



New York Capital District Chapter

FALL 2019



Tuesday, September 17, 2019 | Beverwyck Terrace

Joint Meeting: Finishing Techniques with Ruth Mehlenbacher

6:00 – Picnic Supper

We will start our program year with the annual Joint Meeting. This event brings our three groups together with time to socialize and connect with other Chapter members. The doors of the Beverwyck will open at 6 pm for the indoor picnic. Bring your picnic supper and, if you wish, a dessert to share. Decaf coffee will be provided.

Please note that the 2019 Program Survey will be distributed at the meeting. It should only take 5 minutes to complete so you can finish it then and there. More info in the article below.

7:00 – Presentation

This year we are very pleased to welcome Ruth Mellenbacher as our featured speaker. Ruth is a seamstress and needlework finisher. She lives in the area and has beautifully finished many of our member's stitched work into pillows, ornaments, carry bags and more. Come to see examples of her work and get ideas and tips to use for sewn finishes. Whether you are running out of wall space, looking for alternative finishing ideas or just interested in an evening out with fellow stitchers, you will enjoy this meeting.

We hope as many members as possible will plan to attend. Remember parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 7

Registration Deadline
for Basics of Counted
Thread Techniques

October 22

Deadline for
Program Survey

November 5

Deadline for
Winter Newsletter

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2019 Program Survey will be ready in September

The 2019 Program Survey will be distributed at the Joint Meeting on September 17. Before they make programming decisions, the Program Committee looks to the results of this survey to find out which stitching techniques Chapter members are most interested in learning about. Samples of various stitching techniques will be on display at the Joint Meeting to help you answer the survey.

For those unable to attend the Joint Meeting, the survey will be available at the October meetings of the Beverwyck, North End and Day Groups. NOTE: If you are not able to attend any of these meetings you can request a survey be sent to you by contacting Kathy Kuhrt.

The deadline for returning the survey is October 22. The results will be tallied at the end of October and then used to prioritize and plan future programs. Thank you for your assistance with this process.

— Kathy Kuhrt, Program Committee Chair

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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

Fall has really snuck up on me this year. I can hardly believe it's time to start concentrating on our chapter events which will begin in just a few days. Our Beverwyck meetings have been very well attended all summer, but now our Day and North End Groups will resume their monthly meetings, giving us many more opportunities to come together with our friends and stitching "buddies."

Our first main event will be the annual Picnic/Joint Meeting at the Beverwyck Community Center on Tuesday, September 17, beginning with picnic at 6:00 and lecture by Ruth Mehlenbacher at 7:00. I hope to see you there.

Our Creative Stitches summer camp was a success once again this year. We welcomed 15 girls to the Bethlehem Library's large community room for the week-long "camp." The group consisted of three advanced stitchers, two intermediate stitchers, and ten beginners.

Creative Stitches is one of the two long-term, on-going outreach projects we do for our community. The second project is samplers for Habitat for Humanity. I'd like to encourage you to consider stitching one of the Habitat for Humanity samplers that we do for the Habitat organization. They will be presenting many new homes in the coming months, and we'll need to supply them as needed. The samplers are small and have a simple design. Pat Burns is our liaison with Habitat for Humanity and coordinates our efforts for them. Please contact Pat at either 518-928-4789 or chardypat@gmail.com to get one of the sampler kits to complete. Your help with this ongoing outreach project will be very much appreciated.

I'm looking forward to seeing more of everyone in the coming months.

Warmest regards,

Sandie Feck



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| 3 | Board | 5:30 Meeting @ Beverwyck |
| 3 | Beverwyck | Stitch-In, Show & Share |
| 12 | North End | Stitch-In, Show & Share |
| 17 | Chapter | Joint Meeting at Beverwyck – Finishing Techniques with Ruth Mehlenbacher |
| 18 | Day Group | Stitch-In, Show & Share |
| 26 | North End | Stitch-In, Show & Share |

9 Whitework
11 Crewel
12 Knitting
16 Cross Stitch
25 Studio Time
28 Blackwork

Beverwyck Evening Group: The coordinator, Terry Case, will send out an email if a meeting is cancelled.

Day Group:
If the East Greenbush
school district is closed
or delayed, the meeting
is cancelled.

North End Group:
The coordinator, Doris Halvorsen, will send out an email if a meeting is cancelled.

