

HAPPY Spring!!

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



LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Hello Fellow Needlers

I can't believe that it is almost Spring. Flowers are about to bloom, trees will bud and the snow and ice will melt.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to help with the Bear Project. If the Bear Project isn't your thing and you have a project that needs help, let us know. Maybe we, as a group, can help.

I would like to encourage you to help Cathy Karls with our fundraiser project. This will benefit all of us so we should all participate. Please talk to Cathy and see where you fit in.

Have a great Spring and enjoy the outdoors.

Walk in peace.

Cass Dreby

Thanks to Kathy Miller, we've had three great programs since our last newsletter and two more waiting in the wings. Dona Stovicek and Rose Wyar are testing our resolve with their selection of this year's Challenge project, and Peggy Bodmann will end our year with a wonderful May dinner planned for us at Houlihan's. I hope you all will be able to attend and enjoy.

An election of officers will be taking place in April. Make a difference in where our chapter is headed and how things are run by contacting Sally Crooks, head of the Nominating Committee, to place your name on the ballot. Don't rely on the same people to step up to the plate to keep things running smoothly. Remember, when there is full participation by all members it invokes fresh ideas and different perspectives that will help to

keep our chapter interesting and headed in the right direction.

Christine Osberg



Above is a photo of Mike Farmer with the sample stitches used in the Birthday Bargello he taught at the March meeting.

SPECIAL ADDITION TO THE MARCH MEETING

Thomas Steigerwalt, D.C., of Stags Family Wellness, will give an informative talk regarding Wrist/Hand Problems that could be caused by carpal tunnel syndrome.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Hi Fellow Stitchers,

Hopefully spring is right around the corner! With spring brings fresh new ideas and outdoor fun. We have an exciting program planned for March with Yarn Knit by Sue doing an interactive spinning and weaving program for us. We will be able to try the loom and the spinning wheel and shuttle. This will be a very informative session.

April will have Cathie Karls teaching us Thread Painting. It is a very elegant technique, similar to surface embroidery where you stitch with just one thread. I'm sure she will have a beautiful design for us to stitch.

Hopefully all of you are finishing up your Bargello Birthday project and will bring the completed project to share with everyone. I am thoroughly enjoying mine,

although I have had to redo several sections a number of times! That's all in the endeavor. Trust me, I rip out almost as much as I stitch!

The dates for the Surface Embroidery Workshops (Fantasy Flowers) are going to be April 16 from 10 - 2 and May 14 from 10 - 2. Be sure to mark your calendars and we will have a great time of fun together. Please bring a sack lunch and your beverage of choice. I'll give you a list of supplies at the next meeting or you can refer to your *EGA Needlearts* Magazine, June and September issues of 2010.

Enjoy the Spring weather and keep stitching,
Kathy Miller

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 RENEWAL

The deadline for dues renewal is approaching. The final amount will not be known until the proposed regional increase is voted upon during the April Regional Seminar. (If it passes, the dues will be \$52.) The notice about our April meeting will include the final amount of the dues. Please bring your check to the April meeting or mail them to me by May 15.

Christine Hummel, Membership Chairman

BIRTHDAYS - 2ST QUARTER

Kathy Miller.....	April 1
Janet Vizkelety.....	May 1
Toni Friedel.....	May 7
Christine Hummel.....	May 8
Gayle Fisher.....	June 5
Mike Farmer.....	June 7
Jane Brown.....	June 22
Evelyn Dash.....	June 27

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HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Attend two meetings to discover the benefits of joining the North Coast Chapter of EGA. The dues includes a quarterly subscription to *Needle Arts* Magazine. Monthly projects (September through May) are normally kept at an affordable \$3 to \$10 per kit.

STITCHES, ETC. CLOSING

On behalf of the North Coast Chapter of EGA, I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Beth Gantz of Stitches Etc. for the generous donations she contributed to our group and, as well, for being a loyal advertiser over the years. The store closing brings to a close a shop that's been a staple in the area for over 30 years.

