

Starlight Stitchers



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

February - April 2009

President's Message

Hello all. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and found plenty of time for stitching! Spring happens to be my favorite time of the year (and not just because of Spring Cleaning!) It's the time of year for flowers to bloom, birds to be chirping, and about the only time of the year that for me is comfortable to be outside in the desert (which means outdoor stitching). Since I've had my little guy, it usually means setting outside on the rocker with the shepherd while he plays and mom stitches. However you spend your spring, please enjoy it.

There are a couple of changes for all to be aware of. First, since the board meetings happen to fall on the month the newsletter should be out, there will be a slight change. Instead of the newsletters being Jan-March, and divided quarterly as such, the newsletter for 2009 will be Feb-April, May-July, Aug-October, and Nov-January. Having the dates this way allows the board to meet, and then be able to put the information in the newsletter.

I also want to bring your attention to the website, as there are a few changes to it, and the board will be utilizing the web more with the intent of having more information available to members and potential members. One of the biggest changes will be the addition of the calendar. Important dates will be listed on the calendar, so please look there for dates on what the Starlight Stitchers Chapter is doing. Also, pictures of group activities and stitched pieces will be on the web. Please see Jan Weatherbee for a photo release. The other areas (such as programs) will be updated more and include information for what is upcoming. I hope this will help everyone keep more informed. I want to thank all the board members for their help in this and thank them for doing a wonderful job. Please take a minute to look at the web.

Finally, Marilyn Evans has graciously taken over the VP of Membership. Welcome aboard!

Here's hoping all of you find all the wonderful stitching time you want!

Happy Stitching
Merrilee Toliver

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Starlight Stitchers Website:
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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Good things to know:

The Phoenix Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival was on Jan 29th – 31st. Several ladies from Starlight attended on Saturday the 31st. This year seemed to generate a lot of interest. There were a good two pages of names and numbers from ladies interested in our group. Both Starlight and Desert Threaders have the list, and Bernice Honig has kindly taken on the job of calling to see if any would like to come to a meeting and perhaps join☺ Thank you, Bernice.




The money for the Hummingbird & Honeysuckle CC will be due at the March meeting. The text is \$30.00 and the \$150.00 will be divided between the total numbers of participants. If you are interested please let Merrilee know at mletoli@cox.net or 480-704-3552. The first meeting will be at the April 13th meeting, and then meeting at the open stitching for the other meetings.




Workshop - We are planning a fall workshop with Carolyn Sherman. It will be a beading workshop. More information will be forthcoming.




Ways and Means – There are still past items for sale on the Ways and Means. Also, at the April 4th Open Stitching we will be working on the new fundraiser (luggage tags). If you are able to attend, please do so.



Maricopa County Fair - Starlight Stitchers members have a great opportunity to get in some stitching time, meet new people, and promote our chapter. Where? and When? you ask. At the Maricopa County Fair, on Saturday, April 18 from 10am to 4pm. MaryEllen Simmons, the Superintendent of the Creative Crafts & Collections Department of the AZ State Fair is also serving in the same capacity for the Maricopa County Fair, and has asked our chapter to demonstrate at both fairs. Free admission tickets to the fair will be provided to us, but you need to sign up for a 2 hour shift so there is always someone there to demonstrate and so no one has to stay for the entire time UNLESS they want to! Hopefully free parking will be available at the AZ State Capitol parking lot and shuttle buses provided to take you to the fairgrounds, but that information will be available later. Sign-up sheets will be available at the March meeting, or you may call Merrilee Toliver to let her know you want to participate. The cut-off date for signing up is April 1st to allow time for MaryEllen to send the tickets to get in.



On Saturday, Feb. 7th there were four Starlight Stitchers that got together for the EGA National Stitch Day. The four were Gloria Zanella, Bernice Honig, Ann Bergman and Merrilee Toliver. We started at the Pyle Center, and then because it did not rain, continued with the first plan to go to Tempe Market Place. We ate lunch at Lucille's, where we handed out some information on our chapter to the hostess (Tiffany). She said she cross stitches, and used to stitch with her grandma. We invited her to our meeting and gave her one of the bookmarks with our information on it. We then went to the Barnes and Noble at Tempe Marketplace, and stitched by the window in their coffee section. The four of us had a wonderful time.



The Temari workshop was a big success. Charli taught 10 people for the morning beginning workshop and five for the afternoon intermediate.

Everyone enjoyed learning and felt that they would be able to finish their Temari after leaving the workshop. I feel like I can complete most any pattern. Anyone interested in Temari should go to the Temarikai website (<http://www.temarikai.com/>). There are dozens of designs with patterns and even instructions.



Here's some information about the plans to support My Sister's Place.

Thank you so much for your generous support of My Sister's Place this past year. The latest delivery included diapers, toilet paper, sanitary napkins, body wash and lotion and 29 five-dollar gift cards to a variety of stores.

We're going to try something new this year for My Sister's Place. Each quarter we'll emphasize a different item or group of products. Also listed are the items the shelter is most in need of. Any thing can be donated at any time, and all contributions are appreciated. The dollar store is a great, inexpensive place to shop.

Quarter 1 - Feb - Apr - Cleaning Supplies

Quarter 2 - May - Jul - Diapers, Pullups, Baby Wipes

Quarter 3 - Aug - Oct - Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues

Quarter 4 - Nov - Jan - Gift Cards (Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Fry's, Bashas, Target, Gas Cards) and Personal Care Products

Items in particular need -

Hair Conditioner - including African
American products
Children's Underwear (boys and girls)
Women's deodorant
Bleach
Children's Pajamas
Lotion
Batteries
Baby Food (jars)
Pregnancy tests

Pillows
Baby Formula
Telephone cards
Journals
Baby Cereal
Stamps
Tums, Tylenol, Pepto-Bismol etc.
Over the counter cold medicine



PSR Seminar 2009 "Pampered Stitchers" - June 26-28, 2009 at Tempe Mission Palms Hotel,
Tempe , Arizona

The brochure for the PSR seminar is now available and registration is now open. The brochure will soon be available on the region website: psrega.org - check it out. A color copy of the brochure and registration forms will be available at the Starlight Stitchers meetings. What you need to know now, though, is that if you register by December 31st you will receive 25 opportunity drawing tickets for the opportunity items to be given away at seminar! This seminar is in the BEST location for Starlight Stitchers chapter members - right in our backyard - and two of our members will be teaching at the seminar. If you have attended a region seminar in the past, you know how much fun it is, and if you HAVEN'T attended a region seminar - this is the time to do it. You may attend for one day, two days, or all three!

Because the Starlight Stitchers Board feels that the goals of EGA are best experienced at a seminar, it has budgeted an incentive or bonus to Starlight Stitchers members who register to attend seminar. For each day a member is registered she will receive \$10. Plan to take advantage of the opportunities this seminar presents: it's close to home, you'll have a chance to take classes, you'll meet members from other chapters in the region, eat great food (and lots of it is available) possibly win something in the opportunity drawing and get a bonus of \$10 per day from Starlight Stitchers! You deserve to be pampered!!!

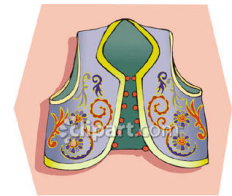


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Plural Members Only - Primary Chapter & Region:

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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.

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| <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 |

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