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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Dear stitching friends,

I would like to thank you all for trusting me and appointing me as your new president. Most of you I have known for a couple of years but because of the pandemic there are members I have never met in person. So let me introduce myself!

My name is Gerty Romer-Harts, and I was born and raised in the Netherlands. After some stops in Spain and Switzerland I came to the USA in 2015. Via a meetup request, I found the EGA, and wow that was a game changer, from not knowing anybody to getting to know a whole community!

My entire life I have been interested in needlework, but I did not find much encouragement. Being with the EGA was like finding a treasure trove and after not knowing what to do with my days, now I do not have enough hours in the day to learn everything I would like to learn. The best part has been meeting people who have the same interests and share the same enthusiasm when you find a new project, see something interesting on the internet or in a museum, or cheer when you have mastered the colonial knot!!!

That is where my goal for this year comes in, connection and communication.

We have so many opportunities these days for keeping in touch with each other. Let's start using it a bit more! Liz has put up a beautiful website for our chapter and is waiting for your stories and projects! Even if it is small and not perfect (what is perfect?), send it to her and we can all cheer for your success!

At the moment the cold and COVID keeps us mostly inside, but we have our stitching as our safe place to go to and a community that keeps us sane! Help us build this community for the next generation and help us spread the word. As soon as we can meet in person, we will let you know via an email. I hope to see or hear from you all, on Zoom or the web site, on Facebook or in person!

Have a warm winter! Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

January Berries in Bloom (Pt 1) by Hands on Design	February Berries in Bloom (Pt 2) by Hands on Design	March A Spring Sampler (Pt 1) by Melita Glavin
7:00PM January 26, 2022 via Zoom	7:00PM February 23, 2022 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli	7:00PM March 23, 2022 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli

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Past Chapter President – Cinda Hall

Past MAR Region Dir - Patty Smith Gardner

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).

Any questions- contact any board member.

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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STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Outreach – Volunteer needed!

Education – Patty Smith Gardner

Fund Raising – Volunteer needed!

Librarian – Gerty Romer Harts

Membership & Directory – Phyllis Archer

Newsletter – Laura Bonnington-

Programs – Diane Bishop

Web & Social Media – Liz Gilbert

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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National EGA Website is: www.egausa.org

Members-only area Login: individual, as set with National EGA Office

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If the Easttown-Tredyffrin School District (KYW1060 Radio District #854) is closed that day or has cancelled evening programs on the date of the chapter meeting, the PAC meeting for that evening will be cancelled.



Thank you to **Patty Smith-Gardner** for coordinating our Beaded Pumpkin Fob project at the October chapter meeting! Thank you to **Cinda Hall** for hosting our chapter's annual Holiday Party and President's Challenge at her home in December!

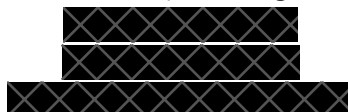


The positions of **Fund-Raising Chair** and **Community Outreach Chair** remain open. Board meetings are held monthly (except July and August) at Panera Bread in King of Prussia (currently being held via Zoom until further notice). Attendance at Board meetings for these positions is welcome, but not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



**THE PAC CURRENTLY HAS
25 MEMBERS & 6 PLURAL MEMBERS!**

Carol Hatton-Holmes (returning PAC member)



The PAC extends our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to member Michelle Flamer on the recent losses of her mother and brother-in-law, and to member Kay Braun on the recent loss of her mother-in-law. Please keep Michelle, Kay and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

2022 OFFICERS –

At the Annual Meeting on December 8, 2021, the following 2022 Slate of Officers was unanimously approved. The chapter wishes to thank Lisa McGinnis, who volunteered from the floor to accept the vacant position of Vice-President!

PRESIDENT – Gerty Romer-Harts

VICE-PRESIDENT – Lisa McGinnis

SECRETARY – Liz Gilbert

TREASURER – Margaret Hardie

REGION REPRESENTATIVE – Diane Bishop (Gerty Romer-Harts as alternate)

PLEASE NOTE – NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR OFFICERS! - Liz Gilbert developed generic email addresses on the chapter's website for the chapter President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please use these email addresses to contact these officers instead of their personal email addresses.

