

Embellishments May 2023

Time to catch up on all the activities of the guild for this month. Things have been busy.

May is the month of the annual meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, May 30th, at the Shriner's Center, our normal location, and the executive is busy writing reports, and figuring out a projected budget for the coming year. There will be a couple of changes in the executive for the coming year, so your votes are important, and nominations from the floor are welcome. Just so you aren't too bored at the meeting there will be a pop-up shop from East Coast Quilts, with all sorts of exciting bibs and bobs for stitching, and a 15% discount on every purchase, so don't forget your wallets....

Marilyn Tucker gave a fun workshop on Saturday, May 27th, of a Grenfell style picture of a child being pulled on a sled. It was held at the Torbay Common, and everyone enjoyed the workshop, and the venue. Thank you again Marilyn for your lovely designs and gentle teaching style.

Elizabeth Fewer's 'All Things Embroidery' workshop was held at the beginning of May. The 6 participants were given a good overview of tools and tricks, and I am sure a good time was had by all.

The Japanese Embroidery group also had a workshop at the beginning of May. Marian Prashing of Edmonton came again to work with a group of six stitchers. The majority of the stitchers are guild members who would happily answer any questions about this artform. There are ten phases to the Japanese curriculum, and phases 1,2,3,5,6 and 7 were represented in this 4 day workshop.

Barb Myles will be collecting the monies for the end of the year dinner, \$32.50, so don't forget to sign up and pay for that at the meeting too. If you can't get to the meeting but would like to sign up please email Barb: barbara.myles1@gmail.com Originally, we were going to be heading to the Comfort Inn again, but they have problems with the big moveable walls in their hall, so they have had to cancel all events for a 4 to 6 week period, right in the middle of wedding season. It is hard to imagine the challenges that other people are going through with that change, but Barb got on it right away on our behalf, and we are now going to the Capital Hotel on Kenmount Road, for the same price, and a slight change in the menu choices. The hot turkey sandwich has a choice of mashed or fries, and otherwise the plan is as before. There is lots of parking in the rear of the hotel, and the venue is close to the parking entrance, and everything is properly accessible.

An Important note from our intrepid treasurer, Lyn Moore: when you send funds by e-transfer to the guild, always use "SJGE20" as the password. This is important!!!! We can't emphasize this enough, or we could get locked out of our account again. Lyn has spent a lot of time on the phone with the bank and is now on a first name basis with some of the security people, so please remember the password to use. If you don't use the correct password your transfer won't be accepted, and you will have to pay a banking charge or wait 30 days for your money to be returned, and you could miss out on the dinner, workshop, membership deadline or whatever you were trying to pay for. SJGE20 is the password to use.

On May 25th, a group of guild members, lead by Jewel Cousens and Dale Foster, met with fifteen Ukrainian women for an evening of stitching and chat. The event was coordinated by the Association of New Canadians at their classroom facility on Tiffany Court. All of the ladies who came had a wonderful time and were thrilled with being able to meet with 'normal' Canadians for chatting and stitching. A good number of the ladies who came could probably stitch circles around us but the chance for them to practice their English and for us to meet our new neighbours was fun for all of us. These ladies are all living in hotels and are currently taking language classes a couple of times a week, so being able to go back to the hotel with some hand work was thrilling. They all were asking if we would be doing this again, and we really do need to do this again to welcome these newcomers. Jewel is looking at organizing another stitching evening after the 15th of June, and perhaps on an ongoing basis of once or twice per month. We need members to take part in this initiative to keep it going. Also, we need a supply of 4, 5 and/or 6 inch hoops to share with the group, and if any people have any full kits that the don't want and are willing to give away, it would mean so much to the recipient. Let Jewel know if you have materials to share and are interested in making new friends: jewelcousens@gmail.com

Looking forward to the summer, there will be a summer challenge, and the details will be presented at the meeting. Details need to be worked out, but there could possibly be a one-day workshop with Susan Furneaux to go with the summer challenge, for those who might like to take part. Also, because people have expressed interest in an intro to Hardanger class, I have offered to dust off my teaching Hardanger skills, and do a two day (not consecutive, as people need to do some homework) workshop probably at the end of July/beginning of August. We will be looking for expressions of interest at the meeting on Tuesday.

World Embroidery Day is July 30th, and for the third year in a row we will be at East Coast Quilts meeting with people and stitching in public, and helping people try some stitches. We will be doing this on Saturday July 29th in the afternoon. Please sign up or send me, Anne Rowlands, and email letting me know you would like to take part: arowla@gmail.com

Don't forget your name tags for the meeting as the name tag sheriff will be looking out to fine those without one. Also, bring a mug for snack time. If you have signed up to bring a snack...don't forget to bring it. Carpooling is always a good idea, so if you know of a guild member who could use a lift to the meeting please reach out and offer them a lift.

Looking forward to seeing as many people as possible at the meeting,

Anne