

FALL IS HERE!

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



LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi to all!

Hope you had a relaxing and pleasant summer, with a little time for stitching! I'm so looking forward to a great stitching year! I think this year will be packed with many great projects and opportunities for you to grow as a stitcher and a fellow friend to all our members. Cathie Karls has lined up a number of very fun and useful projects this year, starting with a waste canvas project. A way to embellish any number of items you may already have at home; sweaters, hats, soft tote bags, just to name a few.

Our County Fair and Heritage Days events went like clockwork. A good time was had by all, and we were able to raise some money for our Chapter. Thank you to all who helped!

We will be sponsoring two showcases in the Westlake Porter Public Library in April. I am looking for someone to step up and help organize this project. It should not take much time or energy as everything we will be displaying is already (or will be) stitched by our members and ready to showcase! Please give this opportunity to help out some serious consideration.

Don't forget that Stan Hywett is just around the corner and we will be carpooling down there. It is a good way to enjoy our members and get to know them better and a way to add to your stash in a very inexpensive way. Many, many treasures are usually found by our members!

I'm looking forward to serving you for the next two years as your President. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any ideas, projects, or concerns.

Kathy Miller

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

In November of 2009, our chapter was partnered with the Ashburton Guild in New Zealand as part of the Hands Across the Water program. Since then I have been corresponding with my counterpart, Nola Sim. On August 5th of this year, Nola informed me that one of their members, Debby Shaw, and husband, Graham, were coming to the US for a visit and

would be in the Cleveland area during their stay. I immediately made arrangements for them to stay with us.



They arrived in the U.S. on August 26th, landing in San Francisco, California and visiting the area for three days. They flew from there to Chicago, Illinois where they spent the day, drove to Jonesville, Michigan where they spent the night before driving to Bay Village, Ohio. They arrived around 5pm on Wednesday, August 31st and stayed until late morning of Friday, September 2nd. During that time, my husband, Paul, and I, enjoyed their company immensely... sharing stories about our families, pets, embroidery projects, life in New Zealand vs life in the US and more. We learned we shared common interests, among them the love of animals, especially dogs. We both had Golden Retrievers and lost them recently to cancer. They have a another Golden now and we are awaiting the arrival of our Goldens from GRIN sometime soon.

On Thursday, Debby and Graham went to visit the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame. Afterwards, while Graham and Paul talked about food, wine, beer, and everything else men talk about, Debby and I made time to go to a couple local shops, Pins and Needles and Abigayle's Quiltery. Debby was amazed at how inexpensive everything was and stocked up on material and thread. After dinner, we went to the home of member, Peggy Bodmann, who graciously hosted a "meet and greet" gathering to introduce Debby to a dozen members who were fortunate enough to be free that evening. Debby retold the many stories she and husband, Graham, had told to Paul and I. During the evening, we dined on delicious, homemade goodies made by several members. There was also a platter of fruit and homemade hummus with crackers. A nice surprise for our members came when Debby revealed she had brought gifts. Since there were more members than gifts, a drawing was held and six members received a beautiful

necklace made of pāua shells. Debby also gave Peggy a set of coasters displaying kiwis, the fruit their country is noted for, for hosting the occasion. We presented Debby with a needle holder made by the Youngstown Chapter with a Cardinal, the Ohio state bird, stitched on it. Member, Dona Stovicek, a master at silk ribbon embroidery, gave Debby four silk ribbon embroidery kits to make name tags...one for her, three for members back home.



Paul and I shared our last breakfast together with Debby and Graham on Friday morning. Debby had one more surprise up her sleeve when she presented Paul and my son, Rob, with a knitted cap with the New Zealand name and national symbol, the Silver Fern, embroidered on it, and me with a set of coasters displaying the New Zealand name and Silver Fern, plus six place mats, each quilted by her. The materials used had designs that represented the items New Zealand is noted for...kiwis, sheep, pāua shells, wine, Christmas tree flower, Moses baskets, and Maori Korowai feathers. Then we each went our separate way. They went to Cleveland to visit the Great Lakes Science Center before heading to Dover, Ohio to visit Debby's sister's pen pal. Days later they would drive to Chicago, fly to Washington, DC; drive to New York City, New York; Williamsburg, Virginia; Savannah, Georgia; Nashville, Tennessee; New Orleans, Louisiana; Las Vegas, Nevada; and then return to San Francisco, California by October 7th so they could catch their flight back home. Paul and I headed to the Finger Lakes in New York for a mini four day vacation (sounds dull in comparison, doesn't it?).

I have only one regret about their visit...it was way too short...but I thoroughly enjoyed the time we did spend together and hope that we will be able to do it again in the future. Rumor has it that Nola Sim and her husband, Alan, will be coming for a visit around the same time next year. We can't wait for them to get here.

