

*Lake Michigan
Sampler Guild*

Memories of 2012

2012 Calendar

Past programs are kept on the website for reference purposes so that you can see the variety and quality of programs that LMSG has offered in the past. Here is the calendar for 2012.

Date/Time	Program
1/8/2012 1:30-4:00	2012 Stitchers Challenge and Pin Making Meeting at Wheaton Community Center LMSG- Karyn Pechinski
2/12/2012 1:30-4:00	Treasured Books Meeting at Wheaton Community Center LMSG-Karyn Pechinski
3/11/2012 1:30-4:00	1842 Quaker Pinball Reproduction Meeting at Wheaton Community Center LSMG-Karyn Pechinski
4/13/2012 TBA	Art Institute Field Trip Special event LMSG-Mary Snell
6/24/2012 1:30-4:00	Marie Menanteau 1861 Reproduction Sampler Meeting at Wheaton Community Center LMSG- Karyn Pechinski
	A Womans Garden Band Sampler – Cancelled
7/8/2012 1:30-4:00	2012 Guild Picnic Meeting at Home of Susan Balsai LMSG-Susan Balsai
9/9/2012 1:30-4:00	Bargello Trinket Box Meeting at Wheaton Community Center LMSG-Marilyn Vanover
10/14/2012 1:30-4:00	Antique Needlework Tools and Anniversary Party Meeting at Barrington Library LMSG-Susan Kellerman
11/10/2012 9:00-4:00	Hare Pyns Workshop at Wheaton Community Center Sherri Jones

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11/11/2012 9:00-4:00	Lucet Passementerie Workshop at Wheaton Community Center Sherri Jones
12/9/2012 1:30-4:00	2012 Holiday Party and Ornament Exchange Meeting at Home of Susan Balsai LMSG-Susan Balsai

2012 Stitchers Challenge and Pin Making

Date: 1/8/2012

Time: 1:30-4:00

Type: Meeting

Location: Wheaton Community Center

Teacher: LMSG- Karyn Pechinski

Let's start off the year right with the Stitcher's Challenge! Bring in your projects that you contracted to finish (completed or not!) from 2011 for a show and tell.

Go through your stash of unfinished projects and find one to commit (Oh, that dreaded 6 letter word!) to completing in 2012. We'll go over the projects that we want to complete in 2012 and complete our "contracts". We'll keep track of our progress throughout the year and encourage each other to finish our UFO's!

At this meeting, we will also be making custom pins to use in any of our pincushions (hint: our March program) or other projects that you want to individualize. Sign up for our March Program will be due.

Highlights

We had a great first meeting of the new year. Gift Certificates for completed Stitcher Challenge projects from 2011 were awarded and new commitments for 2012 were made. Eye candy brought in by members for show & tell included beautiful petit point on silk guaze purchased on a European trip and The 12 days of Christmas ornament set which is on it's way to completion. We made beaded pins to adorn future projects. Thanks everyone for a fun afternoon!

Treasured Books

Date: 2/12/2012

Time: 1:30-4:00

Type: Meeting

Location: Wheaton Community Center

Teacher: LMSG-Karyn Pechinski

With stitching comes collecting, and many of us have acquired beautiful or rare books of the craft we love. We will be introducing you to the terms, how to examine conditions, and how to take care of your precious keepsake whether old or new. Bring a book or two to learn how to apply an archival cover and share what books your treasure!

We'll also have a book sale, so if you have any sampler books you'd like to sell, bring those along as well.

Highlights

Leslie began our meeting with a few announcements. She reminded everyone to pay dues for 2012. Karyn reviewed the programs for the upcoming months. Next month, she is giving the program on Quaker Pinballs. Each person who attends the meeting will get a kit to make their own pinball so we hope you can attend! In April, there will be a field trip to the Chicago Art Institute to view the exhibit: Fabric of a New Nation: American Needlework and Textiles, 1776-1840. The trip will be on Friday April 13th. Contact Karyn to sign up if you are interested in going on the field trip. There will be no meeting on Sunday, April 8th. There is no meeting in May. In June, Catherine Theron will be here to present the workshop A Women's Garden Band Sampler. She will give a lecture TBA on Sunday.



Marilyn Fettingier presented our program on Treasured Books. She began the program by reviewing the terms used to define the parts of a book. She showed us examples of books with condition problems and explained the terms to describe them. We learned what we can do to take care of our books so that they will not develop these problems. Marilyn told us about some websites where we can buy used sampler books. She concluded with information on where to get free "out of copyright" books on needlework (links are on our website). Karyn showed us how to cover dust jackets with archival grade book jacket covers.

