



# THE CHATELAINE

Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Newsletter

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## *From the President's Desk*

*by Mary Gemkow*

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Happy Spring, everyone!

It is hard to believe that this year with the Guild is drawing to the end. We have had so many great workshops and lectures. One of the highlights is always our show and tell. I am always in awe of the beautiful artwork that is created by our members. It is truly inspiring.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the members of the board who serve so selflessly. Lots of hours go into making this group as great as it is. None of this would happen without all of you.

Thanks also to all who have stepped up to serve next year.

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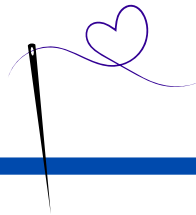
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President's Desk*

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Thank you to all you members as well.  
Everyone is so welcoming and friendly. It is  
the reason our meetings are so well attended.  
What a marvelous group of ladies.

I have truly enjoyed being your president and  
know that you will be as welcoming to our  
next president, Jeanie Gale and her board.

Happy stitching!  
Mary



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

**Thanks!**



2nd Vice President	Julie Guynn
Contract Chairpersonss	Pat Cavaliere and Sara Hochhauser
Secretary	Barbara Mellons

Thanks to our  
**Nominating  
Committee  
members**, Jeanie  
Gale, Mary Gemkow,  
Mindy McMahon for  
reaching out to seek  
interested Board  
members who will  
inspire us!

The following officers will continue on the Board

President	Jeanie Gale
Program Chairpersons	Chris Holmes Linda Mezny
Treasurer	Coleen Walter

Thanks to outgoing officers for their time & dedication to HEG

President	Mary Gemkow
Program Chairperson	Marilyn Montgomery
Secretary	Ann Louise Fish



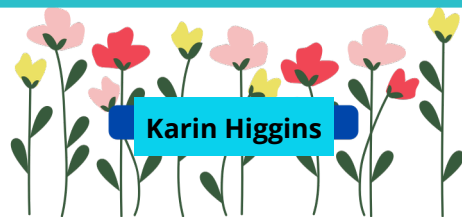
# Membership

by Mara Devitt

We are pleased to announce we have room for several more interested stitchers! If you know of anyone who would like to join HEG, please refer them to our website ([www.hinsdaleembroiderersguild.com](http://www.hinsdaleembroiderersguild.com)) where they can print out a form with the necessary information to become a member. You are always welcome to bring a guest to a meeting who may be interested in joining our Guild. **Membership fees (\$50) are due May 15. Sign up now!**

Welcome

Welcome to our new member



## HEG Calendar

*Calendar for HEG 2025-2026*  
Current as of April, 2026

### Color Key

- Socialize & Snacks 9:00
- Business Meeting 9:30
- Program
- Workshop @ 12:00- 3:00
- Wkshp. registration deadline
- M&M Meeting 9:30-12:00

### APRIL 2026

- 19- Deadline to register for mixed media fabric painting
- 20- Business Meeting
- 20- 2026-2027 Program & Workshop Reveal!
- 20 - Program- Author/quilter Teresa Duryea Wong's research on Native American Quilts
- 20 - Workshop- create a personalized and embellished project bag

### May 2026

- 4 - M&M at Marilyn Montgomery's home; RSVP
- 15 - Membership dues deadline
- 18 - Program- Susan Snow's journey with varied areas of fiber and paint in all sorts of projects
- 18 - Workshop - mixed media fabric painting

# Hospitality

Sue Bosko and Pat Cavaliere

## 2025-2026 Meeting Hostesses

We are all looking forward to finishing another memorable year of needlework and friendships along with coffee, snacks and delicious bakery items! Each hostess is asked to bring one treat to the meeting of your assigned month. If you are unable to do so for your designated date, please make arrangements to exchange with another member and notify the hospitality chairs, Sue Bosko or Pat Cavaliere of the change.

### April

Mary Calzada  
Ann Fish  
Marilyn Graves  
Chris Holmes  
Nancy Knopf  
Barbara Mellens



### May

Pat Ciszewski  
Jeanie Gale  
Nancy Johnson  
Linda Mezny  
Valerie Rodelli  
Terri Sanfilippo  
Judy Ellison  
Edie Weilemann

Thanks!



**M&M meetings are held on the first Monday** of most months and all members are encouraged to attend. It is a wonderful way to get to know other members in a relaxed setting and work on any project of your choice. A notification reminder will be emailed each month.



### 2025-2026 Schedule; Please RSVP

May 4 Marilyn Montgomery

Thanks!

to all of you who hosted an M&M this year! We had several M&Ms with very few members participating so at the April business meeting let's talk about whether M&M's should continue, change day of the week or time? Your voice is needed to guide our future.



