



Sea & Sage Audubon

Bird Embroidery Class

WITH SYLVIA GALLAGHER



Many people have enjoyed looking at Sylvia Gallagher's embroidered birds—on quilts, pictures, and shirts—and wondered how she does it. For at least eight Saturday mornings, July 8 through Aug. 26 (maybe longer) 9:00 a.m. to noon, she will teach a workshop, sponsored by Sea and Sage Audubon, on how to do this sort of embroidery. Participants will learn how to select a bird picture, transfer it to cloth, select thread colors, and do the stitches to bring the bird to life. The stitches involved are mostly satin stitch and a version of long-and-short stitch quite different from that described in most western embroidery books. (It is used in Asian embroidery; the Chinese call it "shan tao.") Occasionally other stitches such as French knots, outline stitch, and blanket stitch are used for accents. Individualized instruction will allow the class to accommodate all levels of embroidery skill--beginner to expert--and all will find themselves learning new techniques. You will be taught how to do any stitches you are unfamiliar with--and maybe even a better way to thread a needle. The cost for the class is \$80.00 for new students, \$50.00 for continuing students, who will need less assistance. Repeaters are urged to sign up again and continue to develop their skills. This class is open to men, as well as women. Come on, guys, be the fourth man to give it a try!

At the first session, beginners will learn and practice two stitches and learn how to get started on their choice of one of the class projects. Continuing students should come ready to work on and receive help with a project.

At the second session, (July 15), Sylvia will present a slide-illustrated program, which has been presented to several embroidery clubs. In this program she will take you step-by-step through the entire process of converting to stitches a painting or photograph of a bird. (This process is fully applicable to subjects other than birds.)

The class will be limited to 15 participants and will be cancelled if fewer than eight people enroll by June 24. Please do not sign up if you expect to miss more than two meetings. (Exceptions may be made if there is room.) If you have not seen the introductory slide lecture, you must attend the second meeting, (July 15). There will be a number of additional spaces for those who just want to attend the July 15 slide lecture (\$10.00).

The class location is the house just south of the Gallagher residence in Huntington Beach. Send your reservation form, a check for the fee, and a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to Sylvia Gallagher, 21562 Kaneohe Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Reservations must be postmarked no earlier than June 5 (2-day penalty for early reservations). Confirmations and further information will be mailed June 26, along with a map to the meeting place.

If you have questions, email or telephone Sylvia: sjrgallagher@yahoo.com or 714-962-8990.

Reservation Form - Bird Embroidery Workshop 2017

Names of all participants _____

Address(es) & Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____

Check one: Entire series, new student (\$80)
 Entire series, continuing student (\$50)
 July 15 lecture only (\$10)

SASE enclosed? Check for \$ _____ to SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON enclosed.

