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## **Jan. 17 Regular Meeting**

**Meetings are at 7:15  
pm on the 3rd  
Tuesday of each  
month (if the  
restrictions are lifted).**

**This month:  
We meet at  
The Casper Senior  
Center on 4th Street  
(our past years usual  
meeting location)**

**During this time we  
are requesting face  
masks be worn.**

# *Fingerstabbers*

## **President's Notes January 2023**

Hello all

I feel kind of guilty writing about the most obvious, trite, and over-used New Year's theme, but I'm busted for ideas. This won't be about losing weight, saving money, organizing the garage, etc., but you probably know what is coming. Look away now if you're not interested in another Resolutions List!

I am going to phone-shame you. It's a sickness, and this year, we need to intervene.

1. Put down the phone, and pick up the embroidery.
2. That's all. This will save you time and money. People will no longer think you're rude when they try to speak to you and you're scrolling, leading to success and popularity. Your self-esteem will improve when you no longer comparing your hair/cooking/home/vacations/children/clothing to the beautiful people who have bested you in these areas. These people obviously have domestic help/stylists/camera filters.

In 2023, might we aspire to learn something new, perfect a technique, and teach someone how to use a needle and thread? Support a local crafting business.

Practice good ergonomics so you can look forward to healthy stitching as you age.

Do not succumb to the urge to purge. Enjoy your stash. Take it out, pet it, and tell it that it's pretty. Perhaps you'll get inspired, or not. Acquire more. You have my permission.

Sustain and promote other fiber artists. Use good equipment. Set up a pleasing, comfortable space to create. No pressure, but I like the idea of sketching or writing in an idea journal before good plans are forgotten. Most brilliant schemes tend to float away as dreams tend to do.

In January of 2022, I mentioned that our members should save orts as a reminder of productivity. Here is my current proposal: come to the meeting on Tuesday, January 17, at 7:15 at the Senior Center, 1831 East 4th Street. For all present, I have an ort port which needs re-homed!

Happy stitching!  
Ann

***Hook & Needle Stitching Club at Natrona  
County Library***

Meets on Friday, Feb. 17 from 2:00-4:00pm  
in the Creation Station (for adults)

(maybe we can recruit for CNG?)

## Membership Dues and Guild Officers

*Regular Membership Dues:*

*Full dues are payable each May.*

*May 1-June 30 = \$56.00*

Annual Dues/Breakdown:

EGA \$39.00

RMR \$5.00

CNG \$12.00

Total=\$56.00

*Here is a pro-rated list for Membership Dues, this is for new members only.*

Pro-Rated annual dues:

*July 1-Sept. 30 = \$42.00*

*Oct. 1-Dec. 31 = \$28.00*

*Jan. 1-March 31 = \$14.00*

CNG=Casper Needle Guild

RMR=Rocky Mountain Region

EGA=Embroiderers Guild of America

*See Lori Johnson, Vice President, about joining as well as any membership questions.*

*Please Note: Guests are welcome to attend one meeting to try us out. Please invite friends who might be interested.*

*However, please do not make a motion or vote on a motion if you are not a paid member. (per standing rules)*

Casper Needle Guild Officers:

Ann Hudson, president, programs;

Lisa Esterline, treasurer,

Lori Johnson, vice-president/membership, Nancy Pawlowski, secretary, and newsletter editor, outreach projects

India Hayford, Region Representative and the Education portion of our meetings.

*Any paid member in good standing of the Casper Needle Guild can be a committee chair or be a member of any committee.*

Anyone interested in a position is welcome to ask more about it. Ask the current people what they do, if you are interested in taking that position. Terms run Jan. to Dec. each year.

### **A SPECIAL CHALLENGE!!!**

Start saving your orts! Collect your orts starting in January 2022 through December 2022. The two member with the largest collection by volume will receive a prize **at the first meeting in January of 2023**. Maybe this competition will help us to be really productive stitchers this year! (If you don't know your orts: they are the leftover pieces of thread from your stitching.)

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## EGA News—New Lectures

### New Virtual Lecture Registration Process and 2023 Lectures

We are pleased to inform you of the following improvements and changes to the Virtual Lecture Series beginning with our first lecture in January 2023.

- We have expanded to a 500-person limit in the live lectures.
- Selected lectures will now be recorded and available for later viewing.
- All Virtual Lectures, both live and recorded, will now have a \$5 fee.

