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ThreadLines DEADLINE SCHEDULE

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 October/November (Sept 26 2009)
 December/January (Nov 26 2009)
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 April/May (Mar 27 2010)
 June/July (May 29 2010)

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Amy Morgenthaler
 Show Me Stitches – Newsletter Editor

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Shop News

The Quilted Fox

All of us here at The Quilted Fox hope you are enjoying your summer. Do take a little time out to visit us. We're always nice and cool and there is a lot to see.

The new 1st and 3rd Saturday groups are starting in August. If you come each month, you'll end up with an almost free quilt! Call us for all the details and then register to join the fun. The theme this year will be Asian Attitudes.

Hand sewing is relaxing and portable. You can take your project on vacation or stitch while relaxing under the trees at the park. We have a number of choices for hand sewing classes. There is a new session of the beginning hand piecing class starting on June 25. We also now have an intermediate hand piecing class as well as several hand appliqué classes. Or you can bring your own projects and join our Sit and Sew group on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:00.

Wouldn't it be fun to be a kid again and enjoy those great sleep overs with your friends? Well, you can! Come to a quilt retreat. It's like a slumber party with sewing machines. The next one is at Pere Marquette on November 2-4, 2009. Don't you think it's time to treat yourself with your own personal vacation?

Would you like to pass your love of sewing on to the next generation? We are offering a quillow class on July 20 for teens and tweens. A quillow is quilt that folds up into a pillow. These are very popular with the kids for relaxing in front of the TV or taking to a sleep over. Call us for details!

Join the Quilted Fox yahoo group to receive the latest news about activities, classes, events, sales and more! Go to yahoo groups to join, or you can just send us your email address (email us at info@quiltedfox.com) and we'll sign you up for the group.

As always, check the web page at www.quiltedfox.com for the latest news. You can always find our class list and our entire newsletter on the webpage. Even with the interstate closed, we are still easy to get to off of Clayton Rd. Come see us at 10403 Clayton Rd. in La Chateau Village or call 314-993-1181 with questions. And don't forget that we are now open every Sunday afternoon from 12:00 – 4:00 pm.



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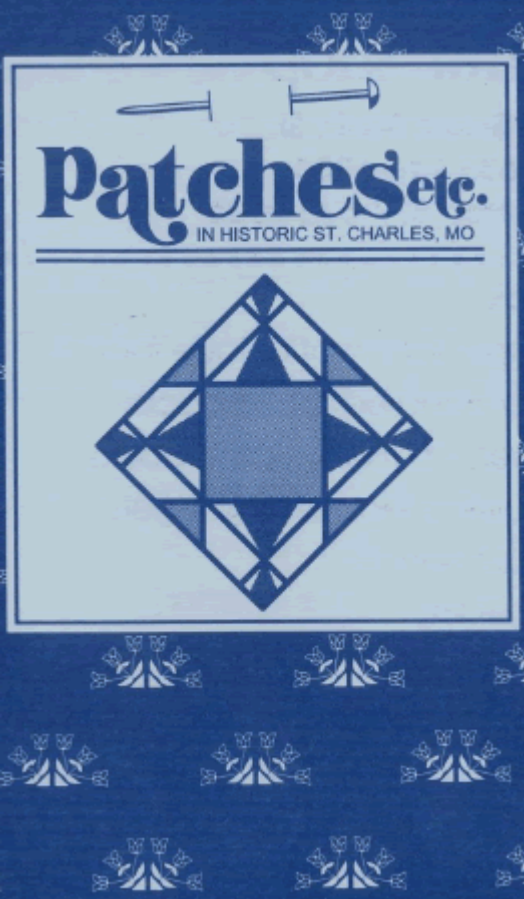
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Minutes of Show-Me Stitchers Board Meeting

June 2, 2009

The meeting was held in the home of Susan Meyland-Smith who brought the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Those in attendance were Susan Meyland-Smith, Janet Garvin, Amy Morgenthaler, Thelma Marchbanks, Carol Rouw, Helen O'Mara, Sharon King and Pat Giarraffa and Janice Wones

President Susan Meyland-Smith presented the slate of nominated officers for 2009-2010 They are President – Janet Garvin, 1st Vice President (Hospitality) – Christie Walkup, Secretary – Ann Jones. She stated that Stitch n' Pitch will be held September 14, 2009.

