



THE CHATELAINE

Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Newsletter

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President's Welcome

by Jeanie Gale

SEPTEMBER ISSUE

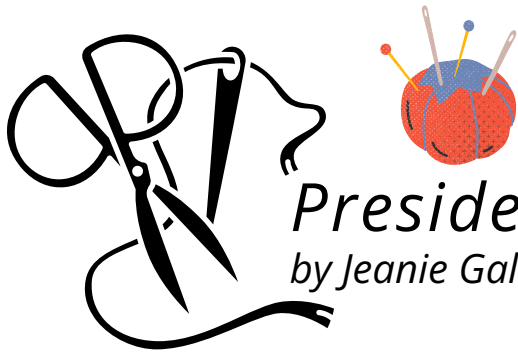
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Gold leaf, red leaf,
stitched in the breeze—
the earth wears a quilt
beneath the trees.

The Fall Season is always so inspiring for me. I love the crispness of the air, color changes and a chance to embrace new experiences. Even though I'm not in "school" those feelings of learning something new are still alive. I want fresh pencils and new supplies...

I'd like to share an excerpt from Meredith Willett's new book *Stitch Beautifully - An Essential Guide to Needlepoint*: "Needlepoint (any needlework!) is far more than a hobby or a way to pass the time.

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It is one of the oldest forms of artistic expression in human History - a craft so deeply woven into our story that it appears in some of the earliest writings ever recorded." "If you pick up a needle, you share in a tradition that connects us across time, across cultures, and across generations"

When I first saw this book, I thought I don't need that ... it's for beginners!. Even though she wrote it for beginners, I have been surprised at how much I have learned in spite of my experience. We are never past the point of learning new ways of approaching our craft.

I am very excited about being a part of The Guild this year because we have an amazing line up of programs to look forward to, AND I look forward to sharing your needlework journey in hopes of learning from YOU!

Happy Stitching
Jeanie Gale

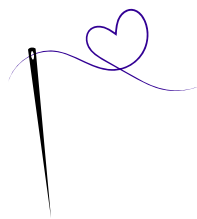


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Membership

by Mara Devitt

We are pleased to announce we have room for several more interested stitchers! We currently have 41 Members and 6 Honorary Members. If you know of anyone who would like to join HEG, please refer them to our website (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.

welcome

Welcome to our new member



With **sympathy** we express the passing of long time member **Peg Pelch**, an honorary member of the Guild. She relocated to Mount Airy, Maryland to be with family and passed away peacefully with them nearby. Many will remember her beautiful stitching and warm personality.



farewell

Farewell to several of our Guild members- **Pat Ciszewski, Pat Ewers, Nancy Johnson, Nancy Knopf, and Betsy Maloney**. They are beautiful stitchers and contributed much to our membership, as board member, teacher, host, and friend, thus will be missed, but not forgotten. Perhaps we will see them as a guest for presentations they are interested in.



Hospitality

Kennette Bledsoe and Sue Bosko



2026-2027 Meeting Hostesses

Welcome to another productive and friendly year with HEG. As always, we have some laughs, some oohs and aah, and some tasty treats. We count on our generous members to provide those treats for all of us each month, and we thank you in advance for them. Remember the tea and coffee are provided by the guild. Please find your name on the lists below and mark your calendars as to which month your team is responsible for bringing in items of your choice. If you find you are unable to provide for your month, please trade with someone.

September 21

Libby Sturdy
Catherine Urnezis
Coleen Walter
Edie Weilemann
Anne Zick
Marie Dold

October 19

Sue Rous
Linda Rutkowski
Teri Sanfilippo
Aline Schamberger
Susan Snow
Carol Allegretti

November 16

Marilyn Montgomery
Barbara Mellens
Marsha Poppie
Valerie Rodelli
Marie Rossi

January 18

Suzanne Lennox
Linda Mezny
Sandra Migitz
Mindy McMahon
Madonna Muscarello

February 15

Julie Guynn
Karin Higgins
Sara Hochhauser
Chris Holmes
Linda Kennedy

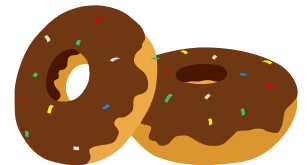
March 15

Karen Dodaro
Ann Louise Fish
Jeanie Gale
Mary Gemkow
Marilynn Graves

April 19

Joan Bratton
Nancy Brinkman
Mary Calzada
Pat Cavaliere
Mara Devitt

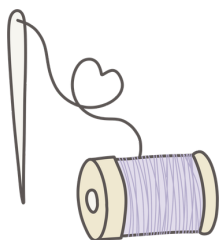
Thanks!



