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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Dear stitching friends,

Wow, autumn has kicked in!! Every time, it is a shock to go from being very warm to "Where is the heating?". I hope that you all had the chance to use the summer to recharge your stitching batteries. We are bursting with new ideas and projects, and we are looking back on some nice projects.

In September, we collected a lot of blankets and socks to donate. Next year, we would like to give them an embroidery touch! The MAR meeting in Mount Laurel that month was well-attended and very well-organized. Catherine Jordan showed us a nice new way of connecting embroidery to nature and I cannot wait to pass this knowledge on to all of you.

Five members of our chapter had the chance to attend the needlework conference in Winterthur, which was a real pleasure, and we learned a lot again! It is a really nice conference to attend. If you have the chance, join us next time!

In October, we will have an in-person meeting where we will try our hands on plushwork. Patty has organized a super nice ornament for us to make.

On November 5, 2022, I would like to welcome you all for a potluck lunch from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at my house in Malvern. After the lunch, we will have a speaker who has a different look on what we can do with our embroideries. Bring an object and we will see how to can combine it with our embroidery!

On December 14, 2022, Cinda will welcome us to her house for an evening to get together and have a show-and-tell with all the things we have made this year. And do not forget the President's Challenge!

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

<p>October Plushwork Poinsettia Ornament 7:00PM October 26, 2022 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli</p>	<p>November Annual Meeting Potluck 11:00AM – 3:00PM November 5, 2022 Gerty Romer-Harts' home</p>	<p>December Holiday Party Show & Tell President's Challenge 6:00 – 9:00PM December 14, 2022 Cinda Hall's home</p>
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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:

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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 minus a \$7 subsidy from the PAC 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. Direct questions re. 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

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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 **Liz Gilbert** for coordinating the Aztec Scissors Case at the July and August chapter meetings!



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 DECEMBER 2022 BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2022 AT 7:00PM** via Zoom due to a scheduling conflict on the 1st Monday in December 2022. Meetings will return to the regular schedule beginning in January 2023.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES –

The PAC currently has 24 members and 6 plural members.

Our dues breakdown is as follows:

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If there are any further questions about dues, 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!

The Mid-East Region of EGA has disbanded. The MAR will be absorbing 9 chapters from that region, increasing the MAR membership by 254 members.

Liz Gilbert is seeking photos of EGA projects (PAC/MAR/National) and chapter meetings/membership get-togethers for the PAC website. Please contact Liz if you can help her out!

Rittenhouse Needlepoint is now a member of the EGA Needlework Shop Affiliate Program.

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!

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. Upcoming Stitch-Ins are scheduled for October 30, 2022 and November 25, 2022 from 2-5 P.M. 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 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 April 28, 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 a THaP based on her kimono project. The **MAR Nominating committee is still looking for a new MAR Region Director** to replace Donna Pence when her term ends.

The PAC has volunteered to host the April 2024 MAR Region Meeting. The PAC Board recommended that the hotel be in the King of Prussia area due to its access to several highways as well as restaurants and shopping. Once the hotel is selected, the MAR takes care of the arrangements. We need someone to make a list of area restaurants and also decide/coordinate any welcome details that we wish to provide to attendees. Please consider volunteering to coordinate this effort!

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!

EGA 2022 NATIONAL SEMINAR – BROADWAY BOUND

Patty Smith Gardner and Laura Bonnington attended “Broadway Bound”, the EGA 2022 National Seminar which was held August 24-28, 2022 at the Marriott Marquis in New York City. Patty took two classes with Jane Nicholas, Pink Japanese Plum Blossoms and Syrian Pomegranate Tile, and also participated in several National meetings during that week, as she is serving on the National Nominating Committee. Laura took one class with Gail Stafford, At the Beach, attended the EGA Annual Meeting during a lunch break, and checked out Merchandise Night. Both Patty and Laura also attended the Opening Reception, which started with a surprise visit from two members of the Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society of the New York City Police Department!



Pink Japanese Plum Blossoms



Syrian Pomegranate Tile



At the Beach

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 crewel wool we were gifted a while ago! Patty Smith Gardner has designed the project to look like a poinsettia, so you can make an ornament with the finished piece if you'd like.

If you wish to come and participate at the October chapter meeting, please email me at



And let me know!

I will bring your kit with me to the meeting. Kit price will be \$3. Please bring cash!

I have 13 kits available; first-come first-reserved!

The kits will contain the crewel wool in six colors, and a piece of Weaver's Cloth to work on, as well as a card template for stitching over.

You will need to bring:

- Chenille needle size 16 or 18
- 5" or 6" round embroidery hoop
- Scissors
- Pencil

So Come On! Let's try something fun and new!



NOVEMBER MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING

The PAC will be holding its Annual Meeting on November 5, 2022 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM 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 dinner at 12:00 P.M. Please RSVP to Gerty and tell her what you plan to bring to the potluck so the meal can be coordinated. Gerty will provide coffee, tea, and water for drinks. If you wish to have a different beverage, please feel free to bring it to the meeting. At 1:00 P.M., our guest speaker, Patrick Barron, will share his passion for hunting for unique antique items that he reimagines as vessels to showcase simple stitch patterns or messages. Patrick is a needle artist who follows Gerty's mission of repurposing items. To showcase Patrick's talents, we are going to hold an informal show-and-tell which will promote imagination and creativity, and hopefully encourage us to do the same. Feel free to bring any items that you wish that you could repurpose for the general discussion. Here are a few photos of items which Patrick has repurposed in the past.



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

This year, our Holiday Gathering will be at Cinda Hall's house from 6:00PM to 9:00PM on December 14, 2021. It will be a holiday party, show-and-tell, and President's Challenge. The President's Challenge this year is to make a stitchery item for a teenager. It will be fun to gather and see each other's beautiful work. Bring a dessert to share. See you there!

JANUARY MEETING – GOLDEN SHAMROCK PETITE PROJECT

Golden Shamrock by Helene Ossipov from the Starlights Stitchers Chapter in Arizona. This Petite Project is an introduction to goldwork embroidery: specifically, working with Japan threads and learning to couch them.



PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2022 CALENDAR

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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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