



New York Capital District Chapter

SPRING 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 29 - ZOOM
Mediterranean Folk Embroidery

April 28 - ZOOM
Stumpwork Then and Now

May 1
Membership Renewal Due

May 1
Deadline for Biennial Dinner & Election

May 17
Biennial Dinner & Election

Chapter Biennial Dinner Meeting and Election of Officers

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 - Italian American Community Center

6:00 pm Doors open - Drinks may be purchased at the bar

6:30 pm Dinner served

7:30 pm Election of Officers

7:45 pm Guest Speakers: Virginia Huerfeld and Carol Newhart

Our Biennial Dinner Meeting will be held from 6-9 pm on Tuesday, May 17, at the Italian American Community Center, 257 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. There will be a choice of three different entrees: Chicken Francaise, Sliced Roast Beef and Eggplant Parmesan. 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: Fiber Art Quilts and More

Chapter members Virginia Huerfeld and Carol Newhart will present a number of their original fiber art pieces. The story behind each piece will take you from inspiration to process to finished product. Virginia will include her piece "In Pandemic Mourning" that was juried into EGA Fiber Forum 2021. Carol will include her art quilt "Center Stage" that won Best of Show Non-Traditional in a Q.U.I.L.T. Inc (Delmar) show.

Registration Deadline is May 1. The cost for members will be \$25 per person and \$41 for guests. (The Chapter is underwriting part of the dinner for members.) The dinner includes salad, dinner (choice of three different entrees), and dessert. There will also be a cash bar.

For questions about the dinner or the event, contact Ginger Iorizzo. Please fill out the coupon on page 8 and mail it, along with your check & meal choice, to Melody Brennan by May 1st.

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Mediterranean Folk Embroidery - Lecture by Krista West

Zoom Meeting at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 29

Link will be sent to all chapter members a few days before the lecture.

Mediterranean Folk Embroidery designs are inspired by the rich and beautiful textile traditions of the Mediterranean. Krista first discovered Greek/Mediterranean embroidery when her work as a specialty tailor to Greek Orthodox churches took her to Greece. If you would like to take a sneak peek at this colorful embroidery, check out Krista's website at www.avleaembroidery.com.



2020–2022 Board Members

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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

Happy Spring! It's so nice to see longer days and warmer temps. I hope you are all able to get out and enjoy some beautiful spring weather.

We have two upcoming Zoom lectures in the Spring, so mark your calendars now! On Tuesday, March 29, Krista West will give a lecture on Mediterranean Folk Embroidery. And on Thursday, April 28, Celeste Chalisani will give a lecture on Stumpwork – Then and Now. Both of these promise to be interesting and informative talks, so I hope you will join us.

Also, on Tuesday, May 17 we will be holding our Biennial Dinner and election of officers. We are very excited to be planning this in-person event and we hope you will all consider joining us for an evening of food and fun. A few of our members will be giving a talk on Art Quilting.

Don't forget to renew your membership! Your renewals can be sent to Mary Ann Lundy and are due by May 1.

Finally, May will mark the end of my term as President of the Chapter. It has been an honor to serve all of you, although not without its challenges. The pandemic certainly threw us all a curveball! Luckily, I have a wonderful group of Board members who listened to me and gave me sound advice when I needed it. So a big Thank You to everyone on the Board who had faith in me and supported me. Thank You also to all of our Chapter members who stood by us and supported our efforts. We could not have gotten through these past two years without all of you!

Happy Stitching!

Ginger Iorizzo

SAVE THE DATE

*Artistry
in
Stitches*

NEW
DATE!

A Needle Art Exhibit of Members Work

MAY 18–21, 2023





Spring 2022 Calendar

APRIL

4	Board	7 pm Zoom Meeting	11	Whitework
5	Beverwyck	Stitch-In with Show & Share	11	Counted Thread Eve
7*	North End	Stitch-In with Show & Share	13	Crewel
19	Beverwyck	Stitch-In with Show & Share	18	Counted Thread Day
20	Day Group	Stitch-In with Show & Share	23	Blackwork
28	Chapter	Zoom Meeting: Stumpwork Then and Now with Celeste Chalasani	27	Studio Time

In-Person Day Group Meetings!

Day Group meetings are now being held in person. NYS Covid protocols will be observed, with social distancing and wearing masks when around others. If you plan to attend, you must RSVP to Day Group coordinator Fran Roscello.

If the East Greenbush school district is closed due to weather, the meeting is cancelled.

