

Gilding the Needle

"A few stitches today – an heirloom tomorrow"

A chapter of the Embroiderers' Association of Canada
(EAC) eac.ca

President's Message Summer, 2014

Summer is almost here. The year has gone so fast. I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard this year to insure the Guild had a successful year. We all did GREAT!

Thank you everyone for all your help with the membership renewals. I look forward to seeing everyone, and starting again in September. I cannot wait to try the new stitches in the blackwork learn -a- stitch program.

It is always wonderful to reflect back on what was done this year. Did we really learn so much?

It has been a busy year. It was so much fun learning all the stitches I can use on a crazyquilt. I really want to use all the information I have been taught. I have material, threads, ribbons and ideas. Now, all I need is to get it done. I cannot wait to see everyone's finished projects in September. Remember that there will also be an opportunity at the Needle Arts Fair in October to show the public just how great we all are!

The afternoon classes have taught me so many new stitches as well. I took the Elizabethan cat and the celtic knots classes and finished my cat. She was so much fun to do. I enjoyed looking at the work everyone was completing in the other afternoon workshops. So many wonderful projects – I just need more time and energy to get everything done.

I want to encourage everyone to complete at least one project, as I know it will really enrich our display at the Needle Arts Fair. We need something from everyone!

I want to thank Roslyn and Anjali for introducing the trunk shows. What an interesting way to focus on show and share. As well, there were still lots of opportunities at the alternate meetings to show finished work. I cannot wait to see what the programme people have organized in this area next year.

My thoughts and prayers as well go out to Mary Lou. Our Guild really appreciates all she has done, and continues to do. Take care.

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Cataraqui Guild of Needle Arts

Member of Embroiderers'
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meets

1st & 3rd Mondays

9:30 am — 3:30 pm

at

Edith Rankin Memorial Church Hall
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Kingston, On

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President's Message *(continued)*

Though our guild meetings are done until September, embroidery opportunities are still available:

- Homesteader's Days are August 16th and 17th where you have the opportunity to stitch and tell people about our Guild. Thank you, Marg for arranging this.
- Elizabeth and Theresa have both volunteered for stitch-ins. The first is July 16th at Elizabeth's, the second, August 11th at Theresa's. Things start at 10 a.m. Should be fun! Thank you both for volunteering your homes!

See everyone September 8th. This meeting will be on the second Monday, rather than the first, due to Labour Day.

Have a great summer.

Diane Dukoff



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Needle Arts Fair 4 October 2014

If you haven't circled your calendar in **RED** for **OCTOBER 4th**, you better do so NOW!!! We have an exciting show planned.

The theme *A Step Back in Time* lends itself to a lot of things we do as embroiderers and textile artists. We have invited some ladies from the Kingston Historical Costume Society to come dressed in period clothing to add to the ambience; there will be a display of antique sewing implements; a display of antique embroidery; demonstrations of bobbin lace and spinning; along with a display of our current embroidery. Mary Lou Wilson will be the featured artist with a special display of her work. This is a new feature to show everyone what a talented teacher we have in our midst; to encourage new members and to get her invited to teach at other guilds. There will be demonstrations of things we have been working on and a HELP desk. Plus, there will be a beautiful large installation on the stage by one of our own members.

Once again lunch will be available through the Seniors Centre Volunteers, which makes an easier load for us and more time to spend looking and shopping.

We have added another vendor to the show since the brochure was sent off to the printers bringing the total number of vendors to 16 at the time of this printing. We have vendors for hookers, spinners and weavers, knitters, quilters, and of course embroiderers. There are books and embellishments, finished products and patterns. Something for everyone, but if you can think of someone else we should invite let me know as we have a couple of spaces still available.

We've changed our method of giving out door prizes. Each attendee will be given a paper and through the course of their visit must find 5 of the 6 embroidered ladies. When they find her they will need to get a stamp from that location. The ladies will be placed strategically in each of the 4 spaces we have, that way they will be sure of seeing the whole of our show. Their entry form will then be placed in a box. A draw will be made at the end of the day for the door prizes. This gives us an idea then of the interest of the people attending our show and where their location. This will help us in planning for the following year's show. Thanks to the guild members who have offered to embroider our lady for this project—Simone, Sally Fink, Diane, Tricia, Anjali and Theresa.



In the meantime, your task will be to complete your crazy patch pieces, embroidered Zen Doodles, Celtic pieces, and other pieces not associated with classes or work we have done as a group. Spreading the word is your other task—be it at other groups and associations you belong to; your church or ladies group; other shows you attend; friends and acquaintances. It is your show and the success depends on YOU!

Cataraqui Guild of Needle Arts

invites you to

Take a Step Back in Time



at our

2014 Needle Arts Fair

Saturday October 4th

10:00 – 3:00

Kingston Seniors' Centre, 56 Francis St., Kingston

For more information visit our Web Site: www.quiltskingston.org/cgna/

email cgna@quiltskingston.org

Welcome New Members !

