

Gilding the Needle

“A few stitches today – an heirloom tomorrow”

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President's Message — Winter, 2011

Despite all the hard work of the many volunteers our Needle Arts Fair was not as financially successful for the guild as in past years. The vendors, however, were happy with the turnout, particularly Calcutta Rescue (see page 11). The kitchen was not up to the standard that we have experienced in the past so we are, therefore, looking at other locations for future shows.

Our morning learn-a-stitch is off to a great start and hopefully we will all complete our projects before the next Needle Arts Fair.

We are fast approaching the end of 2011 and looking forward to our tenth anniversary. I am sure some of our original members must be wondering where the time has gone! If any of you have suggestions for our celebrations, please contact a member of the executive.

Have a good Christmas holiday.

Irene Hodge

Suggestions Requested

The programme committee would like your ideas for CGNA's 2012-13 morning learn-a-stitch programme. We are also looking for class suggestions and volunteers for the afternoon sessions next year. The executive will start to discuss the 2012-13 programme early in 2012. Please give your suggestions to either Beth Abbott or Kristeen Krestensen.

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1st & 3rd Mondays

9:30 am — 3:30 pm

at

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Everyone has been great about returning books that were previously signed out for the summer. Thank you.

In the spring Christine Allan donated a copy of “Spring Patterns for Swedish Weaving” to the library. The Guild purchased the “Christmas” pattern book at the Needle Arts Fair.

We have decided to sell our collection of “Inspiration” magazines for \$2 each at the Christmas pot luck. Some other books may also be put on sale.

Our morning learn-a-stitch classes are being taught by a number of our members and for both teachers and students, it might be helpful to look at our category list of books in the library binder for any help needed.

Barbara



*If you see a fat man
Who's jolly and cute,
Wearing a beard
And a red flannel suit,
And if he is chuckling
And laughing away,
While flying around
In a miniature sleigh
With eight tiny reindeer
To pull him along,
Then let's face it ...
Your eggnog's too strong!*

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday

FIRST MEETING FOR 2011-2012

Our first meeting in the Fall was very well attended. It was held at Grace United Church in Elginburg as the furnace was being replaced at our usual meeting place.

There was a real buzz in the air as everyone caught up on events throughout the summer months. Many of the members must have found time to stitch during the summer as there was a terrific display for show and tell accompanied by some good stories.

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of the EAC past president's pin by our current president, Irene Hodge to Theresa Lawrence. Many thanks to Theresa, who has served on the board since 2005 and continues this year as past president.



FALL PROGRAMME

The Fall programme got off to the great start with the first of a series of presentations by Mary Lou Wilson entitled “Embroidery 101”. Hoops, frames and stands were discussed as well as lights and magnifiers. Many samples of this equipment were available for demonstration and discussion. Handouts and samples will be provided throughout the year and we will all have a binder full of informative references by the time the last presentation has been given.



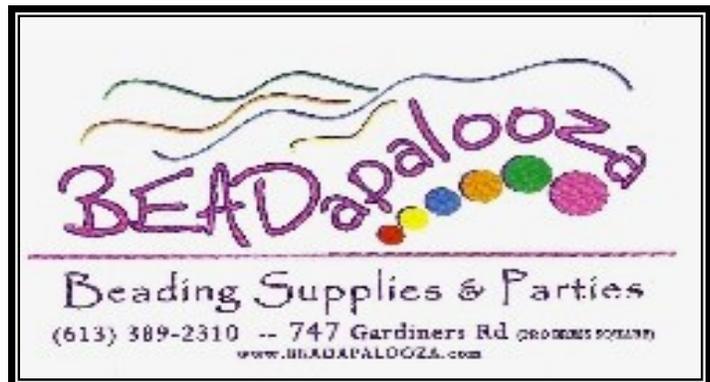
The afternoon sessions began with great enthusiasm. Beth Abbott continued with “silk fusion” which began last spring and Linda Burke started her group on “bullion knots”.