Christine Osberg

"FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA"

I jumped into the project with gusto last August, and after a thorough search of the Internet, purchased "America the Beautiful" by Sue Hillis Designs, a U.S. map outlined in cross stitch. As I began stitching, ideas started coming. Wouldn't it be fun to use up some of my stash by filling in each state with a different color? Wouldn't it be more fun to use up my stash quickly with 4 to 6 strands at a time? By the time the basic outline of the map was finished, the creative juices were

flowing. I decided to experiment with some interesting stitches that I saw in canvaswork patterns - various Rhodes stitches, Hungarian stitch, etc. , to see how they would cover



the 14-ct Aida I was stitching on. It turned out that the coverage was very good, and saved me a lot of time by filling in much faster than cross-stitch.

I entered Sea to Shining Sea in the Bobbie Pilling Awards and was awarded third place. It was then featured at the National meeting held in Florida earlier this month.

Jane Brown

KUDO'S FOR MIKE FARMER

The Lorain County Fair has only a few needlepoint (versus cross stitch) categories. Thus, I was able to enter only three pieces, in the categories of Needlepoint Picture (large pieces), Chartwork and Mixed Stitches. I chose to enter St. Basil's Cathedral, Desert Star and Birches all of which I have brought to chapter meetings to share. I received first place on



St. Basil's Cathedral and Desert Star and second place for Birches. In addition, St. Basil's Cathedral was chosen from all categories of needlepoint as Best of Show. St. Basil's is a Carole Lake design and was taught by her at GLR Seminar last April. Birches, designed by Lynne Payette, was taught in a class at Stan Hywet Needlework Guild. Desert Star is a charted piece by Nancy Uhle (Nancy's Needle). All three pieces, along with a number of others I have finished in the past year, are on display at Heritage Studio and Galleries, in Canal Fulton. -- **Mike Farmer**.



CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIR – Val McAllister and Gayle Fisher

BEAR DELIVERY

It was a beautiful sunny day on June 28 2011 when Karyl Kitchen, Philanthropy, and her bear helpers Allan and Valerie McAllister had a successful delivery of 150 bears to Fairview Hospital. Sandy was thrilled to receive the bears and stated that 50 bears would go to ER, 50 bears to the Cancer/Surgery Center across the street from the Hospital and the last 50 would stay on the Pediatric floor. It is so nice to know that our bears will be put to good use.



As we were taking the elevator up to the Pediatric Floor, one of the nurses was so entranced with checking out the bears, she forgot to get off at her floor.

A special thank you to all the ladies who helped with the bears. -- Val McAllister

BIRTHDAYS – 4th QUARTER

Patti Tusing	October 1
Peggy Bodman	October 2
Cathie Karls	October 19
Merran Phillips	November 6
Valerie McAllister	December 6
Dorothy Scinto	December 13
Louella Hague	December 18
Catherine Green	December 24
Dona Stovicek	December 30

HOSPITALITY

Refreshment Providers

September: Dona Stovicek and Janet Vizkelely

October: Merran Phillips and Cass Dreby

November: Sally Crooks and Kathy Miller

December will be an appetizers and dessert buffet. There will be a signup sheet for appetizers, dessert and supplies at the meetings this fall.

There will be also be a signup sheet for refreshments for January through April.

Peggy Bodmann

NEWS FROM NOLA

We are off on holiday again taking Charlotte , Brad , Wills and Ella to Rarotonga , Cook Islands, were we went four years ago . We have three bedrooms at the Edgewater Resort on the west coast . We go on Tuesday and the McFarlane clan comes over on Thursday. We are staying near the airport for the two nights on our own and may fly over to another island ...depending on the weather.

All are excited and I dream of snorkeling with Wills and Ella [one of my bucket dreams) Farmwise the partnership will end with Alan and Matthew come September 1 ; but that will not end Alan’s trips out there to help out, etc. Alan goes for walks and bike rides when at home and he is looking after the lawn.

I am enjoying the church walking group and fellowship over a coffee when 16-20 of us go walking on a Tuesday morning to a coffee shop and back ... fun for all.

Stitchingwise I am finishing a stump work item and waiting for a framing to be completed of Queen Victoria and family for the guilds show in September.. Weatherwise it has been pleasant in our garden away from the winds . Enjoyed seeing what happens to flax when stripped as shown on TV in Country calendar last Saturday night. That is what my Dad and his brother did with their father before the war in Otago .



I hope this finds you all well. We are away for 11 days as we will have a night at each end of trip with Charlotte due to early departures on Tuesday morning and a late trip to Chch via Auckland the following week. Stump work photo is of a garden and two walls yet to be finished and put together. Love from NOLA

ROCKY RIVER QUILT SHOW

We will again be participating in the Rocky River Quilt Show at the Rocky River Nature Center this year for the chance to display our work and increase membership. Please stop by our table on Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13 from 10am to 5pm. The Rocky River Nature Center is located at 24000 Valley Parkway, between Cedar Point Road and Shepard Lane in Rocky River Reservation in North Olmsted – just off the I-480/Clague Road exit (westbound) and I-480/Columbia Road exit (eastbound).

