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**CHANNEL ISLANDS CHAPTER  
THE EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA, INC.**

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**FROM THE BRIDGE: CO-PRESIDENTS**

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

As this year's embroiderers' meetings draw to a close, I think we can all look back with a sense of accomplishment. Michelle and I have had quite a learning curve, and we couldn't have done it without our board. Their ideas and support have made our general meetings so interesting - and so much fun! Thanks go to them and to you, our loyal members, for bringing your lovely stitching to our Open House last month. The displays and your chatting to our visitors made it a success, and we're looking forward to getting to know our six new members.

Our December potluck is one of my favorite meetings! I love the camaraderie and taking part in the ornament exchange. Every year my CICEGA ornament collection vastly improves my old tree! This year, I've managed to finish two (well, almost finished two), one for the exchange and one for the wreath.

If, like me, your name isn't on the Holiday Luncheon Signup, and you want to bring something to share, please do so. Looking forward to seeing you on December 7.

Judith  
Co-president

## BIRTHDAYS

November — Mari

December — Judith

## ON THE HORIZON

EGA Regional Seminar — Sept. 1-5, 2023  
Boston Stitch Party, Boston, MA

## SHIP'S CREW: MEMBERSHIP

Our chapter now has 39 members. A big welcome to Elena Ramirez, who created the winning entry in the Ventura County Fair, and Shahenaz Patel, Debbie Sanchez, Meher Rustomji, Kitty Beckmann, and Jerri Stoyanoff, who joined after the Open House in October. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings!

### **Patti & Susan, Co-VPs Membership & Social Correspondence**

#### **December 7<sup>th</sup> Potluck Sign-ups**

Main Dish — Mari, Margaret, Michelle, Amy P., and Amy C.

Dessert — Eilene, Janet, Arielle, Ann, Annie, Shahenaz, and Meher

You can still come to the potluck if you didn't sign up. It looks like we could use a few more main dishes.

#### **The perfect plate for Thanksgiving Dinner!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7     Holiday Potluck and Ornament Exchange

January 25     General Meeting

February 22    General Meeting

## Treasurer's Report

### Mari

October 2022

#### ASSETS

Checking/Savings	End Bal	Beg Bal
Wells Fargo Bank Checking	\$6,566.24	\$6,842.81
Wells Fargo MM Educ/Program	\$5,502.30	\$5,502.26
Wells Fargo MM Savings	\$11,825.91	\$11,825.81
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$23,894.45</b>	<b>\$24,170.88</b>

#### Profit and Loss: Budget vs Actual

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over/Under Budget</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Contributions Income	\$70.00	\$0.00	(\$70.00)
Education	\$483.00	\$2,460.00	\$1,977.00
Fund Raising	\$1,472.75	\$755.00	(\$624.75)
Interest Income	\$1.43	\$3.00	\$1.71
Member Dues	\$2,046.00	\$2,212.00	\$166.00
Other	\$9.50	\$5.00	(\$4.50)
Sales	\$16.00	\$28.00	\$12.00
Transfer of Funds	\$0.00	\$1,863.00	\$1,863.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,005.54</b>	<b>\$7,326.00</b>	<b>\$3,320.46</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Administrative	\$201.99	\$532.00	\$330.01
Community Outreach	\$93.27	\$77.00	(\$16.27)
Education Expense	\$434.64	\$3,820.00	\$3,385.36
Membership	\$1,415.20	\$1,512.00	\$96.80
Newsletter	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Officer's Travel	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Rent Expense	\$1,050.00	\$1,300.00	\$250.00
Ways and Means	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,195.10</b>	<b>\$7,326.00</b>	<b>\$4,130.90</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$810.44</b>		

## Detailed Profit and Loss For This Month

### Income

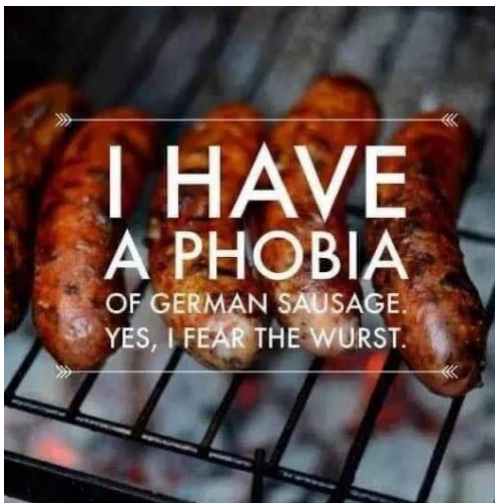
Fund Raising		
	Opportunity Basket	\$93.00
Interest Income		
	MM Education	\$0.04
	MM Savings	\$0.10
Total Interest Income		<u>\$0.14</u>

