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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Dear stitching friends,

Another year has passed, and we have a lot to be grateful for. The PAC celebrated our 60 years as a chapter, and we had a nice lunch and a visit from MAR Region Director Donna Pence.

In November 2024, we had a visit from Ellen Endslow, the Director of Collections/Curator from the Chester County History Center, who gave a wonderful lecture about the Westtown School Samplers of the 18th and early 19th Centuries in Chester County after our Annual Meeting at my home. It really made me want to make a sampler again!

In December 2024, Cinda Hall treated us to Mimosas during our holiday gathering at her home. It was a lovely meeting with lots of show-and-tell. Lots of laughter and good spirits were had by all. Fran Amore has agreed to learn about the Treasurer duties and will work with our current Treasurer, Margaret Hardie. Thanks, Fran! The PAC is still hoping to find a volunteer to serve as Chapter President.

My wish for the new year is that everybody is in good health and has the stamina to do a lot of stitching. Let 2025 come! We will start it off with Camp Wannastitch in January 2025, and many chapter members are planning to attend.

Keep on stitching!

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

January	February	March
ThaP Cardinal Wool Felt Ornament	Annual Saturday Stitch-In	Bumble Bee Needleminder
7:00PM		7:00PM
January 22, 2025	11:00AM – 4:00PM	March 26, 2025
Paoli United	February 15, 2025	Paoli United
Methodist Church	Gerty Romer-Harts' home	Methodist Church
81 Devon Rd., Paoli		81 Devon Rd., Paoli

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NAMETAG POLICY

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STANDING COMMITTEES

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Our Chapter Website is: www.philaega.org

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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.

Thank you to **Marge Kelly**, who provided the PAC with commentary as she guided us through the virtual exhibition of Through the Needle's Eye from the EGA website at our October 2024 chapter meeting.

Thank you to **Gerty Romer-Harts and Cinda Hall** for hosting the PAC's November 2024 and December 2024 meetings, respectively, at their homes!

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

PLEASE NOTE – DIRECT 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.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Remember that as of January 1, 2024, persons aged 18-25 years may join EGA as Young Adults for a National membership dues rate of \$30 annually. Those under 18 years may join EGA by paying National membership dues of \$15 annually. These dues amounts apply to new memberships and renewals until the member ages out of the age group and does not include any applicable chapter and region dues. The memberships include all the benefits of a regular EGA membership except a printed copy of NeedleArts Magazine. The memberships do include online access to NeedleArts magazine.

IN THE NEWS –

Michelle Flamer's art quilt "O Say Can't You See" (flag quilt above Michelle's right shoulder) won an independently judged Best of Show in the 21st Annual Exhibit of the City of Philadelphia National Arts Program in December 2024. The City of Philadelphia NAP Exhibit is held annually in Philadelphia City Hall, and City of Philadelphia employees and their immediate family members are invited to participate. The full list of winners can be found at [21st Annual City of Philadelphia Art Contest & Exhibit for Employees and their families - Creative Philadelphia](#). Congratulations Michelle!



Maker's Festival (the former Interweave Bead Fest) is returning from August 1-3, 2025 at the Lancaster County Convention Center! Maker's Festival includes workshops, a marketplace, and demonstrations. The Bead Fest has been combined with Art Fest, Yarn Fest, and Stitch Fest. Workshops in each area plus one large marketplace to shop and see demonstrations. More information at <https://makerfestivals.com>

Montgomery County 4-H holds an Annual Giant Fabric Sale at the Montgomery County 4-H Center at 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. All kinds of fabrics, patterns, notions, needlecrafts, yarn and assorted sewing supplies are available as well as vintage fabrics and quilting supplies. Great way to donate items for a good cause that you no longer use or to add to your stash! More information at <https://montcopa4hcenter.org/fabric-sale/>

There have been several articles recently cautioning about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the creative world and needlework images generated by AI which are impossible to produce in real life via hand embroidery. Articles can be found at <https://loliandgrace.com/blogs/blog/artificial-intelligence-in-the-embroidery-space> and <https://www.needlenthread.com/2024/10/i-am-not-real-artificial-intelligence-in-the-needlework-world.html>. There are also videos which can be found on the Internet about how to spot needlework products that have been generated by AI so that you don't get scammed.

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. The chapter is still looking for a Stitch-in-Public site for get-togethers as well, so let a Board member know if you have any ideas for a location!

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

REGION REPRESENTATIVE 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.

Camp STITCH-A-LOT, the MAR Fall Retreat, at The Y at Watson Woods in Painted Post, New York is scheduled to be held again in September 2025. Watch for details in the MAR Newsletter.

CAMP WANNASTITCH will be held from January 16-19, 2026 with Early Bird start on January 15, 2026 in Ocean City, Maryland. Camp Wannastitch will again return to Ashore Resort and Beach Club (formerly The Clarion Fontainebleu). Watch for details in the 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. At least 80 MAR members have registered to attend.

The **2025 EGA National Seminar "Needlework Faire"** will be held from November 12-16, 2025 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas. Go to <https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2025/>.

The MAR is considering hosting the **2029 National Seminar**, as the MAR last hosted the National Seminar in 2016 in Washington, DC.

Remember that there are **MAR and National EGA scholarships** available – check them out! Also remember that National EGA also offers **virtual lectures** periodically – check the National EGA website for updates. www.egausa.org

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!**

SAVE THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2025 – MOON ON THE WATER WITH WENDY MOORE

The PAC will be hosting a two-day virtual class of “Moon on the Water” with Wendy Moore. Class will be held for 6 hours each day via Zoom. The finished size of this piece is 6” x 7”. There is no pre-work.

