



Fiber Fantasy

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Message from the Guild co-Chair

Oh my!

So many wonderful pieces were displayed at our October meeting that I came home with my creative juices flowing and all ready to finish stitching the 101 projects I have started!!! Of course, this hasn't happened, life has intervened. And as one good friend and fellow stitcher has noted I only have two hands and add to that that I have just a few hours a day to ply my needle! I do, however, continue to muddle along in my rotation of WIPs (works in progress for the uninitiated) and to seek inspiration in daily life and the incredible creativity of our members.

If you happen also to be looking for continued inspiration, I suggest a visit to the Embroiderers Guild of America online exhibit "Through the Needle's Eye" found on the EGA website (<egausa.org> under the Events tab). There's a guided tour with six second pictures of each item and then, if desired, you can go back and examine them at length, reading the Artist Statement and zooming in for a closer look when desired. With pieces that range from a beaded telephone to lovely abstracts and everything in between you are sure to find some inspiration for your next creation!

And inspiration is just what we need for our upcoming holiday celebration gift exchange. Too often I am utterly last minute -- putting the finishing touches on my ornament the night prior to our December meeting! I have vowed that I am not going to do that this year but rather will finish stitching and the finishing work by Thanksgiving weekend Wish me luck!

Finally, a public service announcement: If you have not yet renewed your membership, the time is NOW!! You can find a renewal form on our website, and then post a check to our mailing address -- or bring it along to the November meeting! If you are unsure whether you have already renewed, please check the directory on the website (under the members on-line tab). There is a column there to indicate if your dues have been received!!! And if you are not comfortable with a computer and our website, do please contact our wonderful treasurer, Alice Vaughan, and she will be happy to advise.

I am unable to be at our November meeting, but leave you all in the more than capable hands of Kari Morris, our Vice Chair and I look forward to seeing you all at our Holiday Celebration in December!

Cathe

November Birthdays

07 Audrey Stewart
09 Martha Demere
09 Valerie Kehoe
10 Linda Mahoney
12 Jean Sucher
16 Barbara Anderson
23 Connie Vagtborg
24 Wanda Ruger



Newsletter Deadline:

Friday, November 24, 2023

Please send editorial contributions to:

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

Or email:

gifg1989ssiga@gmail.com

Meeting Notes

Beading

Leola Holton

The Beaders will meet Monday, November 20, 2:30 pm at Wanda Ruger's home.

Hand Embroidery/Needlepoint

Jeanine Gehringer

The Hand Embroidery/Needlepoint Group will meet Wednesday, November 15, 10 am at the Frederica Presbyterian Church, 6540 Frederica Road. We will break for lunch at 12 and continue working into the afternoon as you like.

At this meeting, bring the project you are working on which will be part of our group project for the February show. Remember, the only criteria are that the size is 5x7 of something related to "Home."

Felting

Marion Kennedy

The felters will meet Thursday, November 30, 2:30 pm at the home of Marion Kennedy. Please note this is the fifth Thursday of the month as the fourth Thursday falls on Thanksgiving.

At our October meeting we discussed ideas for our group project for the Fiberarts Show. As the theme is "Home" we have decided to focus on pillows and/or table runners. We will continue this at our November meeting.

We are always looking for new members so even if you have never done any felting before but are interested or curious; you are very welcome to come and join us.

Garment Girlz

Janie Pritchard

No news from Garment Girlz for November. Call Janie for information.

Knit & Crochet

Marion Kennedy, Joyce Poole

The knitters will meet Monday, November 13, 2:30 at the Stitchery. All levels of expertise are welcome. We are learning about knitting/crocheting around the world. Please bring any information/examples to share

with the group. Jeanne is bringing Irish information and Joyce is bringing information about knitting in Peru and Bolivia.

Machine Embroidery

Anne Gasque

The Machine Embroidery group will meet on Wednesday, November 1 at Marsh's Edge in the Private Dining Room at 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. We will discuss marking pens and placement, Bring any questions. RSVP to Ann Gasque at branchwatergal@gmail.com

Quilting

Barbara Caples

Please see the special information announcement in this issue.

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 / Lane Wight

We will meet at 10 am on Saturday, November 18 at Wanda Ruger's home. We have a lot to discuss. Bring what you worked on over the summer. Also bring your little houses even if they are not complete.

