

Embellishments

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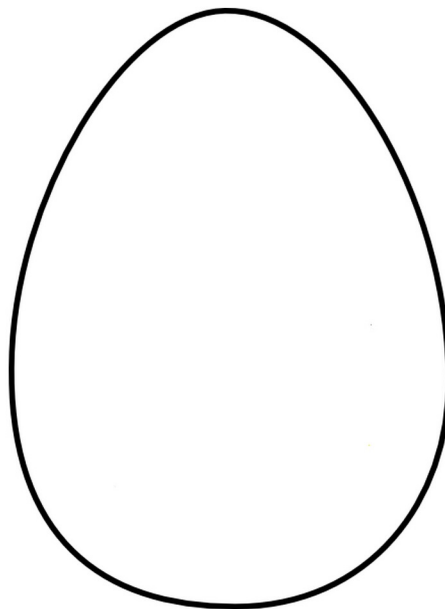
“THERE IS TOO MUCH TO DO!! I am crippled by the choices. Today I will do yoga, learn Spanish, become an art critic, listen to a concert, do a work out, take the dogs on a hike, and cook a new recipe for supper. Or just sit here and embroider.”

So writes our very own Dale Foster. Well, actually Dale said she might knit – baby clothes that she will have no problem selling in 9 months time!

Welcome to the Covid-19 edition of Embellishments!

I decided to start off with a quote showing Dale’s positive attitude because, in spite of our isolation, we do have many choices available to us. I feel that if we start off each day with a decision to do one or two tasks, it will be easier for us to get through this. As embroiderers, we are blessed to have even more options than most.

Covid-19 Easter Egg Challenge



Nuttinbutpreschool.com

Use your creativity and any interesting threads from your stash to create an amazing and cheerful Easter egg. Send your finished creations to me and post them to our

Facebook page to inspire others! Any size, any material, it's all up to you. The deadline will be our June meeting.

Hannalore Walters Scholarship

Congratulations are extended to Anne Rowlands who has been chosen by the Scholarship Committee to receive this year's Hannalore Walters Scholarship. Anne will use the money to complete the EAC Advanced Counted Thread Sampler Technical Course. The Scholarship Committee was pleased to receive 3 applications for the scholarship this year. A record number! If you did not receive the scholarship this year you are encouraged to apply again next year.

Join Our Facebook Page

If you have not already done so, you could consider joining our Facebook page. It is not open to the public. It's a great way to stay connected with your fellow Guild members and to have a bit fun. Such as: commenting on, for example, the excellent job one of our members did in reorganizing her stretcher bar drawer!! You can post pictures of your latest project (either completed or not). Anne and Dale also frequently post pictures of inspirational projects that others are doing.

Workshops

A NOTE FROM MARG:

1. Japanese Beading: This workshop is cancelled. Right now the plan is to hold it in late October / early November.
2. Stumpwork: The second workshop we have in the planning stage is with Jane Prior. When the restrictions about getting together are lifted we can set a date.

Thank you to KJ and Lyn for all their help while I recover from my surgery.

Membership Fees

Unfortunately the payment of membership fees has not been postponed! If you are renewing your membership in May please send your dues to Anne Rowlands. You may pay by e-transfer or by you may put a cheque in the mail. Anne's mailing address is:

49 Motion Drive, Torbay, NL. A1K 1A7
email: arowla@gmail.com

Dues are: \$55.00. If you are 65 years plus, the dues are \$45.00

Call for Nominations:

The Guild will need a new Treasurer for 2020-2021 year as Sheila's 3-year term is over at the end of July. If you are willing to take on this role, please contact Joyce Noseworthy.

Please be aware that any person may be nominated for any executive position at the Annual General Meeting.

Monthly Project

A note from Jewel:

In the next three months, our guild project is going to be a blackwork box of chocolates. Elizabeth Almond has many free designs on her website and you can download the instructions from there.



I used a 24 count aida but you could use aida or linen. I used 3371 as my colour to outline the individual motifs and for the border.

To start your work, decide on how many delights you are going to do and put in your first row. I did the outlines and borders with 2 strands of floss and the blackwork patterns with just 1 strand.

Count, count, and count again. I stitched the first row 3 times before I got it correct.

You can use the patterns that Elizabeth provides or haul out your blackwork books and try something new.

Post a picture of your work on the Guild Facebook page so we can stay connected.

Japanese Embroidery

Level 1: with Marian Preshing

You may be interested in learning about Japanese embroidery. Marian Preshing will be returning to Newfoundland in the fall and she is willing to take on students to do Level 1 of her ten part course, while she teaches Level 2 to her original group. The photo below shows the piece you will stitch. In taking Level 1 there is no requirement to continue on to the other levels. Contact Anne Rowlands for further information.



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