



# San Antonio Samplings



Newsletter of the San Antonio Needlework Guild, Inc.

South Central Region, Embroiders Guild of America

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## Our President's Message:

EGA National had a virtual meeting on Saturday, September 5. The meeting was attended by Joyce McCoig, Pat Sweet, Karin Shaw and myself. The best phrase to come out of this meeting was "...the winner of the National 2020 Gold Thread Award, from the San Antonio Chapter in the South Central Region, to be Joyce McCoig". We are so proud of her. She has done so much for our Guild and SCR and EGA National. National President Janet Noble said 2020 is the year we persevered. EGA is on Facebook and Pinterest. EGA is talking about doing a virtual exhibit of Through the Needle's Eye so more people can take advantage of seeing these beautiful needlework pieces.

SANG HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE AND INSTAGRAM PAGE. Marcie Zeigler is a wiz at Facebook and Instagram. Check us out on Facebook at *San Antonio Needlework Guild* and on Instagram at *sang\_ega*

Tawney Carter is updating our website to the better. We are lucky to have these internet gurus in our guild.

The SANG Luncheon at Ft. Sam Golf Course is now rescheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2021. We will put the coupon in the November Newsletter.

I emailed Ida Blankenship with the Greater SA Quilt Guild regarding a booth. It is still in the planning stages and they will keep us informed regarding their show in September 2021. We will also take part in the SA Library's Maker Faire in September 2021. We will also have an outdoor booth for the SA Bead Society's BlingFest in April 2021. They don't have a date yet or place. April is a nice month to be outside.

We will have our Tuesday night stitch in October 13 and then our meeting is Tuesday, October 27 at St. Mark's Church. Members have enjoyed the Zoom stitch ins. I checked with Libby at Northwood Presbyterian Church and she said we may not have our Wednesday stitch ins until after January 2021.

If you are not at St. Mark's for our night meeting on October 27, the ZOOM link for the meeting from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://rackspace.zoom.us/j/2103122835?pwd=UWhNcmJSdXNPNnlsU3RhNOF2L3Q0QT09>

Password: 97531

Let Tawney know if you have any problems getting it. We will also have a Zoom stitch in Tuesday, October 13 with the same meeting number and password.

Lisa Anderson is our Nominating Committee Chair and she is working on getting a slate of officers for the 2021-2022 years. If there is an office or committee anyone is interested in and before someone else volunteers for it, Lisa's email and cell are on the back page of this newsletter

Joyce signed me up for a virtual Wisconsin Quilt Show September 10 through September 12. It was wonderful. Friday, September 11, they had a preview tribute to Nancy Zieman of Sewing with Nancy. The full show will be on PBS in March 2021. I will be looking forward to it. Joyce and I saw Nancy at a Sewing Expo here several years ago. I was in awe to see Nancy sewing in front of us. She said she does her worst sewing on TV. Her sewing looked beautiful to me. In the tribute, Nancy said choose a fabric that makes you happy. Aida makes me happy.

Hope to see you on Zoom or at a meeting soon.

*Joan Vanderbrink*

## Membership

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The current count for membership is 70. I want to thank everyone for their help and patience in getting our renewals to national and region.

*Kay Foster, VP Membership*

## Programs

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Well, the Coronavirus has certainly wreaked havoc with our programs and activities! Please be patient as we reschedule and update our calendar. As of the date of this newsletter publishing, the location of our day meeting has not yet reopened. As a result, we will hold the “program” part of our October meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at St. Mark’s United Methodist church. The Tuesday Guild meeting will be held in the evening only – also at St. Mark. The evening meeting will also be available to members who want to attend virtually on Zoom. The day meetings will resume once Northwoods Presbyterian Church reopens its meeting rooms.

### Program Classes

**Class will be held at St. Mark from 10:00am-noon.**

### Meeting

Since coronavirus has forced us to change our meeting and programs – we will make a few changes to how we run our monthly meetings until it is safe for us to resume our normal meetings. In addition to moving the hands on part of our monthly programs to the third Saturday of the month – ensuring that the program is available to both our day and night meeting members, we plan to enhance our virtual Meetings so that members unable to meet in person can still have a fun, interactive time with all of the SANG members.

