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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Dear Stitching Friends,

As I am looking out of my window at blossoms and tiny little leaves peeking from the branches, I know spring has finally sprung. I have just returned from a lovely knitting retreat (yes, many of us also knit!)

I realize in our lives times are changing! We now know that we are not always safe and we have to think before we consider doing something. Being deprived of personal contacts for so long, we are hesitantly starting to come back to "normal". How good that feels!! I was thrilled to see so many people coming back to our in-person meetings in February and March. Being there, you just realize how much you have missed this contact with each other. And boy! How we need this connection!

I'd like to believe we were always connected through our needles and threads, and thanks to Lisa and the ZOOM connection, we kept each other in the loop. Now it is time to deepen our connection and look each other in the eye again. We also get to see each other's work in person, being together with people who understand and realize how precious your work is and how much love and care goes into it. I do not know about you, but I need this connection. I am so grateful to be part of this community and this chapter.

My wish is to keep helping each other, seeing each other, but also to give each other space and time to get used to this new normal again. Maybe you are not ready for a hug or a handshake yet, that's OK. Keeping a distance is fine. But reach out, be present, ask questions, help us do better.

We keep thinking of cool new projects that you hopefully like, but also let us know what you like. This year, we started going to a new meeting location in Paoli! What did you think of it? Do you like it, or would you rather go back to our former place in Devon? As always, we are open for suggestions.

Have a lovely spring and keep on stitching together!

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

<p>April A Spring Sampler (Pt 2) by Melita Glavin 7:00PM April 27, 2022 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli</p>	<p>May All-Day Stitch-In Overdyed Spools By Melita Glavin 2:00PM May 25, 2022 Gerty Romer-Harts' home</p>	<p>June Silk Ribbon Stitching Fish, Anemones & Floaters By Lisa McGinnis 7:00PM on June 22, 2022 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli</p>
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The Mid-Atlantic Region Website is:

www.marega.org

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 and password is:


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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).

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 **Patty Smith-Gardner** for coordinating our Berries in Bloom project at the January and February chapter meetings!

Also, thank you to **Cinda Hall** for coordinating the Spring Sampler by Melita Glavin for the March and April chapter meetings and also trying to arrange shopping trips to Rittenhouse Needlepoint with Melita Glavin for supplies for the project!

Thank you also to **Lisa McGinnis**, who has kept our chapter members connected via Zoom during these times!



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.

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

This renewal will be for membership through May 2023. PAC primary chapter members will pay \$50 this year. Plural members continue to pay the full chapter dues of \$16, since their National and regional dues are paid to their primary MAR chapter. Plural members who live outside the MAR pay \$18, which includes their regional dues to the MAR.

*Mid-Atlantic Region has chapters in Delaware, DC, Maryland, and parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, & Virginia

Please send your checks by May 15, 2022. Please fill out the renewal form below and mail it to Phyllis Archer with your check before May 15, 2022, as she must have it to the National Office by May 31, 2022. Don't be late and miss out on your NeedleArts Magazine!

If you would like a new membership card, you can pick one up at a future meeting or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your membership coupon.

Philadelphia Area Chapter EGA Yearly Membership Coupon – Deadline May 15, 2022

(If your information **has not** changed, just fill in your name)

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____

Please Note: You are renewing or joining until May 2022

\$50.00 **Primary** members

\$16.00 **Plural** members living within the EGA Mid-Atlantic Region*

\$18.00 **Plural** members living outside the EGA Mid-Atlantic Region*

\$18.00 **Lifetime** members

My check (Made out to PAC-EGA) for \$_____ is enclosed.
Mail to Phyllis Archer

IN THE NEWS –

The EGA Facebook Stitch-Along (SAL) page now has 6,173 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!

There has been a lot in the news lately about high demand for items and supply chain issues. These issues have also impacted needlework supplies. Supply times are reported to be up to one year or longer for some fabrics and threads. Some items are not currently being manufactured in all colors and in all sizes, and other items have been prematurely discontinued by manufacturers. In addition, retailers are finding the paperwork and time needed to keep up with backorders so burdensome that they have stopped placing orders for the time-being. Try to find a suitable substitute at retail or among your stash for your project. Check with your stitching friends, too! They may have something that you can use. If you know that you will need particular supplies for a special project in the future, order now to give your retailer ample time to fulfill your order.

