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Ms. Gerty Romer
President
Philadelphia Area Chapter EGA

Dear Gerty and Members of the Philadelphia Area Chapter:

Congratulations on your 60th anniversary of being a chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America! This is quite an achievement and I applaud each and every one of you for your dedication to your chapter.

EGA is such an important part of our lives. Through EGA, we are able to meet individuals who share our passion for needlework and who understand how important our stitching is to us. Who else is willing to spend hours upon hours discussing the latest patterns, demonstrating how to best execute a stitch, sharing ways to organize a stash, and debating the merits of different thread lines? With our chapter sisters and brothers, we celebrate happy events, share our grief over losses, and commiserate about life getting in the way of our stitching. In short, our chapter members are some of our best friends who will always be there for us.

To reach 60 years of being a chapter in this age of constant change is to be commended. I hope you will each take pride in knowing that what you've built here matters. Think about all of the individuals who have been encouraged in their needlework during the past six decades and what a difference that has made.

Again, congratulations on this momentous occasion. Celebrate your success – and make plans for the next 60 years!

With warmest wishes,

Karen Hamilton
President
EGA

April	May	June
Shading with Crewel Stitches	Bargello Study Box	Baby, You're a Firework!
7:00PM	7:00PM	7:00PM
April 24, 2024	May 22, 2024	June 26, 2024
Paoli United	Paoli United	Paoli United
Methodist Church	Methodist Church	Methodist Church
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NAMETAG POLICY

Remember to wear your nametag to PAC meetings and events! \$1 contribution to the chapter funds if you forget!

STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Outreach – Kay Braun

Education – Patty Smith Gardner

Fund Raising – Volunteer needed!

Librarian – Gerty Romer-Harts

Membership & Directory – Phyllis Archer

Newsletter – Laura Bonnington

Programs – Lisa McGinnis

Web & Social Media – Liz Gilbert

Our Chapter Website is: www.philaega.org

The Mid-Atlantic Region Website is:

www.marega.org

To enter the member-only area; email is: westitch@marega.org and use the appropriate password.

National EGA Website is: www.egausa.org

To enter the Members Only area, use your individual password.



Philadelphia Area Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America Membership

Chapter dues are \$16. MidAtlantic Region dues are \$2 (MAR no longer prorates dues for partial-year membership). EGA National dues are \$39. Therefore, primary members pay \$57, while plural members within MAR pay \$16 (chapter dues only), and plural members outside MAR pay \$18, as PAC pays their \$2 to MAR.

Direct questions regarding dues to Margaret Hardie.

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at Paoli United Methodist Church, Paoli (unless otherwise noted). Paoli United Methodist Church is located near the intersection of Devon Road and South Valley Road. The address is: 81 Devon Road, Paoli, PA 19301

Thank you to **Patty Smith Gardner** for teaching the Bargello frame weight project at the January 2024 meeting!

Thank you to **Diane Bishop** for hosting the February 2024 Stitch-In at her home!

Thank you to **Lisa McGinnis** for teaching the ThaP at the April 2024 meeting and to **all the PAC members and friends** who worked so hard to make the 2024 Spring MAR meeting a success!

PLEASE NOTE – NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR OFFICERS! – Please use the generic email addresses on the chapter's website to contact the chapter President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer regarding chapter issues.

PLEASE NOTE – PAC BOARD MEETINGS are held on the 1st Monday of each month, except July and August, at 7:30 P.M. via Zoom. Any chapter member is welcome to attend and participate in a Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES –

The PAC currently has 31 members and 6 plural members.

This year, National EGA is implementing an online dues payment process for members which began on April 1, 2024, and we hope that it goes smoothly. Members will use a credit card, Apple Pay, and Google Pay to pay their membership dues. Plural members cannot renew online and should send their dues directly to the PAC EGA by check. Please also note that National dues will be increasing to \$55 this year. Including the MAR dues of \$2 and PAC dues of \$16, the total dues will be \$73. Hopefully, any questions that you may have will be addressed in the following links:

<https://egausa.org/step-by-step-how-to-renew-your-ega-membership-online/>

<https://egausa.org/dues-news-changes-coming-to-ega-membership-dues-in-2024-and-frequently-asked-questions/>

Philadelphia Area Chapter - Plural/Lifetime Dues ONLY

(If your information has not changed, just fill in your name)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Please Note: You are renewing or joining until May 2025

\$16.00 Plural members living within the EGA Mid-Atlantic Region*

\$18.00 Plural members living outside the EGA Mid-Atlantic Region*

\$18.00 Lifetime members

My check (Made out to PAC-EGA) for \$_____ is enclosed.