1st VP (Hospitality) Janice reported that 25 people signed up for the Potluck meeting. We will have a silent auction with 8-10 items.

2nd VP (Programs) Helen reported that the program for the Potluck will be Portrait Quilts by Aaron, a 45 min. talk with demonstrations and hand outs. The cost will be \$75.00
Also that evening we will be doing program surveys.

Treasurer report: We have a balance of \$3,046.73 which includes payment for dues to National and Regional.

Membership chair Carol reported that we have 40 members. An updated roster will be handed out at the August Tea and September general meeting.

Newsletter Janet reported a deadline of July 26 for Threadlines.

Community Outreach Amy reported that Threads of Healing Emergency Outreach does not need our threads or canvas but could use money for postage, so we are sending \$50.00 for postage,

The August Tea will be held at the home of Amy Morgenthaler August 9th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

A Fall Region Workshop will be held October 23 -25 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

A discussion was held meriting having only one General meeting per month, that being in the evening. This will be brought up at the Potluck meeting where we will ask for a motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Pat Giarraffa

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August Birthdays

Helen O'Mara - August 3
Christie Walkup - August 11

September Birthdays

Georgia Roussin - September 10
Thelma Marchbanks - September 27

Upcoming EGA events

2009 National Seminar: Bridges to Stitching

The 2009 National Seminar will be held in Pittsburgh, PA October 3 – 9. An online registration form can be obtained from the EGA website.

Oct **Moline, IL**

3 *Mississippi River Valley Chapter Show*

Works from the Mississippi River Valley Chapter EGA will be on display at the Moline Public Library, 3130 41st St, Moline, IL. For more information please contact Cindy Valentine at cjval52@yahoo.com

Oct **Lincoln, NE**

10-11 *Artistry in Needlework 2009 – Nature*

This event is sponsored by the Lincoln Needleworker's Guild and will be held at the Gallery at the Seasons, Eastmont Towers, 6315 "O" St. For more information please contact Jane Harper at jharper@navix.net

Oct **Munster, IN**

17 *Web in an Autumn Garden*

Sponsored by Needle Artisans of Northwest Indiana

2009 Indiana State Day at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Munster. Stitch a specially designed hardanger project. Contact Sue Hanson or Mel McCormick; instateday2009@gmail.com

Oct **Fargo, ND**

21 - *EGA National Tapestry: America the Beautiful*

Jan 4 The Plains Art Museum, 704 First Avenue North, Fargo, ND 58102

For more information contact the museum at museum@plainsart.org

Oct **Rock Hill, SC**

23-25 *Carolinas Region Fall Retreat*

Hilton Garden Inn, Rock Hill, SC

One-day and half day classes, and studio time on Saturday; region meeting on Sunday. Sponsored by the Carolinas Region, EGA. Contact Karla Gee at Minervaswears@aol.com or <http://egacarolinas.org>

Oct **Madison, WI**

25-26 *30 Years of Stitching*

Sponsored by Madison Area EGA. A celebration of 30 years as a chapter. Members will bring back their favorite pieces in addition to displaying newly stitched items. The goal is to highlight a piece of embroidery from each year of our chapter's history. Stitching demonstrations, a drawing of items donated by local shops and stitchers and a boutique featuring hand-stitched items for sale. Admission is free. 110 N. Gammon Rd, Madison, Wisconsin. Contact Claire DeChristina at bomporto@tds.net

Oct **Houston, TX**

25-29 *Houston Embroiderers' Guild Exhibit*

Exhibit opening Oct 25 with a lecture from Tanja Berlin and an afternoon reception. Tanja will lead two workshops Oct 26-29. The event is located at Houston Baptist University.

Contact Marian Hoffman, marianhoffman@hotmail.com

Nov **Carmel, IN**

2-5 *Thread Magic*

With instructor Ellen Anne Eddy, in Carmel, Indiana. Registration deadline is September 15, 2009.

decided the most efficient way to get the cards to members who really want it was to go the SASE route.

I'm not sure what the limitations on the card will be until we receive them. It is my understanding that it is a stand alone discount card which can be used over and over, and your EGA card/member number will not be required.

The cards will not be delivered to us until August/September some time, but Logan is collecting the envelopes now.