MAY

3	Beverwyck	Stitch-In with Show & Share	9	Whitework
12	North End	Stitch-In with Show & Share	9	Counted Thread Eve
17	Chapter	Biennial Dinner	11	Crewel
18	Day Group	Stitch-In with Show & Share	16	Counted Thread Day
26	North End	Stitch-In with Show & Share	25	Studio Time
			28	Blackwork

Zoom Invites

Zoom invitation links will be emailed before events.

Group and Joint Meetings:
Invites will be sent to all Chapter members.

Classes:
Invites will be sent to registered participants.

Study Groups:
Invites will be sent to group members. If you are interested in joining a study group, contact the coordinator listed on page 4.

Board Meetings:
Invites will be sent to board members.

JUNE

7	Beverwyck	Stitch-In with Show & Share	8	Crewel
9	North End	Stitch-In with Show & Share	13	Whitework
21	Beverwyck	Stitch-In with Show & Share	13	Counted Thread Eve
23	North End	Stitch-In with Show & Share	20	Counted Thread Day
			22	Studio Time
			25	Blackwork

JULY

5	Beverwyck	Stitch-In with Show & Share	11	Whitework
19	Beverwyck	Stitch-In with Show & Share	11	Counted Thread Eve
			13	Crewel
			18	Counted Thread Day
			23	Blackwork
			27	Studio Time

* North End – Modified date due to scheduling conflict.






Meeting in the Time of COVID

With the exception of the Day Group meetings, we will continue to use Zoom for group meetings, classes and study group gatherings until it is safe for us to gather in person. Zoom invitation links will be emailed before events:

- For group and joint meetings, invitations will be sent to all Chapter Members.
- Class or workshop invitations will be limited to registered participants.
- Study group invites will be limited to current members of the group. If you are interested in joining a study group, you can contact the group coordinator listed below.

If you are unsure about how to connect with us via Zoom, please contact the person whose name is on the invitation and she will help you to get connected.

Beverwyck Evening Group
 7-9 PM every 1st & 3rd Tuesday
 Community room of the Terrace at Beverwyck Retirement Community, 41 Beverwyck Lane, Slingerlands
 Coordinator: Terry Case



NOW MEETING IN PERSON!

Day Group
 10-2 PM every 3rd Wednesday (Sept-May)
 Blooming Grove Reformed Church, 706 Bloomingrove Dr, Defreestville
 Coordinator: Fran Roscello

Members must wear masks, except when seated at their workspace or eating and drinking. Proper social distancing should be maintained.

RSVP to Fran Roscello.



North End Group
 7-9 PM on the 2nd & 4th Thursday (Sept-June), barring holidays.
 St. George's Episcopal Church, 912 Rte 146, Clifton Park
 Coordinator: Doris Halvorsen



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 AM - 2 PM
 Contact: Fran Roscello

Crewel & Surface Embroidery Study Group
 Second Wednesday of the month; 10 AM - 12 PM
 Contact: Mary Willmott

Counted Thread Study Group (formerly known as Cross Stitch PLUS)

Day Meetings
 Third Monday of the month; 10 AM - 2 PM

Evening Meetings
 Second Monday of the month; 7 PM - 9 PM
 Contact: Lynne Priestley

Studio Time
 Fourth Wednesday of the month; 10 AM - 12 PM
 Contact: Sherry McCredie

Whitework Study Group
 Second Monday of the month; 10 AM - 12 PM
 Contact: Doris Halvorsen





EGA NATIONAL SEMINARS

2022 EGA National Seminar Broadway Bound

August 24–28, 2022

Registration: March 12–June 15, 2022

Now open on a first come, first served basis.

Marriot Marquis Hotel

Broadway between West 45th & West 46th

New York City

Hosted by the Metropolitan Region

<https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2022/>

2023 EGA National Seminar Boston Stitch Party

September 1–5, 2023

Sheraton, Back Bay Boston, MA

Hosted by the New England Region

<https://egausa.org/event/boston-stitch-party-ega-national-seminar-2023/>

ZOOM LECTURES IN 2022

Zoom meetings will be held at 7 pm.

Meeting links will be emailed to all members before the meeting.

Tuesday, March 29 – Krista West

Mediterranean Folk Embroidery

More details on page 1

Thursday, April 28 – Celeste Chalasani

Stumpwork Then and Now

Celeste is a designer and teacher who specializes in Stumpwork. She first learned embroidery, sewing and crochet as a young child from her grandmother. Her passion for Stumpwork was sparked when she joined EGA in 1999. Celeste has taught extensively for EGA at chapter workshops, regional and national seminars and has also written an Individual Correspondence Course on Stumpwork.

