

STITCH IN TIME



2024 Calendar

Nov. 9 Sat. Stitch- Grace Luth.
Nov. 21 Paint, Stitch & Bead, 2
Dec. 12 Holiday Party, 6pm

2025

Jan. 23 Year of Stitches Kickoff
(Birgit & Irene)
Feb. 27 Stitches & Stems kickoff
& Needle Ceremony
Mar. 27 Herringbone Stitch
Apr. 24 Image transfer (Tracy &
Karen M)
May 22 Potluck, rummage, etc.
June 26 Summer stitch
July 24 Summer stitch
Aug. 28 Tambour Emb.
Sept. 25 Cross Stitch (Joy)
Oct. 23 Hardanger Fillers (Gail)
Nov. 20 Button Boxes
Dec. tbd Holiday Party

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From the President

Well, as of today, fall is definitely in the air! What a beautiful series of days we have had.

But now, down to the arrival of winter and busy time for all. We have so many things going on in our guild! Wisconsin State Days, which we hosted, featuring Dawn Donnelly and her "Snow Drifted Pathways" was a successful, fun and different kind of counted needlework. 14 people were registered for the class and hopefully we will see some completed pieces soon. If anyone is interested in organizing a future Wisconsin State Days, say in 2026, please let me know. The Great Lakes Region has offered a stipend to help offset costs, and we now have the experience to share with any team who would like to step forward. The WI State Days event is open to our guild first as organizers, the rest of the state next and then the region. After a certain date, non-members can also sign up if the class is not filled. If you are part of the team, you will have a say in who comes to offer the class.

Saturday, November 9 is Saturday Stitch at Grace Lutheran Church. Tracy and Birgit sent out an email earlier this week with all the details. Those days are always special to me as we sit together and stitch and laugh and talk. This coming Saturday Stitch will feature a presentation by Tracy, Birgit, and myself on Polymer beads and buttons. We were fortunate enough to be able to attend a workshop at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts in Cedarburg on polymer beads and buttons thanks to a grant from the GBAEGA Endowment Fund, and we want to share the skills with you. After the demonstration you can go back to stitching or try your hand at bead or button making.

Last year we had Zoom meetings scheduled for January and February. We didn't need it due to weather for the January meeting, but if I recall, the February meeting weather was

President's Letter, continued

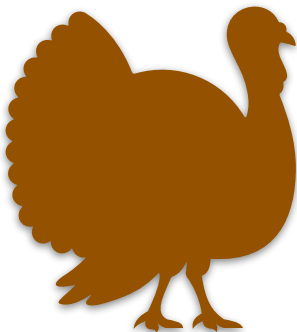
"iffy". In any case we had a lecture that night that was delivered on the Zoom platform. On November 18, at 6:30 PM, your GBAEGA Board will be discussing the format (Zoom or in-person) of the January and February meetings. If you have a preference, let me know or talk to one of the other board members to make your wishes known. This format may well serve any members who are "snowbirds" or who live remotely. If you would like to attend the board meeting and speak on this topic or any other, please let Tracy know so she can send you the link.

In November, our guild meeting is on the third Thursday, November 21, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will be embroidering and beading on our newly painted fabric squares. Bring beads and threads that will go with your painted piece and have fun.

I am looking forward to our Holiday Party on December 12. The meeting will start earlier than usual that night, at 6 PM. More details will be provided.

And then suddenly it will be 2025! Can you believe it?

Karen Matze, President

**Education Classes Updates**

Everyone who signed up and paid for a GLR GCC class is enrolled.

November 1st is the deadline to sign up for a class. Terry Butz, Appleton Guild, is in charge of applications. She will do the paperwork to get us signed up with National in November.

During January, Jana Bass will contact us to figure out time schedules for the Zoom classes. It is a good idea to put her email address in your contacts so that you don't miss a notification from her.

bassj@mac.com

In late January or early February, you will receive your instructions for the class you're taking. Kits might be mailed with the instructions or could come separately. It is up to the teacher.

