

STITCH IN TIME

Green Bay Area Chapter
of the Embroiderers' Guild of America
Stitching together for 45 years



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From the President - May 2024

Many, many thanks to all of you who participated in our Stitches and Stems Show in March. While I couldn't be there, the pictures that I saw online looked absolutely amazing. It was a bonus that we had the experience of working with the Fox Valley EGA. I am sure that it was fun to meet new people and make new friends. The feedback that I received was that the show was amazing! Thanks, one and all!

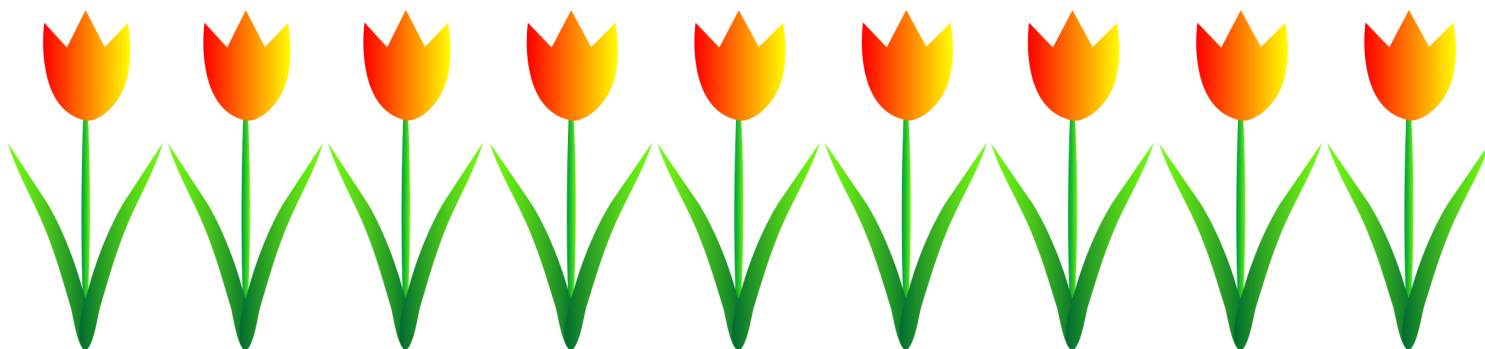
Spring has finally arrived in Northeast Wisconsin! We are looking for one or two (or more) members to organize upcoming Saturday Stitch Retreats for the guild. Lindi Kuritz and Sheila Rogers have organized the last two and are stepping down as organizers from this activity. Many thanks go out to Sheila and Lindi for organizing the last two retreats and to Kay Olson for organizing the one before that. It is an easy job. Find a place for us to meet and get the word out. Decide on how you want to do lunch and any other activities that you might want to incorporate. If you want to help and are looking for a planning partner, let me know and we will hook you up.

I want to thank Vicky Jicha for stepping up to volunteer to be the newsletter editor starting with the July/August issue. Vicky is asking that you send her pictures and any information that you have for upcoming newsletters, vjicha2@gmail.com.

Also, thanks go out to Kay Olson for volunteering to be the new Annual Education Project Coordinator (AEC) for 2025. Tracy is coordinating the 2024 AEC, Ambrosia Honey and Kay will take over for 2025. If you have ideas regarding a project that you would like to be considered for next year's AEC, let Kay know, gradmakay929@gmail.com.

I renewed my membership online this morning before I sat down to write this, and it was extremely easy. I encourage you to get it done as soon as you can to get it out of the way. It will help our membership coordinator, Patti Hitzler keep her records and will also help us facilitate the timely issuance of your membership rebates.

May's meeting will include our annual spring potluck. We'll start at 6 PM. Bring your utensils, a drink and a dish to pass. We will also be swearing in our new officers as well as thanking our outgoing officers. And wait, there's more! We will also be having a scaled down version of our spring rummage sale, UFO reveal and our Needle Ceremony which was postponed several times. Please bring your used, broken, bent or otherwise damaged needles to be honored for their service

