



# New York Capital District Chapter



## Chapter Biennial Dinner Meeting and Election of Officers

**Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – Italian American Community Center**

6:30 pm Doors open – Drinks may be purchased at the bar

7:00 pm Dinner served

7:45 pm Election of Officers

8:00 pm Guest Speakers: Melody Brennan, Virginia Huerfeld and Carol Newhart

The Biennial Dinner Meeting will be held at the Italian American Community Center, 257 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. The buffet dinner will include Chicken Parmesan, Fresh Salmon and Maple Dijon Pork Loin. Spouses and guests are welcome. After dinner there will be a brief business meeting and the election of the following officers: President, First Vice-President, Vice-President/Membership, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

### After-Dinner Program: Art Quilts – The Process

Did you stand at the wall of quilts at our last exhibit and ask “How did she do that?” You see the finished product but wonder what inspired it. How did it travel from idea to quilt? What was the step-by-step process? Melody Brennan, Virginia Huerfeld and Carol Newhart will take you through their process and tell the story behind selected pieces of their work.

**Registration deadline is May 5.** Cost is \$36 for members and \$50 for guests. (The Chapter is underwriting part of the dinner for members.) Registration coupon is on page 10. For questions about the dinner or the event, contact Kathy Kuhrt.

**SPRING 2020**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 1**  
Deadline for Workshops

**April 7**  
Deadline for Blackwork

**May 1**  
Membership Renewal

**May 5**  
Deadline for Biennial Dinner and Election

**May 5**  
Deadline for Newsletter

**May 11**  
June Retreat Deadline

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## Mini Workshops – Saturday, April 18, 2020

**Blooming Grove Reformed Church, 706 Blooming Grove Drive, Rensselaer**

AM Sessions: 10 am – Noon | Lunch: Noon – 1 pm | PM Sessions: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The four small projects offered in this day of mini-workshops offer a chance to explore different needlework techniques. You will be able to choose one class in the morning and one in the afternoon. See page 6 for project photos and descriptions.

An optional \$12 lunch from Pelligrinos will include salads, sandwiches, dessert and beverages.

**Registration deadline is April 1.** Classes size is limited to 15, so sign up early. Registration coupon is on page 7.





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## Letter from the President

Dear Members,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to another Spring in the great Northeast (whenever it decides to get here, that is). As our newsletter editor pointed out to me, Spring IS approaching, and as it's a season of growth, it would be most appropriate to point out that our membership is growing—we're up to 90 members now! This membership is becoming more involved in local, regional, and national activities, and the resulting energy created is giving us all a wonderful boost to our creativity and enjoyment in our efforts.

I'm so pleased to tell you about the wonderful event we just had—our 6th annual Winter Retreat at the Carondelet Hospitality Center. It was, indeed, our best ever! At one point over the weekend, there were 27 of our members in attendance. Louise Butler has done an amazing job as this retreat's coordinator, and we are so very grateful for her efforts on our behalf. Please consider joining us at one of our retreats even if you're only able to come for just a day or even just a few hours. The camaraderie is exhilarating and the creativity on display is inspiring. Our June retreat will be held at the Ararat Center in Greenville on June 11–14. Long-time coordinator for that retreat is Helen O'Connor and she, too, has created a truly enjoyable event for us each Spring. I hope you'll be able to join us there.

We have some exciting learning opportunities coming up in the next few months: a back to basics in crewel embroidery class, a beginning blackwork bookmark class, a full day featuring four different workshops (felting/ribbon scissor lanyard/felt bird ornaments/ribbon ornament), a ribbon and surface embroidery pincushion class in May, and our Biennial Dinner Meeting and election of officers at Treviso at the Italian-American Center on May 19. The topic at this meeting will be "Art Quilts – The Process." I hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities and join us at as many as you are able.

Please remember that the election of new officers is approaching, and we count on you to step up to help keep our chapter the viable, significant organization that it is. If you are asked to serve on our board, please say, "Yes!" If you are not approached, but would like to serve, please speak up. It will be a truly rewarding experience for you—I promise.

Warmest regards,

*Sandie Feck*



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| 3  | Board     | 5:30 Meeting @ Beverwyck              |
| 3  | Beverwyck | Stitch-In, Show & Share               |
| 12 | North End | Basics of Crewel & Surface Embroidery |
| 17 | Beverwyck | Stitch-In, Show & Share               |
| 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,  
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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| <b>7</b>  | <b>Beverwyck</b>  | Stitch-In, Show & Share      |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Day Group</b>  | Beginning Blackwork Bookmark |
| <b>16</b> | <b>North End*</b> | Stitch-In, Show & Share      |
| <b>21</b> | <b>Beverwyck</b>  | Beginning Blackwork Bookmark |
| <b>23</b> | <b>North End</b>  | Beginning Blackwork Bookmark |

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- 9 Knitting
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- 20 Cross Stitch
- 22 Studio Time
- 25 Blackwork

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| 5  | Board     | 5:30 Meeting @ Beverwyck |
| 5  | Beverwyck | Stitch-In, Show & Share  |
| 14 | North End | Stitch-In, Show & Share  |
| 19 | Chapter   | Biennial Dinner          |
| 20 | Day Group | Stitch-In, Show & Share  |
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| <b>11-14</b> | <b>Chapter</b>   | June Retreat at Ararat  |
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\*\*\* Studio Time – Location to be determined.