PLEASE NOTE – NEW SCHEDULE FOR PAC BOARD MEETINGS! Beginning in February 2022, the Board will meet 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. Come to a meeting and watch your Board in action!

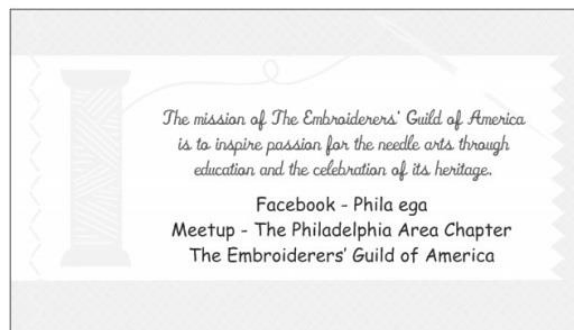
PAST PRESIDENT – CINDA HALL

At the annual meeting in December 2021, newly-elected PAC President Gerty Romer-Harts presented Cinda Hall with the Past President Pin, and Cinda presented Gerty with her President's Pin. Cinda was also presented with gifts from the chapter, a seam ripper handmade from an antique silverware handle purchased in Europe and a Shaker-style wooden sewing tray from the Suffolk Shaker Shop LLC (<https://suffolkshakershop.com/>).



PAC BUSINESS CARDS!

Now that we are starting to get out-and-about again, do you still have your PAC business cards? When you see a stitcher – start a conversation and give them a card! If you need more cards, please see Gerty Romer-Harts or Laura Bonnington.



IN THE NEWS –

The EGA Facebook Stitch-Along (SAL) page now has 5,392 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!

Spring Innovative Beads Expo will return to the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA from April 1-3, 2022. More info at <https://www.springibexpo.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!

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**. Wegmans permanently closed all of their Pub locations in 2020. These Stitch-In Public Saturdays have been great fun and have 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!

REGION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT -DIANE BISHOP

MAR Pride scholarship money is available to anyone and is not need-based. Everyone is strongly encouraged to apply, and virtual or online classes are eligible. The only restriction is that the total of awards cannot exceed \$1,000 per person. The money is there for your use!

The **EGA Needlework Shop Affiliate Program** is now active. Please reach out to shops in your area and make them aware of the program. Remember that other "like" shops might be interested, for example shops specializing in quilting or smocking.

The **next MAR Board Meeting** will be held via Zoom on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 10 A. M. The following 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. See the coupon in the Winter Issue of the MAR Newsletter.

The **2022 Region Seminar "Waves of Stitches"** will take place on June 16-20, 2022 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The EGA Seminar 2022 Broadway Bound will take place on August 24-28, 2022 in NYC.

Camp Wannastitch will be held next year from January 12-16, 2023 in the Clarion Fontainebleau in Ocean City, Maryland. Mark your calendars!

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.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY MEETINGS – BERRIES IN BLOOM BY HANDS ON DESIGN

“Berries in Bloom” is a free design. Patty Smith-Gardner will provide you with the PDF of the chart and instructions. You should use two strands of thread for the project. Patty used threads that were “close enough” to the colors and a light blue fabric for her finished sample shown here. You can use the exact DMC colors listed in the instructions, or just use what you might have.



There are three colors of red - one of soft pinky red, one of a bright Christmas red, and one of a darker cranberry red. There are three greens - one dark olive, one medium sage, and one dark sage. The other two colors are white and brown. The fabric is 32 count evenweave linen. You can use any color you wish! Light green, soft pink, ivory, white? What do you think?

Patty will be putting kits together for finishing the ornament. The kit will include two foam core circles 4.5” diameter, both with Stitchery Tape around the edges. One will have four layers of batting for a rounded surface. Also included will be a strip of gingham ribbon for the hanger, a length of mini-ball fringe in red for the outer rim, and a piece of holly fabric for the backing. The holly backing is in two prints, “Little Holly” and “Big Holly” (see photo below).

The kits are \$8 each. If you would like Patty to mail your kit to you, the additional postage is \$4.50 for each kit. Patty can also bring your kit to the February meeting (provided that it is held in person), or you can pick up the kit at her house, and you can pay her \$8 for the kit at that time. A decision about how the meeting will be held will be made in time for Patty to mail the kits in advance of the scheduled meeting.