**Total Income** **\$93.14**

### Expense

Admin		
	Website	\$19.99 Domain renewal
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$19.99</b>

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH **\$73.15**

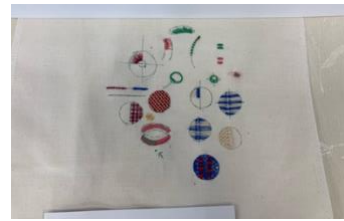
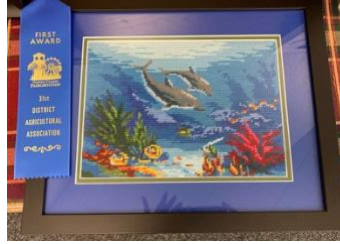


**I am stuck  
between “I  
need to save  
money” and  
“You only live  
once.”**

INSPIRATIONAL  
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# SHOW AND TELL — SEPTEMBER

Shared by: Mari, Susan, Margaret, Michelle, Cheryl, Kathy Q., and Janet



# Guild 'keeping embroidery alive' in Ventura County

Hobby group hopes to expand

| October 22, 2022

By Makena Huey  
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HANDY WITH A NEEDLE— Michelle Baylis and Mari Bangs, members of the Channel Islands chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, hold examples of their artwork in Bangs' home on Oct. 3. Photos by RICHARD GILLARD/Acorn Newspapers

Ask Michelle Baylis to choose her most meaningful work of embroidery, and her answer will always be the same: a one-of-a-kind seascape dedicated to her late sister, who loved needle art and walking along the beach.

The co-president of the Channel Islands chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is committed to keeping the art of embroidery alive in Ventura County as the organization approaches its 40th anniversary.

"I want other people to know that we are here and we are a vibrant group," Baylis said.

She and member Mari Bangs, both Camarillo residents, joined the chapter after they retired about four years ago as a way to surround themselves with people who shared their passion for embroidery

"You get a wealth of knowledge at your fingertips by joining," said Bangs, who joked that she has enough pieces to fill a museum.

Each workshop introduces the two to new techniques beyond the traditional cross-stitch, including kumihimo braiding and Norwegian hardanger.



“Every time we get together, I learn something,” Baylis said.

Hours of embroidering alongside other members has shown Bangs the value of making a pattern her own rather than simply copying it—a form of self-expression that she finds relaxing.

“It can be very meditative,” she said. “And at the end, you have a beautiful piece of art.”

Despite the benefits of embroidery, membership for both the national guild and the local chapter has decreased over the years.

Since it was established in 1983, the Channel Islands chapter has dropped from hundreds of members to 35. Baylis and Bangs said members are aging out and the leadership teams are struggling to attract a younger membership.

“We are trying to do more outreach,” Baylis said.

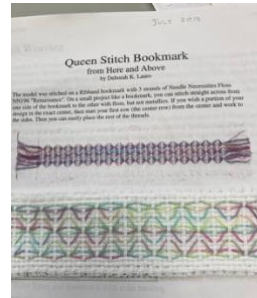
After two years of inactivity due to the pandemic, the chapter has made an effort to host more community activities, including an open house on Wed., Oct. 26.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. at the Camarillo United Methodist Church, 291 Anacapa Drive.

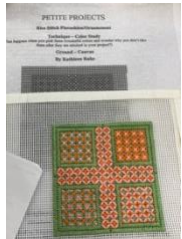
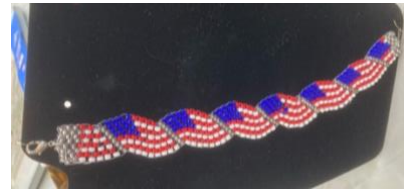
“We welcome people young and old,” Baylis said. “We welcome an exchange of ideas.”

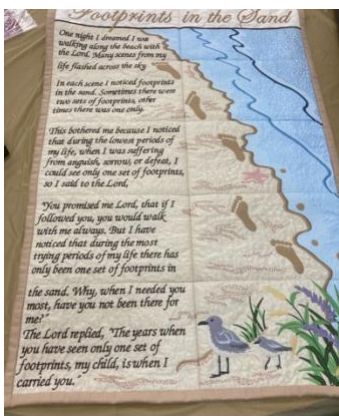
To learn more about the Channel Islands chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America, go to [channelislandsega.org](http://channelislandsega.org).

