

Handcrafted Creations

Solera Bead Weavers

In 2006, under the leadership of Rabia Tisrit, a Bead Weaving Group of six Solera residents was founded. In 2018 they were one of the three groups that merged to become the Handcrafted Creations Club.

In forming this group, the Solera Bead Weavers joined in continuing an ancient art form. The first bead weaving of natural materials found by archeologists were determined to have been made during the Eurasian Ice Age (26,000 – 23,000 B.C.E.). In other “digs” in Egypt, India, China, Mesopotamia, and Israel the wall depictions and early written texts give many examples of beautiful bead weaving.

The Solera Bead Weavers are a prime example of the creativity, patience, and dedication needed to produce beautiful examples of this craft.

Membership Information

New members are always welcome and the current members support and assist new members in:

- matching beads to appropriate threads
- pattern development
- introducing beading styles, stitches, etc.
- discussing stringing, bead embroidery, looms, and braiding.

Group Schedule

Join this talented and supportive group

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Needlework

The Needlework Club started in 2014. All of the members joined the club to meet new people and have a hobby to share with others. The members were enamored by the large, open, well lighted room and large tables for laying out their quilts. The Needlework Club was originally part of the group which is called Crafts and Stitches now. A few of the members wanted to do machine sewing, which the group pursued and eventually formed there our own club. There are currently five members in the club. The club would want potential members to know that they are not professional and that they welcome all types of needlework. Machine sewing, hand sewing, knitting, crochet, etc. The collaboration and skill sharing done in the group helps them solve problems. The club has started working on Quilts of Valor (red, white and blue quilts that are presented to current and veteran service men) which every member can participate in.

The Needlework Club meets every Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Paris Room.

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Stained Glass

Throughout its thousand-year history the term “stained glass” has been applied almost exclusively to flat glass windows of cathedrals and other religious buildings. Today, modern creations of stained glass include 3-dimensional structures, sculptures, and decorative pieces for art through which light passes.

Ten years ago Solera residents Bob and Pam Stahurski began the Stained Glass Group with 10 other residents interested in learning and creating decorative stained glass art. In 2018 the group was also one of three craft groups to merge and become the Handcrafted Creations Club.

Since the group’s inception it has continued to meet twice a week and have individually made artistic and decorative stained glass creations. The members continue to assist each other in planning and designing new projects, and enjoy the rapport among all the group members.

Membership Information

New members will not only meet neighbors, but will enjoy the company of artistic, caring, helpful, and experienced crafters.

In addition, the “perks” of joining this group include:

- no dues,
- a free “Starter Stained Glass kit”, and
- the inclusion of all the needed tools.

