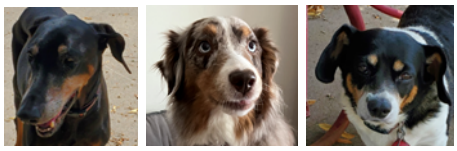
Needlework Guild of Minnesota

Retreat 2023 Invitation



Annie, Baylee and Snoopy are inviting you to:

The Dog Days Of Stitching

August 9th – 13, 2023

(early arrival starting August 7th)

Christ the King Retreat Center
621 1st Ave S
Buffalo, MN 55313

To contact one of the Retreat chairs:
Glenda Overmann glendaega@hotmail.com
Connie Rosene crosen89@gmail.com

Visit the all-new Retreat 2023 web page
https://needleworkguildmn.org/page-18114

Retreat Policies

READ THIS CAREFULLY: RETREAT / FEE INFORMATION HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR.

As we begin to plan another NGM retreat, we need to let you know up front that there will be some changes… changes that we did not foresee and that cannot be avoided. Some things will be different; some things will remain the same. Hopefully, the stitching and fun times with friends will stay the same!

Because of changes at the retreat center, certain modifications had to be made in our retreat plans. Just like nearly everything else, prices have gone up. The pricing structure for usage of the retreat center has changed dramatically. We are now charged per DAY for EACH ROOM/AREA that we use. We have had to cut back on the costlier events, such as Show and Tell, but hope that retreat will still be fun and affordable for everyone who wants to attend.

Registration begins when you receive this invitation. We ask that everyone register ONLINE, through the NGM website. If you do not have access to online registration or need help with it, please contact Sandy Resnick by email at Sandra.resnick@gmail.com or call her on her landline at 612-929-5868 and she will be glad to help you. The deadline for early registration is May 1st. Registration closes June 1, 2023.

Guild Membership

You must renew your Guild membership BEFORE you register for Retreat. To renew your membership for the 2023-2024 membership year, or to join as a new member, complete your membership online at https://needleworkguildmn.org/my-account/ . Contact Michelle Patterson by email at Membership@needleworkguildmn.org to renew your membership by mail or for more information about membership renewal.

** NOTE: If you have never been a member before, your dues will be $45. This covers half the membership year, January—May 2023 ($15) plus the full June 2023-May 2024 membership year ($30).

Guaranteed Registration

If you attended Retreat 2022 AND you were a Guild member when you attended, you are guaranteed a place at the 2023 Retreat IF your registration is postmarked on or before May 1, 2023.

Retreat Fees

Arrivals on Monday evening or Tuesday must pay an additional fee for lodging those nights and covers a continental breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday, and lunch on Tuesday. Tuesday night dinner is on your own.

Attendees may register to arrive as early as Monday evening. The basic registration fee covers the costs for the Retreat from Wednesday through Sunday, including a double occupancy sleeping room, four breakfasts (Thursday through Sunday), four lunches (Wednesday through Saturday), four suppers (Wednesday through Saturday) and a participation fee that covers everything except kit fees for specific classes.

- 6 nights Monday – Saturday $780
- 5 nights Tuesday – Saturday $665
- 4 nights Wednesday – Saturday $550 – Basic

- When you register, your kit fees are committed to the teachers. If you are later unable to attend, the teacher will decide whether to refund the kit fee or to provide the kit to you.

- Please let the Retreat chairs know by August 1st if you must change your arrival day.

- Because of the unexpected increases in Retreat Center expenses, the Sue Tesmer Fund is underwriting part of our Teacher Expenses. We are grateful for this help and appreciate Sue's family for making this available to us.

Retreat Center Accommodations
The Retreat Center can accommodate about 130 people—3 teachers in single rooms plus 127 stitchers, most in double occupancy rooms. There are a few single rooms available. Those requesting single rooms must submit a request to the Retreat Chairs in writing. Chairs may opt to give those with medical needs priority for single rooms.

Requests for specific sleeping rooms and/or roommates will be considered by the Retreat Chairs, but cannot be guaranteed.

Class Assignment
Registrants will be assigned to classes in the following sequence:

1. Those who are guaranteed registrants.
2. Those who were Guild members on March 1, 2023, and who submit their registration by April 15, 2023.
3. New members who join the Guild when registering for Retreat and who submit their registration by April 15, 2023.

Guild members who register after April 15, 2023, will be handled on a first-registered, space-available basis and by lottery if necessary.

Class assignments and additional information will be sent in a confirmation packet on June 30, 2023, or shortly thereafter.

Class and Independent Study Attendance
If you are confirmed for a class, it is assumed that you will be in class during class hours. You may wish to stitch in your class room in the evenings. If you are not in a class, you'll be placed in Independent Study and may spend all of your time working on your own projects.

Volunteer Opportunities

We will need a few volunteers to make Retreat a success. We are reaching out for volunteers who can help. The registration form (page 6) lists a variety of volunteer opportunities (described below). You can make a difference by serving in any capacity. Please help us out by marking your preferences on the form. If you don't volunteer, we may need to send the dog catcher after you…. to assign jobs!

