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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Stitchers,

Our new year seems to be off to a great start. We've had our first meeting in our regular meeting room at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center and the space and lighting were great. The staff there is helpful and cheerful. In March the board meeting will take place in one of the smaller rooms, so that we that we can all hear each other more clearly. Please remember that all members are welcome at board meetings.

Sue Beveridge and Charlotte Komar have gotten us started on the Crazy Quilt Pyramid Petite Project, an ideal project for letting your individuality show. We all start with the same directions and it'll be fun to see how different they all turn out. This project will continue in March after the potluck lunch. Sue is also looking for interest in a Group Correspondence Course. This is a great opportunity to learn a new skill or revisit an old one. Instructions for these projects are usually very detailed and a support group will meet monthly to work on the project once one is chosen. Please check the back of your December 2008 "NeedleArts" for course listings and contact Sue for further information.

At our April meeting we will have a hands on (but not stained) fabric dying method from MaryEllen Searcy. And Jane Lovat and Judy Beckman have arranged a workshop with MaryEllen on April 4th. The workshop project is learning to make a shaman pin. Please contact Jane or Judy for more information.

I hope you all enjoy the wonderful Tucson weather that we're famous for!

Happy Stitching!  
Linda

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Jane Lovat

## Break Out Group

**Beading** – Carol Karrle

**PROGRAMS..... Charlotte Komar**

March 5, 2009: We will continue with the “Crazy Quilt Pyramid Ornament”. This is the Petite Project designed by Lucy Edmison. During this session, we will discuss and demonstrate the application of surface embroidery to the background stitches. We will also demonstrate ideas for finishing the project into an ornament. There is still time to start this project. We have a limited number of instructions remaining. EGA rules require these copies to be given only to members actually attending the meeting.

April 2, 2009: Tucson Chapter will have a wonderful opportunity to work with our very own member, MaryEllen Searcy, who will give a “hands-on” program for dyeing/painting fabric using plastic baggies. Here is her description of the program:

**FABRIC PAINTING IN A BAGGIE NO MESS!**  
EGA APRIL 2, 2009  
maryellen searcy

This will be a hands on program at the April meeting. The fabric you ‘dye’ could be used for the shaman pin class on the 4th! Artists have been dyeing fabric with dye in baggies for years. It can also be done with fabric paint!.... no mess, no fuss...

**TEACHER WILL SUPPLY:**

Magenta, blue and yellow DynaFlo fabric paint [this is a liquid], plastic cups, freezer baggies, and plastic spoons. You can pick one or two colors for your baggie.

**STUDENTS WILL SUPPLY:**

- 1. White or off white fabric.... about 10”-12” square of any type: cotton, silk, poly, rayon, Aida, Jobalyn, Hardangar.... (You don’t have to pre-wash unless it has a lot of sizing.)**
- 2. VIVA paper towels. Bring about 6 sheets..... You can add one to your baggie to pick up the paint.... the rest to clean hands.**
- 3. A large black garbage bag to cover the table.... masking tape to hold in place.**
- 4. Paper scissors to cut plastic bag.**
- 5. A smaller white kind of garbage bag for final trash.**
- 6. A bottle/container of water, about one cup of water.**

**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.

March 12 – Jenny Coniglio and Carol Karrle will teach us the St. Petersburg chain, among others, to hold our beaded cabochons.

Contact Carol Karrle for more Beading Group information.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR ..... Karen Swanson**

**The deadline for the next newsletter is April 10, 2009.** Please submit your information by e-mail to Karen Swanson. Please include the words “EGA newsletter” in the subject line of your e-mail.

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**WAYS AND MEANS .....Laura Cotter**

Is your stash keeping you from buying what you REALLY want to stitch? Consider sharing some nice but unneeded things with us to use in the Opportunity Baskets! Your closet will thank you and so will I!