# Announcements



- Looking for someone to join Sue Bosko with **Hospitality** next year. It requires you to arrive early to prepare coffee and hot water, cleanup before leaving, as well to coordinate signups. Ask Sue for more details if interested.
- Please wear a name tag at all of our meetings so others know who you are! Many members created new **name tags**, have vintage name tags and a variety of needle art name tags.
- **Thanks Kennette and others for taking photographs** of the finished projects during 'show and tell,' posting them on our **facebook** page to keep it fresh, inspire others and invite new members! You are making a positive difference.
- Interested in **hosting an M&M?** No need to provide food, just a comfortable home to stitch on our own projects and chat.... Let Sue Bosko know of your interest and she will coordinate the date.
- HEG takes photos of participants and/or their projects in classes, at monthly meetings and during special events to use in our publications, on our website, and in social media. All members are requested to complete the **photograph permission form** located on our website & submit to Membership Chairperson, Mara Devitt. If you do not want to be photographed or do not want your projects photographed, it is your responsibility to step away from photographer.
- Guild members are invited to use our **Zoom** account to meet virtually and/or stitch on projects as you please. Decide your details - who, when, and why - and let Kennette Bledsoe know. She will set up the meeting and send the link to the people involved. Then you just log in and enjoy. Your meeting can be several hours if needed.
- Please give Mindy McMahon all of your stitched **hearts for Hospice** at the **May meeting**. When a resident passes away, a heart is placed on the door to remind passersby to be respectful of those mourning. The beautiful needlepoint heart is then given to a family member and becomes a cherished remembrance. Recipients have commented about the thoughtful gesture and the peace it provides. The Kansas City Guild will finish them. Lots of designs can be found including this site- <https://colourcomplements.com/about-colour-complements>.

2025-2026

## Program & Workshops

Marilyn Montgomery

April 20, 2026



Business Meeting

2026-2027 Program & Workshop Reveal!

**Program-** Author and quilter Teresa Duryea Wong will present virtually her research on Native American Quilts and the skills and designs they used to make quilts that reflect their own cultural heritage.



**Workshop-** Guild member, Kennette Bledsoe will lead us through the steps to create our personalized and embellished project bag on mesh canvas.

**\$20 workshop fee for HEG members registration was due March 16**



May 18, 2026



**Program-** Our very own Susan Snow will describe her journey through the rich and varied areas of fiber as she shares her experiences with all sorts of projects and materials.

**Workshop-** Guild member, Susan Snow will teach mixed media techniques, including paint, that add to and embellish fabric to create a wonderful picture.



**\$50 workshop & kit fee for HEG members  
Registration due April 19**



# HEG 2025-2026 Workshops & Kit contents

## Marilyn Montgomery

**April 20** personalized 'Sew Emma" project bag

**No Kit** - Purchase your mad-for-plaid-project-bag - (<https://www.itssewemma.com/peony>)  
**Bring** the Sew Emma bag you purchased, needles, threads , embellishments, lighting and magnification, if needed.

**May 18** mixed media techniques, including paint, that add to and embellish fabric to create a wonderful picture.

**Kit includes-** 8 X 10 gessoboard, brushes, paint tray, gloves, shared acrylic paints, colored pencils, fabric, etc. canvas  
**Bring** scissors for fussy cutting and tweezers which will get gluey and encouraged to bring fabric of your choice to cover the entire support and wrap the edges or scraps

Workshop	Signup before	Total workshop and kit cost	
Apr. 20 - Designing your personalized project bag	Mar. 16	\$20	
May 18 - Mixed media fabric embellishing	Apr. 19	\$50	
NAME _____ phone # _____		Total due\$ _____	

Payment type check # \_\_\_\_\_ cash paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and give this form to Marilyn Montgomery, along with a check made out to **Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild**.

You will receive an email confirmation after your payment is received.

If you have questions, contact Marilyn Montgomery, [marilyn.o.montgomery@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.o.montgomery@gmail.com) 708.209.5005

2026-2027

## Program & Workshops

Chris Holmes & Linda Mezny



**Monday, September 21**

**Business Meeting**



**Program - Threads of Thought: Art, Quilt and the Human Hand**, Shin-hee Chin, an

internationally acclaimed fiber artist and art educator at Tabor College in Kansas, will share her creative journey of Random Weave and Stitch technique and display examples of her wall art. <https://shinheechin.com/>

