

Embellishments

May 2022

There are so many things to talk about this month, it is hard to know where to start. Our May meeting will be on May 31st, at 7:30 pm at Corpus Christi Hall, and it will be our Annual Meeting. We are asking members to bring a Hidden Treasures to the meeting. These can be old or historic pieces of embroidery that you have at home.

As some of you know, I went to the 49th EAC Seminar this month, that was held in Toronto at the BMO Institute for Learning. Everything was in one building. The cost was high, and it wasn't clear what meals would be covered. It turned out that all meals were covered, and they were good, and served in the same location and with a wide range of buffet style choices so that people who needed to be gluten free, or vegetarian, or vegan, or meat eaters, or watching their calories were able to eat comfortably. The rooms were good and the classroom space was fabulous and service was excellent from the food service, to the cleaners to the IT guys who when asked, showed up with a tool kit, and a smile and extra batteries. I did a 4 day notebook class with Natalie Dupuis on couching, and it was excellent, as was the one day class with Kim Beamish on pulled thread.

I spent my first day at Seminar in the president's meeting where chapter presidents, or their representatives, were gathered to talk about what was working or not working in their chapters. A couple of chapters were represented by their presidents checking in on Zoom. It was interesting hearing how guilds have coped with the pandemic. 'Zoom' and 'Go To Meeting' have become important to most guilds. A couple of chapters have folded and there are two new chapters, one of which left EAC about 20 years ago and is returning to the fold, as they see more opportunity being part of the larger organization. There was a lot of interest in our twinning project. Some chapters meet weekly, some have free meeting space. What different chapters charge members for membership varies all over the map, our membership dues are among the lowest in the country. I learned that as of September 1st 2022 EAC will be raising their portion of the membership dues from \$40 per year to \$50 per year, for adults, and the youth members will be paying \$5 more on an annual basis. These rates haven't changed since 2011.

At the Annual meeting on May 31st, we will be voting on raising our own fees by \$10 per year for all adult members. With the EAC increase this will bring our dues to \$65 pre year for the 65 plus crowd and to \$75 for those under 65. We will also be voting to eliminate Life membership, and to apply for 'Not for Profit' status with the NL government. It is important that people come out and vote on these issues that affect all members of our chapter.

While at Seminar, I met with Naomi Smith and discussed the difficulty in bringing her here to do a workshop in the fall. We agreed that this fall would be too soon, as our funds are limited, and she wants to drive here as opposed to flying and would need travel expenses that exceed our budget. She will be doing research in finding cultural grants that would help pay travel expenses, etc. that could bring down the cost of having her come to teach us, and we can also investigate similar grants on our end. Sheila is pursuing other workshop possibilities for the fall.

Jewel has been working hard for us all, and we now have dates for the auction – November 18th to the 21st 2022. This auction is going to be different from any auction we have done before. Bartlett's Auction Services will be doing it as an on-line auction for us! Friends, and family and art collectors from across the country will be able to bid on our artwork. There will be an opening reception where our brown bag pieces will be available for purchase, and we will be able to ooh and ah at all the wonderful submissions, then the bidding will go on-line. Jewel will have all the details to share with us at the meeting.

Things coming up

The last Tuesday in June will be our end of the year dinner, this year at the Legion in Pleasantville, overlooking the lake. If you have signed up for the dinner, don't forget to bring your cash, chequebook or however you intend to pay with you as the \$30 for the dinner will be collected at the meeting.

Marilyn Tucker has done a great job getting that sorted out!

The next EDGE day is June 7th at the Fluvarium (thanks again to Marilyn)

July 30th is World Embroidery Day – we do need to do something for that!

A group of 10 EAC members from all over will be visiting our shores from a cruise ship in August and are looking forward to touring around St. John's with some of our members.... volunteers for driving and hanging out with this group for a day will be needed in mid to late August (They have offered to pay for our lunch and gas, and are hoping to lunch at The Rooms).

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