



# Fiber Fantasy

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## Message from the Guild co-Chair

**Guild co-Chairs**  
Jeanne Cieszeski/ Cathe McEnerney

**Co-Vice Chairs/Programs**  
Lainie Adessi/Kari Morris

**Secretary**  
Teddie Martin

**Treasurer**  
Joyce Poole

The Golden Isles are Blooming! Everything is brighter - greener, more colorful and I LOVE IT.

Spring reminds me of the gardens I used to visit as a child. The New York Botanical Gardens was and is a glorious place. Dogwood trees in bloom would drop light pink petals like snow. You could smell the lilac bushes long before you could see them. There was a mountain - OK, now I realize it was a hill - that was covered in hundreds of daffodils. At every turn there were flowering bushes, rocks to climb and space to run.

*April Birthdays*

04 Anna Rogers  
06 Kari Morris  
09 Beverly Jones  
12 Gina Cupstid  
23 Lynn Singer



Now I realize how much effort went into our trips to our park. Since my father worked a job with rotating shifts, my mother had to get four kids out of the house so he could sleep. She did not drive and it was a gritty and long walk to the park. And an even longer walk back home... Despite my lack of gardening knowledge, I respect the work of those who do and respect beauty that surrounds us. We reap the benefits of their efforts.

GIFG is a bit like that. We have respect for fiber arts from a time before and enjoy how they are manifested in the present. We are fortunate that we have members who happily share their expertise. It is interesting to see how our crafts have evolved.

One of our members, Paula Montague, was a master in her craft of quilting. Recently she was remembered with a celebration of life reception by her family, friends, and former Girl Scouts. Members of our Quilt Group helped to display Paula's quilts and memorabilia and provided refreshments and flowers.

**Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Friday, April 21, 2023**

Please send editorial contributions to:

**Wanda Ruger**  
508 Inverness Ct.  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Or email (temporary):  
cincinnati@comcast.net

Lastly, Spring is about renewal and growth. It is time to renew your Guild membership for the coming year. The preferred method is to use the online membership form on our website at [www.goldenisledfiberartsguild.org](http://www.goldenisledfiberartsguild.org) and then just pay with a check or cash at the meeting. If this is not possible, paper forms will be available at our general meetings in April and May. Dues are \$30.00 and may be paid at the meeting or mailed to Membership, PO Box 24111, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

*Jeanne*

## Meeting Notes

### Beading

Leola Holton

The beaders will meet April 17, 2:30 pm at Wanda Ruger's home. We will continue to work on double spiral weave in two colors using sizes 8 and 11 beads.

### Hand Embroidery/Needlepoint

Jeanine Gehringer

The Hand Embroidery/Needlepoint Group will meet Wednesday, March 15, 10 am at the Frederica Presbyterian Church, 6540 Frederica Road. We will begin at 10 am, break for lunch, and continue into the afternoon.

Those who have completed the snowman project will need to bring the following supplies to finish the project: Your project - stitching completed, scissors for cutting poster board, white floss for twisted cord (or color of your choice), regular stitching and sewing supplies (needles and scissors), white thread, fabric for backing of the ornament (I will bring some but you may prefer your own choice.)

PROVIDED: Poster board, white felt for padding, double stick tape, pins, backing fabric plus anything I forgot to list.

### Felting

Marion Kennedy

The felting group will meet at 2.30 on Thursday, April 20 at the home of Marion Kennedy. We will continue working on our Artfelt project and begin discussing a group project for the Fiberarts Show.

### Garment Girlz

Janie Pritchard

I will be unable to accept messages until April 4 since I will be out of the country. Bon voyage

### Knit & Crochet

Marion Kennedy / Gay Diz

The knitters will meet Monday, April 10, 2:30 at The Stitchery. All levels of expertise are welcome. Please bring any projects (in progress and/or completed) that you would like to share with the group. Marion will be there to answer questions and help with any knitting issues.

### Machine Embroidery

Anne Gasque

The Machine Embroidery Group will meet Wednesday 5 at 1:30 pm in Marshes Edge Private Dining Room. Bring your "homework" and we will discuss the project you will turn this work into. The pattern will be given out at this meeting so please RSVP so we have enough patterns.

### Quilting

Darla Schoeppner

No information provided. You will have to contact Darla.

