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BEADING:
Marian Hill
Shawn Brown
Sharon Marchant

EGA MISSION STATEMENT

"The Mission of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and celebration of its heritage."

Hello fellow stitchers,

April has been another wonderful and busy month for our chapter – meetings, stitch-ins, and a booth at the county fair! I received great feedback about the change to our set up during our April business meeting and thank you to the members who shared their thoughts and suggestions with me.

Due to our Spring-cleaning sale for the May Program, we will temporarily return to round tables for seating and long tables for our sale items. We are predicting a lot of sale items, so we decided not to do a raffle basket and **No Show and Share for May only**. We do not want to run the risk of accidentally selling a member's beautiful embroidery work! We will resume both baskets and Show and Share in June.

June's meetings will be different as well and I will explain all that in next month's newsletter as some of the particulars are still being worked on. Please keep reading to find out about all the great things going on in our chapter.

Michelle Wood

Meetings are at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, 5150 North Valley View Road, Tucson, 85718

- **General Meeting:** First Thursday of the month, O'Leary Hall Social gathering at 10 am; meeting at 10:30 am
- **Beading Interest Group:** Second Thursday of the month at 10 am, Classroom 6

Saturday meeting dates and locations as posted in the newsletter

PROGRAMS

Tammy Krassy

May program: First Annual Spring De-stashing

Clean out the clutter in your needlework stash because the May meeting is a chance to donate it and make room for more :)

We will be taking donations of needle arts supplies and offering them up for purchase by members as our May program. If you have items to donate, please pre-sort your items by value. There will be a table each for \$1, \$3, and \$5 items. You do not have to mark these items, just have them sorted. There will also be a table for items valued at more than \$5. Please have these marked individually.

Procedures: In the interest of fair play and limiting crowding, two tables at a time will be called up to shop at 15 minute intervals. Bring plenty of singles for shopping and please honor the time limit and be patient for your table to be called. There will be freebies distributed for those waiting their turns.

Proceeds will go directly to the Chapter and subsidize future programs.

We will be postponing Show and Share till the next meeting to guarantee plenty of time to shop.

HOSPITALITY

Doris Fello

Raynelle Duhl and Doris Fello are bringing the May treats.

EDUCATION

Laura Cotter

Our Guild Correspondence Class, Painting on Canvas & Linen, is ready to begin! More details to follow.

BEADING

Marian Hill
Sharon Marchant
Shawn Brown



Sharon Marchant's finished piece

Our next EGA Beading group meeting is Thursday, May 9, at St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 515 N Valley View Rd, Tucson, AZ, 85718, from 10 am to 2 pm.

This meeting will be a "catch-up" meeting where we'll work on all the projects we've started but haven't finished yet.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I have so many, I'll have trouble figuring out what to bring! As usual, our EGA stitching buddies are invited to join us.

Also, you're welcome to bring a lunch or snacks - and food pantry donations are always welcome.



Shawn patiently taught us some “tricks of the trade” at our last meeting, April 11. One was joining Fireline thread or using a starting Fireline thread by making a small knot that is then melted by a thread burner or lighter.

If you were unable to observe this technique, I’m sure she will show it to us again.

Image on the left is Bonnie Heidler's really cute completed owl. The beautiful necklace on the right was beaded by Nancy Howery.



Also, we worked on our “Icosadodecahedron With Depressed Star.” We were definitely helped by the giant one that Shawn was building as a demonstration model; it really helped to see how the parts were joined and the thread pattern. What a great idea - thanks Shawn.



Rachel Wisdom's finished piece

It was fun working on the triangles and pentagons and successfully putting them together. I’ll probably still be working on mine at the May meeting!

Hope to see you all at the “bead-in” in May 9.

Marian

NEWSLETTER

Betsy Smullen

Newsletter deadline for next issue is May 20th

SATURDAY MEETINGS

Rachel Wisdom
Diane Miller

- May 11 at the Miller-Golf Links Library, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., general meeting room
9640 E. Golf Links Road, Tucson 85730
- July 13 at Eckstrom -Columbus library 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
4350 E. 22nd Street, Tucson 85711

MEMBERSHIP

Helen Salkowski

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!

Dear members, I'm sure you've heard by now (we have all received numerous emails from EGA National on the subject) that your renewal this year is done on-line by logging into egausa.org with your password, and going to your profile.

If you have any trouble there are instructions right on the website to contact Rand Duran. And please feel free to contact me as well if you have any questions/concerns. We hope you are enjoying our Tucson Chapter, and all that National has, and that you will be returning.

Dues are payable by May 31, 2024, however we encourage you to renew by May 15th to allow for the processing time.

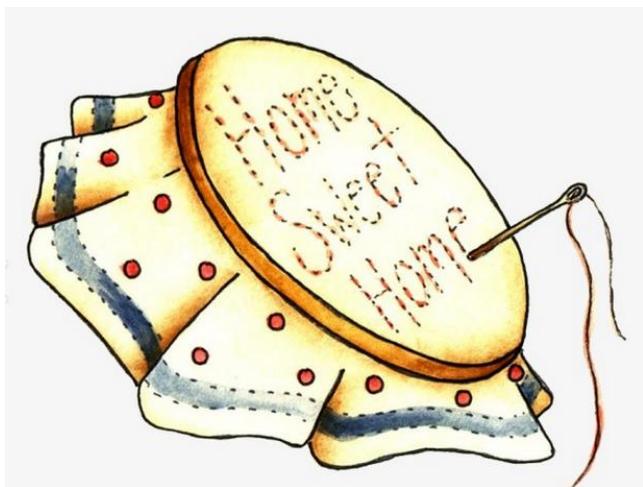
WORKSHOPS

Martha Hirsch

Let me know if there is a teacher or project you would like the chapter to sponsor.

