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America's Tapestry: The New York Panel

By Jenni Paperman, State Director for the NY panel

We're in the homestretch, folks!

We have to be 100% completely and totally done by April 30th: stitching, fabric paint, appliques. Everything. All thirteen panels will be collected between May 1st and 4th, then delivered to the mounter in Washington, DC by May 5th. A month later, in June, the mounted panels will be shipped to Muscarelle Museum of Art for their first public exhibition. The Muscarelle is located on the campus of William & Mary College, near historic Williamsburg.



Our panel has so many different techniques. Above is the vignette in the upper left corner, one of the Birch Trial hearings. We've got surface embroidery, blackwork, gold couching, and even a leatherwork book. There is fabric painting for the background. And the wide-open space is where an applique will be added. All these different techniques combine to give the panel dimension and interest. *(Continued on page three.)*

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.

A Message from our President

Excitement is in the air!

2026 is going to be a great year for NYCDCEGA. Progress has been made in several areas. We are returning to Carondolet for the 2027 exhibit, which will allow us to have an evening reception. The Nominating Committee has candidates for several positions, but still needs nominees for Treasurer and Vice President. Programs are in the works for this year and 2027. Planning for the biennial meeting in May is underway.

One of the benefits of embroidery is its ability to build connections and camaraderie. Recently, I got a chance to meet and stitch with two ladies, one who is stitching the Pennsylvania banner for America's Tapestry, and her daughter. They traveled from PA and the lower Hudson Valley to stitch on the NY banner. It was great fun to learn what the PA team is doing. And in turn they had questions about how we are stitching the slips, and lovely compliments on our work.

Closer to home, I have learned of the friendships that have developed within the Chapter, how members continue to be active at long distances through Zoom and how members reach out and respond when they learn of a member's need. Members tell me that they enjoy attending meetings because it is a social occasion as well as a chance to stitch and learn. I know that my NYCDCEGA membership has enriched my life. How are you benefiting from your EGA membership?

Happy stitching!

Nancy Newkirk

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Gentle reminder to Primary & Plural members of NYCDC EGA:

If you change your phone number, email address and/or mailing address, PLEASE REMEMBER to advise EGA National Headquarters at egahq@egausa.org and Lynne Priestley, Membership Chair at lpriestley053@gmail.com.

Without that information being kept current, we miss the opportunity to keep in touch with each other, and with you, the Members, to receive sometimes critical info about your Chapter membership.

IN MEMORIUM

Member **Carol D. Newhart** passed away on January 28, 2026. Her obituary stated Carol "was a highly skilled art quilter and needleworker, who designed and created many beautiful quilts and wall hangings over the years. Carol explored all types of needlework and was always eager to try a new technique."

HELP WANTED

The Chapter is seeking members to volunteer for consideration for two Chapter Board positions: First Vice President and Treasurer. Both positions have a two-year term of office, and may be repeated if desired. First Vice President typically becomes President, unless the then current President agrees to serve a second term.

Anyone who is interested in serving in either of these important positions may contact Helen O'Connor at 518-729-0382 or hjoc09@gmail.com.

America's Tapestry: The New York Panel (Continued from page one.)

While our drop-dead date is April 30th, our goal is to be done with the stitching by no later than March 31st. That gives us a month to sew on all the amazing appliques our talented members have made, touch up the fabric paint, and add any final stitches. We are well on the way to that goal, as you can see from this photo (right) showing the stitching as of January 19th, with most, but not all, of the appliques laid out.



The stitching left is mostly along the bottom edge: the buildings and the father in the boat. We still have to decide on what stitches to use for some of the buildings. If you want to share your thoughts about potential stitches to use, let me know. I'd love to hear from you.

I will be planning a week-long stitch-a-thon in late February or early March. We'll be stitching every day at the Van Schaick Mansion to try to reach our goal of finishing the stitched portion of the panel by March 31st (or perhaps a few days earlier!). The exhibition will include not only the panels themselves but also a list of everyone who has stitched on a panel, even if only for five minutes. Want to add your name to that list? Keep an eye out for the email looking for stitchers to carry us over the finish line.

