

## Embellishments March 2022

### St. John's Guild of Embroiderers

There are so many things going on this month is it hard to keep track! I know someone will let me know if I miss something.

We will be meeting face to face this month Tuesday March 29 at 7:30 pm at Corpus Christi Hall on Waterfordbridge Rd. It seems like it has been so long since we were there, I hope no one has forgotten where it is ( haha). We are looking forward to seeing people again, even if we will still be asking people to wear their masks, so will only be seeing half of your face.

This month we will be having the silent auction of duplicate library books, so don't forget to bring your cash or cheque books as there are some great buys to be had. The auction sheets will be out from 7 pm to 8 pm, so come early and bid often. We will start the business meeting at 8 pm, and at the end of the business meeting people will get to pay for their purchases. Programs will start at 7:30 pm so the people who are taking part will be able to work with Jewel and Gillian, both before and after the business meeting.

We have EDGE days coming up this spring! Marilyn has been working hard finding us a good space to get together and stitch, visit and learn. We are booked into the Fluvarium on April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>, in their board room. What a delightful spot! We will be asking for a \$ 5 donation per day to help defray the cost of the room rental. Bring your lunch, stay for the day, come for an hour, whatever floats your boat! We would love to see as many people as possible, and the parking is fine, and free.

Our treasurer is getting very concerned that we will run out of money and has proposed that we need to raise our membership dues. At the moment, we charge \$55 for those under 65 years of age, and \$45 for the 65 and over crowd. We send \$40 per member to EAC for the national membership, so we only take in \$10 for the under 65's and \$5 per senior. It has been proposed that we raise our dues to \$ 65 per year for the under 65's and \$ 55 for the 65 and overs. If we vote now, this rise will begin with the fall dues. This is not a vote that is required to take place at the Annual General Meeting ( May) but can be voted on at a regular meeting. We will be discussing this tomorrow!

We are talking about having a 'Mini -Sale' of work to possibly take place in the fall. A committee needs to be struck and planning done. Volunteers are needed, so speak up and put your name forward.

Marg Adey has been our workshop co-ordinator for a while and has decided that she needs to step away from the position. Sheila Anstey has been helping out but has suggested that perhaps someone else might like to take on the role. Sheila is willing to give help and guidance, but it is a good idea for new faces and new ideas to join the executive. We are looking forward to seeing who steps forward to join the executive team.

The committee that is working on creating an exhibition for embroidered work has met with the Bruno Vinhas, the director of the Craft Council, and a good communication happened. The exhibition will be called "The Art of the Needle" and more info will be coming out over time. Sheila Anstey is overseeing this committee.

Naomi Smith has been approached to possibly do a workshop for us in the fall. She would like to know what people would like to learn from her so please go to her website, take a look at her Facebook page and let us know what you think you would like to do. You will find her listed as Black Tulip Designs. She does all sorts of beading, porcupine quill work on birch bark, moose hair tufting, basket making , leatherwork etc, take a look and let us know what you think.

For our executive for next year, all of the current executive have agreed to stay on, however, we do need someone to think about taking on the position of Vice-president as our current vice president does not feel she has time in her very busy schedule to take on the role of president in the future. If anyone is interested in any of the positions, in addition to workshops and vp, there can be an election so please let Gillian B know.

It looks like we are getting closer to incorporating the guild as a Not For Profit ( NFP) organization, and we will be ready to vote on this at the Annual General Meeting, in May.

We had our first workshop in a long time, on the weekend. Marian Preshing of Edmonton AB came and did a Japanese style beading workshop with 16 guild members down at the Plantation in Quidi Vidi. Some beautiful work came out of that, and it looked like everyone had a great time and learned a lot.

The last couple of meetings were held via Zoom and we were able to have show and share, thanks to Jane Costello, who put photos of people's work into a power point presentation and the stitcher spoke about their piece(s). Everyone who sent in photos is being asked to bring their pieces along tomorrow night, so we can see their work up close and not on a screen. In the future we are thinking of having photos projected on a screen at guild meetings so that the stitchers can talk about their pieces, and still have them in the room with us. We are looking forward to seeing what people bring in this month, too.

Attached is a survey for creating a list of on-line stitching resources for the use of guild members. Please take a look at it and send back the addresses of your favourite stitching resources.

I think I have covered all the news fit to print, as they say. We are looking forward to seeing as many people tomorrow night as possible

Cheers,

Anne