

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 – March 2024

There is so much going on in our guild this spring!

First, the March meeting is being held earlier in the month than normal. Mark your calendars for March 14. We will be going over the remaining details for the 2024 Stitches & Stems Show. Second, beginning in April GBAEGA will meet at the Grace Lutheran Church, two blocks down from where we are now. Use the parking lot and entrance off Monroe St. Take the elevator or steps to the lower level, turn right and go around the corner.

April is also the month in which you can start renewing your annual GBAEGA membership. Your official renewal date will still be 5/31/2024, no matter when you renew. EGA National would like current members to wait until April 1 to begin the renewal process. If you belong to multiple chapters, you must pick your home chapter when you renew and then pay your local dues directly to your other chapter.

We are in the Home Stretch! Just a few short days until the 2024 Stitches & Stems Show at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. Our show has been successful because of YOU, the members. If you are on Facebook, share our posts with your friends. Bring any additional Fabulous Finds and Boutique Items that you might have to the March 14th meeting.

Sheila and Lindi are working on a Stitch-In for May. If you would like to help plan the arrangements, please contact Lindi (kuritz@aol.com) or Sheila (sheilarogers1@gmail.com)

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

Slate of Officers for 2024-25

At the April regular meeting we will be voting for officers for the upcoming year. The nominating committee is recommending the following Slate of Officers for your consideration:

For a two-year term beginning June 1, 2024:

Vice President – Programs – Birgit Ruotsala; **Treasurer** – Tracy Reeb; **Regional Representative** – Joy Zeman

For a three-year term beginning June 1, 2024 Endowment Fund – Joy Zeman

If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please let me know and we can add you as a write-in candidate. As a result of agreeing to run for another office, the position of **Annual Education Coordinator (AEC)**, held by Tracy and **Newsletter Editor**, held by Birgit are open for your consideration. There are job descriptions for both positions so if you are interested, please let me know. If you are interested in the AEC position, you only have to plan one major project per year. You could shadow Tracy for the rest of the current project and see how she runs things. If you are interested in the Newsletter, you need a word processing program to develop the newsletter on. Birgit would be happy to explain how she puts the newsletter together. ***Installation of Officers will be at our May meeting.***

National Stitch in Public Day

Thanks to all members and stitchers that made February 3, 2023 so much fun! Thanks to all the library branches and the staff at each.

We were lucky to stitch at these Brown County Library branches:

- * East Branch on Main Street ~ three members
- * Weyers-Hilliard Branch in Howard ~ 6 members
- * Kress Library in DePere ~ 4 (3 members and a guest)

Several people visiting the library asked questions about what we were doing and looked at and admired our work.

It was a great way to share information about our guild with a brochure about our guild. Plus we shared bookmarks and postcards inviting them to Stitches and Stems.

Mark your calendars for the Saturday February 1, 2025 and plan to join the fun.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



national **Stitch**
in public day

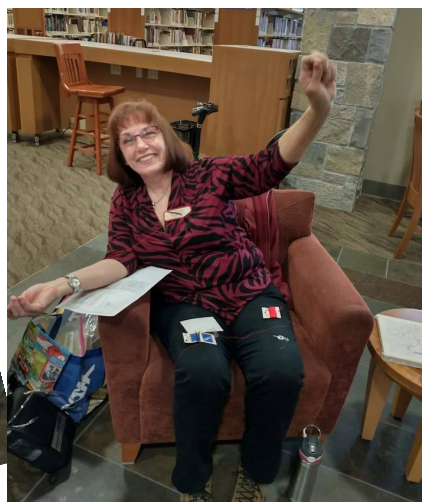
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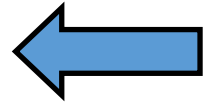
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EGA National's Stitch in Public Day Photo Shoot

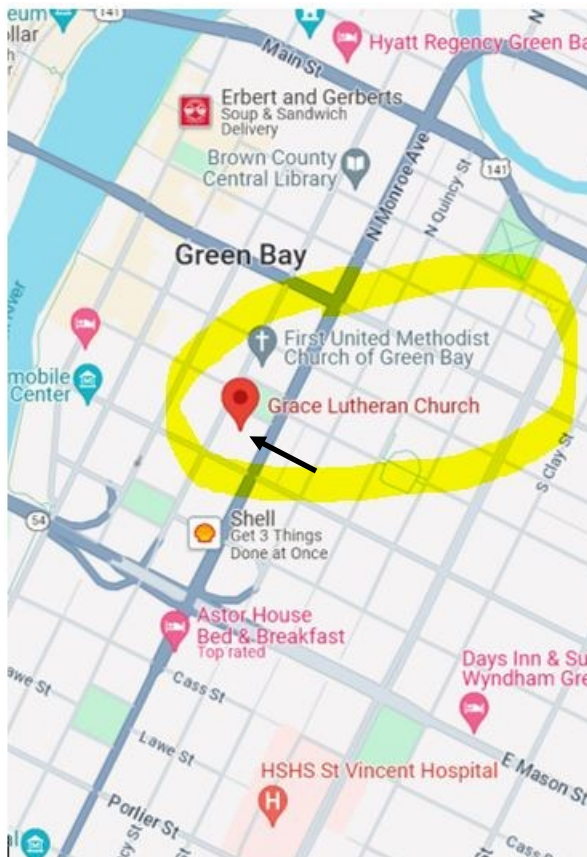
Lots of smiling stitchers!