Speaking of the Van Schaick Mansion, the Daughters of the American Revolution (our gracious hosts for the panel and our stitchers) have invited me to present at their next business meeting. And they have extended that invitation to any stitchers who would like to attend, as well. It will be held on Saturday, March 21st, and lunch is included. If you are interested, let me know, and I will share the details.

As mentioned above, the first public exhibition of all 13 panels of America's Tapestry will be at the Muscarelle Museum. The panels will then travel around, with the following locations already scheduled:

- Muscarelle Museum, VA (May 2026 – August 2026)
- Seton Hill University, PA (September 2026)
- Passaic County, NJ (October 2026 – December 2026)
- Millyard Museum, NH (January 2027 – April 2027)

If you want to see all 13 panels closer to home, the New York State Museum will be hosting the exhibition Winter 2027 through Spring 2028. Nearly 18 months after the New York Panel leaves the Van Schaick in May 2026, it will be back in Albany, with the other 12 panels. More details will be shared as that date gets closer.

As always, my heartfelt thanks to our core group of stitchers. Without the talent and enthusiasm you ladies bring to the project, this panel would not be nearly as far along as it is.

New York Capital District Chapter of the EGA Regularly Scheduled Events

Type	Name	Schedule	Format	Location if Public	Contact
Monthly Meetings					
Board	Monthly Board Meeting	1st Monday (7pm - 9pm)	Virtual		Nancy Newkirk
Group	Beverwyck	1st Tuesday (7pm - 9pm)	Virtual		
SIG	Needlepoint	1st Thursday (12pm - 4pm)	In Person		Fran Roscello
SIG	Whitework	2nd Monday (10am - 12pm)	Virtual		Doris Halvorsen
SIG	Counted Thread (Evening)	2nd Monday (7pm - 9pm)	Virtual		Lynne Priestley
SIG	Crewel & Surface Embroidery	2nd Wednesday (10am - 2pm) (not winter)	In Person		Mary Willmott
SIG	Crewel & Surface Embroidery	2nd Wednesday (10am - noon) (winter)	Virtual		Mary Willmott
Group	North End	2nd Thursday (7pm - 9pm)	Virtual		Doris Halvorsen
SIG	Counted Thread (Day)	3rd Monday (10am - 2pm)	Hybrid		Jennifer Paperman
Group	Beverwyck	3rd Tuesday (6:30pm - 8:30pm)	In Person	Bethlehem Public Library	
Group	Day Group	3rd Wednesday (10am - 2pm)	In Person	Blooming Grove Reformed Church (Defreestville)	Fran Roscello
Group	Studio Time	4th Wednesday (10am - 2pm)	In Person	For the Stitcher's Soul (Delmar)	Sherry McCredie
Group	North End	4th Thursday (6:30pm - 8:30pm)	In Person	Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library	Doris Halvorsen
SIG	Blackwork	4th Saturday (10am - 2pm)	Hybrid		Fran Roscello
Annual Events					
Chapter	Biennial Dinner	May	In Person		
Chapter	Weekend Stitching Retreat	June, September	In Person		Helen O'Connor
Chapter	Joint Meeting	September	In Person		
<p><i>Chapter members will receive an email each month with the specifics for that month's meetings and events, including any date changes. For links to virtual meetings, reach out the contact person or email the Chapter at the address listed on the front page of the website (www.nycapega.org)</i></p>					

Notes:

- SIG Special Interest Group = members-only group focused on a specific technique (see next page)
- Group Meetings open to the public and to members
- Board Chapter Board meeting, open to the general membership by invitation
- Chapter member-only events, though guests may attend (possibly for a higher cost)

Changes to **Regularly Scheduled Events** will be communicated in the monthly email.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

MARCH 2026

- 02 – Board meeting VIRTUAL
- 03 – Beverwyck VIRTUAL – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 05 – Needlepoint
- 09 – Whitework VIRTUAL
 Counted Thread (Eve) VIRTUAL
- 11 – Crewel & Surface Embroidery
- 12 – North End HYBRID
- 16 – Counted Thread (Day)
- 17 – Beverwyck – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 18 – Day Group – Debbie’s Treat (page nine)
- 25 – Studio Time
- 26 – North End – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 28 – Blackwork

