

SUMMER!!

North Coast Chapter of Greater Cleveland Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. June 2011



LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone had a great time at the May dinner. It was a wonderful location with great wait staff and excellent food. Thank you to Peggy, and everyone else, who had a part in making this dinner a super success!

It is always fascinating to see all the wonderful creativity our members unveil with the challenge. It is great to see so much participation and enthusiasm for our shared craft!

As the incoming president, I want to thank the past presidents and officers for such a successful year.

Hopefully I will be able to provide leadership that will keep our chapter as fun and dynamic as it has been.

We will have a year filled with outstanding programs, headed by Cathie Karls. I appreciate all everyone can do for our club and look forward to a great year! Don't forget about summer stitch-ins. Also plan to work on Christmas ornaments and cards (information at stitch-in).

Please feel free to call me with questions and ideas. I look forward to getting to know everyone even better!

Kathy Miller

FROM A PAST PRESIDENT

I'd like to thank my officers and committee chairs once again for the great job they've done over the last two years. I also thank you all for the gift I received at the May dinner. You have made my two years as co-President a wonderful learning and fulfilling experience and I only hope that I reciprocated in some way.

I am happy to be moving on to my new office as 2nd VP Membership and to being a part of the new regime with Kathy Miller at the helm.

Christine Osberg

FUN AT HOULIHAN'S

Our May dinner, held May 25 at Houlihan's in Westlake, came off without a hitch. The room and tables had a lot of "elbow room," the manager, Tom, and servers, Julie and Michelle, had everything under control, timing every course perfectly, and the food was delicious and proportioned just right. The exiting officers and committee chairs were acknowledged for the great job they did during the year, while the new officers and committee chairs were inducted so they could start off our new year.

Dona Stovicek and Rose Wyar did a great job selecting our challenge this year. The theme was "Something You Love" and had to have at least one heart. Once everyone explained what inspired them to make their project, it became even more evident that their projects were not only diverse, but inspirational, as well. The winner of the popular vote for best use of the items given was Valerie McAllister for her beautiful bell pull.

Sally Crooks received a book from the Mountainview Chapter Of The Embroiderers' Guild Of America titled "African Folklore Embroidery" by Leora Raikin that was raffled off as a door prize. The winner was Susan Rigo who will be bringing the book to future stitch-ins and meetings for all to see.

Members were given a "goodie" bag filled with patterns, kits and beads donated by Beth Gantz after the close of her store, Stitches. Etc. last March. It also contained small gold and wood frames Cass Dreby had previously donated to Programs. Thank you Beth and Cass for your generosity.

Jane Brown is about to become a first time grandmother in early July and made her grandson a beautiful quilt she designed herself with a rain forest theme which she shared with us that evening.

Last, but certainly not least, a big THANK YOU goes to Peggy Bodmann who arranged it all. We look forward to what she has in store for us next year.

(See photos on pages 3 and 4.)

CUYAHOGA FALLS SEMINAR

I attended my first seminar with Kathy Miller and Mike Farmer. I took three classes, the first being **Stitching Accessories** by Rozelle Hirschfelt where she taught the various finishing methods for a scissor fob, biscornu, needle case and more. My second class was titled, **Bouquet**, a hardanger piece taught by Pat Donaldson. Here is where I not only learned the art of hardanger, but confidence when cutting material and booboos provide opportunities to become creative. The last was **Shading Traditions** by Barbara Jackson. It was a crewel embroidery class on how to use shading to enhance your needlework. (I'll bring completed ones to the September meeting for show and tell). I also shopped, purchasing among other things, the GLR tote bag. It's made of well constructed, high grade canvas and big enough to hold large projects...definitely worth \$25.

The basket we donated was won by Judy Carnago from the Kalamazoo chapter. We received a thank you card from her which will be read at the September meeting. I was lucky enough to win a door prize, a beautiful hand-made Christmas ball ornament; and an opportunity basket donated by the Region (the GLR tote bag filled with goodies).

Members of the host chapter, Town and Country; the teachers; my companions, Kathy and Mike; and the staff at the Sheridan made it an enjoyable experience.

I encountered only one disappointment and that was at the board meeting when arguments for and against increasing dues took place. Some members were unnecessarily rude, obnoxious, catty, accusatory and downright disrespectful to members of the Region Board. I found that to not only be disgusting and distasteful, but unprofessional as well.

Photos on page 4.

Christine Osberg

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Cuyahoga County Fair** is around the corner and we still need volunteers. The times have not yet been announced by the fair people, but the dates are **Monday, August 8 through Sunday, August 14**. Please consider volunteering for one or more of those days. We do this fair in an attempt to attract new members and this year we are going to try to raise some money for our chapter by selling projects generously donated by Stitches, Etc., and by selling some of our handmade needlework. We are making ribbon candy ornaments and cards so please consider volunteering to work the fair. The sign-up sheets will be at the summer stitch-in and you can

always call me personally to schedule a time. It's fun to do with a fellow stitcher!

