



# Needle News



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## *President's Message*

Happy (almost) Summer!

As the days get longer, I always feel like my stitching time gets longer as well. Whoopie!

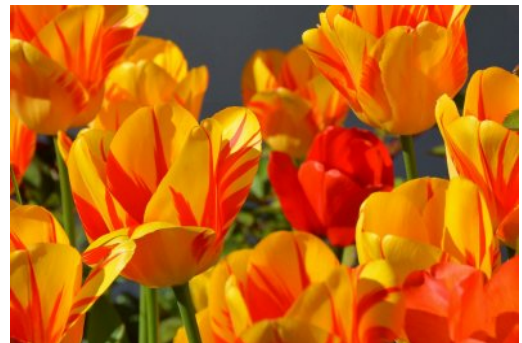
What can we do with longer days? One suggestion is to visit the De Young Museum and view their newest exhibit "Fashioning San Francisco: A Century of Style". The museum is home to a significant collection of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century examples of women's clothing, and I am hopeful that the more than 100 items on display will be exciting to see. The exhibit will be in place until August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Closer to home, Chris and Laurel are working to get the Clothing and Textile exhibit at the Marin County Fair up and running. Please volunteer where you can - before the Fair begins by receiving exhibits and clerking for the judges, helping set up the exhibit, monitoring during the Fair or after the Fair on release day. The Fair is a wonderful way to display your embroidery so please enter!

A huge "Welcome" to Liesbeth Matthieu - our new Newsletter Editor! She saw that we were searching for a volunteer and offered to help. I also want to thank Seonaid Alma, our Secretary, for stepping in as Newsletter Editor while this position was vacant.

We still have openings on the Board - Co-President (someone to volunteer alongside me) and a Workshop Chair. Cheryl has one last workshop scheduled and then she will step down. If you are interested in either position, you can reach out to me or Cheryl. Both positions are not very time consuming and volunteering on the Board is a great way to make new friends!

Stitching between raindrops!  
*Kathie Woolard, President*



## 2024 Calendar

## Sunshine Report

April 27	Smocked drum - taught by Sue Kocienski
May 18	Carol Lake Needlepoint Design - taught by Chris Day
June	County Fair preparation and setup
June 30 - July 4	Marin County Fair
July 19 - 24	GPR Regional Seminar
July 27	Annual Picnic
August 24	Crewel Poppies - taught by Sue Andrews
September 28	TBD - possible Open House
October 26	Pattern Darning - taught by Cheryl Berger
November 2 & 3	Kat Diuguid Workshop part 1
November 9 & 10	Kat Diuguid Workshop part 2
November 23	TBD - possible Finishing class
December 14	Holiday Luncheon



### ~ BIRTHDAYS ~

#### APRIL

4/27 - Lori Love

#### MAY

5/4 - Sophie Taylor

5/6 - Leslie Gagliardi

5/21 - Cindy Ichioka

#### JUNE

6/4 - Celia Rifkin

6/4 - Laurel Knapp

6/8 - Linda Policarpio

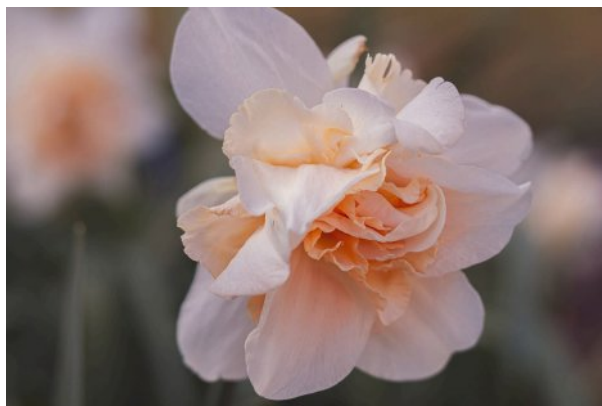
6/14 - Roberta Adams

6/21 - Mary Ross

*Wishing everyone a Happy Birthday!!*

*If you would like to send a card to a member from MGT (get well, condolence, bon voyage, thinking of you, etc), please send me an email and I will happily send one!*

*Anna Patterson*



## **Membership Chair Message**

Edie Price



Happy May/June to All,

I have to announce I am the proud Grandma of a beautiful baby girl born April 14th. I gotta see her today, April 15th. Mom and baby are doing fine.

Now to business. I would say renewals are starting slow. I have received notice from two primary to let me know they renewed and I have received checks from a couple of lifetime members as well as a few plural members.

