

Starlight Stitchers



Chapter of Pacific Southwestern Region The
Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

November 2009 - January 2010

President's Message

Hello

We are now approaching the wonderful holiday season for the year. This means cooler weather, where one can actually enjoy the great outdoors. It is also a busy time of the year preparing for the Holidays.

It is also approaching the end of my term as President. The elections for the new board will take place at the December meeting. Please plan on attending.

At this time I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the wonderful board I've been working with for the last two years. We have had a couple of positions that became available during that time, and I want to say thank you to the ladies that stepped up and filled the positions. All of you have made my job much easier.

I hope all of you find plenty of stitching time during the next few months.

Happy Stitching!
Merrilee Toliver

Starlight Stitchers is a chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., a non-profit, non-discriminating organization. The purpose of the Guild is to foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery through an active program of education and study and to preserve the heritage of the art of embroidery.

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Starlight Stitchers Website: <http://www.starlightstitchers.org>

Membership is open to anyone interested in textile arts. Members' privileges include the opportunity to attend Guild-sponsored workshops at a minimum fee. Guild members receive Needle Arts, a quarterly publication of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

Dues are \$50 per year. Plural membership is available (\$20 per year). Membership can start at any time. You may obtain further information concerning membership by calling the Membership Chairperson.

Meetings are held at 7 PM the second Monday of each month, at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ (South West corner of Rural and Southern, next to the Tempe Library), unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

Guests are invited to attend two meetings. Further attendance requires membership.

Name Tags: Members are encouraged to wear stitched nametags, which helps everyone become better acquainted. A 25¢ "no name tag" fee is assessed members failing to wear their nametag at the regular monthly meeting.

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Membership:

The following have 4th quarter membership dues:

Nancy Getzin (P)

Marilyn Peters

Melinda Watkins

Carol Wilson


The amount due is \$12.50 for primary members and \$5 for plural members.



Good things to know:

REGION MEETING:

Starlight Stitchers will be hosting the spring 2010 region meeting. The tentative dates will be April 10th & 11th (Saturday and Sunday). A planning committee is being put together in order to organize the event. If interested in being part of the committee please contact Merrilee Toliver. If you know of a location that can hold approximately 60 people to host the meeting/workshop at, could you please send information to Merrilee Toliver.



We will also be having a luggage tag party on Saturday January 9th at the Friendship Village Clubroom 3 from 10-4 in order to make luggage tags as a favor for the attendees of the meeting. This might also help in selling our luggage tags.

We will be putting together opportunity baskets for the meeting. This will be another area any help with would be greatly appreciated. Help will also be needed making table decorations, etc.



NOMINEES:

The lists of nominees for the 2010/11 board that will be voted on at the December meeting are as follows:
President: Merrilee Toliver
Vice President Operations: Debi Cress
Vice President Membership: Marilyn Evans
Secretary: Jan Weatherbee
Treasurer: Shirley Hobbs
Region Rep: Bernice Honig

The list for the appointed positions is as follows:
Education/Programs: ????
Historian: ????
Newsletter/Publicity: Gloria Zanella
Outreach: ??????????
Community Liason: Linda Fries
Ways and Means: Debi Cress
Webmaster: Charli Hendrickson

If there is a position above you would like to fill, please let Merrilee Toliver know.



Budget:

The proposed 2010 Budget that will need to be voted on at the December meeting is attached for your review. If you are attending the meeting, please print a copy out to bring with you.

PHOENIX NEEDLEWORK SHOW

Here's the scoop. The Phoenix Needlework Show opening event is January 29 5-7 -- beverages and appetizers. The show will run from that evening until Feb. 13 10-4 daily. There will be no judging this year in the hope of having more entries. The pieces will be due on Jan. 24th. All the details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Bookmarks should be in the shops and to the guilds by the end of next week or soon thereafter. It will be at the Arizona Historical Society in Tempe -- eastern edge of Papago Park, located on the corner of Curry/College on the north side.

Starlight Stitchers has \$50 budgeted for donation for this event.

Open Stitching:

Open stitching has been changed to a new location. It is still on the 1st Saturday of the month, but will be held at We are located at Friendship Village, 2645 East Southern Avenue between Price/Loop 101 and Dobson Road. Barb Scott was kind enough to get the room for us. It has wonderful lighting. The time will be from 10 AM - 4 PM, in Club Room 3. The room is listed under Barb Scott's name. Please contact Merrilee Toliver if you need any further directions.

My Sister's Place

Ladies, please consider donating a gift card or few dollars toward the purchase of gift cards for My Sister's Place for the holiday season. They would especially appreciate gift cards from Target, Fry's and Wal-mart. Other suggestions include Bashas', Payless, Walgreens etc.

The donation focus for the current quarter is paper products. I recently delivered over 100 rolls of toilet paper to them! Thank you ladies!

The current wish list for My Sister's Place lists deodorant, lotion, over the counter pain relievers/cold meds/antacids, blankets/comforters, furniture polish, laundry detergent, floor cleaner, bleach, stamps, bus tickets, journals and large size diapers and pull-ups as

items in great need. All donations are appreciated. Please donate full sized items, no travel sized products.

