



New York Capital District Chapter

June 2025 Retreat

LAST CALL — Reservations due June 2 — CALL Helen O'Connor ASAP

It's not too late to sign up for this summer's retreat. **If you decide to attend, you need to call or text me, Helen O'Connor, before June 2** to let me know your check is in the mail.

The retreat will be held Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8 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. 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.

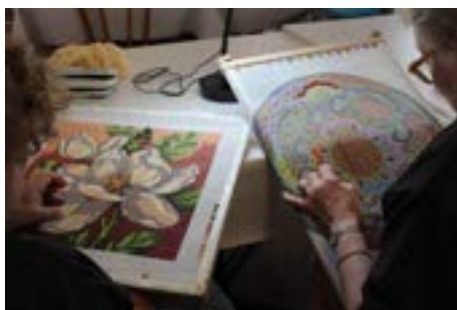
Costs for Day Trippers: You need to pay for your meals plus the snack cost for any day you plan to attend. The snack cost includes the water, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, desserts, fruit, etc., that Ararat makes available for us. Meal prices include gratuities.

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



Summer 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2

Registration Deadline
for June Retreat

August 15

Newsletter Deadline

September 13

Joint Meeting

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Letter from the President

Greetings,

One of my very first experiences with NYCDCEGA was attending the Artistry in Stitches exhibit in 2017 at Carondelet. I was so impressed by all the beautiful pieces on exhibit. Little did I know of all the behind-the-scenes planning, work, meetings, ideas, decisions and details that go into putting on this exhibit until this year.

To Sherry McCredie and her team who did an exceptional job, thank you! To all the members who supported the exhibit, by loaning their cherished work, volunteering before, during and after, making a purchase from the Needlework Closet, raffle or auction or telling their friends and family about the exhibit, thank you! A special shout out to husbands (several who helped with moving all the exhibit stuff, set up and take down), dear friends and family members who had their lives disrupted so we could concentrate on the exhibit, thank you!

On another note, this is the last newsletter that Ann Cohan is involved with. Ann's first newsletter was Fall 2006. Since then, she has been editor on and off for a total of 15-ish years. On behalf of the Chapter, we are so appreciative of your many years of service. Ann is leaving the newsletter in the capable hands of Tisha Dolton.

Best wishes for a great summer,

Nancy Newkirk

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 2025 Calendar

JUNE

02	Board	Meeting at 7 PM (Zoom)	05 Needlepoint
03	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	09 Whitework
6-8	Chapter	June Retreat at Ararat	09 Counted Thread Eve
12	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	11 Crewel
17	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	16 Counted Thread Day
			25 Studio Time
			28 Blackwork

JULY

01	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	03 Needlepoint
15	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	09 Crewel
			14 Counted Thread Eve
			21 Counted Thread Day
			23 Studio Time
			26 Blackwork

AUGUST

05	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	TBA Needlepoint
19	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	11 Whitework
			11 Counted Thread Eve
			13 Crewel
			18 Counted Thread Day
			23 Blackwork
			27 Studio Time

SEPTEMBER

02	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	TBA Needlepoint
11	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (Zoom)	08 Whitework
13	Chapter	Annual Joint Meeting	08 Counted Thread Eve
16	Beverwyck	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	10 Crewel
17	Day Group	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	15 Counted Thread Day
25	North End	Stitch-In, Show & Share (In Person)	24 Studio Time
			27 Blackwork

In-Person Meetings

Beverwyck: Bethlehem Public Library

Day Group: Blooming Grove Reformed Church

North End Group: Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library

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.



Far left: Barbara Leafer.
Left: Virginia Huerfeld.
Right: Pillows on display.
More *Artistry In Stitches* on pages 5 & 9



FOUNDERS' FUND

The Founders' Fund was set up in the early 1990s as a memorial fund for the Chapter. The money in the Founders' Fund may only be used for educational programs and to promote community awareness of the needle arts. Tax deductible contributions can be made by anyone (members or non-members) in memory of, or in honor of a special person. Or just to support the Chapter's education programs and awareness activities.

