



Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.



January-February 2026

The new year is here and with it we have lots of exciting opportunities. We have several wonderful classes that Linda has organized with generous volunteers who have committed to teach these classes. Ellen has some fun outreach opportunities for us to start the year with, including the Southern Porch Stitchers in Hardin County and a class at Yew Dell Gardens in Oldham County. And of course we have Stitch in Public Day on Saturday, February 7th. Invite someone to stitch with you out in public and enjoy the camaraderie. Quilters Day Out, on March 14th, offers a fun chance to talk to others about embroidery and our guild.

None of these opportunities are possible without volunteers. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time last year and to those who served on the board last year. Thank you for those elected to serve on the board this year. I know with their help we will have a great year and share embroidery with our community and beyond. Our organization runs on volunteers. Linda will be looking for people to teach classes; Ellen will need volunteers to help with outreach, and the nominating committee will need people to consider running for the board in the Fall. Please think about volunteering over the next few months.

Please remember to always be kind and considerate to all, members as well as those who show interest. To paraphrase the EGA diversity statement- The Embroiderers' Guild is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for all stitchers.

Our Holiday Party in December was a lot of fun and well attended despite the snowy weather. There was plenty of good food, the Teacup Auction, and beautiful ornaments in the Dirty Santa Exchange. The Teacup Auction raised \$407 for EGA; this is our only fundraiser each year. Peggy Mims won the drawing for the Fair Threaded Needle Award and Jenny Janes won the UFO drawing. They will get a free one year membership to EGA. Linda Reed won the morning Show and Tell drawing and received a \$25 gift certificate to Mojo Quilts. The drawing for the evening Show and Tell will be held in January and that person will receive a \$25 gift card to Rogue Stitching. Get your name in the drawings for 2026! Bring in items for the Show and Tell table and finish those UFO's. Then enter all of your beautiful embroidery in the State Fair.

January and February can have bad weather with snow and ice. If Jefferson County Public Schools are canceled then our meeting is also canceled. Even if schools are not canceled only come if you are comfortable with the trip. That being said, let's all hope for a mild winter. I certainly am.

Anissa

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Calendar

January

Thursday, Jan. 8th, 10:00 a.m.: Saint Teresa of Calcutta Church: Business meeting. Please bring any items you would like included in the Bon Air Library exhibit. Embroidered Mandala Class with Anissa. Deadline for the Crazy Quilting class registration.

Saturday, January 17th, 9:30-5:00: Hardin County Cooperative Extension office, 111 Opportunity Way, Elizabethtown KY Southern Front Porch stitching event with a pot luck lunch

Thursday, Jan. 22nd, 6:30 p.m. Business meeting. Embroidered Mandala Class with Anissa.

Saturday, January 31st, 1:00-5:00 : Stitch in at Angi Collins' home. Contact her at 502-904-3979 if you need directions.

February

Saturday, February 7th: Stitch in public day

Thursday, Feb. 12th, 10:00 a.m.: Saint Teresa of Calcutta Church: Business meeting. Crazy Quilting class with Joy, part 1.

Thursday, Feb. 26th, 6:30 p.m.: St. Mark's Episcopal Church: Business meeting. Crazy Quilting class with Joy, part 1.

DIRECTIONS: To Saint Teresa of Calcutta Church, 903 Fairdale Rd. Lou. KY 40118: Take the Gene Snyder Expressway (I-265) to National Turnpike. Head South, turn right on Fairdale Rd. Church is 2nd driveway to the right. Go to the small gray building at the back of the parking lot.

To St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2822 Frankfort Ave. Lou. KY 40206: located on Frankfort Ave., the parking lot is off Kennedy. Use the rear door; after 6:30, ring the doorbell.

STITCH INS

Wednesday EGA and Friends Stitch-ins (a very fluid group of EGA and ANG members and friends) meets at St Matthews-Eline Library, 3940 Grandview Ave., from 1:00 to 4 PM

Rogue Stitching Stitch Ins: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-6:45, open to the public. EGA group meets on the 4th Saturday from 10:00-2:00; all members are welcome.

Louisville Fiber Supply: Tuesdays 2-6, Wednesdays 5-8, and Saturdays 2-6

Indiana Stitch Ins: Floyd County Public Library, 180 W. Spring Street in New Albany, IN, 2nd floor, first Thursdays 10am - 2pm and third Thursdays 4-7:30pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Quilter's Day Out: March 14th, at Paroquet Springs Conference Center in Shepherdsville.

March 12th and 26th: Part 2 of the Crazy Quilting class

UPCOMING RETREATS

ANG at Clifty Falls: Jan. 16th-18th: Call 877.563.4371 to make room reservations with discount code 0116AN Water is provided in the meeting room but we are not allowed to bring in food. Stitching room is \$20 per day. Martha is organizing this event.

Blue Licks: March 18-22nd

Country Lakes: April 27-29 Contact Peggy M. for more information on these spring retreats.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADVERTISER!

You will notice a new advertiser in our newsletter: Mojo Quilts. Please check out Angelique's store. She carries other stitching supplies and much more than fabric!

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

We like to highlight some of our favorite stitching tools occasionally in our newsletter. Sometimes folks get creative with their project and stash storage. Joy uses a plastic egg carton-style container to store balls of perle cotton. Angi has picked up the little plastic cases near the check-out counters in Michael's stores to store floss, scissors, needles, etc. for individual projects. They come in different colors and the tops can be decorated with stickers. If you have any ideas for unique tools, let Angi know and they may be featured in the future.

EGA Mission Statement: The mission of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage.

The Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for stitchers of any experience level, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, or other background to develop their skills and express their creativity through the needle arts. EGA affirms its commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA).



OUTREACH NEWS FROM ELLEN

Our Yew Dell workshop is taking shape and I'm getting very excited about it! Right now I'm hoping to hold an orientation meeting January 29 at the Floyd County library in New Albany from 10-2. If you'd like to help our students, as well as stitch your own beautiful "Castle in Four Seasons" project, let me know, or just show up January 29th.

Bon Air library has invited EGA to exhibit again, which is so great! It's a super way for us to show off our talent without a whole lot of work. EGA will fill both windows the week of January 12th, and the exhibit will stay up through the end of February. I'd love to fill the windows again, as we did last year! Please bring items to the January 8th meeting; I especially want ornaments and the Sue Spargo pouches. I'll have value sheets at the meeting for anyone who needs them. Bring anything else you'd like to show, ranging from very basic projects to spectacular one-of-a-kind showstoppers - let's show the public our talent!

On January 17th, our chapter has the opportunity to visit the Southern Porch Stitchers in E-town at the Hardin County Cooperative Extension office. They hold an all-day event, beginning at 9:30, and serve lunch. Angi and I will be there for a few hours to promote EGA and our chapter, and we welcome anyone who'd like to come along. I plan to arrive right about 9:30 and stay a couple of hours; Angi is coming a bit later and staying a bit longer. If you can squeeze it into your schedule, please join us and these stitchers and share how wonderful EGA is!

A reminder about Stitch in Public Day, February 7th! Last year we had a wonderful turnout, with stitchers at Mt. Washington library, Bon Air library, St Matthews E-line library, Floyd County library, and ANG folks at Barnes & Noble. Let's do it again this year! No formal sign-up required, but please let me know where you go and when you'll be there. As I did last year, I'll try to come to as many as possible and take pictures for Bryce, Angi and Jenny to use to promote EGA. We're so great about stitching in public every week, but this is a national effort and a great way to highlight EGA and stitching, so please try to participate!

Don't forget we also have Quilters' Day Out coming up March 14th, at Paroquet Springs Conference Center in Shepherdsville. I'll have a sign-up sheet for this event at the January and February meetings. As we've done in the past, we'll have a table showcasing various items plus our fabulous members interacting with the public. We'll donate a basket of stitching goodies for them to raffle off, as well as a crazy quilting basket to promote our upcoming workshop. Please make room on your calendar to help promote EGA and our chapter; they give us a free table and they deserve our support.

You can contact me at 502-727-1959 or egy@gmail.com



PROGRAM NEWS FROM LINDA

January 8, & 22, 2026 : Embroidered Mandala with a favorite button or a whimsical button panel with Japanese style beading taught by Anissa. Each participant will receive a piece of black fabric mounted onto stretcher bars, 2 needles and black thread. There will be buttons and beads to choose from as well as the guild floss stash if you don't have beads, buttons, or floss you'd like to use. Participants should bring frame weight or clamp, scissors, magnification, lighting, if needed and basic embroidery supplies.

January 8, 2026: Deadline for Feb/March Crazy quilting class. Cost \$15 for the kit and materials in our crazy quilting stash, except special flosses you may wish to use. Pre work is required to sew the fancy fabrics to the foundation by machine or hand, so you are ready to add stitches at the February meeting.

February 12, & 26, 2026 Part 1 of 2 Crazy Quilting heart with stitches taught by Joy Youngblood. The class will emphasize crazy quilting steps and stitches. Participants should bring an 8" embroidery hoop, basic embroidery supplies including scissors and magnification, lighting, if needed.

March 12, & 26, 2026 Part 2 Crazy Quilting stitches continued, and discussion of finishing taught by Joy Youngblood. This heart could be made into an etui (sewing kit), or box top, or journal cover, or small pillow, or tote bag embellishment, etc.

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TVR NEWS FROM CYNTHIA

Please check out the EGA website under the Events tab to see the classes for the national seminar 2026, "Wish Upon a Stitch" which were just posted this week. The seminar will be held in Orlando, FL, October 9-14, 2026. Registration opens in January.

The TVR Share a Stitch will be a stitch-in in Carson Springs, TN August 6-9th, 2026.

The 2027 SAS will be in the Meadow View Conference Center in Kingsport TN June 10th-13th. We are looking for folks to head up the silent auction and merchandise events.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS FROM BETH

Great news members; as of this publication, we have 68 active members! Please introduce yourself to anyone you do not know, offer them a seat by you and welcome them to our chapter. Starting this month thru May 2026, the majority of us will be asked to renew our membership. Be on the lookout for an email from Headquarters regarding the renewal process. If you have questions about when your renewal is due, please look at the most recent directory. Your renewal date is to the right of your address. Your member number is directly above your renewal date. You will need both to renew your membership.

If you have questions, you can always contact me at Abcdeschu@aol.com.

EDUCATION NEWS FROM MAUREEN

Crazy Quilt Study Box: There will be a crazy quilt study box at the day and evening meetings in January. This box explores the history and contemporary use of crazy quilting through words and examples. A historic crazy quilt top from the EGA collection is included for study and inspiration.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Web site for the chapter is egalouisville.org. You will find links to our calendar and newsletter there, as well as photographs for our upcoming projects.

Our national Web site is egausa.org. There are lots of free projects and event information. Our Facebook group, Louisville Chapter Embroiderers' Guild, features photos, meeting schedules, and other stitching resources.

For great photos and videos, follow us on Instagram at [louisvillechapterega](https://www.instagram.com/louisvillechapterega).



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