

# Gilding the Needle

*"A few stitches today – an heirloom tomorrow"*

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## President's Message - Spring, 2014

This has been the winter of snow. As I look out the window, it is still snowing and it is now March. We are running out of room to put it, so it will just have to stop.

The advantage is that I have had a quiet winter and am actually finishing some of my needlework. I hope everyone else has also had time to complete their projects. I love to see all the finished work at our show and share.

I missed everyone in January. Please note that an extra meeting has been added in April. It should have stopped snowing by then.

Our meetings in February and March have been very busy. The crazy quilt stitches have proved interesting. Thank you, Irene, Theresa, Jocelyne, Donna and Ann for sharing your expertise during the morning sessions this winter. I really enjoyed seeing how some of these stitches can be used. Now I just have to get stitching and finish my piece. The trunk shows continue to be amazing. Thank you everyone for sharing your collections. Please remember to see Trish to volunteer to work on the lap quilt project if you have time. What has been completed so far is gorgeous

I look forward to Christine Allen's workshop. Thank you, Mary Lou for organizing it.

EAC 2014 Seminar is coming up quickly. Ottawa with all its tulips should be beautiful during Seminar. Congratulations to our CGNA recipients of Seminar grants - Barb Jackson, Ann Miller and Roslyn Hanes. They will be sharing information about all they will be learning later this year. I look forward to seeing their finished pieces. As well, we wish Pat Caffrey all the best as she will be teaching at Seminar this year.

Best wishes to Penny, Guylaine and Nancy. Get well soon, so you can come back and join us. We miss you.

Take care and stay warm.

*Diane Dukoff*

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## Cataraqui Guild of Needle Arts

Member of Embroiderers'  
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meets

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays

9:30 am — 3:30 pm

at

Edith Rankin Memorial Church Hall  
4080 Bath Rd.  
Kingston, On

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**On The Bookshelf**

We welcome Simone as the new library assistant. Thank you, Guylaine for all your hard work, we will miss you.

All books have been returned in a timely manner. This gives everyone access to the books. With our learn-a-stitch programme it might be helpful to check the library for any helpful material.

The library has purchased a new DMC colour card. Please let us know if there are any books you would like to have purchased for the library.

Again we will have another BOOK SALE at our pot luck in June, so save all your loonies.

*Eileen & Simone*



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## Our Christmas Meeting

Our last meeting of the year was, of course, our Christmas pot luck. Before we could get down to enjoying all the great food members brought, we held our year end town hall meeting. Good ideas were exchanged and members concerns discussed. As our library needed to be culled members were asked to participate in a book and magazine sale throughout the morning. At bargain basement prices who could resist and members participated full-heartedly. In the afternoon we enjoyed a very special truck show presented by the 12 x 12 fibre art group in Kingston. I am sure we all went home incredibly inspired and ready to start new projects in 2014.



## [THE KINGSTON AREA TWELVE BY TWELVE GROUP](#)

The members of the Kingston area TWELVE by TWELVE Group who shared a Trunk Show of their work with us at the December meeting are Sandra Garner, Janine Gates, Susan Farber and our own Bethany Garner. Margaret Morris is a member as well, and was unable to join the group for the meeting.

The group of five members began meeting to share their love of art and small quilts in 2011, deciding to work together to create new art pieces, one a month, six times a year. They rotate their meetings in each others home and draw names from a bowl for the person who will choose the topic/subject word. for the next month's project.

Based on a model developed by an International Twelve by Twelve group (which you can visit here: <http://twelveby12.blogspot.ca/>), these five local Kingston and area ladies have worked on their projects for two full years ad have enjoyed hanging two very successful shows at the Taylor Studios Gallery located at 285 King Street East at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Each project is developed by the members based on their interpretation of the proffered inspirational "word". Some words that have been used are LANDMARK, ALCHEMY, RANDOM, STRIATIONS, REBIRTH, FREEDOM, PAIN, CELEBRATE, and many more.

The work develops over a period of six weeks between meetings, and can be any technique the artist chooses... felt work, layered collage, machine thread painting, hand work, embroidery etc. The fun is in the reveal, and sharing the challenges and the fun of trying to come up with new project ideas along the way. Needless to say, this is most importantly a SOCIAL group, friends loving to be with friends. While the making of art is really fun, the chance to be with great friends and just celebrate life and a love of the needle arts is far more important.

Hoping you enjoyed this presentation in December and the group encourages you to think about forming your own small group of friends and adapting the Twelve by Twelve Project for your own art play. Watch for more small displays of 12 x 12 Art by these talented and art focused friends.

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## Members' Trunk Shows

This year the programme directors have decided to have a “theme trunk show” once a month. We had our first trunk show in September and the theme was cross stitch . (Fall, 2013 Newsletter). Many members participated bringing in new and old samples for everyone to enjoy.

The November trunk show theme was North American Art and members were delighted with the number and variety of articles members had to share.



The first trunk show of 2014 featured crewel work and members were happy to share their treasured pieces along with the memories they invoked.



## Trunk Shows (continued)

February's trunk show was all about weaving, both cloth and basket.



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Anne working on the huck weaving project

**WINTER PROGRAMME**

During our morning sessions this winter we have continued to learn stitches that can be used in sewing crazy patches. Members are working diligently on their own special pieces.

