

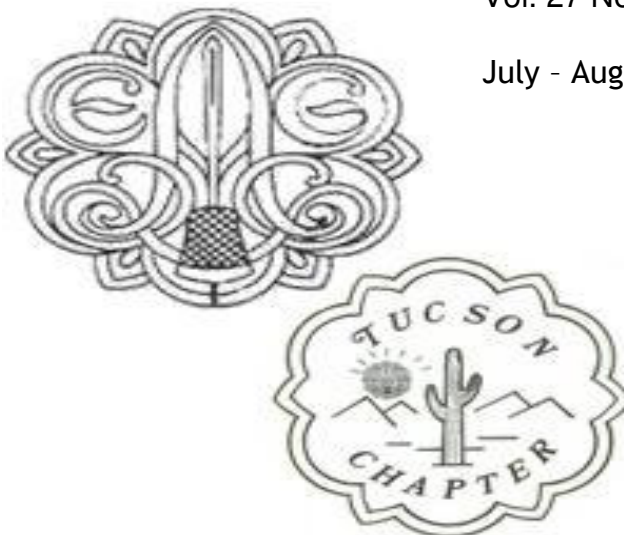
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Jane Lovat

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Beading – Carol Karrle

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I hope this newsletter finds you deeply involved in a stitching project. Summer is a wonderful time for stitching here in Arizona. I like to spend these long hot afternoons inside, settled in my 'nest' and stitching. My goal for the summer is to work on one piece until it is done before picking up another. That feels like a New Year's Resolution. I just hope I can stick with it long than the January diet plan. On September 3rd, our first meeting after the summer break will be the "What I Did This Summer" Super Show and Tell. There will also be a potluck hosted by the board members.

Although we won't be having regular meetings in July and August, the Bead Group will continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center in the Senior Lounge. Contact Carol Karrle if you have any questions about the current program.

I was very sad to have to accept Charlotte Komar's resignation as Vice President of our chapter due to illness. She has been doing a wonderful job arranging programs for our meetings. Thank you Charlotte and come back to us when you can. Barbara Lewis has agreed to step in and has been elected by the board. However, Barbara insists we make it very clear that she will not be moving on as President.

At our June board meeting a dues increase was discussed. Tucson Chapter has been spending more than it earns for several years and we felt it was not good policy to let this continue. The increase will take place in May of 2010, and total dues will be \$55 per year for primary members and \$23 for plural members. The increase works out to \$1 per meeting. While we are carefully monitoring expenses, we do want to be able to provide our members with all the services that we can. We will be discussing possible fundraisers at our September meeting, so please come with your ideas.

Be sure and check out our stitching challenge in this issue. Barbara Lewis and Laura Cotter have come up with a fun design to work with. Projects will be revealed and ribbons awarded later this year.

Happy Stitching!
Linda Kanora

COMMUNITY PROJECTS.....Barbara Lewis

Summer Stitching Challenge!

The challenge is to trace the drawing we previously handed out onto a ground of your choice (it would be better on canvas). You can paint it with acrylic paints if you want. Then you must stitch the complete piece using one stitch. Regular cross-stitch, continental, tent, and basketweave are not allowed. Of course you are going to use different colors of thread as needed but all the stitches must be the same.

For the real brave, I will have several stitches written out and charted out and they will be put into a hat and drawn for!!!

They must be finished for the September meeting. For the winter people, why not send them in when you are done....they are probably going to be about 6"x8" for the design area. It should be fun!

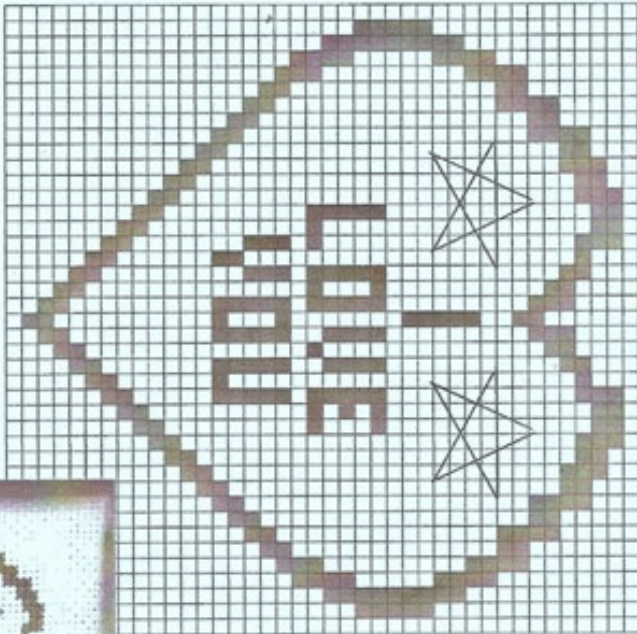
Try JaneZimmerman.com. She has a tremendous website. Many kits and instruction books are for sale. But of special interest is the ability to download FOR FREE two of her books. One is needlework techniques and the other, concerning stitches, is not up yet. Thought everyone might be interested.