Thank you to everyone who is participating in this new venture. It is exciting to take advantage of this educational opportunity. Not having to pay the \$200 fee for each class is an added bonus I am sure all of us can appreciate.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

grandmakay929@gmail.com or
920-432-4618

Kay Olson



Housekeeping

Saturday Stitch-In November 9

Save Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 10 am - 3:30 pm for a Saturday Stitch at Grace Lutheran Church.

We hope you can make it. We've been having a great time stitching together. Let Birgit or Tracy know if you plan to come. We will break for lunch. You can bring a lunch or order out. We will have more details about lunch once we have a location. You can also bring a snack to share.

Birgit and Tracy

Aluminum Cans

Our chapter collects aluminum cans to support the Endowment Fund. All of us can increase the funds this way and that makes us able to grant more funds to our members. The past year we collected \$26.00, which might not seem like a lot, but it counts up over time.

I am happy to collect any you have; no amount is too small. I am usually at the 3rd Thursday open stitch and at our chapter meetings. Keep 'em coming! Thanks to all of you.

Endowment Fund

The next deadline for Endowment Fund applications is **March 15**. They can be found on the website and sent to Joy Zeman anytime.

GBA-EGA Door Greeters

Listed below are the Door Greeters for our meetings. Monitor the door from 6:00 pm - 6:35 pm. Only let in our members. Dec. and May meeting times are 5:30pm - 6:05pm. Please contact Tracy If you can't do it, and she'll find someone to take your place. Thanks again for helping.

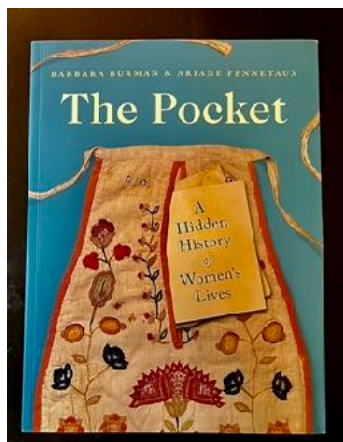
- Nov. 21, 2024 - Rita Dufour
- Dec. 12, 2024 - Karen Domaracki
- Jan. 23, 2025 - Patti Hitzler
- Feb. 27, 2025 - Candy Smith
- Mar. 27, 2025 - Kay Olson
- Apr. 24, 2025 - Ritalyn Arps
- May 22, 2025 - Linda Sipiorski
- June 26, 2025
- July 24, 2025
- Aug. 28, 2025
- Sept. 25, 2025 - Shelley Berndt

SIGS Continue to Meet

1. Modern Surface Embroidery - Eastside Festival, the 3rd Tuesday from 9 - noon
2. Hardanger - contact Gail Wenninger as needed
3. Finishing Projects - Spring Splendor - no news yet!
4. Cross Stitch - contact Joy Zeman for information

GBAEGA meets in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm (unless otherwise noted). Enter the parking lot from Monroe St. and enter the doors under the canopy.

Book Study



The Pocket: A Hidden History of Women's Lives, 1660—1900

by Barbara Burman & Ariane Fennetaux

(Yale University Press, New Haven and London)
ISBN 978-0-300-253740 PB

In August, I brought in a book, *The Pocket: A Hidden History of Women's Lives* written by Barbara Burman and Ariane Fennetaux. (For more information, please refer to the book review that Vicki did in the Sept/Oct newsletter.)

The book is a historical presentation about the piece of clothing that women wore underneath their street clothes to hold personal items. I inquired if anyone would like to gather for a book study. Several of you showed interest in studying this book together. If you are interested in our book study of *The Pocket* please let me know. The ISBN number is: 978-0-300-25374-0.

We will start after the first of the year and do it via zoom. It might even be fun to come up with our own versions of "the pocket".

