

Embellishments

October 2023

It has been an amazing time since I last wrote an 'Embellishment', with the first meeting of the year, the annual retreat, and two workshops and lots of planning for other events going on.

Personally, I went to a wedding in Ontario before coming home, and it is true, large family gatherings are the best places to catch Covid (and probably other things). I can't claim to be completely with it so if I miss something important, that is my excuse, all food tastes like cardboard, the brain is mush and somebody snuck in and sanded the back of my throat, and I ache all over. I may not be at Guild again this month, but the exec has been busy without me.

Some of us have our membership fees coming due, and Mary Pippy will be collecting \$75.00 from the under 65's and \$65.00 from those of us 65 and older at the meeting, so that the National portion of the fees can be paid as soon as possible. You can pay by cheque, and either handing it to Mary at the meeting, or mailing it to her at: Mary Pippy

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Or by e-transfer to aeking60@icloud.com (our intrepid treasurer) using the passcode 'SJGE' or if your bank insists on more than 4 digits 'SJGE23'.

Barb Myles, the gracious Hospitality person, has asked that everyone be reminded of the upcoming Christmas dinner to be held at the Comfort Inn, near the airport, on December 12th gathering at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. The cost of this event is \$32.50, and includes tea/coffee, main meal, dessert square, taxes and gratuity. Barb will be collecting cash or cheque at the meeting, or you can pay by e-transfer aeking60@icloud.com. There is a choice of 2 pieces fish and chips, hot turkey sandwich with fries or mashed potatoes, or a green salad with chicken. Please make sure Barb knows your choice. The final date to order or cancel is Monday, December 4th.

I am really sad to be writing this but, I must. Our ever-reliable Communications person, Dale Foster, is moving away and we need to replace her. I tried to talk her out of it but to no avail. Dale has been on and off the executive of the guild many times over the years, having served as Vice Pres, and President, and probably every other office on the executive at one time or another. Her contribution to the guild has been huge, and she will be sorely missed. We need to replace her, so we are looking for volunteers, so if you would like hang out with the 'cool' crowd and find out what goes on behind the scenes, please give me, Anne, a call at (709)770-8451. Dale will be very happy to show you the ropes and help you get started.

Ways and Means, Elizabeth Fewer, is putting together an order for Traditional Stitches which she wants to send out right after our meeting on Tuesday October 31st so if there is anything that you would like to order from there, and would like to save a bit on shipping, let Elizabeth know edfewer@bellaliant.net. You can peruse the Traditional Stitches website at <https://www.traditionalstitches.com> They don't have everything, but they have a lot! Also, if you would like to order something from Alison Cole, <https://alisoncoleembroidery.com.au>, Elizabeth is putting together a list for Alison too, same deadline.



This month's program is going to be a Christmas ornament designed by Judy Sheppard of Australia. Everyone of these will be different and can be embellished how you choose.

Cod fish, do people remember the Cod fish? The guild has been putting together a collection of samples different stitching techniques, all using the same template of a Cod. There are 20 cod in the school, and a few more need to be added to the collection. The following techniques have

not been covered:

Applique

Belarusian Nizanka

Brazilian

Buttonhole / Blanket

Crazy Quilting

Cross Stitch

Deerfield

Dorset Feather

Drawn Thread

Dresdan Work

Florentine/ Bargello

Free Motion Machine Embroidery

Free Motion Lace Machine Embroidery

Glazik

Hardanger

Japanese

Mixed Media Embellishment

Puller Thread

Sashiko

Silk Ribbon

The pattern will be at the guild meeting for those who would like to add to the collection. In the meantime, we can all check out the 20 swimming on our website <https://stjohnsguildofembroiderers.com/guild-fish-school/>

While I was in Ottawa I had the pleasure of visiting the Ottawa Valley Guild of Stitchery for two of their monthly meetings. It was great being able to see what another guild does. They have around 60 members, and an average of 30 attend meeting, with another 12 or so attending via Zoom, and they have an active program committee and workshop committee, like we have. Their programs are a bit different from ours, for example this fall their program is centered around a course that Mike Parr is designing for a future seminar, they are being the test group. Someday I will be able to show off my results of taking part in this program.

Mike also sent me home with the samples for the workshops that we will be hosting in the spring. They will be at the meeting for you to see. Mike also tells me that Cynthia Jackson, who made the replica of the "Broderers" Crown has talked him into bringing the crown with him when he comes to visit us and give a presentation about the crown. Mike worked on the project with Cynthia so is really excited about telling us all about it, though is a bit anxious about what airline travel might do to it. More info on all of this will be posted another time.

Jewel has been in communications with the Association of New Canadians, and they are looking forward to having us come and share our knowledge again on November 9th (Thursday) from 5:30 to 7 pm. Jewel is planning on sharing a Christmas ornament design with them. About six (6) volunteers are needed to make this a success. Many of the people who came to a previous event were already stitchers but were thrilled to be able to practise their English and meet people with similar interests from the St. John's community. Jewel will have more information at the meeting. I know that those of us who took part the last time that we did this had a great time!

The registration for the Stitching at the Cathedral event is fast approaching. The info has been sent out previously, but just to remind you that you can put something in to sell, or show off, your choice. <https://ourcathedral.ca/quilts/>. Also, don't forget to visit the show next weekend, it should be great!

The next EDGE day is November 16th form 10 am to 3 pm. At the Paul Reynolds Center.

Don't forget to bring a mug to the meeting, and if you can give a lift to the meeting to someone who needs one, please do, and if you need a lift, please reach out.

I think I have covered it all,

Anne