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President's Message

Summer has been busy, full of in-person events!

July was particularly busy with both the Marin County Fair and the GPR Regional Seminar. As usual, the Clothing and Textiles exhibit/competitions (which includes all fiber arts) was a popular part of the Fair. A big 'Thank You' to the MGT members who organized it and to everyone who volunteered their time to make it a success. The displays were lovely... and so many talented artists in our community!

We barely had time to catch our breath before the Regional Seminar took place, literally next door to the Marin Fairgrounds. It was great to see so many of you in-person. We had lots of great teachers from all over the country and people really seemed to be enjoying their classes. Numerous people independently told me that this was the most "fun" they had ever had at Seminar. I am sure this was due to the variety of lively activities (stitch bingo anyone?) - and maybe partially the nightly free happy-hour for hotel guests. Congratulations to everyone who worked hard to make the GPR Seminar such an educational and fun event! You have set the standard for the next Seminar.

To those of you who took home a case of Covid from Seminar, I hope that you have recovered without complications. It serves as a reminder that even though we are post-pandemic, it is still a good idea to take precautions around large in-person events. For this reason, the annual Picnic was postponed to August. As usual, it was held in Fran's garden in Novato.

Now we are looking forward to our next in-person event: our Open House on September 28. The Marin County Fair generated much interest in Marin Golden Threads. Everyone who expressed interest will be invited to the Open House, along with current members. Hopefully we will even have some potential junior members show up.

Last but not least, I want to say Thank You to Kathie, who has been our Chapter President for far longer than she intended. Kathie was looking for a Co-president to partner with her (and eventually take over), but now she must step down entirely to take care of her family. Thank you, Kathie for leading our meetings, keeping us organized, and sticking with us when there was no one to take your place.

Seonaid Alma, Co-president

2024 Calendar



August 24	Finish Your 2024 Program Projects - coordinated by Chris Day and Sue Kocienski
September 28	Open House
October 26	Net Darning - taught by Cheryl Berger
November 2 & 3	Kat Diuguid Workshop part 1
November 9 & 10	Kat Diuguid Workshop part 2
November 23	Embroidered Poppies - taught by Sue Andrews
December 14	Holiday Luncheon

Sunshine Report

~ BIRTHDAYS ~

September

9/1 - Sandy Coyle

9/1 - Janet Reese

9/13 - Kathleen Hill

9/21 - Anna Svanoe

9/22 - Jill Baker

9/24 - Cheryl Berger

9/28 - Cheri Hoggan

October

10/2 - Andrea Pearce

10/3 - Shelley Wells

10/19 - Karen Nadeau

10/20 - Pamela Norton

10/20 - Kathie Woolard

10/28 - Celeste Chalasani

10/30 - Christine Tanabe

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



Greetings Everyone,

School has started and many of us are working on gifts for others. Please keep your membership information up-to-date. Any member who renewed after May 31st will now have their own renewal date. I'm sure with the new process it will be easier in the long run. I know it's difficult at first. I had to do the online process twice myself.

Happy stitching and beading to all!

Edie, Membership Chair



Seminar 2024

Celia Rifkin

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or helped make Seminar 2024 a huge success. Stitch Bingo was a lot of fun and it was great to see so many different bingo stitched cards. This was a jam packed 5 days of learning and fun. I had a great time too!

Celia Rifkin, Seminar 2024 Chair



Seminar Highlight: Stitch Bingo - 49 people signed up and over 40 completed their Stitched Bingo Boards. Directions, rules and choice of 50 stitches was provided in advance on the Region website. Prizes were given for creativity and design as well as "wins".

From EGA Regional news

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 change, we'll keep you updated.

Hospitality

Chris Day

We had a fabulous time at our annual picnic. Thanks Sara for bringing party favors from Michelle Hufford, a former member and owner of the shop Come to the Point that used to be in San Rafael.

Since our September meeting will be our Open House, we hope to be meeting in-person. Yippee!! I'm not sure the location has been decided yet, so stay tuned.

As we will be meeting in person, if a couple of you would be interested in providing refreshments, please let me know. You can email me at cjday5@comcast.net. Of course, we don't know how many people will be attending, so I'll have to keep you informed as we learn more.

Looking forward to seeing you all in person!

Chris Day, Hospitality



Marin Golden Threads Picnic

Michelle Hufford, thinking of us from her home in L.A., sent table favors for everyone! Lovely surprises including needle minders, tools, patterns from Come to the Point, the shop she had for many years in San Rafael. How sweet!



Marin County Fair Awards

Quite a few MGT members participated in the Clothing and Textile Exhibit and Competition at this year's Marin County Fair. Our members did extremely well:

15 members submitted 55 projects, won 26 blue, 13 red, 8 white ribbons, 2 Honorable Mentions and 14 special awards.

Congratulations to all who submitted projects - Wendy Anderson, Sandy Backer, Carol Behlke, Ingrid Chan, Brian Chavez, Chris Day, Laurel Knapp, Sue Kocienski, Gail Korenaga, Nelson Luesse, Liesbeth Matthieu, Katherine McGowan, Diana Owens, Mary Ross, Carol White.

