



The Needle Knows

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
South Central Region



<http://www.DNTG.org>

From the President

What are you looking forward to this year? For me, I am excited to have some normalcy back in our lives. I look forward to meeting with friends on sew day, attending ReTreat in January and traveling again.

Who in your life got you interested in needlepoint, beading, sewing, embroidery, knitting or crochet in the last year? I started stitching 30+ years ago as a sophomore in college. My best friend Cathi loved to cross stitch and always had a project to work on. One day I asked her to teach me how to cross stitch. I found I really enjoyed cross stitching and it became my way to relax after studying all day.

Since then, I have learned many different types of needlepoint, new stitches, and even 3D beading. The hardest thing for me to learn was "random" stitching, but one day I finally realized my pieces did not have to be perfect and look just exactly like



everyone else's piece. Now, I enjoy making my pieces my own by changing a stitch or adding embellishments to the piece. Learning new stitches, mixing medias & textures, and learning to work with new threads is fun and exciting.

This fall I am looking forward to all the new things we will learn together - Goldwork, finishing, Swedish Weaving, Japanese Embroidery and more.

Happy Stitching!

Michelle Kocurek
DNTG President

Calendar

July

- 1 Yearbook deadline
- 8 NO Sew Day
- 11 Plano Satellite
- 15 Sew Day
- 21 Sampler Day
- 22 Sew Day
- 25 Plano Satellite
- 29 Sew Day

August

- 5 Sew Day
- 9 Plano Satellite
- 12 Board Mtg. @ 10 AM
- 18 Sampler Day
- 19 Sew Day
- 23 Plano Satellite
- 26 Sew Day

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 B13

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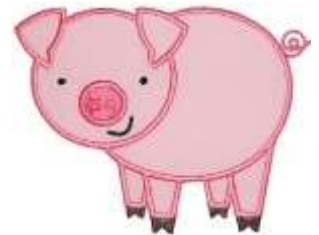
The deadline for submission of written articles for publication in the newsletter is the 15th of the prior month.

Plano Pig Tails

If you want another stitching opportunity, come join the Plano Satellite group. We meet every second and fourth Monday from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano. We have a talented group of ladies that would help and encourage you in your needlework endeavors.

The church experienced flooding in their basement due to the winter storms, and their reconstruction is not completed yet. We are on hold until at least July 12th.

Come join us!
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.

The July Meeting of the Sampler Study Group will meet on Wed., July 21.

The 2021-2022 meeting dates are:

September 15	December 15	March 16
October 20	January*	April 20
November 17	February 16	May 18

* No sampler meeting due to our annual ReTreat at Tanglewood.

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

Linda Cox
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Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2021-2022 Master Calendar

July 1, 2021	Yearbook Deadline – Board/committee members: check your job description or look at last year’s yearbook to see what you need to submit to Debbie Morris.
July 8, 2021	NO SEW DAY / Zoom only
August 12, 2021	Board Meeting 10:00 AM
September 1-5, 2021	EGA National Seminar – “ <i>The Magnificent Stitch</i> ” in Chicago, IL
September 9, 2021	Fall Welcome Coffee at the Church of the Holy Communion – 10:00-noon
September 15-16, 2021	Workshop: “ Goldwork Moth ” taught by Lauren Yeager at Museum Tower 1918 N Olive Street, Dallas 75201
October 7, 2021	NO SEW DAY / Zoom only
October 14, 2021	General Meeting – “ Appraisal of Needlework ” – by Valerie McAleenan
October 28, 2021	Education Class: Swedish Weaving (10:00-12:00) taught by Michelle Kocurek
November 11, 2021	General Meeting – “ Demonstration of Other Needlework Techniques ”
November 18, 2021	Education Class: Tart Class Finishing taught by Randye Engeran
November 25, 2021	NO SEW DAY
December 9, 2021	Holiday Party / General Meeting
December 23, 2021	NO SEW DAY
December 30, 2021	NO SEW DAY
January 6, 2022	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
January 13, 2022	General Meeting – “ MAGIC Revealed ” / Soup & Salad Luncheon
January 19-23, 2022	DN&TG 28th Annual ReTreat hosted by the Chili Peppers at Tanglewood – 290 Tanglewood Cir, Pottsboro, TX 75076
January 20, 2022	NO SEW DAY
February 5, 2022	EGA sponsored “ Stitch-in-Public Day ”
February 10, 2022	General Meeting – “ Lecture on Samplers ” by Dawn Fisher of <i>Morning Glory Needleworks</i>
February 17, 2022	Education Class: Finishing taught by Randye Engeran
February 24, 2022	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
March 10, 2022	General Meeting

Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild 2021-2022 Master Calendar (cont.)

March 18-19, 2022	Workshop – “ <i>Japanese Beaded Embroidery</i> ” taught by Mary Alice Sinton
April 14, 2022	General Meeting – “ <i>Birthday Celebration</i> ”
April 21, 2022	2022-2023 Budget Proposal Meeting
May 5, 2022	Board Meeting, 10:00 AM
May 12, 2022	DN&TG May Luncheon & Installation of Officers for 2022-2023 – 11:00 AM
June 14-18, 2022	SCR Region Seminar – “ <i>Krewe of Needle and Thread</i> ” in Shreveport, LA
August 24-28, 2022	EGA National Seminar – “ <i>Broadway Bound</i> ” in New York City, NY
June 2023	SCR Region Seminar – Houston, TX
September 4-8, 2023	EGA National Seminar – “ <i>Boston Stitch Party</i> ” in Boston, MA
June 2024	SCR Region Seminar – “ <i>Create a Vision</i> ” in San Marcos, TX

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.

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.

For more information contact Linda Cox
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July

Katherine Woodward	1
Sue Cathcart	5
Jennifer Mullins	7
Jeanetta Williamson	9
Chris Wasson	13
Gwen Gibbs	14
Cyndy Kier	14
Laurie Hamic	17
Jane Bauch	22
Dianne Bielstein	22
Ada Haydon	25
Deborah Morris	26
Cyndi Scott	26
Rebecca Morris	27
Valorie Russell	27
Stephanie Kolban	29

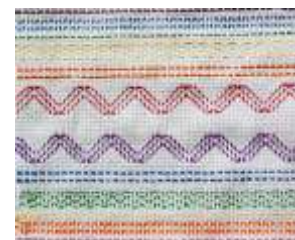
August

Joellen Brill	3
Paula Millhollon	4
Bettye Baty	7
Marty Anderson	13
Diane Almquist	14
Ursual Gross	15
Carol Eix	17
Patricia Goaley	17
Laurie Hinrichs	18
Judy McGraw	20
Laura Ocana	22
Sharon Davis	29

Education

Since we weren't able to meet last year due to social distancing restrictions, Michelle Kocurek and Randy Egeran will teach their mini classes to help us learn some new techniques. Each class is \$5 for materials. You can sign up at the Fall Welcome Coffee or general meetings.

- **Oct 28** – “Swedish Weaving” – also known as Huck weaving/embroidery, is a technique of sewing done on one side of the fabric using DMC floss. The needle never pierces the fabric so there’s nothing on the back!



- **Nov 11** – *Mini Pie Tart finishing* – You provide the stitched piece approx. 3” x 3” with 2 inches around.



There are several patterns to choose from at the following link:

<http://wyrdbyrdsnest.blogspot.com/p/black-work-smalls.html>

- **Feb 17** – *Finishing* – Randy Egeran will demonstrate several ways to finish your needlework pieces in unique ways.

Mark your calendars now to learn something different!