A new website called Diversity in Stitching will be launching soon to promote and support stitchers, Flosstubers, needlework shop owners, designers, fiber dyers, and other creative people who belong to communities that have historically been marginalized. Stitchers who identify as BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, neurodivergent, and/or living with a disability, or have been marginalized because of their religion, are welcome to register. In the context of this project, BIPOC includes individuals who identify as Black, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, Latinx, mixed race, and/or those who have experienced discrimination as a result of their race or ethnicity, and neurodivergent encompasses autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and ADHD. To register to be listed on Diversity in Stitching, please visit <https://forms.gle/q8Ca4qzgJUfL6JiV8>.

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**. 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!

REGION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT –DIANE BISHOP

The Mid-Atlantic Region meeting was held on March 25, 2022. Diane attended the meeting and reported that it is a common misunderstanding that EGA chapters are required to do outreach in order to maintain their non-profit status, but this is not true! Outreach is all about making EGA known to the community in which we live. There was a lot of discussion about Outreach and how to achieve this. Public stitch-ins work, and there were suggestions about having something framed to sit on the table at the stitch-in. It was also reported that collage posters with stitched pieces attract a lot of attention. Anyone willing to work on this, please contact a PAC Board member.

The MAR GCC, Papillon by Adrienne Meyer fillet embroidery, was cancelled because not enough people signed up to participate.

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 2022 **Region Seminar “Waves of Stitches”** will take place on June 16-20, 2022 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The number of teachers was reduced to 8 because the seminar received less than half of the anticipated registrants. The seminar hotel has refrigerators in each room and microwaves are available upon request.

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 Ocean City, Maryland. Mark your calendars! Sadly, the Clarion Fontainebleu has been sold. The Camp Wannastitch committee has been in talks with the new owners and also visiting other hotels in Ocean City so that Camp Wannastitch will happen. Look for updates to be announced in the near future.

The **MAR Nominating committee is still looking for a new MAR Region Director** to replace Donna Pence when her term ends.

The **next MAR Board 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, in which she teaches how to embroider a magnolia leaf. See the coupon in the Winter Issue of the MAR Newsletter.

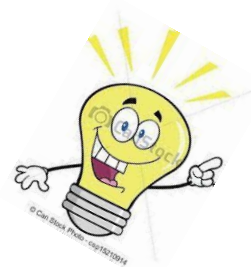
The PAC has volunteered to host the Spring 2024 MAR Region Meeting. Please consider volunteering to coordinate this effort. Once the hotel is selected (last time we hosted a meeting, we used the Sheraton in Frazer), the MAR takes care of the details. We need someone to make a list of area restaurants and also decide/coordinate any welcome details that we wish to provide to attendees. There is no THaP involved in this meeting.

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.

PAC 2023 BUDGET

Income	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Membership (regular)	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,250.00
(Plural)	\$ 112.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 100.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 525.00		\$ 500.00
Education	\$ 850.00	\$ 107.00	\$ 850.00
Community Outreach			\$ 100.00
Interest-Checking			
Interest CD		\$ 3.32	
Ways and Means	\$ 145.00	\$ 581.00	\$ 375.00
Gifts and Donations			
Fundraising			
Other			
Total Income	\$ 2,982.00	\$ 1,993.32	\$ 3,175.00
Expenses			
Membership dues (National)	\$ 1,053.00	\$ 955.50	\$ 975.00
(MAR)	\$ 54.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 50.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 525.00	\$ -	\$ 550.00
Education	\$ 850.00	\$ 368.73	\$ 850.00
Administration			\$ 100.00
Directory			
Newsletter			
Community Outreach			\$ 100.00
Web site & MeetUp	\$ 200.00	\$ 234.61	\$ 250.00
Rent	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Fundraising			
Donations			
Other			
Total Expenses	\$ 2,982.00	\$ 1,910.84	\$ 3,175.00
Net		\$ 82.48	
Actual net dues		\$ 294.50	

There are a number of ideas under consideration for meetings in 2023. If you have any suggestions for a technique or a specific project, please do not hesitate to contact a PAC Board member!



APRIL MEETING – A SPRING SAMPLER PART 2

BY MELITA GLAVIN

We continued stitching Melita Glavin's A Spring Sampler, at our April meeting. 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.

