

Embellishments August 2021

Hi all,

This is my first addition to the Embellishments file, and I hope I will be able to maintain the high standard set by my predecessor, Gillian Brown.

There will be lots of exciting things happening with the guild this year. For one thing, most of us are now double vaccinated and will be happier to meet more often, and that can only be a good thing. We will be paying attention to all recommendations from Public Health regarding meetings, masking etc., but are optimistic that things will level out and maybe we will even be able to have snacks at meetings again. Emails will be going out about this just before our first meeting of the year on September 28th, 2021, the usual time 7:30pm, and the usual place, Corpus Christi Church Hall on Waterfordbridge Road.

Before the first meeting of the year, there will be the Retreat weekend at Whiteway, September 17th to 19th 2021. For more information about that contact Elizabeth Fewer edfewer@bellaliant.net, and she will fill you in on all the glorious details. It is always a fun time and lots of stitching happens.

We are still taking sign-ups for the Metalwork Kingfisher workshop to be held in November. I will re-send the announcement in case people missed it. Gillian Brown and I will be guiding people through this delightful design from Becky Hogg of Hastings, England. Becky is packing the kits and is hoping to have final numbers soon, so if you want to take this class, please let Sheila Anstey and Lyn Moore know as soon as possible. If you already have a Kingfisher kit in your stash you can still take this workshop for a room rental fee but let us know if you plan on attending soon, too. We will be able to help a maximum of 24 people without going too insane.

We are going to be re-instating the name tag fines this fall and working hard at welcoming new members. We need the name tags so that new members know who we are.

At the end of July, to celebrate World Embroidery Day, we had a teaching event at East Coast Quilts. Fifteen members signed up to help fifteen people who had signed up at the shop to try something different. We had a simple floral monogram design planned and we had a great afternoon meeting new people who were interested in trying hand embroidery, and possibly encouraging some to come and join us as new guild members in the fall. East Coast Quilts

supplied all of the materials, the design and instructions were courtesy of our own Elizabeth Fewer. A good time was had by all! And East Coast Quilts would love to host another similar event, so I take it from that that they were pleased with the way things went, too. ECQ is planning on increasing their embroidery section, so are happy to listen to suggestions as to what we would like to see in their store, so thinking caps on for small teaching project suggestions, and what would we like to see in the store.

Membership dues are coming up for about half the guild members. We are supposed to have the money, names, and addresses in before November 1st, 2021. Mary Pippy is now Vice-President, and therefore, in charge of Membership. She will begin chasing you soon to get those dues in!

The library will be open in September, and KJ Elton, our librarian, has plans to expand, so check it out at the meeting and ask her, she is excited to meet your stitching book needs!

We are planning EDGE days for the fall and all sorts of other things to keep the guild engaging and growing, social and educational. Suggestions? Let us know!

For those who are interested in Seminar 2022 all the info is on the EAC website <https://eac-acb.ca/seminar/>. Registration opens September 1st 2021, and you will know about your classes by November 1st. It looks like another great seminar!

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