We are pleased to welcome our two most recent members:

Debbie Kotelniski

Debbie has been an avid stitcher for over 30 years. She is a military wife who has enjoyed living in numerous places in Canada as well as England and Washington, DC. Between all of the moves and raising three daughters, she did not always have the time to spend on stitching. She has recently retired and is looking forward to finishing all of the UFO's she has been collecting as well as learning new techniques and meeting new people. Debbie and her husband currently live in Ottawa and she has joined our guild in preparation for her move to Bath in the spring of 2015.

Christine Allen

Christine's passion has always revolved around textiles and has grown to include designing. We all know Christine as the owner of Christine's Fun and Fast Swedish weaving. Many of us have taken her courses (see page 7) and because of her enthusiasm for Swedish weaving have gone on to do many other projects. She is looking forward to learning new embroidery techniques as a member of our guild.

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Mark these dates on your calendar !

July 16 - 10 am

55 Applewood Cove, Adolphustown

Directions: Hwy 33 west from Kingston to Bayshore Road. There are two entrances to Bayshore Road and it doesn't matter which one you take as it is a loop from 33 hwy back to 33 hwy. It is a left turn. If you take the first Bayshore Road you will make a left turn onto Applewood Cove. If you take the second Bayshore Road it will be a right turn. 55 is the one with all the evergreens. It will take approximately 45 minutes from Edith Rankin Church. If you are taking the 401, I suggest you take exit 593, (county road 4) then turn right on highway 33 to Bayshore Road.

Contact: Elizabeth -

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August 11 - 10 am

1309 Sunbury Road

Directions: Hwy 15 to County Road 12 (Sunbury Road). This is 17 km north of the 401. Turn left (it is a "T" intersection) and travel 1 km. Turn left down our laneway and keep to the right at the "Y". NOTE: you cannot see our house from the road.

Contact: Theresa

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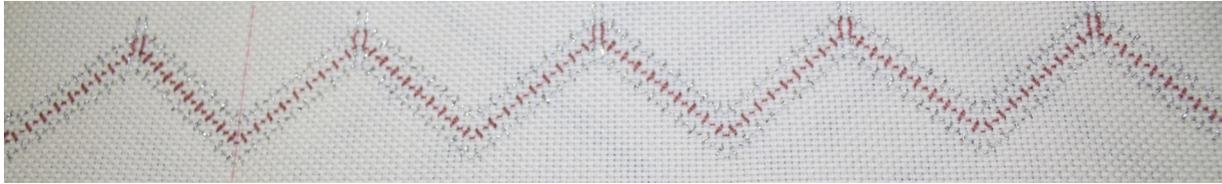
What to bring to both dates

Bag lunch, folding chair (if you have one) supply is limited and your stitching, of course!

RSVP so that we will know how much tea, coffee and cold drinks to prepare.

Keep in Touch with EAC

EAC member only site: username is *member* and the password is *GOstitch*



SWEDISH WEAVING WITH CHRISTINE ALLEN

On April 7, 19 member of the Guild attended Christine Allen's Swedish Weaving class at Edith Rankin Church. The project was a dolly using and even weave fabric, DMC threads and Kreinik braid. Everyone worked very hard throughout the day with Christine as their expert tutor. Having enjoyed an excellent workshop and good companionship all went home eager to finish their projects. As you can see by the picture below 6 members including Christine had their dollies finished by the next meeting in April. Thanks once again to Mary Lou for arranging another great workshop with all the usual welcomed goodies.



Members' Theme Trunk Shows Continue

The last trunk show for the winter session was blackwork. As it was in March and also Saint Patrick's Day, you can see we had to celebrate. The last in the series of theme trunk shows was "Goldwork" which was held in April during our spring session.

Blackwork

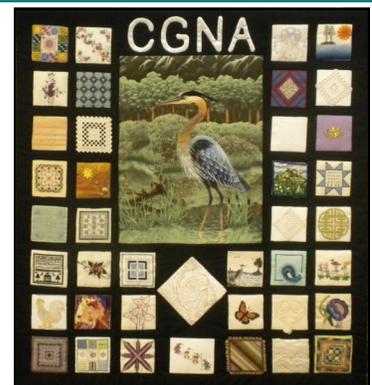


Goldwork



The Guild Banner

To all the people who have not made a four by four inch square for the banner and would like to participate: please provide a four inch square piece of your favourite type of embroidery with your name. These will be added as side panels to be displayed with the original. You can pass them into Theresa at the first meeting in September.



[Learn-a-Stitch - Morning Programme](#)

The 2013-14 learn-a-stitch programme concluded with a two-part lesson on finishing our projects. After spending the winter and summer learning many different crazyquilt stitches, Beth Abbott showed us many ways to decorate our crazyquilt patches and let us help ourselves to the bags of buttons, threads, jewellery, etc. she brought to the class. Thanks Beth for sharing your treasures with us! I know I went home with my head swimming in ideas and I am sure others did too.



Part two of the finishing lesson had members show what they are going to do with their crazyquilt pieces. Jean Clair showed us little chickens made from squares of crazyquilting and suggested another bird pattern found in Embroidery Canada issues Spring and Fall, 2006. She also suggested that you could save time by making four small chickens from one large crazyquilt square by cutting the large square in fourth. Barbara Jackson is making a hussif (housewife or sewing kit). Mickie Beauchamp is first in the class as she has her project, a lovely purse, completed and Kristine Krestensen is making a stuffed teddy bear from her crazyquilt patches. With all these great idea to get us started there should be lots of projects on display at our Needle Arts Fair.



