

# The Newsletter of the Philadelphia Area Chapter EGA



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## A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, CINDA HALL

*The most important thing in life is not knowing everything, it's having the phone number of someone who does!*  
From: Coolfunnyquotes.com

*I think that quote really sums up what our EGA chapter truly means. There are so many talented stitchers, so the stitching help that you need is only a call/email away. Have a question? Someone knows how to do it!*

*Thanks to all who came to our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Bobbi Tower's Hooked Rug program was so interesting and her work was unbelievably beautiful. Thanks to Diane for introducing her to us (and for all you do to give us wonderful projects). At the luncheon, the Board for next year was voted on and approved. The Board members are as follows:*

*President: Cinda Hall*

*Vice-President: Gerty Romer*

*Secretary: Kay Braun*

*Treasurer: Margaret Hardy*

*Thanks to each of you and the rest of the Board for volunteering for your job. You make this Chapter and my job run smoothly.*

*We had a great turnout for the Holiday Party. There were lots of show-and-tell pieces, wonderful snacks, and much participation in the nametag President's Challenge. By popular vote, the winner of the Philadelphia related nametag was Liz Suess with a stitched Philadelphia skyline. All the designs were outstanding! Thanks for participating. Be sure to wear your nametag at meetings.*

*We have an exciting year of projects being planned for our Chapter, and we would love to hear your suggestions and comments to help us finalize the programs for our meetings. Be sure to check out this newsletter for the next three month's projects, which include some new and fun techniques. Thanks to Laura for your hard work on the newsletter and keeping us in the know!*

*It's cold outside! Stay warm inside and stitch!*

Cinda Hall, Leader of the PAC

<b>January</b> <b>Let's Explore Redwork!</b>  7pm January 22, 2020 at St. Luke Devon	<b>February</b> <b>Stitch-In</b> <b>at Gerty's house</b> 10am February 29, 2020 Gerty Romer's home	<b>March</b> <b>Mary Corbet's</b> <b>Twelve Trees</b> 7pm March 25, 2020 at St. Luke Devon
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### OFFICERS

**President** – Cinda Hall

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**Vice-President** – Gerty Romer (scrubbed)

**Secretary** – Kay Braun

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**Treasurer** – Margaret Hardie

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**Region Representatives** – Gerty Romer

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– Diane Bishop

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**Past Chapter President** – Kim Thornton

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**Past MAR Region Dir** - Patty Smith Gardner

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### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Community Outreach – Volunteer needed!**

**Education** – Patty Smith Gardner

(scrubbed)

**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** – VACANT

**Our Chapter Website is:** [www.philaega.org](http://www.philaega.org)

**The Mid-Atlantic Region Website is:**

[www.marega.org](http://www.marega.org)

**To enter the member-only area;** (scrubbed)

**National EGA Website is:** [www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org)

**Members-only area Login:** (scrubbed)

### **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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### **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 **all who donated** supplies and time for our annual outreach effort in September 2019!

Thank you to **Diane Bishop** for coordinating the Sheep Ditty Bag project in October 2019!

Thank you to **Cinda Hall and Margaret Hardie** for coordinating our Annual Meeting in November 2019!



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!

## REPORT FROM YOUR REGION REPRESENTATIVES – GERTY ROMER & DIANE BISHOP

Gerty and Diane attended the Fall 2019 MAR meeting on November 8-9, 2019 in Hagerstown, Maryland. The Spring 2020 meeting will be held April 29-May 3, 2020 in Gettysburg, PA.

**A VERY IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE MAR NEWSLETTER** - Many of you will remember that some PAC members did not get the summer 2019 MAR newsletter. It seems to have to do with the new service, Mailchimp, that the MAR is using to mail out the newsletters. Because some of us, including President Cinda Hall and Newsletter Editor Laura Bonnington forwarded the newsletter to chapter members, as we had been asked to do in the past, we were automatically unsubscribed from the mailing service. DO NOT FORWARD MAR NEWSLETTERS TO ANYONE, INCLUDING OTHER PAC/MAR MEMBERS! If you want to forward the newsletter to someone else, save the attachment on your computer/tablet, and then send the attachment in a new email to your intended recipient.

