

# Gilding the Needle

*"A few stitches today – an heirloom tomorrow"*

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## President's Message - Fall 2013

I hope everyone has had a great summer. It always seems to go so fast. I garden and am always amazed at how tall my weeds grow.

Thank you everyone for all the ideas and suggestions I have received this summer. I am so lucky to have so many people in our guild to offer me advice and support as I take on this new role. Please make suggestions at our meetings or e-mail me if you have any ideas that you feel will be of benefit.

I am really looking forward to starting the new programmes proposed for mornings and afternoons.

Our morning *Learn A Stitch* will be crazy quilt stitches. Roz and Anjali shared many of their ideas at our last meeting in June. Please see them if you have suggestions about this programme or expertise to share.

The afternoon programmes are set for Fall. More information will be available at the first meeting in September about these programmes and the opportunity to sign up. Information will be available later about the winter and spring sessions. Please see Roz or Anjali if you have programme ideas or suggestions.

Mary Lou has been busy organizing workshops. This Fall, the two-day workshop *Picket Fence Garden* with Margaret Vant Erve will be held October 24 and 25. The one day workshop *Felted Landscape* with Andrea Graham will be held Monday, October 21. I know we all appreciate all the work that goes into finding experts who can share their knowledge with us. If you have suggestions about future workshops, please let her know.

If you are not involved in one of the new afternoon projects, remember to bring your lunch and stay and socialize and work in the afternoon on unfinished projects. It is always wonderful to have a place to get caught up on UFOs and of course, visit with friends. I always find that someone has a suggestion that helps me improve what I am doing and encourages me to finish. One day I will find the bottom of my project box - maybe.

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## Cataraqui Guild of Needle Arts

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Thank you everyone who volunteered to represent our Guild at the Homesteaders Days in Odessa in August. If you are aware of any opportunities similar to this, please let me know. More information will be available at our first September meeting about the Macpherson House Sheep to Shawl Festival.

It is wonderful to come Mondays and visit with everyone. We presently have 43 members. Our guild is also looking forward to meeting new members. If you have any friends or acquaintances who are interested in learning more about embroidery, please invite them to one of our meetings.

I will be asking everyone at our September meeting if they would like to be a "buddy" to new members who do not come with a present member. Thank you, Elizabeth for proposing this mentoring. Please let me know if you are interested in being a "buddy" for a new member.

We will miss Jean Walker. It is always sad when someone with so much enthusiasm and knowledge passes away. Mickie sent the information to all our members in early July and Sally presented the family with a sympathy card on behalf of the Guild. Thank you both.

Our main fundraiser is quickly approaching. Our tenth annual Needle Arts Fair will be held Saturday, October 5 at the Kingston Seniors Centre. Theresa has been working very hard organizing this event. Please let her know if you are available to help. It should be a fun day. There are cards and posters available to advertise our fair. They are gorgeous! They should catch everyone's eye and guarantee record attendance.

Remember that our September meetings are the 9th and 16th. See everyone then.

*Diane Dukoff*

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## 2013 Presentations



Past President, Theresa Lawrence presents the outgoing President Irene Hodge with a Past President's pin



Past President, Irene Hodge, presents the incoming President, Diane Dukoff, with the "Needle of Office"



## 2013-14 CGNA Executive



Introducing your executive and assistants for 2013-14. From left to right: (back row) Kristeen Krestensen, Barbara Jackson, Elizabeth Vandenberg, Donna Hamilton (webmaster), Mary Lou Wilson, Anne Claudio, Guylaine Belanger, Mickie Beauchamp (communications), Diane Dukoff, Sally Fink, Penny Arnott, Marg Henshaw. (seated) Susanne Grugel (archivist), Ann Miller, Irene Hodge, Eileen Hanson, Anjali Shyam and (standing) Roslyn Hanes.

The members were most appreciative of the work done by retiring members of the executive, Theresa Lawrence, Jocelyn Ezard, Sally Hutson and Beth Abbott.

