



DATES TO REMEMBER

Joint Meeting

Batik to Stitches Deadline

Batik to Stitches Workshop

Newsletter Deadline

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A Space for Art, 60 Remsen St, Cohoes

The annual Joint Meeting will be held from 1–3 pm on Saturday, September 21 at A Space for Art, 60 Remsen St., Cohoes, NY. The Program Committee encourages all to come but especially those who are new to the organization. It's a great opportunity to meet members from all our groups and for them to meet you. One of the objectives of EGA is to share ideas and techniques and to stimulate enthusiasm for needlework. This starts by getting to know each other.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Valentina Grub, who will be talking about her various embroidery experiences. After spending her early years as an expatriate, Dr. Grub graduated from Wellesley College (BA hons Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Classical Civilization), then continued to the University of St. Andrews (MPhil, PhD Medieval Art History). She works as a freelance embroiderer and textile historian and has written two novels set in 1820s Europe. She currently lives in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Dr. Grub came to the attention of the program committee when several Chapter members made plans to take her EGA online studio course, Moroccan Lanterns. The seven lanterns are created with simple blackwork patterns. But in an added twist, the choice of thread color for the lantern glass, and the lantern placement, is up to the embroiderer. The metallic chains that the lanterns hang from add extra texture and sparkle.

When registration for the course opened in early July, EGA posted an interview with Dr Grub. To read the post and learn more about her work, visit <https://egausa.org/interview-dr-valentina-grub-craftsman-scholar/>. Or check out her website at <https://valentinagrub.com/>.

We hope to see everyone at the Joint Meeting. Dr. Grub's journey in the embroidery world has been unique and we expect the talk to be fascinating.

Feel free to bring a light snack to share. You may park on the street for free or in the small lot on the side of the building. If you are unsure about directions, please contact Terry Case.

- The Program Committee



Moroccan Lanterns by Dr. Valentina Grub



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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

AS I PUT fingers to the keyboard, the air is changing to crisp, clear skies and the promise of an invigorating fall season. I am starting my term as Chapter President with some trepidation, (What was I thinking?) but have been reassured by many Board and Committee members that we are a team and we all help each other. So thank you for your kind words of encouragement. Please join me in giving a special thank you to Nancy Knowles for her service as President. She will be a great resource for us.

One of my first tasks in my new role was to really look at the chapter website. It is professional, informative and attractive. If you haven't explored the website www.nycaptega.org I encourage you to do so. Be sure to sign on as a member.

Sherry McCredie has volunteered to chair the Exhibit Committee and has been working diligently and gathering a team. This is very exciting news as the Exhibit is an important event for the chapter.

What a small world! While visiting my sister-in-law in the beautiful Finger Lakes area, she introduced me to her friend, a prolific and skilled needleworker and member of the Corning EGA Chapter.

We had lots to chat about and I learned about an America 250 needlework project. I hope to share more information about it in the coming months.

Best wishes to you all,

Nancy Newkirk

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is to inspire passion for the needle arts
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of its heritage.*

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





Fall 2024 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

3	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	5	Needlepoint
5	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)*	9	Whitework
17	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	9	Counted Thread Eve
18	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	11	Crewel
21	Chapter	Annual Joint Meeting: Embroidery Talk by Dr. Valentina Grub	16	Counted Thread Day
26	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	25	Studio Time
			28	Blackwork

OCTOBER

1	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	9	Crewel
7	Board	Zoom Meeting at 7 pm	10	Needlepoint**
15	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	14	Whitework
16	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	14	Counted Thread Eve
17	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)*	21	Counted Thread Day
18-19	Chapter	Batik to Stitch with Laura Smith	23	Studio Time
31	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	26	Blackwork

NOVEMBER

4	Board	Zoom Meeting at 7 pm	11	Whitework
5	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	11	Counted Thread Eve
14	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	13	Crewel
19	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	18	Counted Thread Day
20	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	23	Blackwork
			27	Studio Time
			TBD	Needlepoint

DECEMBER

2	Board	Zoom Meeting at 7 pm	9	Whitework
3	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	9	Counted Thread Eve
12	North End	Holiday Party (In Person)	11	Crewel
17	Beverwyck	Holiday Party (In Person)	16	Counted Thread Day
18	Day Group	Dish-To-Pass Holiday Luncheon	28	Blackwork
			TBD	Needlepoint

* Date changes due to construction projects at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library.

** Date changed to 2nd Thursday due to scheduling conflict at East Greenbush Library.

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.





Fall Retreat Update

We've had to cancel the fall retreat since we did not have enough weekend registrations to make it work. I will be contacting the Ararat staff to find a date for the June 2025 retreat. Cost and registration information will be in the spring newsletter which will be distributed in February.

– Helen O'Connor, Retreat Coordinator

Facebook

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



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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 – Evening

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

Contact: Lynne Priestley

Counted Thread Study Group – Day

Third Monday of the month; 10 AM – 2 PM

Meetings at Jenni Paperman's home

Contact: Jenni Paperman

Needlepoint Study Group

First Thursday of the month; Noon – 4 PM

East Greenbush Community Library

Note: Date and/or time may change if there is a
scheduling conflict with the library. Members of Study
Group are notified in advance of date and times.

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





Membership Updates

New Members

Beth Adcock Heidi Liscomb
Christine Dreidel Alison Maher

Welcome Beth, Christine, Heidi and Alison!

Membership Roster Updated

The updated membership roster is on the the Members Only page of our website at www.nycapega.org.

Enchanting Threads: The Art of Salley Mavor

The first time I saw Salley Mavor's work was when her *Birds of Beebe Woods* was featured on the back cover of a *Needle Arts* magazine. I was amazed and enchanted by the three-dimensional birds. The next time I saw her work was January 2024 at the Southern Vermont Arts Center in Manchester, VT. On the last weekend of *The Wee Worlds of Salley Mavor* exhibit, and with a winter storm approaching, I grabbed a friend and raced up to Manchester. The work was even more impressive in person.



This summer, I was excited to learn that Salley's embroidery was coming to my hometown! I picked up my mom and we headed downtown to the Albany Institute of History and Art (AIHA) where we were both charmed by the intimate and colorful worlds Salley had created with needle and thread. The work is beautifully and creatively designed, and stitched with careful attention to detail, texture and color.

The show includes a large selection of Salley's work from the past 30 years and a video of her work process. A highlight are the illustrations for her most recent book, *MY BED: Enchanting Ways to Fall Asleep Around the World*. To learn more about Salley's work, visit <https://weefolkstudio.com/>.

Enchanting Threads: The Art of Salley Mavor exhibit will be at the AIHA until February 23, 2025. I urge all of you to grab a friend and head out to explore the worlds of Salley Mavor.

– Ann Cohan



Above: Detail from *Rabbitat*.

Left: Detail from *Birds of Beebe Woods*.

Below: Artwork for *My Bed, Enchanting Ways to Fall Asleep Around the World*.



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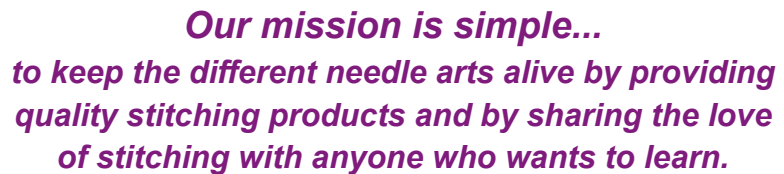
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