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## *President's Message*

Happy New Year!

Isn't the new year the time to reflect on what has gone by and what is to come? I think of MGT and am greatly heartened. Our membership has increased significantly the past few years. Our fund-raising efforts have resulted in a healthy financial position for us. Our charitable functions and outreach programs are events to be proud of. Our programs have been challenging, interesting and fun. Attendance at our non-meeting events has been high. We have several new board members and chairmen starting their terms this month. They are taking over some vacancies that were well served by their predecessors (whom I shall miss at the board meetings). I look forward to spending time with them and making MGT even better. This is my last year as president, and I feel good about what lies ahead for us.

The President's Mailing is now available online. This is information that each chapter president receives from National. Until now, it has been up to the president to filter and distribute relevant information to chapter members. Now, you're able to see for yourself all that goes on and get some background on decisions. There is a tab called President's Mailing in the EGA Members only section of the national website. There's a lot of great stuff out there, take a second to peruse it!

National will raise their dues by \$5 per year in 2011 to \$37. That amount plus \$5 for regional and \$11 for MGT means that we'll each owe \$53 when we renew our memberships on April 1.

I encourage you to check out some of the course offerings of EGA. A GCC would be a fun thing to do - and if we can't all agree on the same project, maybe we get 2 groups going! GPR is sponsoring the Brazilian Embroidery Purse class. They will cover the group fee!!! Information is available in the December newsletter which is on the GPR website. One of my delights of my personal MGT experience is getting to know some of you better. When we're away from the formal meeting/program venue, we have so much fun together. You might think about gathering a few friends for a stitch-in. Stitch-in-public day is February 5th this year.

It's probably time to issue those reminders of the important URLs.

Marin Golden Threads <http://marin.ega-gpr.org/>

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The members only section can be accessed with a login/user name of gpr and a password of news (case sensitive).

National <http://www.egausa.org/>

The members only section can be accessed with a login/user name of MembersLogin and a password of WEareEGA (case sensitive).

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.....

# Calendar

- January 22**    **9:00 a.m.** -- Board Meeting  
**10:00 a.m.** -- General Meeting
- February 26**    **9:00 a.m.** -- Board Meeting  
**10:00 a.m.** -- General Meeting
- March 26**    **9:00 a.m.** -- Board Meeting  
**10:00 a.m.** -- General Meeting
- April 23**    **9:00 a.m.** -- Board Meeting  
**10:00 a.m.** -- General Meeting



Happy January Birthday to:  
Mary Hoell

Happy February Birthday to:  
Audrey Meinertzhagen  
Andrina Ruzick  
Kristin Long  
Fran Thorsson  
Ruth Cardin

Have a great birthday everyone!

Julie Oyle, Sunshine Office

## Membership News

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS:** Membership cards have been distributed. Early on there was misunderstanding with EGA as to the end of the membership year. Some cards incorrectly show expiration as 3/31/2011. The correct date is 5/31/2011. It should not make a difference, except for use with a discount card such as Joann's. You have to show your MGT card when you use the discount card so expiration date would be important. For any that would like a new card issued, please let us know. We're sorry for any inaccuracy.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve in Membership, and we thank Sandy Backer for

coming forward to fill the Membership responsibilities going forward.

**Welcome...** to new members Chris Robinette and Kristin Long.

## Coast Guard Spouse's Club Layette Program

Julianne will be bringing the baby blankets for us to stitch on at the January meeting. Please raid your stash for any extra thread and needles if you can share. We will have 8-10 Coast Guard Spouses Club members joining us this month. They will be picking up the wonderful gifts you brought to our holiday luncheon and hanging out with us while we stitch.

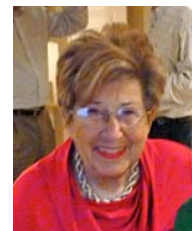
### January Cross Stitch Baby Blankets

In January we will begin stitching baby blankets for the Coast Guard Spouses Club layette program. Look for baby designs in your stash that you can stitch on a baby blanket panel that is 10-count, 33" x 5" (so roughly 50 stitches high and 330 stitches long).

We would like to be able to deliver our blankets to them by March.