Weaving

Jean Sucher

Weaving will meet Monday, November 27, 2:30 pm at the Stitchery. We will explore more of the use of color in fiber arts.

November 6 GIFG Meeting Program

Lainie Addressi

The program will be presented by Jennifer Zamudio, owner of Dot and Army located in Brunswick, GA.

NOVEMBER 2023 GUILD CALENDAR

Monday, November 06 at 3 pm — GUILD MEETING

Dot and Army

Wednesday, November 01, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm — Machine Embroidery — Private Dining Room of Marsh's Edge

Thursday, November 02 and 16 at 1:30 — Rug Hooking — call Jan at 912-634-3388

Monday, November 13, 2:30 pm — Knitting—The Stitchery of SSI on Frederica Rd

Wednesday, November 15, 10 am — Hand Embroidery — Frederica Presbyterian Church

Saturday, November 18, 10 am — Surface Design — home of Wanda Ruger

Monday, November 20, 2:30 pm — Beading— Wanda Ruger's home

Monday, November 27, 2:30 pm — Weaving — The Stitchery of SSI on Frederica Rd

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

Quilting — Please see the special information announcement in this issue.

Garment Girlz — call Janie Pritchard for information

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) or regular mail (Wanda Ruger, 508 Inverness Ct., St. Simons Island, GA 31522) before the newsletter deadline.

Minutes from Monday, October 02, 2023 QIFG Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cathe McEnerney at 3:02 pm.

Visitors and new members were welcomed.

The minutes of the May 01, 2023 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$4,045.19 for September 2023. This balance does not reflect uncollected members dues and new members.

The January 2024 meeting was tentatively rescheduled for the second Monday in January since the regular meeting date will fall on New Years Day. Cathe will confirm the availability of this date with the church.

Old Business:

Cathe McEnerney reported the ad hoc committee updating the bylaws continues to meet.

A question about one of the Standing Rules was discussed.

Lainie Addressi reported working with Jekull Island Art Association on a sale at the Goodyear Cottage in October 2024. She urged any members interested in participating to let her know by our next meeting. All items are to be for sale with a 25% commission charged.

Louise Eaton reported on the publicity for the upcoming biennial Fiberarts Guild show beginning the first Friday in February 2024. Members are urged to enter items that can be sold to help support this event. A Member reception is planned along with the Fashion Show and quilt raffle. The theme will be HOME.

Newsletter -- Wanda requested submissions to the newsletter be made by October 17, 2023.

Hospitality Chair Linda Mahoney reported on plans for the Christmas Party to be on December 3, 2023, 2:00 pm at the Holy Family Episcopal Church. Members will be asked to provide food for the event.

Lainie Addressi will once again be in charge of the gift exchange of hand-made items for those who wish to participate.

New Business:

Teddie Martin displayed a couple of items sewn by women in Kenya who are enrolled in a sewing school sponsored by Our Journey, Inc. (a local nonprofit) where they learn skills to help them earn money for their families. An appeal was made for donations to expand the school. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Guild would contribute \$200 toward the new building.

An idea was floated that the Guild and/or members participate in the Artful Bra fundraiser for breast cancer research in 2024. Further investigation into the contest will be made,

Creative Groups:

Felting - group will meet the fourth Thursday at the home of Marion Kennedy

Embroidery - members are invited to the home of Martha Demere to see her embroidery. Caravanning will be arranged at a later date.

Machine Embroidery - new date will appear in the next newsletter.

Program

The program for October was a Show and Share of work done over the summer.

Cathe McEnerney - needle point/beading

Jeanine Gehringer - needle point Christmas ornament

Kari Morris - knitted pillow front

Kitty Larkins - slow stitch pillow

Betty Hanneman - quilt, placemat, bowl

The next meeting will be November 6, 2023 at the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, St Simons Island, GA

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Teddie Martin

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

SHOW

Guild members Lainie Addressi, Susan Hudson and Marion Kennedy are participating in a show at the Goodyear Cottage on Jekyll Island. The show opens Wednesday, November 1 and there is a public Artistic reception on Sunday, November 5, from one until three.

FREE WORKSHOP -- TEXTILES: PRINTING ON FABRICS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 12 PM TO 1 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Barbara Northrup

In this one hour workshop, learn about applying using your art on textiles and a variety of products. If you're curious about how to reproduce your creativity, sit in on this FREE workshop to learn more about the process.

2024 GIFG SHOW

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