

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

North Coast Chapter of Greater Cleveland Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. December 2010



LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Hello Fellow Needlers

I can't believe the year is almost over. What a year it has been. For me each meeting has been a new challenge such as learning new skills, sharing new ideas and new products, meeting new members, and even finding new places to shop.

Our four-season bird wreath was a new challenge and great fun. Each bird was presented differently. Thanks to all who joined in the fun.

Thanks also to all who helped at the Rocky River Nature Center Quilt Show. If you liked the show, let the park system know so that they will continue the show in the future.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Valentine's Day, and a great St. Patrick's Day.

Walk in peace.

Cass Dreby

The last three months have just flown by! It seems we just got started, but already have had three great programs and are now getting ready to enjoy our Christmas party and Chinese auction. Kathy Miller has a lot more in store for you after the first of the year, too.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, fun, and of course, food and that your Christmas is just as wonderful.

Christine Osberg

FEATHERED FRIENDS FOUR SEASON WREATH

Congratulations to the winner of our four season Feathered Friends wreath, Sam Francazio, a resident of Lakewood.

A big THANK YOU goes to those members who contributed their time, materials and creativity in making the beautiful birds for the wreath; to Cathie Karls for also putting them all together to create the fantastic four-



season wreath; and to the volunteers who manned our table and sold tickets for the wreath at the Rocky River Nature Center Quilt Show November 13 and 14. All of your hard work brought in a total of \$92 for our fund raiser.

GIFT BASKET

Our chapter has offered to donate a gift basket for the Stitching by the Falls seminar taking place April 3-7, 2011 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The board is asking all members to donate to this cause, if they are able. The deadline for these articles is February 23. The articles can be anything with the theme of North Coast of Greater Cleveland, but can also include such items as floss, material, kits, patterns, books, frames, accessories, etc. To date we have a coffee mug from the Cleveland Museum of Art, a pin from Stan Hywett, and two bottles of wine (made by the husband of one of our members).

Get the idea? Then on with your search for your "perfect article" for our gift basket! Bring your donations to the meeting to give to Cathie Karls.

BEAR DELIVERY

After much anticipation, on November 18, 2010 at 2:00 pm, 102 bears were delivered to the pediatric department at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio by Allan and Valerie McAllister. They are Karyl Kitchen's bear helpers when she needs assistance.

The pediatric department was thrilled to get the bears and they remembered that the North Coast EGA has brought bears to the department in the past.



TEDDY BEARS

Please get your completed bears to Karyl Kitchen, Philanthropy Chairman. If you need any supplies contact her at 216-233-8605.

YOUNGSTOWN HOSTS OHIO STATE DAY

The Youngstown Area Chapter hosted the 2010 Ohio State Day on September 25, 2010. There were approximately thirty-five members of EGA there. Five members were from our chapter who made the trip for the stumpwork class (3-D embroidery) taught by Marsha Papay Gomola. Kathy Miller, Sally Crooks and I drove down together the morning before and spent the day visiting shops, eating lunch and dinner at area restaurants, and then retired for the night at a quaint bed and breakfast. Cathie Karls and Pat Toth drove in separately the morning of the class.

After we were greeted and given our kits, we each found a favor at our table...a needle roll with a stitched cardinal, the state bird; completed by members of the Youngstown Area Chapter. We found Marsha to be a lovely person and a great teacher. She gave everyone thorough instructions and enough material to make four friendship scissor fobs in two different patterns designed

especially for this event. Marsha also went around to all the tables to give members personalized attention. At Cathie's suggestion, we each had her sign our instruction manuals. How cool was that!!

Class was held from 9am to 4pm with an hour break for a catered lunch which was delicious. During those seven hours of class time, we each managed to make a lady bug about the size of a dime. While it was a lot of fun, it was also very demanding of our concentration and ability to cut very tiny pieces. Putting it all together was equally challenging. But we'd do it again in a heartbeat! Just don't ask any of us if we've finished the project! The room was divided in two three sections...the classroom with no drinks or food allowed for obvious reasons, the dining area and a place where two area vendors sold their needlework designs, stitched items, and stitching supplies. As usual, I did my share of damage.