Alice Rae Kutish, the MAR Historian, is requesting stories and/or pictures as well as memories of past MAR Seminars and Mini-Seminars. She is also trying to assemble a history of Camp Wannastitch, particularly when it was held in locations other than Ocean City, Maryland. Alice Rae can be reached at (scrubbed).

**Camp Wannastitch** will be held from January 17-20, 2020 with Early Bird start on January 16, 2020 in the Clarion Fontainebleau in Ocean City, Maryland. Safe travels to all who will be heading to the shore!

The **MAR 2020 Seminar “Get Stitching Gettysburg”**, will be held in Gettysburg, PA at the Eisenhower Conference Center from April 29 - May 3, 2020. Please see [www.marega.org](http://www.marega.org) for information about classes and fund-raisers for the Seminar, included raffle tickets for a Civil War reproduction quilt. “MAR EGA Seminar 2020” is on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, you are encouraged to “like” and “share” posts from the MAR EGA Seminar **2020 page**.

**The Fall 2020 MAR meeting** will be hosted by the Brandywine chapter.

**New MAR merchandise**, including MAR pins, will be available in the near future. Stay tuned!

## EDUCATION REPORT – PATTY SMITH GARDNER

Seven different scholarships are available to any member of the EGA, and there are also MAR scholarships. They are listed on the National and MAR websites, along with the purpose, restrictions, and values. All members are encouraged to seek these scholarships.

There are several new Group Correspondence Courses (GCC), including English Summer by Cheryl Sharp, which is also currently available as a Lightning Round. Lightning Rounds do not require as large a group to participate. See all of the GCC and Lightning Rounds that are currently available at [www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org). If you see a class that you would like to take, contact a Board member, who can offer advice about how to try to make it happen!

The EGA Facebook Stitch-Along (SAL) page now has 3707 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.

### PAC BUSINESS CARDS!

See a stitcher?– start a conversation and give a card! Please keep a couple of cards on hand in case you need one. If you need more cards, please see Cinda Hall or Laura Bonnington.

### IN THE NEWS –

Congratulations to Liz Suess – the winner of the 2019 President's Challenge! Way to go, Liz!

Needleworker's Delight of Metuchen, NJ will be holding "NeedleFest Summer Getaway" at The Radnor Hotel from July 23-26, 2020. Events include classes, a shopping boutique, and an all-day stitching room. Reservations and payment of a fee are required. More info can be found at <http://www.needleworkersdelight.com/NeedleFestSummerGetaway.html>

### STITCH-IN-PUBLIC SATURDAY GET-TOGETHERS-

We will be meeting on **Friday, February 21, 2020, and Saturday, March 21, 2020**, in the Food Court (we may be in the outside seating area, if weather permits) 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. These Stitch-In Public Saturdays have been great fun and have increased our visibility in the area, bringing new members to our chapter. Join us for stitching, socializing, and snacking! We will be there from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Come for a couple of hours, or stay for the whole event! **Please note that there will be no Wegman's Stitch-In in January 2020 because of the scheduling of Camp Wannastitch.**

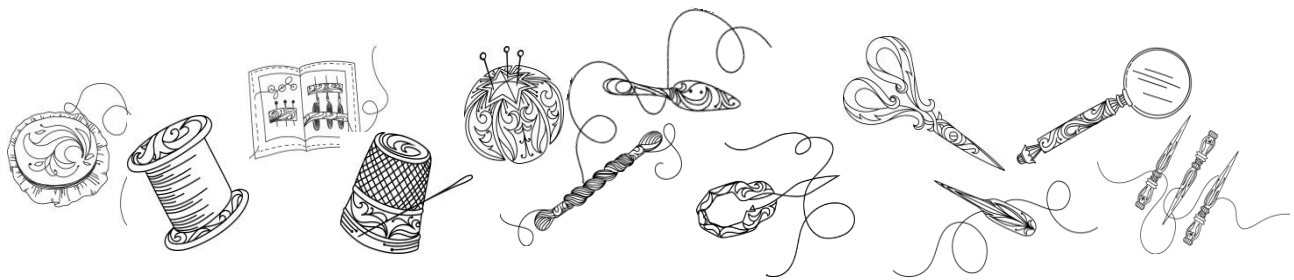
## JANUARY MEETING – LET'S EXPLORE REDWORK!