The goals for this piece are to work at moving from one color to the next as seamlessly as possible utilizing both color and texture of stitches chosen. The sky threads will glint a little as the stars rise around the moon. Long interlocking stitches such as giant brick stitched horizontally and staggered giant Hungarian ground stitches as well as darning stitches that take advantage of the canvas color, will light up around the moon down to the horizon. The moon itself will appear to glow on its own with a softness expressed with Vineyard, Pepper Pot, and Planet Earth silks. The craters of the moon will be indicated using the Circular Bargello Twist motif in two sizes. Shifting between the two and placement of segments of the Twist motifs will give texture to the moon. Add in a little glint for extra focus. The water will reflect the colors of the sky using the softer Pepper Pot and Vineyard silk threads in darning patterns and oblique long stitches. The whole point to the design is to emphasize the reflection of the moon on the water. This will be accomplished using small shallow crescent stitches manipulated to be their flattest. These will be stitched in the exposed canvas left after completing the water stitching.

Students to Provide: 12” stretcher bars (2 pair), tacks or staples, frame or frame-weight, laying tool (mandatory), usual stitching supplies, light and magnification recommended. I also would recommend a light colored towel or napkin to place under your stitching to help count the dark canvas.

Students will pay separately for the materials kit, which will cost approximately \$135 and will contain:

12" x 12" 18ct Antique Blue mono canvas, Taped & line drawn

3-hole punched Instruction packet with enlarged charts

Master Photo

Threads: Various silks, metallics and over-dyed flosses & pearls

Thread drops for organization

Needles: 20T, 22T

Small white lead pencil

The teaching fee will be \$60 per person. If you are interested in securing your spot for this wonderful opportunity, complete the coupon below and send it with a check for \$60 to PAC Treasurer Margaret Hardie. She will hold the checks until the details regarding the kit fee are finalized.



“MOON ON THE WATER”

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

EGA Chapter: _____



Send completed coupon and check for \$60 made payable to “PAC” to PAC Treasurer Margaret Hardie.

NOVEMBER 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

The PAC held its Annual Meeting on November 9, 2024. Ellen Endslow, the Director of Collections/Curator from the Chester County History Center, to speak about the Westtown School Samplers of the 18th and early 19th centuries in Chester County. A good time was had by all!



CAMP WANNASTITCH 2025



JANUARY 2025 MEETING – THAP CARDINAL WOOL FELT ORNAMENT by LIZ KISIELEWSKI

At the chapter meeting on January 22, 2025, Carol Hatton-Holmes will teach the recent Take Home a Project (ThaP) "Cardinal Wool Felt Ornament" designed by Liz Kisielewski.

This cute little stuffy was a Take Home a Project (ThaP) at the Spring 2024 Region Meeting, when the PAC celebrated our 60th Anniversary! Thoughts of the wonderful event will follow us as we stitch this ornament at the January 2025 meeting on January 22, 2025 at Paoli United Methodist Church. Both the bird and the branch are made from wool felt in shades of red, brown, black, green, and orange, and it is stitched using DMC floss. In addition, holly leaves are made of a single layer of felt and attached with 1/4" red buttons.

The anticipated kit fee is \$5. The kit will include: wool felt in 2 reds, brown, green, black, and orange; DMC floss in red, brown, and black; two 1/4" red buttons; 12" of cording or ribbon to hang the ornament; polyester stuffing; and complete instructions.

The student would need to supply their usual stitching kit, including a sharp pointed needle with a hole large enough for 3 strands of floss, and scissors for cutting felt and paper. A glue stick or small bottle of glue is helpful in place of using pins to attach parts. A toothpick or other tool for stuffing the bird and the branch would also be very helpful.



FEBRUARY 2025 MEETING – ANNUAL SATURDAY STITCH-IN – GETTING TO THE FINISH!

Our Annual Saturday Stitch-In will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Gerty Romer-Harts' home. This will be the chapter meeting for February 2025. The meeting will be dedicated to finishing. Whether it's completing the Cardinal Ornament, or the Valentine Biscornu, or some other project, this is the meeting where you can finish it so that it can finally be displayed or given as a gift! Please bring your own lunch and drink in addition to those unfinished projects.

MARCH 2025 MEETING – BUMBLE BEE NEEDLE MINDER

Let's dip a little into Japanese bead embroidery! You may have seen and loved the intricate beaded purses and accessories in this technique. This is done by starting with a printed fabric, and stitching beads onto the surface following the print. This is a tiny piece to try; the bee is printed on the fabric, and we will follow that print to lay different beads on the surface. It's fun! Afterwards, we will mount the piece on a covered button form, snap it onto the back with some magnets, and VOILA, we will have a needle minder! Email Patty Smith Gardner at pasg@comcast.net ASAP to reserve your kit! She will bring kits to the March 2025 meeting and you can pay for it there, or Venmo Patty.

Kits will be \$10 and will include all needed materials to complete the needle minder:

- 3" hoop
- Printed fabric
- Button form with magnets
- Beads
- threads

You will need to bring:

- Embroidery scissors
- a bead mat
- some beading needles
- Fabric scissors



APRIL 2025 MEETING – AMBROSIA HONEY or YOUR OTHER MEMORABLE PROJECT

How many of you have completed "Ambrosia Honey" by Karen Steklasa Matze, which is now part of EGA's Projects from EGA's Past? Do you want to be encouraged to give it a try? Or do you have another memorable project that you have completed? At the chapter meeting on April 23, 2025, we will have a Show-and-Tell of our "Ambrosia Honey" and other memorable projects.



PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2025 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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