## October 17

### Program – Mini Sampler Needle Book - Part 2, Finishing



Join SANG as Karen Heller returns to teach us how to assemble and finish our beautiful needle books. Of course, it would be best if you complete the stitching prior to the meeting -- but even if the stitching is not complete, you'll still learn important techniques that you will be able to use when finishing this and future projects

Program will be held at St. Mark from 10:00-noon

## October 27

### Meeting

The meetings will be held at St Marks at the usual time, and we will begin with the business part of the meeting – votes, news, information on what is happening in EGA, etc. We would like to follow the business part of the meeting with a show and tell – during our shut in time, members have been busy, and we'd love to see what you have been up to. SANG would like to compile pictures and make a slide show for the meeting – both in person and Zoom. Please send pictures of your completed projects, works in progress, or other projects you have started to Mary Hodges at [deltagal@prodigy.net](mailto:deltagal@prodigy.net). Please send pictures with good resolution – small thumbnails or low resolution text message attachments do not look great when put into a slideshow. Please email your pictures by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## November 17

### Program/Meeting – Community Outreach

Lisa Anderson has been working on several ideas for community outreach in these pandemic times. Please read her article on page 4 and 5 of this newsletter for information on what we will be doing to keep stitching for our community. People attending at St. Mark's will have the opportunity to look through some stitching books and magazines for patterns which they can borrow to complete their community outreach stitching projects. This meeting is also an important one as we will be voting on the new officers for 2021-2022. Please submit any pictures for the virtual slideshow to Mary Hodges by November 14<sup>st</sup>.

## December

Your SANG Board has determined that we will not let coronavirus take the Ho Ho Ho out of Christmas! We may not be able to meet for our traditional Christmas Brunch, but the ornament exchange will go on in a new format.

Instead of getting together to exchange ornaments in person, this year we will model our ornament exchange after a Secret Santa – those members who would like to participate in the exchange will let Mary



Hodges know that they will commit to making a hand stitched or beaded ornament to exchange with another SANG member. Deadline for signing up to participate is November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mary will randomly draw names for the exchange – she will contact the participants on December 6<sup>th</sup> to confirm that the participant still wishes to exchange ornaments, and to give each participant the name of the recipient of their ornament. It will be up to each member to mail the ornament to their lucky partner no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. Mary can be reached by email at [deltagal@prodigy.net](mailto:deltagal@prodigy.net), or by mail at 11918 Tower Creek, San Antonio, TX 78253.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to the plate and offered to teach programs and technique classes. We have a very talented and generous group of stitchers – you all make my job easy. I would also like to thank all who have attended the technique classes or participated in the programs – it's fun to learn together. If you have any suggestions for programs or technique classes you would like to see (or teach) in the future, please let me know.

*Mary Hodges, VP Education*

## Outreach

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### Stitchers Challenge

Could you use a new project to help get your needle going in a new direction? Here are three great simple stitching project opportunities to show your creativity and share your stitching with others in three worthy causes:

#### First: Hearts for Hospice

These beautiful hearts are your own design and stitch choice. The hearts could be needlepoint, cross stitch, any color; whatever you can imagine. Hearts must be symmetrical in shape on your choice of material. The suggested size is 4 ½ inches across and the same from top to bottom. You stitch the heart and the Greater Kansas City Needlepoint Guild will finish the heart and provide it to a hospice center. The finished pieces are hung at the door as a respectful sign for those mourning. It is given to the family as a cherished remembrance. Additional information can be found at the website [greaterkcneedlepointguild.com](http://greaterkcneedlepointguild.com) or [info.gkcng@gmail.com](mailto:info.gkcng@gmail.com).



**Editors Note:** Lots of stitching on canvas ideas here for hearts -

[https://www.rainbowgallery.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/DDPScan\\_04\\_14\\_16001.pdf](https://www.rainbowgallery.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/DDPScan_04_14_16001.pdf)

## Second: Bookmarks for Literacy



Last year, the South-Central Region of EGA solicited bookmark donations to give to children to encourage reading. This is an opportunity to continue the cause by stitching bookmarks for children of any appropriate design. Feel free to choose an inspiring design of your choice and size. All bookmarks welcome. They do not have to be juvenile design.

**Editors Note:** There are some wonderful free cross stitch bookmark patterns here -

<https://alitatedesigns.com/?s=free+bookmark+pattern&paged=1>



## Third: Mixed bag – Tote bags for children and wheelchair occupants that need a helping hand

Here's a chance to be stitch a project that is colorful and bright to bring lots of cheer. Stitch your favorite square design; 3 X 3, 4 X 4, or 5 X 5. You could also consider donating those orphan quilt squares. Please leave a fabric margin around your stitching design for making into a finished tote bag or wheelchair bag. Your stitched pieces will be donated to World of Charity Stitching who will turn your stitching masterpieces into finished

products for donation to those in need. More information can be found at the website [worldofcharitystitching.org](http://worldofcharitystitching.org).



You can give your finished stitching to any board member; however, last call for your donations will be at our scheduled meeting in January. Pieces donated for each of the charities will be featured in the newsletter the following month so challenge yourself. All of these are worthy causes so we urge you to submit in each category as many times as you wish. So let's get stitching!

