

THE CHATELAINE

Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

by Lois Dick

During the past year we have all had to go out of our comfort zone to adapt to a new way of living. Although we are beginning to lose patience, there is a faint glimmer of hope as we are able to secure those precious appointments for vaccinations and some of the restrictions are lifted.

The Hinsdale Embroiderer's Guild has made many adaptations during this time and we are now looking forward to hopefully returning to normal....or the new normal whatever that may be.

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From the President's Desk

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Our members have made many adjustments during this time. Your flexibility and willingness to learn has been appreciated and will be rewarded during the coming year as we resume our meetings and workshops.

The ability to meet virtually this year has been embraced by a majority of our members. It required learning new computer skills and we are now all "Zoom Masters". Our appreciation to Kennette Bledsoe for setting up our sessions and providing reminders and links to us. Jennifer Shekeran has provided us with ongoing communication and is diligently working on our web site.

Program chairs, Betsy Maloney and Sue Bosko have been required to constantly adjust the plans for our workshops and lectures. They have managed to bring us a year filled with learning new skills and enjoying the works of others. Using Zoom meant that two out of town members, Pat Ewers and Diane Andersen, were able to join us.

We have always known that we have talented members in our group. The trunk shows by Libby Sturdy, Cindy VanderWoude, Anne Zick, Coleen Walter, and Nancy Knopf reinforced this. In addition, Sara Hochhauser had a Salt Creek Guild Challenge quilt accepted by Carol King to be used in a video. This was made possible by another member, Linda Kennedy.

Our April meeting will be our last meeting of the year. It is a business meeting and an opportunity for us all to show our completed quarantine projects. We will be asking the membership to approve the revised Bylaws and Policies. In addition, approval will be needed for some changes to our

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From the President's Desk

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communication and IT protocols. A sub-committee has been working on this.

The nominating committee has presented the following candidates for next year: Coleen Walter, Treasurer and the team of Libby Sturdy and Mary Gemko as 2022-23 Program Chairs. Membership will need to vote on these candidates. Lois Dick, president and Judy Ellison, secretary will continue the second year of their term.

We thank Marsha Poppie for taking on the position of Membership Chair for the remainder of this and next year. Speaking of membership, our dues for the 2021-22 year are due by May 15th. To compensate for this past year, they are reduced to \$35. Details for submission are in this publication. Please send your dues in before the due date to expedite the procedure. We are all volunteers and late submission of dues can create a great deal of extra work for all involved in the process.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in September. In the meantime, stay safe, stay well, and get vaccinated!

Lois Dick, President

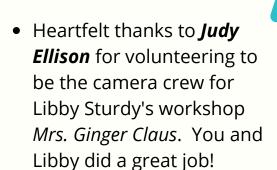


Announcements

Board Changes



 Our continued thanks to Kennette Bledsoe for her support of all the Zoom Meetings and sharing her Zoom subscription with the Guild for the 2020-2021 year.



- It has been wonderful to see Nora Lou Kampe in our recent M&M's and meetings and we have *Judy Ellison* to thank for getting Nora Lou set up to join us! We so appreciate you taking the time to do that, Judy!
- How about a round of applause for the superb job done by our outgoing Program Chairs, **Betsy Maloney** and **Sue Bosko**. It surely has been the one of the most challenging years to have had this responsibility.

- Marsha Poppie has gladly agreed to assume the role of Membership chair.
 Welcome aboard, Marsha!
- Our thanks to Cindy Vander Woude for her recent service to HEG in this capacity. Our healing thoughts are with you, Cindy.
- Kennette Bledsoe has joined the Communications Committee and is handling all our meeting notifications. Thank you so much!



 Nominations for the Board to be voted on at the April Business Meeting

2nd Vice Presidents Libby Sturdy Mary Gemkow Treasurer Coleen Walter



The following officers will be continuing the second year of their two year terms

President 1st Vice Presidents

Lois Dick Betsy Maloney

Libby Sturdy Linda Kennedy

Secretary

Judy Ellison

An Urgent Request Concerning our April 19, 2021 Meeting from the 2020-2021 Program Chairs

For the April 19, 2021 meeting, we, the Program Chairs, would like to try something new for our last HEG meeting of the 2020-2021 year. Our goal is to spotlight the wonderful work created by the talented membership of the Guild. Without your participation, we will not be able to achieve this goal.

