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**Local Embroidery Guilds Celebrate Spring
With Stitches & Stems Exhibit**

Showcasing Local Artists at Green Bay Botanical Garden on March 22 & 23

(GREEN BAY, WI) (March 12, 2024) — Local crafters and guests are invited to join Green Bay Botanical Garden for fiber arts and free admission at Stitches & Stems from 9 am-5 pm on Friday, March 22 and 9 am-4 pm on Saturday, March 23.

Discover the wonderful world of needle art, embroidery work, and more through shopping and exhibits presented by the Green Bay Area and Fox Valley Area Embroidery Guilds. Learn more about various types of needlework during live demonstrations from guild members, and flex your artistic muscles in a community stitch benefiting a local nonprofit.

Some of the many long-time guild members being featured include:

- **Linda Busalacchi:** Pilot stitcher for nationally recognized designers, counted canvas stitcher, and has held positions on national boards
- **Karen Matze:** Creates original art using a variety of embroidery techniques, embellishments, and eco-dying – not your mother's embroidery!
- **Birgit Ruotsala:** Embroiders original pieces including an installation where she stitched every day during 2023, which formed into 12 larger-than-life scrolls.

Afterwards, don't forget to take advantage of your free admission into the Garden as an exhibit attendee, and explore spring in the Garden where every corner blooms with inspiration for your next creative project. Additionally, guests are welcome to drop in on ahead of the exhibit on Thursday, March 21 from 5-7

pm for a Meet the Artists night. This free meet and greet event will give guests a chance to chat with the exhibit vendors and artists ahead of Stitches & Stems.

All exhibit events presented in Partnership with the Green Bay Area and Fox Valley Area Embroidery Guilds.

For more information about Stitches & Stems or Green Bay Botanical Garden, visit GBBG.org/Stitches.

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About Green Bay Botanical Garden

Green Bay Botanical Garden connects people with plants by providing year-round educational and recreational experiences for everyone in an environment that engages, inspires, and refreshes. First opened in 1996 and now featuring 47-acres of display gardens and natural areas, the Garden touches the lives of more than 150,000 visitors annually on average from northeast Wisconsin and beyond. For more information about other happenings, visit GBBG.org or call 920.490.9457.

Editors, please note: Captions follow photos below. Interviews, virtual interviews (i.e. Zoom, FaceTime, etc.), pre-recorded videos, story leads, and additional high-resolution digital images are available by contacting the media representatives at the top of this release.



Caption

Support local fiber artists through a silent auction, raffle, and more at Stitches & Stems. (Photo courtesy Green Bay Botanical Garden)



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Experience stunning spring scenes at the Garden after exploring Stitches & Stems! (Photo courtesy Green Bay Botanical Garden/PC Lindy J Gilson Images)