

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



LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Cass Dreby

Hi Needlers

Welcome to summer, a slower time and hopefully a time to rest, relax and do as we please.

Thank you for participating in The Challenge. It was the first of many to come. Everyone was so creative and the projects were so different.

Also, thank you for the gift certificate to Jo Ann Fabrics. I have not used it yet but I'll let you know when I do.

Hope to see everyone this summer. Be sure to take time for yourself and enjoy it.

Walk in peace.

Christine Osberg

As I write this, it is Thursday morning, May 27th. This is a significant date for me for two reasons. First, my grandchildren, Dakota and Sebastian, turn three today. Second, it's the morning after our May dinner celebration at Clementine's in Olmsted Falls. A big THANK YOU to Sally Crooks for all her work to ensure everything was perfect for us. I was thrilled with the outcome... delicious food, outstanding service and warm and cozy atmosphere.

Equally impressive were the Challenge projects completed by most of the members attending. When I first saw the materials we had to work with, I wasn't thrilled as I thought the items were geared to a "garden" theme. Last night definitely proved me wrong.

Let's not forget Dawn Liljeberg. A big THANK YOU to Dawn for her generous donation of two baskets filled w/stitching goodies. Some items came from the three baskets she won at the Fort Wayne, IN seminar. She donated the remaining items out of her own stash. Patti Tusing and Valerie McAllister each won a basket and

leftover dessert, a wonderful chocolate cake w/white frosting and raspberry filling, was won by Ruth Ann Havasi.

We began the evening by celebrating Dot Scinto's 25th anniversary as a member of the North Coast Chapter by presenting her with a corsage and a planter. Happy Anniversary Dot!

The evening's finale was the unveiling of the new EGA North Coast Chapter banner. Kathy Miller and her committee (Karyl Kitchen, Connie Kosick, Dona Stovicek and Rose Wyar) did an awesome job. They should all be proud of their accomplishment. I can't wait to hear the comments we receive when it's displayed at the fair, quilt show, etc. It's sure to impress everyone and attract new members, too!

This year's officers, committee chairs and committee members met the challenges presented to them, doing a great job in the process. We should all be grateful for their hard work and devotion to our chapter. Highlights of the year include: Hands Across the Water program; County Fair fund raiser; miniature Christmas Tree fund raiser for Westlake Porter Library; the May dinner; the EGA Banner; Challenge Project; bears made and delivered to area hospitals; increase publications we advertise in; website created; creation of youth program (starting this summer); added six advertisers and seven new members; and displayed our work at the Westlake Porter Library.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for the gift I received for being your president. However, I had already received my gift when you all participated in the projects and events during the year. I couldn't have asked for a better year, better officers and better friends and hope you all enjoyed the "ride!" I did!! I hope to see you at the stitch-ins this summer. If not, have a safe and wonderful, fun filled and stitch filled summer and we'll see each other again in September to begin a year of new adventures.

GUILD LIBRARY NEWS

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 Dot and you.

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 stitch-ins this summer or the September meeting so we can photograph them for placement on our website.

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SUMMER STITCH-INS

The stitch-ins will be held at the Bay Village Library.

June 23 – Small Conference Room

July 28 – Small Conference Room

August 25 – Large Conference Room

BOARD MEETING DATE

September 8 at North Olmsted Library

MEETING LOCATION – FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

Bay Village Library

502 Cahoon Rd.

Bay Village, OH

Fourth Wednesday of the Month

6:30 pm to 8:45 pm

MEETING DATES -- AT NORTH OLMSTED LIBRARY

September 22

October 27

November 17

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Attend two meetings to discover the benefits of joining the North Coast Chapter of EGA. Dues are \$43/year ... less than \$3.60/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.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Marianne Schultz who joined us in March

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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

GRAND PACIFIC JUNCTION - OLMSTED FALLS

Heritage Days event is Thursday, August 19 thru Sunday, August 22. We have been asked to host a table outdoors at Yarn Knit by Sue, one of our advertisers. Due to the hectic schedule at the fair during the prior week, we have chosen to man a table on Saturday, August 21, only. Hours are 10:00am to 10:00pm that day. We will be donating our time from 10:00am until 5:00pm. As of this writing, we need two more volunteers for the hours of 2:30pm-5:00pm. If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet will be available at the June and July stitch-ins or contact Christine Osberg at 440-871-8828 or csosberg@wowway.com

NORTH COAST CHAPTER BANNER

The North Coast Chapter of the EGA Banner was revealed at the May dinner so I'm sure most of you were delightfully surprised at how beautiful it really turned out. And that did not happen just by chance. I had a very dedicated committee group that participated

together to establish this gorgeous banner. Here's a little history about the banner.

