

# New York Capital District Chapter

## **ZOOM:** Additions to Stitching with Toni Gerdes

7:00 pm on Monday, December 5, 2022

Toni Gerdes will present a Zoom lecture designed to expand your stitching horizons. She'll speak about exploring new threads and other techniques that can be added to your stitching projects. The talk will include embellishments, needlefelting, appliqué and a special 'Wacky' copper lace technique. There will be slides demonstrating all of the above as well as ways to use these techniques in your stitching.

Toni Gerdes of <u>Toni Gerdes Needlearts</u> holds a Level II Teacher's Certification from NAN specializing in Canvas Embroidery. She currently serves on the Board of NAN as the Director of Education. She is also past president of Milehigh Chapter of ANG. She has been published in *Needle Pointers*, *Needlepoint Now* and *Needle Arts*. Toni has taught for NAN, EGA and ANG as well as guilds and shops and has received numerous awards for her designs.

## **PETITE PROJECT:**Valentine Biscornu

Beverwyck – Tuesday, January 17 Day Group – Wednesday, January 18 North End – Thursday, January 26

Chapter member Terry Case will be teaching the Valentine Biscornu, a Hardanger project designed by Cindy Valentine as a Petite Project for EGA. The "Biscornu" in the project title refers to the shape. A biscornu is a small, octagonal, stuffed ornamental cushion sewn from two squares of fabric. After stitching, the two pieces are sewn



together to form the top and bottom of the cushion. The project skill level is beginner hardanger though a familiarity with linen and counting threads is recommended.

Hardanger is a Whitework technique that involves cutting and withdrawing threads in an area surrounded by satin stitches (kloster blocks). This introductory class involves stitching kloster blocks, cutting and withdrawing threads to create a grid, and weaving on the grid to create two basic patterns — Dove's eyes and Greek Crosses. Other stitches include four-sided stitch and eyelet stitch. A doodle cloth will be provided to allow students to practice the stitches.

The \$10 class fee includes a kit with 28 count linen, a doodle cloth, #8 and #12 white Perle Cotton, beads, needles and easy-to-read instructions. Students should bring sharp, fine-pointed scissors, a hoop and, if necessary, a magnifier and light.

**Registration deadline is December 20.** Class size will be limited to 10 students per group. Registration coupon is on page 10.

#### **WINTER 2022-23**

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **December 5**

Zoom with Toni Gerdes

#### December 20

Registration for Valentine Biscornu

#### February 7

Deadline for Next Newsletter

#### February 17

Registration for Friendship Bookmark

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#### Newsletter

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#### Letter from the President

Dear Members.

Can't believe it is November already and Thanksgiving is around the corner. We have a lot to be thankful for in our chapter and have a lot to look forward to and for the work that is being done. I am thankful for our 66 members.

During the Stash Sale in October, I was asked some very pointed questions about the life of our Chapter. I was asked about our programs, the exhibit, our meeting spaces, and Zoom. I decided to address these questions to the entire Chapter, as I believe if one person has the question, then others will as well. Although these things are discussed openly in our meetings, not everyone attends all the meetings and may have missed the information.

As you read the entire newsletter to see what we are doing, please consider getting involved in the life of the Chapter. The Chapter can only be as active as our membership is interested in getting involved. Please remember that we cannot continue the programs that we love (Exhibit) or get involved in new programs (Outreach) unless we have members that are willing to get involved and take on some leadership roles. I was recently asked why the Board decided that we would no longer have an Exhibit and why all meetings were not live and in-person. The Board has always maintained that we would have an Exhibit again — but we cannot set a date or look for a venue if we do not have a leader. I gave up the leadership of the Exhibit when I accepted the position of President. Please consider taking on this responsibility. Many of the people who have been a part of the Exhibit Committee and were responsible for much of the structure and supportive roles are willing to continue in these roles.