The weather was perfect for driving with the exception of a little rain the first night. Now, you can't have a road trip without an adventure so here is just one of ours. Kathy offered to drive there in my car which has a 5-speed manual transmission. When we approached the toll booth the car suddenly came to a sputtering and jolting halt. It seems Kathy had applied the brakes, but forgot to push in the clutch. As traffic was steadily lengthening behind us, the car continued its refusal to start for Kathy so we exchanged places. Once behind the wheel, I turned the key and she started right up! I think my car was trying to tell Kathy something! -- Christine Osberg

HOSPITALITY

Refreshment Providers

January: Mike Farmer and Marianne Schultz

February: Kathy Miller and Rose Wyar

March: Donna Casey and Toni Friedel

April: Jane Brown and Valerie McAllister

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Holiday Greetings to All!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the projects so far this year. The hooked pins turned out very cute and will make a darling stocking stuffer for someone or an added brooch for your winter coat! And the mittens are the perfect item waiting to adorn your Christmas tree! I hope everyone is looking forward to the wonderful Christmas party and Chinese auction for the December meeting. Much friendship and fun will be had by all!

The remaining projects for this year include tating taught by Janet Vizkelety, a birthday Bargello taught by Mike Farmer, thread painting taught by Cathie Karls and an interactive weaving and spinning class taught by Yarn Knit by Sue. Lots to look forward to so I hope to see you at all the meetings. Try to find time in this busy season to do some stitching!

Kathy Miller

FUTURE PROJECTS

January: Tating

February: Barbello

March: Interactive Weaving and Spinning

April: Thread Painting

COMPLETED PROJECTS

We would like to take pictures of completed projects that we have done over the years. If you have such a project(s), please bring it to the meeting so we can photograph it for placement on our website.

DUES NEWS by Christine Osberg

It was announced at the October meeting that yearly dues will be increased by National, and possibly Region, effective in May, 2011. Please be aware that Kathy Miller and the other chapter board members have done everything in their power to keep your program costs down by selecting projects that are low in cost, in fact, some are even free. This has been done in several ways. Kathy, or the scheduled instructor, purchases supplies on sale or uses coupons to reduce costs. The use of leftovers from previous programs or donations from members is yet another way costs are reduced. There may be one program per year that may cost closer to \$10.00 (or more). However, when adding up the cost of the entire year's programs, the overall cost per month is negligible.

To keep it in further perspective, even if dues increased to \$52.00 per year, from our current rate of \$43.00, that's still only \$1.00 per week. Where else could you receive a quarterly magazine subscription,

membership in a great organization like the EGA with all the benefits it encompasses, obtain knowledge in the various types of embroidery, and all while you enjoy new and old friendships?

I would like you all to keep those things in mind when considering your renewal and the approaching increase in dues this May.

GUILD LIBRARY NEWS

The library has two new books available.

1. *Chinese Embroidery* by Josiane Bertin-Guest
2. *Wild About Wool* by Liz Walsh

If you would like to borrow a book, contact Dot Scinto prior to the meeting or complete the sign out sheet at the meeting. The book will be brought to the next meeting or other arrangements can be made between you and Dot.

BIRTHDAYS – 1ST QUARTER

Avis (Sally) Crooks..... January 24

Donna Cullen March 18

Christine Osberg..... March 9

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Attend two meetings to discover the benefits of joining the North Coast Chapter of EGA. Dues are \$43/year ... less than \$3.60 per month which includes a quarterly subscription to *Needle Arts Magazine*. Monthly projects (September through May) are normally kept at an affordable \$3 to \$10 per kit.

MISSION STATEMENT

To stimulate appreciation for and celebrate the heritage of embroidery by advancing the highest standards of excellence in the practice through education, exhibition, preservation, collection and research.

CHAPTER INFORMATION

For more information about our chapter, visit our website, www.clevelandwestega.org or email us at clevelandwestega@clevelandwestega.org

THINGS TO DO

Fiber Fanatics: Every fourth Friday of the month, the Westlake Porter Library holds a fun group get together for stitchers of all types. It is held from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring a project to work on and also a finished project you would like to share with the other stitchers. Special dates for the holidays: December 17.

