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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, CINDA HALL

"Pro-cross-tin-ate - Verb: To cross stitch when you could be doing housework." - Author Unknown

I am sure I can speak for most when I say that this has been the strangest year. I, for one, have missed stitching with everyone, and hugs. I really miss hugs! Finally I was able to see my granddaughters and got a few hugs. I will say, though, Zoom has been a godsend. It has been so nice to at least see each other and the projects that you have been working on or finished. If you have not joined us during one of our weekly Wednesday get-togethers on Zoom, give it a try. I will let you know when we can get back to our regular meetings at St. Luke.

I have some exciting news! The Royal School of Needlework is building a Stitch Bank to collate all the stitches in the world and put them online for all to use. Wow! Did you know that the chain stitch has been used for at least 3,000 years? The RSN is starting with the first 500 stitches and hopes to have it funded and available in 2020. A donation allows you to adopt a stitch in your name. The PAC Board voted to make a donation in order to adopt a stitch for our chapter. It is in the works, but we won't know which will be "our" stitch name until we receive our certificate. Please check the Royal School of Needlework website <https://royal-needlework.org.uk/rsnstitchbank/> for more information or to make your own donation.

We continue with plans for our year at full steam ahead. In August, we will be gathering information on your projects to be included in our display at Ludington Library in November. At that exhibit, we will have 8 display cases and are asking for holiday-related stitchery but also for items from EGA meetings, classes or conventions. We will not have space this time for hanging pieces. Any questions, give me a call. We would love for everyone to display items! In September, we will again be making fleece blankets for our service project. The shelter is also in need of socks, so we have decided to include socks in our outreach. Pick up a bag of white tube socks when you are shopping! Keep November 14 open for our annual luncheon, with some changes this year. December is the Holiday Party with the President's Challenge – I'm challenging you to use something from nature to make a stitched "something".

After all that information, I am asking your help in planning future projects. What would you like to learn or improve upon or just do? I would love to hear your thoughts. Hope to see you all soon.

Cinda Hall, Leader of the PAC

<p>July Christmas in July THaP Ornament 7pm July 22, 2020</p>	<p>August Preparing for Ludington 7pm August 26, 2020</p>	<p>September Outreach in Fleece 7pm September 23, 2020</p>
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OFFICERS

President – Cinda Hall

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– Diane Bishop

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Past MAR Region Dir - Patty Smith Gardner

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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 St. Luke Lutheran Church, Devon (unless otherwise noted). Any questions-contact any board member.

St. Luke Lutheran Church is located at the intersection of Valley Forge Road and Conestoga Road. The address is:
203 N. Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA.
610-688-0122

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Outreach – Volunteer needed!

Education – Patty Smith Gardner

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Fund Raising – Volunteer needed!

Librarian – Gerty Romer

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Membership & Directory – Phyllis Archer

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Newsletter – Laura Bonnington

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Programs – Diane Bishop

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Web & Social Media – Liz Suess

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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 password 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 **Lisa McGinnis** for coordinating our chapter meetings via Zoom and helping us to continue to get together during this time! Thank you to **Margaret Hardie** for coordinating and teaching the Pansy Ribbonwork Brooch at the May chapter meeting! Thank you to **Diane Bishop** for

coordinating and teaching the Hapsburg Scissors case at the June chapter meeting!



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. 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!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES –

The PAC currently has 24 members and 6 plural members. **Donna Harrington** has joined the chapter after being a plural member. The following members have not renewed for 2020-2021: **Catherine Dardozi, Dorothy Fitzpatrick, Mary Kirk, Sue Leimback, Maureen Lock and Soledad Archer**. If you believe that your name is listed here in error, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Phyllis Archer.