A new group began working on Celtic canvas work in the afternoon. The instructor is Mary Lou Wilson. As you can see by the photos this project requires a great deal of concentration. For those members not in this group time can be used finishing UFOs or taking a turn doing a few rows of huck weaving on a throw that will be donated to charity.



Ann and Barbara concentrate on the newest crazy patch stitch

Below, members work on their Celtic canvas project.



## Needle Arts Fair Update March 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

To date we have nine confirmed vendors for our Fair. Unfortunately for us, some of last year's vendors have other commitments for this year, so we will need to look for others to fill the gap. Other vendors have said yes they are coming but as yet we haven't received their registration forms. We have several new vendors this year; they are mostly selling completed fibre arts products.

There are a couple of other activities that we are adding to the mix. One is Jean Clair's friend, who will be bringing her collection of antique sewing implements for display.

It was suggested that we might want to set up a table of our own work that is for sale. I'm sure we all have beautiful work we enjoyed doing but somehow it is never going to be displayed in our homes because the décor just doesn't work. Think about selling it. You know you will never get its value back in the selling price but wouldn't it be better to have it displayed somewhere besides the pile in your studio of items that will never see the light of day. Think about it and let me know if you have items you would be interested in selling. You even have time to make things for sale.

Another suggestion was a HELP Desk for embroiderers who need a bit of assistance with a project they are working on. As a "teaching guild" we have the expertise to share with others.

Tricia has agreed to work on the advertising committee but will need some help. Please set up to the plate and offer your assistance. Remember this is the Guild's major fund raising activity and there are lots of little things that need doing before the day of the event.

As always I look forward to hearing from you with suggestions of vendors and other ideas.

*Theresa*

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**Cataraqui Guild of Needle Arts  
Spring 2014 Programme**

April 7		<b>One-day seminar Swedish Weaving - Christine Allen</b>
April 21	AM	Learn a stitch: butterfly motif with fern stitch - Sally Fink <b>Theme truck show - Goldwork</b>
	PM	Celtic canvas work - Mary Lou Wilson UFO group - Diane Dukoff/Sally Fink
May 5	AM	Learn[-a-stitch: Embellishment using jewelry, buttons beds, etc. - Beth Abbot <b>Show and Share</b>
	PM	Celtic canvas work - Mary Lou Wilson UF) group - Diane Dukoff/Sally Fink
June 2	AM	Learn-a-stitch: Where to go next - Mary Lou Wilson <b>Show and Share</b>
	PM	Celtic canvas work - Mary Lou Wilson UFO group - Diane Dukoff/Sally Fink
June 16	AM	Annual General Meeting Potluck lunch
	PM	stash sale

**STUDIO STASH SALE!**

June 16, 2014

free tables

limited to sewing items

See Sally Fink or Penny Arnott to arrange for a table.

## **COMING EVENTS & CHALLENGES**

**April 4-5, 2014**

**Fibre Fling 3 – Textile art show and sale**

**Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Drive, Ottawa, Ontario**

Out-of-the-Box Fibre Artists and the Kitchissippi United Church invite you to a show and sale of fibre and mixed media art on Friday and Saturday in the church hall. This is a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Hours: Friday 10 am-8 pm and Saturday 10 am-5 p.m. Admission is \$5. High Tea will be available on Saturday 12-5pm for an additional \$10. Light refreshments available throughout the show. For more information contact Rita Rottman ([ritarottman@sympatico.ca](mailto:ritarottman@sympatico.ca)), or visit [www.out-of-the-box.org](http://www.out-of-the-box.org)

### **FOR DOWNTON ABBY FANS -**

Costumes from the Downton Abby blockbuster will be on display at the Spadina Museum in Toronto until April 13.

### **WELLINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES PRESENTS -**

Enjoy the colour beauty and design of quilts of award winning Renske Helmuth of Mapleton Township until June 1st. Renske designs a visual landscape of memories, travels and rural settings that reflect a wide range of experiences and stunning technical skills. For more information contact Amy Dunlop [amyd@wellington.ca](mailto:amyd@wellington.ca)

### **DESIGNER WANTED -**

Chalmer Church on Barrie Street has asked if anyone is interested in submitting a design for a fairly large piece of textile art which would be placed at the front of the church. If you are interested please get in touch with Ruth Tracy.

### **CALL FOR ARTISTS -**

The Embroiderers' Guild of America is seeking work for an international exhibition of contemporary embroidery that features color as its main theme. All entries are to be submitted on CD in .JPG format with resolution of 300 dpi. Entries are due by mail April 15, 2014. All works should have been completed since 2010. e-mail enquiries to [eskay-dubu@gmail.com](mailto:eskay-dubu@gmail.com) or phone 505-265-0683

### **THIS CHALLENGE COULD BE FUN - OSGOOD MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL -**

For three days every July the quiet village of Osgoode, Ontario magically transforms into "The Kingdom of Osgoode" a medieval village complete with knights on horseback, swords and amour, a market and wandering minstrels. The kindly and generous leaders of this magic place have decreed that a banner competition be conducted to find the most creative and talented textile artists from all the lands. Prizes will be awarded. Banners must be delivered by July 2. See Elizabeth Vandenberg for contest rules.

### **NEW FROM EAC**

EAC is offering two, on-line, free embroidery courses - Crazy quilting without the patches and Wessex style embroidery. For more information [www.eac.ca](http://www.eac.ca)

# WINTER IN REVIEW

