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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Yes, spring has sprung, and that means nicer weather and a lot to do in the gardens. Many of us stitchers also are very fond of gardening, so it will be a challenge to choose between gardening and stitching. Lucky for us, we have a very nice piece to work on in March and April 2023, the lovely Bee-Jeweled Pincushion from Mary Corbet, under the fantastic guidance of Patty Smith Gardner! This project puts us really in a spring mood, with a mix of gardening, stitching and beading, and lots of colors to work with! Our April 2023 meeting will be at my house in Malvern and you can arrive as early as 3PM to make sure that we have enough time to finish everything with this project to perfection.

During the February 2023 Stitch-In, we were happy to welcome some new faces, and I hope this will result in some new members. We are all working very hard to keep our handcraft alive, and we would welcome everybody who has ideas about how to attract more, and especially younger, people to EGA. And we are always open for new, fun ideas!

Also, we have some news from National regarding voting on EGA matters at the National level as individuals. In the past, these matters were always voted on as a single vote per chapter. But that means that people who do not belong to a chapter, Members-at-Large, had no vote at all in these matters. This group is rapidly growing, and EGA does not want them to feel left out of the decision-making process. You will all receive an email from me asking you if you agree that members should vote individually in EGA matters.

Enjoy your stitching and spread the word. Keep stitching together. It keeps you sane! Happy spring!

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

April 2023	May 2023	June 2023
Bee-Jeweled Pincushion By Mary Corbet Pt.2	Sheep Needle Keep	Wavy Flag Beaded Bracelet
7:00PM (can arrive beginning at 3:00PM) April 26, 2023 Gerty Romer's home	7:00PM May 24, 2023 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli	7:00PM June 28, 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

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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 **Patty Smith Gardner** for coordinating the Golden Shamrock EGA Petite Project for our January 2023 meeting and the Bee-Jeweled Pincushion from Mary Corbet for our March and April 2023 meetings!

And thank you to **Gerty Romer**, who hosted our Annual Stitch-In at her lovely home in February!

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



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 7:30 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 dues of \$2.00 and Chapter dues of \$16.00 are not prorated.

New Member Prorated Dues

Date	Proration	Total Dues Amount
April 1 – June 30, 2023	100%	\$57.00
July 1- September 2023	75%	\$47.25
October 1 -December 31, 2023	50%	\$37.50
January 1- March 31	25%	\$27.75

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 pcega.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 332 Abrams Mill Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406
 Cell #215-260-8114
 Email: parcher5@gmail.com

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

Deadline is May 15, 2023

WORD OF THANKS FROM DIANE BISHOP

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, notes, meals, flowers and kind words during my recent illness. They provided a great deal of comfort during a difficult time. It is so true what they say about stitchers (and knitters); they will always be there for you. Another reason to keep EGA alive and flourishing.

IN THE NEWS –

The PAC was well-represented at **Camp Wannastitch 2022** in Ocean City, Maryland!



The owners of **Rittenhouse Needlepoint** have decided to sell the business and have said that they are seeking new owners who will grow and further improve the business. More information can be found in the most recent issue of Needlepoint Now. Rittenhouse Needlepoint remains open for business as normal at this time.

APRIL 2024 MAR REGION MEETING HOSTED BY PAC

The PAC has volunteered to host the April 2024 MAR Region Meeting. In 2024, the PAC, the oldest continuing chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, will also celebrate its 60th Anniversary. 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=U1B4cXIreHINWStzbnV5NUdwYTBCdz09>. It is a great way to stay connected with your stitching buddies and show us what you're working on.

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!



The RSN Online International Summer School is coming to The Americas!

This July and August expert RSN Tutors are teaching 17 Online Classes, across a variety of hand embroidery techniques, for beginners to advanced, which are at the perfect time for The Americas time zone, starting between 9am and midday EST.

We would love you to forward this email to your members so that they can benefit from the Early Bird Offer, until 10 April, and additional discounts if they book two or more classes! And, they will receive a further 10% off if they become an RSN Friend.*

All students will be invited to four Online Talks and receive an exclusive RSN welcome gift which they will be able to use in their RSN classes and beyond.

The RSN is bringing the world together through the art of hand embroidery. This summer, join us on an embroidery adventure you'll never forget!

Join the Onsite Summer School in London & Glasgow

You must become an RSN Friend in a separate transaction to your International Summer School booking to benefit from the RSN Friends discount.

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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 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.

Camp Wannastitch will be held from January 12-15, 2023 with Early Bird start on January 11, 2023 in Ocean City, Maryland. Look for details in a MAR Newsletter later this year.

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. Gerty Romer will be attending the meeting and taking the THaP (Take Home a Project) class, "Shading with Crewel" by Judy Jeroy. The **next 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.

MARCH & APRIL MEETINGS ~ BEE~JEWELLED 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! Patty used ground walnut shells for the filling, as it adds a nice heft to the pincushion. 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.

