



New York Capital District Chapter



The Changing of the Dues

This year brings two big changes to our annual dues: a cost increase and a new payment method. Let's start by looking at the cost increase.

In the September 2023 issue of *Needle Arts*, EGA President Karen Hamilton wrote about national dues increasing to \$55 in 2024. This is the first increase in 14 years and comes at a time when EGA has been operating at a deficit for several years. In our last newsletter, Chapter President Nancy Knowles explained that not all of our \$60 annual membership dues stays with our Chapter. Membership dues are shared between national (\$39), the Metropolitan Region (\$4) and our Chapter (\$17). With national dues increasing to \$55, our annual membership dues will now be \$76.

If you read the 2/1/24 email from EGA Headquarters, you already know about the second big change. EGA will now email renewal reminders to all members. Chapter members will then go to <https://egausa.org> to renew their membership. Payment of dues may be made by credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Additional payment options may be available when we receive the final membership renewal instructions. Many members will like the ease of the new approach and appreciate not worrying about stolen checks and check washing. But some members may struggle with the new approach. If you have concerns, reach out to your group leader for assistance. If you are still unable to renew and pay online, you may request a form to renew and pay by mail. While this is not the preferred way to renew, it may be the only option for some members.

The annual renewal date for current members will remain as 5/31 while the renewal date for new members will be the last day of the month they join. Kick off for the annual renewal of current EGA members will be April 1, 2024. Please **do not** renew your membership prior to April 1 as it may not be processed correctly. Our goal is to have all members renew by 5/15. Previous grace periods beyond 5/31 will no longer be accepted because a computer is creating the cutoff date, not a person. If you renew your membership after 5/31, you will have to enroll as a new member. This new online process applies only to **primary** chapter members. If you are a plural member, you will still need to send me \$17 for your NYCDCEGA dues.

As the 2/16/24 email from EGA Headquarters suggests, now is the time to make sure you're ready for membership renewal. If you haven't been to the national [EGA website](https://egausa.org) recently, please log in to make sure your user name and login still work. If they do, you are ready to go when the time comes to renew your membership. If you can't log in or have never been to the Members Only section of the EGA website, please follow the information [here](#) to set up your password and login. If you have difficulties with the process, email National at egahq@egausa.org or call 502-589-6956.

Details of the new renewal process are still being worked out so Chapter members should carefully read ALL emails from EGA Headquarters. You can also find info on the [Join Us page](#) of egausa.org and the [FAQs for Dues Renewals](#) section. As we learn more, we'll send out emails and group leaders will share information at the monthly meetings. If you have concerns or questions, please reach out to me, your group leader or other Board members.

– Lynne Priestley, Membership Chair

SPRING 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 8

Registration Deadline
for Scissor Case Lanyard

April 1

Registration Deadline
for Embroidered Birds

April 9

Registration Deadline
for June Retreat

May 1

Registration Deadline
for Biennial Dinner

May 1

Newsletter Deadline

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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

Exciting changes are on the horizon! Please read this newsletter carefully as there will be more detail outlined in the individual notes.

Our biennial dinner is around the corner in May. As always, there will be a special program and vote for new officers to the board. The positions of President, Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries will be on the slate. Please be sure to thank Ginger Iorizzo (vice president), MaryAnn Gibson (recording secretary), and Doris Stoll (corresponding secretary) for their service to EGA. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let one of the members of the Nominating Committee know (Diane Madrigal, Nancy Sprissler, Nancy Newkirk).

As you already know (national) EGA is undergoing many changes and one of those changes is how we will pay our annual dues. This has been well advertised through email and *Needle Arts*. This year will begin online payment through national and yes, there will be a mail-in option for those who do not have access to the internet. If you need help with this, please contact Lynne Priestley (membership chair), your group leader, or ask any of the board members and they will be happy to assist you.

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting or at the biennial dinner meeting.