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| 1 | Board | 5:30 Meeting @ Beverwyck |
| 1 | Beverwyck | Stitch-In, Show & Share |
| 15 | Beverwyck | Basics of Counted Thread Techniques |
| 16 | Day Group | Basics of Counted Thread Techniques |
| 17 | North End* | Stitch-In, Show & Share |
| 24 | North End | Basics of Counted Thread Techniques |

9 Crewel
10 Knitting
14 Whitework
21 Cross Stitch***
23 Studio Time****
26 Blackwork

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| 4 | Beverwyck** | Stitch-In, Show & Share |
| 14 | North End | Stitch-In, Show & Share |
| 19 | Beverwyck | Stitch-In, Show & Share |
| 20 | Day Group | Stitch-In, Show & Share |

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| 3 | Beverwyck | Holiday Party |
| 5 | North End* | Holiday Party |
| 18 | Day Group | Holiday Party |

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- 16 Cross Stitch***
- TBD Blackwork

**** Studio Time – October meeting will be held in the Berkshire Bank Community Room, 255 Delaware Ave, Delmar.



Beverwyck Evening Group

7–9 PM every 1st & 3rd Tuesday

Community room of the Terrace at Beverwyck Retirement Community, 41 Beverwyck Lane, Slingerlands



From Krumkill Rd turn onto Beverwyck Lane (at the bounding deer sign just east of Blessing Rd), and then turn into the second driveway on the right. As you pull in you will see the entrance to the community room directly across from the driveway. In general, the 1st meeting of the month is a stitch-in (bring whatever you are working on), and the 2nd meeting is a program meeting.

Coordinator: Terry Case

Day Group

10–2 PM every 3rd Wednesday (Sept–May)

Blooming Grove Reformed Church, 706 Bloomingrove Dr, Defreestville



From the West (Albany, Delmar, Schenectady, etc.) take I-90 East to Exit 8 (Rt 43 Defreestville– second exit after crossing the Hudson River). Follow the very long exit ramp to the first light (Washington Ave) and turn right. The road comes to a “T” with a stop sign; turn right onto Bloomingrove Drive; church is on your right. Come in double doors at far end of porch; meeting room is to the left. From all other areas where you do not need to use I-90; from Rt. 4 turn onto Bloomingrove at the light near CVS and Stewart’s; just north of Home Depot. Church is on the left.

Coordinator: Fran Roscello

North End Group

6:30–9 PM on the 2nd & 4th Thursday (Sept–June), barring holidays.

St. George’s Episcopal Church, 912 Rte 146, Clifton Park



Take I-87 (Northway) to exit 9 (Rte.146W). Go west for approximately 1+ miles during which you will go through 5 traffic lights (including the exit ramp). The 5th light is the intersection of Moe Rd. Just past this intersection, the church complex will be on the left, set back from the road. Use the second entrance to the church. As you face the church, we meet in the building to the left (Parish Hall).

Coordinator: Doris Halvorsen

Directions to East Greenbush Library

Located on Michael Rd, just east of Rtes 4 & 151

From 1-90, take Exit 9, then turn south onto Rte 4; at the rotary go $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around onto Rte 151 (like a left turn). Turn right at the next traffic light onto Michael Rd and you will see the library on your right.

From Rtes 9 & 20 (Columbia Turnpike), take Rte 4 North to rotary at Rte 151. Take first right onto Rte 151, and then proceed as above.

Knit Study Group

New!

A new Knit Study Group has been formed for those who wish to knit with a group. Meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month from 12 to 4.

Next meeting: September 12 at the Berkshire Bank Community Room, 255 Delaware Ave., Delmar. If you are interested in joining the group, contact LuAnn Scherer.

Study Groups and Studio Time

Study Groups and Studio Time are open to all members and offer unstructured time to gather with other chapter members for stitching and socializing. Study Groups encourage exploration and knowledge sharing of a particular type of stitching. Check the Calendar page for exact meeting dates.

Blackwork Study Group

Fourth Saturday of the month; 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Meeting location is determined by the hostess.

Contact: Fran Roscello

Crewel & Surface Embroidery Study Group

Second Wednesday of the month; 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Meeting location is determined by the hostess.

Contact: Mary Willmott

Cross Stitch PLUS Study Group

Third Monday of the month; 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Meetings at the East Greenbush Library. Bring your lunch and your stitching—come for part or all of the meeting time. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Contact: Lynne Priestley

Studio Time

Fourth Wednesday of the month; 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Meetings at the East Greenbush Library. Bring your lunch; hot water for beverages is provided.

Contact: Sherry McCredie

Whitework Study Group

Second Monday of the month; 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Meeting location is determined by the hostess.

Contact: Doris Halvorsen





PROGRAM

Introduction/Review of Basics of Counted Thread Techniques with Sandie Feck

Beverwyck – Tuesday, October 15

Day Group – Wednesday, October 16

North End – Thursday, October 24

Whether you are new to counted thread techniques or just interested in reviewing basics, there will be something for everyone in the Basics of Counted Thread Techniques session. Sandie Feck will guide us as we explore the fabrics and fibers used for counted thread embroidery. We'll work with linen, following charts for a simple border and alphabet and find the best way to start stitching. We'll use floss, determine how many threads to use, explore starting and ending threads and more. These basics build a solid foundation for many counted techniques including Blackwork, Assisi, Pulled Thread, Hardanger and more.

