

# *WELCOME TO THE WINNIPEG EMBROIDERERS GUILD (WEG)*

The WEG has been in existence since 1973 promoting the art of embroidery to eager and talented needle artists in Winnipeg. You have joined a wonderful and interesting guild where your passion for needle art is encouraged and supported!

To introduce you to the WEG, here is some valuable information:

## **I. Regular Meetings:**

WEG meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from September to June. We meet at St. Mary's Rd. United Church, 613 St. Mary's Road with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. After a short business meeting, a program is offered to discuss various aspects of embroidery. This could include a hands-on workshop, a talk about or a presentation on a technique or other aspects of related to needlework. We encourage our members to bring a project to stitch on during the meeting! Please bring your own needle art work for "Show and Tell", an important part of the regular meetings.

## **II. The Executive:**

WEG elects five officers to sit on the Executive: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure and Past President. There are also a number of Standing Committee Chairpersons and Ad Hoc Committee Chairpersons. Please see current list of Executive members in your kit. The Executive members meet on the third Monday of each month to plan Guild activities. Any member of the Guild is welcome to attend the an Executive meeting with prior notice to the President. Comments are welcome although voting privileges are restricted to the Executive Officers only.

## **III. Membership:**

Membership to WEG is from November 1 to October 31. Dues are \$75.00: \$50 to Embroiderers' Association of Canada/ Association canadienne de broderie (EAC/ACB); \$25.00 to WEG for expenses. Should a member join the guild in mid-year, the dues are pro-rated on a quarterly basis. Members can pay via cash, cheque or e-transfer. E-transfers are sent to WEG's treasurer at: [wegtreas@gmail.com](mailto:wegtreas@gmail.com)

## **IV. Heritage Needle Art Sale:**

Each year in November, interested members of WEG may participate in a sale of their handiwork. Members are invited to sell the quality items they create. For first time vendors, a review of their work will be required. The sale takes place at St' Peter's Anglican Church Hall, 755 Elm Street at Grant.

## **V. Newsletter:**

WEG publishes a quarterly newsletter called the *Initial Stitch*. The issues are emailed to members. If a member does not have an email address, the newsletter can be mailed. The editor welcomes articles, photos and other items of interest on stitching from guild members.

#### VI. **Raffles:**

At each meeting embroidery items are raffled off. Tickets are 3 for \$1 and \$1 for the Star Prize. Proceeds go towards Guild activities. Donations for the raffle are welcome!

#### VII. **Embroiderers' Association of Canada/Association canadienne de broderie (EAC/ACB):**

All members of WEG are automatically members of EAC/ACB. Through your EAC/ACB membership, you will receive the magazine, *Embroidery Canada*, twice a year and have the opportunity to borrow from the EAC/ACB library/, participate in group correspondence courses and attend the annual Seminar Convention.

#### VIII. **Leonida Leatherdale Library**

This library is EAC/ACB's lending library located in Winnipeg with over 1,600 titles. The library also houses study-binders for members taking technique courses or researching information on embroidery. Members are able to borrow up to four items for one month. Contact the librarian on EAC/ACB's contact page.

#### IX. **Workshops:**

WEG puts on workshops that give members the opportunity to learn new stitching skills and enjoy time with other guild members. Some exciting workshops have been on gold work, needle painting, blackwork, brazilian embroidery to name just a few. A wonderful experience to expand your needle arts knowledge!

#### X. **Education Bursaries:**

WEG offers two bursaries annually totaling \$300 per year to help members further their studies in embroidery through courses or seminars. Applications are made in writing to the Executive by September and February and a presentation or report should be given after the course or seminar is completed.

#### XI. **Stitch-Ins**

WEG holds informal stitch-ins for members to get together to work on and discuss their projects. The list of stitch-ins is emailed monthly.

#### XIII. **Seminar:**

Seminar is held every year in a different location across Canada. It is hosted by an area Guild and it provides members the opportunity to learn new techniques and experience new instructors. Many times the instructors are the "rock stars" of the embroidery world with outstanding design talent and wonderful teaching skills.

#### XIV. **Websites:**

Members are encouraged to log on to WEG's website: [winnipegembroiderersguild.ca](http://winnipegembroiderersguild.ca)  
To get into the members area the password is: WEG?Seminar2023  
EAC/ACB's website is: [eac-acb.ca](http://eac-acb.ca) You will need to contact EAC/ACB for a password.