

THE CHATELAINE

Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Newsletter
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From the President's Desk

by Lois Dick

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We have now come to the end of an interesting year for the Hinsdale Embroiderers Guild. Looking back, it seems like a whirlwind of challenges including changes, reunions, and unfortunately the passing of a beloved member. In spite of it all, we have managed to accomplish a great deal. I will try to recall some of this for you in this article.

Due to the pandemic, 2021-22 was a year of change for our Guild. One of the biggest revelations was that Hinsdale Embroiderers Guild could be a virtual as well as an in-person Guild. Consequently, we became familiar with Zoom, encouraging members who were reluctant to attend or out of town to join us

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even as we were able to return briefly in person. We purchased a MEVO camera to facilitate our Zoom meetings and continue to learn and refine our transmissions to those attending virtually. This doesn't mean that we are not looking forward to being able to resume in-person meetings, M&M gatherings, and above all our fantastic treats prior to the start of the meeting. None of this would have been accomplished without the expertise of Jennifer Shekeran and Judy Ellison. They are still refining the meetings and we can see improvement in each one.

We began the process of archiving our files on an external hard drive so we have a permanent record of our Guild. The process of gathering information from various sources is going slow but hopefully will be completed soon.

We learned a different method of enrolling to take classes using our very own post office box. This has replaced the envelopes and confusion that we had in the past. We will continue to utilize this method of notification and payment.

The program chairs find it a much more efficient method to collect fees for workshops.

Another modification approved by members was to change the structure of the Executive Board beginning with our fiscal year on June 1, 2022. It will now consist of a one term President and two term Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair 1st year, and Program Chair 2nd year. During the second year, the Vice-President will become the President for one year. Committee chairs will continue to be appointed by the President.

In spite of the challenges this year, we learned many new skills from our interesting speakers and teachers. Among them were sashiko, Dorset buttons, button samplers embellished wool balls, applique, amazing needle point stitches, and we also learned about the Royal School of Needlework. We still have a field trip to Nancy Sturgeon's home to look forward to in May before we finish our year.

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Our plans in May of 2020 for a luncheon to recognize the efforts of our members were cancelled by Covid. At last, it is rescheduled. Be certain to mark the date of Monday, October 3rd on your calendar for the Member Recognition Luncheon. You won't want to miss it. Details will be coming later.

At our April meeting the membership will be voting for a slate of officers for the 2022-23 Guild year. The slate includes: for a one year term for President, Lois Dick. The slate for two year terms includes: Kennette Bledsoe, Vice-President (becoming President in 2023); Judy Ellison, Secretary; Program Chairs 2nd year, Anne Zick and Linda Kennedy. Mary Gemko and Libby Sturdy will continue their second year term as Program Chairs and Coleen Walter as treasurer. We sincerely thank these members for their dedication to the Guild.

Having completed my 4th year as President of our Guild, it was not my intent to continue for another term.

However, due to the changes in the Executive Board members it seemed prudent to continue for another year. During that year, I look forward to assisting Kennette Bledsoe as she transitions to the President role for 2023. I hope that you all enjoy your summer and are able to spend a lot of time practicing your new skills. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September as we start another great year of the Hinsdale Embroiderers Guild!

Lois Dick, President

Announcements



- All meetings will be held in a hybrid manner with some members in person and others, as they chose, attending on Zoom.



- The link will be sent via email before the first meeting. It will be the same link for all HEG meetings



- Since there is no M&M in May, we have just had our last M&M for the 2021-2022 year. There is no M&M in September due to Labor Day and our October M&M will be replaced by our Member Recognition Luncheon. So our next M&M will be in November 2022.



- The membership drive for the Guild year 2022-2023 has begun. Please renew your membership before May 1, 2022.
- We will be voting on the slate of officers for the 2022-2023 Guild year at the April meeting (all 2 year terms except where indicated otherwise) :



- President (for 1 year term): Lois Dick
- Vice President (President in 2023) Kennette Bledsoe
- Secretary: Judy Ellison
- Program Chairs 2nd Year: Anne Zick and Linda Kennedy

The following officers will continue the 2nd year of their terms:

- Program Chairs: Mary Gemko and Libby Sturdy
- Treasurer: Coleen Walter



- Save the date of October 3, 2022 for our Member Recognition Luncheon.



- Look for an email to sign up for the Field Trip to Nancy Sturgeon's home in Naperville. You will be able to sign up for a box lunch, if you wish. You will also have the opportunity to sign up for carpooling should you be interested in that option.



