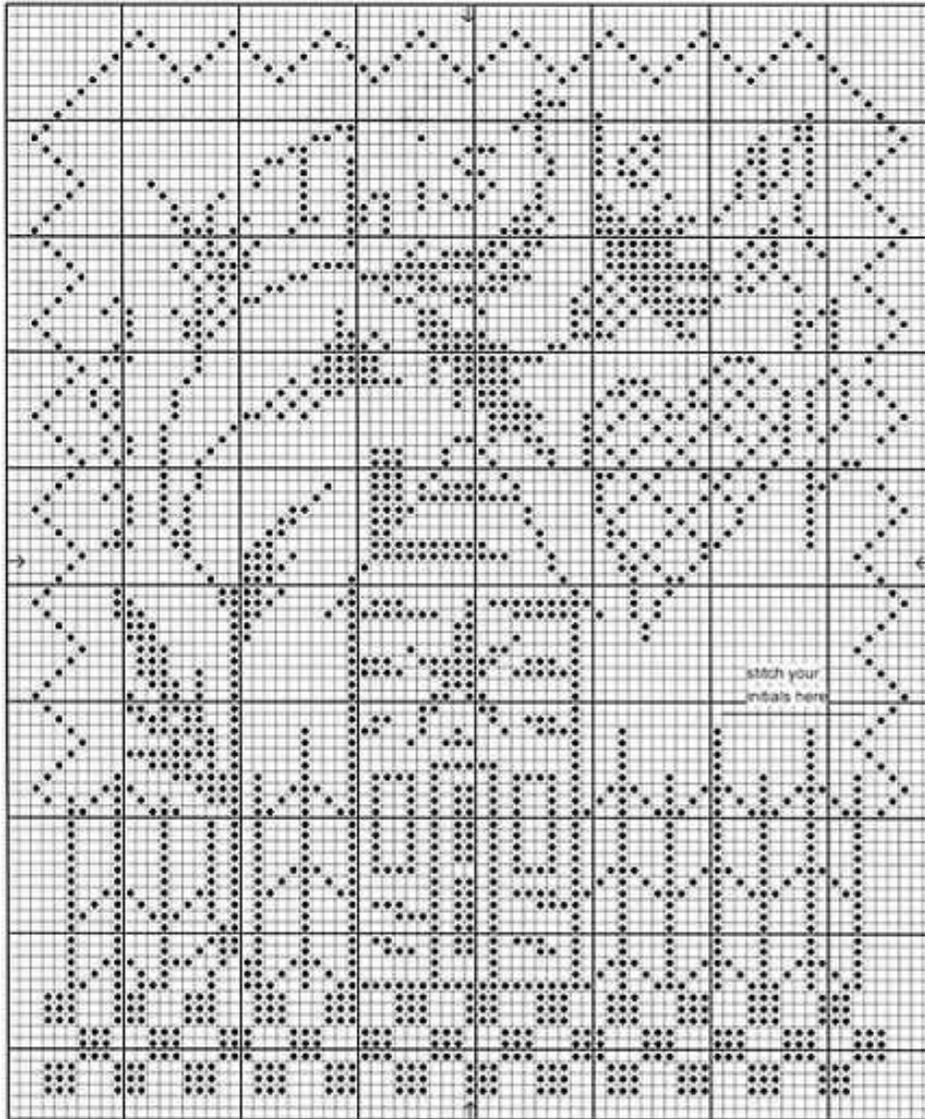
We don't need to know what you are exhibiting now, we just want to know if you shall be exhibiting! Please let Mendie and Suzy know!

If you have any painted canvases or kits that you will not be stitching, we are accepting donations to benefit Historic Fort Worth through the gift shop at the exhibit. Please email Suzy if you have donations to contribute!

HAPPY STITCHING!!!

THE NEEDLE ART COMMITTEE

A Chart for You



Thistle Manor

Stitch Count: 92Hx75W

Model stitched on 30 ct. Busy Bee by R&R Reproductions.

Stitch with Blueberry by Gentle Arts.

Use 2 threads of floss over 2 linen threads.

Free chart compliments of Blackbird Designs ©2002.