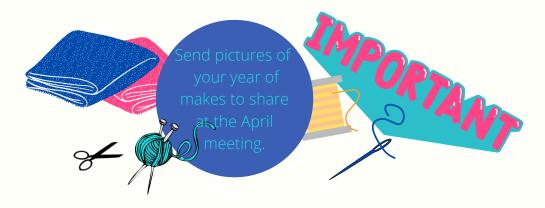
We would like to create a slide show of all the projects that our Guild members have been working on in the past year, *completed or in progress*. While we enthusiastically welcome *any and all* projects, we would love to highlight in progress or finished products from this year's workshops, *Silk Ribbon Medieval Coils, Sunbonnet Sue*, and *Mrs. Ginger Claus*.



Kennette Bledsoe has kindly offered to prepare this slide show and share it at our meeting. We ask that you please send pictures along with a brief description of your items to Kennette at bledsoe@gmail.com by *April 12.* As we share the slide show at the meeting, you will be welcomed to speak about your projects.



If you would like to participate and have any doubts about any aspect of preparing/emailing your photos, including taking photos, scanning printed photos, or sending/emailing photos, please don't hesitate to contact Kennette at bledsoe@gmail.com or Betsy Maloney at HEGPrograms@gmail.com.



Membership Renewal

by Marsha Poppie

Once again, with the passing of another year, the happy prospect of Spring approaching and (dare we hope for) *in-person* meetings, it's time to renew your membership and submit payment of your dues. As approved by the membership at our January meeting, dues for the 2021-2022 year will be **\$35.00** and they will be due on *May 15, 2021*.

We will be using a process similar to the one for signing up for workshops. Watch your inbox for an email containing instructions for the 2 step process to renew your membership as follows:

Step 1:

- Select the link labelled I intend to renew my membership and it will create a new email, addressed to HEGMembership@gmail.com and from you
- type your name into the body of the email and pick the SEND button This email will alert the Membership chair to be on the lookout for a check from you in the USPS mail.

Step 2:

- Print out the attachment titled **HEG Membership Renewal Form for 2021-2022**
- Please note any changes to your contact information **OR** check the box indicating there are no changes to your entry in the Membership Directory
- Mail this coupon along with your check for \$35.00 made out to *Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild* to

ATTN: Membership Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild PO Box 165 Hinsdale, Illinois 60522



The deadline for receipt of this payment is May 15, 2021. You will receive a confirmation email when your payment is received.

This would be a perfect time to include a photo along with your check. Alternatively, you are welcome to submit a digital photo to HEGMembership@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Marsha Poppie at HEGMembership@gmail.com.

If you know of anyone interested in joining the Guild, please direct them to the Membership Tab at www.HinsdaleEmbroiderersGuild.com where they will find a form to **Apply to Join**. Upon receipt of that form, they will be sent an email with next steps.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall as we start what promises to be a wonderful year, hopefully in-person.

A Few Words from the Program Chairs for 2020-2021

by Betsy Maloney and Sue Bosko

As we look back on the past year, we thank every single HEG member for being so flexible and positive while adapting to all the changes that have been necessary in our Covid19 year. It has been so rewarding to see all of you accept alternate speakers and moving dates for specific programs. On top of all of this, you all have become happy and superb users of Zoom. Thank you, thank you for being so adaptable.

The new year 2021 could not have had a better start than with Cindy Vander Woude's January presentation of *My Life Journey with Samplers*. It was simply outstanding and a wonderful journey through your stitching life. Thank you, Cindy!!