Member News



Our membership now stands at 45 members with 4 honorary members. Be certain to welcome our newest member Marilyn Graves who joined us recently.

A reminder that the \$50 dues for the 2022-23 Guild year are due by **May 15th**. A check can be mailed to the post office box at:

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Box 165
Hinsdale, IL 60522

or given in person to Lois Dick at the April meeting.

Be certain to write your check with the entire name of the Guild or it will be returned.

Your consideration in your prompt submission of your dues is much appreciated.



Welcome New Members

The Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild wishes to extend a warm welcome to 1 new member who has joined us. We are so happy to have you with us!

Welcome



Marilynn Graves

Programs 2021-2022

By Betsy Maloney, Libby Sturdy, and Linda Kennedy

April 18, 2022 *Business Meeting*

April 18, 2022 *Presentation*

2022-2023 Programs Reveal by **Libby Sturdy and Mary Gemkow**

April 18, 2022 *Workshop*

Wool Applique Balls with **Susan Wojciechowski**



This month we welcome Susan Wojciechowski from Milwaukee who specializes in wool embroidery. She will be sharing her crafting experiences.

Susan will lead us in a project to create beautiful wool embroidery balls filled with lots of color and beading.



Susan can be found online at www.ewe-niversity.com. She also has a shop on Etsy where she sells instructions and kits for her designs.

Workshop fee: \$45 (includes a kit)

Registration will open in January 2022



HEG Calendar

Calendar for HEG 2021-2022

Current as of April 1, 2022

Color Key

(Business) Meeting

Workshop

M & M Meeting

Deadline

April 2022

18 - Business Meeting in person and on Zoom

18 - Presentation *2022-2023 Programs Reveal* by Libby Sturdy and Mary Gemkow

18 - Workshop *Wool Applique Balls* with Susan Wocjechowski

May 2022

16 - Fieldtrip to *Nancy Sturgeon's home*

15 - Deadline for membership renewal and payment of dues for 2022-2023



The Work of our Hands

Look at Linda R's wonderful work on her October 2021 Sashiko/Boro workshop project! It's stunning, Linda!





Pat's Picks by Pat Ewers

To keep track of what I was reading this winter, I decided to compile a list of the books that I read in the period from the middle of November until the first of April. The list has thirty-five titles on it. One of them I read twice. The books fell into roughly three categories:

- 1) works I had to read for my book clubs that were just okay;
- 2) books the I had to read and/or ones that I wanted to read that were challenging and well worth the effort; and
- 3) guilty pleasures.

In this article, I will share some of these titles with you and add a few that I think are particularly timely.

Human Relationships

Three novels deal with issues of human relationships and the questions of what our obligations are as parents, friends, or human beings.



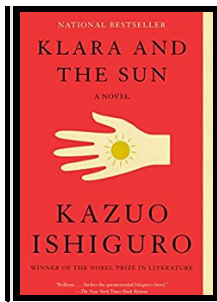
The first is a small beautifully written book that deals with the tragic Irish practice of sending unwed mothers to homes where they were brutalized. ***Small Things Like These*** by Claire Keegan raises the question of moral obligations and generosity in the face of such a situation.



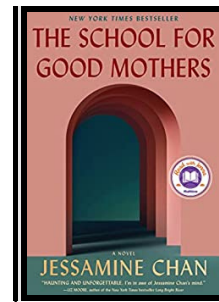
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Human Relationships (cont)

Two other novels use the presence of robots to test humanness.

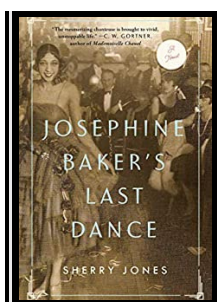
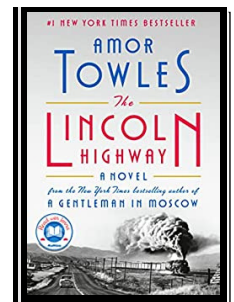


Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, introduces us to the concept of artificial friends and a world of genetically altered children to probe the issue of what it means to succeed and to be human.



In her novel, ***The School for Good Mothers***, Jessamine Chan's heroine, under emotional pressure, neglects her daughter and finds herself at the school of the title. There she must learn to be a "good" mother by learning to love and care for a robot child.

Amor Towles, the author of ***The Lincoln Highway***, provides the reader with a road novel set in post WWII America where four young people are on a physical journey on the Lincoln Highway as well as a parallel journey to adulthood. But it is a younger brother who provides the goal for the journey through his love of tales of heroism.