Mail to Phyllis Archer at *****

If you have any questions, please email: parcher5@gmail.com

PAC President Gerty Romer-Harts asks that any member who has a story or knowledge of former members send this information to Diane Bishop for a special newsletter planned for later this year about the PAC's 60-year history.

IN THE NEWS –

Happy Birthday to our own Pleasants Tinkler, who recently celebrated her 85th Birthday!



Please keep Tom Hardie in your thoughts. Treasurer Margaret Hardie’s husband is fighting blood cancer and appreciates your sending strength and prayers for a good outcome after a recent bone marrow transplant.

Also, please wish a speedy recovery to Donna Walter, who is recovering from foot surgery.

PAC EGA 2024 BUDGET ~

Income	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	Expenses	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
Membership (regular)	\$ 1,653.00	\$ 480.00	Membership dues (National)	\$ 1,131.00	\$ -
(Plural)	\$ 120.00	\$ 96.00	(MAR)	\$ 66.00	\$ 6.00
Annual Meeting			Annual Meeting	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Education			Education		
Community Outreach			Administration	\$ 160.03	\$ 200.00
Interest-Checking			Directory		
Interest CD		\$ 5.00	Newsletter		
Ways and Means		\$ 300.00	Community Outreach		\$ 100.00
Gifts and Donations	\$ 124.00	\$ 150.00	Web site & MeetUp		\$ 300.00
Fundraising			Rent		\$ 350.00
Other			Fundraising		
Total Income	\$ 1,897.00	\$ 1,031.00	Donations		
			Other		
*additional \$1000 for 60th Anniversary luncheon using proceeds from reserves			Total Expenses	\$ 1,432.03	\$ 1,031.00
			Net	\$(1,432.03)	\$ (1,031.00)
			Actual net dues	\$ 576.00	

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY PAC GET-TOGETHERS VIA ZOOM

The chapter is holding weekly get-togethers for members via Zoom on Wednesdays when a chapter meeting is not scheduled to be held. You can join either by computer/tablet or by telephone, and with or without a camera. The meetings start at 7:30 P.M. If you need assistance getting started on Zoom, let us know! The Zoom link is below. It is a great way to stay connected with your stitching buddies and show us what you're working on.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83846072655?pwd=U1B4cXlreHlNWStzbnV5NUdwYTBCdz09>

REGION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – CAROL HATTON-HOLMES

The MAR is holding Sunday Virtual Stitch-Ins, hosted by Darcy Walker of the Oatlands Chapter. She will be sending out an invitation each month on the first Sunday of the month. To attend, please RSVP using this link to register: <https://forms.gle/AptTCiog2CuwCYARA>. You should receive a confirmation so you will know your registration has been received.

As you know, the MAR absorbed 9 chapters and approximately 250 members, primarily from New York, in 2023 when the Mid-East Region of the EGA disbanded. **Camp STITCH-A-LOT, the MAR Fall Retreat**, was held on September 7-10, 2023 at The Y at Watson Woods in Painted Post, New York and was a success! The event will be held again on **September 19-22, 2024** at the same location. Accommodations and meals are available. See the May 2024 MAR Newsletter for more information.

The **next MAR Meeting** will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held virtually. All members of the MAR are invited to attend the meeting. Message the MAR Director prior to the date of the meeting to ensure that you receive the Zoom link for the meeting.

CAMP WANNASTITCH will be held from **January 17-20, 2025 with Early Bird start on January 16, 2025** in Ocean City, Maryland. Camp Wannastitch will again return to Ashore Resort and Beach Club (formerly The Clarion Fontainebleu). Registration information will be in an upcoming MAR Newsletter.

The MAR Seminar, Stitching and Sowing Friendships, will be held on June 18-22, 2025 at Aspire Hotel and Suites in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Save the Dates! More details will be coming!

