

STITCH IN TIME

Green Bay Area Chapter
of the Embroiderers' Guild of America
Stitching together for 45 years



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From the President

Gratitude.....

First, thank you to Birgit Ruotsala and Kay Olson for the spectacular holiday gathering that we had in December of 2023. What a good idea to have everyone bring a savory dish to share. The food was amazing, we really need to publish a cookbook! I also really enjoyed the service project that we did, making the heart baskets for Woodside Nursing Home. It was a nice way to have fun and do something worthwhile.

I want to say that I am grateful for having:

- * A loving and supportive family
- * Great friends with like interests
- * Relative health
- * The courage to try new things and techniques (after grumbling, I really enjoyed the blackwork project) even at this old age!
- * Having access to supplies for embroidery, including beads!
- * New books in the GBAEGA library
- * Special Interest Groups to expand personal learning
- * Stitch In Public Day in February
- * The many special events our guild has coming up in 2024 including lecture and class with Celeste Chalasani; our biennial Stitches and Stems show; Dawn Donnelly lecture at our September meeting; and Wisconsin State Day featuring Dawn Donnelly.
- * Guild members who volunteer to coordinate events and/or serve in rolls that make our group successful.
- * Most of all, for having such an amazing and energizing group like you to stitch and share stories with.

.....and Promises

As I sit here and ponder the upcoming new year, I know that there are resolutions I will not keep e.g. eating right, exercising more, losing weight, blah, blah, blah. However, there is one I plan to work hard to keep and that is to STITCH MORE with friends!

What are you grateful for? Have you made your New Year's Resolution yet?

Karen Matze GBAEGA President, 3470 Fagerville Way, Green Bay, WI 54311



national Stitch in public day

february 3rd from 10:00 - 2:00



GREEN BAY
AREA CHAPTER

February 3 is EGA National's Stitch in Public Day!

This year EGA's National Stitch in Public is on Saturday, February 3.

At our November Stitch-In at the Weyers Hilliard Library in Howard, a number of members requested that we "do something" on this date and also, "why not use the libraries?"

We have contacted three libraries this year.

- ◇ Lindi contacted the East Side Library Branch
- ◇ Sheila has us set up at the Weyers-Hilliard in Howard,
- ◇ Birgit arranged for us to be at the Kress Family Brach in De Pere

We are scheduled to stitch by their firesides between 10 AM to 2 PM on February 3. 3 to 4 people is all we need at each location, but more are welcome. Come to one of the libraries and make it a party!

For lunch, bring a brown bag lunch or we can order out.

We will have some of our guild brochures and Stitches and Stems Show materials

available to hand out. We will have signs made up for each location to let people know what is going on.

At our January meeting (via Zoom), we will take a poll to see how many people might be interested, and which location they will want to go to so we can be prepared.

GBA-EGA Endowment Fund

Aluminum Can Collection Continues



I am collecting aluminum cans to cash in to support the Endowment Fund. I am happy to take them off your hands! Please bring them to any chapter meeting or contact me.

Thanks for your support of the Endowment Fund.

Joy

Joy Zeman, extraes@gmail.com 920-428-1312



Sunshine Cookies:

1 pkg lemon cake mix
1 egg slightly beaten
1/3 cup of oil
2 T. water
1/3 cup pecans
Lemon zest

Mix together thoroughly. Drop by teaspoon sized balls on a cookie sheet 2" apart. Bake 13 minutes @ 350. Glaze while warm and allow to cool.

Rita Dufour brought these cookies to our Stitch-In in November and they were delicious. She was kind enough to share the recipe.

Glaze:

Lemon zest
2 T fresh lemon juice



2024 Educational Project

Ambroisa Honey will be the 2024 education project. We are excited to have the designer of the project as our leader and know we will learn a lot from her.

We will start in April. You have until January 31, 2024 to sign up.

In February we will start looking for the materials and determine what will be included in the project and what the kit cost will be.

Contact Tracy if you have any questions and to sign up.

tracyreeb@gmail.com - 920-865-7419





At our December potluck, we ate a lot, shared a lot of laughs, shared some holiday traditions and worked on a community outreach project. Here are a few pictures as we worked on our service project. We all had the chance to learn how to make Swedish Heart baskets out of colorful holiday papers. Some of us were pros ~ and some of us, well lets say we are better stitchers than heart weavers!

