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A note from your President, Patty Smith Gardner

Happy New Year!

As I looked around at our Annual Meeting, and again during our Holiday Party meeting in December, I was reminded of all the wonderful things I love about the EGA....and your smiling faces are the most important! We come together to share a love of needlework, and that makes us all instant family. I feel as though I could travel all over this country, and never feel out of place at an EGA meeting. The stitchers I have met everywhere during my time with the EGA have all been loving, supportive people who simply welcome you on sight.

I hope we show that quality to all of our newcomers!

We have a lovely year of EGA meetings planned– I hope every one can come to as many as possible.

I just want to remind you all that we will be in need of two or three members to be on the Nominating Committee this year! I know it is a tough job to volunteer for. I have done it myself! If you have not served on this committee, this would be a good year to rectify it! We can't continue as a chapter unless we have a slate of officers to vote on next November. The job of the Nominating Committee is to find people willing to fill the slate for President, Treasurer, Region Rep, and Secretary. Please consider doing one of these important jobs. Contact me, or any member of the board for more information.

Finally, don't miss out on the fun at Camp Wannastitch, in Ocean City MD. Again this year, it is being held over the MLK holiday weekend, so we have an extra day. Our own **Julie Thomas** is the chairperson for Camp; and she has done a spectacular job of organizing and planning! The deadline is Jan 5th, so if you want to come, git 'em in! See the December MARN for full details and coupon.

I wish all of you a very happy New Year.

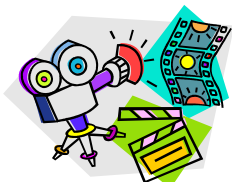
In Stitches,

Patty

January

Movie Night

7pm Wednesday, January 25
at St. Lukes, Devon



February

Stitch-in at Pleasants Tinkler's

Saturday February 25th
9am—4pm

March

Agecroft Sweet Bag

Part 1

7pm March 28, 2011
at St. Lukes Devon

Bring your March 2011 Needlearts
magazine

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Thanks to Margaret Hardie, Launa Sprouls, and Pleasants Tinkler for all of their hard work on the fund-raising Auction this past October. It was great fun, and we raised over \$900 for the chapter!

Thanks to Karen DeSantis for all of her hard work organizing and arranging the venue for the Annual Meeting. It was lovely, and delicious: Good Job Karen!

Directory Correction!

So sorry– I apologize to Pleasants and Karen! Somehow when doing the merge of the database for the new directory, the last two names were dropped. We didn't discover this mistake until they were being handed out at the Annual Meeting.

Please clip out the two entries below and paste into your directory. Thank you!

New Member

Gretchen Hall

Welcome Gretchen!

Philadelphia Area Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America**Membership Dues****Annual Dues: \$50.00****Plural membership***Within Mid-Atlantic Region \$16.00**Outside Region \$18.00*

This includes National and Regional dues and subscription of Needle Arts Magazine.

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Devon (unless otherwise noted). Any questions- contact any board member.

St. Luke Lutheran Church is located at the intersection of Valley Forge Road and Conestoga Road. The address is:
**203 N. Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA.
610-688-0122**

Remember to Wear
Your Nametag!

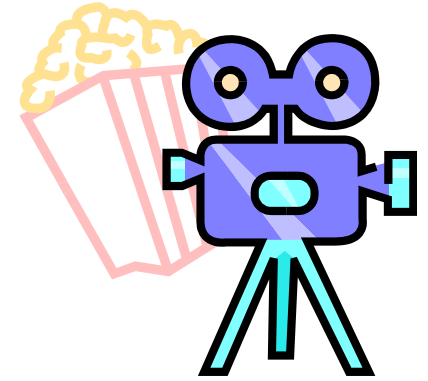
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Chapter Meetings

January Monthly Meeting:

Stitch and Sing-Along! Come on out on a frosty night to enjoy the warmth and company of your fellow members as you stitch! Bring your latest project to work on as we watch a classic musical with great costumes, and be prepared to sing along to the show tunes.....no matter what your voice! It's all part of the fun. We'll have popcorn and beverages.....you just come and enjoy!

Wednesday, January 25th, St. Lukes



STITCHIN

EATS

OUTREACH

FUN!

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012 9am—4pm

Come on out for our annual SATURDAY WINTER STITCHIN at Pleasants' home. Come for the whole day or as long as you like. Feel free to come and go to suit your schedule.