Programs

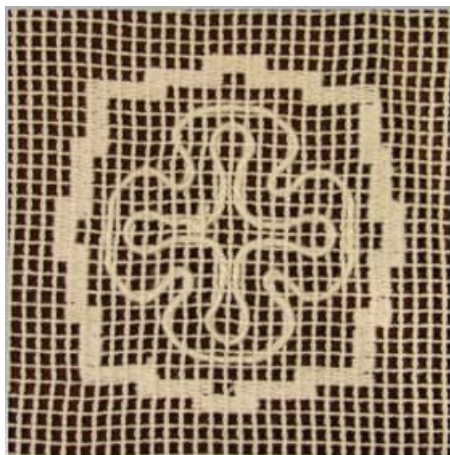
Chris Day and Sue Kocienski



August 24 – We will have a *“Finish-Your-2024 Programs”* project. While you have stitched any of the programs presented you may have had a question that did not occur to you during the program, or a problem arose as you proceeded with the stitching. Please bring your project and questions to the August meeting. With many stitchers present, we expect that there will be answers to your questions.

September 28 – *Open House* with a hybrid meeting. Individuals that signed up at the Marin County Fair will be invited. There will be a project for all to make. The location has not been confirmed so check your email for information regarding the location.

October 26 – Cheryl Berger will be teaching the *Net Darning* project as shown in the picture.



Cheryl will be including a brief history of net darning, some basic information and terminology. The pattern, which has only two stitches, will give everyone an opportunity to try this technique.

The kit will include materials for the pattern pictured plus a finer count fabric and another pattern for people to try if they want to explore further. There is no charge for the kits. A big thank you to Fran for donating these materials. Let Cheryl know if you want a kit - cherylaberger@gmail.com.

Our MGT library has a lot of reference material available to anyone who wants to study this technique in depth. This technique is also known as filet or pattern darning.

November 23 – Sue Andrews will be teaching her design of a *Cluster of Poppies*. Each participant supplies their own fabric and threads. The finished size is appropriate for a name tag or tin cover. You will receive a pattern. The flowers are done in satin stitch.

Sue suggests the following supplies:

- 8"X8" (or larger) tightly-woven cotton muslin or quilting cotton
- DMC floss colors 740,741 and 470
- 6" hoop
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Chris Day and Sue Kocienski

Workshops

Cheryl Berger

Kat Diuguid 2024 Virtual Workshop "Mr. Cardinal"

Check out the photo of this lovely workshop Kat will be teaching us virtually in four 3-hour sessions over the first two weekends in November, Nov. 2/3 and Nov.9/10. Class time will run from 9 AM to noon Pacific via Zoom only.

Kat provides a course website where she will upload the Zoom recordings after each session. *For those who have taken previous workshops with Kat, please note that for this class Kat does not have detailed instructional videos for this design, but she will provide reference videos for each technique along with the Zoom recordings.*

This design includes cross stitch, leather kid, stem stitch, s-ing, overstretched pearl purl and chipping. The finished size is 4" by 8".

Her teaching fee is \$1000 split between participants, and the kit fee is **\$105**. Please note this is a change from previous newsletters - an increase of \$5 per kit. In addition, postage costs will be added @\$11 per student for US participants.

We currently have 10 signups for this class. We can accept another 10 signups (for a total of 20), so please let me know if you know of anyone who might be interested.

The following people are signed up for this workshop (not all are MGT members):

1. Ingrid Chan
2. Chris Day
3. Laurel Knapp
4. Anna Patterson
5. Georgann Lane
6. Sue Kocienski
7. Cheryl Berger
8. Kristin Jakobson
9. Stephanie Linka
10. Darlene Leboeuf

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can accept sign ups until **September 15th**. On that day, after I have the final number of students, I will send each student the final amount for the class and request payment.

Cheryl Berger, Outgoing Workshop Chair



Region News

Sara Zander

Before any schedule information, I wanted to congratulate the Region Seminar committee members on a fabulous event! If you were there (22 MGT members were!), you know what fun, camaraderie and learning went on. If you weren't able to attend, please consider joining the 2026 Seminar in Ashland. It's sure to be a winner!

Speaking of 'events', Region is still seeking a new Chair or Team to bring back our beloved Retreat. Full history, outline of timing, sample forms, complete structure suggestions are available in a handy notebook and digitally. Check in with our ARD, Laurel Knapp, for details.

October 19th will be our next Region Meeting, on Zoom. It will start at 10:00. Every member is encouraged to bring opinions, comments and interest to share. You will be receiving an email prior to the meeting with the access information. Come to find out what YOUR Region is doing for YOU!

Sara Zander, Region Representative



MGT Needle Minders and Pins



As many of you know - we ordered Marin Golden Threads pins and needle minders. One needle minder or pin is free to each member, one of either, including shipping.

Several emails have been sent asking each member to state their preference and letting us know whether they would be able to pick up at MGT picnic in Novato, National Seminar in Atlanta, MGT Open House, or have the pin / needle minder shipped to their home. Pins will likely ship mid-September.

The pins arrived!!! If you did not already reply - please reach out to me individually - lizmnyx@gmail.com - I'll send you the email / PDF to fill out letting us know what you want and how you prefer to obtain the item(s) - either you pick it up or have it shipped.

Liesbeth Matthieu



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.

Member Name	EGA#	Username (not case sensitive)	Password (case sensitive)
Sally Smith	12345	smith12345	Password12345
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.



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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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