Please note the following updated contact information: **(scrubbed)**



It is with great sadness that the PAC learned of the passing of long-time member and friend, **Joan G. Bloomfield**, 85, on April 3, 2020 at Normandy Farms Estates in Blue Bell, where she had been residing. Prior to her many years with the PAC, Joan was a member of an EGA chapter in New Jersey. Joan dearly loved EGA, and **her daughter, Janet Hackett**, is also a long-time member of the PAC. Joan owned and operated a "local needlework shop" in the past, and she also enjoyed beadwork. She and Janet taught the "Loopy Fringe Bracelet" Take-Home-a-Project (THaP) to the PAC in 2006. The walls of Joan's home and her jewelry box were filled with her beautiful work. Our current Chapter President, Cinda Hall, stated that she will always thank Joan for introducing her to the EGA and that she smiles at her fond memories of Joan. Please keep Janet and her family in your thoughts. More information can be found at

<https://mooreandsnear.com/tribute/details/8197/Joan-Bloomfield/obituary.html>.

IN THE NEWS –

Have you seen the PAC's new website? Liz Suess did a fabulous job recently rebuilding the chapter's website, which went live in mid-April 2020. Be sure to check out all the features at <https://www.philaega.org>. Liz is still seeking information and photographs about past chapter events and projects to add to the website. If you have any suggestions, please contact Liz at (scrubbed) . **BUT (isn't there's always a "BUT"?), the EGA requires that each chapter member complete and return a Newsletter and Website Permission to Publish Form**, which Cinda sent to all PAC members in a recent email message. A copy of the form is also included with this newsletter. This completed form gives permission to the PAC to include your photo and/or your needlework, etc. in the Newsletter and on the chapter website. **Please complete the form and return it to Cinda by August 1, 2020.**

The Annual Needlework Show at the National Trust and Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House in Alexandria, Virginia, will be re-opening on July 15, 2020 through August 2, 2020. See information at <http://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/annualneedleworkshow>.

The EGA 2020 Seminar "Boston Stitch Party" at Sheraton, Back Bay Boston, Massachusetts has been cancelled and the seminar will be moved to 2023 at the same location.

The EGA Facebook Stitch-Along (SAL) page now has 4,166 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 with fellow stitchers!

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY GET-TOGETHERS VIA ZOOM-

Since the chapter members have been unable to meet in person for some time, 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 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Food Court at Wegmans Market located at One Village Drive in King Of Prussia, near the PA Turnpike, Route 202, the Schuylkill Expressway, and North Gulph Road are **temporarily suspended until further notice** due to

the current health concerns. These Stitch-In Public Get-Togethers have been great fun and have increased our visibility in the area, bringing new members to our chapter. Hopefully we will be able to resume them soon.

REGION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – GERTY & DIANE

A meeting of the MAR's board and chapter representatives was held using Zoom on Saturday, May 3, 2020. Your Region Representatives thought the meeting was exceptionally well-organized.

The MAR 2020 Seminar "Get Stitching Gettysburg" has been postponed to May 14-16, 2021, in the same location in Gettysburg. Fortunately, if you registered for the seminar in 2020, you will be able to take the same classes in 2021. The Region has totebags available intended for the seminar. The cost is \$20.00. See the Region newsletter for how to order.

SMART day is scheduled for October 17, 2020 at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wilmington, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware and will be hosted by the Brandywine Chapter. The class for SMART Day will be "Flower Cuff" taught by Orna Willis. www.adornbyorna.com. The kit includes everything that is needed to complete the cuff: 7 skeins of yarn, Ultrasuede backing, bead pack, canvas, tapestry & quilting needles, copper wire, and the instruction booklet. The cuff is 7.5 "x 2.25" but this piece could also be added to a blouse, jacket, small bag, or made into another item. The six-hour class will accommodate up to 50 students. Kit Fee is \$60. Please send your coupon in by August 15, 2020 to reserve your place (available in the recent MAR newsletter.) There is also a coupon in the MAR newsletter for lunch, a "Build your Own Taco." If we are not able to meet together on October 17, 2020, the class will be taught virtually.