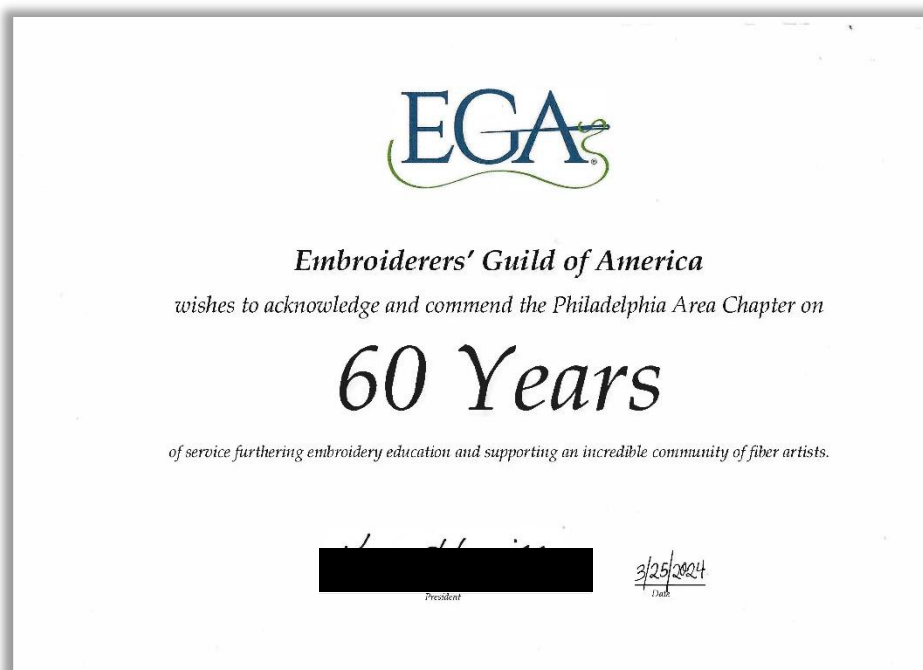
A VERY IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT MAR EMAIL MESSAGES - DO NOT FORWARD MAR MESSAGES TO ANYONE, INCLUDING OTHER PAC/MAR MEMBERS! Forwarding the message automatically unsubscribes you from the Mailchimp mailing list. If you want to forward the message to someone else, save or copy/paste on your computer/tablet, and then send in a new email to your intended recipient. **YOU ALSO MUST OPEN THE MESSAGES IN ORDER TO STAY ON THE MAILING LIST!**

SEPTEMBER 2024 – OUTREACH IN FLEECE

The PAC will again be providing fleece blankets for those in need this year. Please purchase approximately 2 yards of polar fleece material (solids and patterns suitable primarily for older teenagers and adults only, please) for each blanket as a donation to this worthwhile cause. We will also be collecting new adult-size white tube socks for shelter residents. We anticipate again making embroidered labels with words of encouragement which can be applied to the blankets using 6x6" pieces of a washable stitching fabric for a 4x4" stitching area on your label.

MAR BOARD SPRING MEETING WRAP - UP

We are looking back on a very successful weekend at the Crown Plaza in King of Prussia. We had the privilege of hosting the Spring MAR Board Meeting and a THaP, Cardinal Ornament by Liz Kisielewski, from April 5-6, 2024 and the opportunity to celebrate our 60th Diamond Anniversary with many members of the chapters in our region. We were able to display our 2023 President's Challenge bunting (more triangles are still welcome!), many people from the hotel took the time to admire our work and, who knows, we may have a new member from the weekend! It was a joy to see how many of our members were able to take the time to be together for the buffet luncheon. EGA National President Karen Hamilton joined the MAR meeting via Zoom and presented the PAC with the certificate below to celebrate our anniversary as the oldest continuing chapter in the country!



A special "thank you" to all the PAC members who helped design and produce the snap-trays for the Spring MAR Board Meeting attendees!