Keep Stitching,

Nancy

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Spring 2024 Calendar

MARCH

4	Board	Zoom Meeting @ 7 pm
5	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
14	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
19	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)
20	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)
21	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)*
23	Chapter	Beaded Ribbon Scissor Case Lanyard with Sandie Feck

7	Needlepoint
11	Counted Thread Eve
11	Whitework
13	Crewel
18	Counted Thread Day
27	Studio Time

In-Person Meetings

Beverwyck:
Bethlehem Pubic Library

North End Group:
Clifton Park Halfmoon
Public Library

Day Group:
Blooming Grove
Reformed Church

APRIL

1	Board	Zoom Meeting @ 7 pm
2	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
11	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
13	Chapter	Embroidered Birds with Natalie Hart Fryzer
16	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)
17	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)
25	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)

4	Needlepoint
8	Whitework
8	Counted Thread Eve
10	Crewel
15	Counted Thread Day
24	Studio Time
27	Blackwork

Zoom Invites

Zoom invitation links will be emailed before events.

Group 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.

MAY

6	Board	Zoom Meeting @ 7 pm
7	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
9	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
15	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)
21	Chapter	Biennial Dinner and Election
23	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)

2	Needlepoint
8	Crewel
13	Whitework
13	Counted Thread Eve
20	Counted Thread Day
22	Studio Time
25	Blackwork

Cancellation Policy

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.

JUNE

4	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
6-9	Chapter	June Retreat at Ararat
13	North End	End-of-Year Party (In Person)
18	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)

6	Needlepoint
10	Whitework
10	Counted Thread Eve
12	Crewel
17	Counted Thread Day
22	Blackwork
26	Studio Time

* Date moved to third Thursday due to Easter Week.





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



*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.

Study Groups and Studio Time

Study group invites will be limited to current members
of the group. If you are interested in joining a study
group, contact the group coordinator listed below.
Check the Calendar on page 3 for 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

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

Needlepoint Study Group

First Thursday of the month; Noon – 4 PM

East Greenbush Community Library

Contact: Fran Roscello

Studio Time

Fourth Wednesday of the month; 10 AM – 2 PM

Meetings at 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





PROGRAMS

SPRING CLASSES: 10 am – 2 pm with a lunch break | A Space for Art, 60 Remson Street, Cohoes

Beaded Ribbon Scissor Case Lanyard with Sandie Feck

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Save your needlework from scissor punctures or accidental snipping of threads by storing your scissors in this pretty little scissor case which is always at hand when worn around the neck. The scissor case is made using jacquard-style ribbon and embellished with a beaded trim. The case is worn around the neck on a 32" silk lanyard and will hold a pair of scissors up to 4" long.

The kit contains: ribbon, fleece, seed beads, large bead, cording, thread, needles, pins and instructions. You will have the opportunity to choose the ribbon you'd like to use. You bring scissors, magnification and lighting as needed, and your lunch.

Registration deadline is March 8. The cost will be \$10. Use the registration coupon on page 9 to mail your check by the March 8 deadline.



Embroidered Birds with Natalie Hart Fryzer

Saturday, April 13, 2024

These three felt birds were originally designed for our Creative Stitching – Teaching Children to Stitch program. This was a fun project the kids enjoyed and is doable with only basic sewing skills. If the kids could do it, you can do it! Each bird uses a variety of embroidery stitches and instructions will cover tips for assembly.

Registration deadline is April 1. Class limit is 12 students so sign up early. The \$5 kit fee includes patterns, instructions, enough felt for three birds, one skein of DMC #5 pearl cotton, assorted print fabric for tail feathers and fiber fill. There will be an additional assortment of DMC colors to choose from, but feel free to bring your own threads. Pearl cotton #5 & #8 are best but you can also use stranded floss. You'll also need sharp needles, scissors and lunch. Use the registration coupon on page 9 to mail your check by April 1.