Please know that you *and your Mom* will be sorely missed. What makes it a bit easier is in knowing you are moving on to something bigger and better. Best of luck to you always. **Christine Osberg**

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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

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 you and Dot.



TEDDY BEARS

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

BITS AND PIECES FROM OUR ADVERTISERS

For bargain hunters, **Pins & Needles** has many unadvertised specials, such as a 75% off table of books, software, and fabric... **Marmee's Heirlooms** holds embroidery, knitting, quilting, and craft classes. Stop in and meet owner Martha Gibbs, who will share her tips and tricks on how to make over 100 surface embroidery stitches. .. Carlton and Paula of **Craft Gallery** are re-opening their store at the end of March after suffering a flood in February.

THINGS TO DO

Birds of a Feather: Sew Joy by Sewing Circle is a free sewing group created to sew items for newborns and children in Lorain County non-profit organizations. Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month through May, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring scissors, notions and sewing machine (optional). 36500 Detroit Rd., Avon. 440/353-1785

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, April 15, May 13, June 17

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.

GUILD DAY TRIP

We are planning a day trip to Craft Gallery, Curiosity Shoppe, and Clare's Stitching Post. If you are interested, please contact Jane Brown.

HOSPITALITY

Refreshment Providers

March: Donna Casey and Toni Friedel

April: Jane Brown and Valerie McAllister

GREAT LAKES ANNUAL MEETING

Kathy Miller, Mike Farmer, and Christine Osberg will be attending the GLR annual meeting at the GLR Seminar taking place April 3 in Cuyahoga Falls. Be sure to check out June's newsletter for their report on it and the classes they took.

DATES OF INTEREST

Apr 3-7, 2011-- Stitching by the Falls – Camp GLR Cuyahoga Falls, OH hosted by Town & Country Chapter.

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

June 15-19, 2011 – Stitching – Music for the Soul – Austin, TX. Hosted by The South Central Region. Visit their seminar website www.scr2011seminar.org for more information.

September 8-10, 2011 – The 5th International Embroidery Conference, Embroidery of the Americas and the Influence of Colonization, Naples, FL. For information, call 407-696-7130, www.egausa.org

REGIONAL INFORMATION

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

HOULIHAN'S IN MAY

The May meeting will be held at Houlihan's in Westlake on May 25 at 6:30 pm. It will include dinner, display of your Challenge Project, installation of officers and fun. Sign up will continue at the March meeting and be finalized at the April meeting. The cost is \$12 per person and must be paid by the April meeting.

Houlihan's is located at 25651 Detroit Rd., Westlake, OH, 440-808-9090.

Peg Bodmann

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

I stopped in at **Pins & Needles** a couple of weeks ago with my old Kenmore zig-zag sewing machine to take advantage of a special on a cleaning advertised in their December ad. Terry, the manager, gave me a quick demonstration of a small Baby Lock machine that I admired. I ended up the owner of a Baby Lock Ellure Plus machine. I bought the machine because of the obvious passion that Terry and her staff have for sewing, quilting, and embroidery. Buying it was a nice experience, and I met several really helpful and knowledgeable people.

They support their customers with free classes on machine usage. I attended a free Show & Tell class that is held for customers once a month. It was fun and you get to meet others interested in the same thing.—Jane Brown

Marmee's is offering many classes this year of which I am taking two. The first really isn't a class. You purchase the pattern, yarn and other supplies, if needed, and sit and knit with Martha (along with other customers) from 2pm-4:30pm on Saturdays. Martha is there to help guide you through the pattern, it's a wonderful way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon and learn something new, too. The other class is March 29 and 30. The project is a smocked Easter egg to be completed just in time for Easter. The cost is a mere \$20 for the two-day class and includes all materials. - Christine Osberg-

NEWS FROM NOLA

When Christine Osberg inquired about the latest earthquake in Christchurch (Chch), New Zealand, Nola responded with this email.