The Region is looking for chapters to host its meetings beginning with the fall of 2021 through the spring of 2023. There is no real cost to the chapter, and the region event planner helps to find the venue, etc. It is primarily a commitment of time and people in order to welcome attendees to the area and provide directions to restaurants, etc. A MAR seminar is scheduled to be held in 2022 in Norfolk, Virginia.

Money continues to be available to MAR members through the Joan Masterson and PRIDE scholarships.

Finally, as they say, God willing and the creeks don't rise. . . Camp Wannastitch has been scheduled for January 15-18, 2021 with the early birds starting January 14, 2021. The room rates are the same as last year.

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.

EDUCATION REPORT – PATTY SMITH GARDNER

The new GCC Fandango is a Go-Go! I am pleased to announce that our latest Group Correspondence Course has gotten up to 13 members, and we can register as a chapter! This is great news, as our chapter will pay for the registration fee. Individual members will only pay for the text (\$45) and their materials. We have room for just 7 more chapter members to join in, so give it some thought.



We will start up with this project in October 2020, which will give us time to get the supplies and for National to get our paperwork organized. The first meeting will be where you get your text, and we compare notes on materials and read thru the course together and then get started! We will have regular get-togethers each month or so to keep everyone moving and talking. I will need to send a full class participant list with registration, so please email me at (~~scrubbed~~) before July 31, 2020 to let me know that you want to join us!

Here is more information about the course:

Join teacher Barbara Kershaw in Fandango, a Group Correspondence Course focused on Punto Antico, one of many beautiful styles of Italian whitework embroidery. Punto Antico embroidery includes a lot of satin stitch, Palestrina and bullion knots, curls and scrolls. Italian hemstitch is also an integral part of any design, as well as drawn thread areas with sometime simple and may times intricate needlewoven insertions. No matter if simple or intricate, it is a beautiful form of whitework. The design was created as a pillow band but instructions for an alternate end to create the runner are included in the text.

Size: Approximately 11" x 27" table runner; Pillow band is 13" x 19"

Design area: 864 x 372 threads

Skill level: Intermediate-Advanced

Prerequisites: Knowledge of drawn thread and needleweaving would be helpful

Length of class: 6 lessons in 8 months

Supplies used: Belfast linen, DMC® #8 and #12 Coton Perlé

Finishing supplies: Pillow fabric, Pillow form or bag of fiberfill

Text price: \$45.00. Left-handed instructions available on request.

Estimated supply cost: \$50.00, finishing supply cost approximately \$40.00

DMC Floss Number for tassel: DMC® #791

Detail photos of fandango:



JULY MEETING – CHRISTMAS IN JULY ORNAMENT (THaP)

Gerty will teach this beginner level counted thread project, and you can use materials from your stash! This project was originally taught as a THaP at a 2019 MAR meeting by AliceRae Kutish. The base is an 18ct evenweave 100% cotton fabric (5x9-inches needed) and stitching is done with 2 colors of Perle Cotton #8 and a size 24 tapestry needle. The ornament is quick and simple, and can be altered in many ways to personalize it. Surprise your friends and family this year with a beautiful hand-stitched ornament!



Five different techniques will be taught:

- a cross stitch base will be embellished to create petals
- four-sided stitches will be used to create a border
- the back and front of the ornament will be connected with whip stitches
- a new way to make a tassel
- a hanging loop is made from twisted cord.

Stitchers will need their usual stitching supplies, as well as lighting and magnification, if needed. If you would like Gerty to put together a kit of needed materials for you, please contact her at **(scrubbed)**. The cost is \$6 if you wish to purchase a kit rather than use your own materials.