M&M meetings, 9:30 am - noon are held on the first Tuesday 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 included in the monthly announcement.



2026-2027 Schedule; Please RSVP place these dates in your calendar now



Oct. 6 Sue Bosko

Nov. 3 Nancy Brinkman

Dec. 1 Jeannie Gale

Feb. 2 Mindy McMahon

Mar. 2 Suzanne Lennox

Apr. 6 Pat Cavaliere

May 4 Marie Dold



Announcements



- **Contract Chairpersons, Pat C. and Sara H.** are contracting presenters for 2027-28 programs and workshops and Pat will distribute a **questionnaire**, eliciting your interests and skill set, at the Sept meeting. Please respond letting her know what needle arts you are interested in so they can inspire you and plan another exciting year of learning and stitching together.



- If you are interested in arranging a **December luncheon**, please contact Jeanie G.

- **May Retreat** - Details will be shared at the September Meeting!



- Please wear a **name tag** at all of our meetings so others know who you are!



- 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 M. your stitched **hearts for Hospice** at any meeting after you show and tell it. 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. The Kansas City Guild will finish them. Lots of designs can be found including this site- <https://colourcomplements.com/about-colour-complements>.

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 - hands-on exploration of Random Weave and Stitch technique

Monday 12:00-3:30pm and Tuesday 9am-12:00/12:30

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

Supply List — bring your own stash



Monday, October 19

Program - Jean Farish Needleworks, presents an overview of pulled thread, spanning cultures and centuries. Jean designs and teaches cross stitch and needlepoint throughout the United States and country often on a cruise in which she combines stitching classes and excursions with a focus on needlework.

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

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

Bring basic stitching supplies, hoop, needles, scissors (especially if you have cutwork specialty scissors), lighting and magnification if needed

Workshop & kit fee: \$50 due by Sept. 21

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

Bring: Pencil with new eraser attached, small fabric scissors, cloth measuring tape,



2026-2027

Program & Workshops

Chris Holmes & Linda Mezny



January 18



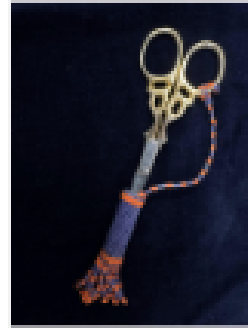
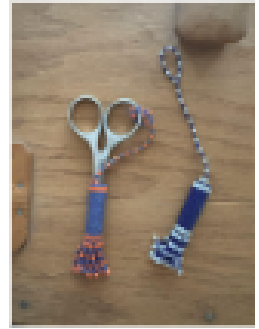
Business meeting

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

Bring: Cheap scissors, lighting and magnification if needed



Monday, February 15



Program - Salley Mavor, a felt and fiber artist who works in miniature 3-D has illustrations in several charming children's books and her work has been exhibited in several museums.<https://weefolkstudio.com/>



Workshop: Chris Holmes and Linda Mezny are teaching a Stick & Stitch embroidered felt dove ornament.

Bring: Basic stitching supplies, needles, scissors, lighting and magnification is needed

Monday, March 15



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

Program - Chris Holmes presents her beautiful trunk show of English smocking. The follow-up to this talk will be a smocked pin cushion project at our May retreat at Lutherdale, Wisconsin.

Workshop - Andrea Sapon is a fiber artist, mixed-media designer, and long-time member of the Madison Area Embroiderers' Guild. Using her technique of yarn weaving around a paper core we will 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

Bring: scissors, scotch tape, small ruler or tape measure



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

Bring: Basic needle work supplies, 5-8 inch hoop, scissors, lighting and magnification if needed.