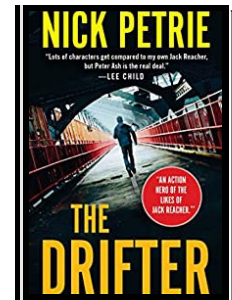
Josephine Baker's ***Last Dance*** by Sherry Jones is a biographical novel that celebrates the life of this famous chanteuse who rose from poverty to become the toast of Europe and a member of the French Resistance.



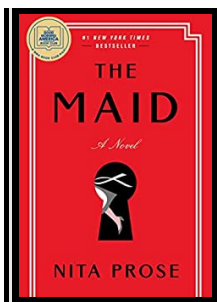
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MYSTERIES

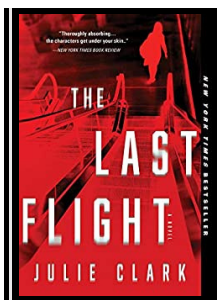
The reliable mystery writers are still putting out their annual novel. Connelly and Penny are among them. There is one disappointment. The Reacher novels are now being written by Lee Child's brother. They follow the formula but just don't seem to have the same spark. An alternative hero is Peter Ash, another Army veteran suffering from PTSD, who finds his way into adventures as he moves through the country. The first novel in the series is ***The Drifter*** by Nick Petrie. If you have to have Reacher, try streaming the series on Prime.



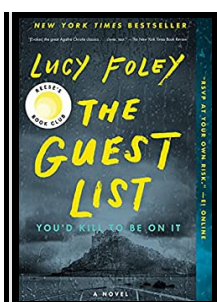
Three mysteries were among my guilty pleasures.



The first, ***The Maid***, by Nita Prose introduces us to the maid, Molly Gray, who is superb at cleaning but lacks social skills and misreads the intentions of others. Suddenly she finds herself with a dead body in one of her rooms and as a suspect in a murder.



The Last Flight by Julie Clark introduces us to two women who, finding themselves in desperate circumstance, meet at an airport and decide to switch flights. To further complicate the plot, one of the planes crashes.



An island is filled with wedding guests, a murder, and suspects who all have reasons for wanting the victim dead. In the tradition of Agatha Christie, ***The Guest List***, by Lucy Foley provides us with a classical mystery tale.

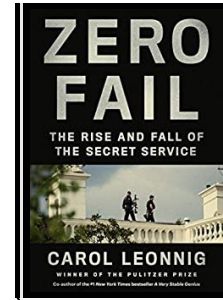


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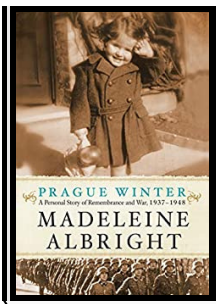
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Nonfiction

My list of non-fiction recommendations starts with Carol Leonnig's ***Zero Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Secret Service***. Leonnig traces the history of the Service and explores the reason why it has lost its way in the past decade.

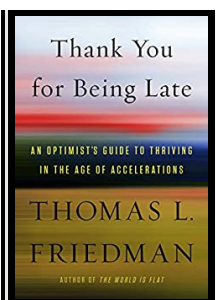
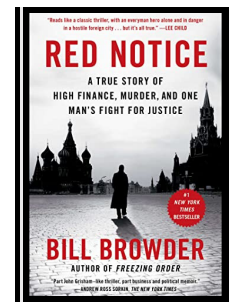


The next recommendations have appeared on my lists before. But their messages seem particularly timely right now.



In the past few weeks, Madeleine Albright, our first woman Secretary of State, died. As a child, she fled a nation at war. Her autobiography, ***Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948***, seems particularly meaningful as we watch another generation flee the violence of war.

Red Notice by Bill Browder recounts his experiences doing business in Putin's Russia. After the murder of his attorney, Browder works with Congress to pass a law to honor his friend. The law gives the USA the right to sanction nations and individuals who violate human rights.



Thank you for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Acceleration by Thomas Friedman is one of the most important books I have read in the last twenty years. The rate of change in technology, the climate, and globalization that is transforming civilization is the focus of the work.

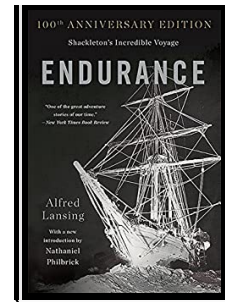


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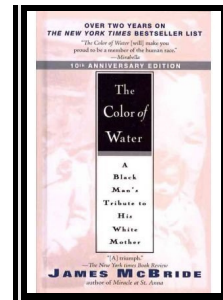
Finally, the discovery of Shackleton's ship trapped in the ice of Antarctica seems an appropriate reason to pick up **Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage** by Arthur Lansing. It is a tough read and one that should never be picked up in the winter.



