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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Dear stitching friends,

Happy New Year to all of you! It is hard to believe that a year has passed since you chose me as your Chapter President. The year was full of challenges. We finally were able to organize our own get together in person and get a lot of stitching done! We were also able to welcome a few new and returning people to our chapter. We hope they will feel very welcome and enjoy their time with us. We experienced lots of old and new techniques, like the cross-stitch ornament, ribbon embroidery, the canvas Aztec scissor case and also the ornament made with plush work, something I definitely have never done before! And I loved it! In spite of all the challenges these last few years, I am so glad we still can feel pleasure in our stitching.

It is of great pleasure to me that Margaret Hardie has agreed to take on the task of Community Outreach. With her extended knowledge of our chapter area and the EGA, I have all the confidence that she will come up with lots of new roads to pursue.

This year, we start off with Camp Wannastitch in Ocean City, Maryland! It will be different this year but hopefully just as fun and rewarding as before the hotel got new owners. Thanks to Anne Wilson for doing such a terrific job during the transition. Let's all be on our best behavior to make it all go well! With our chapter, we will start off with an easier goldwork piece, under the expert guidance of Patty Smith-Gardner, to see if we would like to do more goldwork. In February, we will enjoy a nice day of stitching at Diane's or my house (to be determined closer to the date). In March, we start off with Mary Corbet's bee-jeweled pincushion, with all kind of lovely techniques. We are heading in the direction of spring, but let us make the best of this time to get some stitches in.

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

January	February	March
Golden Shamrock EGA Petite Project 7:00PM January 25, 2023 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli	Saturday Stitch-In February 25, 2023 home of Diane Bishop or Gerty Romer details TBA mid-February	Bee-Jeweled Pincushion By Mary Corbet Pt.1 7:00PM March 22, 2023 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli

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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 – Margaret Hardie

Education – Patty Smith Gardner

Fund Raising – Volunteer needed!

Librarian – Gerty Romer Harts

Membership & Directory – Phyllis Archer

Newsletter – Laura Bonnington

Programs – Diane Bishop

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:

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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 coordinating the Plushwork Pointsettia Ornament at the October chapter meeting!

Thank you to **Lisa McGinnis**, who arranged for our guest speaker, **Patrick Barron**, at our Annual Meeting in November!

And thank you to **Cinda Hall**, who hosted our Holiday Gathering at her lovely home in December!



The position of **Fund-Raising Chair** remains open. Board meetings are held monthly (except July and August) via Zoom. Attendance at Board meetings for Committee members is welcome, but not required, and filling vacancies will greatly help your Board and your chapter. Please consider volunteering!

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 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom. Any chapter member is welcome to attend and participate in a Board meeting.

IMPORTANT! – BOARD VOTES TO END DUES SUBSIDY

Several years ago, the PAC Board voted to subsidize primary members' dues by \$7 to offset increases in dues by EGA National. We have recently received messages of concern about this from Mid-Atlantic Region and National officials. They expressed to us that this was unfair, as it only applied to primary members. Our response was that only primary members paid National dues through our chapter. The officials remained concerned that this practice could appear discriminatory and requested that we change it.

In response to this concern, the PAC Board voted at their December 2022 meeting to discontinue the subsidy as of the 2023 dues renewal. Therefore, ALL chapter members will pay Chapter dues of \$16 in May 2023. National dues and Mid-Atlantic Region dues remain the same at \$39 and \$2, respectively.

Total dues for 2023 will be:

Primary members \$57

Plural members within MAR \$16

Plural members outside MAR \$18 (includes \$2 to MAR)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES –

The PAC currently has 24 members and 6 plural members.

Our dues breakdown as of May 2023 is as follows:

Chapter dues \$16

MidAtlantic Region dues \$2 (MAR no longer prorates dues for partial-year membership)

EGA National dues \$39

As of May 2023, 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.

If there are any further questions about dues, please direct them to the Treasurer, Margaret Hardie.

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME! EVERYONE PAYS DUES ANNUALLY BY MAY 15

New members joining at other times will have prorated National dues. Regional and Chapter dues are not prorated. Applicable times and amounts will be posted in upcoming newsletters.

For anyone who wishes to join but finds the dues too financially burdensome, there are options. Please contact Phyllis Archer, Membership Chair, or Margaret Hardie at pacega.treasurer@gmail.com, to discuss with complete confidentiality.

PAC 2023 MEMBERSHIP COUPON

*Name _____
Email _____
Cell: _____
Phone: _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip: _____

*If your information has not changed, only fill in your name.

Please Note: You are renewing or joining until May 2024.

\$57.00 Primary members

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

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

\$18.00 Lifetime members

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

To receive a EGA membership card, include a SASE.