APRIL 2026

- 02 – Needlepoint
- 06 – Board meeting VIRTUAL
- 07 – Beverwyck VIRTUAL – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 08 – Crewel & Surface Embroidery
- 09 – North End VIRTUAL – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 13 – Whitework VIRTUAL
 Counted Thread (Eve) VIRTUAL
- 15 – Day Group – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 18 – Crazy Quilt Class (pages six & seven)
- 20 – Counted Thread (Day) HYBRID
- 21 – Beverwyck – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 22 – Studio Time
- 23 – North End – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 25 – Blackwork HYBRID

MAY 2026

- 02 – Biennial Brunch Mtg & Election of Officers (page six)
- 04 – Board meeting VIRTUAL
- 05 – Beverwyck VIRTUAL – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 06 – Needlepoint
- 11 – Whitework VIRTUAL
 Counted Thread (Eve) VIRTUAL
- 13 – Crewel & Surface Embroidery
- 14 – North End VIRTUAL – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 18 – Counted Thread (Day) HYBRID
- 19 – Beverwyck – Stitch-in, Show & Share
- 20 – Day Group – Debbie’s Treat (see page 9)
- 23 – Blackwork HYBRID
- 27 – Studio Time
- 28 – North End – Stitch-in, Show & Share

Special Interest Groups & Studio Time

Special Interest Group invites are limited to current members of the group. If you are interested in joining a SIG, contact the group coordinator listed below.

Blackwork SIG

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518-283-4002

Crewel & Surface Embroidery SIG

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518-462-0131

Counted Thread SIG/ Day

Contact: Jenni Paperman
jennipaperman@gmail.com
518-709-7345

Counted Thread SIG/ Evening

Contact: Lynne Priestley
lpriestley053@gmail.com
732-245-7242

Needlepoint SIG

Contact: Fran Roscello
FranRoscello@nycap.rr.com
518-283-4002

Whitework SIG

Contact: Doris Halvorsen
dahlv@aol.com
518-371-3956

Studio Time

Meetings held at
For the Stitcher’s Soul,
163 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054
Contact: Sherry McCredie
smccredie@outlook.com
518-469-8499



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Biennial Brunch

Saturday, May 2, 2026 – 11am to 2pm

Italian American Community Center

This year our Program Committee, along with the Board, has decided to change things up a bit! Our Biennial Brunch Meeting & Election of Officers will be held from 11am – 2pm on Saturday, May 2 at The Duo at the Dunes (The Italian American Community Center), 257 Washington Avenue Extension in Albany. Following brunch, there will be a brief business meeting and the election of the following officers: President, First Vice-President, VP Membership, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. Also, Chapter member Jenni Paperman will be giving a presentation on America's Tapestry.

Registration Deadline is April 6, 2026. The cost for members will be \$35 per person and \$50 for guests. (The Chapter is underwriting part of the brunch for members.) For questions about the Brunch or the event, contact Ginger Iorizzo at GingerIorizzo@hotmail.com. Please fill out the coupon below and mail it, along with your check, to Louise Butler by April 6, 2026.

Help Wanted - Hospitality

We would like to form a Hospitality Committee to provide refreshments for Chapter events.

The Hospitality Committee would be responsible for organizing volunteers to supply and serve refreshments for any Chapter events outside of regular Chapter meetings. This may include such events as our Biennial Exhibit, September Meet & Greet, and any in-person classes that are held at a time and/or place other than our regularly scheduled meetings.

The type of refreshments needed will depend on the event itself. Usually coffee, tea, and finger desserts will suffice. Desserts may be purchased by the committee, home-made by committee members, volunteers may be recruited to provide whatever food is necessary, or any combination of these.