Empire QuiltFest EQFX: Diamonds and Daffodils

April 27–28, 2024

Saturday 9 am to 4 pm | Sunday 10 am to 4 pm

empirequiltfest.org

Fulton Montgomery Community College
2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown NY 12095

2024 EGA National Seminar Preserving Needle Art

August 14–18, 2024 | Hilton Hotel, Atlanta, GA
egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2024/

Registration will be open until May 15, 2024

First come, first served registration will eliminate the waiting period to receive class assignments. You will know immediately upon successful payment confirmation if you are in a class or not.





Chapter Biennial Dinner Meeting and Election of Officers

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – 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 After-Dinner Program (TBD)

Our Biennial Dinner Meeting will be held from 6–9pm on Tuesday, May 21 at the Italian American Community Center, 257 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. Following the dinner, there will be a brief business meeting and the election of the following officers: President, First Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. The Program Committee is still working on the details of the after-dinner program. An email will be sent once the plans are finalized.

Registration Deadline is May 1. The cost for members will be \$30 per person and \$44 for guests. (The Chapter is underwriting part of the dinner for members.) Dinner includes salad, dessert and a choice of three different entrees: Chicken Francaise, Sliced Roast Beef and Eggplant Parmesan. There will also be a cash bar.

For questions about the dinner or the event, contact Terry Case at tcase5@hotmail.com. Please fill out the coupon on page 9 and mail it, along with your check & meal choice, to Louise Butler by May 1.

Royal School of Needlework's International Summer School 2024



The Royal School of Needlework will be teaching embroidery at the Sayre School in Lexington, Kentucky. The courses will be taught in person by expert RSN Tutors from July 13–28.

Participants will learn a variety of techniques from beginner to advanced levels and have the opportunity to meet the RSN's Chief Executive Susan Kay-Williams. Other exciting perks of joining in Kentucky include:

- An RSN welcome gift
- Conference dinner
- Scheduled talks by Dr. Susan Kay-Williams
- Access to exclusive Online Talks

Take advantage of Early Bird pricing before March 31. Please note that spaces are limited. To browse all International Summer School classes (plus online options) and read more information, visit: royal-needlework.org.uk/courses/international-summer-school-2024/classes/.

OUTREACH REPORT

Update on Sampler Reproduction Project

We are working with Sarah Stevens, the Peebles Island textile conservator, to reproduce an 1838 sampler from the Senate House State Historic Site in Kingston, NY. In January, a small group met at Peebles Island to examine the sampler and discuss the project. The majority of our time was spent trying to determine the original thread colors. The sampler is in fairly good condition despite its age, but the years have affected the colors. To see the most accurate color, we looked at the back and then found the best match to DMC floss. From that work, a key was developed with a symbol for each color.

We are now in the first phase of the project which involves charting the original. There are three teams of two that each meet one day a week. The work is moving slowly but steadily as we carefully examine the sampler, then refer to the key to add the appropriate symbols to graph paper. The sampler is stitched over two threads on 28 ct linen — except when it's over one! — and can be difficult to see clearly. But with the aid of our magnifying glass we are making progress.

– Terry Case, Outreach Chair





EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FROM EGA NATIONAL

EGA National

Here are some of the new offerings from EGA National:

Virtual Lecture Series

Upcoming lectures:

- [Curiously Wrought – A Closer Look at Needleworked Buttons with Gina Barrett](#) on Saturday, April 14, 2024, at 1:00 pm. Registration March 28–April 12 at 1:00 pm.
- [Mediterranean Folk Art Embroidery: A Brief Tour of a Vibrant World](#) on Sunday, June 9 at 1:00 pm. Registration May 20–June 7 at 1:00 pm.

If you have missed a lecture that you really wanted to hear, check the past lectures section of [this page](#) to see if the lecture was recorded. If it's available, you can watch it for \$5.

GCC Lightening Rounds

The new set of GCC Lightening rounds for March through May 2024 hadn't been announced yet at the time of writing. Keep an eye on this page: <https://egausa.org/lightning-rounds/>.