Regarding EGA Headquarters status:

For almost four months now, we have had problems with our air conditioning system in the building. The landlord has provided fans for our staff offices and has indicated that a total overhaul to the system is needed. Although the fans help, it is by no means comfortable to work in the office right now. Our staff has been most patient, but the summer is only beginning.

In addition, we have had water leaking in three different areas. Volunteers and staff worked quickly to secure everything in the area while maintenance worked on the leak. No embroideries have been harmed. The collection and library are safe and we are being diligent in efforts to keep it that way. Yes, it does feel like we're right back where we started three years ago at the Brown. It's very frustrating to say the least.

Three board members including Gwen Nelson, Sydney Mace and myself worked in the basement two weeks ago to rescue files and merchandise. Next week, we will be in Louisville again to work with a professional group of "Handy Man" types to help us clean out the basement and move everything possible up to the classroom for storage where we pray it will be high and dry.

The landlord has expressed an interest in our leaving the building in the fall although we have a lease until June 2013. I have an appointment with him next week to discuss our options. Two board members will also be present. A committee of four has begun looking at properties in the Louisville area. Clearly, we can make no decisions until we come to an agreement with the landlord. I do not expect a definitive resolution until August some time. Our situation and issues are changing week to week.

If we are able to move, we are looking for a smaller space to reduce our operating expenses as required by our budget. Staff and board members did an analysis of what space we actually need and it was decided that we could efficiently function in about 5,500 sq. ft. The space has been wonderful but reality and the economy dictate downsizing for now to secure the future of our organization.

We will need your patience while we work through this interesting period, but please contact me anytime if you have a problem. My intention is not to keep information from the membership, but to be sure I'm giving you good information. Like I said, this seems to be changing day by day. This letter is what I know is happening today, July 10, 2009. Tomorrow is another day and I have no doubt will present new challenges. The ultimate goal is provide the best educational services to our membership while being good stewards of the funds entrusted to us.

Carol Dam

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Stash Alert!

This is a new section of the newsletter focusing on those items and gadgets that needle workers simply adore. If you have an item or know of one that is helpful – please alert the editor to include in (her stash) the newsletter. This month it's:

Tack Pusher: This handy device fits in the palm of your hand and helps you to push in tacks when you're stretching your piece onto a set of stretcher bars.

Treasure Wash: This is a mild detergent you can use to gently wash your needlework. Of course, if you have hand dyed threads, you will not want to use a detergent at all, but for everyday embroidery – this works great. Available in most of our embroidery stores.

Royal School of Needlework

Have any of you dreamed of attending classes at the Royal School of Needlework in Hampton Court London? Well the Royal School is coming to America!!!!!! Yes, it's true, the Royal School is offering classes in San Francisco October 3 – 11. For more information please visit their website [http://www.royal-needlework.co.uk/San Francisco Classes.html](http://www.royal-needlework.co.uk/San_Francisco_Classes.html)

Callaway School of Needlearts

The Callaway School of Needlearts is a unique stitching workshop retreat that takes place annually in Pine Mountain, Georgia. This year, Callaway takes place on January 10 – 24 and is offering 26 national teachers and more classes than you can count! If interested in attending please visit their website: <http://www.callawaygardens.com/callaway/info/thin gs.needlearts.registration.aspx>

Message from the EGA President

Dear Members,

I know you all have questions regarding headquarters personnel restructuring, JoAnn's discount card, and headquarters status, and I will do my best to answer. Some things are changing daily and I was hoping to have firm information before I responded, but I can see now that an explanation is needed sooner.

Restructuring of personnel at headquarters:

For some time we have been discussing the size of our staff versus our budget concerns. The personnel committee decided to restructure the staff to eliminate the executive director position and replace it with an administrator to reduce our total salary expenditures.

One of the primary functions of the executive director was in the marketing area. We appreciated Anita Streeter's energy and enthusiasm in these areas, and she brought many new ideas to EGA as I'm sure she will continue to do in her next position. Lea Peacock, the incoming director of marketing, a volunteer position on the executive committee, will absorb the marketing functions. Even though Lea is not yet installed as an officer, she is already contributing as a member of the marketing committee, and is brainstorming ideas with the development committee chair and others. She is definitely ready to hit the ground running.