## Cataraqui Guild of Needle Arts Fall 2013 Programme

September 9	AM	Welcome to the CGNA 2013 season Introduction to the Learn-a-stitch programme: Crazy patch <b>Show and Share</b>
	PM	Registration for the afternoon programmes
September 16	AM	Learn-a-stitch: floral stitch variations - Mickie Beauchamp <b>Theme trunk show - cross stitch</b>
	PM	Elizabethan sampler - Linda Burke Designing with zen doodles - Theresa Lawrence Beginners group - Irene Hodge
October 7	AM	Learn[-a-stitch: shisha work - Mary Anne Toonders <b>Show and Share</b>
	PM	Elizabethan sampler - Linda Burke Designing with zen doodles - Theresa Lawrence Beginners group - Irene Hodge
October 21		<b>All day seminar: Andrea Graham</b>
November 4	AM	Learn-a-stitch: ribbon embroidery - Sally Hutson <b>Show and Share</b>
	PM	Elizabethan sampler - Linda Burke Designing with zen doodles - Theresa Lawrence Beginners group - Irene Hodge
November 18	AM	Learn-a-stitch: feather stitch variations - Barbara Jackson <b>Theme trunk show -North American native art</b>
	PM	Elizabethan sampler - Linda Burke Designing with zen doodles - Theresa Lawrence Beginners group - Irene Hodge
December 2	AM	Learn-a-stitch: crewel motif - Elizabeth Vandenberg <b>Show and Share</b>
	PM	Elizabethan sampler - Linda Burke Designing with zen doodles - Theresa Lawrence Beginners group - Irene Hodge
December 16	AM	Town Hall meeting Christmas Potluck
	PM	Special programme

**Show and share** will be on the first meeting of the month. At the second meeting there will be a **group theme trunk show**. Each time we will feature one type of embroidery or work from a particular country or another craft/art. The **first theme trunk show** will be at our September 16 meeting and will feature *cross stitch*. Please bring along what you have new or old. Even if you have brought it in before, it will be great to see it again and there will always be members who missed it the first time or who are new to the group.

## *Needle Arts Fair Update.....*

The Needle Arts Fair is less than a month away and if I say so myself, it is shaping up to be a really good show. Tricia Vretteas has done a wonderful job of getting the word out. We have circulated over a thousand postcards and one hundred posters far and wide. The vendors too have been terrific about distributing posters and postcards.

We are now up to twenty vendors for the show. The majority of these will be in the main gymnasium and some others will be in the same room as our guild display of embroidery. This room is half the size of the gym. We have also booked the Simcoe Room for our demonstrators and a special display on White Work. The vendors have come across with a wide selection and variety of door prizes.

If you have any White Work that you have done over the years or if you have examples tucked away in your linen closet from bygone days we'd love to put them on display. I am also looking for any antique or old embroidery equipment that we can put on display.

At our meetings in September, I will be looking for volunteers to help out on the day of the Fair. We will need docents and money takers; people to assist with set up and take down; people to assist our vendors so they can take a break and assistants for our demonstrators; and people to assist at our own table and talk about CGNA - nothing too onerous, so please sign up.

We are also looking for old magazines that we can recycle. They can be about embroidery, quilting, rug hooking, felting, beading - all the things we are interested in and others might enjoy.

We've tried to make the day interesting, informative and fun for everyone without a lot of work on anyone person's shoulders. It's our way to shine! So get the word out to all you think would be interested. The more people through the door, the happier our vendors will be and the happier we will be.

Theresa



*Cataraqui Guild  
of  
Needle Arts  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Needle Arts Fair*

*Saturday, October 5, 2013  
10am to 3pm  
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## 2013-14 PROGRAMME

Learn-a-stitch will be crazy patch work starting in the Fall. There were many pieces of crazy patch work on display at the year-end meeting for members to see and get ideas on how they would like to proceed. Roz Hanes explained what the learn-a-stitch programme would involve and asked the members to collect fabric and items suitable for making their own project choice. She also noted that anyone who didn't have a specific project in mind could work on a sample piece which would be provided. Members seemed very enthusiastic about the Fall learn-a-stitch project so we can look forward to seeing some terrific ideas.



### **Have you heard about "6Squared" - a one-of-a-kind fundraiser?**

The Seniors Association of Kingston is sponsoring their second "6Squared event to be held November 13 to 20. It was extremely successful last year. 238 artists donated over 600 pieces of art and they hope to have even more this year.

The CGNA has been asked to participate. 6Squared is a non-juried, inclusive exhibit and sale open to everyone - artists, celebrities, designers, politicians and you.

