



# Fiber Fantasy

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Jeanne Cieszkeski, Cathe McEnerney

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Lainie Addressi, Kari Morris

## Secretary

Teddie Martin

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## Message from the Guild co-Chair

Someone asked recently about my favorite thing to do now that I am retired – stitching was of course my immediate response. But I think what I really should have responded with is the learning. There is nothing quite like learning new techniques, trying out new threads and challenging myself with new projects. Stump-work, goldwork, crewel embroidery and needlelace are all techniques that I've been learning and working at perfecting in the recent past. Of course it can be said that I am working on my PHD – projects half done! And I should be quick to clarify that for all the learning I cannot claim to have achieved perfection in any of these techniques only that practice has made me a better practitioner of each of them.

Our guild exists for just such a reason – to share experience and projects and to learn from each other. And in the process of learning and sharing we make new friends, share new ideas, foster our creativity and just plain have fun! Last month at our meeting the Quilting group shared a small project with us to just such an end and I thank them for the joy of the experience. I learned, or rather relearned, that I am not particularly adept at quilting, not even when the work of preparing the fabric pieces has been done for me. And I learned that I was not alone in this ineptness, but nor was I alone in experiencing the joy of color and fabric and design even if I couldn't manage to get it put together in a reasonable fashion. My sincere thanks to the Quilting group for sharing their project, and for all the work that it took to bring the project to life for us. I will yet get that coaster put together and who knows, perhaps it will make its appearance at the holiday celebration this year!

As I write, I am enjoying a class learning something of the art of writing stitch guides for painted canvas – something that most needlepointers only dream of doing and something that most often we needlepointers end up paying someone else to do for us. It has been an interesting experience to learn from a professional teacher just how to think about the process of writing a guide and to learn how to interpret a canvas, to learn how to design a stitch for ourselves and ultimately to have written our own stitch guide. Stay tuned to see the end result, I hope this year (see PHD)... a stitched needlepoint stocking for my granddaughter Lily.

I hope you'll continue to come and to learn with us. Learn to share the joy of fiberarts in the many manifestations of our groups and guild, and learn the pleasure of making new friends as you do so.

In stitches,  
*Cathe*

## March Birthdays

15 Beth Thornton

19 Joyce Poole

23 Beth Hurd

23 Sue Kilchenstein

25 Elaine Boothman

28 Karen Culwell

30 Janie Pritchard



Newsletter Deadline:

**Friday, March 24, 2023**

Please send editorial contributions to:

**Wanda Ruger**

**508 Inverness Ct.**

**St. Simons Island, GA 31522**

Or email:

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## Meeting Notes

### Beading

Leola Holton

The beaders will meet March 20, 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. We will continue our work on our on-going needlepoint snowman project which we began in November. We will also continue to discuss projects that we, as a group, can contribute as sale items at our next show. For questions contact Jeanine at 734-355-7156.

### Felting

Marion Kennedy

The felting group will meet at 2.30 on Thursday, March 23 at the home of Lois Voglemann. We will continue working on our Artfelt project. Anyone interested in finding out more about what we do is always welcome at our meetings.

### Garment Girlz

Janie Pritchard

Garment Girlz will meet Wednesday, March 8 at Janie Pritchard's at 2 o'clock. Bring whatever you're working on. Please text me either way if you are to attend. Our month for the Fiber Arts program has been changed to November. 239-980-7474.

### Knit & Crochet

Marion Kennedy / Gay Diz

The knitters will meet Monday, March 13, at 2:30 at The Stitchery. All levels of expertise are welcome. At this meeting we will work on weaving in yarn ends so bring a piece of knitting to practice on. Also bring any projects that you would like to share with the group. Gay Diz

### Machine Embroidery

Anne Gasque

Call Anne for March information.

### Quilting

Darla Schoeppner

Call Darla for March information.

### 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, March 11, 2:30 pm 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

We will meet again at Jeanne Cieszeski's home, 101 Colonial Drive at 2:30 pm on Monday, March 27th. Her loom is warped and we discovered how to fix warping errors. Jeanne can finally begin to weave! For the March meeting we are going to explore the world of drafting, the universal weaving shorthand for directions to warp and weave a project. Join us!

### 2022 - 2023 Guild Programs

Lainie Addressi, Kari Morris

March 06, 2023

#### *"Introduction to Machine Embroidery"*

The March program will be presented by our newest guild group - Machine Embroidery. Let's learn about and explore the technique of machine embroidery, Members will show fascinating examples of in-progress and completed items.