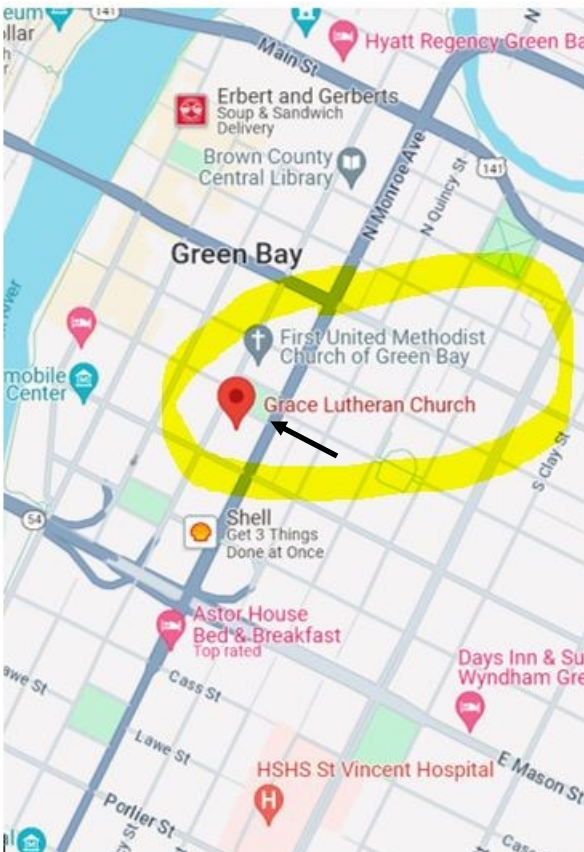


and formally retired.

As we come to the end of our EGA calendar year, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful things that we have done as a guild. In the last year we have created Special Interest Groups in the areas of Hardanger, Modern Embroidery and Cross-stitch; Saturday Stitch Retreat twice a year for guild members; hosted our biennial needlework show in partnership with the Fox Valley Guild; updated and revitalized our library; and applied to the Great Lakes Region to host Wisconsin State Days which will occur in September of this year. Of course, none of this could have happened without you! Great members who are willing to pitch in and help us. You are the backbone of our organization! As you can see, I am extremely proud of all of you.

Wow what a ride! Hang on to your hats, the 2024-25 year is coming! Have a wonderful summer. Remember, we don't have formal meetings in June and July. However, we do have summer stitch time. Bring your projects and come and enjoy an evening of stitching and fellowship at our new location, 321 South Madison St. (use the entrance off of the Monroe St. parking lot).

Karen Matze
President



Slate of New Officers for 2024-25

At the April regular meeting we voted for officers for the upcoming year.
The following individuals were elected"

For a two-year term beginning June 1, 2024:

Vice President – Programs – Birgit Ruotsala;
Treasurer – Tracy Reeb;
Regional Representative – Joy Zeman

For a three-year term beginning June 1, 2024

Endowment Fund – Joy Zeman

Installation of Officers will be at our May meeting.

Thanks to our outgoing officers:

Vice President - Programs - Kay Olson
Treasurer: Yvonne Lied

Welcome Our New Member

Welcome Candis Smith.

Please introduce yourself to her and welcome her to our stitch family!

May Meeting - 6:00 pm.

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Guild Meeting at:

Grace Lutheran Church

321 South Madison St ~ Green Bay
(use entrance off of Monroe Street parking lot)

Ambrosia Honey

We have met once and started our Education Project.

Our meetings for this project will be:

- ◇ May 23 @ 5:00 pm
- ◇ June 27 @ 6:30 pm
- ◇ July 25 @ 6:30 pm
- ◇ August 22 @ 5:00 pm

If you would like to stitch with others, consider one of the open stitch times listed on page 5.

If you need help, please contact Karen Matze

(kstekma@gmail.com - 651-270-3196) or

Tracy Reeb (tracyreeb@gmail.com - 920-865-7419)



Lincourt Hearts



If you spent time at Stitches and Stems, you would have seen these beautiful hearts! Each heart is a different needlework technique completed and framed with a mat and title. They were remarkable.

It is our good fortune to have the collection for our June and July meetings. They will be on display and everyone will be able to explore and discuss them. They will be the basis for discussion about what we want to have for our programs and classes.

Programs for 2025

Is there a technique that you have wanted to learn? Our June and July meetings will be a good time to have informal discussions we stitch. This will help Birgit put together our programs for 2025.

If you are not able to come to our summer stitch meetings, please email Birgit with your ideas/suggestions. birgitruotsala@gmail.com 920-327-3335

NEWS ABOUT OUR SIG SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- * **Modern Surface Embroidery**
- * **Hardanger**
- * **Finishing Projects - Spring Splendor**
- * **Cross Stitch**



Modern Surface Embroidery

The modern SIG (special interest group) will be finishing up a study on Stumpwork. We did a poppy from a Craftsy class which happened to be taught by Celeste and then also did the class with her on the cone flower.