When I was elected to do Programs I thought it might be a good idea to have some type of banner to display at the County Fair, the Rocky River Quilt Show, etc. to identify our group. I asked our members to donate some projects they had that they may not be displaying or that they did not have a use for. My initial idea was small, you know, banner size, about 1 ½ feet by 2 ½ feet!! As conversation continued about this project, Christine Osberg suggested having it quilted. Great Idea! Then committee members signed up: Dona Stovicek, Rose Wyar, Connie Kosick, Karyl Kitchen and myself. I was not able to attend one meeting, so Christine went in my place, and in my committee's astute judgment, they invited Christine join our committee. She graciously accepted!

We met about six or seven times at the North Olmsted library mostly on Monday mornings from 9am to noon. By the end, we were lunching afterwards as a reward for our hard work!

I collected an unbelievable variety of beautiful projects from a total of 15 of our members! Thank you all so much because without your donations this masterpiece would not be possible. As the projects started coming in, I could see my vision for a small banner was going to be a joke. We were going to be going big! Decisions needed to be made in regard to what type of material for the background, how to identify us, how to attach the pieces to the material, how to hold the banner up for display and many, many more decisions. The collaborative group effort was fantastic. I learned so much more about quilting than I never knew. We gathered all our projects and determined the size of the banner. Big, but not be too big! Once the background color and title color were decided, Dona purchased the material and we were off and running. Then we decided to frame each piece (as in a quilt) so we chose the background material for each piece. Then we had to iron and finish off every piece that needed finishing then place it on the framing material. Turning under each and every piece and ironing again, then stitching onto the framing material. A decision was made to appliqué the pieces to the background material. Each was placed on the fabric (a number of different ways I might add) and then eventually basted into position. After the basting came the final stitching. Each and every committee member helped stitch, iron, baste and iron again, baste again, and stitch again!!!!

Thanks to you all for a project well done and to be

proudly displayed and enjoyed hopefully for a number of years to come! This project turned out better than I could have ever imagined!!!

Kathy Miller



SECOND BANNER

It would be nice to have a second banner done in the near future. If there is anyone who would be interested in taking on this project, please contact Christine Osberg. Wouldn't it be great if we could get all new members to donate their projects as well as different members with different perspectives to work on it as well?

THE COUNTY FAIR

Monday, August 9 thru Sunday, August 15. The hours are Monday 5pm to 11pm.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday Sunday noon to 11pm; Thursday 10am to 11pm. We will probably have a set core of hours.

If you have not already signed up to volunteer your time at our display table, you will have the opportunity to do so at the June and July Stitch-Ins. If you have something you'd like to donate to the club or make something to sell at the fair as a fund raiser, contact Cass Dreby (440-777-7085). For other fair information, contact Christine Osberg at 4 40-871-8828 or csosberg@wowway.com

EYE CANDY

Please bring your Eye Candy Challenge to the September meeting. We would like to take pictures of the great art work that were presented at the May dinner. If you were not present at the dinner, please bring your challenge.

CLEMENTINES

The 2009-2010 year ended on a high note with a very enjoyable dinner at Clementines in Grand Pacific Junction. As Christine mentioned in her letter to the members, the food was delicious, the service outstanding and the atmosphere warm and cozy.

The new board and committee members were introduced and the outgoing members recognized for their service.

We had the unveiling of the "Eye Candy" Challenge. We had to work with some unusual items – pearls, a metal butterfly, metallic beads, pink, blue and metallic floss and yellow ribbon. It is amazing all the different ideas the members who participated used to create their challenge. Pearls – as an example -- became bunny tails, bird's eggs, a spider and some were used as embellishments on various items such as bags, a hat, and bell pull, just to name a few. These projects have proven just how creative we can be and how we all thought "outside the box." They were great!

