

Dear Members and Friends

We are getting so excited as Registration for Seminar 2022 is only a few weeks away! And it's been so long since we saw each other in Victoria in 2019.

The website is up [www.eac-acb.ca/seminar](http://www.eac-acb.ca/seminar) and in the September issue of *Embroidery Canada* there will be a printed copy of it. Enjoy!

Heather and Pia and all of the Seminar Team want to be sure you are ready to register on September 1<sup>st</sup> so here is a recap of the **NEW** things at this Seminar, and a reminder of what you need to know. We won't touch on Covid at this point because it's just too far away, but in Toronto it is appreciated if you are double vaccinated, and required to wear a mask while inside - at this time. We will update you as we get closer.

Now, here's what you need to know:

Overview: The BIGGEST **NEW** thing is that we have set this seminar up to be an all-inclusive seminar, all in one place and with the focus on meeting, collaborating, and spending the time together. It means that we can meet and chat at the Nourishment Hubs twice every day we take classes - they are a fun and/or nutritious break to your work. We will all have lunch together in the self-serve dining room – the long tables might remind you of Harry Potter's school, but it means never eating alone, and not having to run around and find "a place" to have "something". You will be well-nourished.

There are a LOT of spaces, inside and out at the BMO/IFL, to just hang out or meet with old friends too, and after your day, the (Cash) bar is open in the social centre so you can extend your fun.

Registration: More **NEW** stuff!

- Stitching ONLY can be a 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 day option where you have your Stitch Only Lounge, your own Angel and participate in all of the regular seminar activities that those taking classes do!
- LUNCH & Nourishment Hubs (morning and afternoon) are included with Registration for all students and teachers on your days of class. All lunches will be in the Dining Room (except for the AGM).
- Teacher-ONLY registration 12-1 on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Special Event: Mike Parr - evening presentation of *The Broderers' Crown: Reconstructing a 16th Century Embroidered Garland*. Thursday 5 & 7 pm.
  - Registration OPENS September 1<sup>st</sup> and closes Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>
  - **NEW Final Payment is due 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021.** Accommodations need to be booked at that time too, to ensure your spot!
  - Registration choices are found on the website or in EC magazine.
  - Tours/Excursions have been badly hit by covid and unfortunately these will be booked at a later date.
  - On the Options Day Thursday you can choose to:
    1. take a one day class
    2. join the stitch-only group

3. do something off-site
  4. join an excursion.
- (Lunch will be included for the classes and the stitch-only group at the BMO/IFL site. Excursions t.b.a.).

Accommodations: **NEW** also - by staying at the beautiful BMO/IFL – the same venue as classes and events, you don't have to think about travel and commuting – other than walking/rolling down to the rooms you want to be in. We hope this encourages you to visit the Seminar Central/Exhibits in The Forum more often.

\*We suggest allowing **\$200 per day** to stay in Toronto and when you book accommodation at BMO/IFL your dinner, parking, wi-fi, and dining room breakfast are included.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING WITH FAMILY: we have made arrangements with the nearby Marriott Courtyard & Towneplace Suites Toronto-Northeast Markham for room rates the same as BMO/IFL. Dinner is NOT included with the room rate, nor parking, but please feel free to bring your guests and join us at BMO/IFL by purchasing a dinner voucher from the concierge at BMO/IFL. Rooms subject to availability but remind us to give you the discount code at Registration.

Please note that all accommodation venues require a credit card to book your room and for identification purposes.

Making your way to Toronto: We strongly encourage you to check with your airline or [www.Toronto.ca](http://www.Toronto.ca) to ensure that you understand

any covid requirements for your mode of travel and entrance to Canada.

**What do you need money for?** If you are registered into the seminar and booked at the BMO/IFL then you may want to bring cash for the following optional shopping:

- Boutique is open every day at BMO/IFL in case you need something for class but also check out the offering of threads, tools, kits etc just for fun.
- Market Mall – an extravaganza in The Bow where ~30 booths will sell you all sorts of stitching-related (and some not) items.
- Excursions – whether it's on your own or in one of our Excursions, there may be souvenirs to buy!
- Vending Machines – for the snack attack at midnight! There are vending machines at BMO/IFL if you are still hungry.
- The Social Centre Bar – it's not necessary to drink if you are in the Social Centre, but if you do, it is a cash bar.

We can't wait to see you! If you have any questions feel free to send us a note and we will reply asap!

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Hues in Harmony

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