

Embellishments

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Merry Christmas

Best Wishes for Healthy and Happy 2020

Dates to Remember

December 6: Edge Day

December 27: Edge Day:

Meet at Sobey's, Merrymeeting Rd. 9:30 to 5:00 pm. Come for the full day, half a day or a few hours and stitch along with friends. Devote some stitching time to a new Christmas ornament, your PHd, WIP or a new project. We stitch, chat, consult, show and tell and generally have a nice time.

January 25,26: Workshop: Obsessive Chain Stitch with Bettina Matzkuhn

January 28: Monthly Meeting of the Guild, 7:30, Corpus Christie Parish Hall

January 31: Deadline for Hannalore Walters Scholarship Applications (See website for application forms and information.)

Christmas Party

Although our Christmas get-together did not turn out as originally planned, it was an enjoyable event. There was lots of food and drink, entertainment and fun. An extra special thank-you to Marilyn, our consummate piano player and party organizer, to Jewel for her trivia game and to all those who served food, organized and helped clean up.



The Christmas ornament exchange was very successful. The ornaments were beautiful.
(Pictures never do embroidered items justice!)



We collected for two charities and you were very generous. See Marilyn's note below. Adrianna wrote a nice thank-you note and gave us a delicious box of candy as a thank-you.

The bags of donated items for the Gathering Place were very heavy, and I was curious about the numbers of socks and underwear, so I just spread it all out on my table, and counted the items.

Adrianna also left with a large bag of donations for the children's group as well. I'm impressed but not surprised by the generosity of our group.

Anyway, here's what I counted:

- 131 pairs of warm socks
- 38 pairs ladies panties
- 1 pair ladies flannelette PJ's

And there were quite a few t-shirts as well as some tooth brushes and tooth paste, a Tim Horton's gift card, and a few purses.

The generosity is wonderful, and I know the GP will appreciate it.

Marilyn

Auction Report:

Our Auction was held on Saturday, November 16 at Corpus Christie Parish Hall. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this auction a success.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to be auctioned. Thirty-six Guild members and four former members donated almost 300 hand-stitched items, ranging in size from small scissor fobs to large framed pictures. Of these, 47 items were assigned to the 36 live auction lots; 108 were put into the silent auction in 90 lots; and the

remaining items were sold in Mystery Bags. In addition to the hand-made items, our silent auction also included a \$50 framing certificate, two \$25 Fabricville gift cards, an embroidery stand; a container of specialty threads donated by Guild members; and an 'Embroidery Bag for Beginners', complete with patterns, books, thread, fabrics, needles, scissors and so forth, also donated by Guild members. We also sold temari balls stitched by Sandy French and Iceberg canvas kits.

Thank you to everyone who donated door prizes. We had a nice selection of prizes – sealskin Christmas ornaments; two hand-made Christmas decorations; Christmas napkins, candle and coasters; wine and cheeses; a wallet and scarf set; an emergency car lantern; a decorative lantern with votive candles; and gift certificates for framing and for hairdressing.

Thank you to everyone who worked during the Auction on Saturday morning. Auctioneers, ticket sellers, recorders, spotters, sellers of the mystery bags, runners and packers – all were essential and all worked together to make the Auction run relatively smoothly. Thank you to the two Starfish Youth Stitchers who did an admirable job of displaying the items during the Live Auction and to our two novice auctioneers, Gillian Brown and Judith Peckham.

Attendance at the auction was less than in the two previous auctions. This year, we sold 134 tickets (as opposed to 172 in 2012 and 158 in 2015), nine of which were sold at the door. There were 113 registered bidders.

Our bottom line is that, after paying all our bills, we made a net profit of \$9372.33.

Joyce Noseworthy



Thank-you to an extremely organized and wonderful Auction Committee: Margaret Angel, Jewel Cousens, Barbara Myles, Joyce Noseworthy and Marilyn Tucker. Awesome job!

Thank you to all who donated embroidered items, threads and door prizes. I had many people say to me that the auction pieces were exceptional and that items were extremely well displayed.

Thank you to those who sold tickets and to those who helped out during the auction. It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes a whole Guild to have a successful auction. Well done everyone.

Financial Report:

Bicycle Workshop with teacher Marilyn Tucker.
October 19 and 20, 2019

Income: 50 x 11	\$550.00
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Expenses:

Teaching Fees: 2 x \$150.00	\$300.00
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Materials:	5.00
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Coffee Break:	<u>19.61</u>
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Total	\$374.61
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Thank you Marg Adey, K.J. Elton, and Marilyn Tucker for arranging this workshop.

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