Redwork is a form of surface embroidery that was usually done on useful items for the home, such as towels, aprons, tablecovers, etc.

It is a fun and relaxing stitching experience! You just follow the simple lines, like coloring, with a stem stitch or back stitch, then do some improvising to fill in where you want. You can make it as simple or ornate as you like! And there's only one color, so no constant switching or checking charts.

Since so many inspirations for redwork come from simple line art-like coloring books, I decided to try it with the stitching tool art that EGA has on its website! I love the simple pretty lines of the tools.

I will be emailing the whole file to everyone in January, and you will pick two, print them, bring them to the meeting, and transfer them to your fabric, and we can have fun embroidering them! When finished, we will make them up into simple zippered pouches to hold your stitching tools.



Look at all the fun designs to choose from!

Here is my finished pouch; I chose the pincushion and the scissors.



The linen fabric was donated by Gerty Romer and will be free! But please email me at **(scrubbed)** to let me know if you are coming and would like a piece, so I can prepare enough.

### You will need to bring:

- A skein of DMC in red; any red you like. I used 321, but any nice red will do. OR, you can go rogue and make it Bluework! Or Greenwork! Your choice.
- An embroidery hoop, 8" is best.
- A pencil for transfer. I recommend a red pencil if you are going to stitch in red, but a plain black one will do also.
- An embroidery needle, for using two strands of cotton floss.
- Usual stitching supplies.

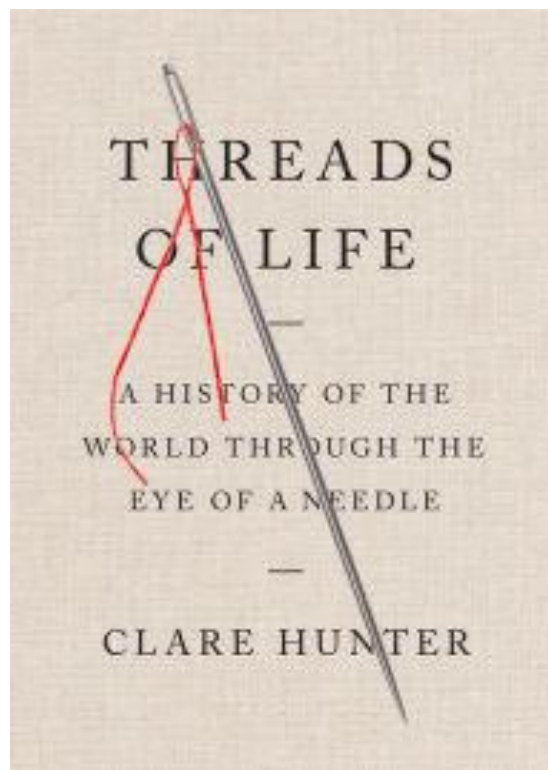
**Psst! If you get your stitching done by February's Stitch-In at Gerty's house, we will sew it up into a pouch for you! Is that incentive enough? Come and give it a try!!!**

## FEBRUARY MEETING – STITCH IN AT GERTY'S HOUSE

Spend Leap Day stitching at Gerty's house! **Gerty has graciously offered to host a Saturday Stitch-In at her home on February 29, 2020 from 10AM – 4PM, in place of the scheduled chapter meeting that month.** Bring your works-in-progress and put in a few hours of work among friends and fellow stitchers! Or just stop by to see what your friends are making! Gerty's home is located at **(scrubbed)**. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. If anyone has their Redwork Pouch finished, the sewing can be done at this meeting. Please RSVP to Gerty at **(scrubbed)**.

## “THREADS OF LIFE: A HISTORY OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE” BY CLARE HUNTER

Cinda would like you to draw your attention to this book by Clare Hunter of the London Embroidery School, which has gotten great reviews and was recently released in the United States. The book, which was originally published overseas, traces the stories of needlework across time and geographies, telling of people who have chosen sewing as a way to document their lives, protect their children, celebrate community achievements, cope with mental or physical frailty, and campaign for a better world. It is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.





## MARCH & APRIL MEETINGS

### Mary Corbet's Twelve Trees!

This lovely series of trees by Mary Corbet are all in one E-Book! We are going to do them as a group!

