



New York Capital District Chapter

Summer 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 3

Registration Deadline
for June Retreat

July 15

Registration Deadline
for Silken Sampler

August 6

Newsletter Deadline

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June 2024 Retreat Update

It's not too late to sign up for this summer's retreat. Though we did not have enough interest to hold a four-day retreat we are still looking forward to a three-day retreat! **If you decide to attend, you need to contact me, Helen O'Connor, before June 3 to let me know your check is in the mail.**



The retreat will be held Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9 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.

Again 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.

Meals start with dinner on Friday. Snacks will be served every evening. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juices and water are included and available throughout the day, often with fresh fruit. Breakfast and lunch are served on Sunday and the retreat will end at 3:00 pm Sunday.

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 6. Weekenders will need to choose their room preference and day trippers will need to indicate 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,

Thank you for allowing me to be your President these last two years. This will be the last note that I write to you as your President. It has been a pleasure working with many of you in this capacity. Please support your new President, as she helps us navigate the changes in National EGA and what that might mean for our Chapter.

Please consider volunteering for a committee, facilitating an educational (ex. GCC) or outreach project. Creativity and excitement grow through discussion and learning about others' experiences.

The Chapter has many great programs and projects planned. Take a look at the new counted-canvas project (described on page 5). Have you been considering trying something new or looking for an interesting counted-canvas project? This sampler is a great way to try a new technique, learn new stitches or practice a few you've not used in a while. Sign up to join this project. If you can't make the meetings, sign up anyway. That's what I plan to do as I work during the day. I am hoping to stitch along with the group in absentia.

I hope to see you at the meetings.

Happy Stitching!

Nancy Knowles

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

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





Summer 2024 Calendar

JUNE

4	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
7-9	Chapter	June Retreat at Ararat
13	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)
18	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)

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

JULY

2	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
16	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)

8 Counted Thread Eve
10 Crewel
11 Needlepoint**
15 Counted Thread Day
24 Studio Time
27 Blackwork

AUGUST

6	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
20	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)

1 Needlepoint
12 Whitework
12 Counted Thread Eve
14 Crewel
19 Counted Thread Day
24 Blackwork
28 Studio Time

SEPTEMBER

3	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
12	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)
17	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)
18	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)
21	Chapter	Annual Joint Meeting
26	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)

5 Needlepoint
9 Whitework
9 Counted Thread Eve
11 Crewel
16 Counted Thread Day
25 Studio Time
28 Blackwork

In-Person Meetings

Beverwyck:
Bethlehem Pubic Library

North End Group:
Clifton Park Halfmoon
Public Library

Day Group:
Blooming Grove
Reformed Church

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.

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.

* Date moved due to Summer Retreat.

** Date moved due to holiday.





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.

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



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

Third Monday of the month; 10 AM - 2 PM

Meetings at Jenni Paperman's home

Contact: Jenni Paperman

Counted Thread Study Group - Evening

Second Monday of the month; 7 PM - 9 PM via Zoom

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

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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 – Senate House and Vanderlyn Project

Registration is closed

Our Biennial Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at the Italian American Community Center. After the dinner, there will be a brief business meeting and election of officers.

Slate of Officers

President: Nancy Newkirk

First Vice-President: Ginger Iorizzo

Vice-President/Membership: Lynne Priestley

Recording Secretary: Queen Lewis

Corresponding Secretary: Maryann Gibson

Treasurer: Jennifer Paperman

Our speakers will be Victoria Reisman, Curator of Historic Sites and Aaron Robinson, Site Manager for the Senate House Historic Site. They will talk about the Senate House, a Dutch style building in Kingston that dates back to the late 1600s and was the original site of the NY Senate.

Victoria and Aaron will also discuss the Vanderlyn Project. John Vanderlyn was one of the first American painters. He studied under Gilbert Stuart and was the first American painter to study in France. Many of his works are displayed in the Senate House Museum which is also part of the historic site. Vanderlyn's niece, Catharine, created the sampler we are reproducing.

For questions about the dinner or the event, contact Terry Case.

June 2024 Retreat at Ararat Center

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9, 2024

Registration Deadline is June 3, 2024

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Room Choice: ☐ Single - \$306 ☐ Double - \$246 ☐ Triple - \$222

Roommate's Name(s): _____

Day Trippers Only (see prices on page 1):

Dates: _____ Meals: _____ Total: \$ _____

Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) to:

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

America's Tapestry

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of America (in 2026), Stefan Romero, a multidisciplinary artist, designer, and researcher, is heading up a project titled "America's Tapestry." As part of his education, Mr. Romero studied Dress and Textile History at the University of Glasgow as a Fulbright Scholar. While there, he had the opportunity to view the Great Tapestry of Scotland (www.greattapestryofscotland.com) and was inspired to create something similar for the U.S. America's Tapestry will consist of 13 embroidered 27" x 54" panels, one for each of the original 13 colonies. Each panel will depict an event from the Revolutionary Period. The completed tapestry will be displayed in various places during 2026, and then disassembled so each panel can be displayed in a permanent home in the state it represents.

Under the current timeline, Mr. Romero expects to have the tapestry design finished in late 2024 or early 2025. Stitchers will then have until the end of 2025 to embroider their state's panel so that the final tapestry can be displayed in time for the 250th anniversary in 2026. Mr. Romero contacted our Chapter, asking if we would be interested in helping with the New York panel. We'd be given the panel (with the design pre-printed), the threads, and even the frame; we only have to provide the labor stitching it. We agreed, and Jenni Paperman is taking the lead on this project.

Although 2025 is still several months away, we wanted to give everyone a heads up about this exciting project. If you have any questions, want to help coordinate with other groups, or even can suggest places where we can set up to stitch, contact Jenni. And watch out for updates in future newsletters.



Panel from the Great Tapestry of Scotland.





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

FOR MAIL-IN RENEWALS ONLY

Name: _____ Membership # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary phone: _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Secondary phone: _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

E-mail address: _____

Primary Chapter: New York Capital District Chapter Region: Metropolitan

Primary Chapter Dues: \$ 17

Region Dues: \$ 4

National Dues: \$ 55

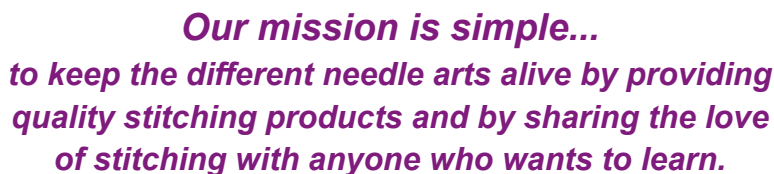
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