Submissions will be accepted until October 25. The instructions are simple - create a 6" x 6" piece of art in your choice of medium. For more information go to the 6Squared website where you will find the submission form and the guidelines.

The money raised is in support of the Seniors Association Kingston - recreation and assistance for local seniors.

## *Membership News*

### ***In Memory - Jean Walker - 1924 - 2013***

Jean Walker, a long time member of the CGNA, passed away unexpectedly on June 27th.

Jean was a graduate of the Montreal Royal Victoria Hospital School of Nursing and of McGill University School for Graduate Nurses. After several years at the Montreal Neurological Hospital Jean taught nursing at the Montreal General Hospital and was Director of Nursing at Sherbrooke Hospital in Quebec and then Peterborough Civic Hospital in Ontario.



Jean was shy about showing her work but she was an accomplished stitcher and had many lovely pieces of her work displayed in her home. Many of you will remember the lovely woven throw she displayed in 2011 at our Christmas meeting.

Jean will be sadly missed.

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## **SUMMER STITCH IN**

In July, Kristeen Krestensen invited us for a stitch in at her home. There were only 5 of us but we were quite a lively group and had a very productive day of stitching and sharing. It was a hot day but we were very comfortable on Kristeen's porch and she kindly provided us with lots of refreshments and treats.

Thank you, Kristeen for hosting our summer stitch in.

Elizabeth



## Let's Talk Silk

In June, Beth Abbott presented the third and last in her series of lectures. Beth explained how silk is made beginning with the raising of silk worms through to the completion of a piece of fabric. It was very much a hands on presentation as we had many fibres and fabrics to see and touch. Members were even given the opportunity to take part in the process of unwinding silk cocoons. Thank you Beth for a most interesting presentation.



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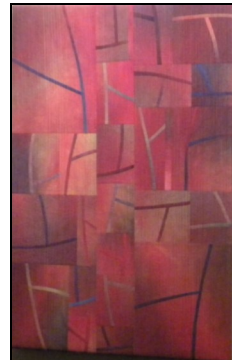
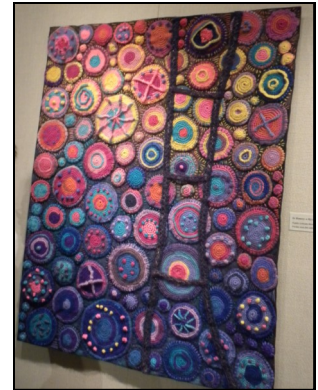
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## The Kingston Fibre Artists have been busy this summer!


This summer friends and I attended two terrific fibre art exhibits. In June we were in Kingston at the Kingston and Frontenac public library to see “*Sundown*”, a wonderful collection of vibrantly coloured pieces and in August we were in Belleville to see “*Stitch Happens*” - truly amazing pieces of art, at the John M. Parrott Art Gallery. Congratulations to all the participants and especially to our members, Bethany Garner and Sandra Garner.

*Elizabeth*



### More About Fibre Art

- Kingston’s Twelve x Twelve Group Artists are exhibiting at Taylor Photography Studio, 285 King Street East in the Four Points Sheraton from September 5- 27. The opening will be on Thursday, September 12 from 5-7 and Bethany Garner extends a warm welcome to all of us to attend.
- You will all have received the Fibreworks Kingston Weekend Workshop 2013-2014 information which was sent out by Mickie in August. Of special interest to embroiderers is the Pamela Allen - About Town Workshop as it is an all hand-stitched project. You will be creating a small piece that is reflective of your home town. More information about Fibreworks can be found on the internet.
- Bethany Garner will be instructing at St Lawrence College this Fall. Her course is entitled “Textile Art to Business” (Craft to Business in the catalogue).



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## Video Review - by Theresa Lawrence

The other day I picked up a DVD from the Kingston-Frontenac Public Library entitled "Creating Machine Embroidery with Alison Holt: Flowers and Landscapes". I know what you are thinking - we use needle and thread to embroider not machines. Well this particular video has some good tips in it for doing landscapes. It was a good review of what Maureen Byre has taught in her painting with silk courses over the years. The DVD also had some good information on blending thread colours, highlighting and depth perception. You could adapt her techniques for making some of the flowers she illustrated. It is well worth borrowing from the library. It has a running time of 3 hours and 27 minutes and to be honest I used the fast forward to skip over the parts that watch her sew, but well worth the time.



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