*Primary members* - renew using the EGA web site - [egausa.org](http://egausa.org). You will be sending all your fees to EGA - (\$68 total - \$55 for EGA, \$5 for GPR, and \$8 for MGT).

*Due date May 31*

*Lifetime and plural members* - you will be sending your fees to me as your Membership Chair (\$13 for lifetime, \$8 for plural in-region, and \$13 for plural out-of- region).

Checks should be made payable to Marin Golden Threads or MGT

*Due date May 15*

Please double check information on our membership lists and on the EGA web site. Notify us of any changes.

*Happy stitching and beading to everyone.*

*Edie, Membership Chair*

## **Outreach Opportunity—Pacific International Quilt Show**

Mary Ross

The Pacific International Quilt Festival (PIQF) is scheduled for July 24-27 at the Santa Clara Convention Center. In my role as the Greater Pacific Region Outreach Coordinator, I am assessing whether there are a sufficient number of members interested in volunteering at the event so that we can have an information table.

Volunteers would staff our table as well as provide white glove duties at the quilt show. The PIQF schedule overlaps with our Seminar, but I'm thinking there may be a sufficient number of people out there who are either not attending Seminar, or like me are taking classes that are held in the early part of the week, who might be interested in helping us have a presence at PIQF. Volunteers would need to pay admission to the show, which is \$20. It's a truly remarkable event, and would be a great opportunity to promote EGA and our chapters to other fiber enthusiasts. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please let me know as soon as possible.

I will need to know by May 10 if we are able to make a commitment to have a table. (P.S. When I went to the PIQF website today, I saw that the organizers are dealing with a potential conflict with two big soccer games scheduled for neighboring Levi's Stadium on the opening and closing days of the event. It's not clear what this means, but for now I'm going ahead and working on recruiting volunteers assuming that the event will proceed as scheduled.)

If you are interested, please let me know at [msmhross@yahoo.com](mailto:msmhross@yahoo.com) or 530-228-3974.

*Mary Ross,  
GPR Outreach Coordinator*





# Programs

Chris Day and Sue Kocienski

## April 27, 2024 - Smocked Drum

Sue will be teaching us a smocked drum. Hopefully all of you interested in this class have already purchased your drum kit from Sue. This drum can be stitched in Christmas colors for a tree ornament or stitched in pink for a spring decoration. These 1 ½ " drums have a circumference of 6" and can be filled with potpourri. The drum will be stitched on ribbon, making for an easy finishing.

If you have purchased your kit, all you need to supply is the thread, a cardboard tube (such as from a paper towel roll), sewing thread to match the ribbon color, and glue. Optional: potpourri. A wide variety of threads can be used for smocking; an easy thread to start with is 3 strands of floss or perle cotton #8.

Cable Car Cablers (a SAGA chapter) has donated a \$40 award for the best smocked item.



## May 18, 2024 - Carol Lake Needlepoint

Carole Lake was a well-known needlepoint designer who passed away late last year. As a tribute to her, we thought it might be nice to stitch one of her freebies. She was partnered with Michael Boren and their website was StitchPlay Designs - <https://stitchplay.com/free-patterns/>. Unfortunately, their website is no longer active. Sue has emailed the instructions for the Valentine Heart to all members. After taking Margaret Bendig's class this month, she advised that the easiest form of finishing is a round shape. So, you may want to make this piece round so we can learn how to finish it later this year. The stitches used are Cross, Overlapping Cross, Oblong Cross, Rhodes, Mosaic, Tent, and Criss Cross Hungarian. This will be a piece on which you can use your stash.



## June - No Program due to Fair Setup

July 27 – Our annual picnic at Fran Thorsson's. This is always a great time. Bring a dish to share. There's usually a small project. We have no idea what it will be this year but in previous years we have done alcohol paint, fabric marbling, and made scissor fobs. Who knows what it will be this year!

August 24 – Sue Andrews will be teaching her Poppies. Details to follow.

**September 28** – Although we haven't had one in a couple of years, it might be nice to have an Open House and invite those who expressed interest in our group at the Fair. For those of you who haven't been, we usually teach a small project as well. Don't know what that will be yet! It's more about socializing with potential members, etc.

**October 26** – This will be a pattern darning class. Cheryl received a ton of supplies from Fran – Cheryl is going to stitch one of the samples and teach it to us.

**November 23** – We are trying to find someone to teach a finishing class for an ornament sized project. If any of you know of someone – please let us know.

*Chris Day and Sue Kocienski*

## **Workshops**

Cheryl Berger

### **Kat Diuguid 2024 virtual workshop “Mr. Cardinal”**

Her teaching fee is \$1000 split between participants, and the kit fee is \$100. In addition, postage costs will be added.