Scholarships

Several of the EGA educational scholarships have upcoming deadlines. Consider applying for one of them! You will find these and other scholarships and awards listed on this webpage: <https://egausa.org/scholarships-and-awards/>

The Penny Evans Memorial Scholarship

(Applications due May 1, notification by June 1)

- For EGA members for an embroidery related class, study project, or similar education offering by EGA, The Royal School of Needlework or the City and Guilds of London Institute, in the U.S. or the U.K.

The Marjorie Jones Scholarship

(Applications due April 1, notification by May 1)

- Awarded to benefit students of crewel embroidery taking a crewel class at EGA's National Seminar or an EGA region seminar.

The Research Fellowship Grant Award

(Applications due June 1, notification by Sept 1)

- Awarded for in-depth research in all areas of embroidery and allied textile arts, and to create a basis for dialogue between EGA and other grant and research institutions.
- Grants of up to \$1,000 are awarded annually.

RSN (Royal School of Needlework)

The Stitch Bank


The RSN has been expanding its stitch encyclopedia, The Stitch Bank. The newest expansion is explained on their website: "This winter we are adding 25 stitches from the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. For this we have been working with Jacqui Carey, author of *Sweet Bags and Elizabethan Stitches*. These include stitches from the period that have fallen out of use as well different ways of working familiar stitches." Some of the stitches included in this project are Elizabethan Plaited, Ladder, and Holly Braid Stitches, Elizabethan Tubular Ceylon, Elizabethan Half and Turn, and Elizabethan Corded Brussels.

Each of the over 350 stitches includes an overview of the stitch, detailed visual and video directions, visual examples, references, and three attributes that are searchable in their own right: the structure of the stitch, the use of the stitch, and the embroidery technique in which it is used.

— Trudi Jacobson, Education Chair

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Security Tips for Writing Checks

Have you seen the recent news reports about the increase in check theft and check washing? In our last newsletter, Treasurer Jenni Paperman shared the story of how our Chapter fell victim to check washing, the steps she took to get our money back and protect our accounts, and tips on what we could do to avoid this in the future. Keep these tips in mind when you register for Chapter events:

- Use a black gel ink pen instead of a ballpoint pen to prevent check washing.
- Use a security envelope or wrap check in non-transparent paper to make sure the check cannot be seen.
- Go inside the post office to mail your check.
- Hand deliver check at a meeting when possible.

Embroidered Birds

A Space for Art – Saturday, April 13

Registration Deadline is April 1, 2024

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) for \$5 to:

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

Beaded Ribbon Scissor Case Lanyard

A Space for Art – Saturday, March 23

Registration Deadline is March 8, 2024

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) for \$10 to:

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

June 2024 Retreat at Ararat Center

Thursday–Sunday, June 6–10, 2024

Registration Deadline is April 9, 2024

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Room Choice: ____ Single ____ Double ____ Triple

Roommate's Name(s): _____

☐ Four-day Option: Single – \$451 Double – \$361 Triple – \$328

☐ Three-day Option: Single – \$306 Double – \$246 Triple – \$222

Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) to:

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

Biennial Dinner Meeting & Election of Officers – 5/21/2024

Registration Deadline is May 1, 2024

Member's Name: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Entree Choice (choose one):

____ Chicken Francaise ____ Sliced Roast Beef ____ Eggplant Parmesan

Guest's Name: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Entree Choice (choose one):

____ Chicken Francaise ____ Sliced Roast Beef ____ Eggplant Parmesan

Member: \$30 | Guest price: \$44

Total Enclosed: _____

Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) to:

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

**PLEASE NOTE YOUR MEAL CHOICE
& SAVE FOR YOUR RECORDS**

Biennial Dinner Meeting & Election of Officers

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Italian American Community Center
257 Washington Ave Extension, Albany

6:00 pm Doors open

6:30 pm Dinner served

7:30 pm Election of Officers

7:45 pm After-Dinner Program

Your Entree Choice:

____ Chicken Francaise

____ Sliced Roast Beef

____ Eggplant Parmesan

Your Guest's Entree Choice:

____ Chicken Francaise

____ Sliced Roast Beef

____ Eggplant Parmesan



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