In February, Marilyn
Montgomery's Watermelon
Placemat talk got us all started
on our placemats and inspired
others to join our group of 12. All
kits are now sold, but you can
still join if you want to use your

own stash of fabric. We are looking forward to tons of fun sewing together in May when we will meet on Zoom with each of us sewing in our own homes.

In March, when our presentation and workshop was postponed at the instructor's request, Nancy Knopf so ably created a presentation *The Fine Art of Blackwork* to share her wealth of knowledge in Blackwork.

Prepared on short notice, her love of and expertise in blackwork was readily apparent.

What a wonderful presentation and thank you, Nancy! We so enjoyed it!

Two of our 2020-2021 programs have been postponed to the future. Sue Wojciechowski as well as the field trip to Nancy Sturgeon's will be found in our 2021-2022 Programs calendar.

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by Betsy Maloney and Sue Bosko (Continued from page 6)

A Peak in the Rearview Mirror

This year of Programs would not have been possible without the significant contributions from so many Guild members. Words cannot do justice to the appreciation that we want to express.

Many thanks to our members,

- **Coleen Walter** for her presentation, *My Life as a Quilter*
- Anne Zick for her Sunbonnet Sue presentation, workshop and kit preparation/delivery
- Libby Sturdy for her presentation, *Ribbon Ladies*, and her workshop *Mrs.Ginger Claus* and kit preparation
- **Cindy Vander Woude** for her presentation, *My Life Journey with Samplers*
- Marilyn Montgomery for her Watermelon Placemat presentation, workshop and kit preparation
- Nancy Knopf for her presentation,
 The Fine Art of Blackwork

We thank you all for donating great amounts of time, work and energy in order to create for us such outstanding presentations and workshops, several times on short notice. We are so blessed to have such gifted and generous members.

Last but not at all least, many, many thanks for the MOUNTAINS OF WORK from our behind the scenes workers. We are all truly indebted to Jennifer Shekaran, Kennette Bledsoe, and Judy Ellison. Without these ladies, we simply would not have been able to do our Zoom presentations and workshops. Also thanks to Marsha Poppie and Lois Dick for their help in assisting with kit preparation and delivery of them. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Lastly, ladies, it's been an eventful year to have been the program chairs for the Guild. Sue and I, like many of you, are kind of glad to see it in our rear view mirrors. We happily hand over the Programs to next year's committee. Please welcome Libby Sturdy and Linda Kennedy, who along with myself, will be providing unbelievable and outstanding programs starting in September, 2021.



Programs 2020-2021

By Betsy Maloney and Sue Bosko

April 19, 2021



Programs Reveal for 2021-2022 - *Presentation*

Betsy Maloney, Libby Sturdy, and Linda Kennedy

The Program Chairs for 2021-2022 will make a presentation about the programs for the upcoming year.



April 19, 2021

A Share of Yearly Accomplishments from Members



We are asking everyone who comes to the meeting to bring all of their projects from this year (finished as well as works in progress) to share, including your workshop projects.

April 19, 2021

Libby Sturdy

Mrs. Ginger Claus - Workshop

This will be the third of the three workshops with Libby working on Mrs. Ginger Claus.



May 17, 2021

Group Sewing Day for Watermelon Placemats - Workshop Marilyn Montgomery

On this day we will meet and work together to complete our Watermelon Placemats. Marilyn will be sharing how to make your own continuous binding from a rectangle. We will meet on Zoom so we can sew in the comfort of our own home!



