



October 2019 Newsletter

Wednesday October 2nd

Three Dimensional Applique and Embroidery Presented by Kathy Gaul

Kathy Gaul, creator of Meetinghouse Hill Designs will share her love of wool appliqué art. Influenced by New England style 19th century patterns she has added embroidery stitches and dimensional manipulation to create her uniquely textured pieces. Visit her website to see more of her work at www.meetinghousehilldesigns.com.



October 2nd Workshop

Three Dimensional Wool Appliqued Dogwood Brooch

Learn the beautiful art of wool appliqué, basic stitches, how to felt wool and be inspired to move on to even more rewarding projects. Workshop and Kit: \$35
To sign up please contact Catherine Flowers. Limited spaces available!

*Please note our social gathering begins at 9:30AM
with our meeting beginning at 10:00AM*

For the comfort of our members please refrain from using fragrances.

Refreshments – October F - H

If your last name begins with F, G or H, please bring a snack that is table ready and **take home any leftovers**. If you are unable to attend this month, please bring something to another meeting and of course, feel free to bring something to ANY meeting. As always, please bring a mug to meetings to help our efforts to be green. **Because many members have dietary restrictions, please consider bringing healthy choices such as fresh fruit, cheese, nuts, yogurt or savory items. As always, please label your dish for content – nuts, gluten free, vegetarian.**

Please contact Gail Ensdorf or Ann Farley with any questions.

Junque Table

Visit this month's Junque Table to find great deals on magazine, books, fabrics, yarns and lots more treasures to compliment your projects. As always, we welcome donations of yarn, knitting/crocheting supplies, fabric, needlecraft items, etc.

Raffle Table

Don't forget to stop by our raffle table to purchase tickets for beautiful items donated by our members. We always welcome donations for our monthly raffles. The Ways and Means committee would like to gratefully say "Thank you!" to all who have donated.

If you have something you wish to donate, please bring to meeting or if you have questions or need to arrange pick up please contact Michele Maurice or Margaret Tipton

Bus Trip

Wednesday October 9th Historic Deerfield Village

Join us for a journey to western Massachusetts to visit the Textile Museum at Historic Deerfield. We will depart Topsfield at 8:30AM and travel to the Historic Deerfield where we will meet the Textile Curator for a private tour and overview of their collection (including having time to explore on your own as well). We will then head to two premier shopping destinations including Valley Fabrics, and WEBS, and have a quick stop at Wool-ology too! We will be returning to Topsfield by 6:15PM. This is sure to be an amazing day!



For more information or to sign-up please contact: Barb Harrold

Depart: 8:30

We will meet at the parking lot at Emerson Center in Topsfield. We will travel via coach bus equipped with a restroom on board.

Cost: \$60 PP

Includes Bus, Museum admission, and Lunch (includes 50% ECNG supplement for museum admission)

Parking on Common Street only ~ No parking at the church/Emerson Center lot ~ Carpooling is encouraged.

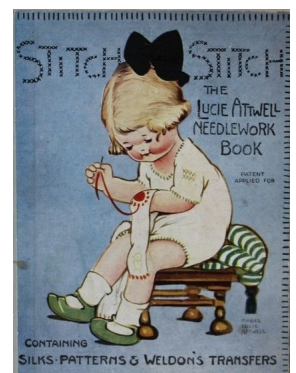


Sit and Stitch

Want a great way to meet other members? Bring a project and enjoy a monthly Sit and Stitch. These get-togethers will be held at fellow member's homes throughout the year. This is a great way to learn more about other members, and maybe even learn a tip or trick too. Limited Space available, we will announce host's location and time when you RSVP. **PLEASE NOTE: you must sign up at monthly general membership meeting, or contact Catherine Flowers.**

Save the Dates for upcoming Sit & Stich's

October 17th Rowley – Afternoon | November 20th Andover – Morning



Wednesday November 6th

Needlework in Evolution-Sculpting with Wool

Presented by Marjorie Talacko

Local fiber artist, Marjorie Talacko is known for creating life sized bird sculptures from wool, alpaca and silk fiber with a single sharp notched needle; the technique is called 'needle felting'. As a retired Certified Hand Therapist/Occupational Therapist, crafting these beautiful birds gives her a wonderful artistic outlet. She specializes in crafting the smaller and commonly seen birds in New England, taking care to make them true to size and in features following the Cornell University's Ornithology website. Since smaller birds are more realistic in the sculpture form, Marjorie needle-felts larger birds in a relief style and then frames them. Marjorie will have felted items, kits and supplies for sale at our October meeting.