The new EGA North Coast Chapter Banner was unveiled. It is spectacular! For an account of the creation of the banner, see Kathy Miller's write-up in this issue.

Dot Scinto was recognized for celebrating her 25th Anniversary with the chapter. She was presented with a white rose corsage and a planter for her sunroom or yard.



We raffled off the baskets donated by Liljeberg. They were won by Pat Tusing and Valerie McAllister. We also raffled off the remaining dessert. It was won by Ruth Ann Havasi.

All in all, it was a great evening!

DISPLAY AT WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY

Westlake Porter Library asked if our Chapter would like to do a display of our handwork for the month of April. The display was set up by Sally Crooks, Cass Dreby, Valerie McAllister and Christine Osberg. Evelyn Dash delivered her contributions in person that day.



FUTURE PROJECTS

September: Tea Cup – Postoned from April

October: Felted Wool Flower Pin

REGIONAL SEMINAR – FORT WAYNE, IN

By Kathy Miller

I'd like to share with you my experiences from the Regional EGA Seminar in Fort Wayne, IN held from April 24-30. It was absolutely fabulous!

Dawn Liljeberg and I arrived in Fort Wayne at 4pm after a harrowing trip through a horrific hail storm west of Toledo. (The entire turnpike came to a complete stop! I've NEVER seen that before!) We were greeted by Fort Wayne members who quickly registered us and gave us a fabulous bag filled to the brim with goodies. The goodies included a gorgeous nametag handmade by the Fort Wayne guild members (check mine out); a plastic bag that would be later filled with projects, threads, notepad, pen, hand crème, floss (DMC & Whisper Fuzzy from Rainbow Gallery), magnet and even lemonade to flavor your water!. There were also 4 very cute cross stitch patterns.

A "Meet & Greet" the teachers was held before dinner. The banquet was beautiful. The theme was River of Threads. Tables were beautifully done and the food did not let us down the entire week! At every meal (except breakfast) there was a table favor including a hand stitched, quilted over the arm chair tote that holds stitching supplies; beautiful needle threader, book, and magnet; ort container (to collect threads bits); and more patterns, enough to fill the tote! Very clever!

There was a boutique to purchase anything you may have forgotten or your heart desired, and bookstore (where I did some damage). A President's reception was held every night from 4:30pm - 5:30pm with themes like chocolate candy and chocolate fountain with appetizers, soft drinks and the requisite chocolate!

Classes were held mornings and afternoons by some of the renown needle artists (classes are chosen when you register). I chose Jack in the Pulpit by Lynn Payette for the first two days and a Dresden Shepherdess Pincushion doll taught by Kim Sanders for the second two days! Teachers were phenomenal and the amount learned from them and fellow students was staggering!!

Dinner at a Japanese House, a Merchandise Mart (where vendors sell their goods), and the closing banquet rounded out the events. On the last night they drew names for opportunity baskets filled with every stitching goody you could ever want! Out of 21, Dawn won three!

I really hope this will inspire you to consider attending the Seminar in 2011 in Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER Our Chapter will again participate in this event. Last year we decorated a Christmas Tree. This year we will decorate a Wreath. If you have an idea for a theme, bring it to a Stitch-In or the September meeting. It will need to be decided at the September meeting so that there is time to create items for the wreath.

THINGS TO DO

Class with Amy Bruecken: Join *Stitches* Sunday, July 18th at 1 p.m. to meet national cross stitch designer, Amy Bruecken. Amy will design a Snowman cross stitch pattern for *Stitches* and will teach her darling finishing techniques! \$35 which includes instruction, pattern, fabric, threads, finishing materials, and a goodie bag from Amy. Space is limited. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss. Call *Stitches* to register - 440-892-8606.

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. Afterwards many attendees enjoy lunch together at Claudette's.

Fun Friday Night (6 p.m. to midnight) at *Just Stitching*. 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. You have to call and register early as space is limited. Their number is (440)572-9777. July 16, August 13. September 10

Heritage Days – Grand Pacific Junction August 19 – 22

Ohio State Day September 25, 2010 Marsha Papay-Gomola has created the Ohio Scissor Fob for Ohio State Day. The work-shop will be held September 25 in Boardman, Ohio in the Lariccia Family Community Center. The two-sided project is a beginner-level, miniature stumpwork piece that covers several dimensional techniques.

