

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



I think we had a "banner" year last year and hope to do the same this year in our new home. So hop on board for another fun filled ride to see where we're headed and enjoy the ride!

Christine Osberg

LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Hello Fellow Needlers

I hope everyone had a great summer with lots of iced lemonade, hot dogs and picnics. Summer is a time to read a good book and pick up a needle and create something.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time at the Cuyahoga County Fair and Olmsted Falls Heritage Days. It was a very great chance to promote our Guild, spread the word about needlework, meet nice people and possibly find a few new members. It was also a great time to show off our new beautiful banner. There were many fine comments about the needlework and the creativity of the banner.

I am looking forward to our new home and seeing what the new year will bring our Chapter.

Walk in peace.

Cass Dreby

My hope is that you all had a wonderful summer filled with family, friends, fun and stitching. This summer was a mixed bag for me...I stressed over my youngest son when he became ill over the summer. He is doing much better now thanks to all the prayers said for him; and I was able to enjoy my time with my son and grandchildren from California when they arrived in July for a week's visit. My son will be moving back to Ohio to live with us sometime this fall.

I don't know about you, but I don't do well in hot, humid weather so much of my time was spent indoors in the comfort of air conditioning. The bad news... a high electric bill; the good news...a lot of stitching was done. I completed the marriage sampler for my niece, which I'll bring to the September meeting, and a Christmas pillow top. I also have two projects in process and hope to have two more started soon.

CHAPTER MEMBER WINS FAIR AWARDS

Mike Farmer (new member as of July 2010) won two red ribbons (2nd prize in class) at the Lorain County Fair. He entered two needlepoint pieces, one in the general category and one "from chart." The two pieces are "Gathered In," a Sandy Rodgers piece that was a Chapter project in his ANG Chapter. The other is "Twister", designed by Patricia Spencer, was in a book from Nordic Needle.



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.

2010 NORTH COAST CHAPTER BANNER

Our "North Coast Chapter" banner became a reality when the committee, led by Kathy Miller, received unfinished projects made by various members, bordered those pieces with coordinating material, then placed and hand sewed them creatively onto the banner material. It took time and effort to accomplish this task. Another banner, "Great Lakes Region," is planned. A volunteer to lead this project is needed. Anyone wishing to take on this task is asked to call or email Christine Osberg.

THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIR (AUGUST 9-15)

The fair was a complete success...our chapter received \$100 for our 5-day participation this year. A big THANK YOU goes to the following people who not only gave up their afternoon or evening to host our table there, but also braved the extreme heat and humidity. They are: Valerie McAllister, Gayle Fisher, Kathy Miller, Mike Farmer, Cathie Karls, Peggy Bodmann, Ruth Ann Havasi, Christine Burke, Sally Crooks and Cass Dreby. (Check out the T-shirts they received. They may wear them to the September meeting.)



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 the banner.

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 September meeting so we can photograph them for placement on our website.

HERITAGE DAYS, OLMSTED FALLS (AUGUST 19-22)

We also hosted a table in front of Yarn Knit by Sue at the Heritage Days at Grand Junction in Olmsted Falls on August 21st. The day went well until the rains came, sending everyone home two hours early. A big THANK YOU goes to those members who interrupted their day to represent our chapter: Christine Burke, Sherry Kennedy, Merran Phillips, Jane Brown, Cass Dreby and Christine Osberg.

JANUARY 2011 BOARD MEETING

January 12, 7 PM, at Bay Village Library.

CLASS WITH AMY BRUECKEN

Christine Osberg attended a class at Stitches, Etc. on July 18 It was taught by designer Amy Bruecken. Amy designed a snowman cross stitch pattern exclusively for them. The homework entailed completing the cross stitch portion of the project. Amy then taught the finishing techniques used to complete the ornament. Included in the kit was wire, twisted and inserted for its handle; buttons, attached to add a little fun; memory thread for arms and a rubber nose shaped like a carrot. The pattern was backed by orange felt and stuffed with fiber fill to add dimension; and finally, ribbon was sewn on to add a bit of whimsy. All of the items were included in a felt bag that could be used as an ornament as well or stuffed with small goodies. As an added bonus, Amy gave everyone two of her patterns which many of us had autographed. A great time was enjoyed by all.



HOSPITALITY

Refreshment Providers

September: Susan Rigo and Sally Crooks

October: Gayle Fisher and Christine Osberg

November: Cass Dreby and RuthAnn Havasi

December will be a pot luck dinner. The main dish will be provided. There will be a signup sheet for the side dishes, dessert and supplies at the meetings this fall.

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

SEPTEMBER PROJECT

Teacup Pin Cushion –Bring your teacup and finished top.

BIRTHDAYS – 1ST QUARTER

Avis (Sally) Crooks..... January 24
Donna Cullen March 18
Christine Osberg..... March 9

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MEETING DATES -- NORTH OLMSTED LIBRARY

September 22	November 17
October 27	December 15

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 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.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Mike Farmer who joined us in July 2010.

GUILD LIBRARY NEWS

The library was three new books available.

1. *The Open Canvas* by Carolyn Ambuter
2. *The Needlecraft Designs From Our Best Quilts* by Mary Johnson and Zuelia Hurt
3. *Cross Stitch & Needlework* Magazine – Issue contains almost any stitch you might use.

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.

ROCKY RIVER NATURE CENTER QUILT SHOW (NOVEMBER 13-14)

Volunteers are needed to host a table at this event. A signup sheet will be passed out at the September meeting. Those members who were unable to participate at the fair or Heritage Days will be offered first choice in selecting the day and time they can be there.