MAY MEETING – ALL-DAY STITCH-IN

OVERDYED SPOOLS THAP BY MELITA GLAVIN

Gerty Romer-Harts has graciously offered to teach Overdyed Spools by Melita Glavin at an all-day stitch-in at her home on May 25, 2022. This project was taught as a Take Home a Project (THAP) at the MAR Region fall 2021 meeting. You will explore 4 canvas stitches using 1 overdyed thread to learn how to control the visible color of the thread.

For this project, you will need:

- 18ct mono canvas, cut to 10"x8"
- 1 full skein Caron Watercolors with at least 3 distinct colors
- any medium-to-dark brown thread for the wooden spools
- (2) 10" & (2) 8" stretcher bars
- Assorted stash threads to coordinate with your chosen Watercolors
- usual stitching supplies
- instructions provided by Gerty as a PDF (6 pages)



JUNE MEETING – SILK RIBBON STITCHING FISH, ANEMONES & FLOATERS BY LISA MCGINNIS

This silk ribbon project is an original design by PAC member Lisa McGinnis. Lisa will provide you with the instructions and tracing outline. A kit containing the silk ribbon can be requested, or you can use any silk ribbon supplies that you have.

The fish bodies are padded with perle cotton, then stitched with straight stitches of silk ribbon. The fins and anemone stems are straight stitched with silk ribbon. The anemone tops are stitched with satin stitches while twisting the ribbon or small curls of layered split stitches. Five-petal lazy daisies float around the fish. This simple silk ribbon project can be small, one fish and two anemones, or large, two fish and three anemones. The small can be stitched using a 6" hoop and the large can be stitched in an 8" hoop.

Fabric, ribbon, threads and beads (for the eyes) will be supplied in a kit, if requested. The fish can be yellow, orange or light red, and you can request your preference. Kits are available in 2 sizes. A small kit is \$8 and contains the supplies for one fish and two anemones. A large kit is \$12 and contains the supplies for two fish and three anemones. Please state your preference of kit size and fish color when contacting Lisa. A supply list will be provided if you are using your own supplies. Let Lisa know your preference by May 27, 2022.

For the class, you will need either a 6" hoop if stitching the small kit or an 8" hoop if stitching the large kit. You will also need Chenille (sharp) needs in sizes 18, 20 and 22, and a size 10 beading needle for the eye.

Kits will be supplied at the meeting. If you will be Zooming the June meeting, let Lisa know so the kit can be mailed or picked up in advance of the meeting.



JULY & AUGUST MEETINGS – AZTEC SCISSORS CASE

In 2021, the EGA Stitch-a-Long Facebook page did a neat project called Aztec Scissor Case. PAC member Liz Gilbert thought it looked so neat that she decided to do it, and it turned out to be a really fun project! It's pretty simple and quick to stitch. And even finishing isn't that bad (for those of you who are serial non-finishers like Liz)! The plan is to begin work on the stitching at the July meeting, then go over finishing at the August meeting. The EGA SAL did it in 3 parts – you'll need to download the PDF from each of those posts:

- <https://egausa.org/aztec-scissors-case-april-2021-stitch-a-long/>
- <https://egausa.org/june-2021-stitch-a-long-aztec-scissors-case-side-2/>
- <https://egausa.org/september-2021-stitchalong-aztec-scissors-case-finishing/>

The colors used on the SAL were the official EGA colors, but it's fairly easy to choose your own colors. Here's the list of supplies that you will need for the entire project:

- 18-ct mono canvas cut to 6" x 12"
- 1 ball #8 perle cotton for the border
- 4 skeins of #8 perle cotton for the stitching (in 4 different colors)
NOTE: The PDF recommends #5 perle cotton, but Liz recommends using #8 as she found the #5 frayed extremely easily on this size of canvas
- 1 ball #12 perle cotton to match the canvas
- Ultrasuede for finishing (approx. 3"x4")
- Sewing thread for tacking the ultrasuede
- 6" and 12" stretcher bars with tacks
- Size 24-ish needle
- Optional: something to hold down Ultrasuede while stitching (recommended Clover clips)

For the initials on side 2, Liz created a pattern file that she can modify for any initials. Let her know if you'd like her to work up a pattern for you!



PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2022 CALENDAR																				
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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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