## 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 I-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.

## 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

### Knit Study Group

Second Thursday of the month; 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Meeting location is determined by the hostess.

Contact: LuAnn Scherer

### 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







## PROGRAMS

### Basics of Crewel and Surface Embroidery with Maggie Oldendorf

North End – Thursday, March 12

**REGISTRATION CLOSED**

Do you like the crewel and surface embroidery that others have stitched, but been hesitant to try it yourself? Or have you done crewel or surface stitching in the past but need a refresher? Then join us for our upcoming Basics of Crewel and Surface Embroidery class. We will stitch a small, graceful floral design on linen using Appleton crewel wool (the same techniques apply to surface embroidery with other threads). Basic stitches such as stem/outline, chain, satin, French knots, fly, and long and short stitch will be covered. (Yes, you CAN do long and short stitch!)

We have plenty of Appleton wool, so you may select colors you like. Pre-traced linen, crewel wool, and needles will be provided; you need only bring a 6-inch hoop, scissors, a threader, and your willingness to learn!

### Beginning Blackwork Bookmark with Terry Case

Day Group – Wednesday, April 15

Beverwyck – Tuesday, April 21

North End – Thursday, April 23

Blackwork is a counted thread technique worked on an even-weave fabric. Simple stitches — double running and back stitch — are used to create the patterns. If you have ever been curious about blackwork but were intimidated by the intricate patterns involved, this bookmark project may be of interest.

This class is one of the many Petit Projects offered by EGA. It starts with a double running band and progresses through two additional slightly more complex bands. The pathway for each band is charted. An initial personalizes the project. Finishing is a very simple nun stitch with fringe.

The \$5 class fee includes 28 ct lugana fabric and DMC floss. Students need to bring a 24 or 26 tapestry needle, a small hoop, scissors and magnification if needed.

**Registration:** Class size will be limited to 10 students per group. Use the coupon on page 10 to send in your \$5 by the deadline, Tuesday, April 7.



### Dragonfly on Waterlily Pincushion with Sandie Feck

Beverwyck – Tuesday, May 5

North End – Thursday, May 14

Day Group – Wednesday, May 20

**REGISTRATION CLOSED**

NOTE: Registered participants will receive an email detailing information about the class by the end of February.

Our May program will be Lorna Bateman's "Dragonfly on Waterlily" pincushion. The pincushion is stitched on a quality shot silk fabric using Chameleon Threads, silk ribbon, and beads and features a combination of surface embroidery and ribbon embroidery stitches.

The \$48 kit fee includes everything you will need: ground fabric, threads, ribbon, beads, and an attractive hand-crafted wooden pincushion which measures approximately 3 1/4 inch in diameter and stands on three little round legs. Full stitching and assembly instructions are also provided. Participants need only bring scissors, 6" hoop, light and magnification if needed.







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### Mini-Workshops

Registration Deadline is April 1, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### AM Sessions - Choose one:

- ☐ #1 - Beaded Scissor Lanyard with Sandie Feck (\$10)
- ☐ #2 - Embroidered Birds with Natalie Hart Fryzer (\$5)

#### PM Sessions - Choose one:

- ☐ #3 - Felting with Dawna Johnson (\$10)
- ☐ #4 - Wire Ribbon Ornament with Agnes Bohl (\$10)
- ☐ Lunch (\$12) Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) to:

NYCDCEGA, Melody Brennan, PO Box 443, Slingerlands, NY 12159

- ☐ Included is SASE for my confirmation OR
- ☐ Email my confirmation to: \_\_\_\_\_

You are registered for the Mini-Workshops, Saturday, April 18  
Blooming Grove Reformed Church, 708 Blooming Grove Dr.

- ☐ #1 - Beaded Scissor Lanyard with Sandie Feck
- ☐ #2 - Embroidered Birds with Natalie Hart Fryzer
- ☐ #3 - Felting with Dawna Johnson
- ☐ #4 - Wire Ribbon Ornament with Agnes Bohl
- ☐ Lunch

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## June Retreat at Ararat Center

For a third year we are offering two retreat packages for members and friends, the newer four-day, three-night option, and our traditional three-day, two-night retreat.

This is a lovely weekend and it is such a treat to just sit and stitch and not worry about making beds, cooking, or cleaning. Our stitching room has incredible daylight, with huge windows on both sides of the very large room. We sit at our tables in one part of this space, and when the breakfast, lunch or dinner bell rings, we just get up and move to a different part of the room. Paul Ventura, the chef and facility manager, makes delicious meals with lots of variety and choice. And he is usually able to accommodate anyone with special dietary requests.

