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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

It is hard to believe that this will be the last newsletter for this year already! This year has flown by for me, and it has been a busy year! We covered a lot of techniques in our monthly meetings, and we were able to meet in person, which was very nice! We covered goldwork, beads, hardanger, embroidery on a leaf and more. Now, we have to start looking at our next year. And we will start of January 2024 with a Bargello piece.

Looking back on our last year, I am very grateful that we did not lose any members and that we have a number of new members in our chapter, thanks to combined efforts. Welcome everybody! But in order to keep our chapter healthy, we still need more members, and we want to be able to give newer members the chance to make a difference in our chapter and to help keep our beautiful craft alive.

We will have our Annual Meeting in November 2023, and after lunch, we will have a presentation from Carol Hatton-Holmes about her needlework for the church. In December 2023, we will have a Christmas Tea at the beautiful home of Cinda Hall, where we will have our show-and-tell and reveal the results of our President's Challenge. I hope that everybody will participate.

Next year, the Philadelphia Area Chapter will celebrate its 60th Anniversary as a chapter, and we hope to be able to celebrate our Anniversary during the MAR Spring Meeting on April 5-6, 2024. Keep the date open, as I hope to see many of you there!

Allow me to wish you all a very festive and happy December 2023, a good end of the year and a wonderful new beginning of 2024 with lots of health, happiness and new opportunities! Keep on stitching and passing the love of needlework on to everybody who is interested in stitching!

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

October	November	December
Magnolia Leaf THaP 7:00PM October 25, 2023 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli	Annual Meeting Potluck & Ecclesiastical Embroidery Presentation 11:00AM – 4:00PM November 4, 2023 Gerty Romer-Hart's home	Holiday Tea Show & Tell President's Challenge 1:00PM – 4:00PM December 9, 2023 Cinda Hall's home

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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 Harts

Membership & Directory – Phyllis Archer

Newsletter – Laura Bonnington

Programs – Diane Bishop

Web & Social Media – Liz Gilbert

Our Chapter Website is: www.philaega.org

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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.



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 **Margaret Hardie** for coordinating the Favorite Medallion EGA Petit Project at the July and August 2023 meetings!

Thank you to **all who contributed** to our outreach efforts at the September 2023 meeting and to **Kay Braun**, who delivered the donations on the chapter's behalf!

2024 SLATE OF OFFICERS ~

In November 2023, the following Slate of Officers was voted into Board offices for 2024:

PRESIDENT – Gerty Romer-Harts

VICE-PRESIDENT – Cinda Hall

SECRETARY – Susan Miska

TREASURER – Margaret Hardie

REGION REPRESENTATIVE –Carol Hatton-Holmes (with Gerty Romer-Harts as the alternate)

In addition, the following Standing Committees will have new Chairs in 2024:

PROGRAMS – Lisa McGinnis

OUTREACH – Kay Braun

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 has added 6 new members since May 2023! The PAC now has 30 members and 6 plural members. Let's keep this momentum going!



**THE PAC HAS 30 MEMBERS
& 6 PLURAL MEMBERS!
WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!**

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APRIL 2024 MAR REGION MEETING HOSTED BY PAC

In 2024, the PAC, the oldest continuing chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, will celebrate its 60th Anniversary. The PAC will host the 2024 MAR Spring Meeting, which will be held on April 5-6, 2024 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 260 Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia and will include a THaP. The chapter will also host a luncheon during that weekend to celebrate our Diamond Anniversary. More details in the most recent MAR Newsletter.

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.

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>

The owners of Rittenhouse Needlepoint have sold a majority ownership stake to three individuals who will continue the business without interruption at the present location at 1216 Arch Street, Second Floor, in Philadelphia. The Rittenhouse Needlepoint website will also continue but will be refreshed and made more user-friendly.

EGA 2023 NATIONAL SEMINAR – BOSTON STITCH PARTY

Julie Thomas, Patty Smith-Gardner, Michelle Flamer, Laura Bonnington, and Lisa McGinnis attended "Boston Stitch Party", the EGA 2023 National Seminar which was held September 1-5, 2023 at the Sheraton Back Bay in Boston. They took classes with nationally-recognized teachers, attended the EGA Annual Meeting during a lunch break, and checked out Merchandise Night as well as the sights of Boston. Patty participated in several National meetings during that week, as she is serving on the National Nominating Committee, and Michelle became involved in Fiber Forum. Patty was also presented with the 2023 Golden Needle Award for the Mid-Atlantic Region at the Opening Reception. Congratulations, Patty!



REGION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – CAROL/GERTY

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.

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.

CAMP WANNASTITCH will be held from January 12-15, 2024 with Early Bird start on January 11, 2024 in Ocean City, MD. The Clarion Fontainebleu will still be the location, but the facility has changed its name to Ashore Resort and Beach Club. 2024 Registration has now closed. Camp Wannastitch will be held from January 11-15, 2025.

The **next MAR Board Meeting** will be held in person on April 5-6, 2024 and hosted by the PAC 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. More information about the weekend and a luncheon coupon are included in the most recent MAR Newsletter. Come to the luncheon and celebrate the PAC's Diamond Anniversary!

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!**

SEPTEMBER MEETING FOLLOW-UP ~ OUTREACH IN FLEECE

The PAC provided approximately 25 fleece blankets and a large bag of new socks for those in need. This year, Margaret Hardie and Liz Gilbert developed ideas for separate, embroidered labels which could be applied to the blankets. Our chapter completed an Outreach Report Form for the National Office regarding the project, and PAC may be included in an upcoming article in NeedleArts Magazine. Keep your eyes open!

OCTOBER MEETING ~ MAGNOLIA LEAF THAP

Gerty Romer-Harts will be teaching the Blackwork on Nature's Palette THAP by Catherine Jordan from the Fall 2022 MAR Meeting. This class uses the Blackwork technique on a leaf from a magnolia tree. You will learn how to transfer a grid to a solid surface and use reversible double running stitches. All materials will be provided by the PAC for this project!



NOVEMBER MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING

The PAC will be holding its Annual Meeting on November 4, 2023 from 11:00AM to 4:00PM at Gerty Romer-Harts' home. The more the merrier, so please plan to attend! The business meeting at 11:00 A.M. will be followed by a potluck lunch at 12:00 P.M. At 1:00 P.M., our guest speaker, PAC member Carol Hatton-Holmes will share her passion for ecclesiastical embroidery.

DECEMBER MEETING – HOLIDAY TEA & SHOW-AND-TELL & PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

This year, our Holiday Gathering will be at Cinda Hall's house on December 9, 2023 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. It will be a show-and-tell and President's Challenge results. The President's Challenge is to embroider an 8-inch triangle which will then be fashioned into a bunting. Bring cookies, desserts, etc., to share and your own teacup. It will be fun to gather and see each other's beautiful work. See you there!

JANUARY MEETING – BARGELLO FRAME WEIGHT

Let's try Bargello! We will try a small piece of Bargello in a flame pattern. You can choose your own color combo from the wools we have in the Chapter stash! Come on out and give it a whirl on Wednesday, January 25, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at Paoli United Methodist Church at 81 Devon Rd., Paoli.





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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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