### Rug Hooking

Jan Stallworth

The rug hookers meet at various members' homes on the first and third Thursdays at 1:30. Call Jan at (912) 634-3388 for location.

### Surface Design

Wanda Ruger / Lane Wight

Surface Design will meet on Saturday, April 8, 10 am at the home of Wanda Ruger. We will each make up three small designs using fabric scraps that are backed with fusible web. You will only need to bring scissors. If you happen to have scraps backed with fusible web that you want to use bring them with you.

### Weaving

Jean Sucher

Weaving drafts were demystified at our March meeting. Continuing with Weaving 101, we will explore some of the myriad weave structures that can be woven. We will gather at Jeanne Cieszeski's home, 101 Colonial Drive in Sea Palms, at 2:30 pm on Monday, April 24th.

### Group Leaders

Please remember that one of your responsibilities as a Group Leader is to submit your group's information to the Newsletter Editor. We need to keep our members informed of what is happening in your group.

Also - be on time!

## APRIL 2023 GUILD CALENDAR

**Monday, April 03 ,3 pm — Guild Meeting—** Holy Nativity Church, SSI

### *“Gems of the Golden Isles”*

**Wednesday, April 05, 1:30 pm — Machine Embroidery —** Marshes Edge

**Thursday, April 06 and 20 at 1:30 — Rug Hooking —** call Jan at 912-634-3388

**Thursday, April 06, 13, 20 and 27 — Quilting —** Call Darla Schoeppner for more information.

**Saturday, April 08 at 10 am — Surface Design —** home of Wanda Ruger

**Monday, April 10, 2:30 p.m.— Knitting—**The Stitchery of SSI on Frederica Rd

**Wednesday, April 12 at 2 pm — Garment Girlz —** call Janie after April 04

**Wednesday, April 19, 10 am — Hand Embroidery —** Frederica Presbyterian Church

**Monday, April 17 at 2:30 —Beading —** Wanda Ruger’s home

**Thursday, April 20, 2:30 — Felting —** home of Marion Kennedy

**Friday, April 21 — news for the May newsletter due!!!**

**Monday, April 24 at 2:30 pm — Weaving—** Jeanne Cieszeski's home at 101 Colonial Drive in Sea Palms

## 2022 - 2023 Guild Programs

Lainie Addressi, Kari Morris

April 03, 2023

3 pm

### *“Gems of the Golden Isles”*

Presented by Leslie Aldinger:

A brief description from Leslie of using her medium in making her jewelry. It comes in several types of metals: bronze copper sterling silver and fine silver Precious Metal Clay (PMC).

I use the Fine Silver Precious Metal Clay (PMC) that is 99.99% pure silver. The silver is first pulverized and together with a binding agent turns into a form of clay. Fine Silver PMC. This medium gives me more latitude in making various types of jewelry and small figurines. Come to see how a lump of clay is transformed into a lovely piece of jewelry and Enjoy.

Examples will be provided and also a few items for sale.

Leslie Aldinger, Gems of the Golden Isles

## News and Notes

### GEORGIA HISTORY DAY

Oglethorpe Point School

February 10, 2023

Upon entering the school we were greeted by a well organized of moms who helped with sign-in, presented us with goodie bags and directed us to our assigned classroom. Working in twos or threes we set up our stations in readiness for our first third grade class. We like working with third graders because they're at just the right age to handle our projects. We had six activity stations: weaving, pom-poms, braided bookmark, needlework, doll making and a simple quilt square. As this was History Day, we knew that each of our activities would have been used in the "olden days"!

The first class arrived promptly at 8:30 am and stayed with us for 45 minutes. During this time some of the students had time to complete two or three different activities, others took longer and completed one. We had three classes visit with us before a break and a 'special' volunteer lunch which was served in the cafeteria. The students ate in their regular classrooms so we had the nice quiet cafeteria to ourselves! After lunch we had one more 45 minute class before clean-up and departure at 1:00 pm. The students were attentive and very well behaved. They left us with smiling faces, proud of their completed projects and new skills.

With many thanks to members Jeanne Cieszeski, Nancy Harper, Marion Kennedy, Joyce Poole, Johnnie Wild, Audrey Stewart, Teddie Martin, Alice Vaughan, and non-members Finley Harper (Nancy's granddaughter), Jackie Baumann, Jane Priest and Jo Lajambe for helping out. If we are invited next year I encourage you to join us for this fun morning of providing educational opportunities to the community which is, of course, the purpose of the guild.