The result was a total of 90 baskets filled with treats for the residents of Woodside Senior Community. Thanks to all who brought candy and sugar free candy to fill the baskets. Our efforts were enjoyed by a lot of people.



NEWS ABOUT OUR SIG SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- * Modern Surface Embroidery
- * Hardanger
- * Finishing Projects - Spring Splendor
- * Cross Stitch

Modern Surface Embroidery

At January 3 open stitch, we decided that our Contemporary/Modern Embroidery Group will meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 to noon-ish (or whenever you can make it) at the Festival Foods location at 2430 University Ave. The first meeting will be on January 16. The agenda will be show and tell; Q & A on projects/topics we are working on (other than the featured project); and the featured project, which for the next few sessions will be the Celeste Chalasani Crafts class on Stumpwork. Tracy Reeb will send out a materials list to those that are interested in participating. Future topics and demonstrations will be selected as the group moves along. Any questions, call Tracy (920-865-7419)



Hardanger

Gail Wenninger has selected some wonderful small projects that she will teach. (These can be used as ornaments.) Gail would like to start meeting in January. Anyone interested is asked to contact Gail so a day and time can be set.. For the first meeting, you will need to bring 22 ct hardanger fabric or 25ct even weave linen . Perle cotton to fit your fabric. Patterns will be provided. If you need to shop for supplies, the Stitching Bee will know what will work. Any questions call Gail (920-499-1659)

Finishing Projects - Spring Splendor

Dates for this group are being worked out. If you are interested, please contact Bev French (920-660-8679)

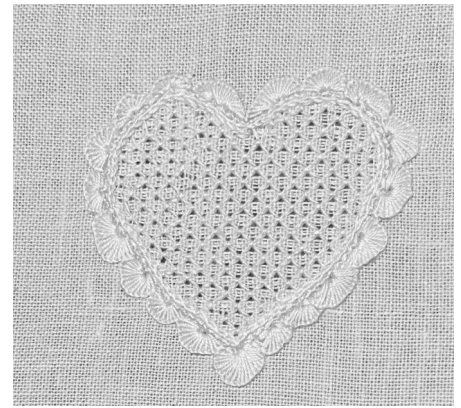
Cross Stitch

Joy Zeman would like to extend an invitation to those interested in a Special Interest Group for counted cross stitch. To start, it would be helpful for those interested to contact her via email, text or phone. Her email is extraes@gmail.com, and her phone number is 920-428-1312. She plans to be at the January 18 open stitch, and this would be a good opportunity for those interested to start discussing how to organize this group. She is looking forward to hearing from anyone interested!

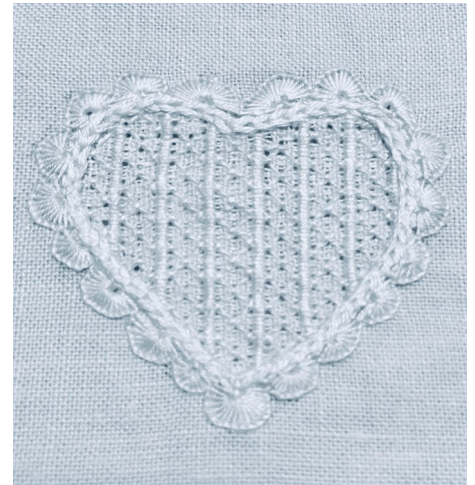
Schwalm Whitework

I have recently discovered Luzine Happel (<https://www.luzine-happel.de/?lang=en>) on the internet and thought you might all be interested

in her as well. She has written several books on **Schwalm Whitework**, offers progressive lessons for sale to learn **Schwalm** techniques with kits to order as well, and has a blog and fascinating website. Her website can be in English if you choose it; otherwise it is in German.



I had heard about Schwalm Whitework but didn't know what it was, so when I stumbled on her website I decided to order the first lesson. I did and now I am hooked. Her lessons are very precise, the English was easy to read and understand and was actually better than many directions I have read given by English speakers.



The first lesson was a heart (photo attached) and the second lesson, which I have just ordered, is a wreath made of tulips. Schwalm is all about filling patterns and her introduction shows a picture of a sampler she has made with 321 different filling patterns. The sampler takes up an entire wall. I encourage you to check out her website. I have found her delightful to deal with and I am enjoying learning a new technique.

