



Wishes and Stitches

Embroiderers' Guild of America

2026 National Seminar – October 9 -14

Orlando, Florida

Hosted by Sun Region

Welcome to Orlando! The seminar committee is glad you're here; we hope your travels were easy and that you enjoy your time with us in Orlando!

Classroom information

All classrooms are on the third floor of Tower 1. A greeter will be by the elevators to direct you to your classroom.

Remember, there is no food or drink in the classrooms!

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

Saturday

The **opening banquet** is tonight! Seating will be by region. Look for the region signage by the entry doors and on the tables. Get excited! There might be some local celebrities in the house! Don't forget your **banquet ticket**! People with food restrictions will have special colored meal cards to notify the wait staff.

Pop Up shops open today at 11:30 am. Most of the shops will be here all week. However, today is the only day *June Colburn* and *Suwanee Stitches* will be here, so don't miss out!

Reminder – no bags larger than 8.5x11 in the exhibits or in the popup shops. Bag check will be available.

Check the list at the end of this newsletter to see if you have won a **DOOR PRIZE!!**

***** Nominating Committee! You will be meeting in the Winter Park 49 room. *****

Sunday

The **Teacher Showcase** is Sunday evening 5:30 – 6:30 on the 3rd Floor by the classrooms.

Today TF Woodcrafts will open in the Pop Up shops.

Coffee with the EGA National Board

Come meet your National Board members for a casual coffee each morning, Sunday 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.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about what your Board members do, ask questions, and learn what's happening across EGA.

You're invited to visit the **Education Exhibit** in **Florida Ballroom B**. This exhibit features EGA's many classes and programs for embroidery education and judged entries for two special awards, the Golden Needle Award and the Bobbie Pilling Award. Thanks to all the volunteers on the 2026 Exhibit Team and to each needle artist who shared their work in the exhibit.

Exhibit Hours Located in Florida Ballroom B

Saturday, Oct 10 Exhibit Open 12 noon to – 5 pm

Sunday, Monday, Oct 12, and Tue, Oct 13 Exhibit Open 9 am to 5:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct 14 Exhibit Open 9 am to 1 pm. Pick up hand delivered items 1 to 4:30. Takedown Team begins at 1 pm. The Education Exhibit Team would like a few more volunteers for Takedown on Wednesday beginning at 1 pm. Tasks include removing pieces from the exhibit boards and tables, documenting them, and wrapping them for return to the exhibitors. Please contact Laura Smith, Education Exhibit Liaison 704-650-9223 (text or leave phone message) if interested.

Seeing all the embroidery is so inspiring. You can enjoy the superb work of new EGA Master Craftsman in Counted Thread, Whitney Danhof! See her embroideries for each of the six steps. Congratulations, Whitney! The Master Craftsman programs are designed for members to test their mastery of embroidery techniques. See the Education Catalog on the EGA website for more details.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS!

Pick up your door prize from the Seminar office in the Gulf Room
before class, during class breaks, and lunch

Adams	Kandi
Andrews	Susan
Berns	Victoria
Birden	Cindy
Blalock	Sarah
Brady	Judy
Buckingham	Marcia
Burke	Pam
Class	Nancy
Clausen	Christine
Cobb	Joy
Collette	Jean
Cowan	Juema
Crawford- Oppenheimer	Christine
Crow	Nancy
Crow	Sandy
Culpepper	Yvonne
Davis	Judy
Dean	Linda
Decker	Rhonda
Decker	Barbara
Deibner	Nancy
Demeglio	Judith
Doffek	Pamala
Dowling	Elaine
Epstein	Lisa
Erikstrup	Scottie
Faber	Theresa
Fera	Julie
Fesser	Pamela
Fingerhut	Blair
Flamer	Michelle
Foley	Tere
Furry-Sievers	Joyce
Goodliffe	Lenora
Gray	Anya
Gutwein	Jonalene
Hammer	Cheri
Henderson	Barbara
Hendrix	Jill

Hill	Kimberly
Hollenback	Sharon
Hoover	Melanie
Ingerson	Joanne
Jackowski	Jayne
Jaeger	Laura
Jenkins	Sherie
Johnson	Ann
Johnson	Tricia
Johnson	Cay
Kamienski	Laura
Kellem	Shawna
Kindem	Margaret
Knapp	Laurel
Kocurek	Michelle
Koehler	Max
Koehler	Susan
Komatsu	Deborah
Kotick	Judy
Kraenbring	Beth
Kundrot	Theresa
Lakshminaryanan	Chandra
Layman	Gabriella
Lippert	Kari
Lord	Joanna
Lott	Heather
Lyon	Christine
Markland	Marybeth
Mayo	Beth
Melville	Kathy
Meyer	Adrienne
Mogensen	Katherine
Morgan	Hilary
Morrow	Barbara
Mortimer	Kimberly
Murphy	Stephanie
Murphy	Teresa
Nardiello	Jennifer
Nardone	Claire
Nauman	Patricia
Neeley	Melissa
Nenninger	Robin
Oehrlein	Carlejo
Olsen	Sally
O'Malley	Susan

O'Rourke	Eileen
Palmer	Mary
Patrick	Lucy
Patterson	Eileen
Paul	Gail
Peacock	Lea
Pence	Donna
Peters	Becky
Plutchok	Erica
Pohawpatchoko	Trudy
Porento	Joanne
Powers	Lucinda
Quint Lawrence	Martha
Randall	Jamie
Remenik	Michelle
Remillard	Amy
Rhodes	Carolyn
Richards	Vanessa
Rickards	Sheila
Rinard	Carole
Robey	Kaitlyn
Robinson	Maura
Rosenberg	Alissa
Rowland	Henen
Salerno	Janet
Sanders	Tanya
Sawyer	Mary
Scarbrough	Caren
Schlachter	Joanne
Schumann	Martha
Scurei	Betty
Sears	Marilyn
Sillman	Debby
Simons	Patricia
Singleton	Kathy
Smith	Gail
Smullen	Elizabeth
Soler	Tami
Stelman	Denise
Sternberg	Linda
Swerdlow	Victoria
Takano	Yoko
Thompson	Pat
Tibbetts	Margery
Tischn	Elizabeth

Van Duesen	Julie
Voelker	Elizabeth
Waldo	Gretchen
Weigl	Kathy
Welker	Lori
Wetzel	Cynthia
Wher	Denise
Whippen	Deb
Whyte	Helena
Willaimson	Cyn
Williams	Diane
Wilson	Vivian
Wisdom	Rachel
Wollard	Kathie
Wollard McGowan	Katie
Wood	Michelle
Wulf-Lamphear	Karlinne
Wyze	Sheila
Yu	Valerie
Zody	Jane
Zogus	Chris
Zwambag	Glenda