In June we agreed to start looking at Brazilian Embroidery. We do not have a formal instructor or class we will be following. There are lots of YouTube videos, a website specific for Brazilian Embroidery and an Etsy shop that sells kits. Each of us will be choosing the pattern they would like to work on and getting the supplies. After that, we'll meet, ask and answer

questions, and figure it out. We haven't determined how long we will work on it but we'll talk more about it in May and June.

If you are interested in learning more about Brazilian Embroidery, this SIG is meeting on the third Tuesday from 9 am - Noon at the Festival Foods on University in the conference room above the deli area. There is an elevator to get to the second floor. You can contact Karen M or Tracy with more questions.

Some references:

<https://www.needlenthread.com/types-of-hand-embroidery/brazilian-embroidery>

<http://www.bdeig.org/>

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/GaribaldiNeedleWork?ref=l2-about-shopname>

Hardanger

Gail Wenninger has offered to work with anyone wanting to learn Hardanger. Right now, Gail is working with two people on individual projects. If you are interested in hardanger and would like individual help, please contact Gail. (920-499-1659)

To learn more about Hardanger, please look for the article on the EGA website under Embroidery Techniques From Around the World.



GBA-EGA ENDOWMENT FUND

GRANT DEADLINE

The next deadline to apply for a GBAEGA grant is September 15. It can be used for any Embroidery related activity (for example, State Days).

The application form is on our website.

Or you may contact Joy Zeman: extraes@gmail.com 920-428-1312

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION CONTINUES

I am collecting aluminum cans to cash in to support the Endowment Fund. I am happy to take them off your hands! Please bring them to any chapter meeting or contact me.

Thanks for your support of the Endowment Fund.

Joy



Two Times Each Month for Open Stitch Come Sit A Spell and Stitch with Us

Bring your current embroidery and enjoy some much-needed stitching time. It's free and fun.

The **first Wednesday** of the month at:

Ashwaubenon Community Center
900 Anderson Drive from 9 am - noon.

The **third Thursday** of the month at:

St. John's church in Ashwaubenon
2700 Babcock Rd from 9 am - noon.



GBAEGA Monthly Program Calendar

GBAEGA meets on the fourth Thursday of the Month at 6:30 PM (unless otherwise noted) at Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in basement (enter parking lot from Monroe St. - please see map on Page 3 for address and directions.)

2024

May 23 - 6:30 **INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

- ⇒ Potluck
- ⇒ **Needle Ceremony (postponed from February zoom meeting)**
- ⇒ Group Rummage Sale
- ⇒ UFO Reveal

June 27 - 6:30 Summer Stitch

July 25 - 6:30 Summer Stitch

August 22 - 6:30 - Meditation Stitching with Birgit Ruotsala

Sept. 26 - 6:30 - Lecture with Dawn Donnelly

September 27 & 28 - Wisconsin State Day in Green Bay with Dawn Donnelly

October 24 - 6:30 - Part One: Paint, Stitch & Bead with Tracy R. and Karen M.

November 21* - 6:30 - Part Two: Paint, Stitch & Bead with Tracy R. and Karen M.

Dec. - T.B.D. Holiday Party

2025

2025 Programs will be introduced at our October 24th meeting.

If you have any ideas, please contact Birgit at birgitruotsala@gmail.com or 920-327-3335

Items highlighted in **BLUE** are business meeting items required by the GBAEGA by-laws.

*****GBAEGA Board Meetings** are generally held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom until further notice (second Monday in November). If you would like to attend a board meeting, please let Tracy Reeb know (tracyreeb@gmail.com or 920-865-7419) and she will see that you get a Zoom invitation.

Membership Information - Paying on Line

As we all know, starting this year the membership fees are be payable online instead of in person. You are able to make your payment anytime through the end of May. You will all receive an email from EGA National with full instructions clearly explaining how to do this. If you've never been to the website, you will need to set up an account before being able to access the membership payment. If you need help, please contact Patti. patti.hi@sbcglobal.net 920-217-3600 Thank you! Patti

Life and Plural members do not pay their dues online.

Get your password to the EGA website, members only area:
<https://egausa.org/login> and enter your email address under Forgot Your Password? and press Send Password. The password should arrive in your Inbox in a couple of minutes. Your username will be your email address, not your member number. If you do not receive your password, contact rduren@egausa.org to verify your email in the system and receive your login information Your auto-generated password can be changed. Login to <https://egausa.org/change-password>.