Vicki Ticha

Two Times Each Month for Open Stitch Come Sit A Spell and Stitch with Us

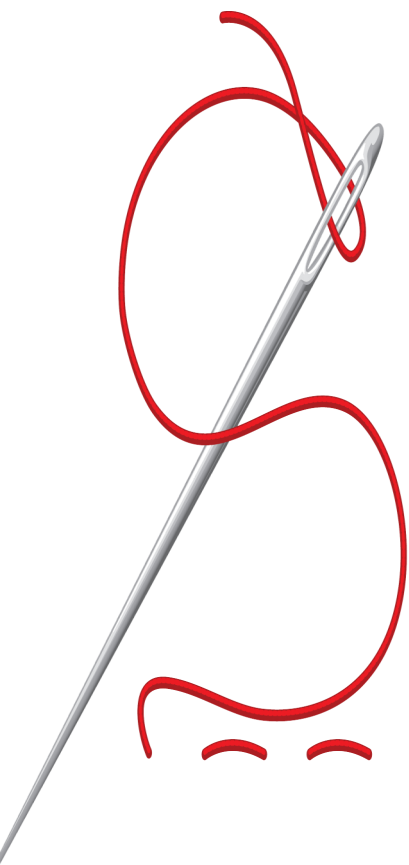
Bring your current embroidery and enjoy some much-needed stitching time. It's free and fun.

The **first Wednesday** of the month at:

Ashwaubenon Community Center
900 Anderson Drive from 9 am - noon.

The **first Thursday** of the month at:

St. John's church in Ashwaubenon
2700 Babcock Rd from 9 am - noon.



GBAEGA Monthly Program Calendar

GBAEGA meets on the fourth Thursday of the Month at 6:30 PM (unless otherwise noted) in the Ziemer Building at the First Methodist Church, 501 Howe St. (enter parking lot from Monroe St.) from August through May. *November meeting is third Thursday.

2024

January 25 - **Zoom** - 6:30 Part 1 - EGA Clasp Coin Purse, Rita, Yvonne & Kay

February is National Embroidery Month.

February 3 is Stitch In Public Day - please see article and come stitch at one of the libraries from 10 to 2.

February 22 - **Zoom** - 6:30 Short meeting

7:00 - Guest Speaker - Celeste Chalasani - "Stumpwork: Then and Now"

March 14 - (**Note Meeting Date change**) **Pre-Show Meeting**

⇒ 6:30 Stitches and Stems 2024 Show discussion, volunteer sign-ups. Bring in items for Boutique and Silent Auction

⇒ Introduction and vote on the Summer Program

⇒ **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025.**

March 21 - 2024 Stitches and Stems Show set-up 9-4

March 21 - 2024 Stitches and Stems Show Meet the Artists 5-7 PM

March 22 - 2024 Stitches and Stems Show - 9 - 5

March 23 - 2024 Stitches and Stems Show - 9 - 4, Show take down 4 - 5

April 2 and April 16 - **Zoom Class:** *Stumpwork Coneflower* with Celeste Chalasani (Time TBD)

April 25 - 6:30 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** Part 2 - EGA Clasp Coin Purse, Rita, Yvonne & Kay

May 23 - 6:30 **INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

⇒ Potluck

⇒ Group Rummage Sale

⇒ UFO Reveal

June 27 - 6:30 Summer Stitch

July 25 - 6:30 Summer Stitch

August 22 - 6:30 - Trunk Show with Linda B

Sept. 26 - 6:30 - Lecture with Dawn Donnelly

September 27 & 28 - Wisconsin State Day in Green Bay with Dawn Donnelly

October 24 - 6:30 - Part 1: Overdyed Spools -with Bev F. and Lindi K.

November 21* - 6:30 - Part 2: Overdyed Spools with Bev F. and Lindi K.

Dec. - T.B.D. Holiday Party

Items highlighted in **BLUE** are business meeting items required by the GBAEGA by-laws.

*****GBAEGA Board Meetings** are generally held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom until further notice (second Monday in November). If you would like to attend a board meeting, please let Tracy Reeb know (tracyreeb@gmail.com or 920-865-7419) and she will see that you get a Zoom invitation.