November Project

Paint ~ Stitch ~ Bead

In October we did part one of this project and painted the fabric. A stencil was cut and put on the fabric. We used Shiva Paintstiks to paint the design. Since Shiva Paintstiks are oil based, we let the paint dry for at least 24 hours and then heat set it with a dry hot iron. It looked like everyone had fun.

At the November meeting, you will stitch and bead the design while learning some surface embroidery stitches and how to add some bling with beads. Please bring embroidery needles, threads, beads, scissors, your painted project, handout, hoop/stretcher bars (optional). The colors of threads and beads will depend on the color of your fabric and design. If you have any questions let Tracy know.

See you on November 21.

EGA 2025 Programs

The Programs for 2025 and 2026 were selected using a survey. Based on which types/stitches of embroidery had the highest number of votes, Birgit put a program schedule together for 2025. (If you don't see techniques that you marked on the survey, perhaps it will be part of 2026.)

More details will be included in the January/February newsletter.

Wisconsin State Day with Donnelly

by Tracy Reeb

The Green Bay Area EGA Chapter hosted Wisconsin State Day on September 27-28. Dawn Donnelly was our guest teacher. The project we did was Snow Drifted Pathways using homemade paper, thread and canvas creating a



beautiful mixed media project.

Fourteen people sign up for the workshop with EGA members from Green Bay, Appleton, and Madison chapters.

There were also two non-EGA members who attended and enjoyed the workshop; they are thinking about becoming members.

The handmade paper elements for the piece were created on the morning of the first day. Some of the paper needed to be wet to properly shape it for drying. The rest of the workshop was spent stitching the paper to our

pieces and learning new stitches many of us had never used; we filled in other areas with other new stitches.

The project is a combination of canvas stitches, surface freeform embroidery stitches, and couching the paper and stitching through the paper to attach it to the canvas. The handmade paper was provided in our kits but we also learned the process for creating it for future projects.

Everyone had a great time and learned so much. We would highly recommend this workshop to any group wanting to explore something a little different but with enough familiar stitches to make it interesting and fun.

Dawn presented her process of designing the Snow Drifted Pathways piece at our regular Thursday night guild meeting and how she explored the process of putting paper and embroidery together.

You'll see our members pieces as they are finished.

December Holiday Party!!!

Mark your calendars for our GBAEGA Holiday Party on Thursday, December 12 at 6pm in our usual room at Grace Lutheran Church. For our pot luck, we will provide a meat entree and drinks, as well as plates and eating utensils. Please bring:

- Your holiday spirit
- A dish to pass-favorite salad, side, appetizer, or dessert. (If you don't mind sharing the recipe, please bring a copy of it and we will put it in the next newsletter.)
- A wrapped ornament if you wish to participate in the ornament exchange
- A favorite embroidery tool to share with the group (why you like it, how it is used, etc.)
- Food items for the Church pantry (non-perishable), this is our "charity ask" this December, so please be generous.

There may be some fun prizes!!!! Looking forward to celebrating the holiday season together!

Dorreen and Lindi

Embroidery at the Antique Pattern Library

Last issue I wrote about embroidery at the Art Institute of Chicago. This month, Mary Corbet shared some links for antique resources, and I thought you might enjoy poking around in this one. <https://www.antiquepatternlibrary.org/>

Antique Pattern Library is a free site that provides access to 35 pattern collections on the following topics: Battenberg Lace, Beading, BerlinWork, Bobbin Lace Bookbinding, Calligraphy, Carpentry, Crochet, Cross-stitch, Cutwork, Drawing, Dressmaking, Embroidered net, Embroidery, Filet, Filet crochet, Flower Arranging, Glass, Hardanger, Irish crochet, Knitting, Knotting, Lace, Macrame, Paper, Point Lace, Quilting, Ribbonwork, Sewing, Tatting, Tulle embroidery, Various, Waxwork, Woodworking, and Workbasket Magazine.