This class is free, but you need to sign up so that we can have kits ready for you. Use the coupon on page 10 to register by October 7.

NEWS FROM THE METROPOLITAN REGION DIRECTOR

Hello everyone,

We heard you! We are hosting the 2022 National Seminar and as such, will not be hosting our 2021 Region Seminar. However, we are looking to hold stitch-ins/retreats around the region.

The first of these events will be a stitch-in at Needleworker's Delight on Sunday, October 13, 2019, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Needleworker's Delight is located on the second floor of Plaza K, 181 Route 1 South, Metuchen, NJ. Registration is required, and is open from August 19, 2019 to September 30, 2019.

Any questions can be sent to Marge Kelly at mwkelly0129@gmail.com or Janice Meyers at GrayceeDM@aol.com.

Hope to see you there,
Marge Kelly
Metropolitan Region Director

NOTE: More details and the registration form can be found on page 8.

An Invitation for all Metropolitan Region Members

Dear NYCDCEGA members,

The Metropolitan Region will be having note cards made to sell as part of our fundraising efforts. All Metropolitan Region members are invited to submit a photo of their stitched original design to be considered for the Region's use.

Acknowledgement of the designer will be on the reverse of the card. The size of the cards will be approximately 5.5" x 4.5" and will be sold with accompanying envelopes.

We have many talented stitchers in our Region who design their own pieces. Please consider sending a photo of your piece to us, along with authorization for us to duplicate the photo and use it.

Wouldn't you just love to send a note to someone special that shows your love of needlework on the front of the card?

The deadline for consideration is September 15, 2019. Provide us with a jpeg photo of your original design, that you will donate to the Metropolitan Region, to be used for these fundraising purposes. Email your photo and authorization to: christene.thurston@me.com.

We plan to have cards made up soon so that we can start to offer them for sale at Chapter and Region events this year.

— Marge Kelly, Metropolitan Region Director





Creative Stitches 2019

August 5 through 9th marked the 39th year of our Creative Stitches program for nine year olds and up. This year, fifteen students worked intently to complete projects shared with parents and friends on the final day of the program. Of those fifteen, ten were new to the program. Five returning students were here for their second, third, or fourth year. Based on feedback from students and parents, along with consistent participation, we know we are helping to encourage ongoing interest and appreciation of embroidery.

Many thanks to all who support this program, and especially those who volunteered to help make this such a successful week.

Sandie Feck, Natalie Hart and Maggie Oldendorf planned projects for beginners, intermediate and advanced stitchers. Teaching children involves a lot of encouraging, demonstrating and helping to thread needles. We successfully managed this year's group with the help of Sandie DeLorenzo, Helen Fiore, Lynn Grey, Deborah Hartz, Donna Logan, Helen O'Connor and LuAnn Scherer.

Follow-up to this program is a monthly mentoring program the second Saturday of the month at Bethlehem Public Library for students who have participated in Creative Stitches. Watch for more information about this program and consider visiting and/or volunteering for one or more sessions.

– Kathy Kuhrt, Education Committee Chair





CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – Creative Stitches Mentoring Program

The 2019 Creative Stitches camp was very successful, and the students are excited about the opportunity to continue their efforts throughout the year. Fifteen children participated; ten were new to the program, and the remaining five children were there for the second, third, and fourth year!!

Once again, (our fifth year) we are offering our “mentoring children in the art of embroidery program” for the months of September 2019 through May 2020. The sessions will continue to be held on the second Saturday of every month in the Board Room at the Bethlehem Public Library from 1–3:00 PM. Unlike the summer program where we prepare lessons and kit projects, mentoring sessions are stitch-ins; students and mentors take their own projects on which to work and to show. The energy and creativity is wonderful to see.

Would you be willing to serve as a mentor? A “pool” of mentors will be established from which to draw on a specific date. You would not be asked to attend every session (unless, of course, you would like to), but might be asked to attend more than once. Our needs will be determined each month by the number of students who indicate they will be at that month’s session. If you are able to help us, please let me know. Please also let me know if there are any dates you would prefer to be asked, or if you wish, which dates you would not be available. We have given the girls a deadline of one week prior to each date for letting us know if they plan to attend so that we will know how many mentors to line up each month.

Thank you so much for considering this request. Our chapter is making great strides furthering appreciation of and interest in needle arts, not only for our peers, but for the next generation. Feel free to stop in to see what is happening at any of our mentoring sessions.

If you are able to help with this program, or if you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Sandie Feck.