Wisconsin State Days

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Guild of America



Dawn Donnelly

Snow Drifted Pathways

Canvas work and handmade paper

Level - Intermediate

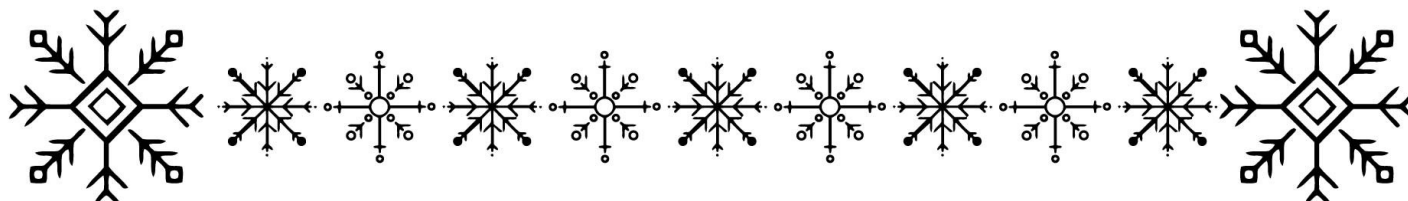
Sept. 27 - 28, 2024 (Fri-Sat)

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Inspired by the snowdrifts in Michigan, Snow Drifted Pathways takes the student into a winter wonderland. The focal point is a snowy path cut from handmade paper and is attached to the canvas using butterfly chain stitch. Each student's storm will reflect some of their own perspective since they will be creating their own exploding snowballs, snow logs and a cyclone from wet handmade paper.

Additional snow paths and textures are created using Rhodes stitches, fake bullions, buttonhole rings, herringbone, cross stitches, ribbed spider, couching, palace pattern and fan vaulting.

Special Techniques include design and layout of their storm, introduction into handmade paper,



creating buttonhole rings, working with wet paper to create rolls and swirl, creating a fake bullion, couching, and attaching paper objects.

Place of seminar: Grace Lutheran Church, 321 Madison St, Green Bay WI 54301

Costs:

Registration fee - \$75.

Kit cost - \$95.

Lunch on own.

Kit includes: 14 count mono canvas which is 14" x 12", DMC Floss, DMC Pearl Cotton #5, DMC Pearl Cotton #8, Finca Pearl Cotton #3, Silk N Ivory, Impressions, Vineyard Silk, Handmade Paper, Needles.

The student should bring the following: Usual stitching supplies, stretcher bars 14" x 12" and tacks – (no scroll frame), paper scissors, magnifier and light if needed.

Design size is 10" x 8" on 14 Count Mono Canvas.



EGA Clasp Purse Information

Your kit contains:

Essex Linen /Cotton Blend fabric 9 1/2" x 15"
 Light interface 6 1/2" x 15"
 Purse Clasp 3 1/2" wide 2 1/2" high

Supplies you need to provide
 Coordinating lining fabric
 Embroidery threads
 Regular stitching tools/supplies
 Beads (optional)

YouTube Videos to watch:

- Emily Guerra: Drawing 2 patterns for a clasp purse/coin pouch
- K. Komeda: How to draw a pattern for a frame clasp

Decide on shape and size of purse you want to make. Kay's pattern is large enough for an eyeglass case. Yvonne and Rita's patterns are coin purse size.

See the attached PDF pattern that was attached to your newsletter email.

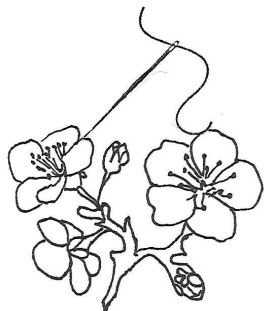


It's Not Too Late to be Part of the Denim Challenge !

1. Pick a brown bag.
2. Must use 2 of the 3 novelty threads provided.
3. Must use the ribbon provided.
4. Pick a button and bead bag; use a minimum of 3
5. If you want bobbles, look the selection over and pick a maximum of 3 items. If you need more later, please let us know.
6. You can use any pattern, or your own design.
7. Provide your own denim that can be either worn or accessorized. If you don't have something denim, you can go to any thrift store.
8. Must be done by March 14 so it can be shown or worn at the Stitches & Stems show.
9. Those who have completed the project by March 14 will get a gift certificate at the next meeting in April (this is not a competition with prizes).
10. Project cost is \$3.