If you want to participate, you will go to Mary's website and purchase the book directly from her:

<https://shop.needlethread.com/product/twelve-trees-for-christmas>

Then you can print the directions and come join us at our March meeting. When you decide which tree/trees you want to try, you can pull threads from your stash according to what is needed in the instructions. Great stash buster project! You can decide to change up the colors so that they are not "Christmassy" at all, but perhaps some spring colors? Fall? Your choice.

You decide if you want to do them as a set of two fingertip towels as shown, or if you want to do them on your own fabric. You can make them into ornaments, or framed pieces, or on a pillow; the possibilities are endless!

If you want to do the towels, we will have them available in sets of two, ready to finish with the red stripes at the hems.

In April, we will have a session where we will learn to do the fancy drawn thread hemstitching shown here. You can do this on your tree towel, or just come and learn how to do it on some linen of your own.

**Please RSVP to Patty: (scrubbed) to let her know that you'd like to have a set of towels. They will be \$5 per set, and you can pay at the meeting.**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020, and Wednesday, April 22, 2020,  
at St. Luke's in Devon**

#### Bring:

- Downloaded EBook of "Twelve Trees For Christmas"
- Selection of your choice of embroidery flosses to complete your choice of trees
- Pencil for tracing pattern onto your fabric
- 6 or 7-inch embroidery hoop
- Usual embroidery supplies

Mary Corbet's  
*Needle n Thread*  
Twelve Trees  
for Christmas

patterns, guides, and stitches



by Mary Corbet

[needlethread.com](http://needlethread.com)



## MAR CHAPTER WEBSITES & FACEBOOK PAGES

Brandywine	<a href="http://www.egabrandywine.org/">http://www.egabrandywine.org/</a>
Bucks County	<a href="http://www.bucksega.org/">http://www.bucksega.org/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Bucks-County-EGA-298444248076/">https://www.facebook.com/Bucks-County-EGA-298444248076/</a>
Colonial West Jersey	<a href="http://www.colonialwestjerseyega.com/">http://www.colonialwestjerseyega.com/</a>
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National EGA	
Stitch-A-Long	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/486902244995324/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/486902244995324/</a>

## DEADLINES & UPCOMING NEEDLEWORK EVENTS/EXHIBITS –

- January 16-20, 2020 - Camp Wannastitch at Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, MD
- February 1, 2020 – Stitch-in-Public Day
- February 1, 2020 – Deadline for submissions to The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodlawn Needlework Show & Sale For more information on the show and how to submit your pieces, including via mail, see [www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/annualneedleworkshow](http://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/annualneedleworkshow)
- March 1-31, 2020 – The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodlawn Needlework Show & Sale “Celebrating 100 Years of Women Expressing Their Rights Through Craftmaking 1920-2020” in Alexandria, VA
- March 14, 2020 – Registration re-opens for EGA 2020 Seminar “Boston Stitch Party” at Sheraton, Back Bay Boston, Massachusetts
- Ongoing – April 30, 2020 – Out & About: A Collection of Purses & Clutches from the Collection of Ilene Hochberg Wood at the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts and the Moravian Museum in Bethlehem, PA. <https://historicbethlehem.org/collections/exhibits/out-about-a-collection-of-purses-clutches/>
- Ongoing – May 17, 2020 – Off the Wall: American Art to Wear at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. More information at <https://www.philamuseum.org/calendar/exhibition/wall-american-art-wear>
- Ongoing – May 17, 2020 – In Pursuit of Fashion: The Sandy Schreier Collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Fifth Avenue, New York City More information can be found at <https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2019/in-pursuit-of-fashion-the-sandy-schreier-collection>
- June 7, 2020 – August 30, 2020 – Maker & Muse: Women and Early Twentieth Century Art Jewelry at the Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA More information can be found at <https://www.allentownartmuseum.org/exhibitions/maker-muse-women-and-early-twentieth-century-art-jewelry/>
- September 4 – 8, 2020 – EGA 2020 Seminar “Boston Stitch Party” at Sheraton, Back Bay Boston, Massachusetts
- October 26 – November 1, 2020 – International Quilt Festival in Houston, TX. See [www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com)



## PHILADELPHIA AREA CHAPTER EGA 2020 CALENDAR

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PAC EGA Board Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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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