

# New York Capital District Chapter

## **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



#### **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

#### **CONTACT INFO**

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### Letter from the President

Dear Members.

ood 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-eganational-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

#### **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

#### **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.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:nycdeganancy@gmail.com">nycdeganancy@gmail.com</a> 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<sub>PM</sub> – 9<sub>PM</sub> Contact: Lynne Priestley

#### Studio Time

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

## **PROGRAM NEWS**

## **New Location and Scheduling for Classes and Joint Meetings**

Once we restarted our in-person meetings, it became apparent that holding classes as we did in the past was not working. For each class, the teacher travels to all three groups, which takes a lot of time and energy. At the same time, we do not get as many participants as in the past. Looking at both of these issues, the Program Committee decided to make changes.

After much discussion, we decided to hold each class one time and schedule them for Saturdays. This decision created a new problem, where to hold the classes? The happy solution is our new venue, A Space For Art, at 60 Remson St. in Cohoes.

A Space For Art has a large room with plenty of tables and chairs which should easily accommodate our classes. It also has a small kitchen area and is very accessible. Having everyone in the same class will make things much easier for our teachers and offers more opportunities to meet other members. The new time will also eliminate traveling at night and allow us to extend class time if we wish.

We hope that these changes will increase class attendance and allow more members to enroll in classes and try new techniques. Our first meeting at the new venue will be the Joint Meeting on September 23.

— Terry Case, Program Committee Chair

## **Joint Meeting with Talk on Traditional Japanese Embroidery**

Our Chapter will be hosting an in-person Joint Meeting and special presentation on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at our new progam location, A Space For Art, at 60 Remson St. in Cohoes. We'll start at noon with a bring-your-own picnic lunch. The talk will follow at 1pm.

For our special presentation, Chapter member Christene Thurston will share her journey and progress through the different phases of Traditional Japanese Embroidery.

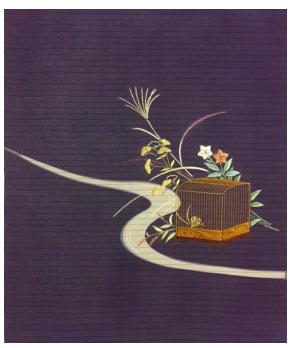
Christene will talk about this beautiful stitching technique that originated more than 1600 years ago. She will also have some of the pieces that she has completed over the past six years for show and tell.

You will hear about the fabrics, threads, and tools that are specific to Japanese Embroidery and learn its history and transformation into the twentieth century.

Christene was recently awarded the EGA's Mary-Dick Digges Scholarship and plans to put it towards the start of her Phase X piece for certification. She plans to travel to Atlanta, GA, in October for a five-day intensive class and then will work with her teacher monthly to complete the piece.

#### Mini Exhibit

We are also planning to include a small exhibit of members' recent work at the Joint Meeting in September. Keep an eye out for more details this summer and think about whether or not you have something you would like to display.



"Cooling Off in the Evening"

© Japanese Embroidery Center
Stitched by Christene Thurston

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FROM EGA NATIONAL

#### Virtual Lecture Series

The Virtual Lecture series continues! There are two dates for lectures you plan to attend — the registration period and the actual date of the lecture. There is a \$5 fee to attend a lecture or to watch a recording, if available, after the lecture. Registration for the live lecture does not provide access to the recording. The links below take you to a reminder registration form if the registration period has not yet opened.

- 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 Studio Classes

This selection of classes are accessed through the EGA website. Each has its own time frame, length, and cost. These two are currently available (or will be soon):

- 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.

Might you be interested in teaching an online studio course? EGA is looking for teachers! Have you taught a course that might work well in the online lesson format? Read more here: <a href="https://egausa.org/teach-ega-online-classes/">https://egausa.org/teach-ega-online-classes/</a>

# **Creative Stitches: Teaching Children to Stitch**

After pausing during the COVID years, Creative Stitches will resume this year, though on a smaller scale with only 10 children. For many children, our program provides their first introduction to the joys of needlework. The students will be paired up with Chapter members who will offer guidance and assist with threading needles. The program will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library, Tuesday through Thursday, August 1–3 from 9:00am to noon.

- Maggie Oldendorf, Creative Stitches Chair

# **Current Group Correspondence Course Lightning Rounds Online Studio Classes**

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 <a href="https://egausa.org/lightning-rounds/">https://egausa.org/lightning-rounds/</a> to see what will be available from June through August.

#### **Featured Site**

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

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

— Trudi Jacobson, Education Chair



## **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.

#### **Facebook**

Visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/nycdcega





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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.

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#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

June 2023 Retreat at Ararat Center Friday - Sunday, June 9 - 11, 2023 Registration Deadline is June 2, 2023	Contact Helen O'Connor before June 2 to let her know your check is in the mail.
Name:	Phone:
□ DAY TRIPPER  MEALS: Friday: □ Dinner only (+ Snack*) Saturday: □ Breakfast □ Lunch □ Dinner (+ Snack*) Sunday: □ Breakfast □ Lunch (+ Snack*)  COST:	□ WEEKENDER   Room Choice: Single Double Triple   Roommate's Name(s):   COST:   □ Room Choice: Single - \$306 Double - \$246 Triple - \$222
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