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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Dear fellow stitchers,

Summer is here and it is lovely weather to stitch in the shade! Last week we experienced a lovely seminar from MAR, Waves of Stitches, in the lovely settings of Norfolk, Virginia. The seminar was not as big as we had hoped, but nonetheless very well organized and lots of fun. If you are an older stitcher or a younger stitcher, there were a lot of fun classes to join. I was really happy to see that next to the established stitching techniques, a few classes used mixed media and different techniques in one piece, steering us to a more modern use of needlework without forgetting all the old wonderful stitch methods that we know and love!

This was followed by a wonderful class in ribbon work in our June meeting by Lisa McGinnis. This time, there were no flowers, but a lovely fish that had a lot of possibilities. Thank you Lisa, it was great and we learned a lot again. We hope to show you in time the different fishes that we made!

It was very hard for me to think of a President's Challenge for this year, so I decided to ask you to think!! If you want to make something for your teenager, grandchild, child, friend, or child of a friend, what would be something that they would like you to put on their jacket, shirt or bag? And what medium would appeal to them? Applique, embroidery, paint plus embroidery, beads? Let your thoughts go wild and let us see the results in November at the Annual Meeting!.

See if you can use the summertime with your family to come up with ideas!

As always, keep on stitching and enjoy what you are doing.

Happy sunshine!

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

July Aztec Scissors Case Pt 1	August Aztec Scissors Case Pt 2	September Outreach in Fleece & Sock
7:00PM July 27, 2022 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli	7:00PM August 24, 2022 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli	7:00PM September 28, 2022 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli

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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:

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and password is:

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Philadelphia Area Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America Membership

Annual Dues: \$50.00

Plural membership: within Mid-Atlantic Region \$16.00

Lifetime Member: \$18.00

This includes National and Regional dues and subscription of Needle Arts Magazine.

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

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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!



Thank you to **Cinda Hall** for coordinating the Spring Sampler by Melita Glavin for the March and April chapter meetings!

Thank you to **Gerty Romer-Harts** for coordinating the Overdyed Spools THAP by Melita Glavin and hosting an all-day stitch-in at her home for the May chapter meeting.

Thank you also to **Lisa McGinnis**, who coordinated and taught the Silk Ribbon Stitching Fish, Anemones & Floaters at the June chapter meeting and has kept our chapter members connected via Zoom during these times!



The positions of **Fund-Raising Chair** and **Community Outreach Chair** remain open. Board meetings are held monthly (except July and August) at Panera Bread in King of Prussia (currently being held via Zoom until further notice). Attendance at Board meetings for these positions is welcome, but not required, and filling these vacancies will greatly help your Board and your chapter. Please consider volunteering for these important positions!

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. **THE SEPTEMBER 2022 BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 AT 7:00PM** via Zoom due to a scheduling conflict on the 1st Monday in September 2022. Meetings will return to the regular schedule beginning in October 2022.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES –

The PAC currently has 24 members and 6 plural members. The following members have not renewed for 2022-2023: [REDACTED]. If you believe that your name is listed here in error, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Phyllis Archer.

Our dues breakdown is as follows:

Chapter dues \$16

MidAtlantic Region dues \$2

EGA National dues \$39 minus a \$7 subsidy from the chapter treasury for primary members.

Therefore, primary members pay \$50, 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 this, please direct them to the Treasurer, Margaret Hardie.

IN THE NEWS –

The EGA Facebook Stitch-Along (SAL) page now has over 6,300 members and continues to grow!. Check it out! Many of the projects have been the freebies available on the EGA website or in NeedleArts Magazine. This is another great way to stay connected!

Interweave Bead Fest is returning in 2022 and celebrating its 20th anniversary! It will be held from August 17-20, 2022 at the Lancaster County Convention Center. This is the nation's largest bead show and features over 100 workshops and over 125 vendors in the Marketplace Expo. More information can be found at www.beadfest.com.

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! Look for an email message from Lisa McGinnis with the full schedule and connection instructions as well as a weekly email reminder about the upcoming meeting (which may be from someone other than Lisa). It is a great way to stay connected with your stitching buddies and show us what you're working on, or just sit in and chat, but BYOB!

ROYAL SCHOOL OF NEEDLEWORK NEWS!

The Royal School of Needlework began building a Stitch Bank in 2020 to collate all the stitches in the world and put them online for all to use. There are currently 225 stitches in the Stitch Bank, and each stitch includes information about the history of stitch and step-by-step instructions for the stitch, with photographs, illustrations, and a video! The PAC Board voted in 2020 to make a donation to adopt a stitch for our chapter. It took some time, but we have now received our official certificate, and we are the proud owners of the Loop Stitch! Please check the Royal School of Needlework website at <https://royal-needlework.org.uk/rsnstitchbank/> for more information about the Stitch Bank. Check out our stitch!