Examples of Random Weave and Stitch student projects



**Workshop** - Monday 12:00-3:30 and Tuesday morning

hands-on exploration of Random Weave and Stitch technique

**Workshop member fee: \$50 due by June 1, non-members \$75.00**

**Supply List — bring your own stash**



**Monday, October 19**



**Program** - Jean Farish Needleworks, presents an overview of pulled thread, spanning cultures and centuries.

<https://www.jeanfarishneedleworks.com/>

**Workshop** "Kindness" a small band sampler of cross stitch and pulled threads

**Workshop & kit fee: \$50 due by August 15**

**Monday, November 16**



**Program-** Chris Moline's Redwork Quilts and several examples from her collection of antique quilts. <https://www.quiltersquest.com/chris-moline.htm>

**Workshop-** Chris Holmes, is teaching an HEG folded fabric ornament!

**Workshop & kit fee: \$40 due by Sept. 21**



2026-2027

## Program & Workshops

Chris Holmes & Linda Mezny

December luncheon date TBD; Chris and Linda invite volunteers to assist in planning



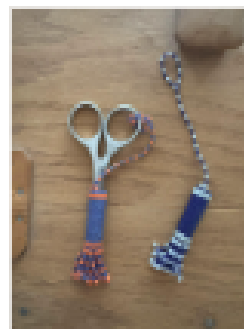
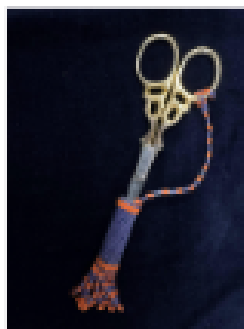
January 18

Business meeting



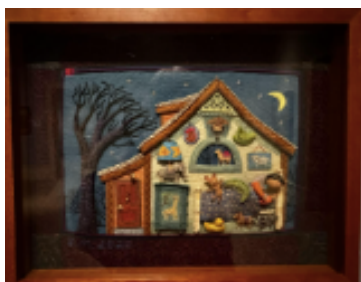
**Program** - Linda Mezny presents her 'walk through the world of beading.'

**Workshop**- Linda will guide us to make scissor fobs using beads and fishing line.



**Workshop fee: \$25 due by Oct. 19**

**Supplies are donated**



**Workshop:** Chris Holmes and Linda Mezny are teaching an embroidered felt dove ornament.

**Workshop & kit fee: \$45 due by Nov. 16**

Monday, March 15



**Program** - features a trunk show of English smocking presented by our very own, Chris Holmes. The follow-up to this talk will be the project at our May retreat at Lutherdale, a smocked pin cushion.

**Workshop** - Andrea Sapon's technique of yarn weaving around a paper core to create a beautiful bowl.



A zoom follow-up on **Wednesday, March 24**, time TBD, so she can show us how to finish our woven bowl.

Andrea would like specific yarn colors per student by Dec 1 so she can shop for requests.

**Workshop & kit fee: \$60 due by Dec. 1**

2026-2027

## Program & Workshops

Chris Holmes & Linda Mezny



**Monday , April 19**  
**Business Meeting**



### **2027-2028 Program Reveal!**

**Program-** Judy Caruso, a well known EGA instructor, will speak about 'What is Brazilian Embroidery and the wonderful rayon thread.'

<https://egausa.org/guest-post-florists-cineraria-a-brazilian-embroidery-piece-by-judy-borreson-caruso/>



**Workshop** - learn basic techniques of Brazilian Embroidery to create 'Mini Beauty.'

**Workshop & kit fee: \$43 due by Feb. 15**

**May 17-19, 2027** Lutherdale Retreat

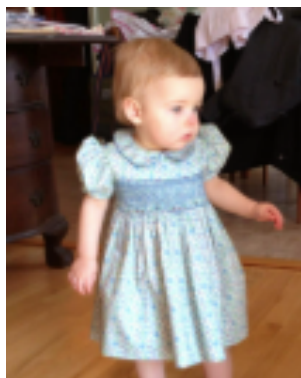


Two hours away, a beautifully appointed hotel style retreat center on the shore of Lake Lauderdale, Wisconsin <https://www.lutherdale.org/>

**Optional retreat workshop-** a smocked pin cushion. Learn basic smocking as you use surface embroidery over pre-pleated fabric to create a smocked pin cushion.

**Workshop & kit fee: TBD**

**Supply List — TBD**





## Payment for HEG 2026-27 Workshops and Kits

Please enter the dollar amount for each workshop you plan to attend. Total the amount and submit payment, (check preferred) to Chris H., Linda M., or mail to Programs: Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild, PO Box 165, Hinsdale, IL 60522. You will receive an email confirmation after your payment is received. If you have questions, please contact Chris H. clhscn@gmail.com or 708-704-9328. or Linda M. lmezny@sbcglobal.net, 312-835-4101.