This design includes cross stitch, leather kid, stem stitch, s-ing, overstretched pearl purl and chipping. The finished size is 4" by 8". This workshop will be taught in four 3-hour sessions over the first two weekends in November, Nov. 2/3 & Nov. 9/10, from 9 a.m. to noon, via Zoom only. Please see the photo of Mr. Cardinal below.

Please let me know if you are interested in taking this workshop, or if you have any questions. We can accept sign ups until late August 2024.

This workshop is scheduled but the contract has not been written and finalized. We are still looking for a new Workshop Chair; this would be a good opportunity for me to show a new person how to do this part of it. This will be the last workshop I work on, and I do hope someone will step into the role. You get to interact with really great teachers, it's fun and interesting. And our members make this a very good experience.



*Cheryl Berger, Outgoing Workshop Chair*



# Greater Pacific Region Seminar

Celia Rifkin

The Right Stitch-GPR seminar 2024 is 3 months away. We have lots of fun events, Stitch Bingo, Merchandise night, stitching in your PJ's (in the bar area of the hotel) and Silent Auction.

For the Silent Auction the items are up on the website: [seminar2024.ega-gpr.org](http://seminar2024.ega-gpr.org), a friendly reminder, all items MUST be picked up at the end of Seminar. Which means if you are unable to collect your item(s), you will need to have someone do that for you. No exceptions!

I am excited for Seminar and am looking forward to seeing everyone.

*Celia Rifkin, Seminar 2024 Chair*

# Join the GPR-EGA Member Exhibit at Seminar 2024

Pamela Norton

Entry forms are available for the GPR Seminar 2024 Member Exhibit

## Key Information:

- **Entry forms must be postmarked by June 21, 2024**
- You do not need to be registered for seminar to participate
- The Exhibit is open to all GPR Members and Members-at-Large who live within the region
- You can submit your work just for show or to be juried
- Download these three forms for complete information about entering the Member Exhibit

[Entry Instructions](#)

[Entry Form](#)

[Identification Label](#)

We would love to display your work at the EGA/GPR seminar in San Rafael, July 19-24. Please consider showing off your work.

*Pamela Norton, Seminar 2024 Exhibit Chair*



# ***MGT Opportunity Basket for GPR Seminar Raffle***

Sue Kocienski and Mary Ross

## ***DONATIONS NEEDED!***

Marin Golden Threads is assembling a basket to be included in the raffle at the upcoming Region Seminar. Baskets will be displayed at Seminar, attendees can buy raffle tickets and place them in the jar(s) for the basket(s) they'd like to win. The proceeds go to the Chapter.

This is a good opportunity to find a new home for that kit that you bought on impulse that you know you'll never get around to stitching. Or maybe you have duplicates of nice tools or threads that you would like to pass along. Please keep in mind that our basket needs to fit in a large flat-rate US Postal Service box, so items should not be larger than about 11 inches.

Donations may be mailed to Sue Kocienski at 85 Belmont Drive, Daly City CA 94015

OR

Contact Mary Ross at [msmhross@yahoo.com](mailto:msmhross@yahoo.com), or (530) 228-3874, if you'd prefer to drop off your items at her home in Mill Valley, see about a pick up, or meet up at a convenient location.

*Sue and Mary*

## ***Monthly Meetings***

Board meetings start at 9:00am, General meetings start at 10:00am, with a Program usually following the general meeting at approximately 11:00am.

Unless otherwise indicated, monthly meetings are held via Zoom. This may be changing, we'll keep you updated.



## ***Region News***

Sara Zander

First, hopefully you have already followed the directions that have come from both EGA and Laurel as ARD to renew your membership. If not, please do so asap.

Then, I hope MGT will once again have a terrific presence at our next Region meeting, scheduled for Saturday, June 8th on Zoom. Details for signing in will be forthcoming, so watch your email for the code.

Our chapter is well known for always being active, voicing considered opinions and offering helpful ideas to further GPR and EGA's activities.

We are one of the three highest in membership numbers for all GPR chapters and have been in the vanguard with social media, use of Zooming and welcoming members from outside our local area and state. We are active in both the Region and National boards and committees.

Be proud of all you have contributed and let's continue to be strong, vibrant trendsetters for EGA.