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Installation of Officers

May Luncheon
Installation of New Officers

Thursday, May 12, 11-1
at Maggiano's Willowbend.

Cost is \$36 per person.

Payment to DNTG by

ZELLE \$36 to:

dntg.treas@gmail.com

or by check to

Jan Goss

by May 1



The Royal School of Needlework has created an online resource for finding stitches. Here is the information that they posted on their website: <https://www.rsnstitchbank.org/>

The **Royal School of Needlework** was founded in 1872 with a mission to preserve the art of hand embroidery.

To mark its 150th anniversary the RSN is launching the **RSN Stitch Bank** to continue this mission. The RSN Stitch Bank aims to digitally conserve and showcase the wide variety of the world's embroidery stitches and the ways in which they have been used in different cultures and times.

Launching with an initial 150 stitches, the RSN Stitch Bank is an ongoing project. More stitches will be added regularly and the RSN will be working with partners around the world to include stitches from different traditions.

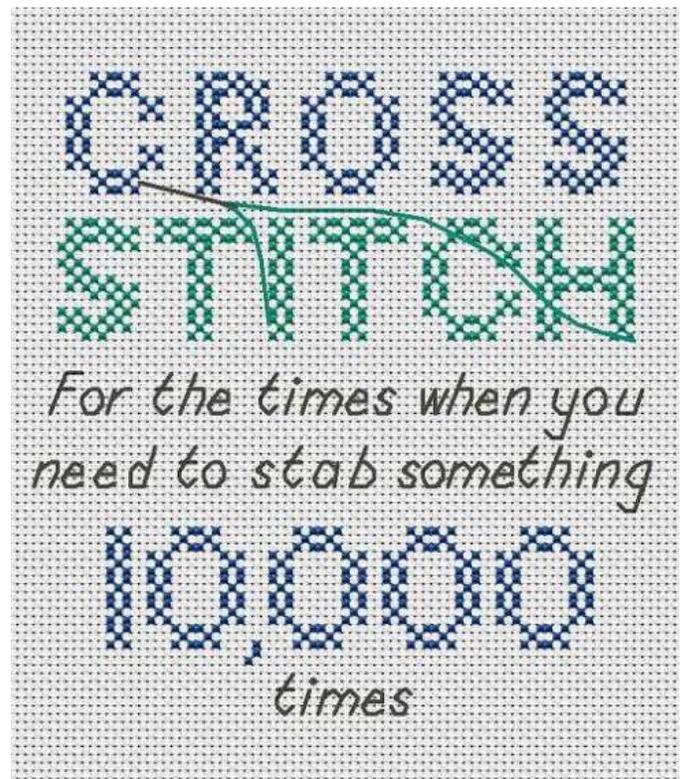
For each stitch we need to:

- Film and edit a video demonstrating the making of the stitches.
- Create step by step text, illustrations and photos of the stitch's construction.
- Research a short history of the stitch and its use.
- Create an icon to help identify a stitch at a glance.
- Classify the stitch according to the taxonomy we are developing for the project.
- Select items from the RSN Collection which show this stitch in use and photograph the piece as a whole and of the stitch close up.

Upcoming Programs



May - The May Luncheon will be held at Maggiano's Willowbend on May 12 from 11-2. The cost is \$36 a person. There will be a cash bar. RSVP to Jan Goss. Make checks out to DNTG and give to Jan at a meeting.



Jane Nicholas' Corncockle and Dragonfly Workshop

Stumpwork and Surface Embroidery

September 20-21, 2022

This small stumpwork panel was inspired by an illuminated page of a medieval manuscript. Worked on ivory satin, this design features the Corncockle, *Agrostemma githago*, a summer-flowering wild flower, with detached reddish-purple petals and long leafy sepals worked with wire and needle weaving.

The panel also contains a broad-bodied dragonfly, *Libellula quadrimaculata*, with detached gauzy wings and a padded leather abdomen, a shiny blue beetle and a tiny red ladybird, both with raised detached wings. The botanical name may be embroidered at the base of this specimen.