We enjoyed seeing the books that everyone brought for show and tell. A couple of members even had copies of the 1921 edition of Bolton and Coe American Samplers. We received a handout summarizing Marilyn's presentation, a bookmark, a booklet on how to repair books and book jacket covers! Thanks to Marilyn and Karyn, we now know a lot more about book terminology, how to take care of them and where to find bargains on used books.

1842 Quaker Pinball Reproduction

Date: 3/11/2012

Time: 1:30-4:00

Type: Meeting

Location: Wheaton Community Center

Teacher: LSMG-Karyn Pechinski

We will be reproducing an 1842 Quaker pinball and looking into the history of these tiny tokens. The pictures below show the original antique knitted pinball that inspired our project. Click on each picture for a larger image. Our version will be stitched on dark linen.



Highlights

We had a great meeting today, learning the history of pincushions, their fillings, and looking at some of the beautiful pieces in museums around the world. Karyn presented everyone with kits to reproduce an 1842 quaker pin disc on 40 count Havana Weeks Dye Works linen with silk thread. We were able to welcome two new members. Updates for Catherine Theron's June class is available in the Schedule & Programs sections. Registration for this class has been extended until May 1, 2012.

Art Institute Field Trip

Date: 4/13/2012

Time: TBA

Type: Special

Location:

Teacher: LMSG-Mary Snell

Yes it's a Friday, but it will be your lucky day! Save this date – we are making arrangements for a curator led tour of the exhibit *"Fabric of a New Nation: American Needlework and Textiles, 1776-1840"* at the Chicago Art Institute. This will be our meeting date instead of our usual second Sunday this month. We will be meeting in the Textiles Room at 1030am as our tour will start promptly at 1045am. Admission to the Chicago Art Institute is \$18.00 (unless you are already a member). There is a coat check available, no bags or totes are allowed other than your purse. Transportation is on your own (groups can create carpools if desired). Sign up is due by March's meeting date. If more than 20 people sign up, we will try to create an afternoon tour. The tour will last approximately 1-1 1/2 hours, then who's up for lunch after?

Update 3/11/12: We have three open spots left for the 1045 am tour! Please contact Karyn Pechinski if you would still like to sign up to attend. Since we have had less than 20 people sign up for the tour, we will only be booking the morning tour.

Highlights

Our tour on Friday, April 13th was so informative and wonderful. It is truly inspiring what these young girls and women were able to create in this era and that with a little love and care it is still here for us to look at with amazement. Get stitching everyone! There is no meeting in May, so we will hope to see you at the June meeting.



Marie Menanteau 1861 Reproduction Sampler

Date: 6/24/2012

Time: 1:30-4:00

Type: Meeting

Location: Wheaton Community Center

Teacher: LMSG- Karyn Pechinski

Join us on Sunday, June 24th to stitch the reproduction sampler of Marie Menanteau 1861. This sweet sampler was originally stitched with thin yarn on canvas. Fee Claudine, from lestrucsdefeeclobouclett.over-blog.com, has charted this piece and made it available to our guild. The piece's stitch count is 188 x 194, making it approximately 10.5 x 10.75 inches when stitched over 2 on 36 count linen. A great size to fill in a blank space on your wall. Alphabet, flowering baskets, hearts, wreaths and birds with Marie's name and year make this a pleasurable (and quick?) piece to stitch. The recharted sampler has ideas for contemporary thread colors to use or perhaps you will choose to stitch yours more closely to the original as pictured? Bring your threads (they are not included) and imagination – there is no limit to the possibilities. Contact Karyn Pechinski by June 1st if you would like her to order you an 18 x 18 piece of 36 count Edinborough Linen in either antique white, cream, or flax for \$10.00 payable to her the day of the meeting. Perhaps when we have a few in progress or completed, we can share photographs of them with Fee Claudine for her blog in France? A nice way to thank her for her generosity! Hope to see you!



Highlights

Karyn put together a great program for us on very short notice! Our kits included instructions and a full color picture of the sampler. Linen was included for those who requested it. We looked at the original thread colors as well as some different color schemes. Karyn read the email that she received from the lady who owns the sampler. Hopefully, we can share some photos of our completed samplers with her.



Our annual picnic is at Susan Balsai's home on July 8th. Please email her if you are going to attend. Don't forget to bring along your contract project. Hope to see you in July!