Donations are accepted at any time by sending a check made out to NYCDCEGA to the Chapter Treasurer, Jennifer Paperman, 1291 Windemere Court, Niskayuna, NY 12309. If your donation is in honor of a specific person, include a note with the name of the honoree and an address where an acknowledgement may be sent. If you or someone you know would like more details about the Founders' Fund, contact Chapter Treasurer Jenni 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 (6:30–8:30pm).
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

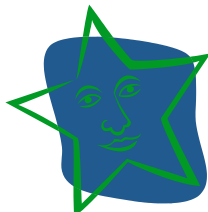


North End Group

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 (6:30–8:30pm). 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, NY

Contact Sherry McCredie.

Whitework Study Group

Second Monday of the month; 10 AM – 12 PM

Contact Doris Halvorsen.

Facebook

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



ARTISTRY IN STITCHES 2025

Exhibit Update

We finally had our long awaited 2025 Artistry in Stitches exhibition at Pat's Barn in Troy. The positive response from the public was gratifying, especially to the members who put in the long hours that made the exhibit such a success.

On Thursday evening members were invited to our exhibit preview party and had first dibs at our Needlework Closet on the second floor.

Friday was the busiest of the three days with 143 attendees. Saturday and Sunday saw 112 and 110 attendees respectively for a grand total of 365 visitors to Artistry in Stitches! The three days of demonstrations were all well attended, as was a first look at the NY panel, one of thirteen America's Tapestry panels celebrating the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding.

The Opportunity Baskets near the entry table were a big attraction, a good fund raiser along with the Needlework Closet on the second floor. We also had quite a few people express interest in joining EGA, attend meetings and hopefully become members.

Visitors told us they'd heard about the exhibit from various sources: newspaper articles, fliers, our EGA Facebook page, other guilds, needlework shops and our road signs, so all our advertising efforts paid off. They were also impressed with our new location, its accessibility, spacious displays, and all the goodies in our Needlework Closet.

Now, after the success of our current exhibit we can hopefully look forward to a future exhibit at Pat's Barn in 2027.

Artistry in Stitches 2025 images courtesy of Donna Logan. More photos on page 9.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Joint Meeting

Plans are underway for our annual Joint Meeting —
Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 1-3 PM
at Glenville Senior Center

More details to follow.



America's Tapestry - Time to Start Stitching

While we've gotten some initial stitching on the New York panel for America's Tapestry, we need to get stitching in earnest. The panel needs to be finished by the end of April 2026 so it (and the other 12 panels) can be put on display in time for the 250th anniversary of the United States.

I will bring the panel to the June retreat, so folks can stitch on it there. Then it will be set up at the Van Schaick Mansion, which has graciously offered to host us. The Van Schaick Mansion is located at 1 Van Schaick Avenue, Cohoes, NY 12047. You can visit their website for more information:
<http://www.vanschaickmansion.org/>

Right now, we have the following dates confirmed (all are regular dates the Van Schaick will be open to the public):

- Saturday June 14 1 – 6 PM
- Sunday June 22 1 – 4 PM
- Sunday July 13 1 – 4 PM
- Sunday August 17 1 – 4 PM
- Sunday Sept 21 1 – 4 PM
- Sunday October 19 1 – 4 PM

The first one is a special event for Flag Day, complete with a full orchestra concert and a picnic. The others are Sunday open houses. I will be there the entire time for each of these events. If you can be there to stitch,



let me know what day(s) and what times. At the very least, try to drop by on the 14th to check out the Van Schaick Mansion. I will warn folks: the Van Schaick Mansion was built in the mid-1700s. It is not ADA compliant: if you can't handle stairs, you won't be able to get inside to stitch.