Thank you,  
Elaine Boothman



## News and Notes

Linda Mahoney is at home recovering from pneumonia.

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Phone: 678-478-2544

### From Lane Wight:

I am seeking advice from anyone with experience using a Brother Scan-N-Cut machine. Phone [912-399-2960](tel:912-399-2960)

Email [enigmastudio@gmail.com](mailto:enigmastudio@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE:** Kromski Harp Forte Rigid Heddle Loom. 24-inches, assembled with stand, accessories and carrying bag. May never have been used, excellent condition. \$300 or best offer. Price at woolery.com is over \$700.  
Kitty Larkins



#### *Golden Isles Quilting*

*Long Arm Quilting Service*

*It's not a quilt until it's quilted...*

*Custom quilts, Embroidery, T-Shirt*

*and memory quilts*

*For more info call*

**912-230-9237**

#### *The Stitchery of St. Simons*

*3303 Frederica Road*

*St. Simons Island, GA 31522*

*Monday—Saturday: 11-4*

**638-3401**

#### *SoGlo Art Gallery*

*1413 Newcastle Street*

*Historic Downtown Brunswick*

*Wed-Fri 11:00-5:30*

*Saturday 11:00-4:00*

*[www.SoGloGallery.com](http://www.SoGloGallery.com)*

**912-262-0628**

## Ads, Announcements, Notices

### **FOR SALE**

- Contact Sharon Bolin for monogramming on anything able to be monogrammed. That includes towels, sheets and pillowcases, clothing, or anything else that a monogram would enhance. My phone number is 912-577-9100.

Members are encouraged to submit ads for fiber-related items for sale. This includes no longer needed equipment,

tools, materials, etc. Also—fiber-related services and items made by members may be included.

Our member owned businesses are also welcome to place ads in the newsletter. Ads must be a reasonable length and must include asking price. **There is no charge.**

Please send the ads to the newsletter editor, (Wanda Ruger) either by e-mail ([gifgssi89@yahoo.com](mailto:gifgssi89@yahoo.com)) or regular mail (Wanda Ruger, 508 Inverness Ct., St. Simons Island, GA 31522) before the newsletter deadline.

<i>Minutes from Monday, March 06, 2023 GIFG Meeting</i>
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Minutes of the Golden Isles Fiberarts Guild  
 March 6, 2023  
 Holy Family Episcopal Church, St. Simons Island, Georgia

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeanne Cieszeski at 3:02 pm. Visitors and new members were welcomed. Forty-six members were present. Jeanne announced the death of long-time member Paula Montague. Several members shared memories of Paula and her contribution to Girl Scouts in the community and her love for quilting.

The reading of the minutes for the February 6 meeting as published in the March newsletter was waived with one addition: Marion Kennedy's name was omitted from the Nominating Committee.

Cathe McEnerney asked if there were any other interested volunteers to help rewrite the bylaws and bring them up to date. Janie Pritchard and Joyce Poole volunteered to help.

The first order of business was a report from the Nominating Committee as chaired by Tonja Bradley as follows:

Chair - Cathe McEnerney

Vice Chair - Kari Morris

Treasurer - Alice Vaughan

Secretary - Teddie Martin

There were no nominations from the floor.

Elaine Boothman thanked all the members who participated in Georgia History Day at Oglethorpe Point Elementary School. She also asked for donations of 1/4 inch gingham for future projects.

Secretary Teddie Martin read a thank you note from Lainie Addressi thanking the Guild for a gift basket donation to the Glynn Visual Arts fundraiser.

Treasurer Joyce Poole reported an ending balance \$2,825.50.

Membership/Newsletter Chair Wanda Ruger requested submissions to the newsletter be made by March 24.

Website Chair Nancy Harper reported putting the instructions for the project the Quilting Group shared with members at the February meeting on the website.

Louise Eaton announced that her work will be featured in the gallery at the Southeast Georgia Regional Hospital.

Show and Share

Liz Lee - wall hanging in progress

Sharon Bolin - quilts

Marion Kennedy - felting

Nancy Harper - baskets

The program for March was presented by the Machine Embroidery Group, our newest creative group. Participating were: Ann Gasque, Betty Hanneman, and Tonja Bradley.

The meeting was adjourned by 4:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,

*Teddie Martin*