Idea Origination – Cinda Hall

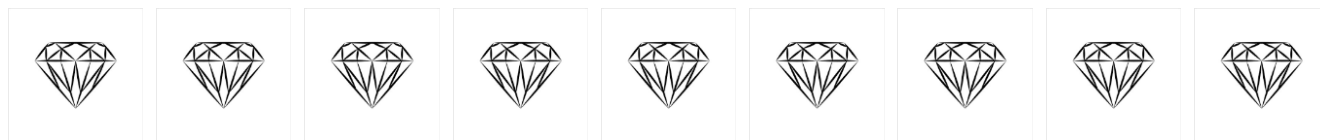
Idea Execution – Patty Smith-Gardner

Embroidered Design – Ciro Romer, Jr. (Gerty's son)

Peltex Cutting – Patty Smith-Gardner

Embroidery and Construction – Margaret Hardie, Fran Amore, Phyllis Archer & Gerty Romer-Harts

Also "thank you" to Cinda Hall, who provided the table pieces for the luncheon and the Philadelphia reusable tote bags for the favors; Mary Green, who provided the diamond-shaped cookies; and Phyllis Archer, who contacted the Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board for the visitor information.





APRIL 2024 – SHADING WITH CREWEL STITCHES THaP BY JUDY JEROY

This lovely program will be Shading with Crewel Stitches – a Take Home a Program by Judy Jeroy which will be taught by Lisa McGinnis. This project was the Take Home a Project (ThaP) at the MAR Spring 2023 Region Meeting. At this program, you will use basic stitches to shade a floral design, including chain stitch, burden stitch, French knots, coral knots, and stem/outline stitch. This is a way to stitch shading without using long and short stitches. The stitches in this program are fun to do and meditative once you get them started.

For this program, you should bring a 7" screw-adjustable embroidery hoop, crewel needles sizes 22, 24 and 26, and scissors. You can bring a battery-operated light and magnifier, if you prefer. The fabric for this program will be provided. An outline of the design will be on the fabric.

A PDF of the program directions with color pictures will be provided before the meeting by email. If you would like a black and white printout of the directions, let me know.

This program uses wool threads. Three colors in three shades of light, medium and dark are used in this program. In January, wool thread was provided for the Bargello frame weight program. You are welcome to use the wool you gathered at that meeting. If you would like wool for this program, let me know and it will be provided at the meeting. This is a free program.



MAY 2024 – BARGELLO STUDY BOX

The May program will showcase the Florentine and Related Embroidery Study Box from the National EGA office. The Florentine Study Box is a detailed study of what is popularly known as Bargello and includes over 100 worked examples of traditional patterns, contemporary adaptations, and color study. The Study Box will continue the conversation on Bargello that we began in January 2024, when we began the Bargello frame weight program.



JUNE 2024 – BABY, YOU'RE A FIREWORK!

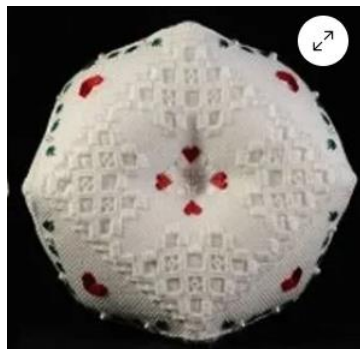
The June program is a fun EGA Stitch-A-Long program from July 2023. The instructions were written by Dianne Stauber. The program will be taught by Lisa McGinnis. This project celebrates not only our nation's independence, but also the uniqueness of every one of us. Fireworks are beautiful and they all sparkle differently . . . just like us. So, grab a piece of fabric from your stash, some pretty fibers, and stitch something as unique as you!

To prepare for the Stitch-A-Long, you will need some sparkly fibers like Kreinik or Treasure Braid or Fyre Works, and any other complementary threads in cotton or silk. The ground fabric can be a towel, or t-shirt, or any other fabric you would like to use to display your Firework(s). More information can be found here <https://egausa.org/fireworks-july-2023-stitchalong/>



JULY 2024 – VALENTINE BISCORNU by CINDY VALENTINE

Margaret Hardie will teach the Valentine Biscornu by Cindy Valentine at the PAC meeting on July 24, 2024.



PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2024 CALENDAR																				
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PAC EGA Board Meetings – 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. via Zoom
(except July and August, and subject to change)

Any chapter member is welcome to attend and participate in a Board meeting!

PAC EGA Chapter Meetings – 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 P.M.
at Paoli United Methodist Church, 81 Devon Rd., Paoli (subject to change)



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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, **Gerty Romer-Harts**, or our Membership Chair, **Phyllis Archer**, (contact info on page 2), who would be happy to provide information. Come and check us out - **You don't have to stitch alone!**



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