



# San Antonio Samplings



Newsletter of the San Antonio Needlework Guild, Inc.

South Central Region, Embroiders' Guild of America

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## Our President's Message:

It's a new year, new beginnings, new resolutions, a new outlook – and new projects! Most of us will be glad to leave 2020 behind and look forward to a fresh start. Despite the isolation Covid-19 brought with it, we did learn how to work with Zoom and other virtual platforms. On-line courses and classes became more accessible and I hope you have been taking advantage of all that is offered through EGA, SCR and other stitching outlets.

I look forward to getting under way, and with your support and participation it promises to be an interesting and fun undertaking. Here is what we have planned so far:

In the program section during our general meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month we will highlight various aspects of stitching both for the seasoned stitchers as well as the newcomers amongst us. Your input is greatly appreciated either with topic suggestions or a presentation.

Three-hour technique classes will be offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in February, April, September, and November. In February we will explore a technique that is simple, yet effective (see write-up under Technique Classes in this newsletter). From April 2021 until November 2022, we will be offering a series of 6 classes teaching several different techniques, pulling them all together into a final project during our 7<sup>th</sup> and final class. (The 6 individual projects can also be finished separately if you cannot participate in all the classes.)

And let's not forget all the stitch-ins during the month. Though Covid-19 still prevents us from taking advantage of stitch-ins in person, there are several taking place on Zoom.

So please join us whenever you can. Look forward to seeing you!

*Karin Shaw*

# Happy New Year!

# Programs

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## January

### ***“What is this Chicken Scratch?”***



I hear that all the time from my kids when I write them a note in cursive. But illegible notes are not what we shall talk about at our January meeting. Instead, this is a different kind of “Chicken Scratch” – an embroidered one. You might have heard about this type of embroidery: it is a way to effectively take a simple Gingham and give it a lacey look. Intrigued? Join us during our meeting to learn about its history. Then join us during our February Technique Class to learn how to do it. You will find information to sign up in the *Technique Classes* section.

## February

### ***Hooped, Stretched or Snapped***

Walking into an embroidery store can be overwhelming, especially if you have not done a lot of stitching before. The plethora of threads, fabrics, scissors, needles, and other paraphernalia is dizzying. Once you have decided on your project though, you must now select a way to ready it for stitching. Do you use a hoop, stretcher bars, Q-snaps? During the February meeting we will explore the ways to frame your piece for stitching and which method is best to use for the kind of embroidery you are doing.

## **Stitch-Ins**

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Due to Covid 19, SANG has decided to postpone the January 16 luncheon to Saturday, May 1, 2021. I will put a coupon in the March and April newsletters. We want to look out for everyone's health.

Our second Wednesday stitch ins at Franklin Park have also been postponed due to a case of Covid in another building. I will let you know when we can start back again.

Our libraries are not open for our stitch ins. I did get the OverDrive and Libby apps from the library on my phone. It is wonderful. I get the audio books and can listen and stitch together. I have enjoyed this. Between stitching and reading, it has helped my outlook during this pandemic.

I will check with Northwood Presbyterian Church in January to see if we can come back for our Wednesday stitch ins and fourth Tuesday morning day meeting. Libby said it would be after the first of the year.

We will still have our second Tuesday, January 12 Zoom stitch in and Tuesday January 26 Zoom and face to face meeting and second Tuesday, February 9 Zoom stitch in and Tuesday, February 23 Zoom and face to face meeting.

*Joan Vanderbrink*

# Technique Class

*EGA's mission is "... to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage". Please join us during our technique classes throughout the year held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of February, April, September, and November from 10am to 1pm.*



## February Technique Class

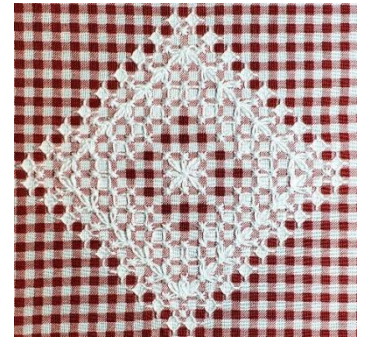
13 February 2021

10am-1pm

### *Chicken Scratch Embroidery -*

Using cross stitch, double cross stitch, running, straight and woven stitches create a lacey effect to transform ordinary Gingham into something elegant. This is an excellent project for beginners as the method is simple and the results are beautiful.