*Sara Zander, Region Representative*

## ***Embroiderers' Guild of America, Greater Pacific Region, and Marin Golden Threads Website Information***

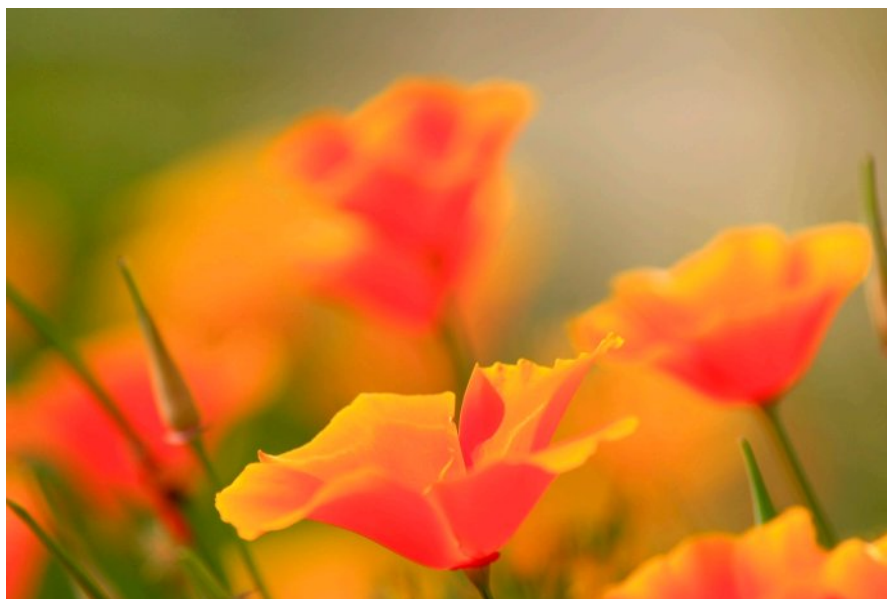
**Embroiderers' Guild of America:** <https://www.egausa.org/> The members only section can be accessed by logging in with a username (your email address) and password. If you are logging in for the first time and do not yet have a password, click on "login" in the upper right corner of the EGA website, enter your email address under "forgot your password?", and click on "send password". You should receive an email with your temporary password that you can change later.

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>EGA#</b>	<b>Username (not case sensitive)</b>	<b>Password (case sensitive)</b>
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Anne Smythe-Jones	98765	SmytheJones98765	Password98765
Mary Van Horne	54876	VANHORNE54876	Password54876

**Greater Pacific Region:** <http://www.ega-gpr.org/> The members only section can be accessed by clicking on "login" in the upper right corner of the website. For login, the username is a combination of your last name and membership number. If you do not know your membership number, check with the chapter membership chairperson. The default password is "Password" with your membership number. The username is not case sensitive; the password is case sensitive. If you hyphenate your last name, there is no hyphen in the username. At this time, you cannot change your password.

**Marin Golden Threads:** <https://www.maringoldenthreads.org/> Our website has been newly redesigned and updated by our Webmaster, Nelson Luesse. So please 'stop by' and check it out! You will continue to find our Calendar of Events, a link to our Expansive Library of Books that you can check out from Lori Love, and the new Blog feature. So, send any ideas about Needle Crafts, etc. to Nelson to add to our blog for all to enjoy!

We also have a private **Facebook group** - visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1610724309203432/>, sign-in to your Facebook account, and request to join - as well as a hashtag on **Instagram** - #maringoldenthreads - to share our projects and ideas.





## NeedleNews

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**Chapter Goals:** To educate and promote the highest standards of technique and design in needlework;  
To encourage interest, enjoyment, and creativity in doing all forms of fancywork or handwork;  
To promote cooperation and interchange of ideas among those who are engaged in or interested in needlework in all parts of the world.

**Membership:** Is open to everyone who is interested in and/or who enjoys any of the textile arts. Dues are \$68.00 per year for regular members and \$8.00 per year for in-region plural members. Members are not only invited to attend chapter meetings, but are entitled to attend Guild-sponsored workshops at a minimum fee. Guests are invited to attend one meeting. Further attendance requires either regular or plural membership. Our library is available to members for their use. Guild members receive *Needle Arts*, a quarterly national publication of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., as well as the bi-monthly newsletter, *NEEDLE NEWS*.

**Meetings:** At present, our regular monthly meetings are held via Zoom, on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m., unless noted in the Calendar. Once we find a meeting space, we will again have in-person meetings (with remote members attending via Zoom). Visitors are welcome. If you are interested in attending a meeting and are not a current member of Marin Golden Threads, please contact a member of the Board to obtain Zoom login information

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EGA affirms its commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA).

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