*Lisa Anderson, Community Outreach*

## **Stitch-Ins**

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I called Memorial Library this afternoon. The libraries still are not open except for pick-up service. When they do open, Memorial has large tables and we could social distance. Forest Hills is undergoing renovation. I am not sure when we will be back there.

We will have a virtual ZOOM stitch in Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00.

The ZOOM link for the stitch ins for PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://rackspace.zoom.us/j/2103122835?pwd=UWhNcmJSdXNPNnlU3RhN0F2L3Q0QT09>

Password: 97531. Let Tawney know if you have any problems getting in.

I don't know when Northwood Presbyterian Church will open for us to stitch. Libby said after the first of the year. I will get the word out when I hear from them.

*Joan Vanderbrink*

# Noteworthy News



## **National 2020 Gold Thread Award Recipient**

*Joyce McCoig*



**San Antonio Needlework Guild is now on**

**FACEBOOK!**

**Join us!!**

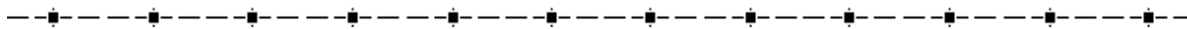


**SANG is also on**

**INSTAGRAM at:**

**sang\_ega**

**Post your pics using #sang\_ega**



*The winner of the SCR 2021 Seminar Drawing is*

**Louisiana Lagniappe Chapter**

# National News

## A Note From Janet

Many people ask Board members, “What does National do for me?” As I said in my first e-newsletter article in Oct. 2018, I use this forum to address that question. This time, I’ll refer you to the [video of the Annual Meeting](#) available to view by clicking the picture or link below. As of 16 Sept 2020, over 1,280 people have viewed this video and the response has been overwhelmingly positive, so yes, we will use this format (or a hybrid of live/video) in the future. Watching the video will not only allow you to see your National organization at work for you, we hope you may learn things you never knew about what EGA provides. This video is 90 minutes long so I want to point out some key spots you may wish to jump to: **State of the EGA Address:** beginning; **Voting results:** starts at minute 11:33; **Education update:** starts at minute 18:30 and again at minute 60; **Answers to members questions:** starts at Minute 48:30. - *Janet Noble, EGA President*



[Click here to see the Annual Meeting](#)

Editors note: The National Gold Thread Award announcement starts at about minute 1:20:15

# THE SANG GALLERY

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Mystery Sampler  
Stitched by Carol Reeves



The Black Hat  
Stitched by Carol Reeves





# *Walking the Water's Edge*

Diane Herrmann Designs  
Needleart designs and classes  
by Diane Herrmann

Zoom Class on April 24, 2021.

Time-TBA

Sign-up Deadline-February 25, 2021

A virtual classroom is an online learning environment that allows for live interaction between the teacher and the students as they are participating in learning activities. In other words, the virtual classroom is a shared online space where the students and the teacher work together simultaneously.

Our pricing is as follows:

\$125.00 for BVS Members

\$135 for EGA SCR Members-you will get a plural membership to Brazos Valley Stitchers

\$179 for non-members -you will get a membership to Brazos Valley Stitchers.

Plus, cost of shipping for out of town stitchers. Arrangements can be made to pick up kits.

This will include the teaching fees and kits costs.



I would like to join the Brazos Valley Stitchers workshop *Walking the Water Edge's* by Diane Herrmann  
Make Checks payables to Brazos Valley Stitchers. Send to Terri Berka, 301 Krenek Tap #168, College  
Station, TX 77840

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (is required and computer) \_\_\_\_\_

EGA Member number \_\_\_\_\_

BVS Member \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Plural \$135.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \$179.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Calendar of Events

# October

### **Oct 13**

ZOOM Stitchin 7:00pm  
(Link in Presidents message)

### **Oct 15**

Board Meeting, 6:45 pm  
Place to be determined:  
ZOOM or  
Joan Vanderbrink's Home  
2742 Johnson Grass, San Antonio

### **Oct 17**

Mini Sampler Needle Book - Part 2  
10:00am-Noon  
St. Mark's UMC  
1902 Vance Jackson

### **Oct 27**

Night Meeting  
7:00-8:30pm  
St. Mark's UMC Church  
1902 Vance Jackson  
OR ZOOM

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# November

### **Nov 10**

ZOOM Stitchin 7:00pm  
(Link in Presidents message)

### **Nov 12**

Board Meeting, 6:45 pm  
Place to be determined:  
ZOOM or  
Joan Vanderbrink's Home  
2742 Johnson Grass, San Antonio

### **Nov 17**

Night Meeting  
7:00-8:30pm  
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OR ZOOM

## Membership Form

Membership dues are up for renewal in May each year. Renew and keep your benefits coming.