# OCTOBER OPEN HOUSE











**Thanks to everyone who brought items to share! Everything was beautiful!**

### **October Open House Speaker**



Once again all you talented stitchers have come through with numerous and wonderful donations to the Childrens' Services Auxiliary and Operation Gratitude! And at our October meeting we were happy to welcome Donna Acosta, President of the CSA. The CSA is an all-volunteer organization and sadly its membership has been gradually declining. They will once again host their annual Toy Store and holiday party, but their future is unknown. If they are unable to continue, there are other organizations with which we can partner.

One of the organizations which the EGA suggests for an Outreach project is stitching a cross-stitch welcome pattern for new families with Habitat for Humanity. At September's meeting we looked at a simple design for creating these. They are expecting to build 10 new homes next year, so this may be a new opportunity for our Chapter outreach. More details will be forthcoming.

If you have materials to contribute to either the CSA or OG, please contact me to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery.

Email [vanves31@hotmail.com](mailto:vanves31@hotmail.com) or call 310-502-6601.

Thank you!  
Amy C.

## October Open House Displays



### Officers and Standing Committees

Co-Presidents	Michelle & Judith	Hospitality	Kathy W.
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V.P. Membership	Susan & Patti	Publicity	Michelle
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Parliamentarian	Janet	Ways & Means	Jacky
Community Outreach	Amy & Winnie	Website	Louise
Community Demos	Kathy Q.	Show & Tell	Annalee

## Channel Islands Chapter Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Mo. Day) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Renewing Members \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Member...\$62.00  
 Check one \_\_\_\_\_ Plural Member, PSR Chapter Affiliation...\$20.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Plural Member, Outside PSR Chapter Affiliation \$23.00

**New members:** Please choose the type of membership and the month in which you are joining to determine the dues amount. Please circle the amount.

Month	Primary	Plural (Out of Region)	Plural (In Region)
Jan, Feb, Mar	\$15.50	\$5.75	\$5.00
Apr, May, Jun	\$62.00	\$23.00	\$20.00
Jul, Aug, Sep	\$46.50	\$17.25	\$15.00
Oct, Nov, Dec	\$31.00	\$11.50	\$10.00

Annual dues are \$62: \$39 to EGA National, \$3 to Pacific Southwestern Region and \$20 to Channel Islands Chapter.

If you are new to Channel Islands Chapter EGA, did a member invite you to join?  
 Yes  No If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Channel Islands Chapter EGA** or **CICEGA**. Please mail your check and this form to CICEGA, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1675, Camarillo, CA 93010-1675.

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**CHANNEL ISLANDS** is a chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The November/December meeting is held the first Wednesday of December. The meetings are held at Camarillo United Methodist Church, 291 Anacapa Drive, Camarillo, CA, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. In addition to the business meeting, there is usually a program such as a workshop demonstration, lecture, or slide show. Bring something to stitch. Social with treat 9:30 am – 10:00 am.

**BOARD MEETINGS** are held on the second Wednesday of every other month at 10:00 am in the home of the president. Any member may attend. Please call the president in advance.

**MINI GROUP MEETINGS** are an informal get together held in members' homes and other meeting places where you can stitch, exchange ideas and hints, and get better acquainted. For information on the various groups, call the Mini Group Liaison.

**ACTIVITIES** – In addition to meetings, the Chapter sponsors workshops, tours, lectures, etc. Philanthropy projects are many and varied.

**NAMETAG** – Each member is to stitch a nametag, including her first and last name, to be worn at meetings. If you are not wearing your nametag, you are subject to a \$.25 fine. New members have a six-month leeway.

**SHARING NEWSLETTERS:** Other newsletters should be mailed to Channel Islands Chapter, EGA, P. O. Box 1675, Camarillo, CA 93011-1675. The newsletter is printed bi-monthly.

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**Mini-Groups** alternate Fridays and Saturdays monthly. Groups meet on Saturdays on odd-numbered months, and Fridays on even-numbered months from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. See Mini-Groups for location and to RSVP.

**General Meetings:** Social — 9:30 a.m., Business Meeting and Program 10:00 a.m., fourth Wednesday, Camarillo United Methodist Church, 291 Anacapa Drive, Camarillo, CA. 93010