[Threadworks Coming To Our Area](#)

Threadwork Travelling Fibre Arts Show - Arthur Child Heritage Museum, Gananoque -
September 12 - October 31, 2014

EAC Free Online Courses

This spring EAC offered two, free online test embroidery courses: Crazyquilting without the patches written by Barbara Gilbert and Wessex-style embroidery for which Bunny Goodman designed a needle case.

I registered for the Wessex-style embroidery mainly because it was a “free” way to see how online courses are run and to see if my computer skills were up to the challenge (they were not, but computer knowledgeable people within the EAC did a fantastic job of assisting). There was a bit of a glitch at the beginning of the course as the course instructions were approximately 30 times larger than allowed in Yahoo groups. That was solved within an hour or so of the planned release time and we could access the full course - approximately 85 pages of very helpful instructions.



The course provided instructions in both counted work and surface embroidery with several suggestions available to make our own changes and use our stash of threads. I changed my pattern from a needle case to a diamond shaped ornament. That change eliminated most of the compensating stitches.

I thoroughly enjoyed doing the course and also receiving the e-mails with pictures from other course participants. My only complaint is that I still do not know what exactly “Wessex-style embroidery” is.

Kristeen Krestensen

CONGRATULATIONS!

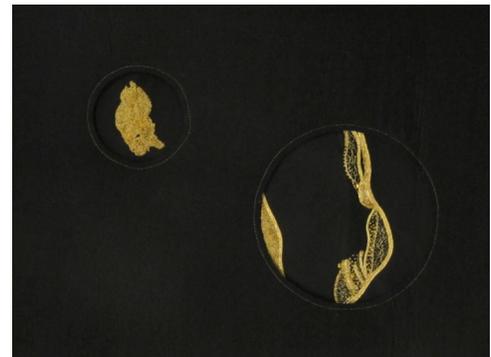
Congratulations to Pat Caffery on her fibre arts show **“Beneath the Surface”** held at the Trinity Art Gallery, Salon A, Ottawa - May 22-June 17. Below are some of the pieces in the show.



Garden Gate



Inferno



Veins of Gold

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FALL

Meeting Dates

September 8 and 15

October 6 and 20

November 3 & 17

WORKSHOPS

- Colour Theory with Carolyn Mitchell
October 21-22 at the Odessa Fair Grounds
- Canvas work with Carolyn Mitchell
October 20 at Edith Rankin Church
Project - Needle cleaner

PROGRAMME PLANS 2014-15

The morning learn-a-stitch will be a blackwork project.

In the fall the afternoon classes will a beginner's hardanger project with Mary Lou Wilson and a class with Linda Burke doing two pieces, a Jacobean leaf and a kantha picture.

Later in the year, among other possibilities, we are hopeful of having Mary Lou present her "Bird" project and Pat Caffrey doing a notebook class on textures.



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STITCHERS WANTED

- Diane Dukoff is co-ordinating a list of stitchers who will be available to attend stitch-in functions during the summer and into the fall.

She requires stitchers to attend : Homesteaders in Odessa - August 16 & 17 and the Grace Centre in Sydenham on September 27.

If you can attend these functions or know of any other fairs etc. where stitchers would be welcome please let Diane know.

- Kristeen and Donna are looking for help over the summer to embroider a banner.

Ozzy" Ken Osborn of Ozzy's Metal Magic in Kingston has a charity called *The Bronze Poppy Project*. This year he has designed and made a wreath with 100 bronzed poppies using donated poppies from the Peoples' Wreath on Remembrance Day last year. It is called *Kingstonians' Wreath* and pays tribute to all Kingstonians who serve in the armed forces and to mark the 100th anniversary of World War I.

Last winter the Guild was asked to stitch a banner for the wreath. Donna Hamilton volunteered to contact Ozzy and find out what would be involved. Due to an e-mail problem, Ozzy then approached the school board. About three weeks ago we received word that the school board had withdrawn its offer to stitch a banner. The Guild was asked if we were still interested.

After visiting with Ozzy, we committed the Guild to preparing the banner. We are aiming to finish it by September 30 and have permission to display the banner only at our Needle Arts Fair. The wreath with our stitched banner will be presented to the City sometime in October for display at City Hall this Remembrance Day.

Donna and Kristeen would like two more Guild members to help with the stitching over the summer. Please contact Donna or Kristeen, if you have time this summer to help with the stitching.

INTERESTING WEB SITES

www.scarlet-letter.com - reproductions of antique samplers - kits, graphs available

www.windflowerseembroidery.com - from Australia - specializing in stumpwork, offering kits, beads, threads, material and presentation boxes and bowls. Free tips.

www.stef-francis.co.uk - experimental packs of material available for the adventurous embroiderer. Her gallery is a must see.

www.needlework-tips-and-techniques.com - good basic tips. Has an Anchor/DMC conversion chart.

SPRING IN REVIEW