For more information and to purchase your brown bag full of goodies, contact Beverly French.

Beverly French at: FrenchBeverlyA@gmail.com or call 920-336-5243



Stitches and Stems

Entry Registration for your pieces - Entries will be registered online this year. It's a simple form to fill out for each entry you will be displaying in the show. The link is <https://www.greenbayareaega.org/registration.html>

The deadline to register your entries is Friday, Feb. 23, 2024.

Show Committees and Chairs include:

- **Silent Auction** – Karen Matze (kstekma@gmail.com) and Lindi Kuritz (kuritz@aol.com)
- **Fabulous Finds** – Kay Olson (grandmakay929@gmail.com) and Yvonne Lied (vc Lied@gmail.com)
- **Community Stitch** – Birgit Ruotsala (birgitruotsala@gmail.com)
- **Publicity** – Shelley Berndt (4rsandans@gmail.com) and Rita Dufour (ritaldufour@hotmail.com)
- **Boutique** – Bev French (FrenchBeverlyA@gmail.com) and Gail Wenninger (gmwenninger@hotmail.com)
- **Raffle Baskets** – Joy Zeman (exraes@gmail.com) and Evelyn Molik (evelyn.molik@att.net)
- **Hanging and Set-up** – Linda Busalacchi (stitchlady63@gmail.com)
- **Reception Thursday night** – Tracy Reeb (tracyreeb@gmail.com)
- **Vendors** – Tracy Reeb (tracyreeb@gmail.com)
- **Take Down** – Tracy Reeb (tracyreeb@gmail.com)

Remember that this event is our major fund raiser for 2024 and 2025. We fund the guild's programs and operations through the monies raised during this show. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact show co-chairs:

Tracy Reeb (tracyreeb@gmail.com or 920-865-7419)

Lindi Kuritz (kuritz@aol.com or 920-217-1015)

Please pick up postcards and print bookmarks and hand out to your friends!!! This is our main source of publicity right now and we would love to have a lot of people come and view our work!

Message from Bev for the Boutique:

I am requesting that all Cats & Dogs needlework and leather bracelets be delivered to me no later than January 26, 2024. If you can, please finish the ornaments. The larger "Lets Bark" and "Let's Purr" must be framed before giving to me.

If you have a bracelet, be sure to get it to Lindi Kuritz before giving it to me on Jan 26. I have completed 3 of them. Very cool, if I do say so myself!

Any items given to her after that must be finished.

Thanks, Bev

(any questions please contact me at 920-660-8679)

Please, when you send me information to be included in the newsletter, send it by email to:

birgitruotsala@gmail.com.

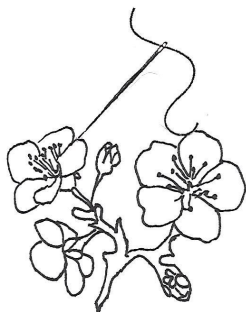
In the subject line write:

GBAEGA Newsletter.

This month I got text messages, Facebook posts, and emails without a subject line. I get hundreds of emails and to search through all of the subject lines, I am afraid of missing your important information. Thanks!

Birgit

Local, Great Lakes & EGA National Calendar of Events 2024



March 21 – 23, 2024 “Stitches and Stems”

Green Bay Area EGA & Fox Valley EGA
2024 Bi-annual Needlework Show.

Green Bay Botanical Gardens

Thurs– 5-7 pm reception

Fri 9 AM -5 PM

SSat 9 AM – 4 PM.

Fabulous Finds Rummage Sale, Silent
Auction, Boutique, Raffle Quilt and Bas-
kets, Vendors and more. Free Admission.



April 7-11, 2024 “Zen in the Glen” GLR Seminar sponsored by Waterfall Glen Chapter. Registration began November 5, 2023. Waterfall Glen Chapter is hosting the seminar 2024 at the Doubletree Hotel in Lisle, Illinois (just 40 minutes southwest of Chicago), from Sunday, April 7 through Thursday, April 11, 2024. Eight teachers are offering various needlework techniques in an educational and calming "Zen in the Glen" surrounding.