For Your Information



- **March Meeting** has been changed to **March 14 @ 6:30 pm**. We have a lot of details to finalize for the Stitches & Stems show. Please bring any items you have for FABULOUS FINDS to this pre-show meeting. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.
- **April Meeting** will be our first meeting at our new location. Here is a map of where to find Grace Lutheran Church. It's just two blocks south of the Zeimer building - on the other side of the park. Park in the lot and find the door under the canopy. There is an elevator in the lobby - the stairs to the basement is to the left of the elevator. Once in the basement turn right and go down hall. Fellowship hall will be on the right. There will be greeters to help you. Grace's address is 321 S. Madison but you enter on the Monroe Street - parking lot.
- **Karen Domoracki's new email:**
karendomoracki@gmail.com



2024 Educational Project

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

We will use the education dollars to help pay for some of the materials. There will be a small kit fee as the materials we are putting in the kit are a little more than the education budget.

The kit consists of the base fabric, beads, specialty threads, printed instructions.

Each person will need to purchase the DMC threads in the colors they would like. The cost is \$8.00

You will receive an email in March with the supply list and the cost of the kit. We will start the project in April. Come at 5:00 prior to our April meeting. Bring a bag lunch if you'd like.

We have one more spot available for this project. Contact Tracy if you have any questions and to sign up. tracyreeb@gmail.com - 920-865-7419



Hi! Are you stumped about Stumpwork?

Celeste Chalasani educated all of us with her presentation, "Stumpwork: Then and Now". And now, I bet you are chomping at the bit to take her class in April. Chances are you already have most of the equipment you need. The one thing you will be supplied is the wire which is the magic in making your objects "stick out". Tracy has cornered the Green Bay market on wire, so we are all set.

PLEASE let me know if you are interested in taking this class in April. Call or text me — 920-432-4618 or email me — grandmakay929@gmail.com . If I don't answer my phone, please leave a voicemail. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the in person March meeting.

CLASS DATES are April 2 & 16 starting from 6:30 to 8:00 pm



List of items you will need:

- 8"X8" piece of Silk Shantung OR
background fabric of your choice
- 8"X8" cream colored cotton fabric for backing*
- 6"X6" light pink or cream colored cotton
fabric (2 pieces)*
- DMC 892, 976, 3346, 3347
- Beige felt - 3"X3"*
- 33 gauge wire - 3 pieces, 14 inches*
- Crewel (Embroidery) needles, sizes 8 & 10
inner needle, size 1
- Chenille needle, size 1
- Freezer paper - 3X3 *

*Do not go out and buy these items if you don't already have them.

Let me know what you need and I will be happy to have these available for you. Everyone will get the wire they need.

If you are making a different colored flower than the pinkish one Celeste will be doing, your 6"X 6" piece should be the color of your flower. You will also have to change the colors of DMC you are using. They need to be the color of the flower.

Thanks, *Kay Olson*

Any questions??? Contact Kay O 920-432-4618 or grandmakay929@gmail.com

NEWS ABOUT OUR SIG SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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



Modern Surface Embroidery

We met on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 to 12 at Festival Foods on University. There is a conference room upstairs of the deli. (There is an elevator between the Deli Department and the Meat Department.) Currently we are working on the Poppy Stumpwork piece shown here. We have one session left on this project and will decide at our march meeting what we will work on next. All are welcome.

Hardanger

Gail Wenninger has selected some wonderful small projects that she will teach. (These can be used as ornaments.) Anyone interested is asked to contact Gail so a day and time can be set. Right now, Gail is working with two people on individual projects. If you are interested in this project, please contact Gail. If you would like to work with Gail and make the project to the right, 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)

To learn more about Hardanger, please look for the article on the EGA website under Embroidery Techniques From Around the World.



Finishing Projects - Spring Splendor

Dates for this group are being worked out. They will occur after the Stitches & Stems show. 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 exraes@gmail.com, and her phone number is 920-428-1312. She is looking forward to hearing from anyone interested!

K'S PASTA SALAD

3 chicken breasts, cooked to your liking or use rotisserie
(At least 2 cups of meat. More, if you want!)

1 box sturdy pasta - bowtie, penne, macaroni - cooked
Cool before adding the other ingredients.

Add any, all or none of the following, your choice

Nuts - pine, walnuts, pecans, best if toasted

Raisins, raisins or cherries

Red onion, chopped

Romano cheese - finely grated*

Asiago cheese - finely grated*

Mix all ingredients together with the following dressing

Dressing

1 C. mayo

1/3 C. pesto

*I found a Belgioso mix of Romano, asiago and Parmesan
which is what I used in mine.





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 **third 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) at the Ziemer Building at the First Methodist Church, 501 Howe St. (enter parking lot from Monroe St.) in March. Then we will move to Grace Lutheran Church (please see map on Page 3 for address and directions.)