Just Stitching: Fun Friday (6 p.m. to midnight)
Potluck Supper. Main dish, beverages and tableware provided. You bring a side dish or dessert. There are games, drawings, show and tell, and lots of fun. Cost is \$10. You have to call and register early as space is limited. Their number is (440)572-9777. December 17.

Stitches, Etc.: Offers a variety of needlepoint and cross stitch classes. Stitching group meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 pm \$3pp and a Sip N' Stitch meets last Thursday of every month 10:30 am-12pm. \$3pp. Every Thursday and Saturday from 10:30am to 11:30am. \$10.00pp. Learn to needlepoint (beginner class). Bring a project you currently own or they will provide a small piece for you to use. They ask that you sign up in advance.

Grindstone Knitting Guild: Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Mahler Museum, Berea, OH. 216/258-8094

Sit & Knit: Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6pm-8:45pm at the North Olmsted Library. Bring your needles, fiber and have a fun filled meeting socializing and showing off your project.

DATES OF INTEREST

March 30 – April 3, 2011 – Heartland Regional Seminar – Needlin' Fools is sponsored by the Santa Fe Trail Chapter and will be held at the Hilton Kansas City Airport. For more information, contact Catherine Kinsey at needlinfools@yahoo.com

Apr 3-7, 2011-- Stitching by the Falls – Camp GRL Cuyahoga Falls, OH hosted by Town & Country Chapter. The project choices have been downloaded onto the GLR Website: <http://www.ega-qlr.org> for your review. Advanced registration is closed, but regular registration reopens for all, even those who registered early, on October 15 and ends December 31. We have four members who have registered early for classes. Any member who would like to attend can obtain a registration pamphlet from Christine Osberg or you can contact them directly: Judy Kotick, rjkotick@neo.rr.com or 330-666-5617; or Barbara Shearer, bjshearer@sbcglobal.net or 330-688-6810. (Calls are to be made before 8:00pm).

Apr 21-27, 2011 – Green Bay, WI. Hosted by Green Bay Chapter. Information on Great Lakes Regional website www.ega-qlr.org

NEWS FROM REGIONAL REP

It's On The Web

Who: Find a lead, teacher, chapter officer, regional officer

What: Meetings, seminars, workshops, exhibits

When: Check the Calendar

Where: Locate the nearest chapter or workshop

NEWS FROM NOLA

How I love being out in the sunshine, so the past 2 days have been wonderful .We are all well, including the cat and dog!

I now have all my veges plants and seeds in including beans on a black pot like our friends Val and Dave in the UK ... here's hoping for a good crop ! Rain fall is very low, so ground dry, irrigation in full swing now. All cattle gone off farm and there is not likely to be any next year I am told. Too much hassle .

Quilt wise I have made 3 quilts (2 small ones) for the earthquake victims in Chch and have yet to work out how to find the right folks. More material in the cupboard to stitch up over harvest time when the nights are long. Needlework -- I am going to do some more stumpwork and I always have knitting of Peggy squares in the good for the Presbyterian Church .

Once the new concrete drive and patio are made, I will slowly start moving books and small items to town and perhaps stay a night before Christmas and try out a new king size single bed.

I am still clearing areas to go back into lawn around the new drive and patio and have found a good home for most remaining things at a show garden called Coniston. Carol can come with a truck and I am sure we could fill the deck. Iris are the next items to flower and there are some great colour combinations

There is a garden working bee at the Mayfield Hall this afternoon to attend as this way garden club does not have to pay for the use of the hall, so I am going. Bye to all. -- NOLA

**EGA has a
National Stitch-In
Planned For
February 5, 2011**

STAN HYWETT HALL SHOW EXHIBIT AND SALE

Photo of some Chapter members that met in the sale area. Photo taken by Allan McAllister (unofficial Chapter photographer).



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MEETING DATES

January 26 – Bay Village Library
February 23 – North Olmsted Library
March 23 – North Olmsted Library

JANUARY 2011 BOARD MEETING

January 12, 7 PM, at Bay Village Library