Programs 2021-2022 Sneak Peak

By Betsy Maloney, Libby Sturdy, and Linda Kennedy



September 20, 2021

Small Wonders Paper Piecing - *Workshop Anne Zick*



October 18, 2021

BORO Inspiration: Indigo and Sashiko Stitching

Akemi Cohn





November 15, 2021 & November 16, 2021

The Tree of Life - Needlepoint Workshop Kimberly Smith



Programs 2021-2022 Sneak Peak

By Betsy Maloney, Libby Sturdy, and Linda Kennedy



January 17, 2022

Visit the Royal School of Needlework - *Presentaton*

Nancy Knopf

February 21, 2022

Button Sampler - Workshop Libby Sturdy and Linda Kennedy





March 21, 2021

Dorset Buttons - Needlepoint Workshop

Catherine Reford





Programs 2021-2022 Sneak Peak

By Betsy Maloney, Libby Sturdy, and Linda Kennedy



April 18, 2022

Wool Applique Ball Susan Wojciechowski

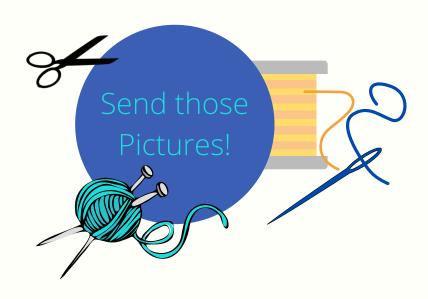


May 16, 2022

Field Trip to Nancy Sturgeon's Needlework filled Home

Nancy Sturgeon









April 2021

- 1 Beginning of Membership Drive for 2021-2022
- 1 Deadline for Sign up for November 2021 Workshop with Kimberly Smith
- 5 M&M Meeting on Zoom
- 12 Deadline for Slide Show items to be emailed to Kennette
- 19 Business Meeting 9:30 AM on Zoom
- 19 2021-2022 Program and Workshop Reveal
- 19 A Share of Yearly Accomplishments from Members
- 19 Mrs Ginger Claus Workshop 2 with Libby Sturdy on Zoom

May 2021

- 3 M&M Meeting on Zoom
- 15 Deadline for renewal of membership and payment of dues for 2021-2022
- 17 Meeting 9:30 AM Zoom starting at 9:00 AM
- **17** Watermelon Placemats Workshop with Marilyn Montgomery on Zoom





The Work of our Hands



This is wonderful Santa is a recent finish of Teri Sanfilippo. The Santa is *Northern Lights Santa*, a design by Leigh Designs. What a beautiful finishing job for this beautiful Santa.

Another exquisite finish by Teri Sanfilippo, this pin is *Beaded Brooch*, designed by Hazel Blomkamp. What a unique brooch this is!





A third finish by Teri Sanfilippo is this 3 dimensional peacock, a design by Jenny Adin of Christie Designs. What a beautiful design and an incredible finishing job, Teri!

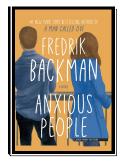


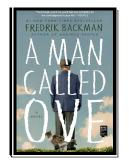
To have your finished projects (or even works in progress) included in the newsletter just send a photo to HEGCommunications@gmail.com. I will include them in the next edition.



It certainly has been a year of tough times in which some of our best moments have been spent reading. While I have rarely provided recommendations during the spring, this seems an appropriate time for me to share some of the works I have read lately both for enjoyment and enlightenment.

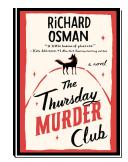
MYSTERIES

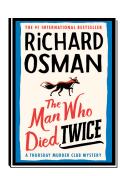




Three books were particularly enjoyable. The first is *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman, the author of *A Man Called Ove*, one of the most delightful characters we've met in recent fiction. This novel involves a bank robber who tries to rob a cashless bank, a real estate open house that winds up as a hostage situation, and a bridge where suicides did and did not take place. More importantly it is a novel about love and friendship.

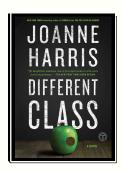
The second work is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Four unlikely friends who live in a retirement community meet in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes. But they soon find themselves confronted with a murder. All the action takes place amid infighting in a senior community where real power lies in the hands of the Parking Committee. A sequel, *The Man Who Died Twice: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery* will be available soon.







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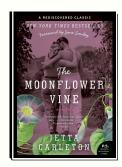


The third is a murder mystery set at an elite British boy's school. *A Different Class* by Joanne Harris pits the established values of the school against a modernization that threatens one of its longtime faculty members. Roy Straitley is no Mister Chips but we come to love him as he solves crimes and fights to keep the school's values. Reader alert for violence in this novel.