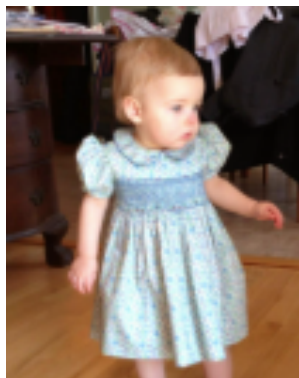
May 17-19, 2027 Lutherdale Retreat

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

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

Workshop & kit fee: TBD

Supply List —if smocking, 2 colors DMC embroidery floss, embroidery needle size 8 or close, scissors.



Bring: ANY AND ALL PROJECTS YOU WISH TO WORK ON



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.

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)	WAITLIST ONLY
10/19/2026	Jean Farish Pulled thread	Sept. 21	\$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	Introduction to Stick & Stich Embroidered wool ornament	Nov. 16	\$45.00	
3/15/2027	Yarn woven bowl	Dec. 1	\$60.00	
4/19/2027	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

April 2026 Meeting in-person

Submitted by Barbara Mellons, Acting Secretary

The meeting, held at Western Springs Baptist Church, was called to order at 9:30 am by President Mary Gemkow.

January Business Meeting Minutes

No questions or comments regarding the January 18, 2026 Business Meeting were submitted.

Cathy Urnezis motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Mindy McMahon seconded the motion; it passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report and 2026-2027 Budget

No questions or comments regarding the January-March 2026 Treasurer's report or the proposed 2026-2027 budget were submitted. Treasurer Coleen Walter noted an increase in the budget for website and program costs. The membership fee will remain the same, but workshop fees will increase. Sue Rous moved to accept the budget. Suzanne Lennox seconded the motion; it passed with a unanimous vote.

2026-2027 Board of Directors

The slate of nominees for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors:

President Jeanie Gale

Vice President Julie Guynn

Secretary Barbara Mellens

Treasurer Coleen Walter (returning)

Programs Chris Holmes and Linda Mezny

Contracts Sara Hochhauser and Patti Cavaliere

Sandy Migitz moved to accept the slate; Linda Mezny seconded the motion. Slate was elected with unanimous vote.

Program: Native American Quilts lecture by Teresa Duryeea Wong.

Business Meeting resumed by President Mary Gemkow at 11:06.

2026-2027 Programs and Workshops

Chris Holmes and Linda Mezny presented the programs and workshops for 2026-2027.



Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Business Meeting Minutes

April 2026 Meeting in-person

Submitted by Barbara Mellons, Acting Secretary

September: Shin-hee Chin presents Threads of Thought: Art Quilt and the Human Hand.

Workshop: Shin-hee Chin leads Random Weave and Stitch project.

October: Program – Jean Farish Presents Pulled Thread.

Workshop: Jean Farish leads Kindness, pulled thread project.

November: Program: Chris Moline presents Redwork Quilts.

Workshop: HEG Folded Fabric Ornament.

December: Holiday Party

January: Program: Linda Mezny presents A Walk Through the World of Beading

Workshop: Linda Mezny leads Beaded Scissor Fob project.

February: Program: Salley Mavor presents Miniature 3-D.

Workshop: Chris Holmes/Linda Mezny lead Embroidered Felt Dove Ornament.

March: Program: Chris Holmes presents Trunk Show English Smocking.

Workshop: Andrea Sapon leads Yarn Weaving project.

Program: Judy Caruso presents Brazilian Embroidery and the Wonderful World of Rayon Thread.

Workshop: Judy Caruso leads Brazilian Embroidery Mini Beauty project.

May: Lutherdale Retreat May 17-19 2027

Joys and Concerns

President Mary Gemkow initiated a discussion on **M&M s**. To encourage attendance, they will be promoted as “come to socialize, bring any project or none”. Starting September 2026, they will be held on the first Tuesday.

Monthly Hostess volunteer sign-up list was distributed.

Kennette Bledsoe will be **Hospitality co-chair** with Sue Bosko.