Design Area: 3" x 7"

Kit Fee: \$65

Kit Contents: instructions, project diagrams, photograph, tracing paper, ivory satin, quilters muslin, fabrics for applied and detached elements, Soie d'Alger silk threads, unusual rayon, silk and metallic threads, beads, leather and colored wires).

List of what student provides will be given after class registration.



The deadline for registration is August 15, 2022.

Name: _____ EGA #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

email: _____ Phone: _____

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 Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild or DN&TG or

ZELLE \$65 to: dntg.treas@gmail.com

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

Mail to: Marty Anderson
4003 Rolling Knolls
Parker, TX, 75002
email: martya48@swbell.net

Opportunity Knocks Basket

The following pictures show a portion of the Strawberry items for our Opportunity Knocks Basket for Seminar in Shreveport this June. Thanks to everyone who stitched or contributed items. It's a berry special basket!



The Shreveport Rose Stitchery Guild is gearing up to “pass a good time” and welcome you to the “Boot” for the Krewe of Needle and Thread, the 2022 SCR Seminar. We will begin registration on June 1, 2021, in-person at 2021 SCR Seminar in Georgetown, TX and on-line at www.scr2022seminar.org

We have an amazing array of 13 fabulous classes along with a little “lagniappe” of two additional virtual classes to begin in the Summer of 2022. If you cannot make it to Shreveport, you can still register for the virtual classes and snag a little Seminar SWAG. Watch for all the details about these exciting classes and many more fun activities. We definitely plan to have the best party on the bayou, so plan to come stitch, eat, and join our *Krewe of Needle and Thread* in shouting, “Throw me something, Mister!”



EGA Virtual Lectures

Have you found the EGA Virtual Lectures yet? They are an amazing way to learn something new or about some different needlework technique.

Among topics discussed will be the history, the symbolism, the purpose, the practicality of how this embroidery has passed down through generations. Many of the embroidery techniques are passed down orally and by watching how it's done, with no written instructions or patterns to follow. Besides the beauty of the traditional embroidery, there is sadness, joy and triumph in many of these stories.

Here's how the Virtual Lecture Series process works

- Step 1:** During the registration period for a lecture, click the title of the lecture below to learn more and sign up.
- Step 2:** The list of all the members interested is randomized and the first 100 members will be sent an email indicating they are registered. The remaining members will be placed on a waiting list.
- Step 3:** Start getting ready for your virtual lecture by reading the [Participant Etiquette for the Virtual Lecture Series](#) and making sure your name on Zoom displays your first and last name. If you have issues, seek assistance as detailed in the welcome letter. *Tip: Find helpful Zoom documents by searching for Zoom in [Document Downloads](#).*
- Step 4:** Receive Zoom invitation 48 hours before the lecture starts.
- Step 5:** Enjoy the virtual lecture!

Virtual Lecture: The Garments of Salvation: exploring the world of Greek Orthodox liturgical vesture with Krista

West Date: Sunday May 15, 2022 1PM Eastern **Registration:** April 11-18, 2022 1PM Eastern

Virtual Lecture 18: Ernest Thesiger and the hidden history of needlework by men with Dr. Joseph McBrinn - Date:

Saturday, June 11, 2022 1PM Eastern **Registration:** May 16-23, 2022 1PM Eastern

Virtual Lecture: Elizabethan Embroidery And The Trevelyon Miscellany Of 1608 with Kathy Andrews - Date: Sunday,

July 10, 2022 1PM Eastern **Registration:** June 13-20, 2022 1PM Eastern



Upcoming EGA Online Classes

More information on all of these classes can be found on the EGA website under Online Classes <https://egausa.org/online-courses/>



Kiss Me Under the Mistletoe with Celeste Chalasani
Registration starts April 6

Candy Cane Christmas Decoration with Emma Broughton
Registration starts August 3



Cyclamen with Merrilyn Heazlewood
Registration starts May 4



Do you want to improve your stitching? Then this is the correspondence course for you! Perfect your skills while stitching a stunning interlaced heart featuring ripe strawberries and a Tudor rose.

