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Needle Arts from Page to Project at Main Library January 6-February 18

PHOTO CAPTION: An exhibit, **Needle Arts from Page to Project**, will highlight a variety of needlework creations in the Art & Music Department (3rd floor) of the Main Library, 800 Vine St., from January 6-February 18. Items, such as the one held by Reading Branch Library Manager Joan Luebering, will be featured in the exhibit. For generations Ms. Luebering's family has been crafting needlework creations. Many of these creations will be on display as part of the exhibit.

Ever since Joan Luebering can remember, her mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother before her were avid needle workers. "I've been embroidering, sewing, and doing needlepoint and related crafts since I was a kid, learning from my mom," she said. "And usually the first step for a new project is to come to the Library and browse in the 740s for ideas."

Needle Arts from Page to Project will highlight the finished work and related books in the Art & Music Department (3rd floor, south building) of the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, from January 6-February 18. The display will feature some of Joan's works, as well as from her family, going back four generations. Projects include a lace tablecloth that her mother knitted, needlepoint chair seats stitched by several family members, baby clothes, pillows, and quilts.

Ms. Luebering has lived on the west side of town most of her life, but recently moved to Pleasant Ridge to be near her new job as manager of the Reading Branch Library. Before she came to the Reading Branch, she spent over 20 years working at the Main Library, many as Assistant Manager in the Fiction & Young Adults Department. Working at the Library gave her access to all sorts of great resources.

Her creations include silk ribbon embroidery and quilted work, sometimes combining needlework with beadwork. "I always tell people that you can go to the Library, get a book, and make something pretty," she said. "There are some gorgeous books in our collections, including many with patterns and graphs, and detailed instructions. I learned to do stumpwork from Jane Nicholas's books."

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Stumpwork is a style of embroidery where the stitched figures are raised from the surface of the work to form a three-dimensional effect. Stitches can be worked around pieces of wire to create individual forms such as leaves, insect wings or flower petals. This form is then applied to the main body of work by piercing the background fabric with the wires and securing tightly. Other shapes can be created using padding under the stitches, usually in the form of felt layers sewn one upon the other in increasingly smaller sizes.

EXHIBIT HOURS:

Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00-5:00 p.m. Information: (513) 369-6955

Many branch libraries offer needlework classes and some have regular groups that meet each month and share project ideas.

January 2006 Programs for Adults**MONDAY 2**

Price Hill, 3215 Warsaw Ave., 369-4490

Knitting on the Hill - Instruction for all experience levels with Pam Faber, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 3

Pleasant Ridge, 6233 Montgomery Rd., 369-4488

Knitting Circle, 6:30 p.m.

Westwood, 3345 Epworth Ave., 369-4474

Knit 1 Purl 2 Knitting Club - Learn to knit or share your skills with others. Bring size 8 needles, 6:30 p.m., Adults

SATURDAY 7

Harrison, 10398 New Haven Road, 369-4442

Knit-Wits for Beginners - Join Sherri Mealor for knitting instruction just for beginners. Please bring a pair of #8 needles and a ball of 100% cotton yarn, 10:30 a.m. - noon, Adults

MONDAY 9

Delhi Township, 5095 Foley Rd., 369-6019

Together We Knit, 7:00 p.m., Adults

Harrison, 10398 New Haven Road, 369-4442

Knit Wits Knitting Circle - Advanced stitches & patterns with Sherri Mealor, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Adults

TUESDAY 10

Miami Township, 8 North Miami Ave., 369-6050

Knit Wits Knitting Club for intermediate and advanced knitters, 6:30 p.m., Adults

Oakley, 4033 Gilmore Ave., 369-6038

Common Threads - Bring your needlework project for informal instruction, refreshments & fun!
5:00-7:30 p.m., Adults

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WEDNESDAY 11

Madiera, 7200 Miami Ave., 369-6028

Extremities Knitting Circle - Everyone is welcome to learn, teach and share the fun. Come when you can, leave when you must, 6:00-8:45 p.m.

THURSDAY 12

Cheviot, 3711 Robb Ave., 369-6015

Introduction to Crocheting with Barbara Cooper, 6:30 p.m.

Monfort Heights, 3825 West Fork Rd., 369-4472

Hook & Loop Group - Knitters & crocheters, come share ideas, know-how and advice with others, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 14

Sharonville, 10980 Thornview Drive, 369-6049

2nd Saturday Knitting - Instruction for all ages & experience levels. Bring size 8 needles if you have them, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., All ages

MONDAY 16

Symmes Township, 11850 East Enyart, 369-6001

Symmes Needlework Group for knitters, crocheters, cross stitchers & other needleworkers. Make new friends and share your crafts, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Adults

SATURDAY 21

Northside, 4219 Hamilton Ave., 369-4449

Knot Only Knitting! - Bring your needlework projects, make friends and enjoy refreshments! 2:00 p.m., Adults **LPF**

MONDAY 23

Oakley, 4033 Gilmore Ave., 369-6038

Common Threads - Bring your needlework project for informal instruction, refreshments & fun! 11:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Adults

Pleasant Ridge, 6233 Montgomery Rd., 369-4488

Knitting Circle, 2:00 p.m.

Sharonville, 10980 Thornview Drive, 369-6049

Ewe Knits Knitting Club - Instruction for all experience levels. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

January 2006 Programs For Kids**SATURDAY 7, 14, 28**

Walnut Hills, 2533 Kemper Lane, 369-6053

Learn to Knit with Wynn, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Ages 10-12 * **FPL**

THURSDAY 12

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Knitting Club, 4:00 p.m., Ages 10 & up

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