What to bring: something to share for lunchtime or nibble break times. Brunch food, coffee and juice will be provided by Pleasants at the beginning of the morning and beverages throughout the day. Also bring your usual stitching tools and embroidery floss for the ConKerr pillowcases we will be embroidering for our chapter Outreach project. If you wish to make a donation of fabric or cash to purchase fabrics for the pillowcases, please bring them to the Stitchin. Remember the chapter is not paying for the fabrics out of the budget so it is up to the members to supply the fabric.

The Stitchin is a fun, casual gathering where we can spend more than just a brief time together. Many members stay for most of the day and a lot is accomplished on the Outreach project as well as your own personal stitching projects. So, if you have never been to this event, please consider joining us for an enjoyable, relaxing time.

SNOW DATE will be Saturday, March 3. Hopefully it will not be needed. For questions, call Pleasants.

Agecroft Sweet Bag Part 1

Wednesday March 28, 7pm, St. Lukes

In March and May we will be stitching the Agecroft Sweet Bag a gorgeous historic reproduction pattern published in Needlearts magazine. Please bring your March 2011 issue of the magazine and have the pattern transferred onto the fabric, if possible.

Thread kits can be purchased from Hedgehog Handworks (hedgehoghandworks.com or 1-888-670-6040) or Traditional Stitches (traditionalstitches.com or 1-866-208-9650) or the materials list is in the magazine.

For those who wish to do the project using DMC, Patty will be putting together a list of equivalents and will have it available for you soon!



Photo courtesy of EGAUSA.org

Education Report * Karen DeSantis

Schwalm by Barbara Kershaw

I'm happy to report that we have acquired the required 12 students to make this beautiful project our next chapter sponsored Group Correspondence Course!! This means significant savings for each chapter member because the \$175 group fee will be paid by the chapter instead of being split among the participants. If you choose to do this project at this time, you will only pay for your text and materials. It's a great benefit of your chapter membership!

This course has been designed to introduce you to the beautiful German whitework technique of Schwalm Embroidery. Schwalm embroidery combines surface stitches with pulled thread and drawn thread techniques. This course will teach you the basic surface stitches which are the coral knot, chain stitch and satin stitch. To cut threads and form a grid on which you will work some beautiful pulled thread stitches such as the rose stitch, cording stitch and mosquito stitch and a traditional mousetooth edge. Starting with a blank strip of 32ct Strathaven linen and DMC Coton à Broder watch as it is transformed into a lovely decorative band. This unique pillow band will slip onto a pillow for display but also slip off again for easy laundering or a change of background color when you redecorate your room. If you prefer to make your own pillow instead of buying one instructions are included in the text. Left-handed instructions are available. Please state if you need a left-handed copy when you register.

Project: Pillow Band

Size: 12 inch (30cm) X 27 inch (69cm)

Fabric: 32ct Strathaven Linen

Threads: DMC® Coton à Broder (Broder Spécial) #16, 20 & 25

Colors: White

Skill Level: Beginner Schwalm Embroidery for the Intermediate Stitcher

Prerequisites: None

Time: 6 meetings, 6 months

***Fee:** \$175 per group (PAID BY YOUR PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER)

Text: \$50.00 per student; includes 6 skeins of Coton à Broder with 40 page text

Supplies (approximate): \$15 (does not include pillow)

Please complete and mail your registration coupon and check to Karen DeSantis by February 28, 2012. We expect to begin working on this group project in early May 2012.



Outreach 2012—ConKerr Pillowcases—Donations Needed!

Due to the popularity of this project in 2011, we've decided to repeat it in 2012. We are looking for donations of fabric or cash, which will be collected at the January 25 meeting. **Each pillowcase requires 3/4 yard of fabric for the body, 1/3 yard of fabric for the border.** Please choose bright, fun fabrics appropriate for children or teens. We will also have available pre-cut pillowcase bands pieces should you wish to take them home for embroidering. Popular sayings will be provided.



Notes from your Region Rep

Karen DeSantis



Smart Day 2011 in Richmond was great fun! Attending from our chapter: Patty Smith Gardner, Karen DeSantis, Karen West, JoAnn Carroll, and Launa Sprouls. We all enjoyed a class with Joyce Lumkowski and a wonderful weekend in Richmond!!

January 13-16, 2011 is Camp Wannastitch!! Come to the Clarion Fountainbleu Resort on the boardwalk in Ocean City, MD for a ton of fun, an opportunity to finish up some of your ongoing projects and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow MAR stitchers!! This is a relaxing and fun weekend – visit with old friends and make some new ones too!! Reservations deadline is January 5, 2012.

