



New York Capital District Chapter

SUMMER 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2

Registration Deadline
for June Retreat

August 1-3

Creative Stitches

August 8

Deadline for
Next Newsletter

September 23

Joint Meeting:
Talk on Traditional
Japanese Embroidery

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June 2023 Retreat Update

Friday – Sunday, June 9–11

Ararat Center in Greenville, NY

Our June retreat is just around the corner but there is still time to sign up for the weekend or just for a day. Though you'll need to move fast, as Ararat needs firm numbers for meals by June 2.



If you decide to attend, you need to contact me, Helen O'Connor before June 2 to let me know your check is in the mail.

The retreat will be held June 9–11 at the Ararat Center in Greenville, NY, just off Route 32, 18 miles south of Delmar. The site itself is beautiful, with a view of the Catskill Mountains. Our stitching room has incredible daylight, with huge windows on both sides of the very large room. The food is always extraordinary, and we are able to accommodate anyone with special dietary requests.

This year we're offering morning and afternoon breaks with "Simple Stretches for Stitchers," to be led by Ann Cohan and Helen O'Connor. Most of these stretches can be done in your chair and are designed to help with the aches and pains that can arrive after hours of sitting and stitching. If you need a break from stitching in the evenings, the main residence has a large, central living room with a television and DVD player.

Costs for Weekenders: Includes all meals and meal gratuities. Housekeeping gratuities are up to the individual participant.

- Friday–Sunday: \$306 for a single; \$246 for a double; and \$222 for a triple.

Costs for Day Trippers: You need to pay for your meals plus the snack cost for any day you plan to attend. The snack cost includes the water, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, desserts, fruit, etc., that Ararat makes available for us. Meal prices include gratuities.

- Breakfast – \$12.65; Lunch – \$19.55; Dinner – \$31.05; Snacks \$4.60 per day

You'll find the registration coupon on page 8. Send the coupon and a check made out to NYCDCEGA to: Helen O'Connor, 111 Marlboro Rd, Delmar, NY 12054. Weekenders will need to indicate their room preference and day trippers will need to select their day and meals.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to yet another fabulous retreat weekend with many of you.

– Helen O'Connor, Retreat Coordinator





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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

Good news to share. Our very own Christene Thurston is the recipient of the Mary-Dick Digges Scholarship. This is awarded by National's Scholarship Review Committee and was established "for the study of surface embroidery." Christene will be using the scholarship to continue her journey and education with Japanese embroidery. I look forward to hearing more about this at our Fall Joint Meeting in September when Christene will share her journey with Japanese embroidery.

Congratulations Christene!

Summer is just around the corner and our Chapter looks forward to resuming our children's program this summer. Make sure you look closely at the calendar as meetings change throughout the summer. Email meeting reminders for summer in-person meetings will stop and will not resume in September as we begin to meet again. Zoom invitations will still be sent.

I am excited for the fall programming being planned: Fall Joint Meeting in September, Stash Sale in November, and additional educational opportunities. Look for the announcements in the Newsletter for details.

And last, but not least, please consider getting involved in the Chapter. There are several unfilled positions. Remember that unfilled positions limit what can be offered. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Nancy

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

<https://egausa.org/seminar-2023-classes/>

Registration closes May 31, 2023

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





Summer 2023 Calendar

JUNE

6	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share – Zoom
9–11	Chapter	June Retreat at Ararat
15	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share**
22	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share** (Thurs.)

5	Whitework
12	Counted Thread Eve
14	Crewel
19	Counted Thread Day*
24	Blackwork
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.

JULY

3	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share – Zoom (Mon.)
18	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share***

10	Counted Thread Eve
12	Crewel
17	Counted Thread Day*
22	Blackwork
26	Studio Time

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.

AUGUST

1	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share – Zoom
1–3	Chapter	Creative Stitching – Teaching Children to Stitch Bethlehem Public Library
15	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share***
28	Board	Zoom Meeting @ 7 pm

9	Crewel
14	Whitework
14	Counted Thread Eve
21	Counted Thread Day
23	Studio Time
26	Blackwork

SEPTEMBER

5	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share – Zoom
14	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share – Zoom
19	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share***
20	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share
23	Chapter	Joint Meeting at A Space for Art – Talk on Traditional Japanese Embroidery with Christene Thurston

11	Whitework
11	Counted Thread Eve
13	Crewel
18	Counted Thread Day
23	Blackwork
27	Studio Time

Board Meetings

All members are welcome at board meetings. If you're interested in attending, email Nancy at nycdeganancy@gmail.com and ask for the Zoom link.

In-person Meetings

- * Counted Thread Day: June & July meetings are Zoom only.
- ** North End Group: 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library.
- *** Beverwyck Group: 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Bethlehem Pubic Library.
Due to scheduling issues with the library, June 22 meeting is on a Thursday.





Going Live in New Location!

Studio Time

Studio Time now meets 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! 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



Email Communications

Please note that beginning in July, we will no longer send email reminders for in-person meetings. Zoom links will continue to be sent for any meetings that have a Zoom component.

Please refer to your newsletter, or ask your group leader, if you are unsure about dates and/or times of meetings.

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 AM – 2 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
(June & July meetings are Zoom only.)

Evening Meetings - Zoom

Second Monday of the month; 7 PM – 9 PM

Contact: Lynne Priestley

Studio Time

Fourth Wednesday of the month; 10 AM – 2 PM

New meeting location!

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



- [How to Research an Antique Sampler with Cindy Steinhoff](#). June 11 at 1:00pm. Registration May 21 – June 9 at 1:00pm
- [The History and Mysteries of the Bayeux Tapestry with Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer](#). July 8 at 1:00pm. Registration June 16 – July 6 at 1:00pm

- [Online Class: Counted Thread and Lacis Bell Pull with Jonalene Gutwein](#). Registration starts June 7 for this 15-week course, which starts September 6.
- [Online Class: Star Spangled Sampler with Dawn Fisher](#). Registration ends June 7 and the four course lessons will start to be posted on August 3.

Creative Stitches: Teaching Children to Stitch

– Maggie Oldendorf, Creative Stitches Chair


These are available for individuals to register for without being part of a group. Each has its own cost. The list of next quarter's GCCs was not available as this column was written. Check this link <https://egausa.org/lightning-rounds/> to see what will be available from June through August.

Embroiderer Alison Larkin of the UK now has an online embroidery course site. She very generously offers two free minicourses:

- **Starfield Blackwork Scissor Keeper**: A chance to learn traditional blackwork.
- **Embroider a Georgian Sprig**: Learn traditional free embroidery stitches using a Georgian pattern.

—Trudi Jacobson, Education Chair

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New Members

Terry Berthiaume Sharon Trant

Michele M. Phillips May Younsi

Welcome Terry,
Michele,
Sharon & May!

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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and on Wed Evenings 6-8 pm

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*The mission of The Embroiderers' Guild of America
is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage.*

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