DATE	WORKSHOP	SIGN UP BEFORE	WORKSHOP/KIT COST	TOTAL
9/21/2026	Shin-Hee Chin Random Weave & Stitch technique	June 1	\$50.00 (Bring your own supplies)	
10/19/2026	Jean Farish Pulled thread	Aug. 15	\$50.00	
11/16/2026	HEG fabric ornament	Sept. 21	\$40.00	
1/18/2027	Beaded scissor fob	Oct. 19	\$25.00 (Supplies donated)	
2/15/2027	Embroidered wool ornament	Nov. 16	\$45.00	
3/15/2027	Yarn woven bowl	Dec. 1	\$60.00	
4/19/2026	Brazilian embroidery	Feb. 15	\$43.00	
05/17-19/2027	Lutherdale retreat - smocking workshop	TBA	TBA	
There will be no refunds if you withdraw less than 30 days before the scheduled class.				

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Total due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type check # \_\_\_\_\_ cash paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Business Meeting Minutes

Feb., 2026 Meeting in-person

Submitted by Ann Louise Fish

Our February meeting was opened at 10:45 am by Mary Gemkow.

- Thank you hostesses and hospitality chairs for all the time setting up and taking down refreshments.

- Welcome a new member, Karin Higgins

- There was a motion to accept the September business meeting. Motion made by Jeanie Gale, seconded by Anne Zick. Motion approved.

- **Treasurer's report** from August through December 2025.

- Checking balance \$1522,72

- Savings balance \$3712.79

- CD balance \$5457.69 (CD at 4.05% will mature 11/23/26)

- **Program chair** – Marilyn Montgomery presented slides of all the remaining programs and changes in dates.

- **Contract Chair update** – Final schedule will be presented in April by Chris Holmes and Linda Mezny. Dates were given for the retreat at Lutherdale in Elkhorn, WI – May 17-19, 2027

- **Hospitality** – Asked everyone to please find a substitute if unable to bring refreshments for your turn. Also asked everyone to RSVP to the hostess for the M&M

## OLD BUSINESS

- If you haven't signed a press release, please do so today

- Hearts for Hospice – we are encouraged to continue making them. Patterns are available.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Need for officers for next year – Vice-President, Contract chair/s, Secretary

- Bookmarks are available. We now have bookmarks to be distributed to libraries, needlework shops, other guilds, etc.

- New piece by Dianne Herrmann. Fire Walk with Me. This is a companion to the Walk-in the Waters Edge piece that we did. Anyone interested in doing it? Jeanie and Mindy have details. This is not a guild project as such.

- Anne Zick brought the last of the threads from Georgia LaRoche. Whatever was not taken today will be donated to an Oak Park shop. We raised \$677 for Operation Her Story.

Meeting ended at 11:45 am

**Respectfully submitted, Ann Louise Fish**

The Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild

**MEMBERSHIP** in the Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild is open to all who are interested in needle arts. Dues are \$50. New and renewing dues payments should be sent to  
 ATTN: Membership  
 Hinsdale Embroiderers'  
 Guild PO Box 165  
 Hinsdale, IL 60522

An **Application, Payment Form and Permission to photograph form** for New Members can be found on the website, [www.HinsdaleEmbroiderersGuild.com](http://www.HinsdaleEmbroiderersGuild.com)

**ANNUAL DUES** for the Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild include-  
 3 issues of The Chatelaine  
 Guild meeting, presentations, classes  
 M & M Meetings  
 Member Directory

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** We can be found at [www.HinsdaleEmbroiderersGuild.com](http://www.HinsdaleEmbroiderersGuild.com) on the Web and as *Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild* on Facebook.

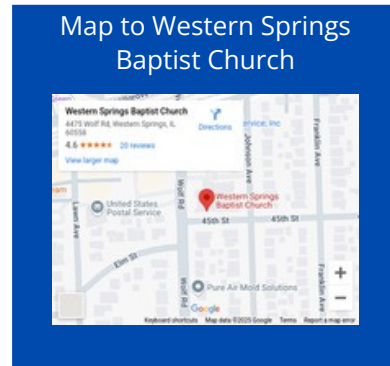
**MEETINGS** are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Western Springs Baptist Church, 4475 Wolf Rd, Western Springs, IL. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM is reserved for chatting, coffee and nibbles provided by member hostesses. Meetings are called to order at 9:30 AM.

**GUESTS** are welcome at all meetings \$10 charge.

**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 with an additional \$10 charge, with some exceptions.

**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 or water and lots of chatting, while admiring each other's work, are the agenda for these meetings.

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



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