		2020 Dues Amount
New SANG Primary Member	National, Regional, and Chapter Dues	\$55.00/year Aug 1-Oct 30/\$43.25, Nov 1-Jan 31/\$35.50, Feb 1-Apr 30/\$23.75
Returning SANG Primary Member		\$55.00
SANG Plural Member (Primary Membership in another South Central Region Chapter)	Chapter Dues	\$11.00
SANG Plural Member (Primary Membership outside South Central Region)	Regional and Chapter Dues	\$16.00
SANG EGA Life Members		\$16.00

\*New Members dues will be prorated as follows: Aug 1-Oct 30/\$43.25, Nov 1-Jan 31/\$35.50, Feb 1-Apr 30/\$23.75

VERY IMPORTANT: Each member must make any changes to personal information (address, phone number, email) directly to EGA. Go to the National EGA website - [www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org) - click the "Contact Us" tab at the top of the page. Under "Other contacts" is a form "Change of member address or email". NOTE: Our membership chair, Kay Foster, is no longer allowed to do it for you.

### Membership Form

#### New Members and Renewals

Annual membership is from May through April. Dues for one year are \$55 and are prorated for new members only as the year goes on (Aug 1-Oct 30/\$43.25, Nov 1-Jan 31/\$35.50, Feb 1-Apr 30/\$23.75)

Dues include a subscription to Needle Arts magazine and to the chapter's newsletter, San Antonio Samplings. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the morning as well as at 7:00 PM in the evening.

Plural membership is available to members of other EGA Chapters for \$11 per year if your primary chapter is within the South Central Region or \$16 if outside the South Central Region. Life member dues are \$16 per year.

I would like to join SANG as a new Member    How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to renew my membership.    My EGA Member Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I have been a member since: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: (mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ home/cell

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail.  Yes  No


(If yes, ensure that your correct e-mail address is entered in the line provided.)

Plural, Life or At-Large Members please list home chapter \_\_\_\_\_


Please print and mail this form with your check made payable to **San Antonio Needlework Guild to:**

**Carmel Friesenhahn, P.O. Box 178, St. Hedwig, TX 78152**

## October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 ZOOM Stitchin 7pm	14	15 Board Meeting 6:45 ZOOM	16	17 Mini Sampler Needle Book Pt.2 10am-noon St. Marks UMC
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>SANG in person and ZOOM Mtg. 7- 8:30pm (link in Presidents Message)</i>	28	29	30	31 

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29	30					

**Blue Bonnet Studio Time Needle Arts Retreat  
February 19-22, 2022**

Featuring 10+ Faculty & 15+ Classes  
Sugar Land Marriott Town Square  
Sugar Land, Texas, USA  
281.288.9290 for room reservations

For event details and registration  
Visit [www.bluebonnetstudio.com](http://www.bluebonnetstudio.com)  
Telephone: 713.849.9848  
Email: [maryelvis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryelvis@sbcglobal.net)

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# Stitches From The

Counted Cross-Stitch Mon. - Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-4  
5123 N. Loop 1604 W. #109, San Antonio, TX 78249

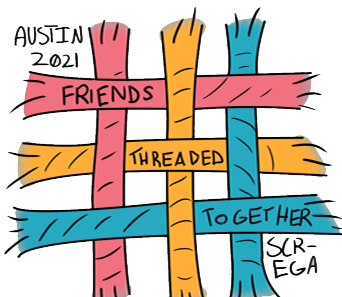
Phone: (210) 479-2600 Toll-Free: (877) 479-2620

Email: [stitches.heart@att.net](mailto:stitches.heart@att.net)  
Website: [www.heartfeltstitches.com](http://www.heartfeltstitches.com)

**The Covid-19 situation is being continually monitored and adjustments to dates will be made as needed. We encourage all our members to follow CDC protocols. Stay at home if you are vulnerable, wear masks when out, and practice social distancing. Please be safe!**

**To any non-members who may be reading this newsletter:** We hope you've enjoyed reading our newsletter. SANG would love to have you attend a meeting or join us at any of our community stitch-ins. All guild activities are open to SANG guild members and our sister-guilds (ANG and Bluebonnet). EGA members belonging to other guilds are welcome to attend our meetings, and attend workshops and classes if space is available. Visitors are welcome to attend any of our community stitch-in events and are encouraged to attend up to two official guild meetings (either the First Wednesday of the month stitch-in or our Fourth Tuesday day or night meetings) prior to joining. Workshops and classes are only open to EGA Guild members unless otherwise stated in the announcement.

San Antonio Needlework Guild  
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Schertz, TX 78154



**Austin, TX  
May 31-June 4, 2021**



**EGA National Seminar 2021  
September 1-5, 2021  
Chicago, IL**

**Newsletter Deadline for submissions is the 4th Tuesday of the month.**

*The mission of the Embroiderers' Guild is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage.*