Mail to:

Phyllis Archer at [REDACTED]

Cell # [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

**Mid-Atlantic Region has chapters in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, and parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Deadline is May 15, 2023

IN THE NEWS – 2022 PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE WINNER

This year, our Holiday Gathering was held on December 14, 2022. The 2022 President's Challenge was to make a stitchery item for a teenager. There were many beautiful entries, such as a music box with a stitched cover, a Sashiko quilted notebook, a rainbow-patterned zippered pouch with words of inspiration on it, and many more. The winner was Phyllis Archer's blue jeans with embroidered back pockets, which she said have now become her Granddaughter's favorites!



APRIL 2024 MAR REGION MEETING HOSTED BY PAC

The PAC has volunteered to host the April 2024 MAR Region Meeting. More details coming in the near future!

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! Lisa McGinnis sent an email with the full schedule. 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. BYOB!

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 (use their new email addresses!) Hopefully we can find a suitable location!

REGION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT –DIANE BISHOP

Please check the MAR website (www.marega.org) for **teachers who are available to teach via Zoom** and let a PAC Board member know if you are interested in a particular teacher/class. The MAR website also now has the Royal School of Needlework stitch bank. There is also information there about MAR scholarships, which are underutilized.

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.

The PAC has purchased a Zoom account through the MAR.

Camp Wannastitch will be held from January 13-16, 2023 with Early Bird start on January 12, 2023 in the Ocean City Fontainebleu Resort (formerly the Clarion Fontainebleu) in Ocean City, Maryland.

The **next MAR Board Meeting** will be held in person on May 5-6, 2023 hosted by the Wyoming Valley Chapter in the Wilkes-Barre area. The **following MAR Board Meeting** will be held on November 4-5, 2023, hosted by the Fauquier Chapter in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Toni Gerdes will present SMART Day based on her kimono project.

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.

JANUARY MEETING ~ GOLDEN SHAMROCK EGA PETITE PROJECT

Golden Shamrock by Helene Ossipov from the Starlights Stitchers Chapter in Arizona.

Have you wanted to try Goldwork? Has it seemed like a HUGE undertaking that scares you? Well, not to worry! The EGA has this lovely little nibble of the technique, where you just learn to stitch down rows of gold cord in a shape. Nothing scary!

Let's all give it a try in January! You can go to the EGA website and log in, then download the PDF to get a full list of supplies and detailed instructions for this good luck charm.



FEBRUARY MEETING ~ SATURDAY STITCH-IN

The PAC will host its annual Saturday Stitch-In on February 25, 2023 in place of the chapter meeting that month. Bring your works-in-progress and put in a few hours of work among friends and fellow stitchers! 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. The Stitch-In will be at either Diane Bishop's home or Gerty Romer's home, and the location will be announced in mid-February 2023. Be on the lookout for an email about one week beforehand with all the details.

NOVEMBER MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

The PAC held its Annual Meeting on November 5, 2022. Our guest speaker, Patrick Barron, shared his passion for hunting for unique antique items that he re-imagines as vessels to showcase simple stitch patterns or messages. Several of our members also attended the presentation via Zoom.



MARCH & APRIL MEETINGS - BEE-JEWELED PINCUSHION BY MARY CORBET

This lovely little pincushion uses simple surface embroidery stitches and some bead embellishment, as well as a fun tutorial on finishing. We thought it would be a perfect SPRING project!

This is a free project from Mary's website, which she published over several weeks. The texts are long; it totals over 34 pages! So Patty will be emailing the whole thing as one PDF for you to keep on your computer. You can read thru the whole project and decide which pages you need to print. Most of them you can just read and keep in your computer! Mary did make kits last year for this project, but they are currently sold out. She MAY have them back in stock before our meeting. Her kits were around \$23, and we will let you know if they become available again.

In case Mary does not get the kits back in stock, PLAN B is that Patty Smith Gardner will make up kits for the chapter. Patty can put kits together of the beads, some oatmeal colored linen, a piece of board for the base, and some of the Pellon interfacing. Patty used ground walnut shells for the filling, as it adds a nice heft to the pincushion, and can add those to the kits. As there are only four colors of DMC floss needed, you can pull those from your stash. The four colors are: two shades of green, a white, and another color you like for the knotted borders. A full list of what will be included in the chapter kit and the kit cost will be announced later. Patty will put out an email for kit reservations and estimates the cost will be approximately \$10-15.

At the chapter meeting on March 22, 2023, Gerty Romer will get us started tracing the pattern and stitching the project, and at the chapter meeting on April 26, 2023, Patty will cover finishing the pincushion.



PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2023 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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