2019 – 2020 Mentoring Sessions Saturdays, 1–3:00 PM

September 14, 2019
October 12, 2019
November 9, 2019
December 14, 2019
January 11, 2020
February 8, 2020
March 14, 2020
April 11, 2020
May 9, 2020

SAVE THE DATES!

Winter Retreat at Carondelet

The Winter Retreat will be held January 24–26 at the Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham. Full details, pricing and the registration coupon will be in the Winter newsletter which will be distributed in November. Members can also get more information from their group leaders or by contacting Louise Butler.

June Retreat at Ararat

We had a very successful retreat this summer and plans are already underway for next year’s retreat to be held June 11–14 at the Ararat Center in Greenville. We will continue with the four-day format and pricing will remain the same.

Additional details and the registration coupon will be in the Spring newsletter, which will be available in February.

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REGION STITCH-IN AT NEEDLEWORKER'S DELIGHT

We heard you! We are hosting the 2022 National Seminar and as such, will not be hosting our 2021 Region Seminar. However, we are looking to hold stitch-ins/retreats around the region.

The Metropolitan Region EGA is inviting our members to a stitch-in at Needleworker's Delight on Sunday, October 13, 2019 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Needleworker's Delight is located on the second floor of Plaza K, 181 Route 1 South, Metuchen, NJ. The cost of this event is \$30 per person and includes lunch (sandwiches and salads), fresh fruit, dessert and coffee, tea or water. Attendees will receive a goody bag from Needleworker's Delight as well as a 15% discount on all purchases made that day. If you are an ND Savers Club member then your normal discount of 25% will apply.

Many of you know Needleworker's Delight, as they have been the boutique at our past two Region Seminars. And if you've ever shopped at Needleworker's Delight you know exactly how great a shop they are!

This event is to benefit the Metropolitan Region and its members. Members attending this stitch-in will have the opportunity to get to know more of their fellow Region members by sharing the passion we all enjoy and will help raise money for the Region. Bring a WIP to work on and your shopping list.

Registration will be on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum of 50 members. Please complete the information below and mail it to Janice Meyers, Metropolitan Region Education Chair, 11 Fela Drive, Old Bridge, NJ, 08857, along with your check made payable to the "Metropolitan Region EGA" in the amount of \$30. Registration dates: August 19, 2019 to September 30, 2019. Any questions can be directed to Janice at GrayceeDM@aol.com.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 13!

Marge Kelly
Metropolitan Region Director

Yes, I will attend the Metropolitan Region's stitch-in fundraiser at Needleworker's Delight on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

Last Name: _____ First: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ E-mail: _____

Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

EGA Chapter: _____ EGA Member #: _____





Membership Updates

Additions

Anne Binseel
Sandie DeLorenzo
Sandy Gansle
Trudi Jacobson
Dawna Johnson
Jane Kessler
Nancy Shay
Marilyn Stapleton
Bonnie Urso

*Welcome Anne,
Sandie, Sandy,
Trudi, Dawna,
Jane, Nancy,
Marilyn &
Bonnie!*

2020 Mid-Eastern Seminar Through the Stitching Glass

May 15 - 17, 2020

Corning, New York

Registration: Sept 16 - Dec 1, 2019

www.mideasternregionega.org/index.html

2020 EGA National Seminar Boston Stitch Party

September 4-8, 2020

Sheraton, Back Bay Boston, MA

2021 EGA National Seminar

September 1-5, 2021

Marriott Downtown, Magnificent Mile
Chicago, IL

2022 EGA National Seminar to be hosted by the Metropolitan Region

More details to come!

Membership Roster

The full membership roster can be found on the Members Only page of our website at www.nycapega.org. This online version is updated quarterly and provides the most up-to-date information. The Members Only page also includes recent Chapter minutes, the last four newsletters and other Chapter-only info. If you need help accessing the Members Only page, contact Lynne Priestley.

EGA E-News

EGA E-News and other online communications from National are an opt-in service. If you're not receiving these valuable communications and would like to, you need to give permission by emailing Tonya at typarks@egausa.org.


OUTREACH REPORT

This summer several of our members volunteered at Peebles Island to work on reproducing the dining room curtains from the Mills Mansion at the Staatsburgh Historic Site. Members went every Tuesday during July and August and stitched under the direction of Sarah Stevens, the conservator in charge of the project.

A special thanks to the members who joined me to work on this special project: Sandie Feck, Louise Butler, Kathy Kuhrt, Barb Leafer, Agnes Bohl, Doris Halvorsen, Nancy Newkirk, Betty Kohn, Alice McLoughlin and Sheri Murphy Morlock.

—Terry Case, Outreach Chair





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**We welcome those
of all skill levels and interest
in any needle art technique.**

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