Retreat Buddy: Each first-time attendee (puppy!) will be assigned a Retreat buddy. Duties will include contacting the first-timer prior to Retreat to introduce yourself, meeting the first-timer, helping find the assigned rooms, and giving a guided tour of the Retreat Center.

Teacher Transportation: This includes contacting the teacher prior to Retreat, picking her up at the airport, and transporting her from the airport to the Retreat Center. It may include stopping for a meal. Any expenses, including mileage, will be reimbursed by the Guild upon receipt of a check request with appropriate receipts.

Greeter: Greeters work in teams to ensure that everyone is checked in. They not only greet the arriving attendees, but may also help unload items from their cars and help cart luggage to the rooms. The Retreat Center has only a few luggage carts so greeters also manage their use and promptly return carts to the entryway.

Teacher Showcase Night: Volunteers assist in preparing the area by moving chairs and arranging tables. They may also help individual Teachers before and after Teacher Showcase Night.

Sunday Roundup: Volunteers double check that everything belonging to our members is out of the rooms, and collect extension cords and other Guild property. In general, see that we leave everything as we found it.

Class Angel: This includes helping the teacher set up and tear down in the classroom, making announcements, ensuring breaks are timely, and acting as the teacher's "go-fer" (fetcher!) Angels also act as liaison between Retreat participants and Retreat chairs through daily announcements, attendance, etc. Each independent study room will also have a class angel.

Registration Instructions

Registration begins when you receive this invitation. All registrations received by May 1, 2023 or earlier will be considered early registrations. Registration closes June 1, 2023.

Class and Independent Study assignments, sleeping room assignments, and additional information about Retreat will be sent to registrants in a confirmation letter on or shortly after June 30, 2023.

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Registering for Retreat
All registrations must be done online through the Guild website. Log into your account at http://www.needleworkguildmn.org, click on Retreat select Retreat 2023 and you will find a link to Retreat 2023 Registration. This is a two part procedure – one to register for retreat and one to actually pay for it. Please make sure you make the same choices from the first part of registering to the second part of paying.

You must complete online payment for both check and PayPal payments types. Select your payment type and then click PROCEED TO PAYPAL for credit card and PayPal payment or PLACE ORDER for check payment.

Include your order number with check payment. NGM allows for two installment payments by check. If you wish to pay in two installments, please send both checks at the same time (dated May 1, 2023 and July 15, 2023) to the official PO address:
The Minnesota Needlework Guild, PO Box 16506, St Louis Park MN 55416.

If you choose to pay by check, your registration is not complete until the payment is received. Credit cards will be processed in full at the time of registration.

If you do not have online access or you need assistance with registering, please contact Sandy Resnick by email at Sandra.resnick@gmail.com or on her landline at 612-929-5868 and she will help you get registered.

Online Registration Info

NAME _____ **Check One:** ☐ **Renewing Member**

ADDRESS_____ ☐ **New Member**

CITY_____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____ ☐ **This is my first NGM Retreat**

EMAIL_____ **PHONE** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS—Name at least one.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

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RETREAT FEES **Check One**

☐ Monday thru Sunday — $780
☐ Tuesday thru Sunday — $665
☐ Wednesday thru Sunday —$550 $_____

☐ Single room premium — $125 $_____

CLASS SELECTION & KIT FEES

Wednesday-Friday class: select up to one

☐ Sweetheart Shaker Box $180
☐ October Treats $110
☐ White Work Sampler $140 $_____

Saturday class: select up to one

☐ Tulip Needle Book $60
☐ Anniversary Heart $72
☐ Birds of a Feather Needle Book $100 $_____

TOTAL FEES: **$**_____
(Retreat & Classes)

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS:

All cancellation requests must be made in writing or an email to one of the Retreat Chairs. **You do not need to give a reason for canceling.** Any approved refunds will be issued after Retreat.

If request is postmarked on or before June 15, 2023, the total fee (minus $25 processing fee) will be refunded.

If request is postmarked between June 16 and July 14, 2023, one half the total fee (minus $25 processing fee) will be refunded.

No refund will be issued for a cancellation request postmarked after July 15, 2023.

Kit fees may be nonrefundable – this is up to the teacher.

Submit change or cancellation requests to:

Needlework Guild of MN
PO Box 16506
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Or to either chairman:

glendaega@hotmail.com
connie.rosen89@gmail.com

Remember, membership dues must be paid before retreat registration will be confirmed

Contact Michelle Patterson for renewal information or if you need help: Membership@needleworkguildmn.org

INDEPENDENT STUDY ROOM PREFERENCE:
You will automatically be assigned Independent Study for any time that you are not registered for class.