(Tentatively scheduled)

Thursday, October 13 – Dawn Donnelly

What Inspires Us

Monday, December 5 – Toni Gerdes

Additions to Stitching

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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

National EGA Offerings

EGA's Virtual Lecture Series

The following lectures are limited to 100 people selected randomly from those who register. If you would like to be reminded to register during the appropriate time period, there is a sign up form (for the reminder) on the webpages linked below.

[The Garments of Salvation: Exploring the World of Greek Orthodox Liturgical Vesture with Krista West](#)

Event Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 1PM Eastern
Lottery Registration: April 11–18, 2022 1PM Eastern

[Ernest Thesiger and the Hidden History of Needlework by Men with Dr. Joseph McBrinn](#)

Event Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022 1PM Eastern
Lottery Registration: May 16–23, 2022 1PM Eastern

[Elizabethan Embroidery and the Trevelyan Miscellany of 1608 with Kathy Andrews](#)

Event Date: Sunday, July 10, 2022 1PM Eastern
Lottery Registration: June 13–20, 2022 1PM Eastern

EGA National Education Program

These classes were announced in this column in the last newsletter. However, because registration for them is currently open, or will be soon, they are included again.

Online Classes

[Hardanger Trio with Kim Beamish](#)

In our online class Hardanger Trio with Kim Beamish you will stitch a beautiful hardanger embroidery set including a box pin cushion, scissor fob, and needle book.

Registration: March 2, 2022 – April 6, 2022
Class schedule: June 1 – August 10, 2022

[Kiss Me Under the Mistletoe with Celeste Chalasani](#)

In this class, students first learn to transfer the design using the “tissue paper” method. Then we’ll explore introductory Stumpwork embroidery techniques as students pad with stitches and wrap beads to create berries. Finally, we’ll finish the embroidery into ornaments using festive velvet ribbon.

Registration: April 6 – May 4, 2022
Class schedule: July 6 – August 3, 2022

RSN Stitch Bank

The Royal School of Needlework, in conjunction with their 150th anniversary, began a project “to digitally conserve and preserve every stitch in the world.” They explain further:

Stitches from history have been lost because they fall out of use. Then, when an older embroidered piece is discovered, curators and museum staff cannot recognise the stitches. Textiles and the knowledge of stitches throughout the world continue to be threatened by wars and other disturbances, as well as changes in manufacturing processes. This project goes to the heart of the Royal School of Needlework’s core purpose. We were established in 1872 to keep the techniques of hand embroidery alive and, implicitly, all their stitches. (<https://royal-needlework.org.uk/rsnstitchbank/>)

The Stitch Bank can be found at <https://rsnstitchbank.org/>. It currently includes 200 stitches. Stitch entries are clever: circular with both the name and a graphic representation of the stitch. These are set up alphabetically on the [Stitch Wall](#). Other access points include:

- [Embroidery technique](#) (basic, crewelwork, silk shading, etc.)
- [Stitch uses](#) (border, filling, leaves, leaf veins, etc.)
- [Stitch structure](#) (couched, laced, laid, etc.)

The entry for each stitch includes both photos and illustrations (front and back views as the stitch is formed), and short videos on how to work the stitch.

It is possible to create your own folder of stitches for further reference. This “My Stitches” list can be shared with others. It relies on cookies, though, so please note that if you clear your browser’s cache, you will lose them.

More stitches will be added. You can even adopt a stitch, paying either in part or in full for it to be prepared for addition to the website.

If you’ve not explored the RSN Stitch Bank yet, you have quite a treat waiting!

— Trudi Jacobson, Education Chair





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

Membership Renewal ~ Membership effective until 5/31/23

Please check one: Renewing Member New Member

- 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
- Founder's Fund (This optional gift goes toward educational programs & publicity) \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ Cell _____ (circle preferred)

Email (Please print clearly) _____

I most often attend: Day Group (Blooming Grove) Beverwyck Evening Group North End Evening Group

Mail coupon with check (made payable to NYCDCEGA) to:
Mary Ann Lundy, 44 Harvard Rd, Watervliet, NY 12189

Membership Questions?
Email Mary Ann at malundy@yahoo.com

Include an SASE if you want your membership card mailed to you.

Founders Fund

The Founders Fund was set up years ago as a memorial fund for the New York Capital District Chapter of EGA. Tax deductible contributions can be made by anyone (members or non-members) in memory of, or in honor of a special person. The money in the Founders Fund is used for educational programs and to promote community awareness of the needle arts.

If you or someone you know would like to make a memorial contribution to our Chapter, please contact the Treasurer, Jennifer Paperman.

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