2024

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 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

April 25 - 6:30 Please note that we will **meet at our new Location - Grace Lutheran Church,**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Part 2 - EGA Clasp Coin Purse, Rita, Yvonne & Kay

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

- ⇒ Potluck
- ⇒ **Needle Ceremony (postponed from February zoom meeting)**
- ⇒ 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.

Membership Information - Paying on Line

As we all know, starting April 1st the membership fees will be payable online instead of in person. Please do NOT pay before April 1st, however you are able to make your payment anytime through the end of May. You will all receive an email from EGA National with full instructions clearly explaining how to do this. If you've never been to the website, you will need to set up an account before being able to access the membership payment. We can discuss more at the April and May meetings if you're having any questions.

Thank you! Patti

Wisconsin State Days

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Dawn Donnelly

Snow Drifted Pathways

Canvas work and handmade paper

Level - Intermediate

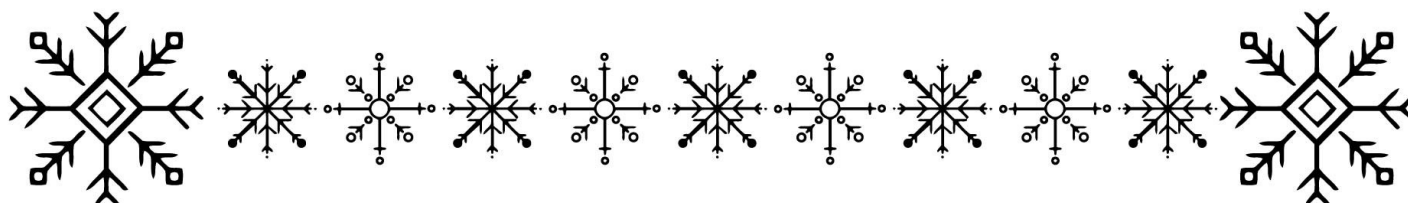
Sept. 27 - 28, 2024 (Fri-Sat)

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.

For your convenience, this information page and the registration form are attached to the email that the newsletter was sent from.



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, AND YOU MUST BRING IT TO THE MEETING.** Then 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

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

GBA-EGA ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT DEADLINE

The next deadline to apply for a GBAEGA grant is March 15. It can be used for any Embroidery related activity (for example, State Days).

The application form is on our website. Or you may contact Joy Zeman.

extraes@gmail.com 920-428-1312

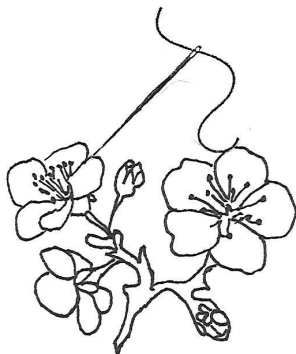


EGA Clasp Purse Information

We will be completing our clasp purses at the April Meeting. Please have your stitching done.

Remember that our meeting will be at Grace Lutheran Church. Please see map on page 3.

If you have any questions about the Clasp Purse please contact: Kay, Rita or Yvonne



Stitches & Stems

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!

FABULOUS FINDS

If you have items for us, please feel free to bring them to the March 14th pre-show meeting.

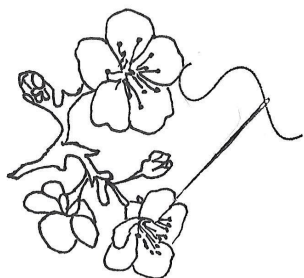
DENIM CHALLENGE If you made a piece for our Denim Challenge, please bring it to the March meeting and then wear it for Stitches and Stems.

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

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 & 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 Baskets, Vendors and more. Free Admission.

April 7-11, 2024 "Zen in the Glen" GLR Seminar

sponsored by Waterfall Glen Chapter.

Still time to register. 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 more information see page 12.

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/?](https://www.rsnonlinecourses.com/?gclid=Cj0KCCQjw6cKiBhD5ARIsAKXUdyY-2i_B8U4na4lx3WIVIsnyUmeZOI3I9uqJSBnzcCZ1TVPNHocF_7AaAsV2EALw_wcB)

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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/>

EGA National Headquarters:

1205 East Washington Street #104, Louisville, Kentucky.

Phone: 502.589-6956, email at egahq@egausa.org

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 Semiannual
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> !!



A little something for you to stitch. Use your creativity and create a little piece of Spring.

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

Vice President (Program Coordinator): Kay Olson (June 2022 – May 2024) grandmakay929@gmail.com – 920-432-4618

Secretary: Shelley Berndt (June 2023 – May 2025) 4rsandans@gmail.com – 920-494-8685

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

Endowment Fund Board– 3 year terms

Members at Large (until elections are held):

Joy Zeman, President (June 2021-May 2024) - extraes@gmail.com 920-428-1312

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Cyn Williamson (June 2023 – May 2026) cynwood959@yahoo.com 407-455-2231

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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Sunshine: Julie Schultz - jans@new.rr.com - 920-499-6221

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