2012 Guild Picnic

Date: 7/8/2012

Time: 1:30-4:00

Type: Meeting

Location: Home of Susan Balsai

Teacher: LMSG-Susan Balsai

Join us for our annual guild picnic and progress check on our year long contracts at the home of Susan Balsai. The guild will provide the main course, chips, drinks and paper goods. If you would like to contribute, bring a salad, desert or other goodies, It promises to be a casual afternoon of fun. Please direct questions to Susan. We promise you won't go away hungry!

Please Bring along your contract project so you can share your progress during show and tell.

Katie will be bringing her extra books to the picnic for any members who might want to add to their library.

Bargello Trinket Box

Date: 9/9/2012

Time: 1:30-4:00

Type: Meeting

Location: Wheaton Community Center

Teacher: LMSG-Marilyn Vanover

Come stitch a small bargello piece that fits into a 3 inch square paper mache box. The first photo below shows a close up of the design. The fabric is 28 count and there will be a choice of 5 colorways shown in the second photo. . You can bring your own color choices if you prefer. You would need 4 colors of DMC shaded from light to dark, plus black. This stitches up fast and the finishing is a snap. Kit includes painted box, fabric, and threads. If you use one, bring a 3 inch hoop.



Highlights

Several topics were discussed at our business meeting. New officers are needed for president, treasurer and assistant program chair. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact one of the current officers. In October, our meeting will be at the Barrington Library. In November, we have two workshops scheduled, so there will not be a general meeting. In December, the holiday party will be at the home of Susan Balsai.

Marilyn prepared a great little bargello box kit for us. On the white bag was a picture of the different colored boxes with the project title. Inside was the box, linen and instructions. There was also a sheet all about bargello. We got to choose our thread from a bag that was passed around with various colors. Marilyn presented some instructions and then we all got started on our project. With Marilyn's help, most of us got the first two colors completed before we left the meeting. Since you stitch over 6 threads, this is a very quick project to complete! If you get your project done, you can add a picture to our Facebook page.



Our annual anniversary party will be in October at a different location – the Barrington Library. Hope to see you there! Our members must have been busy stitching over the past few months, because we had lots of great show and tell projects.

Show and Tell



Embroiderer's Notebook 1 of 3



Embroiderer's Notebook 2 of 3



Embroiderer's Notebook 3 of 3



Amelia Gilbert



Hannah's Sampler



May the Hinge of Friendship



Richmond Sampler



Palais Royale



Exquisite Schwalm



Off to Williamsburg 1 of 3



Off to Williamsburg 2 of 3



Off to Williamsburg 3 of 3

Antique Needlework Tools and Anniversary Party

Date: 10/14/2012

Time: 1:30-4:00

Type: Meeting

Location: Barrington Library

Teacher: LMSG-Susan Kellerman

We will be celebrating our 13th anniversary with cake and a lecture of Antique Needlework Tools presented by Susan Kellerman. Susan will be sharing her collection with us. Do you have any old pieces? Bring them for a show and tell, they may have more to tell us than we know!

Highlights

Susan Balsai ran our November business meeting at the Barrington Library. Next year, we will have two meetings at this location. We welcomed two visitors.

In November, we have two workshops scheduled, so there will not be a general meeting. The holiday party will be December 9th at the home of Susan Balsai. If you need an idea for the ornament exchange, check out the LMSG Facebook page. There are links to many free ornament patterns. Our January meeting will be a show and tell of completed 2012 contract projects.

Margriet Hogue will be at the guild in June 2012. She will be teaching two workshops. One will be the American Band Sampler. We will be posting pictures of the choices for the second workshop in the near future and taking a survey to determine which one will be selected.

The guild has made two charitable donations this year. One was to Williamsburg for the purchase of a sampler or quilt for their collection. The second was to the Sampler Consortium towards the printing of their new book "Columbia's Daughters".

Susan Kellerman gave a presentation on antique needlework tools. She brought many tools that she has collected since she was a child. First, she talked about how flax is carded, spun and woven to make linen. She had samples of flax in a basket and linen thread on spindles for us to look at. Many antique needle boxes and tools were discussed and then passed around the room so we could get a closer look. Susan will bring more of her antique tools to a future meeting.

Since it was our anniversary, we had cake with chocolate frosting to celebrate! The frosting and filling was delicious! We had a couple of items for show and tell which are listed below.



Show and Tell



Isabella Cook



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Hare Pyns Workshop

Date: 11/10/2012

Time: 9:00-4:00

Type: Workshop

Location: Wheaton Community Center

Teacher: Sherri Jones

A stitcher's pocket designed simply to make you smile. The pocket is fitted with a needle keep, Hare Pyns keep, scissors sheath and fob, pyn cushion, and a Hare rule and Hare thread palette.