Family in Chch all well, but have no sewage, boiling water, power is on, so Charlotte and co. may move to our town house next week, if Brad could work the computer there, but we need a phone connection. No schools open yet, could be shut all next week. Bryan, my brother, was asking his son, Mark, if he can put it on as he is high up the computer world.

A wedding on Sat. Bride's dress is locked up in the center of Chch, so we will see what happens. Food all coming still and tent is up. It's a marquee. 104 guests. Bride is Alan's niece Annabelle. Been at a funeral today.

We have lost our accountant in the quake as he was in the PYNES GOLD building. Many still missing - like 300. Prime minister has made a wonderful speech, like Churchill in 1940s. River Avon is flooding as well as pipes, sewage, so some flooding in places.

Not watching TV today as it's too hard but will look tonight. Now going out in sun with a coffee and book set in 1600s in Holland/Germany about a princess who marries George I of England. Thanks to all asking after us. **Nola**

EARLIER MESSAGES FROM NOLA

We are all well. Been busy with harvest and we had French people here last weekend after having a couple from Israel before that. All very nice and great to show people how we live on a farm.

Have two busy weeks coming up with Alan's niece, Annabelle Jackman, marrying on her family farm next Sat. Then Helen Sim is marrying again the following Sat in Chch. Both have next day functions, too. We also have the usual weekly events like garden club, dinner club needlework and quilt groups. So we are busy.

The house should have some fencing done soon. Soil has been sprayed for weeds prior to seed being planted by a contractor.

Charlotte and family are staying there next weekend for Annabelle's wedding. I have done a pot of stew apples this afternoon. We will pick some more up at the yard. Harvest has seen the wheat finished - between weather's changing patterns.

I am wearing my LONDON DRESS on Sat with the addition of a light purple frill on a petticoat which will hang below, giving more skirt than old leg and knee showing!

All for now. Take care walk tall and be happy.
Love from NOLA

MEMBER'S TIP

Easy-Count Guideline: Red nylon thread helps locate your stitching spot . Use the thread to form a grid that matches your instructions. Available through several of the needlework catalogs.

EYE AID FOR STITCHERS

From the September 1989 North Coast Newsletter (Some tips need mentioning again for newer members.)

Focusing your eyes on a small area at a fixed distance for hours at a time reduces your blink rate and peripheral eye movement. Blinking at a normal rate lubricates and cleanses your eyes and activates the muscle that surrounds them. When eye activity is reduced, muscle tone is diminished and eye fatigue with its companion - - neck tension -- deprives you of the pleasure in your work and adds years to your face. Make a habit of raising your head occasionally as you work to look at a distant object. Focusing your eyes alternately at close work and a distant object will refresh and rest your eyes.

The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. National Tapestry, "America the Beautiful" will be displayed by Farmington Hills Chapter, EGA, from Thursday, April 14, 2011 , thru Friday, May 27, 2011 . This tapestry, depicting the US , its flora, fauna and geographic features, is in five panels, each 24" x 48". In conjunction with the tapestry display, Farmington Hills Chapter will also display a selection of its members' work.

The exhibit will be held at William Costick Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 48334 (248-473-1800) in the City Gallery at the main entrance facing Eleven Mile (between Inkster and Middlebelt). Exhibit hours are: Monday thru Friday, April 14 - May 27, 8:30am-4:30pm EXCEPT: Thursday, 4/14: 4pm -8:30pm; Friday, 4/15: 8:30am -10pm; and Saturday, 4/16: 10am -1pm.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

MEETING DATES

March 23 – North Olmsted Library
April 27 – North Olmsted Library
May 25 – Dinner, Houlihan's

APRIL 2011 BOARD MEETING

April 13, 7 PM, at Bay Village Library

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March: Wrist/Hand Problems? By Dr. Thomas Steigerwalt
and Interactive Weaving and Spinning by Yarn Knit by Sue
April: Thread Painting by Cathy Karls