☐ Quiet ☐ Moderate Conversation ☐ No Restrictions

☐ I plan to use a sewing machine, so will need space to set up

SLEEPING ROOM PREFERENCE:

☐ Single Room (premium of $125) is required; a Retreat co-chair will call you to determine location)

- ☐ Required due to medical condition
- ☐ Preferred; if not available, assign a roommate

☐ Double Room with this roommate:_____

☐ Double Room; assign a roommate A retreat chair will contact you to help you find a roommate

Check one if you have a preference – Cannot be guaranteed

☐ Mary's Hall (near dining room)

☐ Joseph's Hall (off the main lobby)

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS We will accommodate dietary restrictions only if the Retreat Center is able to do so. Gluten free and Vegetarian meals are available for an additional charge of $3 per meal.
(Contact Retreat Chairs if this is required after viewing the menu in the confirmation letter.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Please choose one or more, see page 3 for descriptions):

☐ Class Angel ☐ Teacher Transportation ☐ Sunday Roundup
☐ Greeter ☐ Teachers' Night ☐ Whatever you need
☐ Retreat Buddy

WAIVER: I release the Needlework Guild of Minnesota from liability for any theft, property damage or personal injury suffered while participating in or attending any function or meeting at Retreat 2023.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Classes during the Dog Days of Stitching

Kathy Andrews

Sweetheart Shaker Box

- 3 day class on Wed, Thurs, Fri August 9-10-11
- Technique: Surface Embroidery
- Proficiency: All Levels
- Design Size: 6x9"
- Pre-work: None
- Kit Cost: $180.00

Embroidered shaker box and matching pin cushion

Uses Heathaway Wool and DMC cotton

Utilizes mainly chain, satin, button hole, leaf stitches, and French knots

Includes specially handmade cherrywood box and cherrywood pin cushion base

Tulip Needle Book

- 1 day class on Saturday August 12
- Technique: Surface embroidery
- Proficiency: Beginner
- Design Size: 3x4"
- Pre-work: None
- Kit Cost: $60

Needle book (3"x 4") to coordinate with Shaker box

Uses satin, stem, leaf, lazy daisy, and straight stitches plus French knots

Kit contains DMC cotton and all materials to complete the project.

Nancy Cucci

October Treats

- 3 day class on Wed, Thurs, Fri August 9-10-11
- Technique: Needlepoint
- Stitching Level: All
- Design size: 8x10"
- Kit Cost: $110

7th in the series of Seasonal Samplers

Stitched on congress cloth with metallic and cotton threads and using seed and Delica beads

Contains a variety of decorative needlepoint stitches and techniques

Anniversary Heart

- 1 day class on Saturday August 12
- Technique: Needlepoint
- Stitching Level: All
- Design size: 5.5 x 5.5"
- Kit Cost: $72

Designed for ANG 50th anniversary

Appropriate for beginning and experienced stitchers

Stitched on 18-count canvas using matte and shiny threads and accented with seed and delica beads and Swarovski crystals

Catherine Theron

White Work Sampler

- 3 day class on Wed, Thurs, Fri August 9-10-11
- Technique: embroidery
- Proficiency Level: Intermediate to Advanced
- Design Size: 6.5 x 17"
- Kit Contains: Linen, needles, spools of silk, etc.
- Kit Cost: $140

6 ½" x 17" sampler

Stitched on 32-count sandstone linen

Uses a wide variety of stitches

Birds of a Feather Needle Book

- 1 day class on Saturday August 12
- Technique: Cross stitch
- Proficiency Level: Intermediate to Advanced
- Design Size: 7x 2"
- Kit Contains: Linen, needles, silk threads, overdyed cotton threads,
- Skirtex, batting, iron on interfacing mother-of-pearl, silk ribbon, ultra suede
- Kit Cost: $100

Sewing book to hold pincushion, scissors sheath & fob, and a needle page

Stitched on 32-count linen using overdyed cotton and silk threads

Class Schedule

	Kathy Andrews	Nancy Cucci	Cathrine Theron	Evening Activity
Monday August 7				Early Arrival after 6 PM
Tuesday August 8				Day and evening: Stitch until you are DOG TIRED!
Wednesday August 9	Sweetheart Shaker Box	October Treats	Whitework Sampler	Welcome Meeting 2024 Reveal DeMazenod Hall
Thursday August 10	Sweetheart Shaker Box	October Treats	Whitework Sampler	Stitch until you are DOG TIRED!
Friday August 11	Sweetheart Shaker Box	October Treats	Whitework Sampler	Teacher Showcase Blue Room
Saturday August 12	Tulip Needle Book	Anniversary Heart	Birds of A Feather Needle Book	Stitch until you are DOG TIRED!
Sunday August 13				See you next year!

Important Dates

Date	Event
March 1	Registration begins
May 1	Deadline for early registration
June 1	Registration closes
June 15	Last day to cancel for full refund (less $25 processing fee)
June 30	Confirmation details to be sent
July 15	Last day to cancel for partial refund
August 1	Last day to change to earlier arrival with addition fees to be paid by start of retreat
August 7	Optional Monday evening arrival from 6-9 PM. No arrivals before 6 PM, please!
August 8	Optional Tuesday arrival from 9 AM to 9 PM
August 9	Retreat 2023 officially begins! Wednesday arrival from 9 AM to 9 PM
August 13	Back to reality. See you next year!