November 6th Workshop

Needlefelted Screech Owl

Learn three dimension needle felting techniques in creating a baby screech owl.

Workshop and Kit: \$35

Kit includes wool and everything you need to make a baby screech owl.

To Sign Up at the October meeting or contact Catherine Flowers



Holiday Craft Market

Join us on December 4th for the Holiday Craft Market featuring our fellow member's handmade crafts.

This is a wonderful opportunity to not only to sell your crafts, but to shop for your own gift list as well!

To Sign-up for a table to vend visit the Raffle Table to reserve a spot, \$10 with you providing your own table or \$20 with a table provided by ECNG, Limited spaces available! Please contact Michele Maurice for more information.

50th Anniversary Tea!

The 50th Anniversary Tea will happen in 2023!! It will be our Golden Year. We are looking for ideas and suggestions for a theme and a guild challenge. Please bring your ideas to the meeting where we will have a box (and the welcome table) to drop them in. All and any ideas are welcome.



WANTED: Members to teach Member!

We are looking for people interested in sharing their talent with a small group of our members in February. Do you have a small project that you would like to teach in a 1-2 hour class during the meeting? Maybe you have a new technique or just some great tips and tricks to improve your needlework? If you do or if you have questions please email Catherine Flowers at cflowersbunch@yahoo.com.

The mini sessions will begin after the business meeting at the February meeting. We will reconfigure the room to accommodate the classes and/or demos. The mini sessions can run from 11AM to noon or 1PM.



Reminders:

Parking Lot Safety

To keep the children safe, the church administrator has asked that we not use the drop off area near the circle between 8:15AM and 8:45AM when the children are arriving at the preschool.

Please schedule your drop off, example if you are making donations to the Junque Table, after 8:45AM. Likewise, please exercise care when you leave to ensure their safety. Thank you for your assistance.

Carpooling is encouraged as spaces are limited.

Visit the New England Quilt Museum with FREE ADDMISSION!

ECNG members will receive free admission to the NEQM (Lowell, MA) between November 19th to 24th (by showing your ECNG membership card). Members during that time will also receive a 15% discount in the Museum Store as well. On view are three fantastic exhibits including, a Tribute to Sue Garman featuring thirty-seven of Garman's original designs!

Next Board Meeting

Will be held on October 16th at Michele Maurice's home. Social gathering begins at 9:30AM and Board meeting begins at 10:00AM. Please contact Sandra Morelli or Mary Reily, our Members-at-Large if you have anything you would like addressed at the Board Meeting.

Scholarship Grant



The annual Scholarship Grant is to help further the education of members as it pertains to the Needle Arts, the guild is offering a grant to one member each year as supported by the guild finances. The grant is offered to assist members in furthering their knowledge and skill in a particular needlecraft. It can also be used for the member to explore a new area of interest in the world of needle arts. The grant recipient is expected to work with the Program Chair to schedule a presentation about their grant experience and present it at a future guild meeting within a year of receiving the grant (workshop optional). Any member in good standing after one year as a guild member (and hasn't received an ECNG grant in the last five years) is eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$500. **Interested**

members should fill out the form and then return it to Michelle Glud, Vice President of the Guild on or before the October meeting. The grant request form can be found on the ECNG website. Members of the Board will be responsible for reviewing all requests and making the final selection. The Vice President, if appropriate, will announce one grant recipient per year, at the November guild meeting.

Our 2019 grant recipient is Catherine Flowers; she will be presenting a Program in January on Shibori and Boro as well as a Workshop in Boro-stitching.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Phyllis Tobin, a long time member of ECNG for the last 26 years passed away on September 11th. She shared with us her many needlework talents including knitting, crochet, crewel, sewing and even her delicious holiday cookies at our luncheons. We wish Lori Yarworth (her daughter and ECNG member) our deepest sympathy and condolences.