OUTREACH

Kathleen Garza



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to stitch and educate at the Pima County Fair!

Please continue to keep track of the hours that you spend in reaching out to others to share the joy of stitching. Remember that any type of volunteer stitching, sewing, knitting or other needlecraft that goes to charity is counted as Outreach hours. Also, any stitching-in-public or teaching any type of needlecraft qualifies as Outreach hours. Keep in mind to mention EGA as you make donations or teach to remind people of our organization

Please feel free to email, call or text with any questions. Kathleen Garza, Outreach Chair.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Raynelle Duhl

Any new information will be presented at the general meeting.

Please contact me to arrange borrowing books from the library. Here is the list of books available in our extensive library: <https://cloud.collectorz.com/egalibrarytucson/books> In addition, we have several hundred books listed on our website: www.tucsonega.org [Member Resources Library Books](#)

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

tucsonega.org

psrega.org

egausa.org

[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

stitchingjules.com

[Instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com)

antiquepatternlibrary.org

archive.org

threadabead.com

rsnstitchbank.org/stitch

Tucson EGA Chapter website

Pacific Southwestern Region website

EGA National website

EGA Stitch A Long / Facebook **Stitch A Long (SAL)** group
Region now has a Facebook page, so, look us up and like the page.

EGA Tucson- Facebook page

listing of floss tube videos (cross stitch)

#tucsonstitchers or #TucsonEGA

Antique Pattern Library

Antique and vintage book resource

Patterns for beaded objects

Royal School of Needlepoint stitch bank for your reference to
many stitches



Thursday, July 18 & Friday, July 19 9am-5pm

Kimberbell's Two Day "North Pole Tier Tray" Sit N' Sew!

\$199 includes machines, project kit, continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and refreshments both days!

This year's Christmas in July features Kimberbell's "North Pole Tier Tray" class on Thursday and Friday and taught by our very own Carly Timpf! Students will enjoy hands-on learning while creating projects with classmates in a fun team-sewing environment.

Saturday, July 20 11am-2pm

Cathey's Traditional Christmas in July Extravaganza

\$49 includes lunch, snacks, and refreshments

[\$10 will be donated to Tucson Unified School District (TUSD)]

The party continues on Saturday with the traditional customer and staff challenge showcase PLUS entertainment, amazing treats, prizes, and of course a visit from Santa Claus! Anyone can attend Saturday's Extravaganza! Participation in the challenge is not required!

Amanda Carita, founder of Amanda's Bundles, will have a pop-up store all 3 days of our event!



At Kimberbell's two-day machine embroidery event, you'll receive the Attendee Project Kit to make this beautiful Christmas display with 12 dimensional projects!

Visit Catheys.com for the customer and staff challenge information!

This year's event benefits

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Donations are one of the most critical components in maintaining the success of Tucson Unified's Family Resource Centers and Clothing Bank. The clothing banks are stocked almost exclusively with donations for school-aged children. Monetary donations are used to purchase items such as new socks and underwear. Other types of donations accepted are school supplies, backpacks, jackets, toys and household items. Donations of time are also important, as volunteers help the resource centers operate. Your donations of clothing, funds, and time can help to ensure the basic needs of our students are met, allowing them to focus on taking full advantage of their educational opportunities.

REGISTER FOR ALL THREE DAYS FOR \$238!
Call or stop by any location to register!

Cathey's
SEWING & VACUUM

5701 E. Speedway Blvd.
(520) **721-4000**

8700 N. Oracle Rd.
(520) **797-7177**

18805 I-19 S. Frontage Rd. B103
(520) **300-5002**

Cathey's Store hours: Monday-Friday 9am - 6pm / Saturday 9am - 4pm / Closed Sunday

catheys.com

NEEDLEWORK • CLASSES • GIFTS • CARDS • TOYS

New needlework notions: *finally* – a magnetic laying tool and bead holder.

New self-finishing designs available from **Stitch & Zip**: get one for yourself and another one to introduce a friend to needlepoint!

STORE HOURS:
Monday through Saturday
10am to 4pm

River Center @ Craycroft
5615 E. River Road, Suite 101
Tucson, Arizona 85750
www.thewestinc.com



Our vision and mission is to improve the quality of life in the Tucson area and provide grants to qualified Tucson-area non-profit organizations.

520.299.1044

SAVE the DATE

- April 26, 2024** Bead stitch-in, Starbucks, SE corner of Swan and Grant, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- May 2, 2024** Tucson Chapter EGA General Meeting
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, O'Leary Hall
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m
- May 9, 2024** Tucson Chapter EGA Beading Meeting
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Meeting Room 6
10:00 am – 2:00 p.m.
- May 10, 2024** Bead stitch-in, Starbucks, SE corner of Swan and Grant, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- May 11, 2024** Saturday meeting, Miller-Golf Links Library
10:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m., general meeting room
9640 E. Golf Links Road
- May 21, 2024** Evening Stitch-in, The Café at Barnes & Noble, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
At both the Foothills Mall and at Broadway/Rosemont
- May 24, 2024** Bead stitch-in, Starbucks, SE corner of Swan and Grant, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- June 6, 2024** Tucson Chapter EGA General Meeting
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, O'Leary Hall
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m
- June 7, 2024** Bead stitch-in, Starbucks, SE corner of Swan and Grant, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- June 13, 2024** Tucson Chapter EGA Beading Meeting
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Meeting Room 6
10:00 am – 2:00 p.m.
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