

2011 UFO Challenge

We are resurrecting this program with a few new twists!

You bring 2 unfinished projects to the January meeting; be prepared to talk about the projects - why do you like them, why do you want to finish them, and why haven't you finished them, etc. The membership present will vote on which project they would like to see you finish by the holiday party in December. You pay \$10 up front; If the project is finished by the holiday party, you get your \$10 back. Funds collected will go into a scholarship fund with \$50 seed money from the MRVC. A name will be drawn from the list of those who participated, the total fund to be applied to the winner's seminar/workshop of choice. There may be some other surprise awards - for example, oldest UFO or maybe MRVC workshop piece, but no promises.

Please note we have amended some of the "rules" since we first proposed this in response to questions put forward by our membership. We want the rules to be flexible enough so that everyone who wants to participate is able to do so.

Questions:

Is there a minimum size?

No. Some techniques are more labor intensive than others, and the entire ground is not stitched in some techniques. Therefore, no minimum size, but remember this is supposed to be a "challenge."

How much is "unfinished"?

If there is stitching left to do, it is unfinished. Since we have no minimum size, it wouldn't be fair to say a half finished 4 x 4 piece is acceptable but a three-fourths finished 9 x 12 piece isn't.

What if I only have one UFO?

If that's the case, I admire your discipline, and yes, you can participate. But pieces you haven't started also qualify as a UFO. Remember, part of what should make this fun is seeing what our membership has stashed away and is procrastinating on.

What if I can't make it to the January meeting?

Bring your 2 UFOs to the first 2011 meeting you can attend. The deadline (the holiday party) will remain the same.

What if I can't get to the meetings?

The honor system is going to have to come into play here, to some degree. Send digital photos, that display the date, or take a photo with a cell phone, and we'll take it from there. .

If I finish my project early, can I re-enter with another project?

You go, girl! Yes, you can, and your name will be entered in the drawing twice, but be prepared to forfeit the \$10 if you don't get the second project finished.

What can I use the scholarship for?

Since we are an EGA chapter, we would prefer that it be used for an EGA-sponsored workshop or seminar. However, given that travel, timing, and work/vacation schedules and funds may be a problem, an ANG or Sampler Guild event would be acceptable. Other alternatives would be a class at a shop, a cyberclass or correspondence class, or a painted canvas with stitch guide. We are defining education loosely.

Do I receive the scholarship as a cash award? What if the class I chose costs less than the amount of the award? Can I use the balance for travel expenses?

The award is for the class only, and a check will be written to the organization sponsoring the class at the time of enrollment. The balance will be available to you for another class.

Is there a time limit for use of the scholarship?

Yes. Two years after the holiday party. If not used in 2 years, the amount will go towards educational programs.

Will we do this again in 2012?

That depends on membership response.

Let's make this fun!