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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Dear stitching friends,

2024 will be hopefully a memorable year for the PAC. This year, our chapter will be 60 years young! Wow, how many stitches would that be from all the chapter members? Let's make it a good year together! And we start off with a nice Bargello piece in January 2024. This old technique is worth exploring! Also, during the rest of the year, we will keep exploring projects using new and old techniques. Lastly, keep your eyes and ears open for the changes that are coming for the payment of your EGA dues this year. Please let us know if you have any problems handling it. You should get an email next month with instructions from National EGA.

I want to welcome our new Board members. Without them, there would not be a chapter. Our new Board members include Cinda Hall as our Vice President, Susan Miska as our Secretary, Lisa McGinnis as our Programs chair, Carol Hatton-Holmes as our Region Rep, and Kay Braun as our Outreach coordinator. And, of course, the other Board members who agreed to help out for another year! They include Margret Hardie as Treasurer, Phyllis Archer as our Membership chair, Patty Smith-Gardner as our Education expert, Liz Gilbert as our Webmistress, and Laura Bonnington for our Newsletter.

From April 5-6, 2024, the PAC will host the MAR Spring Meeting with a Take Home a Project (THaP), a lovely felted cardinal, at the Crown Plaza in King of Prussia. It is our great pleasure to welcome the MAR to celebrate the PAC's 60th Anniversary with us. During this weekend, we will host a luncheon for all our chapter members and Region Reps.

I wish everybody a wonderful year with lots of pleasure, support and many, many stitches!

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

January	February	March
Bargello Frame Weight	Saturday Stitch-In	Final Prep for Spring MAR Meeting
7:00PM	11:00AM – 5:00PM	7:00PM
January 24, 2024	February 24, 2024	March 27, 2024
Paoli United Methodist Church	Diane Bishop's home	Paoli United Methodist Church
81 Devon Rd., Paoli		81 Devon Rd., Paoli

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Past MAR Region Dir - Patty Smith Gardner

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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.



Thank you to **Gerty Romer-Harts** for coordinating the Magnolia Leaf ThaP for the October meeting and hosting the Annual Meeting Potluck at her home in November.

Thank you to **Cinda Hall** to hosting the Holiday Tea Show & Tell and President's Challenge at her home in December.

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.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES –

The PAC currently has 30 members and 6 plural members. We are pleased at the prospect of several new members joining soon.

This year, National EGA is implementing an online dues payment process for members which will begin on April 1, 2024 (do not try to renew your membership before that date). Members will use a credit card, Apple Pay, and Google Pay to pay their membership dues. Life members and plural members will continue to pay their chapter and any applicable region dues to their chapter by check. Look for further information from National EGA regarding the process. Check the FAQs about the new process at <https://egausa.org/dues-news-changes-coming-to-ega-membership-dues-in-2024-and-frequently-asked-questions> . 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.

STITCH-IN-PUBLIC SATURDAY GET-TOGETHERS-

For several years prior to early 2020, the PAC held Stitch-In Public Saturdays, which were great fun and increased our visibility in the area, bringing new members to our chapter. If you have any suggestions for a public site in which to hold Stitch-In-Public Get-Togethers, please contact a Board member. Hopefully we can find a suitable location!

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY 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 camera. The meetings start at 7:30 P.M. If you need assistance getting started on Zoom, let us know! The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83846072655?pwd=U1B4cXlreHlNWStzbnV5NUdwYTBCdz09>. It is a great way to stay connected with your stitching buddies and show us what you're working on.

REGION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – CAROL HATTON-HOLMES

The next MAR Board Meeting will be held in person on April 5-6, 2024 and hosted by the PAC at the Crown Plaza, 260 Mall Boulevard, in King of Prussia. There will be a THaP, Cardinal Ornament by Liz Kisielewski. There will also be a luncheon that will be open to all which will include a buffet with a variety of salads and wraps, including a vegan option. PAC President Gerty Romer-Harts will be issuing a luncheon invitation to all the PAC members shortly for the luncheon to celebrate the PAC's Diamond Anniversary. Please be sure to respond to her invitation.

The MAR is holding virtual Stitch-Ins, hosted by Darcy Walker of the Oatlands Chapter. She will be sending out an invitation each month on the first Monday 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 STITCHALOT was held on September 7-10, 2023 in Painted Post, New York and was a success! The event will be held again on September 19-22, 2024 at the same location.

CAMP WANNASTITCH will be held from January 17-20, 2025 (please note the corrected dates from the last PAC Newsletter) with Early Bird start on January 16, 2024 in Ocean City, MD. Camp Wannastitch will again return to Ashore Resort and Beach Club (formerly The Clarion Fontainebleu). Registration information will be in an upcoming MAR Newsletter.

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!**

IN THE NEWS –

Have you checked out the Through the Needle's Eye virtual exhibit from the EGA website which opened on September 1, 2023? You can stroll through the gallery rooms at your own pace, observing the 57 pieces on display from a distance or up close to see the details of the pieces. Each piece also includes an artist statement to gain insight into the piece. The exhibit can be found at <http://egausa.org/tne>

FEBRUARY MEETING ~ SATURDAY STITCH ~ IN

The PAC will host its annual Saturday Stitch-In on February 24, 2024 in place of the chapter meeting that month. Bring your works-in-progress, or just stop by to see what your friends are making! This is also a good time to ask questions if you are having trouble with a recent chapter or other EGA project. Bring your Bargello frame weight for some instruction on finishing the project from Patty. The Stitch-In will be at Diane Bishop's home from 11AM – 5PM. Bring a dish to share. Coffee, tea, water and iced tea will be provided.

MARCH MEETING - FINAL PREP FOR SPRING MAR MEETING

We will be using the March chapter meeting to get ready for hosting the 2024 MAR Spring Meeting which will be held on April 5-6, 2024. The March meeting will be held on March 27, 2024 at Paoli United Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M.

JANUARY MEETING - BARGELLO FRAME WEIGHT

Let's try Bargello! This very old technique is very rhythmic and fun to do. We will try a small piece of Bargello in a flame pattern. You can make this into a frame weight/paperweight, or just do the center square and use it however you wish.

The chapter has a stash of many different wool threads that were donated, so we are going to use those, and the Chapter has paid for the 18-count canvas! ***This is an in-person-only event!*** Come on out and enjoy! We will not be mailing kits. Your kit will contain the 7" square of canvas with the outline drawn on it, one hank each of black and white yarns, and the chart with starting instructions. You can choose your own color combo of 5 other colors from the wools we have in the Chapter stash!

Supplies you will need to bring: Tapestry needle in a size 20 or 22, and your usual stitching supplies; scissors, lighting, magnification if needed. This will be done "in hand", so no frame is required. If you find that you absolutely need a frame after trying this, you will need a 7" square frame and tacks.

So far, we have 14 members registered for what will be a fun project!



APRIL 2024 – SHADING WITH CREWEL STITCHES THaP BY JUDY JEROY

This project was the Take Home a Project (ThaP) at the MAR Spring 2023 Region Meeting. Lisa McGinnis will lead the PAC through the basic stitches to shade a floral design, including chain, burden stitch, French knots, coral knots, and stem/outline stitch. There are no long and short stitches in the project! You should plan to bring a 7" screw-adjustable embroidery hoop, scissors, and lights and magnifier, if needed. Further details about supplies will be provided in the future.



PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2024 CALENDAR																				
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PAC EGA Board Meetings – 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 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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