Wisconsin State Days

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Great Lakes Region & Green Bay Area
Embroiderers' Guild of America



Dawn Donnelly

Snow Drifted Pathways

Canvas work and handmade paper

Level - Intermediate

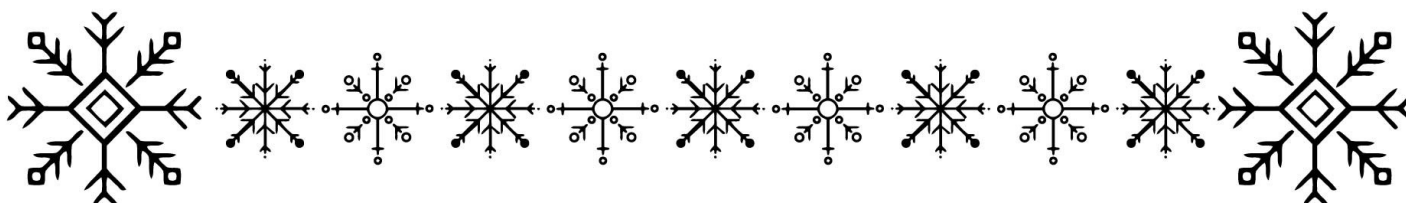
Sept. 27 - 28, 2024 (Fri-Sat)

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Inspired by the snowdrifts in Michigan, Snow Drifted Pathways takes the student into a winter wonderland. The focal point is a snowy path cut from handmade paper and is attached to the canvas using butterfly chain stitch. Each student's storm will reflect some of their own perspective since they will be creating their own exploding snowballs, snow logs and a cyclone from wet handmade paper.

Additional snow paths and textures are created using rhodes stitches, fake bullions, buttonhole rings, herringbone, cross stitches, ribbed spider, couching, palace pattern and fan vaulting.

Special Techniques include design and layout of their storm, introduction into handmade paper, creating buttonhole rings, working with wet paper to create rolls and swirl, creating a fake bullion, couching, and attaching paper objects.



Place of seminar: Grace Lutheran Church, 321 Madison St, Green Bay WI 54301

Costs:

Registration fee - \$75.

Kit cost - \$95.

Lunch on own.

Kit includes: 14 count mono canvas which is 14" x 12", DMC Floss, DMC Pearl Cotton #5, DMC Pearl Cotton #8, Finca Pearl Cotton #3, Silk N Ivory, Impressions, Vineyard Silk, Handmade Paper, Needles.

The student should bring the following: Usual stitching supplies, stretcher bars 14" x 12" and tacks – (no scroll frame), paper scissors, magnifier and light if needed.

Design size is 10" x 8" on 14 Count Mono Canvas.

The registration form is attached to the email that the newsletter was sent from.

Region Representative Report

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Zen in the Glen GLR seminar a few weeks ago. The Great Lakes Region meeting was also held during this event. Our region director, Sue Koehler, reported that using the new system of online dues paying to EGA is working well. Those members who are members of multiple chapters should pay the dues of their secondary chapters directly to those chapters and not to EGA. Some good news was that 39 new members have been added to our region since January! Building up membership has been a focus of Sue's term in office as well as putting the name of EGA front and center at any activities the region may be participating in. The chapters are encouraged to get signs to display the EGA logo whenever a stitch in public day is held, or any other event where we are representing EGA. The treasurer reported that our region remains very healthy financially.

This was my first seminar. I took one class, a counted canvas project taught by Kathy Rees. I learned some new stitches and enjoyed having the entire 2 days of the class with a teacher. For the last two days of seminar I took studio time. I'm glad I went that route instead of taking another class, it gave me time to work on that project and also sit with others who had taken the same class. It's really nice to spend time in the company of others who enjoy the same thing you do and to develop new friendships.

I did have the chance to discuss how different chapters handle their meetings, shows, etc. I probably spoke to people from 8 different chapters and came away very impressed with what our chapter is doing. Very few of these chapters have a show. They do displays at libraries and other public spaces for instance. Their fundraising is quite limited and seemed to be mostly rummage sale type events. No one I spoke to had any boutique type sales at any display. In my opinion, we are doing a lot of things right. We have dedicated members who are using their time and talents to promote EGA.

