



January 2025 Embellishments

Welcome to the 2025 stitching year. Hopefully your holidays included some time with needle and threads.

Included in this issue of embellishments are the minutes of the November meeting and the agenda for the January meeting.

Library: At the next few meetings, our librarian Kathy Jane and her helpers will be having several sales of books (from the library and donations) as well as donated kits. Please bring along some money to enhance your stash.

Programs: For this month we will be working on a series of blackwork hearts. See Gillian and Eva to get your kits.

Workshops: We are pursuing a Japanese workshop in the fall and looking into a workshop in techniques much like Sue Spargo's work. For the rest of this guild year, we will be offering Carousel as well as a lacing workshop. If you can offer a 3 hour class on some design or technique, please let Krista Vokey know.

Carousel is a day where new have morning and afternoon classes where a guild member teaches a small project or introduces a technique. The cost is between \$10-20 per classes and includes all materials.

The lacing workshop will teach your how to lace a piece of embroidery unto a backing board. We would have several people available to help and you bring along a small piece that is finished, washed and pressed. Materials would be provided.

Edge: Day and evenings stitching times have restarted. We meet on Feb 13 from 10 to 3 at the Paul Reynolds Centre. Hopefully we will have a date for an evening EDGE at the College of the North Atlantic on Prince Philip Drive, details and dates to follow.

Edge stitch times are a chance to get together with other stitchers and work on your own projects. It is a great way to get to know members and ask for help with a project.

CBC Morning Show on Tuesday: I have been invited to represent the guild on CBC's Morning Show sometime between 8:30- 9:30 on Tuesday.

Katerine Crummey approached the guild because our website says new members welcome. She is intrigued by what we do and has seen a resurgence of 20 somethings becoming interested in pursuing creative handwork.

Welcoming new members: It is so exciting to meet new stitchers. We need your help to make everyone feel welcome and to help new members become familiar with all that the guild has to offer them. One way is to ask new members to sit at your table and introduce yourself and what keeps you coming to the guild. Another way is to help the executive develop a new package to give new members which will include a few freebies, a nametag kit and information on guild activities. Please contact Jewel if you can help with the package.

Auction: Save Nov 19 – 26 as the dates for the auction which we will be running through Bartlett Auction House. Kitty Drake and her committee members will be pleased to start accepting items for the auction at the January meeting.

I have heard from several members about your concerns about the memo that was sent out.

We did not mean to offend anyone by saying that the auction was "a time to get rid of stuff". In the 2022 auction, we had a number of pieces that were wonderful work but quite dated in design and colour. Also, there were pieces that required washing, pressing and lacing. It would help streamline preparation for our auction volunteers if the pieces submitted were presentation-ready.

Please bring your questions and concerns to the meeting and we will address them. You can contact me at 709-743-9561 or via email at: jewelcousens@gmail.com

Agenda for January 2025 General Meeting

1. Welcome, approval of agenda and November minutes.
2. Reports and Business Arising:
 - a. Financial
 - b. Membership
 - c. Workshops
 - d. Library
 - e. Hospitality
 - f. Seminar
 - g. Auction
 - h. Programs
3. Show and share Table
4. Adjournment

St. John's Guild of Embroiderers Member Meeting November 26,
2024 RCAF Club, Charter Avenue, St. John's, NL Christmas
Dinner and Member's Meeting

1. Laura Gilbert called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm
2. Approval of minutes from October (Wright/Fewer) Carried
3. Approval of Agenda` (Rowlands/Woolridge) Carried
4. Reports
 - a. Financial – Deferred
 - b. Memberships – Laura Gilbert i. We currently have 85 members. ii. Please let Laura know if you are a new member and haven't received a welcome kit.
 - c. Programs – Gillian Brown i. Hardanger Ornaments are on the agenda for tonight. The kits are \$5 each and there are extras
 - d. Workshops – Sheila Anstey i. No updates.
 - e. Hospitality – Sonya Coish i. January sign-ups are done. Sonya will send out reminders to folks closer to the date of the meeting.

f. Library – KJ Elton i. KJ is looking for full kits for an auction ii. She is also looking for all members to donate one skein from their stash to the auction as well. Specialty thread is appreciated.

g. Seminar – Barbara Myles and Anne Rowlands

i. Thank you to everyone who took Tool Kits to work on Please note: allow a 1/2 inch seam allowance and centre design.

ii. The University has given us a nice outline for the room. Each room will be \$350 which includes people to help move furniture.

iii. If you have teachers in mind that you would like to come and teach at Seminar, please pass that information along to Heather Pretty or Janet Goosney.

h. Ways and Means – Elizabeth Fewer i. Due to the Canada Post strike, Jennie Adin Christie's book may be delayed. No further order will be placed until after the strike is resolved.

i. Auction – Kitty Drake i. Kitty is looking for a space for the auction. It was felt that the space in Atlantic Place was sufficient. Kitty will speak with Jewel about the past auction.

5. Other Business a. Sheila Anstey has a box for the tree ornaments and is looking for a volunteer or two to decorate the pre-lit tree at Torbay. She will let people know when they can vote.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 8:22.