Region Meeting on March 16-18, 2012 in Williamsburg, VA. Details are still being finalized – but look for some interesting tours of Williamsburg in addition to some fun stitching time and sharing of information to help keep our chapters strong. There will be an ornament challenge:

An ornament is an adornment, a garnish, a decoration, an embellishment. MAR is encouraging members to adorn, garnish, decorate, and embellish to their heart's content with the 2012 Ornament Challenge. Ornaments can celebrate any event, any season, any reason. There are no limits on size, technique, or materials as long as it is a stitched piece.

\$25 MAR gift certificates will be awarded for:

- **People's Choice**
- **Best use of technique**
- **Best use of materials**
- **Most Unique**

The entry fee is **\$3.00 per piece until Feb. 1, 2012; after that the cost is \$5.00. You may enter as many pieces as you'd like.** Please enter by using the coupon found in this newsletter.

Participants are responsible for getting their creation to and from the March 16-18th Region meeting Weekend in Williamsburg, VA. **Stitchers may also choose to enter one or more of their ornament(s) into a Silent Auction to benefit the MAR PriDe Scholarship Fund .**

There will be more information in the December 2011 MARN about the details of the March 2012 Meeting.

Start planning your entry soon!! If you are not going to Williamsburg, I will gladly take it there for you!

MAR GCC:

Our next Group Correspondence Course, which was decided by member's votes, will be "How to Do Swedish Naversom" and will begin in March. More details will be available after the holidays.

























































MAR BANNER:

April and May 2012 will be our opportunity to be a part of EGA history and stitch a square on the new MAR banner. We are asking interested members to stitch one of the 1.5 inch squares. We will pass it around our chapter and let's be sure we are well represented!!

Philadelphia Area Chapter EGA Calendar for 2012

 Board Meeting
 Monthly Chapter Meeting

 Region Meeting or Event
 National Seminar

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**Santa Fe Enchantment
EGA 2012 Seminar
October 28 - November 2, 2012**



National Seminar 2012

Did you miss the Early Registration deadline?
Don't despair--the class descriptions and photos will remain on the EGA website, www.egausa.org until March, allowing you time to "window shop"
The brochure for the Santa Fe Enchantment 2012 Seminar, along with information on registration, will be published in the March issue of *NeedleArts* so that you too may join in the richness of the Santa Fe Enchantment seminar experience.
If you did submit your Early Registration, it isn't too soon to volunteer your help at seminar. To be on the "inside" of the fun at seminar, contact Carolyn Bivens and get one of the best volunteer spots available.

Sign me up for the Schwalm GCC!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I want: __ Right or __Left Handed instructions

\$50 check payable to PAC-EGA

Deadline is February 28, 2012

2012 Region Ornament Challenge Entry Form

Name _____ Chapter _____

Home Address _____

E-mail address _____ Home Phone _____ Cell _____

The entry fee is **\$3.00 per piece until Feb. 1**, after that the cost is **\$5.00 per piece**.

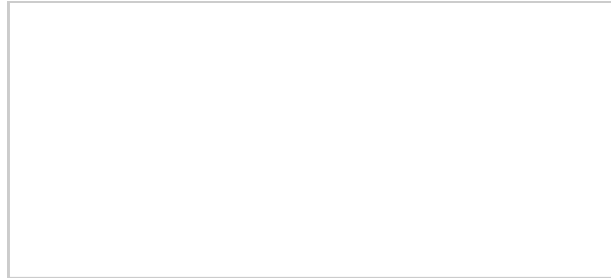
I would like to enter _____ ornaments in the challenge for a total of \$ _____ *Please enclose Check payable to MAR EGA*

Yes! I want to help support the **MAR PRiDe scholarship fund** by donating _____ of my ornaments to the silent auction to be held during the Region Meeting Weekend.

Questions? **AliceRae Kutish**



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Hello Prospective Member!

If you are reading this newsletter and you are NOT a member of the Chapter, we invite you to drop in for a meeting. See Page 2 for information about times and locations. We are always happy to see new faces. The guild has learning opportunities for stitchers of all levels, and we are always trying something new! For further information, please call our President, **Patty Smith Gardner**, or our Membership Chair, **Cinda Hall**. They would be happy to fill you in.

Come and check us out-

You don't have to stitch alone!

***Sharing Chapters: Please email your newsletter to Julie Thomas, Newsletter Editor,
Philadelphia Area Chapter***

(also, please ask if you want to use anything from this newsletter, I'd be happy to email you the document)