DID YOU KNOW

- That the money collected in the coffee fund pays an honorarium to our afternoon teachers.
- That all CGNA members are asked to contribute to one of our two annual potluck luncheons.
- That our national organization Embroiderer's Association of Canada will hold annual seminars – 2012 in Victoria, 2013 in Winnipeg and 2014 in Ottawa
- That CGNA can award up to two scholarships annually – one for a member registered at EAC's annual seminar and one for a member taking a non EAC course. Ask Mary Lou for details.

**2011
FIBRE ARTS FAIR**



Membership News

Please welcome new members

- Guylaine Belanger has lived in Kingston for two years, is a quilter and a long time knitter. She has taken two courses in the fibre art programme at St. Lawrence College. Guylaine is a member of the spinning and weaving guild and after seeing the beautiful work at the Needle Arts Fair decided to join our guild as well.
- Sharon Cross has lived on Howe Island for the past 17 years. She is interested in all kinds of handwork - including quilting and embroidery. She joined our Guild to get inspiration and energy from like minded people.
- Greta Kristiansen retired to Picton in 1990 and her enthusiasm for quilting began. She designs her own quilts and conducts workshops and retreats. As a member of the guild she is looking forward to embroidery which she can incorporate into her quilting.
- Simone Lynch has been quilting for 20 years and is currently the president of the Heirloom Quilters' Guild. She is looking forward to advancing her embroidery skills and learning embellishing techniques.
- Karen Weagle is a long time resident of the Kingston area. She has always been interested in different crafts and needlework. She was intrigued at the Needle Arts Show with painting with threads and some of the other projects. She saw a lot of things that she had never heard of before so has joined the Guild to try something new.

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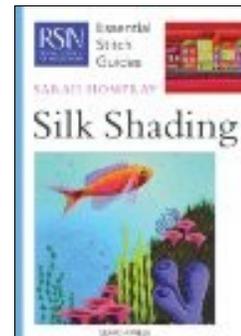
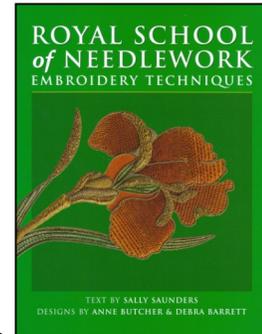
Starting in January, I said I would be interested in doing a series of exercises, studying the techniques of Silk Shading. I will not be teaching the techniques as I am learning myself, however, I offered to lead a group of people keen on learning more about silk shading. If you haven't done so, I would recommend you get a copy of the book *Royal School of Needlework, Embroidery Techniques* text by Sally Saunders. ISBN 13: 9780713488173 . This is the book I intend to follow as I learn more about this technique.

There is a second book that I also picked up called *Essential Stitch Guide, Silk Shading*, by Sarah Homfray. It has lots of good information and is another book put out by the Royal School of Embroidery.

I purchased my copies through The Book Depository.UK, out of the Guernsey and it cost \$33.65, free shipping, and arrived within two weeks. Others have made purchases through Amazon, but there might be shipping charges. Another source that I quite like is ABE.com. They source books throughout the world and have a variety of prices depending on the condition of the book (they sell new and used books).

It looks like a fun project and as we haven't tried this approach to stitching before I hope any who come along will enjoy the process of learning more about silk shading. If you have taken any of Maureen's classes, you will have already gained a lot of knowledge in this technique.