At the chapter meeting on March 22, 2023, Gerty Romer got us started stitching the project, after Patty had traced all the pieces of fabric, and at the chapter meeting on April 26, 2023, Patty will cover assembling and stuffing the pincushion. How are your Bee-Jeweled Pincushions coming???

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

Get your stitching on the pincushion all finished and bring it to the meeting on April 26, 2023 at Gerty Romer's home at 197 Applebrook Drive in Malvern. We have changed the location for this meeting in order to have more flexibility and additional time to work on the finishing. WE WILL NOT HAVE THIS MONTH'S MEETING AT PAOLI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. We will be meeting in Gerty's home instead.

We will also extend the length of the meeting. For those who can make it, you can arrive as early as 3PM at Gerty's home. We will order pizzas for dinner, and we'll continue the assembly after we eat! Gerty will provide water, tea and coffee. Feel free to bring another beverage or your own dinner meal, if you prefer. If you can't make it until 7PM, that is fine! Just come when you can, and we will get you caught up. By extending the time of the meeting, Patty will have more time to help everyone personally to get their piece finished.

Bring:

- Your finished Bee Jeweled Pincushion (stitching all completed)
- Hand sewing thread to match the ground fabric
- Hand sewing needle
- DMC stranded cotton thread in the color you want for the knotted edging
- Embroidery needle for knotted edging; #7 crewel would be good
- Usual stitching supplies

As always, if you are not working on the pincushion, please come and work on your own piece; all are welcome to join in the fun!!!



MAY MEETING - SHEEP NEEDLE KEEP

For those of you who remember the Sheep Ditty Bag which Diane Bishop coordinated for the October 2019 PAC meeting (photo below), we will make a Sheep Needle Keep to coordinate with the Ditty Bag at our May 2023 meeting. Diane will prepare kits which will contain the pattern and enough high quality wool to complete the project. This is a quick and satisfying project for those fleece lovers! You will need to bring the following to the meeting:

- Floss for the flowers embroidered on the cover
- Fusible web (double-sided)
- Sharp scissors
- Needles
- Valdani pearl cotton (Diane has a large selection, if you don't have any)
- Pencil
- Usual stitching supplies

Diane will supply the iron and ironing board at the meeting. 10 kits will be available for \$10.00 each. If you would like to reserve a kit, please email Diane at didab@aol.com. She will accept PayPal or Venmo for the kits.



Sheep Ditty Bag (October 2019)



Sheep Needle Keep (May 2023)

JUNE MEETING - WAVY FLAG BEADED BRACELET

Let's get ready for the Fourth of July by making a Peyote stitch beaded bracelet called "Wavy Flag Bracelet" from Dixie Ackerman. Cinda Hall will be coordinating this project, and she will prepare 10 kits which will each contain Red, White and Blue + Gold or Silver Size #11 Delica beads, #8 White Fireline, a beading needle and (2) 4mm crystals and additional Delica beads for the toggle, plus a pattern. You may also use a clasp or button for the closure instead of making the toggle. Each kit will be \$4.00, or you can use our own supplies, and request a pattern only. Please send an email to Cinda at CindaH810@aol.com to reserve a kit or to request a pattern. There will be kits available at the May meeting.

A free YouTube video presented by Potomac Beads showing how to make the Wavy Flag Beaded Bracelet can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=543Ns90B6aQ>.

If you do not know how to do Peyote stitch or would like to refresh your memory, Cinda suggests watching a YouTube tutorial before the meeting. She suggests the tutorial found at <https://artbeads.com/design-studio/how-to-make-even-peyote-stitch/>.



JULY & AUGUST MTGS - FAVORITE MEDALLION #1 PETITE PROJECT

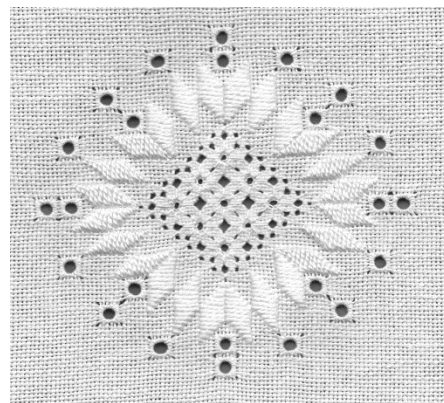
This is a pulled threadwork and Satin Stitch project from the collection of Petite Projects available to EGA members.

Required materials:

- 2 hoops, 4" to 6"
- 25 or 28 count evenweave fabric, 9x9" and 6x6"
- Pearl cotton thread #12 and #5
- Tapestry Needles size 24 and 26
- Some basting, which is to be completed before the meeting in July.

Many of you will have these materials in your stash. Use white on white, or any other colors you

like. Call Margaret Hardie if you need something, and she will look in her stash.



PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2023 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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