AUGUST MEETING – PLANNING FOR LUDINGTON

The PAC's 2018 exhibit in the display cases at Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr was such a success that we're going to do it again this November! The library has eight display cases in the entrance hall where we will display our work from November 2, 2020 to December 4, 2020. The library has very strict guidelines about how items can be displayed in the cases, and we're going to try planning the layouts of the exhibits in advance this time rather than trying to do it on the fly while setting up the exhibits. If you have any small easels, plate holders, unframed mirrors, stands/pedestals, etc. that you would like to loan the chapter for the exhibit, please let us know! We'll also be making labels for the items with the stitchers' names and information about the items.

At the chapter meeting on August 26, 2020, we will be planning the displays. At that time, we will be making a list of what everyone plans to display in order to get an idea of the space we need for each item, the layouts, etc. We are asking for fall and winter holiday-related stitchery but also for items from past EGA meetings, classes or conventions. Unfortunately, we will not have space this time for hanging pieces. We would love for everyone to display items!

Again, this display requires an EGA National form, Individual Appraisal of Fine Arts for Chapter or Regional Exhibits or Shows, filled out by each of us for what you plan to exhibit. Cinda will be collecting these forms at the August meeting or in November at the latest. You can print and fill this out at home, but Cinda will have extra copies at the August meeting. Any questions, please give Cinda a call.

SEPTEMBER MEETING – OUTREACH IN FLEECE

In 2019, the chapter will again be working to provide fleece blankets for those in need through The Good Samaritan Shelter in Phoenixville. This time, we will also be collecting tube socks, which the shelter indicated that the residents also need. Please use your JoAnn coupons or JoAnn VIP Discount to purchase approximately 2 yards of polar fleece material (solids and patterns suitable primarily for teenagers and adults, please) as a donation to this worthwhile cause, and bring the fabric to the meeting. This outreach project has been a huge success over the last few years – let's make 2020 even bigger!

NOVEMBER MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date of November 14, 2020 for our Annual Meeting. Details to follow.

DECEMBER MEETING – HOLIDAY PARTY & PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Mark your calendars for December 9, 2020, the date of our annual Holiday Party and the President's Challenge for 2020! The President's Challenge this year is to use something from nature to make a stitched something! You have lots of time to think of something and make your design your own. Bring them to the Holiday Party!

OCTOBER MEETING – FOLDED FABRIC STAR

Coming Attraction!

In October, we will be making these cute and EASY folded fabric stars!

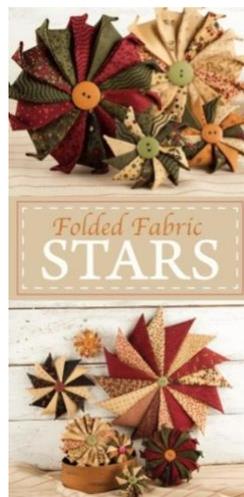
Full details will be in the next newsletter, but this summer, you may want to collect your fabric bits to make a star of your own choice.

We will be providing the Christmas prints shown here for anyone who wants them.



BUT, you can design your own if you wish. You will need 16 square pieces, each 3" square, for each star. All of the pieces can be the same, or in complementary prints, or solids.

The finished product can be an ornament, or a pin, or a decoration for a pull or a knob.....lots of ways to use them.



Also, you want to be on the lookout for a cute button or bead to go in the center.

So Go! Maybe we can finally shop for fabric! Raid your stash if we can't! Or just plan to be there for our October meeting when we will have fun with these. See you then!

PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA																				
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PAC EGA Board Meetings – 2nd Monday of each month (except July and August, and subject to change)
 at Panera Bread, 150 Allendale Road in King of Prussia at 7 P.M.
 Any chapter member is welcome to attend and participate in a Board meeting!

PAC EGA Chapter Meetings – 4th Wednesday of each month, subject to change, at Saint Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, 203 North Valley Forge Road, Devon, at 7 P.M.

Sharing Chapters: Please email your newsletter to Laura Bonnington, Newsletter Editor,
Philadelphia Area Chapter – **(scrubbed)**

(also, please ask if you want to use anything from this newsletter, I'd be happy to email you the document)



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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, **Cinda Hall**, 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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