Theresa



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Cataraqui Guild of Needle Arts Winter 2012 Programme

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| Jan 9 | AM | Learn-a-stitch Rhodes stitch <i>Embroidery 101 - Mary Lou Wilson</i> |
| | PM | Sea Creature - Pat Caffery Royal School of Needlework - embroidery techniques Theresa Lawrence, co-ordinator |
| Jan 23 | AM | Learn-a-stitch round wheat stitch - Theresa Lawrence Show and Share |
| | PM | Sea Creature - Pat Caffery Royal School of Needlework - embroidery techniques Theresa Lawrence, co-ordinator |
| Feb 6 | AM | Learn-a-Stitch surface embroidery - Mickie Beauchamp <i>Embroidery 101 - Mary Lou Wilson</i> |
| | PM | Sea Creature - Pat Caffery Royal School of Needlework - embroidery techniques Theresa Lawrence, co-ordinator |
| Feb 20 | AM | Learn-a-stitch Norwich Stitch - Margaret Morris Show and Share |
| | PM | Sea Creature - Pat Caffery Royal School of Needlework - embroidery techniques Theresa Lawrence, co-ordinator |
| March 5 | AM | Learn-a-Stitch lace stitch - Irene Hodge <i>Embroidery 101 - Mary Lou Wilson</i> |
| | PM | Sea Creature - Pat Caffery Royal School of Needlework - embroidery techniques Theresa Lawrence, co-ordinator |
| March 19 | AM | Learn-a-stitch Blackwork - Sandra Smith Show and Share |
| | PM | Sea Creature - Pat Caffery Royal School of Needlework - embroidery techniques Theresa Lawrence, co-ordinator |



MEETING SCHEDULE Show and Share the second meeting of the month

Don't forget to sign up for your turn to bring treats

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| 09:30 - 10:15 | Announcements |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | Coffee |
| 10:30 - 12:30 | A.M. class |
| 12:30 - 01:00 | Lunch |
| 01:00 - 03:00 | P.M. classes |

Hearts for Christchurch

After the earthquakes in New Zealand last February, Bethany Garner brought to our attention a worldwide request for hand crafted hearts to be sent to victims of the horrific disaster. The idea was to let them know that they are not alone and bring a little joy into their hearts. The contribution from the CGNA was gratefully received and incorporated with the more than 4,000 hearts received.

On September 1, the hearts were displayed at the reopening of the newly renovated Canterbury museum which had been damaged by the earthquakes. The originator of the project Evie Harris, a resident of Napier, New Zealand attended the opening and writes that the display was truly breathtaking. The opening of the museum was a great boost for Christchurch and seeing such a beautiful piece of art created by so many caring people was truly inspiring.

If you haven't already done so you can find more information and pictures on <http://heartsforchristchurch.blogspot.com/>



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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE - 2010 -11

For last year's President's Challenge, participants paid a loonie and received a small paper bag of assorted materials from which they were to make a design of their choice. The finished pieces were on display at the Needle Arts Fair and were judged by those who attended. The winner was Elizabeth Vandenberg, (left) with a very close second place going to Roslyn Hanes, (right). Thanks to all who participated. Watch for news about the 2011-12 challenge!



CGNA HAS A WEB SITE! Donna Hamilton is currently the web master for the Kingston Heirloom Quilters, Quilts Kingston Quilt Show, Fibreworks Kingston, and now she is working on our very own web site. She hopes to have it up and running by September 19. Be sure to let Donna know if you find a link you'd like to share with everyone and if you have suggestions for our site. After all, it is your web page. Our address is:

<http://quiltskingston.org/cgna>

A note from Danielle Aird, Calcutta Rescue

Dear Irene,

Thank you for inviting us once again to participate in the Needle Arts Fair. We had fun and raised over \$1,100. This will put a child through school for 3 years in Kolkata with a hearty meal each day! The lady in the picture is the cook at a Calcutta Rescue School



A Message Regarding Your Hospitality Committee

As our hospitality volunteers are working in the kitchen during the business session and part of the learn-a-stitch the executive has agreed to make the following changes:

Coffee, tea, healthy snacks and sweets will be served only at 10 am. It is requested that members who sign up to bring in the goodies bring them ready to be served and place them on the serving table at 10 am.

Lunch time treats will no longer be served but coffee and tea will still be available at 10 and noon.

If occasionally you forget to bring your mug, there are some in the kitchen. However, after use please wash and return it to the tray under the counter.

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