



## Happy Fifteenth Anniversary, CGOA!



The Northern IL Chapter (NIC), the very first CGOA chapter (June 1994), is proud to announce the winner of the **Jubilee Crystal Logo Design Contest!** Please join us in congratulating **Mary Servillo** from the Long Island Chapter of CGOA!

Mary's impressive winning design was chosen as "number one" in an online poll by members of the CGOA Membership yahoo [groups.com](http://groups.com). It symbolizes the celebration of the Fifteenth Anniversary of our organization (1994-2009), as well as the bright spirit of our members! Mary wins an autographed book from NIC chapter member and Founder of CGOA, Gwen Blakley Kinsler, a year's membership in CGOA, compliments of the Happily Hooked Crochet Club CT Chapter of CGOA, and of course, a pin with her logo design!

Mary's celebration logo has been used to create a limited number of special **commemorative pins** for our members which will be available **for purchase on site** at the upcoming annual conference in [Buffalo](http://Buffalo) for \$5 (cash only, please). If there are extras, they will be available after the conference; starting on August 10 members will be able to place orders from the CGOA headquarters for \$7, including shipping/handling.

The two runner-up winners in the contest were Jan Scogin and Jane Matthews. Congratulations to both of them and we thank everyone who entered the contest. Your creativity and enthusiasm is very much appreciated!

Do plan on joining the Jubilee Crystal Committee, Gwen Blakley Kinsler, BJ Licko-Keel (NIC) and Dee Stanziano (HHCC), as the celebration festivities continue in Buffalo. **At lunch on Friday, August 7**, participants are invited to grab their lunches and join the Past Presidents of CGOA to reminisce about CGOA and chat about how we'll celebrate its future together.

**Crystal** is the gem that represents fifteen years and during the **Saturday Fashion Show**, participants are invited to strut their **garments with the most "crochet bling."** If you're planning to be at the event, be sure to check the [pre-registration form](#) box marked "Fashion Show Garment" to submit your garment as part of the Fashion Show. Popular vote of "crochet bling" garments will determine the sparkliest crochet garment and the creator will receive a prize.



**Mary Servillo** from Queens Village, New York is a member of the Long Island Chapter of CGOA. She has worked in the graphic design field for over 25 years and has been crocheting since she was a teenager. Mary says she enjoys the art of crocheting and her specialty is making afghans for home use and charities. Mary loves spending time with her family, friends and cat.

**Jan Scogin** from Dallas, Texas has been crocheting for over 30 years. She is a founding member, past-president and past-vice president of the Crochet Texas! Chapter of CGOA. She has a degree in art, and her professional



background is in graphic design and advertising. Jan says, "I really enjoyed this contest since it allowed me to combine my two selves: the professional persona and the crochet side!" Jan is an experienced crochet teacher and her original crochet designs have won awards at the State Fair of Texas and the Big E! in Massachusetts. "I really appreciate all the opportunities that CGOA offers crocheters, especially Chain Link Crochet Conferences," says Jan who will attend her eighth conference this summer in Buffalo.



**Jane Matthews** from West Chester, Pennsylvania has also crocheted for over thirty years! She was taught by her maternal grandmother and among the many crafts she enjoys, crochet is by far her favorite! Jane joined CGOA in 2006 and has begun to push her crochet skills as far as she can and has also started to create her own designs. She works full time and looks forward to the time when she retires and can devote "full time" to her crochet.

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