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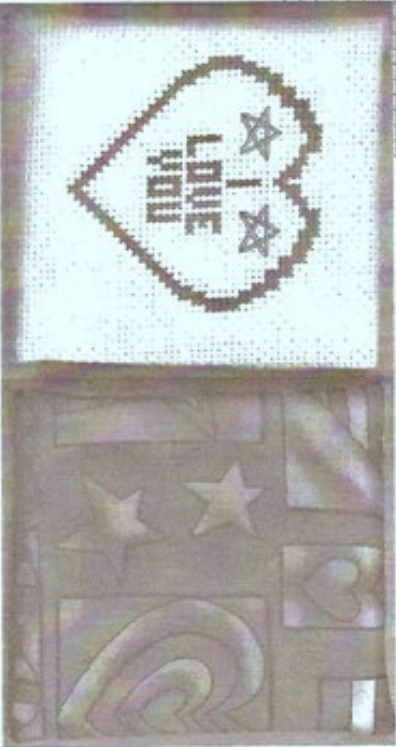
<http://sunstitcher.blogspot.com>

**Soldier Family Kissing Pillow: Yellow Rose Chapter
of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.**

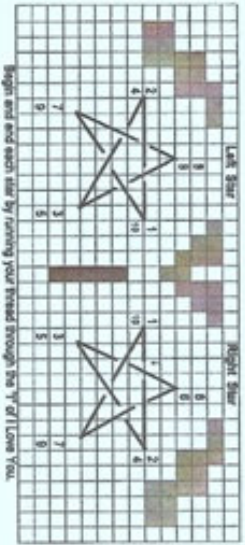


14 Ct. White Aida (8" X 8")
 Blue is DMC 797
 Red is DMC 321
 White is DMC Blanc
 Stitched Design is 2 7/8" wide by 2 3/4" high
 Finished Pillow is 4" wide by 4" high
 Heart and Lettering: Use 3 ply
 Stars: Using 1 ply each of red, white and blue DMC, stitch long
 stitches from point to point.

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Star Diagrams



- Begin and end each star by running your thread through the 'I' of 'Love You.'
- 1) 1 to 2
 - 2) 3 to 4
 - 3) 5 to 6
 - 4) 7 to 8, going over the 3rd line and under the 1/2 line
 - 5) 9 to 10, going under the 3rd line and over the 5th line

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR STITCHING SOLDIER KISSING PILLOWS:

1. Measure and mark 9 squares from each side of the heart and 9 squares from the top and bottom of the heart. Use the heart as your guide, not the center of the fabric or the edges of the fabric.
2. Cut backing 5" square. Place backing (patriotic) fabric, right side to right side of stitched piece. **SQUARE IT UP** using the aida lines. Even if the backing fabric is straighter than the aida, it will look crooked, you **HAVE** to line it up along the aida lines.
3. Pin and trim aida to fit.
4. Stitch around all 4 edges, using a 1/2 inch (7 squares) seam allowance (you will want to stitch in the ditch of the aida), and leaving an open space of 1 1/2 to 2 inches in which to put stuffing. You will want the finished pillow to be close to 4" square.
5. Trim edges, cutting across corners so turning is easier. Iron. Turn right side out. You may need to iron again.
6. Lightly stuff; pillow should be fluffy and squishy, not hard and bouncy.
7. Close open space using blind stitching.

PACKAGING INSTRUCTIONS:

Place pillow in a clear plastic sandwich bag. Seal.

Print "Information Slip" on colored paper (Yellow Rose uses yellow, but your chapter can use whatever bright color you wish). We print 4 slips on one page and cut the slips 3 1/2" wide by 4 3/4" high.

Staple the "Information Slip" on top of bag.

We deliver the pillows in cardboard file boxes that I line with white tissue. You can get about 60 pillows in one file box. It makes an easy-to-transport box and a nice presentation.

Please take some time this summer to make a few of these pillows!

WORKSHOPS.....,, Judy Beckman and Jane Lovat

Please put Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010 on your calendar for an exciting EGA all-day workshop presented by Julie Hocker of LadyHawk Designs. Julie is well known for her classes on how to creatively use fabric to produce a dimensional, texturized wall-hanging of a desert scene.

The workshop will be a “hands-on” techniques class. Some of the techniques will include chenilling, trapunto, thread-drawing, pin-tucks, 3-D flowers and more. A sewing machine and a few basic sewing supplies will be needed for the workshop.

There will be a couple of ways to approach the class. From a “beginner’s” standpoint, one would pay for the class and purchase a complete kit or if you are already a quilter with a “stash” you may opt for the class and purchase a LadyHawk pattern and use your own material. Everyone will pay \$50.00 for the class plus an additional cost for whichever direction you decide to go. Specific details will be coming in the next newsletter and at the September guild meeting.

(Hint: Quilters will often say it is better to buy a kit than shop and pay for very special materials).

Let’s all learn something new and benefit from Julie’s expertise.