Upcoming:

April 3, 2023- Beading- program to be determined

May 01, 2023- Recap- slide show of all activities, programs, and workshops during 22-23.

## MARCH 2023 GUILD CALENDAR

**Thursday, March 02 and 16 at 1:30 — Rug Hooking** — the rug hookers meet on the first and third Thursdays. Call Jan at (912) 634-3388 for location

**March 06 Guild Meeting**— Holy Nativity Church, SSI

*“Introduction to Machine Embroidery”*

**Wednesday, March 08 at 2 pm — Garment Girlz** — home of Janie Pritchard

**Saturday, March 11 at 10 am — Surface Design** — home of Wanda Ruger

**Monday, March 13, 2:30 p.m.— Knitting**—The Stitchery of SSI on Frederica Rd

**Wednesday, March 15, 10 am — Hand Embroidery** — Frederica Presbyterian Church

**Monday, March 20 at 2:30 —Beading** — Wanda Ruger’s home

**Thursday, March 23, 2:30 — Felting** — home of Lois Vogelmann

**Friday, March 24 — news for the January newsletter due!!!**

**Monday, March 27 at 2:30 pm — Weaving**— Jeanne Cieszeski’s home at 101 Colonial Drive in Sea Palms

**Machine Embroidery** — Call Anne Gasque for information.

**Quilting** — Call Darla for information.



**St. Patrick's  
Day**



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*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.

## News and Notes

**Be sure to welcome our new members:**

**Melinda Hollington** [mghol@bellsouth.net](mailto:mghol@bellsouth.net)

**Claudia Porter** [claudiaporter@gmail.com](mailto:claudiaporter@gmail.com)

**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 [enigmastudiossi@gmail.com](mailto:enigmastudiossi@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

I recently found out that Paula Montague is in hospice care. I had been sending texts trying to get in touch and her daughter answered. I talked to her daughter (Kirsten) who told me that she had been in the hospital for the past three months. She had first fallen and had a head injury, then she had surgery for pancreatic cancer and then had a stroke. Kirsten doesn't expect Paula to recover from the stroke. She said anyone is welcome to visit to say goodbye. She can't respond but maybe she would hear you. Paula is at the Hospice of the Golden Isles in Brunswick, 1692 Glynco Pkwy.

When Paula is gone there will probably be a get-together locally to visit and remember her. Her daughter will keep us up to date as much as she can.

Wanda Ruger

## Minutes from Monday, February 06, 2023 GIFG Meeting

General Meeting - February 6, 2023

The meeting was called order at 3:00 pm by Guild Co-Chair Jeanne Cieszeski.

Guests and new members were welcomed: Melinda Hollington, Charan Niehaus, and Susan Thornton.

The minutes of January 2, 2023 were approved.

Elaine Boothman reported that she had been approached by Oglethorpe Point Elementary School to once again participate in their Georgia History Day. She asked for volunteers.

The Nominating Committee chaired by Tonja Bradley; Janie Pritchard, Vice Chair; and Nancy Harper were introduced. Monthly reports of the various interest groups were given if there were changes from what has appeared in the newsletter.

Membership Chair Wanda Ruger stated the deadline for the February newsletter would be the third Friday in the month; February 17, 2023.

Treasurer Joyce Poole reported a balance as of January 31, 2023 is \$2,777.15.

Darla Schoeppner will be the new Chair of the Quilting group.

Show and Share participants:

Faye George - Quilt

Lane Wight- Wall hanging

Janie Pritchard - Ornament

Charan Niehaus- Quilt (her first)

The Felting group - Felted Sea Shells.

The program was presented by the Quilting Group. They made up and distributed to the membership kits for a delightful ornament that can be used in a number of ways.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm with the next meeting being March 6, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Teddie Martin*

**Golden Isles Fiberarts Guild Board Meeting** Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, St. Simons Island February 6, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Jeanne Cieszeski at 2:00 pm

The first order of business was forming a nominating committee for the election of officers for the coming year beginning in October 2023. This is in accordance to the bylaws of the organization. Tonja Bradley was appointed by the Chairman. The Board appointed Janie Pritchard. A member is to be appointed at the general meeting that is to follow the Board meeting.

Progress on the establishing of the new website was reported.

Comments on the 2022 Christmas party were made with most being positive.

The Historian has suggested the position be eliminated since the newsletter and/or photos can now be housed on the website. Decision on the dispersal of the scrapbooks is to be pursued.

Under New Business; It was recommended that the by-laws should be updated to reflect current operating procedures. Cathe McEnerney and Janie Pritchard are to work on the revision.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

*Teddie Martin*