



Stitches

The Newsletter of the Town Clock Stitches

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∞ President's Message ∞

Hello to all,

Welcome to the September issue of *Stitches*. As you all may or may not know, our President, Anne L. has stepped down. I have stepped up into the Presidency and am in a steep learning curve. I look forward to serving the guild as President and ask you all for your support.

The guild has had a busy summer, and our Scott Manor House display went very well again this year.

Now, September is upon us. The summer seemed to fly by so quickly. For me September means cooler weather, the kids back to school routines, and more time for stitching.

A good way to kick off a new project, or finish up a work in progress would be to come out to our national Stitch in Public day this year. The details are in this newsletter.

Happy Stitching,

Cheryl P.

∞ National Stitch~in~Public Day ∞

Tuesday, 27 September 2011 is National Stitch-in-Public day. The Town Clock Stitches will be showing off their stitching at the Halifax Shopping Center.

The plan for the day is:

Set up at 10 am

-At the community booth, on the lower level of Halifax Shopping Center, outside the Bluenotes store.

-There will be chairs provided, but power supplies are limited. Please bring a battery powered light if you need one.

-Jean will be bringing our fundraising display and raffle tickets for sale.

-Janet is bringing information on this year's program line-up.

-If anyone has extra EAC bookmarks it would be appreciated if you could bring them along.

-I'm planning on being there for the whole day. Would love to see as many as can make it out to stitch and chat for the day. If you can only make it for a little while, that is good too. ☺

Tear down at 4 pm

-After tear-down I'm planning on catching some dinner and then heading for the meeting. If anyone else would like to join me, I would like the company.

Come out for a while, show off your stitching and get more people excited about needlework!

Tuesday, 27 September 2011

☚ St. Matthew's Tapestry Project ☛

This year our April meeting was held at St. Matthew's United Church. We were treated to a viewing of their completed tapestry project. Many of our members worked on this project and were able to give us in-depth information on it.

Here is an excerpt from the information pamphlet at the church:

“In the spring of 1997 our church was looking for a project to celebrate the 250th anniversary of St. Matthew's United Church... The tapestry was chosen as the focus of the celebrations because it could involve every member of the church. Some members would make only one stitch while others would have to commit many hours to the task...”



Artist's Image of the Design



All three panels of the tapestry

St. Matthew's Tapestry Project

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Stephanie H. describing details



Stitch Details

Lamb all in French knots



Border Details



Stitch Details

∞ Canvas Scissor Fobs ∞

After the viewing of St. Matthew's Tapestry, Jean H. gave us a lesson on basic canvas work. I found the lesson very informative and helpful. Next, Janet C. and the program committee put together a beautiful little scissor fob project for us to practice our canvas skills on. The committee had prepared several different colour palettes for us to choose from. We all used the same pattern and came up with many different looks. This is a great project for your own use or to give as gifts.



⌘ Program 2011 & 2012 ⌘

A huge thank you to the Program Committee - this year's line-up looks awesome!

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| September: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Show and tell of what you did on your summer holiday.•Preview of the year's program.•Watch DVD (narrated) for Seminar 2012. |
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⌘ Workshop & Program Etiquette ⌘

1. Arrive on time and be prepared.
2. Be quiet when the teacher is speaking to the group, or to part of the group.
3. Do not interrupt the teacher and wait your turn if you require assistance.
4. Respect your fellow stitcher. Allow those close to you to work uninterrupted. If you need assistance, ask the teacher, not your fellow stitcher.
5. Respect the teacher by not criticizing the project or technique.

☞ Scott Manor House Display ☜

Our Scott Manor House Display was a great success again this year. Thank you to Jean H. for all your hard work and coordination of the items for display. Thank you to everyone else that contributed, and/or was able to be there for setup and tear-down. Many hands made light work. This year we had 69 visitors sign our guest book, and sold a whopping 144 fund raiser tickets.



Janet B. in front of a selection of her works.

Janet B.'s inspiration photo and completed master crewel work of the gazebo in the Halifax Public Gardens.



☞ Scott Manor House Display ☜

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Scott Manor House Museum



☞ Scott Manor House Display ☜

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∞ Finishing Lessons ∞

During a stitch-in at Maplestone we worked on finishing our fundraiser Christmas ornaments. We learned to use two layers of a fabric used to stiffen the bills of ball hats as the base of each ornament. Those of us that didn't know how also learned how to make a twisted cord from DMC embroidery threads. We coordinated the colours to match the ornaments. Thanks to everyone that came out to lend a helping hand, and to those that shared their knowledge.



