



# Fiber Fantasy

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Newsletter Deadline:  
**Friday, December 22, 2023**  
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Greetings all!  
 While I realize that this is for the December newsletter, I am writing as I prepare for Thanksgiving, and the arrival of family, friends and turkey! Such a busy time this holiday season of ours and so very easy in all the busy-ness to forget its meaning, and to be grateful.

I am very grateful today for all of you and the joy and creativity that you bring to each and every meeting that we have. I am grateful for our meetings which keep me focused and challenge me to be more and do more! We have such wonderful times together and I am grateful for the Church of the Holy Nativity that allows us to meet regularly and at a reasonable, indeed low, cost to our treasury.

I am grateful for each and every interest group leader who faithfully leads and organizes for a gathering each and every month. I am so very grateful to Nancy who oversees and updates our website routinely; please don't forget to send her information when meetings change time or location!! And I am indeed grateful to Wanda who faithfully produces the newsletter monthly to keep us all on track. Wanda has also maintained for years the membership directory and information flow, a job that only gets noticed when things go awry, hosted innumerable interest group meetings, and facilitated programs and our events. Without her, we might not be here today. And I am grateful for the committee chairs and for my fellow officers, their support and attention to detail and to maintaining the health and welfare of our guild. We have grown and with the growing come growing pains - yes, I can even be grateful for those. Come January our little bylaws team will be presenting updated bylaws for your review, and then in February for your approval. I hope that you will be as grateful as I am for the organizational review and clarification that we feel these bring to our work.

So, despite the busyness of the holiday season keep on stitching my friends, keep on being the wonderful, creative, interesting fiber arts people that you are....and do remember to be grateful.

In stitches,  
*Cathe*

## Meeting Notes

### Beading

Leola Holton

The Beaders will meet Monday, December 18, 2:30 pm at Wanda Ruger's home.

### Hand Embroidery/Needlepoint

Jeanine Gehringer

The Embroidery/Needlepoint group will not meet in December.

### Felting

Marion Kennedy

The felting group will meet Thursday, December 28, 2:30 pm at the home of Marion Kennedy. We will be starting a project of making a bowl around a ball. For more details contact Marion Kennedy.

### Garment Girlz

Janie Pritchard

The Garment Girlz group meets on the second Wednesday, 2 pm at the home of Janie Pritchard.

### Knit & Crochet

Marion Kennedy, Joyce Poole

The knitting group will meet Monday, December 11, 2:30 pm at the Stitchery. At our last meeting, several members shared information about different knitting techniques found around the world. We plan to make this an on-going feature of our meetings. If you have a knitting technique from another culture you'd like to share, please bring it to the meeting.

### Machine Embroidery

Anne Gasque

The Machine Embroidery group will meet on Wednesday, December 6th at Marshes Edge in the PRIVATE Dining Room at 1:30 pm. We will be discussing our next project. Please let Ann Gasque know if you plan to attend.

### Quilting

Barbara Caples

The Quilting group is taking a hiatus until after the holidays.

### Rug Hooking

Jan Stallworth

Beginning in October the rug hookers will meet on the first and third Thursday of the month at 1:30. Members will be notified the location.

### Surface Design

Wanda Ruger

We will not meet in December. We will meet in January to discuss some changes in our meeting structure. More information in the January 2024 newsletter.

A note from Lane Wight: "Lane is no longer able to serve as co-chair of this group. She will, however, continue to be the contact for the fabulous group house project. Thanks to everyone for your wonderful contributions to this exhibit."

### Weaving

Jean Sucher

The Weaving Group will not meet in December. In January we will continue to explore color in weaving on January 29, 2024.

### December 4 GIFG Meeting Program

Lainie Addessi

The general meeting of the Golden Isles Fiberarts Guild will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at **2 pm** at the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, 615 Mallery Street, Saint Simons Island. There will not be a program. In place will be a holiday luncheon for our members. Bring a home-made gift for exchange if you choose. **Please note the time change.**

## DECEMBER 2023 GUILD CALENDAR

Monday, December 4 at 2 pm — *HOLIDAY LUNCHEON*

Wednesday, December 5, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm — Machine Embroidery — Private Dining Room of Marsh's Edge

Thursday, December 7 and 21 at 1:30 — Rug Hooking — call Jan at 912-634-3388

Monday, December 11, 2:30 pm — Knitting—The Stitchery of SSI on Frederica Rd

Wednesday, December 13, 2 pm — Garment Girlz — Janie Pritchard's home

Monday, December 18, 2:30 pm — Beading — Wanda Ruger's home

Thursday, December 28, 2:30 — Felting — Marion Kennedy's home

**WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER:**

Hand Embroidery/Needlepoint, Quilting, Surface Design, Weaving

Suggestions, information, letters, photos from members are always welcome!