Our meeting spaces have also changed. The Board has been committed to finding appropriate spaces for our Chapter meetings. As we began meeting again in person, only one of our locations allowed us to meet—Blooming Grove Reformed Church in Rensselaer for our Day Group. This meant that Beverwyck, North End, Studio Time, and the Study Groups needed to find a new space. Local libraries, when opening back up their public meeting spaces, allowed 12 meetings/group/year. This was much less restrictive than prior to their closing. North End and Beverwyck now meet 1x/month in the local library. Another space has not yet been found that has a reasonable cost. That is why we continue to meet 1x/month via Zoom. Studio Time will be meeting in our LNS (local needlework shop)—For the Stitcher's Soul in Delmar. The Blackwork Study Group is now meeting in a member's home and other Study Groups continue meeting via Zoom. WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you think you know of a location that would work for us, please contact them and ask if they have a space that would meet our needs, if there is availability, and what the cost is. If it is reasonable, please let your group leader/facilitator know. They will make sure that there is follow-up.

Life is not the same as venues reopen (or don't reopen) and life resumes after all of the isolation. It will "take a village," in this case a Chapter, for us to get back to where we were and continue to grow in programming, outreach and membership. I give thanks for the Board who struggles with the issues facing us and still continues moving forward. I give thanks for our membership who asks the questions, understands what is needed and steps up to meet the needs of the Chapter. I give thanks for our membership who continue to stitch and to grow in their knowledge and are willing to share that knowledge with others.

I give thanks for all of you.

Nancy

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## Winter 2022-23 Calendar

#### **DECEMBER**

5	Chapter	Zoom Meeting – Toni Gerdes
6	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share - Zoom

8 North End Holiday Party\*\*20 Beverwyck Holiday Party\*21 Day Group Holiday Party

**12** Whitework

**12** Counted Thread Eve

14 Crewel

19 Counted Thread Day

28 Studio Time

#### **In-Person Meetings!**

Some group meetings and study groups are now being held in person. Contact the group coordinator if you have any questions.

#### **JANUARY**

2	Board	Zoom Meeting @ 7 pm	9
3	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share - Zoom	9
12	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share - Zoom	11 16
17	Beverwyck	Petite Project: Valentine Biscornu*	25
18	Day Group	Petite Project: Valentine Biscornu	28
26	North End	Petite Project: Valentine Biscornu**	

9 Whitework

9 Counted Thread Eve

11 Crewel

16 Counted Thread Day

25 Studio Time\*\*\*

28 Blackwork

#### **FEBRUARY**

6	Board	Zoom Meeting @ 7 pm (Tentative)
7	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share - Zoom
9	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share - Zoom
15	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share
21	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share*
23	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share**

8 Crewel

13 Whitework

13 Counted Thread Eve

20 Counted Thread Day

22 Studio Time\*\*\*

25 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.

#### **MARCH**

6	Board	Zoom Meeting @ 7 pm
7	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share - Zoom
9	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share - Zoom
<b>1</b> 5	Day Group	Petite Project: Friendship Bookmark
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## **Board Meetings**

All members are welcome at board meetings. If you're interested in attending, email Nancy at <a href="mailto:nycdeganancy@gmail.com">nycdeganancy@gmail.com</a> and ask for the Zoom link.

#### **In-person Meetings**

- \* Beverwyck Group: 6:30 8:30 pm at the Bethlehem Pubic Library
- \*\* North End Group: 6:30 8:30 pm at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library
- \*\*\* Studio Time: 10:00 2:00 pm at For the Stitcher's Soul, Delmar

## Going Live in New Location! Going Live in New Location! Going Live in New Location!

#### **Studio Time**

Great News for 2023! Starting with the January meeting, Studio Time will meet at our local needlework shop, For the Stitcher's Soul. The shop is located at 163 Delaware Avenue in Delmar, across from the Hannaford shopping plaza.

Studio Time is a great opportunity to meet in person and work on whatever exciting project you have. Everyone is there to ooh and aah and help where needed. And of course, you can shop! We're so excited to be able to meet in person again. Hoping you will be able to join us for at least part of the time. Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 10am - 2pm.

