

Embellishments October 2021

October went by so fast, we almost missed it. It seems like it was just yesterday we were celebrating our first guild meeting of the year. However, many things have happened since then, we have had two EDGE days, part one of the Kingfisher workshop took place, and the government brought in the Covid vaccination passports.

The vaccination passports, and rules that go along with them, is probably the thing that will have the most impact on us all going forward, and all groups and organizations are scrambling to figure out how to meet compliance and avoid the fines. We certainly haven't budgeted for fines. We test piloted the system on Saturday with the Kingfisher workshop, and we are prepared to follow the rules and make the whole thing as easy as possible. We still need to keep the list for contact tracing, so the first thing you will see when you come through the door on Tuesday evening will be the list and the bottle of hand sanitizer. Please, put your name and phone number on the list, then proceed through the door to see Corinne. Corinne will have the app on her phone that reads the NL Vacc Record QR code. This app just gives a red or green signal to show that two vaccinations have been recorded, or not. If the reading is green proceed to find your seat in the hall, if it is red, please, go home. We have consent forms prepared to state that we are allowed to keep a record that your vaccination record has been shown, and are asking people to sign the consent form, so that arriving at guild in the future will be much more straight forward. The QR reader app doesn't keep any info it just goes red or green. You can download the NLVaxPass to your phone or print it off your computer. We will do our best to move through this all as quickly and efficiently as possible, so we can get on to more interesting things.

Mary Pippy will still be receiving membership dues, so that we can have our list in to EAC/ACB for November 1st. If you have received an email reminder from Mary and haven't paid this is your golden opportunity to get that done!

Jewel and her program committee have been working really hard to bring us more great ideas. The canvas work notebook study will be continuing. Gillian Brown will be starting the surface work piece that she has planned for the year, suitable for beginners and onward. Jewel will have a poppy for Remembrance Day. Laura will have a sweet Christmas ornament for people to stitch. The Japanese Embroidery group giving a short presentation of what they have been doing, as well.



Marilyn has been working hard to find us new venues for workshops and EDGE days, and it has been a challenge. We used to have EDGE days twice a month, once on a Tuesday and once on a Friday, and we met at the community room at Sobey's on Merrymeeting Rd., and that location was free. Sobey's and Dominion have closed their community rooms because of Covid and we don't know if that wonderful resource will ever return. Finding affordable, accessible space for people to meet casually is a challenge. Many places are just not in our budget. We have found a 'new to us' space at the Torbay Common, on Kinsman Place in Torbay. It is a beautiful new building that has ample parking, and is wheelchair accessible, bright, and clean. We are going to try booking some space there in the new year for EDGE and it looks like it would be great for workshops too, though being able to book a Saturday will be a challenge, lots of advance notice will be required.

KJ has been working on sorting the library, and finding space for new acquisitions. There will be a silent auction in the future for duplicates of some of the beautiful books from our collection. Don't forget to check out the library!

There are no new workshops to be announced yet, but plans are in the works, and some serious thought is being put into having an exhibition at some point.