Thank you for your generosity.

Linda Fries

STARLIGHT STITCHERS' CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE IN WASHINGTON DC

Three Starlight Stitchers members stitched ornaments for the National Christmas Tree which will be from the Apache Sitgreaves Forest here in Arizona. Marilyn Evans stiched the Feliz Navidad decorated cactus, Kim Garza stitched the red Indian patterned boot and Gloria Zanella stitched the "Saucy Sugar Pine" boot.



Goodbye and Hello:

This is my last newsletter for Starlight Stitchers. I won't be doing the newsletter anymore, but will still be part of Starlight Stitchers. As some of you know, I haven't been able to make many of the meetings because of other family obligations; however, the editor really should be someone who participates actively in the life of the chapter. It's been fun doing this, but I am gratefully handing my laptop (well, not really) over to Gloria, who will take over as editor. Thank you, Gloria, and welcome to the editor's desk.



PROGRAMS:

There is no scheduled program for the **November** meeting, so bring your favorite stitching along and visit with all the friendly Starlight Stitchers that will be at the meeting with you! Perhaps you're trying to finish up on some Christmas ornaments or gifts – the November meeting will be a good time to make some progress on those.

Following a brief business meeting to pass the budget and elect new officers for 2010-2011, the **December** meeting “program” will be our annual Holiday Party. As it was last year, this year will be an informal event. Please feel free to bring along treats to share with the group, as well as your own beverage. Paper/plastic plates, napkins & forks will be provided. To continue another tradition, we will have an **ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**. Please bring your ornament in a gift bag if possible – the ornaments will be exchanged among those who bring one. We will be doing a gift exchange with a new twist, and we hope you will all participate. If you want to join in the exchange you do not have to **BUY** anything, but you do need to go through your stash (we all have that!) or something you already have around the house, and pick out something small – perhaps a package of tapestry needles, a small container of beads, a tiny chart & floss, something goofy or something you find handy and helpful – something that a Starlight Stitcher would **LOVE** to get – it really doesn't have to be a stitching item, **BUT** it needs to be **SOMETHING** that will fit in a plastic self-seal sandwich bag or quart size bag, nothing larger. The “gift” needs to be visible! The exchange process will be fun!

PROGRAMS FOR 2010 and 2011

Three exiting multi-meeting programs have been chosen for 2010 and stretching into 2011. Rather than have mini-projects as we've had the past several years, we are going to have a new format. Sign up sheets will be available at the November and December meetings so that program materials can be ordered. We want to be ready to start as early as possible in the new year. We will still have open stitching and time to visit during meetings throughout the year, but will focus on the projects as we see how the programs proceed and where help is needed or discussion and progress can be shared. The information about the three projects and pictures of the Holiday Brooch and Hearts Bell pull follow:

Rainbow Gallery Fiber Notebook Program. Rainbow Gallery has created a program that is designed for stitchers to experience using different fibers. This program comes as a kit that includes a stitch book and one yard of each of the fibers that are used for stitches to create a special effect. The cost of the kit is \$20.00.

Hearts Bell pull, EGA's National Outreach Project for 2006. The EGA presidents over the past several terms have chosen the American Heart Association as the organization they wanted to sponsor. Heart designs have been created and sold by EGA with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the American Heart Association's women's heart health research. The books are \$5.00 each plus \$1 shipping (if we purchase more than 5 books). The project includes many different stitches, hardanger, pulled thread, blackwork and fancy stitches. We can discuss purchasing material and threads or sharing from our stashes among those who will be participating in the Project.



Photograph from March 2007 issue of EGA *NEEDLEARTS* magazine.

Holiday Brooch is a beaded project located on pages 38-43 of the most recent EGA Needlearts magazine, Vol 40 Number 3, September 2009 issue. The only cost associated for this project would be the beads and misc. other materials to put the final piece together. The beads and other materials can be purchased and shared



Holiday Brooch designed by Carolyn Sherman

Photograph from September 2009 issue of EGA *NEEDLEARTS* magazine.

If you aren't able to attend the meetings but want to participate in the projects, please contact Gloria Zanella or Merrilee Toliver to sign up before the end of December.

	Starlight Stitchers Membership		
	new		

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

EGA membership number: _____

Plural Members Only - Primary Chapter & Region: _____

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Check if you are joining as a NEW member.

2009 is a transition year for membership dues. The amount you pay in 2009 depends on which quarter you renew and you will then be paid up to May 31, 2010. Check the appropriate box below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Q1 \$62.50 Due March 31	<input type="checkbox"/> Q1 \$20.00 Due March 31
<input type="checkbox"/> Q2 \$50.00 Due June 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Q2 \$15.00 Due June 30
<input type="checkbox"/> Q3 \$37.50 Due September 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Q3 \$10.00 Due September 30
<input type="checkbox"/> Q4 \$12.50 Due December 31	<input type="checkbox"/> Q4 \$5.00 Due December 31

Please make check payable to: **Starlight Stitchers**

Mail to: *Marilyn Evans, 7939 E. Inverness Ave., Mesa AZ 85209*

Check # _____ Date Paid _____