Author Spotlight

James McBride is the author I am highlighting in this article.

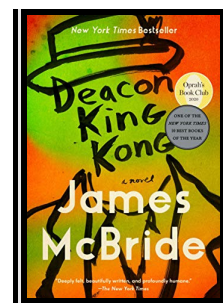
Start with *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*. McBride tells the story of his extraordinary mother who married a Black minister, raised her twelve children in "orchestrated chaos", and taught her children that life's blessings and values transcend race.



Then read ***The Good Lord Bird*** that won the Booker Prize as the outstanding work of fiction in 2014. This is the tale of a young boy who flees slavery and joins the abolitionist, John Brown. In order to survive, he disguises himself as a girl.



Finish with ***Deacon King Kong***, a novel set in New York when drug gangs are beginning to invade the neighborhoods. The book is filled with joy, sorrow, and reflections on the role of religion, community, and individual responsibility.



Happy reading!
Pat



Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Business Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2022 Meeting in-person/Zoom

Submitted by Judy Ellison, Secretary

The January 17 Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild meeting was called to order by Lois Dick at 930 am with 32 participants via Zoom due to the covid peak we are currently experiencing

President's Report began with a welcome to all the guild members joining today and a quote from Martin Luther King. Dr. King once said "If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward". Lois shared that following the meeting, Nancy Knopf will present a lecture on her experience at the Royal School of Needlework.

Secretary's Report: Judy Ellison asked for any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the September 20, 2021 Business Meeting which were sent to members in the Chatelaine Addendum. There being no additions or corrections, Sara Hochhauser moved and Betsy Maloney seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Coleen Walter shared that the guild was in good financial shape. A written Treasurer's Report was sent with the Chatelaine Addendum. Kennette Bledsoe moved and Sue Rous seconded acceptance of the Treasurer's Report as presented and the motion carried.

First Vice Presidents' Report was presented by Libby Sturdy, Linda Kennedy, and Betsy Maloney. Sign-up sheet for February, March, and April programs will be sent this week to members. Libby and Linda presented their samples of the button sampler for February workshop including a button sampler, freeform buttons, 365-a-day button project, and a quilted version. March program will be on dorset buttons. May Field trip will be to Nancy Sturgeon's home to see her sampler collection.

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Second Vice Presidents' Report was presented by Libby Sturdy. She and Mary Gemkow have been meeting and have the 2022-2023 guild year programs almost filled with techniques, small projects and lots of lectures.

Membership Report: With our two new members, total guild membership is 45.

Media/Communication Report by Jennifer Shekaran

Facebook HEG page has 23 members. Jennifer encouraged members to share their completed projects. If members need help sharing, please contact Jennifer for that assistance.

Chatelaine continues to be beautiful. Members are encouraged to share photos of completed projects with Jennifer to be included in the Chatelaine.

HEG website has had 33 visitors in the last 90 days including 27 new visitors. Program presentation and workshop pages were the most popular. Visitors were from both outside and inside the US. Jennifer will be including information about the Mansion Project and will include program information for next year in April after presentation.

Jennifer encouraged members to provide any feedback to her.

Old Business:

Lois presented that month-to-month decisions will be made regarding virtual vs. in-person meetings based on covid patterns. All M&M's will occur via Zoom.

New Business:

HEG Board has recommended the purchase of a MEVO camera, clip, and case in order to facilitate virtual presentation of meetings moving forward. With weather, illness, and age factors for meetings, even with in-person meetings it will be helpful to be able to "broadcast" the meetings for

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members either out of town or concerned about health, snow, etc. Sue Rous moved and Libby Sturdy seconded a motion to purchase the MEVO camera, case, and clip not to exceed \$450 plus tax. Motion was carried. With this new availability, volunteers for the camera crew were solicited. Sara Hochhauser, Libby Sturdy, Mindy McMahon, Kennette Bledsoe, and Betsy Maloney all volunteered to part of the camera crew.

Position descriptions for all officers are being modified and will be presented for approval at the April Business Meeting.

Officer positions to be filled for next year are President (2-year term), Secretary (2-year term), and 2nd VP Programs (2-year term). Nominating committee is Lois, Judy, and Betsy Maloney. Members were encouraged to email Lois if they have someone to nominate or are themselves interested in a position.