Your Region Rep,
Joy



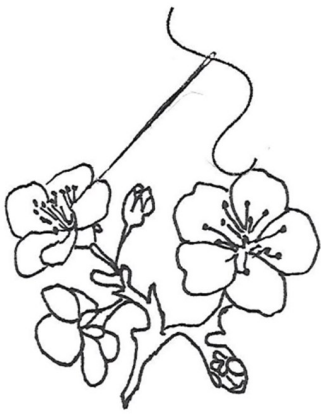
GLR Fall Retreat 2024

The Fall Retreat will again be at the Hilton Garden Inn in South Bend. More information on registration & rooms will be available soon and will include a continental breakfast. Please mark your calendars to join us!

GLR 2025 Spring Retreat

The **Three Rivers Chapter** from Pittsburgh is anxiously awaiting to host the Great Lakes Region members and cordially invites everyone to the Kent State University Hotel & Conference Center the weekend of Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 4, 2025.

Watch for details. For more information contact: <https://www.ega-glrl.org/>



Stitches and Stems

A big "Thank You" goes to Tracy Reeb, Lindi Kuritz and Terry Butz for chairing the show for us this year. And more thanks to all of the co-chairs who worked to put together a wonderful show.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and worked at all to help put the show together and make it a success.

So many people were in awe of the work that was displayed.

Here are two of our youngest stitchers. Both granddaughters of Tracy Reeb, Addison entered her tote with the cat and mouse and Avery's piece was called "going Round and Round."

And another young stitcher sat at our community stitch. Joy Zeeman writes: "I have something to share with all of you. This little lady, Nora, attended our show with her grandma who is a good friend of mine. Tracy invited her to try a project and she loved it! She was so proud of

her finish and she wants to do more! A seed has been planted for a future stitcher."

There are so many of you that took photos of the show. Please continue to share them on our Facebook page or send on to Vicky for future newsletters (vjicha2@gmail.com).

Tiffany Lehman from the Fox Valley EGA took photos of every piece or groupings of pieces and they are available for you to look through on her website:

<https://tiffanylehman.passgallery.com/-2024stitchesandstemsshow/gallery>



FROM YOUR OUTGOING NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

It has been a pleasure to work on the newsletter. I have enjoyed getting information from each of you and to see all the new things that are happening in our Guild. Thank you, Vicky, for taking on this task. I look forward to seeing your touch on upcoming newsletters.

Thanks! Birgit

Mark Your CALENDAR



Local, Great Lakes & EGA National Calendar of Events 2024

Stitch with us in Atlanta!



The Tennessee Valley Region of the EGA will be hosting the 2024 EGA National Seminar – Preserving Needle Art in Atlanta, GA from Wednesday, August 14 to Sunday, August 18, 2024. Registration is now open and will be available through noon EDT, Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Go to the website to check out all the classes and teachers. There are some wonderful techniques being offered.

For more information go to:

<https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2024/>

Other websites of interest

Royal School of Needlework - https://www.rsnonlinecourses.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6cKiBhD5ARIsAKXUdyY-2i_B8U4na4lx3WIVIsnyUmeZOI3I9uqJSBnzgCZ1TVPNHocF_7AaAsV2EALw_wcB

Mary Corbet's Stitch Dictionary - <https://www.needlenthread.com/tips-techniques>
Sharon Boggan's Pintangle Stitch Dictionary - <https://pintangle.com/stitch-dictionary/>

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Green Bay Area EGA

2024/2025 Officers & Committee Chairs

The Board of Directors of the Green Bay Embroiderers' Guild meets monthly, generally on the third Monday, except for July and December and consists of the following members.

Guild Officers—2 year terms

President: Karen Matze (June 2023 – May 2025) kstekma@gmail.com - 651-270-3196

Vice President (Program Coordinator): Birgit Ruotsala (June 2024 - May 2026)
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Secretary: Shelley Berndt (June 2023 – May 2025) 4rsandans@gmail.com – 920-494-8685

Treasurer: Tracy Reeb - (June 2024 - May 2026) tracyreeb@gmail.com - 920-865-7419

Region Representative: Joy Zeman (June 2022-May 2024) - extraes@gmail.com 920-428-1312

Past President: Victoria Jicha (June 2023 – May 2025) vjicha2@gmail.com 920-309-1481

Endowment Fund Board– 3 year terms

Members at Large (until elections are held):

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Stitches and Stems 20246Show Chairs -



*“In the Spring, I have
counted 136 different kinds
of weather inside of 24
hours.”*

Mark Twain.

Happy Spring