CHRISTMAS WREATH

Westlake Porter Library is not having their fund raiser this year so the wreath planned for them will be done for our chapter instead. The theme is “Birds.” Anyone wishing to participate should call me with your bird selection to avoid duplicates. Your bird can be in any form, using any type of embroidery, but must be limited to approximately 3” high (width is not an issue). Tickets will be sold at the Rocky River Nature Center Quilt Show (1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5). An opportunity drawing will be held during the final minutes of Quilt Show to select a winner of the wreath

THE CHALLENGE

Cass had the right idea when she came up with “The Challenge.” Members thought outside the box and created outstanding projects from the kitted items that Cass and her committee put together. Those who participated are being asked to bring their projects to

the September meeting for a photo shoot. These pictures will be published on our website and sent to Regional and National as well. It will also be in the next newsletter.

“The Challenge” is here to stay so please email or call me if you are interested in naming the “theme,” and selecting the items for the kit used in the making of the project. If more than one person responds the first person to email or call Christine Osberg will get to have all the fun this year. The others will be placed on a waiting list and have to wait their turn until next year or the year after.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Although I'm not as organized as last year, we still have some GREAT projects coming up this year for our group. September will be the pincushion teacups taught by Cathie Karls. In October we will be welcoming back Barbara O'Brien from Flashback to teach us how to make hooked pins. I'll show you pictures of the project at the September meeting. They are very cute! In November Christine Osberg will be teaching a felted mitten project just in time for your holiday decorations! We will have some fun in December with a *Chinese Auction!* Look in your old stash for items and treasures you may no longer want, but someone in our group would love to have. I'll explain the details later, but we'll combine the Chinese Auction with a great holiday party with fun to be had by all! Also, to look forward this year, we will do at least one weekend seminar. See you soon and I look forward to a great agenda of projects for 2010 - 2011! -- Kathy Miller, Programs Chair

NEW ZEALAND

Anyone wishing to correspond with a member of the Ashburton Guild in New Zealand should email or call Christine Osberg. If more than one member is interested, a drawing will be held or we'll try to match the member according to the info they provide. We're hoping that their interest will increase once the relationships develop.

TEDDY BEARS

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

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: November 17 and December 15.

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 22, November 12 and 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 learn with. 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. October: Stranded Knitting; November: Stash Auction. 216/258-8094

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

DATES OF INTEREST

September 30 – October 3, 2010 -- Stan Hywett Akron, OH. Show exhibit and sale of donated items (kits, thread, material, yarn, etc.)

October 2-3, 2010 – Needle Artisans of Northwestern Indiana – The Thread That Binds is an exhibit of members' needle art in Muncie, IN (10am-4pm). Over 235 pieces on display showing several threaded needle embroidery techniques such as cross stitch, specialty stitching, canvas work, crewel, needlepoint, tamant, beading, and more. Will also include an ornament sale, members' boutique, and an opportunity drawing for miscellaneous items. Held at the Social Center of Muncie Parks Department, 8751 Lions Club Cr., Muncie, IN 219-227-6607

MORE DATES OF INTEREST

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

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 at: <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^t 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).

2011 GLR Correspondence Course Selections

Registration deadline is Nov 1, 2010. The cost includes the course fee, instruction materials, and postage with delivery confirmation. You are responsible for purchasing your own supplies.

- \$50.00 *Brazilian Embroidery* Purse - Ganet Burr
- \$48.50 *Chinese Checkers* [canvas] - Mimi Selick
- \$60.00 *Dresden Garden* [Dresden Lace] - Jane Ellen Balzuweit
- \$50.00 *Lydia's Necessities* [Hardanger] - Judith Gulick
- \$50.00 *Plum Blossom* [Sashiko] - Lois Kershner
- \$70.00 *Circle with Blue Flower* [Silk & Metal] Margaret Kinsey.

If you have any questions please call Kris Kyles at 920-469-1799 or email kkristen858@att.net If you are interested in any of these courses, please contact Valerie McAllister for a registration form.

NEWS FROM NOLA

Our sister chapter in New Zealand suffered a 7.1 earthquake this morning, devastating their major city

just 55 miles from their town of Ashburton. Here is her report.

Now nature has given us an earthquake of 7.1 centered on Darfield, Canterbury west of Chch. Charlotte has no power. There is rubble on the streets, with buildings filling them, roads out of place, underground sewers upset, etc.

Sunshine to day so two ladies are coming out from town for a visit, chat, and coffee. Alan will be away to golf. Love from Nola

FROM NATIONAL

The EGA Board has acknowledged that we need to evaluate our organization from top to bottom and incorporate our member's opinions in shaping the future. In the past we have implemented changes in components of our organization, but never taken action on the whole in an improvement effort. We acknowledge the need to get outside help in this endeavor. We have formed a task group specifically charged with finding the best individual to assist in this process. If you have experience in identifying and evaluating consultants we invite you to identify yourself. This group is expected to complete the task by the end of 2010, so it has a very specific and short-term focus.

If you have experience in this area and are willing to serve please contact Lea Peacock, Director of Marketing at egamarketing@hotmail.com

HELPFUL HINT

When you are trying to decide whether to use ivory or white fabric for a project, the general rule of thumb is to use white fabric for designs using primary colors like red, blue, green, and yellow. Use ivory fabric for all other color combinations. White tends to flatten and take away from the richness of color while ivory enhances colors used in shading. This should also apply to you selection of fiber colors. From the Southern Maine Chapter around 1995.

FINAL NOTE

Kathy Miller has finally become a grandmother! A boy! Born September 16 weighing 8lb9oz and 20 ¼ inches long. Mackenzie and Christopher have named him Merick Warren Mihloer. Kathy will be so busy stitching for him we will be lucky if we see her at all during his first 21 years! Congratulations!

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WE HAVE MOVED!

Beginning with our regular monthly meeting on September 22, we will meet at the North Olmsted Library. 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.