American Bunka Embroidery Association

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The American Bunka Embroidery Association (“ABEA”)  is a "not for profit" association designed to promote, teach and enjoy the art of Japanese Bunka Embroidery (called Bunka Shi Shu). If done correctly, the finished picture will look like a “painting in thread”. You work from the background to the foreground to get this effect. I do not charge for teaching the art of Bunka. However, there are still some costs involved.

The Hollyhock Chapter meets at the Social of Greenwood (formally known as the Greenwood Senior Citizens Center), 550 Polk Street, Greenwood, IN 46143 – Phone: 317-882-4810. We meet every other Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

You may attend 1 class free at the Social. If you wish to continue stitching with us, dues must be paid to the Social of Greenwood as follows:

 Greenwood address: $15 per year

 Non-Greenwood address: $18 per year

I will bring a selection of small kits (usually no larger than 8” x 10”) to choose from. Starting on a small kit helps you learn how to:

1. separate the threads into colors and shades;
2. wrap the threads onto holders/bobbins;
3. stretch the picture on a frame;
4. pull the thread (which is 4-ply) into the basic 2-ply thread
5. insert the thread into the bunka needle; and
6. stitch the basic 1/2 inch stitch.

You will also need to buy the following supplies from me:

1. bunka needle - $15
2. tacks with puller - $5
3. frame - $6.25

Please bring the following supplies which you can get from any craft store (I also sell these items, if needed):

1. bobbins/thread holders (to wrap thread – one thread per bobbin)
2. small scissors
3. snag repair

Also, please bring the following:

1. container to hold your thread bobbins, e.g. a small plastic storage container, craft box, or something similar;
2. small trash bag to carry your picture without pulling the stitched threads; and
3. larger bag (fabric or plastic) to carry everything: picture and supplies.

If you decide to join us to watch or learn, please contact me before the next class on every other Wednesday of the month. I do not bring the necessary supplies for a new stitcher, unless I have been contacted first.

I rarely cancel classes, but it does happen. It is always a good idea to call me first to verify the class is taking place.

Any questions, my contact information is at the top of the first page. I hope to see you soon!

Bunka websites to check for available kits and pricing:

[www.bunkacraft.com](http://www.bunkacraft.com)

[www.bunkawithflair.com](http://www.bunkawithflair.com)

[www.purpledragonarts.com](http://www.purpledragonarts.com)