Registration deadline is August 1, 2010. Class fee, which covers the kit and lunch, is \$60. The Youngstown Area Chapter is hosting the day-long event. For more information, check the flyer on the GLR website or contact registrar, Carol DeWitt, 32 Lakeview Circle, Canfield, Ohio 44406-9619

Stan Hywett September 30 – October 3, Akron, OH . Show exhibit and sale of donated items (kits, thread, material, yarn, etc.)

Rocky River Quilt Show November 13 and 14, 2010 Rocky River Metropark Nature Center, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted

DATES OF INTEREST

August 14, 2010 Michigan State Day-“A Michigan Picnic” hosted by the White Pines Chapter at the Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center, Frankenmuth, MI

There will be three classes offered. The first class will be taught by Sherri Jones. It is a counted thread project called “A Spot in Michigan; A Stitcher's Pocket and Fittings”. The second class will be lead by Myrtis Justiniano called “Golden Starflower Box”. This is a bead project designed by Carolyn Sherman. The final class that will be offered is “A Basket for all Seasons”. This counted canvas project will be taught by Ann Strite-Kurz. Registration will begin early in 2010. Brochure available soon.

For more information, please contact Marie Lubbers at ww.lubertz@wildblue.net or 989-683-2818.

August 19-21, 2010 Wisconsin State Day events, meeting and dinner-with Catherine Jordan hosted by the Madison Area Chapter.

Activities will include a lecture (“Fabric Painting”) and two-day workshop (“Great Lakes Map”) by needlework teacher Catherine Jordan. Registration begins March 15, 2010. Information and registration materials are available on the GLR web page at www.ega-qlr.org and click on Region Info & News.

Any questions can be directed to Sandi Nicolai by email at sandinicolai@tds.net or by phone at 608-798-1134. Please see brochure on pages 8 and 9 of the newsletter

Apr 3-7, 2011 Stitching by the Falls – Camp GRL Cuyahoga Falls, OH hosted by Town & Country Chapter. Advanced registration is closed, but regular registration begins in the fall and ends October 15. carmenobx@yahoo.com, Carmen Heare 330-923-1615 See information at www.ega-qlr.org

NEWS FROM NOLA

This Thursday we have a bus trip so will sound out the idea of pen friends among members, but do not think even half will want one. We vary in age from the 40's to 91 .

The afternoon tea was good with about 18 there. We exchanged gifts that had to do with needlework. I shopped for mine and received a handmade lavender hanging in purple thread and beads. Very nice.

Today I have been picking the first of my strawberries and we had a small dinner party for six last night (all farming folk). It was nice .

Here is a picture of my home.



If anybody would like to write to one of their members, to please contact Christine Osberg, 440-871-8828, csoberg@wowway.com

IN CASE KIT

In order to be prepared for whatever program, workshop or stitch-in has to offer, it is suggested that every member bring an IN CASE KIT. This may be a small basket or box in which you can keep all of these essentials. In this way, everything is together and ready to go! Here are some suggestions, but feel free to add or subtract according to your own preference.

Name Tag

Small Hoop

Embroidery Scissors

Thimble

Straight Pins

Band Aids

Emery Board

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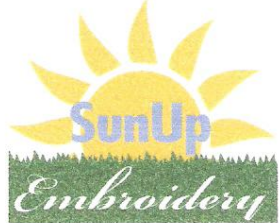
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TEDDY BEARS

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



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WE'RE MOVING!!

Beginning with our first board meeting of the new year (September 8) and regular monthly meeting (September 22), we will be moving from our current Bay Village location to the North Olmsted Library located on Lorain Rd. (just west of Dover Center Rd.) in North Olmsted. Most meetings will be held in the basement conference room which is accessible by elevator. Some meetings will be held in the large conference room on the main floor.

The library is west of Dover Center Rd. on the south side of the street. The address is 27403 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, 440-777-6211.

View this newsletter on our web site after July 1. www.clevelandwestega.org