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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Dear stitching friends,

I can hardly believe that it is already October! They say time flies when you are having fun! Well during September, we had a bunch of recovering friends, including me!! Maybe that is why the time went so fast. At least I was not totally with it. But on a happy note! We are all recovering!

Our September meeting was our outreach meeting, and I am so proud to be able to say that we had so many people participating, it warms my heart! As a cherry on the cake, we have a new chapter member and potentially a second new member! We made over 30 blankets and gathered over 100 pairs of socks and a lot of useful items for the homeless. Many thanks to everybody who participated! We are also making a lot of wonderful bookmarks for children, and we are working on Christmas ornaments for another charity for kids. Wow, we are going great. Thanks, Kay, for all your wonderful ideas!

At the October chapter meeting, we will watch together the virtual exhibit "Through the Needle's Eye" with Marge Kelly.

As a chapter, we will close this year with our annual lunch at my home on November 9, 2024 with a very interesting talk by the Chester County Historical Society and then our wonderful holiday gathering at Cinda Hall's home on December 7, 2024. Please have your President's Challenge item ready for the gathering. This year's President's Challenge is to make an ornament in Bargello. Don't forget to also bring your show-and-tell items to the gathering, too!

I would like to draw your attention to the things that will be happening next year in our chapter. We will start off with Camp Wannastitch in January 2025 and the MAR seminar in June 2025 – two wonderful outings that are worthwhile. Keep an eye on upcoming MAR Newsletters for more information.

I do have one request for everybody to consider. This year will be my third year as your President. Thank you all very much for the trust you have put in me. But it is time to hand over the presidency to somebody else. Please let me know if you want to help us maintain and grow our chapter as our next President or in one of the other Board positions. Together, we have made this chapter work for already 60 years, and we sure hope to add a number of years to it!

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

<p>October National EGA Exhibit Virtual Tour 7:00PM October 23, 2024 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli</p>	<p>November Annual Meeting & Potluck 11:00AM – 3:00PM November 9, 2024 Gerty Romer-Harts' home</p>	<p>December Holiday Party Show & Tell President's Challenge 11:00AM – 3:00PM December 7, 2024 Cinda Hall's home</p>
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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

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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.

Thank you to **Margaret Hardie** for teaching the Valentine Biscornu at the July and August 2024 meetings!

Thank you to **all the PAC members** who donated their time, energy, and socks to the Outreach in Fleece and Socks at the September 2024 meeting!

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 – 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.



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 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.

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 –

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>.

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=U1B4cXIreHlNWStzbnV5NUdwYTBCdz09>

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.

58 people attended **Camp STITCH-A-LOT, the MAR Fall Retreat, in September 2024** at The Y at Watson Woods in Painted Post, New York. Plans are underway for September 2025 at the same location.

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 is currently open until December 1, 2024 or until all spaces are filled.

The MAR Seminar, Stitching and Sowing Friendships, will be held on June 18-22, 2025 at Aspire Hotel and Suites in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Registration is open to MAR members and will open to non-MAR members on November 1, 2024. So far, 80 MAR members have registered to attend.

Registration is currently open for the **2025 EGA National Seminar “Needlework Faire” in Dallas, Texas**. Go to <https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2025/>.

Lastly, 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!**

SEPTEMBER MEETING - OUTREACH IN FLEECE & SOCKS



OCTOBER 2024 – VIRTUAL TOUR of THROUGH THE NEEDLES EYE (NATIONAL EGA HQ EXHIBIT)

The program originally planned for October 2024, the ThaP Cardinal Wool Felt Ornament by Liz Kisielewski, has been postponed to 2025 to allow for a tour of the virtual exhibition of Through the Needle's Eye from the EGA website. Marge Kelly, who assisted with the development of the exhibition, will provide us with commentary as she guides us through the virtual gallery. The program will be displayed on a 40-inch TV screen for our group's enjoyment.



NOVEMBER MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK

The PAC will be holding its Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM at Gerty Romer-Harts' home. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. Carol Hatton-Holmes has invited Ellen Endslow, the Director of Collections/Curator from the Chester County History Center, to speak at our Annual Meeting. The topic of the presentation is the Westtown School Samplers of the 18th and early 19th centuries in Chester County. The program includes a 1-hour presentation that will be followed by a potluck luncheon. Please RSVP to Gerty and tell her what you plan to bring to the potluck so the meal can be coordinated. Gerty will provide coffee, tea, and water for drinks. If you wish to have a different beverage, please feel free to bring it to the meeting.

DECEMBER MEETING – HOLIDAY PARTY & SHOW-AND-TELL & PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Join us at Cinda Hall's home on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 11AM to 3PM for our Holiday Party. Bring a treat/dessert to share, your favorite tea and a teacup to this annual celebration! Show-and-tell of projects completed in the past year are celebrated at this meeting. And bring your completed President's Challenge projects. This year's President's Challenge is to make an ornament using Bargello.

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

Our Annual Saturday Stitch-In is in its planning stage, and we are working on a date and location. We will let you know the details when they are available. 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.

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.



MARCH 2025 MEETING – BUMBLE BEE NEEDLE MINDER

At the chapter meeting on March 26, 2025, Patty Smith Gardner will teach a beaded project which she designed. We will celebrate the start of spring by beading this Bumble Bee Needle Minder. This program will be fun, quick, and easy! Bee-lieve it!



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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.
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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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