The Board has recommended dues for the 2022-2023 year to be returned to the previous \$50 after having 2 years of reduction due to Covid. Pat Ewers moved, Sue Rous seconded the motion and it was carried.

Donna Lorenzini is having a mastectomy today – a tough thing after losing her husband Ron this month as well.

Other Business: The Board recommends contributions to memorials to include both members and spouses of members. Contributions were made for Donna Lorenzini's husband, Ron, as well as for member Teri Karls.

There being no additional business, Sue Rous moved and Kennette Bledsoe seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Ellison, Secretary



Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Business Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2022 Meeting in-person/Zoom

*Submitted by Dawn Thanos, standing in as
Secretary for Judy Ellison in her absence*

February 21st Hinsdale Embroiders' Guild meeting was called to order by Lois Dick at 9:30 with 18 people in person and 12 via zoom. We are using our own camera today.

We have one new member, Marilyn Graves. Welcome Marilyn.

Reason for the business meeting today is that we are making changes to the role of President and implementing a new position of Vice-President. Board is recommending that the office of President be changed from a two year term to a one year term. However, the person serving as Vice President will serve a two year term with one year as Vice-President and the next year will serve as President. We do need approval for these changes.

You should have received an email this weekend about the upcoming programs. We currently have 20 signed up for the Dorset Button workshop and will be limited to 25. The Wool Appliqué Balls also has 20 and will be limited to 25. Please send your reservations and checks.

New business. Already discussed the changes and does anyone have questions? A motion was made for addition of a two year term Vice-president serving first year as Vice-president and second year as President.

1st Sue Rous
2nd Pat Ewers
Motion passed



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Secretary for Judy Ellison in her absence*

We need a motion to change the by-laws.
A motion was made to revise by-laws to include the position of vice-president.

1st Anne Zick
2nd Martha Barry
Motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn
1st Betsy Maloney
2nd Lindy Kennedy
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Dawn Thanos substituting Secretary

The Chatelaine

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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

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An **Application and Payment Form** for New Members can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

ANNUAL DUES for the Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild include

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

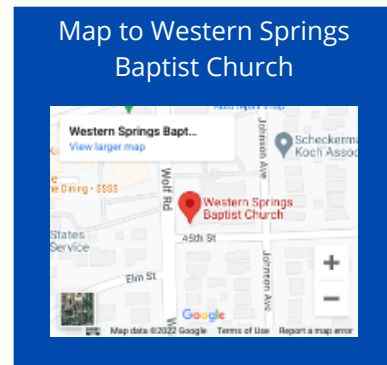
SOCIAL MEDIA: We can be found at www.HinsdaleEmbroiderersGuild.com on the Web and as *Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild* on Facebook.

GUESTS are welcome at all meetings.

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.



Please note that all Guild Meetings and Workshops are being held in person / on Zoom. All M&M Meetings will remain on Zoom for the time being.



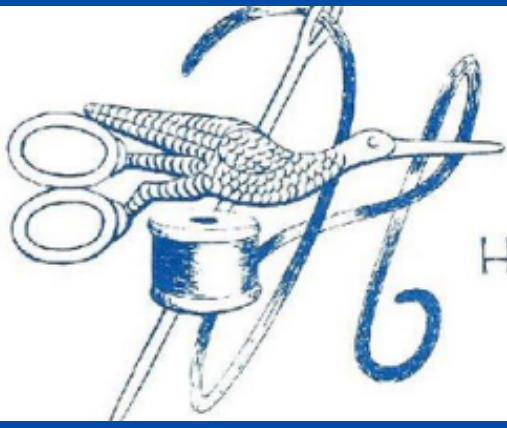
GUILD WORKSHOPS by artisans contracted by the Guild follow most monthly meetings (after lunch) and are paid for by participants. In the event a workshop is not full, enrollment may be opened to non-guild members.

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.

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

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Application and Payment for New HEG Members for 2022-2023

Print this form.

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EMAIL _____

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

HEG publishes a Member Directory which includes a picture for every member. If you have a printed photograph that you would like to use for the directory, you may include it. We will scan and return to you. You may also send a digital photograph to HEGMembership@gmail.com.

Membership Dues for 2022-2023 is \$50.00..

Mail *this completed form* along with a check made out to *Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild* to:

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Once we receive your payment, you will receive a Member Booklet/Directory and an email for registering for Guild Workshops. You will also be added to the Membership Email List and will start receiving all Guild electronic mailings from HEGCommunications@gmail.com.

The members of Hinsdale Embroidery Guild are happy to have you join us and look forward to seeing you!

If you have questions, please email HEGMembership@gmail.com.