**MEMBERSHIP .....Patricia Bowers**

1st & 2nd Quarter Dues will be collected together this year in preparation for the 2010 transition to yearly dues payment. The dues are pro-rated in 2009 to convert members to the May 31st 2010 date. Both Quarter dues are due by May 1 2009

\*\*\*1st Quarter Dues \$56.25

Payment for 5 Quarters

Angela Bertolino

Sue Beveridge

Laura Cotter

Dani Dunatunga

Nancy Eide

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Patty Godfrey

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Marj Jorden

Karen Karanau

Dale Miller

Dorothy Milstein

Carolyn Reynolds

Catherine Staneslow

Susan Swan

Karen Swanson

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\*\*\*2nd Quarter Dues \$45

Payment for 4 Quarters

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Frances Crepea

Linda Evans

Barbara Ewbank

Doris Fello

Constance Lomen

Jane Lovat

Harriet Padilla

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Adele Rebman

Barbara Richardson

Georgia Thomas

Marque Todd

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\*\*Membership Expired 1-1-2009

Judith Burgess

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Rhonda Davis

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Penny Hurley

Please remit by May 1 by mail or at an EGA Tucson Chapter Meeting.  
Thanks, Pat Bowers

## **EDUCATION.....Sue Beveridge**

One of the opportunities we have as members of EGA is to learn interesting and fun projects and techniques through the Correspondence Courses offered by the national organization. See your "NeedleArts" for December 2008. The Education Catalog is in the back half of the magazine. Group Correspondence Courses begin on Page 19. They are for small groups under 20 people. They meet outside of the regular meetings. There is an initial group charge of \$150, divided between the # of participants, except for the group coordinator. Each person pays for their own booklet and purchases their own supplies. If desired, the project can be evaluated by the teacher, which is an excellent learning process. If one completes the project a certificate of completion is provided.

We need to have at least 10 participants to do a course. We hope to have at least the first group started by May. Sign up with national, done by the group coordinator, should be 4 to 6 weeks before the group begins meeting. Please review the information on how these groups function on page 19 of the Education Catalog, which also has the skill level, and length of time required to complete each course. The following are 5 projects in which several members are interested in pursuing. You may sign up for more than one course. Other courses may be started by finding other members who are interested in it.

- 1) Beaded Nutcrackers, necklace or ornament; page 20
- 2) Tiramisu; reversible blackwork; page 28
- 3) Crazy Patch Adventure; patches and surface embroidery; page 29
- 4) Memory Book: Scrapbooking with a Needle; page 29
- 5) Hummingbird and Honeysuckle; stumpwork; page 30

This is also a great way to get to know other members! Please let me know if you are interested, or if you have any questions about the projects or how the groups are managed.

**WORKSHOPS.....Judy Beckman & Jane Lovat**

**BEADED SHAMAN PIN/PENDANT**

JOIN US ON Saturday, April 4 for a day of fun as our own MaryEllen Searcy will show us how to design, embellish and construct a whimsical, wearable 3" shaman-type figure. Three different head designs will be shown utilizing buttons, copper and beads. Patterns will be made and transferred to cloth. Embellish to your heart's content. The fun will be in creating your own figure unlike any other.

**TECHNIQUES:** Design and transfer design to fabric; beading on fabric; embellishment utilizing copper wire, copper tooling; a demo and walk-through of construction and completion of figure.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 20.

A supply list will be available upon registration.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- March 5      General Meeting held at Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center  
                  9:30 AM Board meeting and Stitch-in -- 12:30 PM General meeting  
                  Program: Continuation of Petite Project  
                  Hostesses: All Member Potluck
- March 10     Deadline for submission to May – June newsletter
- March 12     Beading Interest Group: St. Augustine chain
- April 2        General Meeting held at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center  
                  9:30 AM Board meeting and Stitch-In - 12:30 PM General Meeting  
                  Program: - Fabric Painting with Maryellen Searcy  
                  Hostesses: Fay Beard, Rosemary Johannesson, Kay Kopp
- April 9        Beading Interest Group Meeting, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- April 10      Deadline for submission to May – June newsletter

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