The site itself is simply beautiful, with a view of the Catskill Mountains. It is a wonderful place to walk around, and depending on the weather, there is a tennis court and outdoor pool. The main residence has a large, central living room with a television and DVD player.

**Dates:** The retreat dates are June 11–14 for the four-day option and June 12–14 for the three-day retreat.

**Location:** Ararat Center in Greenville, NY, just off Route 32, 18 miles south of Delmar.

### Looking Back at the Winter Retreat

Our 6th annual winter retreat was held January 24-26 at the Carondelet Hospitality Center. Twenty-eight of our members attended. Nine attendees took advantage of the overnight accommodations to stay for the whole weekend, while others came as a day tripper for either two or all three days. The feedback from everyone was very positive and there were many comments on the friendly and helpful atmosphere at the retreat.

Our chapter retreats are an opportunity for members to start new projects; get some concentrated stitching done without daily and household interruptions; see and receive help with new embroidery techniques and just relax and chat with fellow stitchers. Since our chapter covers a large geographic area with three separate groups, a retreat offers the chance to get to know members from other groups, especially the newer members. If you did not attend the winter retreat this year I hope you will consider it next year.

— Louise Butler, Winter Retreat Coordinator

**Meals:** The four-day option starts with dinner on Thursday and includes all meals for the rest of the weekend. The meals for the three-day option start with dinner on Friday. Snacks will be served every evening. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juices and water are included, and available throughout the day, often with fresh fruit. Breakfast and lunch are served on Sunday and the retreat will end at 3:00 PM.

**Costs:** The retreat costs include all meals and meal gratuities. Housekeeping gratuities are up to the individual participant.

#### Option 1: Four-day Weekend, Thursday–Sunday

\$448 for a single; \$328 for a double; and \$293 for a triple

#### Option 2: Three-day Weekend, Friday–Sunday

\$299 for a single; \$219 for a double; and \$195 for a triple.

**In order to hold this event, we must have full payment from 15 members by May 11.** So please don't delay and use the registration coupon below to send your payment and the name(s) of your roommate(s) to me.

Registration for day trippers will open once we meet the minimum number of weekend attendees. At that point, I will send out an email with meal costs and other details.

Contact me at if you have questions or concerns. I look forward to another fabulous retreat weekend with many of you.

— Helen O'Connor, June Retreat Coordinator

### June Stitching Retreat at Ararat Center

Thursday–Sunday, June 11–14, 2020

**Registration Deadline is May 11**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Choice: \_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_ Triple

Roommate's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Four-day Option: Single – \$448 Double – \$328 Triple – \$293

☐ Three-day Option: Single – \$299 Double – \$219 Triple – \$195

**Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) to:**

**Helen O'Connor, 111 Marlboro Rd, Delmar, NY 12054**

☐ Included is SASE for my confirmation OR

☐ Email my confirmation to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ You are registered for the June 2020 Stitching Retreat.







**All members must renew their membership at this time. Deadline for receiving dues is May 1st!**

## Membership Renewal Membership effective until 5/31/21

- ☐ Regular Membership  
in the NY Capital District Chapter..... \$60.00
- ☐ Plural Membership  
(my primary chapter is in the Metropolitan Region) ..... \$17.00
- ☐ Plural Membership  
(my primary chapter is NOT in the Metropolitan Region) ..... \$21.00
- ☐ Life Membership (national dues only) ..... \$1500.00
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educational programs & publicity).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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I most often attend:

- ☐ Day Group (Blooming Grove)  
☐ Beverwyck Evening Group  
☐ North End Evening Group

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☐ Yes ☐ No

## Membership Information

### Additions

Katherine G. Alonge-Coons

Debbie Carriero

Mary Fontana

Jenifer Monger

Susan Poletto

Susan Yavaniski

*Welcome  
Katherine,  
Debbie, Mary,  
Jenifer, Susan  
& Susan!*

## 23rd Biennial Show of the Skyllkill Chapter

### Art of the Needle

April 17-19, 2020 | 10 am - 5 pm

Locust Grove, the Samuel Morse Home  
2683 South Road (Rt. 9), Poughkeepsie NY

**Save  
the  
Date!**

Please come and see the beautiful art the members of the Skyllkill Chapter have been creating. We should have about 300 pieces to enjoy—including all forms of needlework, plus jewelry, quilts, clothing, pillows, boxes and bags! Shop our boutique and take a chance on some great baskets and finished items. Additionally, we will have ongoing demonstrations of Beading, Brazilian (Friday), Crazy Quilting, Surface Stitchery (Saturday), Temari and Tatting (Sunday)!

Make a day of it and tour the Walkway over the Hudson, have a meal at the Culinary Institute of American or visit one of the many historic homes along the Hudson River. Check our FaceBook page for updates. Hope you can make it!