Also **Heritage Days at Pacific Junction** in Olmsted Falls is having their summer festival **on Saturday, August 20th**. We could use two more volunteers for the 3 - 5pm shift. Please let me know if you have interest in volunteering for this event. The sign-up sheet will be available at the stitch-ins.

Stan Hywet's Ohio Mart is going to be **Thursday, September 29**. This is an annual event and this year we are going to try to arrange a carpool to go down there. At this event Ohio Mart has a tent set up with stitching bargains that are too hard to pass up! We try to get there right at the opening for the best bargains. Sign-ups at the stitch-ins or you can call Kathy Miller.

NEW LOCATION STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Just to make everyone aware, the location of our monthly meetings will be moving to **Westlake Porter Public Library in September 2011**. The change had to be made because unfortunately the North Olmsted Library was no longer able to allow us to schedule our meetings in advance for a year. Our summer stitch-ins will remain in North Olmsted. We have appreciated the accommodations in North Olmsted and feel that Westlake Porter Library will be a wonderful place to provide for our needs as well. If you have questions about this change, please feel free to call Kathy Miller.

THE CHALLENGE FOR 2012

Gayle Fisher has volunteered to be in charge of our January Challenge. She will surely come up with some very interesting materials for us to use!

FUTURE PROGRAMS

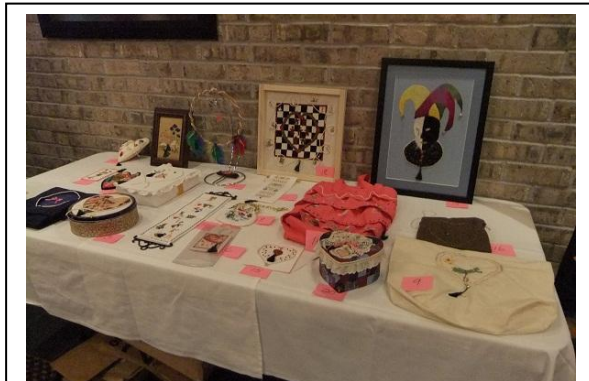
September Program

What did I stitch or sew this summer? Well show us!!!

A show and tell is in store for the start of the 2011-2012 season. Did you finally finish that piece or did you start a new one. We all want to know. And where did you get that pattern?

Also on the schedule is a course on waste canvas. Did you know it comes in different sizes? You can stitch on practically anything. Bring a small pattern and a piece you would like to place it on, plus floss. Club will supply the waste canvas at a small charge. You will be surprised what you will be able to do. Maybe a monogram, or a flower on a tee shirt or canvas bag. Your choice. **Cathie Karls, Program Chairman**

HOULIHAN'S



New Members: Jennie Krieger and ChrisWellener.

Challenge Projects

Some photos from the May Dinner.

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HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Attend two meetings to discover the benefits of joining the North Coast Chapter of EGA. Dues are \$48/year ... \$4 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.

GUILD LIBRARY NEWS

If you would like to borrow a book, contact Cass Dreby 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 Cass.

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.

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

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, July 29, August 26, September 23

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.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Silver Fox Florist: A couple years ago when our daughter was celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary we went to the Silver Fox Florist as we wanted a money tree. It was so nice working with enthusiastic people. One said there is a Money plant we can order, another one said I will go the bank, get new bills and fan fold them to put on the plant. Needless to say it was one of the hits of the party, especially with the really younger generation. Mom, look money does grow on trees. -- **Val McAllister**

Just Stitching: May 13 2011, which fell on a Friday, I had the opportunity to go to Just Stitching's Fun Night. It was a fun night of good food, stitching, chatting, playing games, door prizes and shopping the store. This was the first time I was able to make it to Fun Night and " I WILL BE BACK" -- **Val McAllister**

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MEETINGS FOR 2011

June 22, July 27, August 24 – North Olmsted Library
September 28, October 26, November 16, December 21 – Westlake Porter
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CHAPTER INFORMATION

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BEARS PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

Our chapter has been making bears for hospitalized children since 1996, the result of a philanthropy project initiated by Roberta (Bobbi) Gillin. Most members participate in creating the bears whether it be by donating the materials used to make them, sewing and/or stuffing them, creating their personalities by drawing faces on them, or delivering them to their new homes. During those fifteen years, members have made and distributed nearly 3,000 bears to various area hospitals. The making of these bears will continue to be an enriching part of our organization for years to come. See photo on page 4.

Also, please get your completed bears to Karyl Kitchen, Philanthropy Chairman. Contact her if you need any supplies.