## **Beverwyck Evening Group**

Meetings in the Albany area on 1st & 3rd Tuesday

Meetings will be a mix of Zoom (7–9 pm) and in person (6:30–8:30 pm). Check the calendar on page 3 for specifics.

**Coordinator: Terry Case** 



## **Day Group**

## 10-2 PM every 3rd Wednesday (Sept-May)

Blooming Grove Reformed Church, 706 Bloomingrove Dr, Defreestville

Day Group will be canceled if East Greenbush schools are closed.

Coordinator: Fran Roscello

## North End Group

Meetings in the Clifton Park area on the 2nd & 4th Thursday

(Sept-June), barring holidays.

Meetings will be a mix of Zoom (7–9 pm) and in person (6:30–8:30 pm).

Check the calendar on page 3 for specifics.

Coordinator: Doris Halvorsen

#### **Daytime Counted Thread Study Group**

Starting in December, the Daytime Counted Thread Study Group will meet in person, at Jenni Paperman's home. Interested members should get in touch with Lynne Priestley so they can receive an invite to the meeting with directions and a reminder to take their lunch. Evening Counted Thread will remain via Zoom.

## **Study Groups and Studio Time**

If you are interested in joining a study group, contact the group coordinator listed below.

Study group invites will be limited to current members of the group. Check the Calendar page for exact meeting dates.

#### **Blackwork Study Group**

Fourth Saturday of the month;  $10\,\text{AM} - 2\,\text{PM}$ 

Contact: Fran Roscello

#### **Crewel & Surface Embroidery Study Group**

Second Wednesday of the month; Start at 10 AM For meeting location or Zoom invite, contact Mary Willmott.

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

#### **Day Meetings**

Third Monday of the month; 10 AM – 2 PM Meetings at Jenni Paperman's home

#### **Evening Meetings - Zoom**

Second Monday of the month; 7 PM - 9 PM

Contact: Lynne Priestley

#### Studio Time

Fourth Wednesday of the month; 10 AM – 12 PM New meeting location & time starts in January!

10 AM - 2 PM

For the Stitcher's Soul 163 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

Contact: Sherry McCredie

#### Whitework Study Group

Second Monday of the month; 10 AM - 12 PM

Contact: Doris Halvorsen

## **HOLIDAY PARTIES**

North End Thursday, December 8

Beverwyck Tuesday, December 20

Day Group Wednesday, December 21



#### North End

The North End Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30–8:30 pm at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you want to participate in the optional gift exchange bring a wrapped needlework-related gift, value \$10-\$15. We will also have a cookie exchange if you want to bring some to share. Hope to see you there!

#### Beverwyck

The Beverwyck Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday, December 20 from 6:30–8:30 pm at the Bethehem Public Library. To participate in the gift exchange bring a wrapped needlework-related item (handmade is very popular!), with a spending limit of \$10. Members are encouraged to bring a dessert to share.

#### **Day Group**

On Wednesday, December 21, the Day Group will have a holiday luncheon with members bringing food to share. There will be sign-up and discussion at the November meeting and when notices are sent to all members.

## **PROGRAM**

# PETITE PROJECT Friendship Bookmark with Ginger Iorizzo

Day Group – Wednesday, March 15 Beverwyck – Tuesday, March 21 North End – Thursday, March 23 The Friendship Bookmark is one of EGA's Petite Projects and will be taught by Chapter member Ginger Iorizzo in March of 2023. It's a lovely counted thread piece that is suitable for all skill levels. Stitches used include cross stitch, four-sided stitch, double running stitch, Hardanger (don't worry, it's easy!), and Smyrna Cross.

Instructions and 28 count evenweave fabric will be supplied. You will need to supply your own threads. All that's required is DMC floss and #8 and #12 Perle Cotton. The Perle Cotton can be white, to match the fabric, or it can be a contrasting color. You will need three shades of a DMC color — a light, a medium, and a dark. The original instructions use blue, but you can use any color you like.