Select a kit from three different colors. All you need are your regular stitching supplies.



## February Technique Class

13 February 2021

Chicken Scratch Embroidery

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose from the following options:

☐ \$3 – red/white Gingham, needle, and thread \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$3 – grey/white Gingham, needle, and thread \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$3 – black/tan Gingham, needle, and thread \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$3 – for an 8" hoop \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is 5 Feb 2021 ~ Please make check payable to SANG**

Send coupon and payment to Karin Shaw, 18311 Emerald Forest Dr, San Antonio TX 78259

# Membership

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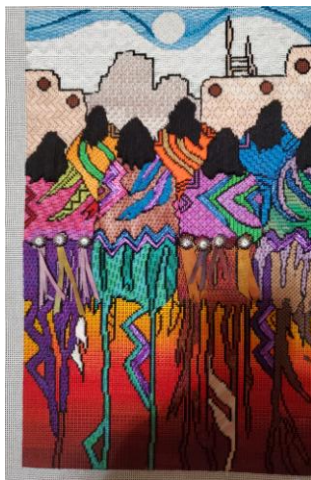
We welcome two new members, Mary Young and Eleanor Stromberg



January	4	Sally Thomas
	7	Marilyn Veach
	13	Rebecca Wardlaw
	13	Jessica Jones
	18	Pat Sweet

# THE SANG GALLERY

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Stitched by Pat Sweet



Stitched by Joan Vanderbrink

## Calendar of Events

# January

### Jan 12

ZOOM Stitchin 7:00pm

### Jan 21

Board Meeting, 6:45 pm  
ZOOM

### Jan 26

Night Meeting  
7:00-8:30pm  
St. Mark's UMC Church  
1902 Vance Jackson  
OR ZOOM

## Calendar of Events

# February

### Feb 9

ZOOM Stitchin 7:00pm

### Feb 13

Technique Class 10:00am-1:00pm  
St. Mark's UMC  
1902 Vance Jackson

### Feb 18

Board Meeting, 6:45 pm  
ZOOM

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### ***Follow us on Zoom for Stitch-Ins and Meetings***

The ZOOM link for meetings from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://rackspace.zoom.us/j/2103122835?pwd=UWhNcmJSdXNPNnlsU3RhN0F2L3Q0QT09>

Meeting ID: 2103122835

Password: 97531





## Stay Home and Stitch

A Linen Berry design for #bewellandstitch



ERICA MICHAELS  
NEEDLEART DESIGNS

45 ct

This template does  
NOT include a  
seam allowance.

ALWAYS verify the  
template is the  
correct size for  
your berry before  
cutting!

Take care of yourself, your family, your neighbor, and your community.