Patti Cavaliere will distribute a questionnaire on **future programs** at the May meeting.

Chris Holmes introduced her **guest**, Tammy Davis.

Mindy McMahon announced patterns are available for **Hearts for Hospice**. Hearts are due at the May meeting.

President Mary Gemkow adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

HEG Calendar

Calendar for HEG 2026-2027

Current as of September, 2026

Color Key

Socialize & Snacks 9:00

Business Meeting 9:30

Program

Workshop @ 12:00- 3:00

Wkshp. registration deadline

M&M Tues. Meeting 9:30-12:00

SEPTEMBER 2026

21- Deadline to register for Jean Farish pulled thread /cross stitchOctober workshop

21- Deadline to register for HEG folded fabric ornament! November workshop

21- Business Meeting

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

21 - Workshop-Random Weave and Stitch technique & open stitching for non class participants

22 am- Workshop-Random Weave and Stitch technique

OCTOBER 2026

6 - M&M on TUESDAY at Susan Bosko 's home; Please RSVP

19- Deadline to register for beaded scissor fob January workshop

19- Program- an overview of pulled thread techniques which have spanned cultures and centuries

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

NOVEMBER 2026

16- Deadline to register for embroidered felt dove ornament. February workshop

3 - M&M on TUESDAY at Nancy Brinkman's home; Please RSVP

16- Program-Chris Moline's Redwork& Antique Quilts

16 - Workshop- HEG folded fabric ornament!

DECEMBER 2026

1- Deadline to register for yarn woven bowl March workshop

1 - M&M on TUESDAY at Jeanie Gale's home; Please RSVP

- LUNCHEON TBA ; Please RSVP

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JANUARY 2027

18- Business Meeting

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

18- Workshop- create a beaded scissor fob

FEBRUARY 2027

3 - M&M on TUESDAY at 'Mindy McMahon's home; Please RSVP

15- Deadline to register for Brazilian Embroidery 'Mini Beauty.'

15 - Program- Sally Mavor, a felt and fiber artist who works in miniature 3-D has illustrations in several charming children's books will present her work.

15- Workshop- create a beaded scissor fob

MARCH 2027

3 - M&M on TUESDAY at 'Sue Lenox's home; Please RSVP

15 - Program- Chris Holme's trunk show of English smocking.

15- Workshop- create a yarn woven bowl

APRIL 2027

6 - M&M on TUESDAY at Pat Cavaliere's home; Please RSVP

19- Business Meeting

19- 2027-2028 Program & Workshop Reveal!

19 - Program- What is Brazilian Embroidery and the wonderful rayon thread."

19 - Workshop- create 'Mini Beauty, Brazilian embroidery

May 2027

4 - M&M on TUESDAY at Marie Dold's home; Please RSVP

15 - Membership dues deadline

17-19 - Lutherdale Retreat Center, Wisconsin Retreat & optional smocking workshop

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

ANNUAL DUES for the Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild include-

- 3 issues of The Chatelaine
- Guild meeting, presentations, classes
- M & M Tuesday Meetings
- Member Directory

SOCIAL MEDIA: We can be found at www.HinsdaleEmbroiderersGuild.com on the Web and as *Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild* on Facebook.

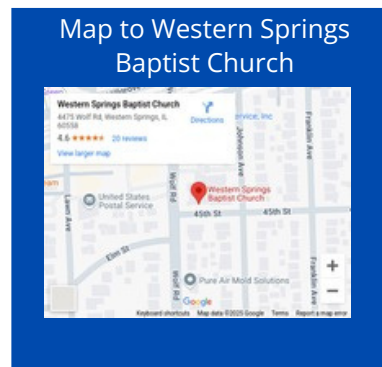
MEETINGS are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Western Springs Baptist Church, 4475 Wolf Rd, Western Springs, IL. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM is reserved for chatting, coffee and nibbles provided by member hostesses. Meetings are called to order at 9:30 AM.

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 Tuesday** of the month 9:30- 12:00 and are hosted at members' homes. Members come to relax, socialize and/or 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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