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**The 38th Annual Friends of the
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library**

Needlework Show



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You are invited to share your needle artistry and creativity in our Spring Needlework Show, to be held at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, March 14-18, 2012.

Rather than competition, the purpose of the show is to encourage needle artists to share their talents and creative ideas in order to inspire and motivate others.

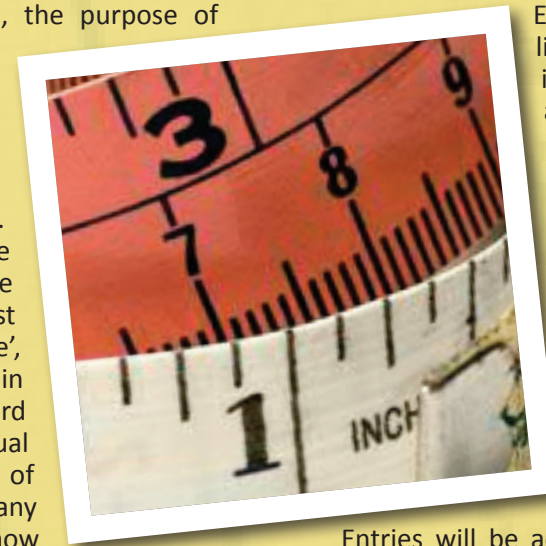
Entry fees are \$5 per item. There is no fee for juvenile entries. As in past years, we will award ribbons for 'Best of Show', 'Judges' Choice', and 'Popular Choice' in addition to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons for individual projects (no set number of ribbons is awarded in any category). Best of Show winners will also receive a cash prize of \$25.

All types of hand needlework will be accepted. Categories include: counted cross stitch, other counted thread techniques, surface stitchery (crewel, embroidery, etc.), canvas (needlepoint), quilting (hand or machine quilting, grouped into bed-size vs. smaller-size quilts), hand knitting, and crochet. A minimum of five entries constitutes a category; if fewer items are entered they will be judged as

Miscellaneous. All final category decisions will be made by the judges.

Anyone from Northeast Ohio may submit entries in one or more categories. Entries will be accepted from individuals or groups.

Entries must be the work of a living person(s) and entered in their name. We will accept any article that has not been previously exhibited at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Show. Due to limited space, items are displayed at the show's discretion. Framed items may not exceed 35" in any direction. Limit 4 quilts per person. King-size quilts and other particularly large items will be displayed on a space-available basis only.



Entries will be accepted on Saturday, March 10 between 10 AM and 4 PM and on Sunday, March 11 between 1:30 PM and 4 PM.

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will take every precaution possible to ensure the safety of works submitted, but cannot be held responsible for loss or damage. The Spring Needlework Show is cosponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

You are invited!

Important Tips:

Judging is done by area professionals and will be based on some or all of the following criteria:

1. Quality of the Workmanship
 - a. **Stitching:** Proper execution of stitches, even stitch tension, secure and unobtrusive joining of new thread or yarn, without knots; seaming neat, firm, and without gaps.
 - b. **Coverage:** in crewel, the line; in cross-stitch, the square; in needlepoint, the canvas. Any guide-lines should be covered or removed.
 - c. **In quilting:** even stitches; joined seams meet without puckering; binding mitered, full and even; all pencil lines removed.
2. Quality of the Design
 - a. **Fresh design:** a balance of proportion, dominance, rhythm, contrast and unity.
 - b. **Color:** pleasing combination which enhances the design.
 - c. **Materials:** use of appropriate fabric, thread, stitches and tools.
 - d. **Embellishments:** used appropriately; firmly and securely attached.
3. Quality of the Finishing
 - a. Items must be clean, pressed or blocked. This is very important.
 - b. Entries should be finished and ready for permanent display: framed items suitably matted and well-framed (Glass is acceptable. Items should be properly stretched and clean both over and under the glass.); garments sewn, blocked and ready to wear; wall hangings and bell pulls ready to hang, etc.

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Registration of Entries

Sat., March 10, 10 AM - 4 PM

Sun., March 11, 1:30 - 4 PM

No entries will be accepted after these times.

Judging

Mon., March 12

Needlework Show Hours

Wed., March 14, 10 AM - 8 PM

Thurs., March 15, 10 AM - 8 PM

Fri., March 16, 10 AM - 5 PM

Sat., March 17, 10 AM - 5 PM

Sun., March 18, 1 - 4 PM

Free admission. All ages may enter. Photos permitted.

For information, call (330) 688-3295.

Directions to our library are available on our website.

Entry Pickup

Mon., March 19, Noon - 8 PM

Tues., March 20, 6 - 8 PM



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