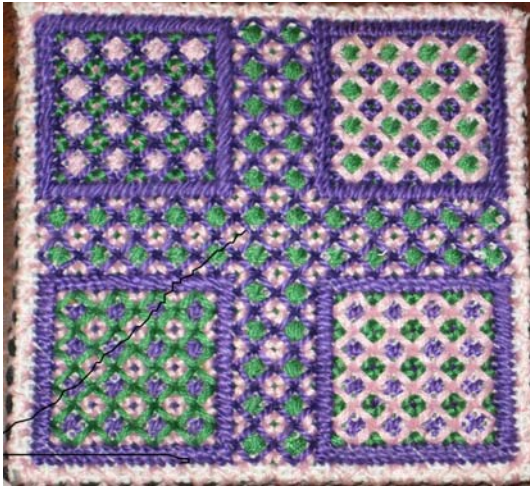
Also at the January meeting, Laurel will be bringing some books, thread, and needlework supplies that have been graciously donated by Evelyn McElroy's daughter. All items are for sale, with the proceeds going to Marin Golden Threads for the benefit of our members.

We will also take that opportunity to talk about Evelyn and celebrate her life. Evelyn was a longtime member of Marin Golden Threads and passed away on November 1, 2010.



## **February Rice Stitch Pincushion**

For our February program, we'll be working on a Rice Stitch Pincushion – a Petite Project designed by Kathleen Rake. This is a color study program. We will be presenting this program to honor and celebrate the life of Kathleen Rake who passed away on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. You bring 4 colors in different types of threads and then you stitch them in 4 squares using the same pattern (Rice Stitch) but the colors are used in a different order in each square so you see how they interact with each other.



## **March Beading**

Ruth Cardin will be teaching this lovely beaded bracelet. It's a great project for us because it's pretty easy and Ruth is a wonderful teacher.



Here is the information regarding supplies:

### PROJECT MATERIALS LIST:

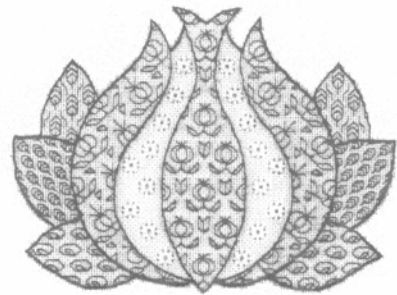
- 1 - 20gm tube size 11 beads, your choice of color (if you want multicolor, purchase additional colors).
  - 1 - 20gm tube size 15 beads your choice of coordinating color (for attaching accent beads).
  - 2 - Small end caps silver or gold your choice.
  - 1 - Clasp (lobster clasp shown toggles will work also).
  - 2 - 4mm to 6mm accent beads for clasp.
  - 1 - Strand 3mm to 4mm center drilled faceted gemstones (accent beads for bracelet shown in picture are black spinells).
- Any small crystals or beads should work for the embellishment.
- 1 - Spool Fireline beading line (coordinating with your color way).

### KIT Fee \$6.00:

- 2 - Size 13 beading needle.
- 1 - Length Gold or Silver wire.
- 1 - 8" Leather bracelet core.
- 1 - Instructions and color photo.

## **April Blackwork**

Marion Scoular was kind enough to give us a blackwork design to stitch. Solly Taylor has volunteered to stitch it up and teach it to us.



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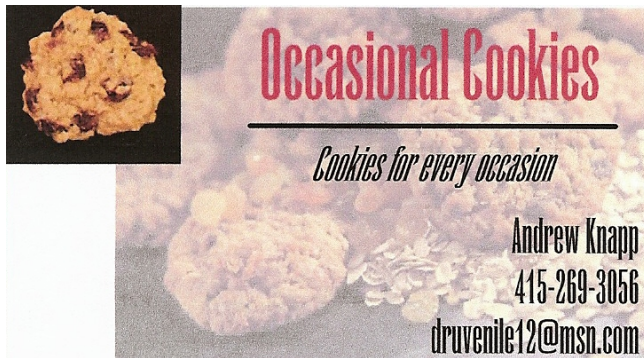
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The Chapter Goals are:

**To educate and promote the highest standards of technique and design in needlework;**

**To encourage interest, enjoyment, and creativity in doing all forms of fancywork or handwork;**

**To promote cooperation and interchange of ideas among those who are engaged in or interested in needlework in all parts of the world.**

Membership is open to everyone who is interested in and/or who enjoys any of the textile arts. Dues are \$48.00 per year for regular members and \$11.00 per year for plural members (in Region). Members are not only invited to attend chapter meetings, but are entitled to attend Guild-sponsored workshops at a minimum fee. Guests are invited to attend one meeting. Further attendance requires either regular or plural membership. Our library is available to members for their use. Guild members receive *Needle Arts*, a quarterly national publication of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., as well as the bi-monthly newsletter, **NEEDLENEWS**.

Meetings: **Regular monthly meetings are held at Valley Baptist Church, San Rafael, on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. unless noted in the Calendar.**

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