



THE CHATELAINE

Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Newsletter

www.hinsdaleembroiderersguild.com



From the President's Desk by Mary Gemkow

Happy New Year to one and all! As much as the holidays are always hectic but fun, I am sure we are looking forward to some quiet stitching time. 2025 was such a great year for the guild. Great lectures, workshops, and field trips. Thanks to Mindy and Julie we returned to our tradition of a Christmas party. We had a wonderful turnout at Wolfs Head Inn. This is definitely an event to be repeated each year from now on.

We do have a change in our schedule for this year. Our business meeting that is usually held at our January meeting will now be done at our February meeting. Our speaker for January is from out of town and needs more time at that meeting.

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From the President's Desk

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I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all you do for HEG. We wouldn't exist without each member's participation--hostessing m&ms, treats for meetings, being a board member, and more. We are coming up on that time of year when we will need to elect new officers. Please give serious consideration to volunteering for one of the open positions. It is not nearly as daunting as you might think. The HEG board has the most helpful and sharing members in it. There is always someone to step in and help you. You will never regret volunteering your time!!!

I am really looking forward to our meetings that are coming up. We have an extra workshop since we have already had our field trip. Of course, I still have my Mayan needlepoint to finish. If only there were more hours in a day!



Long time guild member, **Edie Weilemann's husband, Bill** passed away Friday, Jan. 9. He had been in a skilled care facility for some time with declining health, where Edie was frequently with him. Please keep Edie and their family in your prayers. Memorial services will be planned for June when they can gather family and friends. You can find her address in the Membership Booklet.

November's needlepoint class led by Diane Herrmann



Mayan needlepoint participants meet on Zoom at 10 am Fridays, stitching and encouraging each other to finish!

Membership

by Mara Devitt

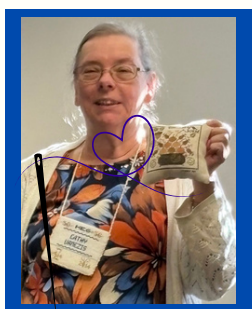
We are pleased to announce we have room for several more interested stitchers! If you know of anyone who would like to join HEG, please refer them to our website (www.hinsdaleembroiderersguild.com) where they can print out a form with the necessary information to become a member. You are always welcome to bring a guest to a meeting who may be interested in joining our Guild. Let's invite their participation and benefit from their stitching.

welcome

Welcome to our new member

Marie Rossi

Inspirational 'show and tell' at November meeting



Hospitality

Sue Bosko and Pat Cavaliere

2025-2026 Meeting Hostesses

We are all looking forward to a memorable year of needlework and friendships along with coffee, fruit 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.

Thanks!

January

Susan Bosko
Marie Dold
Mary Gemkow
Julie Guynn
Linda Rutkowski
Libby Sturdy
Anne Zick

February

Pat Cavaliere
Mara Devitt
Susan Franzin
Sandra Migitz
Mindy McMahon
Marsha Poppie
Aline Schamberger

March

Joan Bratton
Karen Dodaro
Sara Hochhauser
Linda Kennedy
Betsy Maloney
Marilyn Montgomery
Coleen Walter



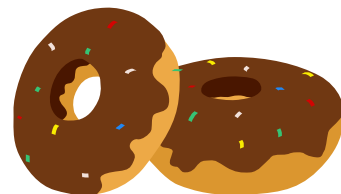
April

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



- 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

February 2	Julie Guynn
March 2	Anne Zick
April 6	Linda Rutkowski
May 4	Marilyn Montgomery



Announcements



Permission to photograph form

- HEG takes photos of participants and 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 & submit their permission form on page 6 to Mary Gemkow. If you do not want to be photographed or do not want your projects photographed, it is your responsibility to step away from photographer.



- We are continuing to stitch **hearts for Hospice** using our own stash that will be collected all year. 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>.



- Many members created new **name tags**, have vintage name tags and a variety of needle art name tags. Please wear a name tag at all of our meetings so others know who you are!

- The **January business meeting** will be held February 16.



- Guild members are invited to use our **Zoom** account to meet virtually and 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.
- The National Academy of Needlearts Assembly for Embroiderers and The Exemplary are hosting some wonderful classes March 13-17, 2026 in Somerset Inn, Troy, Michigan. Registration opened October 1, 2025. visit www.needleart.org for Assembly updates.



Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild Photograph Permission Form

The Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild takes photographs of participants and their projects in classes, monthly meetings and during special events to use in our printed and online _____ publications, on our website, and in social media without compensation to members and guests.

I give permission to The Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild to use photographs of me and my projects in publications, on website and in social media without compensation.