Focus on Family Relationships

Two very different novels that focus on family relationships are *The Moonflower Vine* by Jetta Carleton and *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

The first focuses on a farm family in Missouri during the first half of the twentieth century. While each of the four daughters follows her own way in life, the family is bound by a love that through tragedy keeps them together.





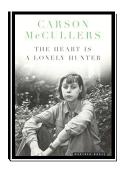
Focus on Family Relationships (cont)

Bennett's novel focuses on twin sisters who at sixteen flee their small black community in Louisiana. Years later one twin lives with her daughter in the same community while her sister passes for white in Los Angeles until their lives become united again.



Classics

I revisited two classic works during the past month and found them both even richer and more rewarding this time around.



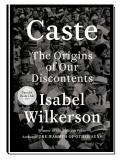
The first was *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers, a tale set in a small mill town in Georgia. The cast of misfit characters live in a kind of spiritual isolation that is intensified by the racial tensions in the South. The novel is a small masterpiece.

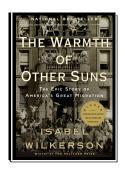
The second classic was James Joyce's collection of short stories, *The Dubliners*. Set in the early twentieth century the stories focus on moments of illumination that come to the characters as they deal with love, death, Irish politics, and religion.





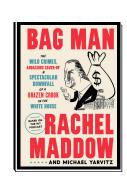
Nonfiction





I found two works of non-fiction particularly interesting. The first is Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste*, a study of how society, particularly in America, has been shaped by a hidden caste system that ranks people in a rigid hierarchy. As in her powerful first work, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Wilkerson shapes the narrative by telling the stories of real people.

The second work is *Bag Man: The Wild Crimes, Audacious Cover-up and Spectacular Downfall of a Brazen Crook in the White House* by Rachael Maddow and Michael Yarvitz. Based on the authors' award winning podcast, the work tells of the criminal enterprise run by Vice President Spiro Agnew out of the White House, the investigation that uncovered the crimes, and the political deal that led to Agnew's resignation and that still has political repercussions today.



Happy Reading!
Pat Ewers



Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Business Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2021 Meeting via Zoom Submitted by Judy Ellison, Secretary

The January 18, 2021 Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Lois Dick with 31 members present.

Lois' President's Report began with a tribute to Martin Luther King Day with Lois stating that Martin Luther King was a great man and with a quote from him. Dr. King stated that "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in comfort and convenience but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy." She stated that the last week was challenging and the next week will be as well and that we all have our own battles we cope with every day. She is encouraged by everyone working together to continue breathing life into HEG. It is unlikely we will be able to meet as a large group until September. Lois acknowledged Coleen for her presentation of her Life Through Quilts at the October meeting. Marilyn Montgomery has taken over as president of Salt Creek Quilt Guild as their currently virtual president. As part of the guilt show that was canceled due to Covid issues last spring, challenge quilts were created using a theme from a Carole King song and a particular fabric. Both Linda Kennedy's and Sara Hochhauser's quilts were award winners in the challenge. Linda Kennedy made contact with both a friend of Carole's and her manager and now 11 of these challenge quilts are being sent to California to be used in a music video of Carol's music. Sara Hochhauser's quilt was among those selected for the video! Kennette Bledsoe also won the raffle quilt from the quilt show!

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Secretary's Report for our September 21, 2020 business meeting was included in the Chatelaine. Sue Rous moved and Betsy Maloney seconded to approve the minutes as presented and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for September through December 2020 was presented by Coleen Walter and with a motion by Cathy Urnezis and a second by Marcia Poppie the motion was carried.