June Roden
Education

Lauren Yeager's Goldwork Moth Workshop Registration Form

DN&TG is pleased to be hosting Lauren Yeager, for a two-day goldwork workshop on September 15-16, 2021. Lauren will be teaching *Goldwork Moth*. Lauren has a special interest in studying and preserving traditional garments and embroidery. A graduate of the Royal School of Needlework in the UK, she has received multiple awards for the construction and design in costume and hand embroidery.

Dates: Wednesday/Thursday
September 15-16, 2021

Place: Museum Tower
1918 N Olive Street, Dallas 75201

Time: 10:30 AM



Kit Fee: \$85 (includes all materials)
Bring usual stitching supplies

The deadline for registration is August 10, 2021.

Name: _____ **EGA #:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Your kit fee is your **non-refundable** deposit.
You can pay either by check payable to Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild or DN&TG or
ZELLE \$85 to: dtng.treas@gmail.com

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

Mail to: Marty Anderson



Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild
Cordially Invites You to a

Fall Welcome Coffee

Church of the Holy Communion – Lunt Hall
17405 Muirfield Drive
Dallas, TX 75287

September 9, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Presentation of Programs for 2021-2022
- Show and Tell

Bookmarks

Linda Cox, the 2019-2020 President, started a year-long bookmark contest. The collected bookmarks were donated to the literacy committee at the EGA-SCR Austin seminar in June 2021.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this project. Below are samples of some of the bookmarks we donated. The members used a wide variety of techniques – beading, cross stitch (on linen, paper, and metal), reversible cross stitch, needlepoint, and crochet. Everyone enjoyed experimenting with new techniques for this annual SCR outreach project.



President's Gift 2020-2021

Jo Ann Jackson was presented with *The Swan's Bower Etui* by Betsy Morgan with additional accessories, including a second scissors and scissors sheath and fob and a small beaded book listing all the contributors. A special thank you to all of the board members that helped stitch and finish this gift for Jo Ann.

Linda Cox
Sharon Davis
Karen Dittmar
Randy Engeran
Jan Goss
Paige Guillory

Michelle Kocurek
Judy McGraw
Lisa Miller
June Roden
Valorie Russell
Cyndi Scott





January 19-23, 2022



The DN&TG 29th Annual ReTreat will take place January 19-23, 2022! Our theme is **Starlight, Starbright, Stitch, Dream, Delight!** The ReTreat committee is working hard this summer planning an awesome event.

Please mark your calendar now and look for the registration form at the Fall Welcome Coffee and in the September newsletter. \$100 deposit will be due October 14, and the balance will be due December 9, 2021.

It's time for all of us to get together again to relax, stitch and have fun for a few days. We hope to see you there!



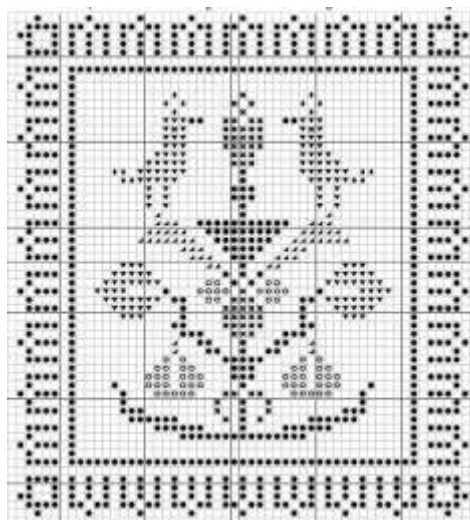
Lisa Miller
ReTreat Chair

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!”

Mexican Sampler Motifs

- DMC 815 Garnet medium
- ◆ DMC 3806 Cyclamen Pink light
- ▲ DMC 470 Avocado Green light
- DMC 721 Orange Spice medium
- × DMC 3844 Bright Turquoise dark
- ▼ DMC 666 Christmas Red bright



Congratulations to Paige

At the 2021 SCR Seminar in Georgetown this June, Paige Guillory was presented with the **Heart in Hand Award** by the Region. She was presented with a certificate, pin, and \$50 cash. Below is a summary of the recommendation that was submitted for her nomination.