Except where prohibited by law, signing this form constitutes permission to use your first name, likeness, and other information relating to your participation for promotional and publicity purposes without further permission or compensation.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

- For those who do not want to be photographed sign below that you acknowledge it is your responsibility to tell the photographer to not take your photograph and/or to step away from the photograph being taken.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Completed form can be given to the HEG President

2025-2026

Program & Workshops

Marilyn Montgomery



January 19, 2026



Program- Discover how different sheep breeds contribute to the diverse fibers used in spinning, knitting weaving, or felting with fiber artist Heather Shulick. Delve into wool's rich history, sheep breeding, and specialized fleeces.

Workshop- Heather will teach making a 2.5 inch round mixed media pin with needle felting and bead embroidery.
\$75. workshop & kit fee for HEG members registration was extended



February 16, 2026



Business Meeting

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 Jan. 5



March 16, 2026



Program - Dawn Walczak will present how she creates scenes and landscapes while hooking rugs as well as the process she uses to choose colors.

Workshop - Dawn will help us create a 5" by 7" nature scene/landscape hooked rug. We will focus on color choice and rug hooking techniques.

\$65. workshop & kit fee for HEG members registration due Jan. 19



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.



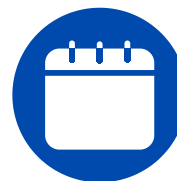
Workshop- Guild member, Kennette Bledsoe will lead us through the steps to create our personalized and embellished project bag on mesh canvas.

NOTE DATE CHANGE!

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



May 18, 2026

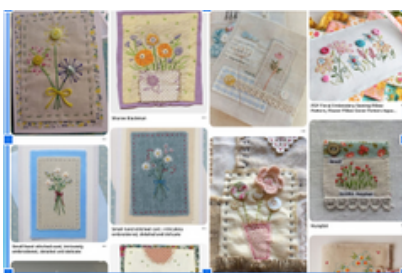


Program- Patrizia Ferreira is a fiber artist, committed to using upcycled materials in her embroidered faces. She scavenges fabric remnants, heirloom fabrics, discarded materials and objects and reassembles them in an ongoing cycle of deconstruction and construction.

Workshop- Guild members, Pat Cavaliere and Marilyn Montgomery will lead us to reflect on our heritage while creating embroidered greeting cards.

NOTE DATE CHANGE!

\$25. workshop & kit fee for HEG members registration due April 20





HEG 2025-2026 Workshops & Kit contents

Marilyn Montgomery

January 19 Little Gem needle felting and bead embroidery 2.5" round pin	<p>Kit includes- Beadsmith Bead Foundation, felting needles and foam felting base, merino wool and wool-silk blends, E6000 glue, hand-crafted Czech glass button, size 11 and 5 seed beads, Fireline and One-G beading threads, beading needles. Finishing materials including the option of a pin or bracelet blank</p> <p>Bring basic stitching supplies including scissors, metal silverware spoon, bead mat, Copic or other alcohol ink brand marker in dark purple (purchased at Dick Blick or office supply store), light and magnification if needed.</p>
February 16 mixed media painted fabric	<p>Kit includes- ModPodge, Gessoboard supports: 8 x 10", paint brushes, water cups, chopsticks, paint tray, non-latex protective gloves, shared tubes of acrylic paints, colored papers, and fabric.</p> <p>Bring scissors (small size for fussy cutting) and tweezers (which will get gluey). Participants are encouraged to bring fabric of their own; scraps, or a piece with which to cover the entire support and wrap the edges.</p>
March 16 rug hooking 8" X 8"	<p>Kit includes- one 5 inch by 7 inch nature scene drawn on linen, one hook and enough wool and yarn to hook the entire piece.</p>
April 20 personalized 'Sew Emma' project bag	<p>No Kit - Purchase your bag at https://www.itssewemma.com/peony</p> <p>mad-for-plaid-project-bag</p>
May 18 embroidered card making	<p>Bring the Sew Emma bag you purchased, needles, threads embellishments, lighting and magnification, if needed.</p> <p>Kit includes- notecards. Bring your own needle, threads and embellishments.</p>



Payment for HEG 2025-26 Workshops and Kits

Please enter the dollar amount for each workshop you plan to attend. Total and submit payment (check) to Marilyn or HEG PO Box. There will be no refunds if you withdraw less than 30 days before a class.

	Signup before contact	Total workshop and kit cost	
Jan. 19 - Felted and beaded pin kit & workshop fee	Marilyn	\$75	
Feb. 16 - Painting fabric kit & workshop fee	Jan. 5	\$50	
Mar. 16 - Hooking a 8" X 8" rug kit and workshop fee	Jan. 19	\$65	
Apr. 20 - Designing your personalized project bag kit and	Mar. 16	\$20	
workshop fee- NOTE DATE CHANGE			
May 18 - Embroidered card making kit and workshop fee	Apr. 20	\$25	
NOTE DATE CHANGE			

NAME _____ phone # _____ Total due \$ _____

Payment type check # _____ cash paid \$ _____

You will receive an email confirmation after your payment is received. If you have questions, contact Marilyn Montgomery marilyn.o.montgomery@gmail.com 708.209.5005

Complete and mail this form along with a check made out to Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild for the total amount due to:

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



Hinsdale Embroiderers' Guild

Business Meeting Minutes

Sept., 2025 Meeting in-person

Submitted by Ann Louise Fish

Hinsdale Embroidery Guild Business Meeting Minutes September 15, 2025

Our September meeting started with a delicious breakfast attended by 27 members. Thank you, Sue Bosko!