Lightening Rounds Registration Ends May 31 2022



Join Barbara Kershaw in Daydreams, a correspondence course focused on Schwalme embroidery, a beautiful form of German whitework embroidery traditionally worked on an off white evenweave linen with white thread.



Teacher Marion Scoular's interpretation of the beloved fairy tale includes pattern darning, Blackwork, Hardanger (no cutting!) and a small amount of surface stitchery, all explicitly covered in a 26-page, well-illustrated booklet.

This correspondence course offers the stitcher the opportunity to discover the joy of taking counted thread embroidery into three dimensions by creating a "puzzle ball."



Papillon is an introductory correspondence course on filet embroidery.

Ways and Means Sharing. Learning. Giving.

DN&TG provides many opportunities to share our talents, learn from each other and give our time and our gifts to help make a positive impact on our community!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Minnie’s Food Pantry – Book Drive

www.minniesfoodpantry.org

Minnie’s Food Pantry was established to provide healthy meals and red-carpet treatment to those in need. In addition to providing meals, Minnie’s is committed to the children it serves and literacy. DN&TG will be collecting book donations each month at our General Meetings.

ON-GOING DONATION REQUESTS

(Collected at General Meetings)

- Travel size toiletries: shampoo, lotion, soap, toothpaste, shower caps, etc.
- Eyeglasses
- I am contacting Collin Community College to try to arrange for a sew day to attract college students. Will let you know when anything is arranged

On Going Charity

The charity chosen for this year is Books for Children through Minnie’ Pantry. Anyone who still wants to donate books for children can still bring your books to sew days for collection. Public Sew Day was canceled due to weather.



RETAIL PROGRAMS

Please sign up for DN&TG reward money...

1.  Community Rewards - link your card to DN&TG by entering number **62238**
2.  use this link to set up your account to support DN&TG
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1528971>

As of May 2021, DN&TG has received **\$108.83** from Amazon for purchases made by DN&TG members on Amazon Smile.



Membership

New Members:

Your membership number will be sent to you directly from EGA. Please forward this number to judithmcgraw65@yahoo.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 judithmcgraw65@yahoo.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 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 and every 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.

Judy McGraw
Membership Chairman
judithmcgraw65@yahoo.com

Suggestions for the Good of the Guild

I am pleased to serve as your Member-at-Large. The Member-at-Large acts as a liaison between DN&TG members and the board. If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding DN&TG, please forward them to me. All issues will be respected, carefully considered, and will be brought before the board. You may remain anonymous if you choose or, if you have a matter of delicacy and feel more comfortable discussing it with me, my contact information is listed below for your convenience. Please feel free to call or email me. Our members are eager and prepared to help one another. Together we can grow and make DN&TG very special. Don't forget to share your positive experiences with the Guild, too.

1. Class registration has closed for the SCR 2022 seminar in Shreveport, Louisiana. You can still register for Studio Time.
2. The DNTG May luncheon will be held Thursday, May 12, at Maggiano's Willowbend beginning at 11 a.m.
3. The South Central Region will sponsor an Officer Training for Elected Officers or members who would like to be an officer at the SCR 2022 Seminar in Shreveport, Louisiana.
4. The proposed DNTG By-laws changes have been approved.
5. The slate of proposed DNTG Chapter Officers for 2022-2023 was approved. Installation will be at the May luncheon.

Valorie Russell
Member-at-Large
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Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA) South Central Region (SCR)

Membership Form – 2022-2023

\$64 – DN&TG Primary	\$20 – Plural inside SCR / \$25 – Plural outside SCR
_____ New EGA member	_____ Plural Member
_____ Renewing DN&TG member	Primary Chapter: _____
_____ EGA member / new DN&TG Primary	

Name: _____ EGA #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (H) _____ (C) _____

email: _____

Birthday (Month and Day): _____ Referred by: _____

The EGA Bylaws state “No one may profit from membership in the chapter by sales, or solicitation of sales.”

By signing this I acknowledge this policy. _____

How long have you been stitching and what is your stitching passion? _____

Questions or Suggestions? _____

Guests are welcome to attend three general meetings, sew days or satellite meetings
after which we invite you to become a dues-paying member!

Dues are payable by May 1st of each year.

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