Her website is www.Ladyhawkdesigns.com

“Anyone who is interested in dimension and texture will find their creative self in this fun class. It is bound to inspire you and give you creative ideas of your own.” Julie Hocker

BEADING INTEREST GROUP..... Carol Karrle

Our meeting place is the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center, 1660 West Ruthrauf Road. Meeting hours return to 9:30 AM-1:30 PM in the Teen Room.

We will meet in July and August on the second Thursday of the month.

Contact Carol Karrle for more Beading Group information.

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MEMBERSHIPPatricia Bowers

1st and 2nd Quarter Dues collection completed.

On Vacation.
See you in September---Have a Happy Summer!

Pat Bowers
Membership Chairman

COMMUNITY OUTREACH.....MARGUERITE HEPNER

After a very productive work session at the May 7th Chapter meeting, we have a number of kits with which to make the Wee Care Gowns for TMC NICU. For those who wish to learn to smock, we will offer one-on-one instructions and guidance at upcoming meetings. Sample kits are available and will be handed out to those interested.

Again, "thank you" to those who participated in the Community Outreach Projects Workshop - whether with the Wee Care Gowns, the Kissing Pillows, the bookmarks, or the Habitat for Humanity Samplers. I hope some of you were able to observe, visit with, thank our smocking guest helpers, Pat Stubbs and Donna Schotter of Old Pueblo Pleaters smocking guild, and Merrill Wilder, friend of our Connie Lagergren.

M. Hepner

Note to all Habitat for Humanity stitchers. We are missing one sampler with the name **Kontic**. If you have this sampler, please return to me asap. I need to get them to the Habitat office in June.

Thanks to all who have stitched samplers and thanks for all the help when framing them. I really appreciated your time and your effort.

Raynelle

A FEW WORDS FROM DAVE COLLAZO:

1. Digital cameras are ideal as long as you have the use of a computer with Internet connection. Pictures are usually stored as either JPG or TIFF images on digital cameras. Both are fine. After saving the images on your hard drive, create an email to gunfella@earthlink.net. Attach the saved image files to the email and send them. Some email servers have size limits, so it might be necessary to send one email for each picture file. In the email, please let me know what the title of each piece is.

2. Digital scanners are also a good way of getting regular photographs into a computer. Scan them in at 300 – 400 dpi (dots per inch). This will give me some leeway when cropping the pictures before they go onto the gallery. Send them via email.

3. If you are using a film camera and have no access to a computer, you may mail the prints to me at:

Dave Collazo

3320 N. Geronimo Ave.

(Rear)

Tucson, AZ 85705

If you send along a stamped, self-addressed envelope, I will mail them back after scanning them.

4. You can also "burn" the images onto a CD and mail that to me.

5. When taking pictures, remember the following:

1. If you use a flash, try to angle the shot so you get a minimum of reflected flash.
2. Indirect lighting helps.
3. Taking pictures outdoors can eliminate reflected flash problems.
4. Remember that you want to make the stitching visible, so taking pictures as close as possible helps. I've found that 2 – 3 feet often gives good results in combination with zooming in/out.

Let me know if there's anything else that could be included.

Dave Collazo

Tucson EGA member

EDUCATION.....Sue Beveridge

We do not have enough members to do any of the Correspondence Courses from National EGA. We will try again in the winter when more people are here. If you continue to have an interest in any of the courses contact me and I will keep a list.

It can be any of the courses in the Education Catalog, December 2008 NeedleArts beginning page 19.

Also if you are taking any individual classes from National, Regional or the Internet, please notify me as National likes us to track them. Maybe someone else would also like to take the course or has started it and would enjoy sharing with you.

Isn't it wonderful that we have so many ways to explore and grow in our needlework skills while meeting friends with similar passions! Food for the soul!!

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INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

1. How long have you been a member of EGA? _____
2. Do you attend morning or evening meetings or both? _____
3. Do you feel we offer enough programs for beginners? _____ intermediate? _____ advanced? _____
4. Are there monthly programs that you would like to see repeated? _____
5. At each meeting, do you:
sit in the same area? _____
talk to the same people? _____
communicate with members between meetings? _____
talk to each person at the meeting for a little while? _____
6. Are you interested in the "workings" of the chapter? _____ the region? _____ National? _____
7. Do you consider the chapter meeting just a place to go, meet new friends, spend the day? _____ Do you consider our group a learning experience? _____
8. If you do not stay until the end of the meeting, can you explain why? _____
9. What changes would you like to see within our chapter and why? _____
10. Would you like to help your chapter and in what way? _____
11. Have you ever taken a workshop from a local teacher? _____ national teacher? _____
12. Please check your reasons for not taking workshops or for cutting down on the number of workshops you take:
____ cost
____ length of workshop
____ level of workshop offered
____ teacher
____ other - list _____
____ time workshop is offered
____ problem finding child care
____ technique
____ subject or project

THANK YOU FOR THE TIME YOU HAVE TAKEN TO FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. Please feel free to offer any suggestions; we are looking for your input!

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