1st Vice President's Report was presented by Betsy Maloney who began by thanking everyone for dealing with all the changes needed for covid. Two needlepoint canvases are being stitched by Pat Ewers and Libby Sturdy in honor of Claudia at the request of her husband and will be given to him when complete. Today's program is Cindy Vander Woude's journey through her life with samplers and we are looking forward to that. In February Marilyn will be doing an intro to the placemat workshop and informing participants about the parts of the kit so that we can prepare for the sewing day in May and Libby will do her first workshop on Mrs. Ginger Claus. In March there is a change of program. The originally scheduled presenter on the embroidered wool balls is not able to do zoom presentations or workshops so will be rescheduled for another time. Instead our own Nancy Knopf will present her blackwork project including information about blackwork in general as well as its history. She has been doing a blackwork year-long

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project with a new stitch each week and will share her knowledge and show her project. April and May schedules will still be adjusted as needed for Covid. April is our regularly scheduled Business Meeting and members are encouraged to "bring" Show and Tell (completed or still in progress) to our zoom meeting and share with the guild members what they have been doing. Betsy, Libby, and Linda will also share a Power Point of the programs for 2021-2022. Libby will continue with her second Mrs. Ginger Claus presentation after the Business Meeting'

2nd Vice Presidents' Report was presented by Betsy. She, Libby, and Linda have been working together toward a great 2021-2022 guild year and will reveal the programs at the April Business Meeting.

Cindy Vander Woude presented the **Membership Report**. We now have 40 active members and 4 honorary members. Everyone is encouraged to send current photos to Jennifer so we can have photos of everyone in the Membership Book.

Jennifer Shekaran presented the **Media/Communication Report**. We have 20 members (18 active and 2 honorary) on our Facebook Page. It's a great way to share what you've been doing and guild members are encouraged to join the page and share their work. The Chatelaine is wonderful per all the

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members and Jennifer has nothing to report on it. The Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild website is up and running and still somewhat under construction as the area within the website regarding programs is fluid due to changes required by Covid. There have been 93 visitors to the website including visitors from Amsterdam, Idaho, Ohio, Alabama and Maryland as well as former member Georgia LaRoux! Jennifer encouraged members to please send her photos of themselves so she can include them in the Membership Book and informed members that any changes in their contact information should be sent first to Cindy as Membership Chair who will then pass the information along to Jennifer. Lois thanked Jennifer for the huge job she has done so very well!

Marie Dold reported for **Hospitality** that she is ready to coordinate when we are able to return to the church for our meetings.

There was no **Old Business**.

New Business included a recommendation by the board that annual dues for the 2021-2022 guild year be \$35. Marie Dold moved and Pat Ewers seconded a motion to approve the recommended dues and the motion carried. When the request for the dues comes to members the checks should be sent to the HEG post office box. Kennette Bledsoe will now be

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the Media Co-chair to work with Jennifer Shekaran on this very large area. The discussion of revisions of the guild by-laws and policies has been moved to April due to numerous changes made at the board meeting.

There being no other business, Jennifer Shekaran moved and Sue Rous seconded the motion to end the business meeting. Motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Ellison, Secretary



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The Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild

MEMBERSHIP in the Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild is open to all embroiderers. New and renewing dues payments should be sent to

ATTN: Membership Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild PO Box 165 Hinsdale, IL 60522

ANNUAL DUES for the Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild of \$50 include

- 3 issues of The Chatelaine
- Chapter meetings and programs
- M & M Meetings
- Member Book with Member Directory

NAME TAGS are worn to each meeting and should be stitched by the wearing member.

GUESTS are welcome at all meetings.

GUILD WORKSHOPS by artisans contracted by the Guild follow most monthly meetings (after lunch) and are paid for by participants. In the event a workshop is not full, enrollment may be opened to non-guild members.

MEETING CANCELLATION: In the event a meeting must be cancelled, members will be notified via email.

Please note that all inperson Meetings and Workshops are being held on Zoom until further notice.



MEETINGS are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:00 AM at the Western Springs Baptist Church, 4475 Wolf Rd, Western Springs, IL. From 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM is reserved for chatting, coffee and nibbles provided by member hostesses. Meetings are called to order at 9:30 AM.

M & M Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month 9:30-12:00 and is hosted at members' homes. Members bring and work on a project of their choosing. Coffee, tea and lots of chatting while admiring each other's work are the agenda for these meetings.

The Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Officers and Chairs

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