They are looking for volunteers and donations - both literary and financial. I clicked on *Workbasket Magazine*, because I used to get that publication, and they have it from October 1935 (the first issue) scanned and ready for you to download. From December 1947 most of the issues are there but say either "TO EDIT" or starting in 1952 say "TO SCAN". The issues continue through 1995 with only a few edited and scanned. At 1996 it says "Entire year wanted."

Any of the issues that are scanned and edited appear as tiny thumbnails, but click on a page and it jumps up to a full-page size. You can click from page to page or go to their Collections page and "shop" by alphabet. Unfortunately, the publications are filed by author, rather than technique, so clicking on H does not take you to Hardanger. It takes you to anyone who wrote patterns with a last name that starts with H.

UFO's Those Pesky Un-Finished Objects

We all have them - projects we started enthusiastically and then hit the wall- head on BAM, BANG, can't do it - back of the closet it goes - never to be heard from again.

Sometimes there is a big expense tied up in these projects and salvaging them is prudent, if not downright required. On the other hand, sometimes they are better left unfinished - I know at least one of mine will never see the light of day again.

That said - a few years ago Karen Domoracki started the UFO project as incentive for guild members to finish some of the works they had set aside. If you are new to the guild, you might enjoy checking this out. Here's how it works.

In September, Karen collects digital photos of UFOs from members who wish to participate. (Just photograph your unfinished object and email it to

karendomoracki@gmail.com.)

Put UFO in the subject line so she doesn't lose it on her computer. Then you have all of the Winter months to work on it and finish it, at which time you will take another picture of it and send it to karendomoracki@gmail.com like you did the first. In May there will be a UFO Reveal of all of the projects that got finished. The challenge is on. Go for it!

Bookish Banter

Hello!

The library has missing books and we would love to have you check your bookshelves, needlework areas, side table and book stacks to see if you have any of the titles! (see attachment)

Suggestions:

If you would like to suggest books for the GBA library, please send the book title, author and ISBN # to Sheila. We are looking for books that include both instruction and projects on a variety of topics. We will use selection criteria to decide which books will be added. Please put GBA-EGA Library Book Suggestion in the subject line and email to sheilarogers1@gmail.com.

Donations:

If you have books you would like to donate to the library, you can bring them to a meeting if you are happy for us to either add it to the library or put it in Fabulous Finds to sell at the Stitches and Stems show. If you only want to donate books that will be added to the library, contact Sheila and she will look up the title and get back to you to let you know if the book(s) would be a good fit for the collection. Please put GBA-EGA Library Book Donation in the subject line of the email.

Be sure to pop by the library at the next meeting. We have a lot of wonderful books available!



"I love the way that each book — any book — is its own journey. You open it, and off you go..." – Sharon Creech

Happy Reading, Sheila

Officers & Committee Chairs 2024/2025

The Board of Directors of the Green Bay Area Embroiderers' Guild meets monthly, generally on the 3rd Monday at 6:30pm via Zoom, except for July and December. It consists of the following members:

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Endowment Fund Board - 3-year terms

Members at Large (until elections are held):

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one vacancy		

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Internet Links You Might Need

EGA Blog:

<http://www.egausa.org/index.php/resources/ega-blog>

Facebook EGA Stitch-a-long:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=egastitch-a-long>

GBA-EGA Web Page:

<http://www.greenbayareaega.org>

Great Lakes Region (GLR):

<http://www.ega-qlr.org>

GBA-EGA Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gbaega/>

Note: our Facebook page is a public page

NOVEMBER 2024

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
6:30 Brd meeting, Zoom	9-12, SIG/ Festival		9-12, open, St. John/Babcock	6:30 Guild meeting		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			THANKSGIVING			

DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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		9-12 open, Ash.CC				
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			Holiday Party – Grace Lutheran			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
6:30 Board, Zoom			9-12, open, St. John/Babcock			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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