Stylized tulips and ripples of Florentine embroidery flourish and profiles of hares peak out from unexpected places to delight the stitcher. The inside front of the pocket is fitted with a 'hare pyn' keep situated between fanciful tulips. A needle keep is fastened to the inside front of the pocket. Also accompanying the pocket are a pyn cushion to match the lining fabric, a stitched scissors sheath, and a hare shaped rule and a silk palette, custom made from wood – (species may vary from cherry to birch or other suitable woods). The pocket measures 5" wide x 6" high when closed and 13" long when opened flat. The pocket is solidly stitched on 30 count natural linen with silks in rich tones of flame reds, meadow greens, blue greens and taupes. It is finished by hand with a grosgrain ribbon edging and a depression-era clear pressed glass button (button shapes will vary for each kit), side gussets and a pocket divider for housing all of your favorite tools.



Class time will emphasize hand finishing instruction. Kit includes wood Hare rule and thread palette, linen, silk fibers, wool felt, 2 lining fabrics, grosgrain ribbon, vintage button, finishing materials and tapestry needle.

Contact Joyce Reid to signup for this workshop. Kit cost is \$135. Signup is for LMSG members only through June. In July, non member signup will begin. Signup deadline is September 9th. Participants must be in attendance at the workshop to receive the kit.

See the PDF files for more information:

[Hare Pyns \(PDF file\)](#)

[Hare Pyns Color Photos \(PDF file\)](#)

Lucet Passementerie

Date: 11/11/2012

Time: 9:00-4:00

Type: Workshop

Location: Wheaton Community Center

Teacher: Sherri Jones

Welcome a new guest for your workbox – the lucet! The lucet is a lyre-shaped tool used in the 17th and 18th centuries to create custom trim. Learn the graceful art of creating square cords and flat braids that can be used for finishing or embellishing fine needlework. The trims are very versatile and unique alternatives to other common trims. This class is designed both for those who have never worked with a lucet and for those who would enjoy a new class on working with a lucet. The lucets made exclusively for this class are reproductions of an 18th century style lucet, finely handcrafted of wood; and a delight to work with.



You will learn the basics of square cord and flat braid using pearl cottons, then elevate your skills to creating the very finest silk passementerie using soie perlees. For those who like to experiment further with the lucet, the kit includes detailed instructions for creating beaded trim and variations on 2-color trim. There will be a brief demonstration on the additional techniques as time allows. Once you have mastered the lucet, you can create a unique linen and silk purse to store your lucet collection and works-in-progress. The purse is embellished with silk flat braid and square cord, and is embroidered in tent stitch, worked in light teal and vintage browns.

Student supplies: ruler and basic sewing supplies.

Kit includes wood lucet, linen, silk floss, soie perlee, pearl cotton, silk lining, tapestry needle, sharp needle, interfacing

Contact Joyce Reid to signup for this workshop. Kit cost is \$115. Signup is for LMSG members only through June. In July, non member signup will begin. Signup deadline is September 9th. Participants must be in attendance at the workshop to receive the kit.



See the PDF file for more information:

[Lucet Class \(PDF file\)](#)

2012 Holiday Party and Ornament Exchange

Date: 12/9/2012

Time: 1:30-4:00

Type: Meeting

Location: Home of Susan Balsai

Teacher: LMSG-Susan Balsai

Join us at our annual Holiday Party and ornament exchange! Start your stitching early on either an ornament or a needlework small to exchange at the meeting. If you'd like, bring along a favorite holiday treat to share.

Highlights

It was so nice to spend a relaxing afternoon with friends enjoying conversation and good food during the busy holiday season! We didn't have a huge turnout, but eleven of our members attended.



One of our members, Susan Kellerman, brought a special LMSG holiday cake! It was absolutely delicious. Thank you, Susan.

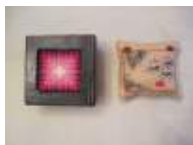


There were 5 ornaments for the exchange. The packages were all so pretty it was hard to choose. What was inside was even better than the outside.



We had several topics for our business meeting. Since there was no November meeting, we elected officers. Jenni Ross is president, Joyce Reid is treasurer and Kathy Matthews is assistant program chair. The Barrington Library will not be available for meetings for the next couple years because of remodeling. We discussed alternate meeting locations and will do some more looking. Make sure you bring your 2012 stitching contract project to our January meeting. We'll share our progress and fill out contract forms for 2013. Check the newsletter for more information about next years programs. See you in January! Happy New Year!

Show and Tell



Painted Pin Cushion



Christmas Ornament