I'll be surveying the membership in June to find out what days are best for folks to stitch. The people who run the Van Schaick Mansion will unlock the doors whenever we want to stitch, not just when they are open for events. We can pick either weekends or weekdays. Though as I still work, if folks want to stitch on weekdays, someone else will have to be in charge for the day. That mostly will be just making sure everyone who stitches signs in with name and time spent. The panel will be set up ready to go once the side lacings are tightened. Everything you need will be there: stitching guide, book of stitches (thanks, Maggie!), needles, floss, etc. Plan to bring scissors, as I won't promise to have more than a pair there. And since we're working on 32-count linen, you may also want to bring magnification.

If you want to sign up to stitch—or have any questions about this project—contact Jenni Paperman.

Thanks,
Jennifer Paperman
State Director, New York
America's Tapestry
(www.americastapestry.com)

June 2025 Retreat at Ararat Center

Friday–Sunday, June 6–8, 2025

Registration Deadline is June 2, 2025

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

Call/text Helen ASAP to register.

PROGRAMS

Ornaments for Our Holiday Tree

The Program Committee has come up with an additional group project similar to the bookmark project. We are asking members to make new ornaments for one of the holiday trees at the Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany. We have provided ornaments for this tree for many years and periodically need to replenish the ones we are using. Visitors to the Mansion are fascinated with all the embroidered ornaments and the docents always give the Chapter credit. It's a great way to get our name out in the community.

Making the ornaments will work similarly to how we made the bookmarks. We are asking that members use their stash for materials and threads and to use the technique of their choice. In addition, Group Leaders will have charts available. You won't have to go looking frantically on the web.

We plan to start this project in September when all meetings are back from the summer break and to make it an ongoing project. So if you feel you can't finish it in time for this holiday, there's always next year.

The Program Committee hopes members will be interested in participating in this fun project.

Cross-stitch ornaments by Mary Willmott



Sunday, September 7, 2025

Noon to 4 PM

Pruyn House

207 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, NY

Members are invited to meet the public and promote NYCDCEGA at "Old Fashioned Sunday." We will be inside the barn with other community groups. There will be lots of fun activities both inside and outside.

Contact Nancy Newkirk if you are interested in participating.

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Jennifer Keltz

Jennifer Pearce

Nancy Perry

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Renewing Your EGA Membership for 2025–2026

If you have not renewed yet, it is important that you renew your membership by May 31, 2025. The preferred renewal method is to use the online option at egausa.org.

Membership 2025-2026 Renewal Instructions

- Log in to your account.
- On your Profile click My Membership under Account Settings.
- On the My Membership page, click on View.
- Click Renew Now or Resubscribe button.
- On the Checkout page verify that your information is correct, enter payment details and click Renew Subscription. You're all set for another year!

Additional Information

If you don't see a membership to renew, you may visit the Chapter map, find your Chapter and purchase a membership there. Members-at-large who don't see a membership to renew can add a membership here:

egausa.org/product/at-large-membership/

If you are unable or prefer not to renew online, you may send a check for the total amount of your Chapter, region and national dues to EGA Headquarters at 501 Baxter Ave Suite 200, Louisville, KY, 40204. Please include your Name, Member Number, and Chapter Name with your payment.

Please note that even if your membership receipt from last year reads "recurring," you will still need to input your credit card information. Automatic renewal payments are not currently available. Staff are available to help you if needed. Please reach out to egahq@egausa.org or call 502.589.6956.

If you wish to become a member, start here: egausa.org/join-us/

Dues

Annual dues are \$70
(\$11 Chapter, \$4 Region, \$55 National).

Renewing Plural members whose primary Chapter is within the Metropolitan Region need to send me a check for \$11 made out to NYCDCEGA by June 15. Outside the Metropolitan Region, the check is for \$21.

Any questions or concerns, please contact your group leaders or me ASAP.

Lynne Priestley, NYCDCEGA Membership Chair



Above: Jenni Paperman stitching on NY panel of America's Tapestry.
Center: NY panel artwork. See page 6 on how to get involved!
Below: Artistry In Stitches exhibition at Pat's Barn, Troy, NY.



Clockwise: Ann Cohan, Jennifer Westervelt, Helen O'Connor, Carol Newhart, Maggie Oldendorf





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