



Wishes and Stitches

Embroiderers' Guild of America

2026 National Seminar – October 9 -14

Orlando, Florida

Hosted by Sun Region

Have you met your National Board members yet?

Join them for a casual coffee each morning now through Wednesday, from 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM. We will be gathered at the table area adjacent to the Market in Tower 1, Lobby Level.

Pop-Up Shops: *Midnight Needleworks* and *Great Lakes Region* open in the Pop-Up Shops today. Monday is also faculty night at the Pop-Up shops! Come see what amazing things *Kathy Rees*, *Terri Bay*, *Holly Bean*, and *Katherine Diuguid* have available – 5:45 – 8:00 pm. Today is the last day *Wesley Smith* and *TF Woodcraft* will be open, so don't miss out on either shop's fine woodcraft.

Reminder: No large bags permitted in the Pop-Up shops or the Education Exhibit. Bag check attendants will be available to store your bags over 8.5x11.

One men's room on the classroom floor is converted to a women's room for the duration of seminar!

***** Classroom Change – Kathy Rees' classes are moved to the Boardroom on the 3rd Floor *****

**Visit the Education Exhibit Today or Tuesday from 9 to 5:30 in Florida Ballroom B.
Wednesday hours are 9 to 1.**

In addition to showcasing EGA's classes and programs, this year's Education Exhibit features original embroideries from members of **EGA Fiber Forum**, our juried group of original designers within EGA. We thank Fiber Forum Chair Karen Schueler, Fiber Forum Exhibits Chair Carole Fiore, and all members who are showing their work at the exhibit. There is an artist's statement for each design, so you can learn about why it was created.

Fiber Forum is a juried group of original designers within EGA. The Fiber Forum Friends is a supporting group open to EGA members who are interested in the activities of Fiber Forum. Everyone who is interested in Fiber Forum is invited to the Friends meeting tonight (Monday) In Florida Ballroom C from 7:00 – 9:00pm. On the EGA website, in the Education section, you can find out more about Fiber Forum, including photos of designs and artist statements.

Congratulations to our Award Winners

Bobbie Pilling Award

1st Place – *All That's Past* by Heather Gitlin

2nd Place – *Day's End at Morro Bay* by Kathie Kerler

3rd Place- *Come with Me* by Lindsay Britt

Golden Needle

Beading

1st Place – *River Kingfisher* by Christina Farley Erickson**

Canvas

1st Place – *The Duel* by Carole Fiore

2nd Place – *Twinkle* by Deby Talley*

3rd Place – *Flowers Along a Rhode* by Melita Glavin

Counted

1st Place – *With Malice Toward None* by Sara Faulkenberry

2nd Place – *Bonfires and Illuminations* by Donna Pence

3rd Place – *Star Spangled Sampler* by Shawna LaFleur

Silk and Metal

1st Place – *A Feather's Light* by Jessica Devin

2nd Place – *Gaze of the North* by Jessica Devin

3rd Place – *Wildflower Blossom* by Jessica Devin

Surface

1st Place – *A Wishful Pup* by Sarah Heron

2nd Place – *Bogue Inlet Pier* by Cynthia Love*

3rd Place- *Love American Style* by Cynthia Love

** Judges Choice Award and Best of Show

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