You should also bring sharp, fine-pointed scissors. Optional items are a hoop, magnifier and light.

**Registration deadline is February 17.** Class size will be limited to 10 students per group. Use the registration coupon on page 10 to send in your \$5 kit fee.





## 163 Delaware Ave Delmar

Across from the Hannaford Shopping Plaza

#### Wed & Sat 10-4 pm Thurs 1-6 pm

Open stitch during store hours and on Wed Evenings 6-8 pm

## For the Stitcher's Soul

Our mission is simple...
to keep the different needle arts alive
by providing quality stitching products
and by sharing the love of stitching
with anyone who wants to learn.

Fabric, Threads, Charts, Accessories, Classes Slowly adding needlepoint, needle punch and embroidery

New classes: See Calendar of Events on website

Instructors in embroidery, Needlepoint and Blackwork wanted. Contact Terri if you're interested in being an instructor.

Owner: Terri Pittman | 518-898-9416 | www.forthestitcherssoul.com | forthestitcherssoul@gmail.com

Skyllkill Chapter Annual Holiday Auction



Wednesday December 7, 2022



Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church 1168 State Rte 55, LaGrangeville, NY 12540

Doors open & Auction Preview begins at 9:30am; Bidding begins at 10:30am

Come get a jump on your holiday shopping!
All items are hand crafted by Chapter members

Bid on giftables that are stitched, sewn, embroidered, knitted, crocheted, beaded, crafted, baked, brewed, cooked, quilted, and more.

The Chapter is also auctioning 2 "Share-A-Square" quilts, each one approximately 58" square, made by the members.

Open to the public, no admission charge Come and bring a friend (or few)!

All sales are final, cash or check only









## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **EGA National**

#### **New Online Class**

Butterfly Greeting: You will be making two greeting cards in this class taught by Connie Chow. It is described as a "great course for beginners as basic stitches such as stem stitch and a modified satin stitch will be taught as well as how to apply beads and sequins to fabric." The class runs March 1–8, 2023. Registration will begin December 7 and close January 4, 2023. If you'd like to register for a reminder, go to <a href="https://egausa.org/courses/butterfly-greeting-card/">https://egausa.org/courses/butterfly-greeting-card/</a>.

#### **GCC Lightning Rounds**

These Group Correspondence Courses (GCCs) are available for individuals to sign up for through December 31, 2022:

- Fandango (Italian Whitework Embroidery)
- Keeping in Shape (necklace made of various geometric shapes)
- Mark and Paint on Canvas and Fabric
- Perfectly Counted Crosses (which our chapter did as a GCC)
- Thank Goodness It's Finished

More details at <a href="https://egausa.org/lightning-rounds/">https://egausa.org/lightning-rounds/</a>

## **Online Learning Opportunity**

This column's suggested online platform comes from Mary Willmott. Thank you, Mary. I have one more suggestion in reserve, from Jennifer Paperman. I welcome ideas for this section of the Education column for subsequent issues.

Mary recommends Domestika (<a href="https://www.domestika.org/en">https://www.domestika.org/en</a>). They have classes in a wide variety of topics, and also languages — though English subtitles are available when needed. There isn't a separate category for embroidery-related classes, but you will find many under the category Textile Design. Here are a selection of class titles:

- Embroidered Pet Portraits: The Thread Painting Technique
- Contemporary Embroidery with Traditional Mexican Needlework
- Miniature Needlework: Make Embroidered Jewelry
- Extraordinary Embroidery: Explore Alternative Organic Materials

If you are intrigued by the topics, check out their website to learn more about purchasing course access or to explore a Plus membership, which provides a number of benefits.

Happy Learning!

— Trudi Jacobson, Education Chair

#### Save the Date!

# Next Ararat Retreat is scheduled for June 9-11, 2023

Members working and gathering for a meal at the September 2022 Retreat.