PROGRAMS

September -What did I stitch or sew this summer? 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.

October—Smocking Ornament taught by Martha Gibbs of Marmee's Heirlooms.

November-- Member Dona Stovicek will show us how to make a Ribbon Poinsettia.

Cathie Karls, Program Chairman

REGIONAL NEWS

Region Director --Corinne Clift has resigned as Region Director for the Great Lakes Region due to health problems. Terry Butz has accepted the position of Region Director.

2012 Great Lakes Region Exhibit--Great Lakes Region 2012 Seminar will host an exhibit of region members works on Wednesday April 25th. You are encouraged to show two completed stitched pieces in a non-juried exhibit. Include projects from previous seminars, master craftsman and correspondence courses. If you are not attending the seminar, send your pieces with someone who will be there. We will not accept mailed entries. If you are interested in participating, contact: Karen Wojahn, GLR Seminar 2012 Registrar, 426 Woodfield Dr., Green Bay, WI 54313, 920-662-0799.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE FARMER

Mike was nominated and accepted the position of Assistant Region Director. His term starts January 1, 2012 and includes, among other duties, the responsibility of planning two mid-year meetings.

DUES UPDATE

The dues increase failed... again! The vote was 22 to 12 (22 in favor; 12 against). But the By-Laws require a 2/3 vote of all eligible votes. That means 2/3 of the Chapters, whether or not they're in attendance. And at least half of the

Chapters not in attendance didn't send in their vote, and had to be counted as Abstentions! We have to have 32 yes votes for this to pass. When it came to the vote to accept the \$1 dues proposal, I voted nay, stood and asked that my vote be recorded as a protest to the failure of the \$5 dues motion. It will be on the ballot again at the April meeting.

Mike Farmer

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.

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.

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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) 058-8094

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. October 28, November 18, December 16.

Sit & Knit: Meets the 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.

STAINS IN NEEDLEWORK

From **Needlewords** (Provided by the former Stitches, Etc.)

Thread Dye—When dyes run after washing in cold water, leave the needlework in the water. Change the water occasionally until the excess dye comes out of the fabric. This may take as long as 24 hours. Keep at it until it is gone.

Blood—Cold water rinse followed by warm soapy rinse, or cold salted water rinse then warm soapy rinse, then cold rinses.

Candle Wax—Harden with ice, scrape off. Place face down between two sheets of blotter and press with warm iron.

Colored Wax—Same as above, then remove coloring with sponge dipped in alcohol.

Candy—Cold water and spot cleaning fluid.

Chocolate—Dry borax and cold water.

Coffee, Tea—Warm, soapy wash immediately, place area over bowl and pour boiling water over it.

Wine—Apply table salt with a damp sponge, let set two hours, rinse by pouring boiling water over it, then lemon juice and hot water.

Glue—Hot water, then sponge with white vinegar.

Grease—Warm, soapy wash, then spot clean with alcohol.

Ink—Soak in milk, changing milk frequently (colored fabric); moisten stain with salt and lemon juice, set in sun two hours, then warm soapy wash (white fabric).

Lipstick-- Spot clean with Vaseline, then warm soapy water.

Mildew—Wash in cold soapy water (colored fabric); remove with lemon juice, let dry in sun, then warm soapy water.

Nicotine (For cotton or linen)—Mix one quart of water with ½ teaspoon liquid detergent, soak 15 minutes, rinse, remove excess water; sponge remaining stains with rubbing alcohol until gone, wash normally.

Pet Stains—Spray immediately with soda water then after a few minutes, sponge off.

Rust—Spread area over a bowl of steaming water and apply lemon juice, rinse in hot water.

E-MAIL TO MEMBERS

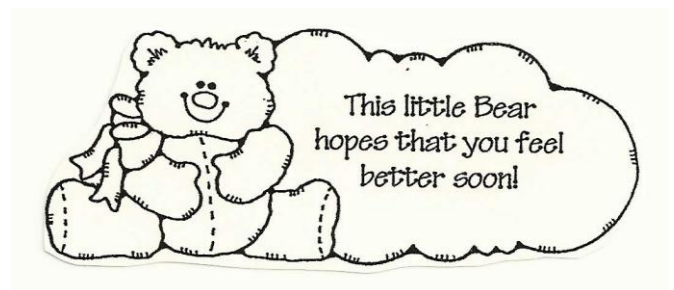
The Chapter received the following e-mail:

“To whom it may concern:

My daughter recently had a tonsillectomy at The Fairview Surgery Center in Westlake, Ohio. She received a teddy bear that a local chapter had made for sick children in the hospital. It was the highlight of her visit. I wanted to extend an appreciation to those of you who donated your time and talents in such a way.

Very grateful

Liz Carr”



TEDDY BEARS

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