Quaker Schoolgirl Needlework in Seventeenth-Century London with Isabella Rosner

"To get my living with my hands: Quaker Schoolgirl Needlework in 17th-Century London" explores the samplers, workboxes, and embroidered accessories of early modern Quaker girls educated in and around London.

Registration: January 5-26, 2023

Live Lecture: Saturday, January 28, 2023



A Journey into Tibet's Sacred Textile Art with Leslie Rinchen-Wongmo

A California woman traveled to the seat of the Tibetan government-in-exile in India to manage an economic development fund. In a twist of fate, she ended up sewing pictures of buddhas instead.

Registration: January 19 - February 9, 2023

Live Lecture: Saturday, February 11, 2023



Elizabethan Embroidery And The Trevelyon Miscellany Of 1608 with Kathy Andrews

Join Kathy Andrews for a brief overview of the concept of a miscellany. We will see a facsimile of the Miscellany and explore the embroidery designs within.

Registration: February 16 - March 9, 2023

Live Lecture: Saturday, March 11, 2023



## Nancy's Random Thoughts...

This has been a humdinger of a winter already! It's either piled up in the street or coming down from the sky (or blowing sideways in the wind). The college even shut down Jan. 3rd because of the weather. Hopefully when my first class starts on Feb. 25 I will be able to get through the snow and ice to go teach it.

I have been working on various yarn projects this winter. I still can't see well enough to do any Hardanger (have my GCC piece to finish, yet), and the short daylight hours don't help with providing enough light.

Maybe I should invent something like the ice houses the ice fishermen use, but make it for stitching outside (and keeping hands warm) so that the light is better and reflected off the snow. A series of reflective surfaces could bounce the sunlight (when it's out from behind the clouds) into the house so that stitching is easier, and more energy efficient.

I started my first CAL (crochet along) this past December. I had not participated in one before and thought it was time to give it a try. The pattern was for a crocheted cat or dog toy. Not having done one before, I held off until all 3 weeks were past to get started on it. The patterns came out every Thursday (for 3 weeks) so I went on the link to get that week's pattern printed out. Then I put the pattern pages with the yarn that I planned to use. I needed to get the nose (plastic safety nose) as I had the plastic safety eyes from my toys class supplies.

The first week was the body and head, the second week the arms/legs/ears/tail, and the third week was how to sew it all together. (The head and body are one piece.) When I get one

done I'll put a photo in this newsletter.

Oh, and in other news, I have a new cat in addition to my other two. This one turned a year old in November, so she's still got that kitten energy. She started visiting my front step to eat the cat food I put out for the ferals (there have been one or two at a time over the years). She showed up with a bigger cat (maybe her friend, maybe her mother). She was super friendly and wanted to be petted and talked to but the needle sharp claws were something to watch out for when she got a little overly grabby. I wasn't sure how old she was, but she cried like a baby (literally) when she vocalized. I started calling her Chatty, then Baby, and we now call her Daisy.

We took her in the garage the first part of November when the winds were super fast. She went in and out as we opened the door, and if she came to the front door I would carry her to the garage (to avoid the other cats inside). She stayed, happily, in the garage until the temperatures dipped way down outside and the garage temperature went from 40s to 20s (the garage is not insulated or heated). Then we moved her inside and put her in a "cardboard corral" to keep the cats separate. Well, she got out during the night and introduced herself to the senior cats who have decided they don't like her. (She was fixed in late November.)

I think she was cold in the garage (she's a shorthair) as she used to snuggle into my coat when I'd go out to see her and take care of her needs. Being of a kitten-ish age she makes the older cats crazy by using their beds and food bowls. At least she can outrun the seniors most of the time, and keep herself safe. I have to watch her as she thinks she can go back out the front door and rejoin her Friend.

### Lisa's shop hours:

**Mondays 9:00 to 11:00 am, Tuesdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm,  
and Thursdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

### RMR new password for 2023

If you did not received the email from RMR about the new password, it is (case sensitive):

Member2023RMR

Just go to the Members Only (click on the top line for this part) and enter the password in the box marked Password. No user name needed.

Watch your emails for any RMR communications being sent by Constant Contact. If you don't receive them, please check your Spam or Junk folder in your email, or send your email address to: [jwollesen@gmail.com](mailto:jwollesen@gmail.com)

### Casper Needle

Guild 2023

Meeting Dates

January 17

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 16

June, July, August

