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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, GERTY ROMER-HARTS

Can you believe that we are already halfway through the year 2023?? Time flies when you are having fun. And I believe that I speak for many of us when I say that we had fun these last months.

It is a pleasure to see how many people have finished the beautiful Bee-Jeweled Pincushion with the excellent instruction from the MAR's Golden Thread winner, our own Patty Smith-Gardner. What a deserved reward it is and how proud I am to count her amongst our excellent Board and members of the Philadelphia Area Chapter. I am so sorry that I will not be able to be in Boston to have a great party!

Last month we made the very cute and oh so helpful Sheep Needle Keep organized by Diane Bishop, so our needles do not get lost in the pincushion!!

In June, we made the Wavy Flag Beaded Bracelet with the American flag. I hope that you signed up to get your hands-on beading instruction with Cinda Hall and were in style on July 4th! Remember to make some patches in August for the blankets in our September Outreach Project.

Furthermore, I am very, very happy to welcome officially 6 new members to our chapter! I hope that we bring you much stitching joys and good friendship! Do not hesitate to reach out to other chapter members. We are here to learn or relearn things that give us pleasure and to help one another! With this, I wish you a wonderful summer with lots of sunshine and a little bit of stitching in-between the sunbathing, family gatherings and swimming!

Gerty Romer-Harts, Leader of the PAC

July	August	September
<p>Favorite Medallion Petite Project Pt 1 7:00PM July 26, 2023 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli</p>	<p>Favorite Medallion Petite Project Pt 2 7:00PM August 23, 2023 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli</p>	<p>Outreach in Fleece & Socks 7:00PM September 27, 2023 Paoli United Methodist Church 81 Devon Rd., Paoli</p>

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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

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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:

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.



Thank you to **Patty Smith Gardner** for coordinating the Bee-Jeweled Pincushion from Mary Corbet for our March and April 2023 meetings!

Thank you to **Diane Bishop** who coordinated the Sheep Needle Keep project at our May 2023 meeting!

And thank you to **Cinda Hall**, who coordinated the Wavy Flag Beaded Bracelet project at our June 2023 meeting!

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



The position of **Fund-Raising Chair** remains open. Board meetings are held monthly (except July and August) via Zoom. Attendance at Board meetings for Committee members is welcome, but not required, and filling vacancies will greatly help your Board and your chapter. Please consider volunteering!

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 following member has not renewed for 2023: **Linda Newpher** If you believe that your name is listed here in error, please contact Membership Chair Phyllis Archer.



**THE PAC HAS 27 MEMBERS &
6 PLURAL MEMBERS!
WELCOME TO OUR 6 NEW MEMBERS!**

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IN THE NEWS –

The EGA Facebook Stitch-Along (SAL) page now has over 7,200 members. There is a small monthly project, often one found as a freebie or in NeedleArts Magazine. This is another great way to stay connected!

Interweave Bead Fest is returning in 2023 from August 1-5, 2023 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 owners of Fireside Stitchery have left the business to retire after 27 years. Fireside Stitchery remains open under new ownership as of May 19, 2023! The new owners plan to move the store to a new location just down the road with extended store hours and to update the store's website.

Homesewn, a new needlework shop, has opened at 21 East State Street in Media. More information can be found at <http://www.shophomesewn.com/>.

Dara Dinner wanted to share the following interesting article about Tudor Embroidery at the Cleveland Museum of Art - <http://tudorembroidery.com/2023/05/13/a-visit-to-the-cma/>

Patty Smith Gardner recently facilitated the Jill Verbick-O'Leary "Summer Garden Pincushion" at her EGA chapter in Maine through which she is a plural member. One of the chapter members did her pincushion on black fabric and posted the finished project on Instagram. It was stunning! The Summer Garden Pincushion remains a free online tutorial at <http://fiberluscious.blogspot.com/2014/07/summer-garden-pincushion-monthly-stitch.html>

NATIONAL SEMINAR REGISTRATION CHANGES

EGA National Seminar Registration is Changing to a First Come, First Served Registration Model!

Exciting news! EGA has changed the registration process for Seminars to a First Come, First Served model starting with Seminar 2024 in Atlanta. This means no more lottery! You will know when you register for a class that you are in the class. If the class is already full, you will then have the chance to put your name on a waitlist just in case a spot opens in the class. If a spot becomes available, you will be notified via email and given a limited amount of time to enroll in the waitlisted class.

Do you have questions about this change? First there is an article in Needle Arts about this process. (See the Editors Notes in the June 2023 issue.) Next you can find First Come, First Served FAQs on the EGA website under the Events page. And finally, help is available from the Assistant Registrar.

We are thrilled to share this exciting news with you. We'll see you at Seminar 2023 and we look forward to seeing you at Seminar 2024.

APRIL 2024 MAR REGION MEETING HOSTED BY PAC

The PAC has volunteered to host the April 2024 MAR Region Meeting. In 2024, the PAC, the oldest continuing chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, will also celebrate its 60th Anniversary. More details coming in the near future!

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=U1B4cXIreHlNWStzbnV5NUdwYTBCdz09>. It is a great way to stay connected with your stitching buddies and show us what you're working on. 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 **Motion to approve the dissolution of the Mid-Eastern Region (MER) of the EGA** was approved. Approximately 250 members from 9 chapters, mostly in New York, will be officially moving to the MAR in the near future.

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.

Camp Wannastitch will be held from January 12-15, 2024 with Early Bird start on January 11, 2024 in Ocean City, Maryland. The Clarion Fontainebleu has changed its name to Ashore Resort and Beach Club. Look for details in a MAR Newsletter later this year.

The **next MAR Board Meeting** will be held in person on November 4-5, 2023, hosted by the Fauquier Chapter in Fredericksburg, Virginia. This year's SMART Day is Toni Gerdes' "Monet Kimono". Any MAR member is eligible to attend SMART Day. There will also be a silent auction at the meeting, and anyone can donate items to the auction.

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!

JULY & AUGUST MEETINGS - FAVORITE MEDALLION #1 PETITE PROJECT

Margaret Hardie will teach Favorite Medallion #1, which combines pulled thread and satin and is suitable for all skill levels. The pattern can be found on the EGA National website. Please bring your own copy to the meeting, but Margaret will print extra copies and will bring some stash fabric and thread for practice pieces if you don't have it in your stash. PLEASE TRY TO DO THE BASTING AHEAD OF TIME, at least to the center line of your practice piece.

Materials needed:

- 28ct linen or even weave fabric (6x6" for practice piece – 9x9" for piece to finish)
- Perle cotton thread size 12 & 5 to coordinate with fabric color
- Tapestry needles size 26 & 28
- 6" & 8" hoops
- Scissors to cut thread & light and/or magnification, if needed.
- Pattern from EGA National website



SEPTEMBER MEETING - 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.

This year, Margaret Hardie and Liz Gilbert have developed ideas for separate, embroidered labels which can be applied to the blankets. Use 6x6" pieces of washable stitching fabric for a 4x4" stitching area on your label (2" seam allowance on all sides). The labels can be stitched onto the blanket in whatever manner you prefer. The labels should be gender and age-neutral, be non-religious in nature, and have positive quotes and words of encouragement. Liz recently sent an email message to the chapter members with a number of suggested quotes, but feel free to use others that conform to the guidelines. Please be sure to use cotton embroidery floss and make sure that your patch is washable!

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 also how to make beautiful patterning using reversible double running stitches to keep the back as neat of the project as neat as possible. Watch for details regarding this project!



PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2023 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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