For finishing, you will also need:

- Straight pins, a LOT of straight pins. You’ll need at least 50.
- Fabric glue; I recommend Fabri-Tac. You can also use Tacky Glue.
- Scissors
- Your finished cross stitched piece
- A large chenille needle or laying tool for manipulating the gathers around the edges

See photo at right for

“Big Holly” & “Little Holly” →



MARCH & APRIL MEETINGS – A SPRING SAMPLER BY MELITA GLAVIN

We will be stitching Melita Glavin's A Spring Sampler, at our March and April meetings. Melita Glavin gave a presentation on substituting colorways in A Spring Sampler at our November 2021 meeting. The sampler uses different stitches in each of the 21 bands. The stitch colors are chosen around a single overdyed Waterlilies. Other threads include Silk Lamé Braid Petite, Planet Earth Silk 6-ply, Bijoux, Gloriana, Soie Perlee, Splendor, Silk Lamé Braid for 18 count, Pepper Pot Silk, and Neon Rays.



The design size is 12 X 9" and the canvas size is 16" X 13" on 18 count canvas. Canvas and threads are to be purchased on your own.

You will need to order the pattern from Melita Glavin at glav257@gmail.com. Be sure to tell her you are from PAC-EGA. The pattern is \$20 for the 24-page booklet plus \$5 shipping. Or, she will email each person an electronic copy (.pdf) which you can print for your own use only for about \$15. She is not going to offer canvas or threads. The threads used are listed in the pattern and can be ordered from most stores. Melita has offered to meet us at Rittenhouse Needlepoint to help select colors, but Rittenhouse Needlepoint is currently closed to walk-in customers. Watch your emails for updates on available trip dates.

This is another colorway that she is working on:

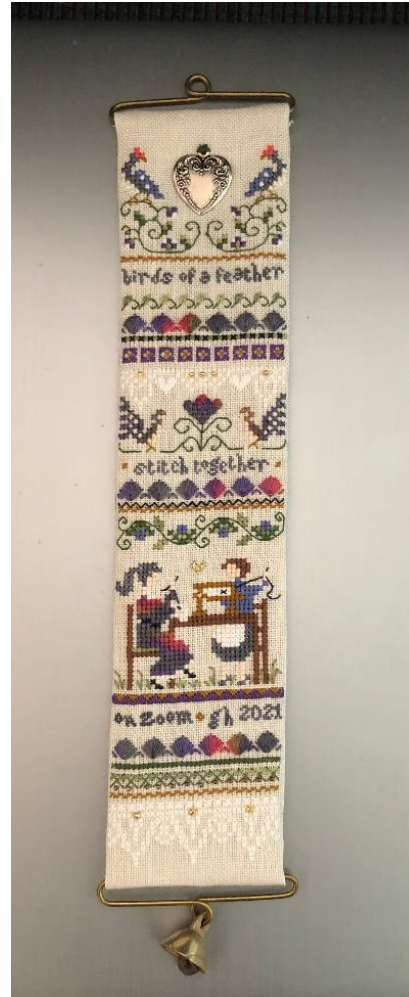


A WORD FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT – CINDA HALL

Thanks to everyone for allowing me to be your PAC-EGA President. Even though we have had a crazy couple of years, we have accomplished so much. It took a wonderful Board and everyone's interest in the projects, without being able to meet in person, to make it happen. You are the best!

SHOW AND TELL

Gerty Romer-Harts wanted to share her Birds of a Feather “Zoom” Together completed project. The chapter did this design by Thea Dueck of The Victoria Sampler at the May, June, and July 2021 chapter meetings.



LOOKING FORWARD IN 2022 – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

May 25, 2022 – THAP Overdyed Spools by Melita Glavin (all-day stitch-in)

June 22, 2022 – Silk Ribbon embroidery

July 27, 2022 - EGA Stitch-A-Long Aztec Scissor Case (Side 1)

August 24, 2022 – Aztec Scissor Case (Side 2)

September 28, 2022 – Outreach project

October 26, 2022 – Plushwork Embroidery project

November 23, 2022 – Annual Luncheon

December 14, 2022 – Holiday Gathering and President's Challenge

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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