Since we announced that we would be hiring an administrator, the staff has come forward asking if they might take on some of those administrative duties so that we could get our staff down to four. The personnel committee has decided to give this idea a six month trial period, evaluating the situation month by month so that no staff member feels overburdened. At the end of the trial period, job descriptions and salaries will be reviewed and adjusted. This plan will take all of us pulling together. If it works, it will be a significant saving in the long run.

Regarding the JoAnn's discount card:

The discount card is available to all members and can be obtained by sending a self address stamped envelope (SASE) to EGA headquarters, attn: Logan, 426 West Jefferson St, Louisville KY, 40202. Each member should send in their own SASE. Early on in the discussions, we tried to find the most economic way to get the cards to interested members. The cost to send bulk mail to the chapters is not in our budget and as we all know, we must be frugal. In the end, it was

Extra! Extra! Read all about our programs for the year!

Sept 8

Apron Collection

June Pickett is bringing a wonderful collection of vintage aprons to share. Come and learn about the beautiful embroidery and designs incorporated in vintage aprons.

Please bring an apron to show and share.

Oct 13 & Nov 10

Le Pere Noel

(a Jill McGrath design)

Teacher: Florence Bell

Deposit due Sept 1

December

Holiday luncheon

January 12

Embroidery: The Legacy of Needlearts & Friendship Samplers

Embroidery: The Legacy of Needlearts is a video we will share during our meeting. In addition, please bring your friendship sampler and if you haven't started one – this is the time to do it!

Bring a friend too!

February 9

Laying Tools & UFO challenge part 2

Yvonne Simmons will share her laying tools.

March 9

Egg box for Easter

Teacher: Janice Wones

April 13

Embroidery on Quilts

National Teacher: Karel Owens

May 11

Field trip to the Missouri Historical Society

June 8

Annual potluck dinner

July

Informal stitch-in

August

Annual Tea

Jo-Ann's Discount Card

Would you like a Jo-Ann's Discount Card? Discount cards are available to all EGA members. EGA Headquarters is not certain of the discount amount with the card, but it's easy to obtain one! All you need to do is send a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to headquarters. Cards will be received at Headquarters in the September timeframe and will be mailed out to members shortly after receipt. Headquarters address is:

EGA National Headquarters
426 West Jefferson St.
Louisville, KY 40202
Attn: Logan

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a member that should receive a card (get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc.) from Show Me Stitchers, please let Sharon King know by calling her.



ThreadLines



SHOW-ME STITCHERS CHAPTER - HEARTLAND REGION - EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA, INC.
St. Louis, Missouri

August/September 2009

President's Message

First of all, I want to thank you all for electing me. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the chapter for the last 5 years and it is an honor.

I am looking forward to working with the board including our new members, Ann Jones and Christy Walkup. Amy Morgenthaler is taking over the newsletter and Susan Meyland-Smith is going to lead our Education and Outreach Committees. We still need a Parliamentarian and a Historian. If you are interested in either (or both) positions, please call me.

I want to thank Christy and Amy for arranging the August tea and a special thanks to Amy for having us in her home. It will be wonderful to see everyone after the summer and to catch up on what happened to everyone over the summer. We will also get a preview of the wonderful programs Helen O'Mara and the program committee has planned for this coming year

One of my summer adventures was attending one day of the Regional Seminar for the Pacific Southwestern Region in Tempe Arizona. My mother-in-law lives in Sun City West so we planned a visit there when they were holding their seminar. I, of course, got lost finding the hotel but felt very welcomed when I arrived. I have found that Stitchers everywhere are a great group of people and fun to be around. I took two classes, one where we decorated a gourd with beads and the other where we made a frame weight. Their goal was to have small easy projects, which everyone could finish quickly. I am almost finished with the frame weight needlework and will share it with you all soon. I think the beading project will take a while longer.

Again, I am looking forward to the new stitching year. Take Care and I will see you all soon.

Janet

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 8, 2009, General Meeting

Sept 14, 2009, Stitch 'n' Pitch Game at Busch Stadium

October 23-25, 2009, Fall Region Workshop, La Crosse, Wisconsin

October 13, 2009, General Meeting

November 10, 2009, General Meeting

December 5, 2009, Holiday Luncheon

January 12, 2010, General Meeting

February 9, 2010, General Meeting

March 9, 2010, General Meeting

April 13, 2010, General Meeting

May 11, 2010, General Meeting

June 8, 2010, General Meeting