∞ June Pot-Luck ∞

Jean H. was gracious enough to host our June pot-luck this year. It was a chilly, overcast day outside, but warm and laughter filled inside. Between yummy appetizers, amazing dinner dishes, and luscious desserts we shared stories and stitching discussions. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.



∞ June Pot-Luck ∞

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☞ Meeting & Stitch-In Schedule 2011-2012 ☜

Friday 1 st Friday of the Month	Saturday 3 rd Saturday of the Month	Tuesday Last Tuesday of the Month
Parkland Estates 4 th Floor ~ Cameron Hall 10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm	Maplestone Nursing Home 9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm	Museum of Natural History 7:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm
Stitch-In	Stitch-In	Meeting
Date	Date	Date
Date	Date	Date
Further Stitch-Ins To Be Announced	Further Stitch-Ins To Be Announced	December Social To Be Announced

☞ Town Clock Stitchers Executive Members ☜

President ~ Cheryl P.	Vice President ~
Secretary ~ Hillary F.	Treasurer ~ Catherine R.
Program ~ Janet C., Anne G., Stephanie H., and Pat G.	Membership and Past President ~ Holly B.
Library ~ Beverly P.	Web ~ Jean H. and Melissa C.
Newsletter ~ Cheryl P.	



∞ Where Did You Get That? ∞

Fabrics, patterns, threads and notions. If you have a recommendation let us know and we can add it.

Maritime Hobbies & Crafts

1521 Grafton St., Halifax, NS
Phone: (902) 423-8870

- Books, charts, and kits for cross stitch, hardanger and other techniques.
- Zweigart linens, quaker and aida, DMC floss and perle cottons.
- A wide selection of needles and other notions for the stitcher.
- Special orders are very welcome.**

Traditional Stitches

Calgary, AB
www.traditionalstitches.com
Phone: (866) 208-9650

Ewesable Art

Windsor, NS
<http://www.ewesableart.com>
Phone: (902) 792-1721

- Felting Workshops.



Knowledge & Needles

Brighton, ON
www.knowledgeandneedles.com
Phone: (613) 475-4843



Nordic Needle

Fargo, ND, USA
www.nordicneedle.com
Phone: (800) 433-4321

Berlin Embroidery Designs

Calgary, AB
www.berlinembroidery.com
Phone: (403) 274-6293

Silkweaver

Colonia, NJ, USA
www.silkweaverfabrics.com

Keepsake Needlearts

Center Harbour, NH, USA
www.keepsakeneedlearts.com
Phone: (800) 852-7338

A Great Notion Sewing Supply Co.

BC
www.agreatnotion.com
Phone: (800) 309-2829

Nancy's Notions

Beaver Dam, WI, USA
www.nancysnotions.com
Phone: (800) 833-0690

Sew Fancy

Geulph, ON
www.sewfancy.com
Phone: (519) 824-4127

ABC Stitch Therapy

Grantham, NH, USA
www.abcstitch.com
Phone: (877) 863-4000

Victoria Sampler

Victoria, BC
www.victoriasampler.com
Phone: (888) 658-3566



∞About Us ∞

TCS Objective

The Town Clock Stitchers is a chapter of the Embroiderers' Association of Canada (EAC) with the same purpose: "To encourage and promote practices and knowledge of the art of embroidery in all its forms; to have fellowship of persons who enjoy needlework and wish to learn and share knowledge; and thereby to work towards maintaining high standards of design, colour and workmanship."

Meetings

Regular meetings of the Town Clock Stitchers are held at the Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax on the **last Tuesday** of each month at 7:30 pm, from September to May. We meet in the Project Room and there is ample paid parking on the south side of the Museum. The entrance is by the side door off the Visitor's Parking Lot.

Our meetings are educational in nature. We have speakers, demonstrations, and introduction of both old and new techniques and materials. We also have hands-on kit nights.

Membership Fee

Membership fee is \$55.00 per year, which includes EAC membership and *Embroidery Canada*, the EAC magazine. We currently have 30 members.

Newsletter

Stitches is published four times a year: spring, summer, fall and winter. Deadline for submissions for each issue will be announced at meetings. Have an idea, suggestion or article? Email the editor, Cheryl P., at newsletter@townclockstitchers.ca.