For seminar information go to: <https://www.ega-glr.org/Seminar24>.

For class descriptions go to: <https://www.ega-glr.org/docs/Zen-Glen-classes-Flyer.pdf>

April 19 - 20, 2024 Evergreen Quilt Show “Magical Mystical Quilting Show”.

Green Bay Community Church.

Fri – 10 AM to 5 PM, Sat - 9 AM to 3 PM



August 14-18, 2024, Preserving Needle Arts, Atlanta Georgia, 2024 EGA National Seminar

<https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2024/>

Other websites of interest

Royal School of Needlework - <https://www.rsnonlinecourses.com/?>

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San Francisco School of Needlework - <https://www.sfsnad.org/>

Mary Corbet’s Stitch Dictionary - <https://www.needlenthread.com/tips-techniques>

Sharon Boggan’s Pintangle Stitch Dictionary - <https://pintangle.com/stitch-dictionary/>

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Registration now Open

Zen in the Glen Seminar 2024 Update

Time is quickly approaching for the Waterfall Glen Chapter's Seminar in Lisle, Illinois:

"Zen in the Glen" — Sunday, April 7 through Thursday, April 11, 2024

The teacher's projects are on display on the GLR website. Color photographs may be viewed at <https://www.ega-glr.org/docs/Zen-Glen-classes-Flyer.pdf>

Classes will be available from the following eight teachers:

- Margaret Bendig: a half-day and two 2-day classes
- Catherine Theron: a half-day and a 4-day class
- Kathy Rees: a half-day and two 2-day classes
- Kim Sanders: a half-day and two 2-day classes
- Pat Olski: two 2-day classes
- Kathy Andrews: a 4-day class
- Terri Bay: two 2-day classes
- Celeste Chalasani: a 4-day class



Visit [ega-glr.org](https://www.ega-glr.org)
for all the details about both
the Fall Retreat and Semian-
nual Meeting and Zen in the
Glen,
the 2024 Seminar.

Registration is now open!

For brochure go to: <https://www.ega-glr.org/docs/Zen-2024-Broch.pdf> !!



Great Lakes Region Meeting

I attended the Nov. 4, 2023 meeting of the Great Lakes Region of EGA as your region representative. This was the first meeting I have been able to attend in person. Twenty six chapters were represented. Our region currently has 867 members. Registration for the seminar Zen in the Glen, April 7-11, 2024, is now open with information having been sent to the members. The region will be making new logo merchandise available to the membership, many more items will be available with customization possible. More info on this will be coming soon. The region will also be making Zoom access available to more chapters, this will make our cost lower. As we are aware, EGA is changing the way dues will be collected, with next year's dues collected electronically. Several things need to be clarified with the implementation of this process. More information will be published in the next Needle Arts magazine.

On a personal note, I want to pass on how much I enjoyed attending this retreat. This was the first event like this that I have attended. Everyone was so welcoming. It was fun seeing what everyone was working on. I was deciding whether to attend the seminar and attendance at this retreat made my decision for me. I'm looking forward to seeing some of my new friends in April!

Joy Zeman

Green Bay Area EGA

2023/2024 Officers & Committee Chairs

The Board of Directors of the Green Bay Embroiderers' Guild meets monthly, generally on the third Monday, except for July and December and consists of the following members.

Guild Officers—2 year terms

President: Karen Matze (June 2023 – May 2025) kstekma@gmail.com - 651-270-3196

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Treasurer: Yvonne Lied (June 2022 – May 2024) yclied@gmail.com 920-336-1617

Region Representative: Joy Zeman (June 2022-May 2024) - extraes@gmail.com 920-428-1312

Past President: Victoria Jicha (June 2023 – May 2025) vjicha2@gmail.com 920-309-1481

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Evelyn Molik (June 2022 – May 2025) evelyn.molik@att.net 920-737-2434

Jylian Porter Symkowski (June 2022 – May 2025) porterskids@gmail.com 920-833-0148

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& Lindi Kuritz – kuritz@aol.com 920-469-0151



“My goal 2024 is to accomplish the goals I set in 2023 which I should have done in 2022 because I made a promise in 2021 which was planned in 2020!

Have a great stitching year!”