## A Big Thank You!

To all who helped with the October Stash Sale. And to all who visited and shopped at the sale.

We earned \$1,083.50!

#### **EGA NATIONAL SEMINARS**

## 2023 EGA National Seminar **Boston Stitch Party**

September 1-5, 2023

Sheraton, Back Bay Boston, MA Hosted by the New England Region

Class info and photos can be found at <a href="https://egausa.org/seminar-2023-classes/">https://egausa.org/seminar-2023-classes/</a>

Open Registration starts March 11, 2023

https://egausa.org/event/boston-stitch-party-eganational-seminar-2023/

## 2024 EGA National Seminar Preserving Needle Art

August 14–18, 2024 Hilton Hotel in Atlanta, GA Hosted by the Tennesee Valley Region

## **Invite Someone You Know**

Do you know someone who enjoys needlearts?

Invite her — or him — to join you at one of our upcoming stitch-ins so they can discover the many benefits of EGA. The more the merrier!

## Celebration and Recognition of Achievements, Skills, and Talents

Our chapter has always been active with sharing our skills and talents. This quarter's celebrations:

THANK YOU to our members who were involved in the EGA National Seminar "Broadway Bound."

- **Christene Thurston** took on the job of Seminar Registrar.
- Sandie Feck produced the Seminar Handbook.
- These Chapter members supported the event as attendees: Helen O'Connor, Sherry McCredie, Jane Kessler, Trudi Jacobson, Elizabeth Naculich, Jennifer Paperman, Maggie Oldendorf and Mary Willmott.

"Broadway Bound" was a great success with 380–400+ people attending including teachers and volunteers. 100% of non-EGA people attending joined EGA during the seminar.

**Virginia Huerfeld** was featured in Fiber Forum and *Needle Arts* Magazine for her "Lady." "Lady" was shared with us in May at our Biannual Dinner Meeting. Congratulations, Virginia!

**Helen O'Connor** deserves our THANK YOU for planning and coordinating a successful Retreat in September. A great time filled with camaraderie, collaboration, fun, and of course, stitching was had by all.

Thank you to **Maggie Oldendorf** and those who worked to achieve a successful Stash Sale!

Congratulations to **Trudi Jacobson**, who had an article published on the *PieceWork* Magazine website!

Please send me your celebrations! Or let your group leader know and they will pass them on... (<a href="mailto:nycdeganancy@gmail.com">nycdeganancy@gmail.com</a>)

- Nancy Knowles, President

# The Embroiderers' Guild of America

Inspiring a passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its history.

### **New Members**

Diane L. Campion 69 Woodside Drive Albany, NY 12208 518-441-5101 proforganizer@ gmail.com

**Oueen Lewis** P.O. Box 543 Latham, NY 12110 585-507-2345 queenlewis15@ yahoo.com

Welcome Diane & Queen!

## **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 and newsletters and other Chapter-only info. If you need help accessing the Members Only page, contact Lynne Priestley.

## **Updating Your Contact Information**

**CHAPTER:** If your contact information has changed, please send the updates to Membership Chair Agnes Bohl.

**NATIONAL:** Members are also responsible for reporting their address changes to National. The process is easy. Visit the EGA website at www.egausa.org and log into the MEMBERS ONLY section. The link for the "Update Contact Information" form is in the right-hand column under "Member Information."

## FGA F-News

The 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.

### 2022-2024 Board Members

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#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

#### Facebook

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#### Valentine Biscornu

Registration Deadline is December 20, 2022

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

 $\square$  Included is SASE for my confirmation *OR* 

You are registered for Valentine Biscornu:

- ☐ Beverwyck Tuesday, January 17
- ☐ Day Group Wednesday, January 18
- ☐ North End Thursday, January 26

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- □ Day Group Wednesday, March 15□ Beverwyck Tuesday, March 21
- □ North End Thursday, March 23
- Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) for \$5 to:

Louise Butler, 125 Westchester Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065-7500

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

You are registered for Friendship Bookmark:

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