Our welcome back started with a talk by Frank Connect describing the various ways he restores very old, fragile textile objects. It was followed by members showing him projects to help with methods of repair.

Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Mary Gemkow at 11:07 am.

Mary asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the April 21, 2025, Business Meeting minutes. Since there were none, Sue Rous made a motion to approve the minutes. Kennette Bledsoe seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report and 2025-2026 Budget

- Treasurer's report for April-July has total of \$11,630. There were no questions, so it was filed as presented. The IRS approved our 501(c)7 application and had no questions. The 990 report will be filed this week. The Secretary of State annual report was filed in August.
- Our CD matures next week and Coleen will roll it over.
- We received thank yous from Park Lane and DuPage Woodworkers Club in memory of members spouses who passed away. The woodworkers club will use the donation to help with the Christmas gifts they construct.

Committee Reports

Jeanie Gale is Vice-president and any information we need to send to all members should be sent to her.

Programs for 2025-26

- October field trip, Saturday, October 18, 2025 to the Needle Show in Wisconsin. Carpools will meet at 7:15 a.m. that morning at the church. Those who drive will get \$30 per person to cover the cost of gas and tolls. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- November 17, 2025 – Weaving Hope presentation. Mayan Needlepoint project.



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Hinsdale Embroidery Guild

Business Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025

Programs for 2025-2026

- January 19, 2026-Learn about different fibers with Heather Shulich. Make a felted pin.
- February 16, 2026-Presentation on different fibers. Mixed media project.
- March 16, 2026-Dawn Walczak will present rug hooking. A small, hooked project will follow.
- April 20, 2026 – Teresa Wong will present research on Native American quilts. Create an embroidered greeting card.
- May 18, 2026 – Patricia Ferreira will present her fiber art faces. We will make a project bag.

Programs for 2026-27

Chris Holmes and Linda Mezny would like any input as to what members are eager to see in future programs.

Membership

Lois has moved to the city and Mara Devitt has taken on membership responsibilities. Please give her any of your updates.

Website

- Kennette is taking care of the website, updating information/pictures. It was suggested that we send cards to Lois, as her husband is in the hospital.
- Mary mentioned the book "With Her Own Hands" as one we might be interested in because we all do needlework.
- Continue to make Hearts for Hospice. They will be collected and sent in.
- Faithful Circle Quilt Show – 9/20-21, Woodridge IL
- Coleen mentioned a scholarship that is offered to a woman who is going back to college. Please let her know of anyone who might benefit from this.
- Mary found helpful sites on Facebook – ie. dorset buttons. Please share if you have other sites.

New Business

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Louise Fish, Secretary

HEG Calendar

Calendar for HEG 2025-2026

Current as of January 7, 2026

Color Key

Socialize & Snacks 9:00

Business Meeting 9:30

Program

Workshop @ 12:00- 3:00

Wkshp. registration deadline

M&M Meeting 9:30-12:30

JANUARY 2026

5 - Deadline to register for February, painted fabric workshop

19 - Program wool's rich history, sheep breeding, and specialized fleeces

19 - Workshop making a 2.5 inch round mixed media pin with needle felting and bead embroidery

FEBRUARY 2026

2- M&M at Julie Guynn's home

16 - Business Meeting, in person only

16 - Program- Susan Snow will describe her journey through the rich and varied areas of fiber

16 - Workshop- mixed media techniques to embellish fabric

19- Deadline to register for March hooked rug workshop

MARCH 2026

2- M&M at Anne Zick's home

6 - Program - Dawn Walczak will present how she creates scenes and landscapes while hooking rugs

16- Workshop -create a 5" by 7" nature scene/landscape hooked rug

16 - Deadline to register for personalizing a mesh project bag workshop

APRIL 2026

7 - M&M at Linda Rutkowski's home

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

20- Deadline to register for embroidery card making workshop

May 2026

4 - M&M at Marilyn Montgomery's home

15 - Membership dues deadline

18 - Program- Patrizia Ferreira's upcycled materials in her embroidered face

18 - Workshop - create embroidered greeting cards

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 and Payment 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 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.

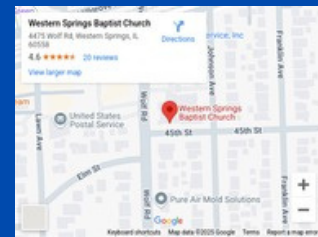
GUESTS are welcome at all meetings \$10 charge.

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.

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.

Map to Western Springs Baptist Church



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