**#bewellandstitch**

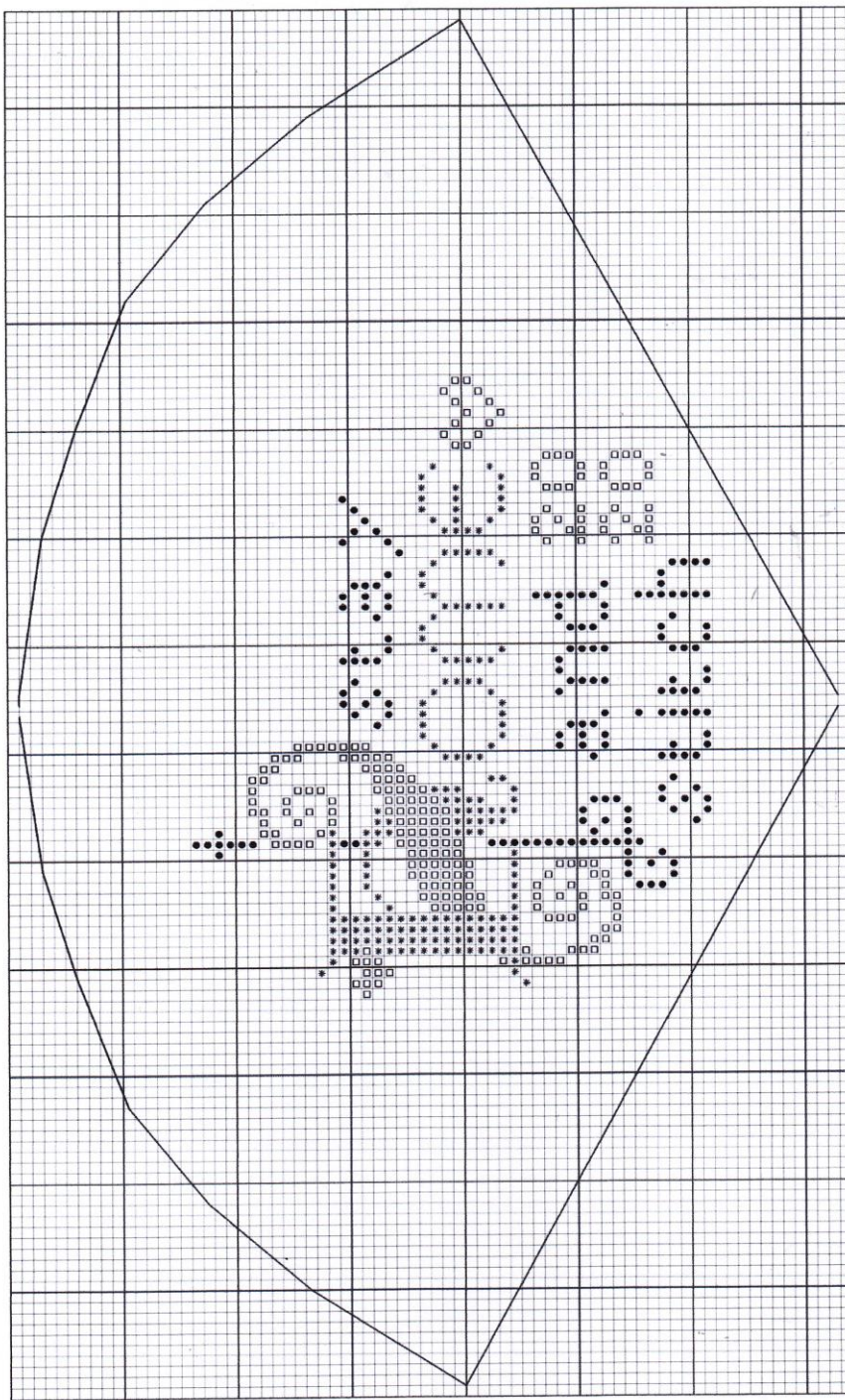
More details and finishing notes at: <https://ericamichaels.com/have-a-heart/>

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# Stay Home and Stitch

ERICA MICHAELS  
NEEDLEART DESIGNS



Stitch count: 127 wide x 72 high. Suggested fabrics: any neutral will do nicely; use the same as you did for the Have a Heart piece or something different. I used 45 count 'Woven Sedge' Legacy linen with Gloriana Tudor silks. Note: the outline on the chart is for reference in finishing and not intended to be stitched.

- \* Old Red Barn
- Italian Gold
- Acorns

[www.ericamichaels.com](http://www.ericamichaels.com)

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## Membership Form

Membership dues are up for renewal in May each year. Renew and keep your benefits coming.

		2021 Dues Amount
New SANG Primary Member	National, Regional, and Chapter Dues	\$55.00/year Aug 1-Oct 30/\$43.25, Nov 1-Jan 31/\$35.50, Feb 1-Apr 30/\$23.75
Returning SANG Primary Member		\$55.00
SANG Plural Member (Primary Membership in another South Central Region Chapter)	Chapter Dues	\$11.00
SANG Plural Member (Primary Membership outside South Central Region)	Regional and Chapter Dues	\$16.00
SANG EGA Life Members		\$16.00

\*New Members dues will be prorated as follows: Aug 1-Oct 30/\$43.25, Nov 1-Jan 31/\$35.50, Feb 1-Apr 30/\$23.75

VERY IMPORTANT: Each member must make any changes to personal information (address, phone number, email) directly to EGA. Go to the National EGA website - [www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org) - click the "Contact Us" tab at the top of the page. Under "Other contacts" is a form "Change of member address or email". NOTE: Our membership chair, Kay Foster, is no longer allowed to do it for you.

