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## A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

*Well, summer is here in full force! Hopefully, you can be in the air-conditioning for your stitching. There is a lot to do!*

*For our outreach, we want to make some bookmarks for children, and don't forget patches for the blankets for the homeless. It is very warm now, but it will get colder later. It is good to have some smaller projects to create during the summer. Many of us have family visiting or are enjoying a well-deserved holiday.*

*Lisa introduced us to the Florentine and Related Embroidery Study Box from the National EGA office, which was a real find! We very much enjoyed seeing all the work that went into it! It was amazing to see what you all can do with Bargello! It was very inspiring, and I cannot wait to see what ideas will come from it. Thank you so much, Lisa.*

*On that note, I would like to tell you about the Presidents Challenge for 2024 - Make a Bargello Christmas ornament! There are no restrictions on the piece but be sure that it is an ornament that you feel okay about parting with, as we have another outreach project coming up.*

*We have made some changes to the upcoming program schedule, so please take note of the meetings as currently planned.*

*A few of our members are joining the Royal School of Needlework Summer School (so jealous!), and others are joining the EGA National Seminar. I am looking forward to hearing all their stories!*

*Enjoy your summer months, and I hope to see a number of you at the July meeting where we will try our hands on some hardanger stitching.*

*Keep on stitching!*

**Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC**

<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
<b>Valentine Biscornu by Cindy Valentine (Part 1)</b>	<b>Valentine Biscornu by Cindy Valentine (Part 2)</b>	<b>Outreach in Fleece &amp; Socks</b>
7:00PM	7:00PM	7:00PM
July 24, 2024	August 28, 2024	September 25, 2024
Paoli United	Paoli United	Paoli United
Methodist Church	Methodist Church	Methodist Church
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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

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Our Chapter Website is: [www.philaega.org](http://www.philaega.org)

The Mid-Atlantic Region Website is:

[www.marega.org](http://www.marega.org)

To enter the member-only area; email is: [westitch@marega.org](mailto:westitch@marega.org) and use the appropriate password.

National EGA Website is: [www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org)

To enter the Members Only area, use your individual password.

Thank you to **Lisa McGinnis** for teaching the Shading with Crewel Stitches THaP by Judy Jeroy at the April 2024 meeting!

Thank you to **Lisa McGinnis** again for coordinating the Florentine and Related Embroidery Study Box from the National EGA office at the May and June 2024 meetings! (Please note that the “Baby, You’re a Firework” program previously scheduled for the June 2024 meeting has been cancelled.)

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**NOTE – The September 2024 Board meeting will be held on September 16, 2024.**

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES –

**The following members have not renewed for 2024:**

**Carol Ann Faust**

**Mary Lee**

**Marilyn Smith**

**Betty Tiger**

**Donna Walter**

If you believe that your name is listed here in error, please contact Membership Chair Phyllis Archer.

This year, National EGA implemented an online dues payment process for members. National dues increased to \$55 this year. Including the MAR dues of \$2 and PAC dues of \$16, the total dues is \$73. We realize that the new way of paying brought headaches for some people, but please let us know if you need help with anything. We do not want to lose members over this, but we do have to adapt to this new process, and we can help you make the transition easy. Reach out so we can help!



**WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW MEMBER!**

Lu Maislin

Wynnewood, PA

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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 –

Did you see the article and photos about the PAC's outreach efforts on page 33 of the March 2024 issue of Needlearts Magazine? Check it out!

Interweave Bead Fest is returning from July 31, 2024 – August 3, 2024 at the Lancaster County Convention Center, but now it's called Makers Festival! 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://www.interweave.com/beadfest/lancaster/>.

The new owners of Fireside Stitchery have decided not to relocate the shop. It will remain in its present location at 179 Lancaster Avenue, Malvern.

## 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. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83846072655?pwd=U1B4cXIreHINWStzbnV5NUdwYTBCdz09>

## 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.

**Camp STITCH-A-LOT, the MAR Fall Retreat**, will be held again on **September 19-22, 2024** at The Y at Watson Woods in Painted Post, New York. Accommodations and meals are available. See the May 2024 MAR Newsletter for more information.

The **next MAR Meeting** will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. The meeting will be held virtually. All members of the MAR are invited to attend the meeting. Message the MAR Director prior to the date of the meeting to ensure that you receive the Zoom link for the meeting.

**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 information will be in an upcoming MAR Newsletter.

**The MAR Seminar, Stitching and Sowing Friendships**, will be held on June 18-22, 2025 at Aspire Hotel and Suites in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Save the Dates! More details will be coming!

**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!**

## JUNE 2024 – BARGELLO STUDY BOX – PART 2 (WRAP – UP)

The May program showcasing the Florentine and Related Embroidery Study Box from the National EGA office was so great, we did it twice to explore the box further! The Florentine Study Box is a detailed study of what is popularly known as Bargello and includes over 100 worked examples of traditional patterns, contemporary adaptations, and color study.

## JULY 2024 & AUGUST 2024 – VALENTINE BISCORNU by CINDY VALENTINE (PARTS 1 & 2)

This beautiful Petite Project, designed by Cindy Valentine, was recently retired by the EGA. At the July and August meetings, we will be reviewing the directions as written, then working with Margaret Hardie on a different way to perform some of the stitches. Margaret's directions may make it easier for those us who are being introduced to Hardanger at this time. Instructions will be distributed at the July 2024 chapter meeting.

### Materials List:

- 2 pieces of white 28ct linen fabric size 9" X 9"
- another piece of 28ct evenweave or linen, (any size or color, to practice on)
- size 8 white pearl cotton or silk
- size 12 white pearl cotton or silk
- size 12 dark green pearl cotton or silk
- valentine red cotton floss or silk thread
- at least 16 - 2 mm pearl beads in white or red
- at least 40 - Mill Hill red petite beads (# 42013) or any size 11 seed bead
- lining fabric in white or your preference to showcase the stitches

The color of white is suggested for the fabric and size 8 and 12 pearl cottons, but any color which you prefer can be substituted. If you need help sourcing the beads, Margaret Hardie, Lisa McGinnis and Gerty Romer-Harts have a stash to share at the meeting.





## SEPTEMBER 2024 – OUTREACH IN FLEECE

The PAC will again be providing fleece blankets for those in need this year. Please purchase approximately 2 yards of polar fleece material (solids and patterns suitable primarily for older teenagers and adults only, 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. We anticipate again making embroidered labels with words of encouragement which can be applied to the blankets using 6x6" pieces of a washable stitching fabric for a 4x4" stitching area on your label.

Other outreach projects for the PAC this year include stitched bookmarks and the 2024 President's Challenge to create a Bargello Christmas Ornament. If you have any questions about these last two outreach projects, please contact Gerty Romer-Harts for additional information.

## OCTOBER 2024 – VIRTUAL TOUR of THROUGH THE NEEDLES EYE AT NATIONAL EGA HQ

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 2024 – ANNUAL MEETING

Join us at Gerty Romer-Hart's home on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 11AM to 3PM for our Annual Meeting. Carol Hatton-Holmes has invited Ellen Endslow, the Director of Collections/Curator from the Chester County Historical Society, to our annual meeting. The topic of the presentation is the Westtown School Samplers. The program includes a 1-hour presentation that will be followed by a potluck luncheon.

## DECEMBER 2024 – HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us at Cinda Hall's home on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 11AM to 3PM for our Holiday Party. Bring a treat, 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.

## PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2024 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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