LOOP STITCH

CENTIPEDE STITCH, KNOTTED LOOP STITCH



Loop stitch is a line stitch with a raised, plaited centre. It is often worked in straight or gently curved lines, but it can be used for an open filling.

+ MY STITCHES



LOOPED



PLAITED



RAISED



BORDER



EMBELLISHMENT



SURFACE



MOUNTMELICK



Loop stitch is generously sponsored by
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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 **EGA Seminar 2022 Broadway Bound** will take place on August 24-28, 2022 in NYC.

The **MAR Nominating committee is still looking for a new MAR Region Director** to replace Donna Pence when her term ends.

The **next MAR Board Meeting** will be held in person on September 17, 2022, hosted by the Colonial West Jersey Chapter, with a THaP, Nature's Palette by Catherine Jordan, in which she teaches how to embroider a magnolia leaf. See the coupon in the Winter Issue of the MAR Newsletter.

The PAC has volunteered to host the Spring 2024 MAR Region Meeting. Please consider volunteering to coordinate this effort. Once the hotel is selected (last time we hosted a meeting, we used the Sheraton in Frazer), the MAR takes care of the details. We need someone to make a list of area restaurants and also decide/coordinate any welcome details that we wish to provide to attendees. There is no THAP involved in this meeting.

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 mailing list of the mail service that the MAR is using, Mailchimp. 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.

STITCH-IN-PUBLIC SATURDAY GET-TOGETHERS-

Our Friday and Saturday Get-Togethers in the Food Court at Wegmans Market in King of Prussia are **temporarily suspended until further notice**. These Stitch-In Public Saturdays were great fun and increased our visibility in the area, bringing new members to our chapter. If you have any suggestions for an alternate public site in which to hold our Stitch-In-Public Get-Togethers, please contact a Board member (use their new email addresses!) Stay tuned for updates!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! – ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. The Board is planning a potluck dinner and arranging for a speaker. Further details and location will be announced.

JULY & AUGUST MEETINGS – AZTEC SCISSORS CASE

In 2021, the EGA Stitch-a-Long Facebook page did a neat project called Aztec Scissor Case. PAC member Liz Gilbert thought it looked so neat that she decided to do it, and it turned out to be a really fun project! It's pretty simple and quick to stitch. And even finishing isn't that bad (for those of you who are serial non-finishers like Liz)! The plan is to begin work on the stitching at the July meeting, then go over finishing at the August meeting. The EGA SAL did it in 3 parts – you'll need to download the PDF from each of those posts:

- <https://egausa.org/aztec-scissors-case-april-2021-stitch-a-long/>
- <https://egausa.org/june-2021-stitch-a-long-aztec-scissors-case-side-2/>
- <https://egausa.org/september-2021-stitchalong-aztec-scissors-case-finishing/>

The colors used on the SAL were the official EGA colors, but it's fairly easy to choose your own colors. Here's the list of supplies that you will need for the entire project:

- 18-ct mono canvas cut to 6" x 12"
- 1 ball #8 perle cotton for the border
- 4 skeins of #8 perle cotton for the stitching (in 4 different colors)
NOTE: The PDF recommends #5 perle cotton, but Liz recommends using #8 as she found the #5 frayed extremely easily on this size of canvas
- 1 ball #12 perle cotton to match the canvas
- Ultrasuede for finishing (approx. 3"x4")
- Sewing thread for tacking the ultrasuede
- 6" and 12" stretcher bars with tacks
- Size 24-ish needle
- Optional: something to hold down Ultrasuede while stitching (recommended Clover clips)

For the initials on side 2, Liz created a pattern file that she can modify for any initials. Let her know if you'd like her to work up a pattern for you!



SEPTEMBER MEETING – OUTREACH IN FLEECE & SOCKS

The PAC will again be providing fleece blankets for those in need. Please purchase approximately 2 yards of polar fleece material (solids and patterns suitable primarily for teenagers and adults, 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. Further details to follow regarding the identity of this year's designated charity.

OCTOBER MEETING – PLUSHWORK POINSETTIA ORNAMENT

Who wants to try something completely new? This interesting technique is called Plushwork, also German Tufted Wool Embroidery, or Amish Stumpwork!

In the late 19th Century, thrifty homemakers would use salvaged yarn from knitted garments and scraps of wool to create multicolored stars or flowerlike designs. The wool was stitched around a tin template and used to create a pincushion or decorative pillow.

This is a fun way to play with the wool we were gifted a while ago! Patty will be making up kits from the wool and some purchased fabrics. This will keep the cost of the kits very low!

Coupon for participating will be in the Oct/Nov/Dec 2022 PAC newsletter - Watch for it!



PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2022 CALENDAR

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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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