### Membership Form

#### New Members and Renewals

Annual membership is from May through April. Dues for one year are \$55 and are prorated for new members only as the year goes on (Aug 1-Oct 30/\$43.25, Nov 1-Jan 31/\$35.50, Feb 1-Apr 30/\$23.75)

Dues include a subscription to Needle Arts magazine and to the chapter's newsletter, San Antonio Samplings. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the morning as well as at 7:00 PM in the evening.

Plural membership is available to members of other EGA Chapters for \$11 per year if your primary chapter is within the South Central Region or \$16 if outside the South Central Region. Life member dues are \$16 per year.

☐ I would like to join SANG as a new Member    How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to renew my membership.

My EGA Member Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been a member since: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: (mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ home/☐ cell

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail. ☐ Yes ☐ No


(If yes, ensure that your correct e-mail address is entered in the line provided.)

Plural, Life or At-Large Members please list home chapter \_\_\_\_\_


Please print and mail this form with your check made payable to **San Antonio Needlework Guild** to:

**Carmel Friesenhahn, P.O. Box 178, St. Hedwig, TX 78152**

## January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 ZOOM Stitchin 7pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Board Meeting 6:45 ZOOM	22	23
24/31	25	26 SANG in person and ZOOM Mtg. 7-8:30pm	27	28	29	30

## February 2021

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
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**Blue Bonnet Studio Time Needle Arts Retreat  
February 19-22, 2022**

Featuring 10+ Faculty & 15+ Classes  
Sugar Land Marriott Town Square  
Sugar Land, Texas, USA  
281.288.9290 for room reservations



For event details and registration  
Visit [www.bluebonnetstudio.com](http://www.bluebonnetstudio.com)  
Telephone: 713.849.9848  
Email: [maryelvis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryelvis@sbcglobal.net)

• **RESCHEDULED** •



**The Covid-19 situation is being continually monitored and adjustments to dates will be made as needed. We encourage all our members to follow CDC protocols. Stay at home if you are vulnerable, wear masks when out, and practice social distancing. Please be safe!**

**To any non-members who may be reading this newsletter:** We hope you've enjoyed reading our newsletter. SANG would love to have you attend a meeting or join us at any of our community stitch-ins. All guild activities are open to SANG guild members and our sister-guilds (ANG and Bluebonnet). EGA members belonging to other guilds are welcome to attend our meetings, and attend workshops and classes if space is available. Visitors are welcome to attend any of our community stitch-in events and are encouraged to attend up to two official guild meetings (either the First Wednesday of the month stitch-in or our Fourth Tuesday day or night meetings) prior to joining. Workshops and classes are only open to EGA Guild members unless otherwise stated in the announcement.



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**EGA National Seminar 2021**  
**September 1-5, 2021**  
**Chicago, IL**

San Antonio Needlework Guild, Inc. <http://www.sang-ega.org/>

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Day Meetings: 9:30 Social, 10:00-12:00 Meeting, Northwood Presbyterian Church, 518 Pike Place.

Evening Meetings: 6:30 Social, 7:00-9:00 Meeting, St. Mark's UMC Church, 1902 Vance Jackson

Annual Dues: \$55.00

Plural Dues: \$11.00 for SCR Region Chapter Members

\$16.00 for non-SCR Region Chapter Members

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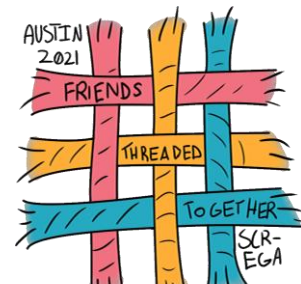
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**Newsletter Deadline for submissions is the 4th Tuesday of the month.**

**Austin, TX**  
**June 1-5, 2021**

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