Define the ways they have planned and/or implemented events/activities that keep the members engaged in DN&TG:

- Paige designed both logos for “Stitching Safari” and “Stitching Treasures” that DN&TG sponsored.
- Paige organized and help create party favors for everyone who attended “Stitching Safari”.
- She has helped stitched, design, bead and assemble past Presidents’ gifts.
- She introduced several of her friends to DN&TG who became active and productive members.
- She helped setup at the seminars we were hosting.
- She helped with “Stitch in Public” over the past few years.
- She’s always willing to help anyone who is stuck on a project.
- When Paige was ReTreat chairman, she made sure everyone in her group contributed in some way, whether it was stitching, sewing, beading, assembling or collecting donations.
- As Newsletter chairman she created one of the “BEST” and informative newsletters in SCR.
- “NO” is not in Paige’s vocabulary! She’s always first to step up to the plate to help with anything DN&TG needs to accomplish.

Opportunity Knocks 2021

Judith McGraw picked selected stocking from *Black Bird Designs Monthly Stocking Series*. Several members of the chapter, including Jo Ann Jackson, Valorie Russell, Cyndi Scott, Lynn Englebrecht, Lynn Melder, Michelle Kocurek, and Judy McGraw, helped with the stitching and Cyndi Scott finished them. In addition to the stockings, members also contributed small items that could be included with the stockings.

The project was won by a new stitcher from Oklahoma who was attending her first Seminar. She was thrilled by all the tools.



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

DECEMBER

Toys will be collected at our annual Holiday luncheon.

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 March 2021, DN&TG has received **\$103.83** from Amazon for purchases made by DN&TG members on Amazon Smile.

“STITCH IN PUBLIC” DAY

February 5, 2022

EGA sponsored "Stitch in Public" day. DN&TG will be participating in the national event. Details to follow.

Gail Berman
Ways and Means Chairman

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
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Suggestions for the Good of the Guild

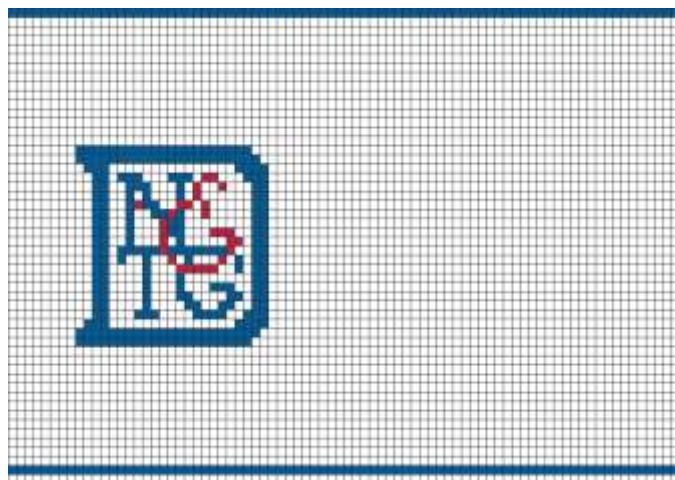
I am pleased to serve as your Member-at-Large. The Member-at-Large acts as a liaison between DN&TG members and the board. If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding DN&TG, please forward them to me. All issues will be respected, carefully considered, and will be brought before the board. You may 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.

Highlights from General Meeting May 13, 2021

- The Budget for 2021-2022 was approved
- New 2021-2022 Officers and Chairmen were sworn in
- Sew Days and Sampler Meetings will continue during the summer and will be meeting in person
- Many wonderful Challenge and Show & Tell were on display



Valorie Russell
Member-at-Large



Blue = DMC 824

Red = DMC 816

**Dallas Needlework and Textile Guild
Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA) South Central Region (SCR)
Membership Form – 2021-2022**

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

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. Payments past this date will be charged a \$25 late fee.

Please make your check payable to Dallas Needlework & Textile Guild or DN&TG

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