### Member Businesses

**The Stitchery of St. Simons**, 3303 Frederica Rd. St. Simons Island, GA 31522 912-638-3401 Mon-Sat 11-4

**Golden Isles Quilting**, Long Arm Quilting Service, Custom quilts, Embroidery, T-Shirt and memory quilts  
For more info call 912-230-9237 It's not a quilt until it's quilted

**Sea Stitches Quilt Studio**, 100 Sylvan Drive Suite 150, Tues-Fri: 10-5 Sat: 10-3 Sun: closed  
912-771-8802 Seastitchesssi@gmail.com

**SoGlo Art Gallery**, 1413 Newcastle Street in Historic Downtown Brunswick Wed-Fri: 11-5:30 Sat.: 11-4  
912-262-0628 www.SoGloGallery.com

### **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.

Ads must be a reasonable length and must include asking price. **There is no charge.**

Our member owned businesses are also welcome to place ads in the newsletter. **There is no charge.**

Please send the ads to the newsletter editor, (Wanda Ruger) either by e-mail ([gifg1989ssiga@gmail.com](mailto:gifg1989ssiga@gmail.com)) or regular mail (Wanda Ruger, 508 Inverness Ct., St. Simons Island, GA 31522) before the newsletter deadline.

## Minutes from Monday, November 05, 2023 GIFG Meeting

Minutes of the Golden Isles Fiberarts Guild  
November 5, 2023  
Holy Family Episcopal Church, St. Simons Island, Georgia

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kari Morris at 3:00 pm.

New member, Cathy Rossiter, was welcomed.

The minutes of the October 2, 2023 were approved with one correction.

The Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$4,026.19 for October, 2023 and does not reflect uncollected members and new members dues.

### Old Business:

The ad hoc committee rewriting the guild's by-laws and rules is still meeting. The Executive Committee will meet in January with a date to be set later.

Lainie Addressi reported of the sale scheduled with Jekyll Island Art Association at Goodyear Cottage in November, 2024. She urged the members who were interested to commit to aid the curator in planning the event.

The upcoming biennial show at the SoGlo Gallery was discussed.

- Members were informed the necessary forms are now on the website. The deadline for the forms is January 15.
- The Members Only opening party will be on January 31, 2024 from 4 pm to 6 pm.
- Liz Lee is making the quilt for the show raffle and needs a name for this original design.
- Surface Design members are making fabric houses for the show in keeping with the theme of "home". Everyone was invited to Lane Wight's house to make houses.

### New Business:

Linda Mahoney will email a SignUpGenius for members who wish to volunteer to bring side dishes or desserts to go with sandwiches for the December 4, 2023 meeting. This will also serve as our Christmas Party. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm instead of the usual 3:00 pm start. Members can also volunteer for a gift exchange, usually a handmade item.

The Quilting Group has gone on hiatus. Members interested in revitalizing this group were urged to do so.

The Embroidery Group is organizing a visit to the home of Martha Demere to view some of her work done while studying with the Royal School of Needlework. A show of hands of those interested indicated a need for securing a bus instead of car pooling.

Nancy Harper asked for a show of hands of members who were interested in being able to use Venmo to pay guild dues.

Deadline for the newsletter is to be November 17, 2023.

The program planned for this meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute so instead there was an extended Show and Share of members' work.

Faye George -- quilt

Liz Lee -- quilt

Kitty Larkins -- journals

Nancy Harper -- scarf and pumpkin

Betty Hanneman -- embroidered card

Kari Morris -- scarf

Beverly Jones -- crocheted items (4)

Janie Pritchard -- quilt

Lainie Addressi -- wall hanging

Teddie Martin -- shared patterns for cloth dolls

Alice Vaughan -- shared her experience with working with Loose Ends Finisher

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectively submitted

*Teddie Martin*

Secretary

**Welcome to our newest members!****Beth Finn, Shelly Morgan, Barbara Northrup, Cathy Rossiter, Vicki Skywark****QUILTING GROUP**

The Quilting Group, after meeting this fall, has decided to take a temporary break in their meeting schedule and wants to thank everyone who has helped with and participated in the group for the past few years.

The hope is to reconvene in the new year to consider the future. Anyone interested in being a part of this reimagining of the group please contact Barbara Caples by calling 912-230-3585. Barbara asks that you please leave her a message if she is not available to answer.

**HAND EMBROIDERY/NEEDLEPOINT GROUP**

The Hand Embroidery/Needlepoint group is inviting Guild members to join us for a field trip to the home of Martha Demere, Sea Island, on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Martha is an embroidery enthusiast. She has a collection of 17th century stump work, as well as many other items of embroidery to share. A graduate with distinction from The Royal School of Needlework in London, she has been a frequent contributor to Sew Beautiful magazines over many years, a teacher and published designer.

Transportation will be arranged when we know how many are interested. At the November 6 Guild meeting we will be asking for a show of interest so we can proceed with our planning

Jeanine Gehringer

**The Knitting Group is sponsoring a Mystery Knitalong.**

Each Friday in December you'll receive a portion of instructions for the item we're knitting. At the end, you'll have a finished item. The item is very easy - knits and purls only. If you're interested in participating, please e-mail Joyce Poole at: [joyce.poole@frontiernet.net](mailto:joyce.poole@frontiernet.net)

The first e-mail with the first set of instructions will be sent out on 12/1/2023.

**2024 GIFG SHOW**

GIFG Show 2024 at the SoGlo gallery information is available on our website's Members Only section and will be updated as needed.