Our Chapter has supplies such as coffee pots, tea pots, etc. that may be used. They are stored at Blooming Grove Church and may need to be transported to an event location. The committee will also need to coordinate the purchase of supplies such as coffee, tea, sugar, cream, paper products, etc. from time to time.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Maryann Gibson at maryanngibson12@gmail.com.

Biennial Brunch Meeting & Election of Officers – 5/02/2026

Registration Deadline is April 6, 2026

Member's Name: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Member: \$35 | Guest price: \$50 Total Enclosed: _____

Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) to:

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

Crazy Quilt class

4/18/2026 — 10am to 2pm — Glenville Senior Center

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cost: \$20

Mail coupon and check (made out to NYCDCEGA) to:

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

CRAZY QUILT CLASS

Chapter members Sandie Feck and Maggie Oldendorf are holding a crazy quilting class at the Glenville Senior Center on Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All interested members are welcome to attend!

Attendees will receive a 14-inch square foundation cloth, and may choose quilt patches from a wealth of silks, velvets and other fabrics, as well as a large selection of lace, trims, buttons and beads. Members are encouraged to bring fabric and embellishments to add to their mini quilt. Finished pieces can be framed or made into pillows, totes or wall hangings. They could also be incorporated into larger quilts or other sewing projects



Attendees should bring lunch, their usual stitching materials and a supply of pins. We will be using both perle cotton and cotton floss, so if you have sharp needles suitable for those threads, please bring those as well. We are looking forward to sharing our enthusiasm for crazy quilting at this fun and creative class!

Registration cost is \$20. Please fill out the **registration form on page six** and mail it, along with your payment, to Louise Butler.

It's Nearly Here! June Retreat — 2026

The retreat will be held **Friday, June 12 through Sunday, June 14** at the Ararat Center in Greenville, NY, in Greene County. The site itself is beautiful, with a view of the Catskill Mountains. Our stitching room has incredible light, with large windows on both sides of a spacious room. If you need a break from stitching, the main residence has a large, central living room with a television and DVD player.

The food is always extraordinary, and they are able to accommodate anyone with special dietary needs. Meals start with dinner on Friday. Beverages are included and available throughout the day, often with fresh fruit. Saturday includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. Breakfast and lunch are served on Sunday and the retreat will end at 3:00 pm Sunday.

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.

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 beverages, dessert, and fruit. Breakfast – \$12.65, Lunch – \$19.55, Dinner – \$31.05, Snacks – \$4.60 per day, gratuity included.

Mail in the registration coupon with payment by May 8, 2026. Weekenders, please choose your room preference. Day trippers, please indicate your day(s) 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, 518-729-0382*

June 2026 Retreat at Ararat Center
Friday–Sunday, June 12–14, 2026
Registration Deadline is May 8, 2026

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:
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Debbie's Treat

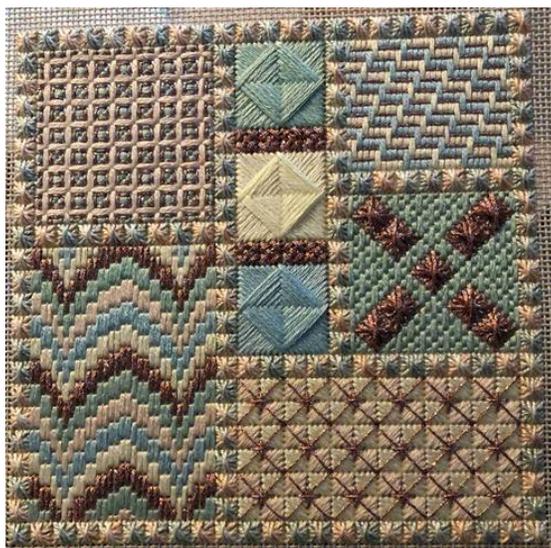
On March 18th, Day Group will be starting a counted canvas design called Debbie's Treat, a counted canvas design by Debbie Rowley. If you are interested in stitching this design with us, please email Ginger — GingerIorizzo@hotmail.com. Details are on our website — <https://nycapega.org/programs/>

There is no charge for this program. Students must supply their own materials.

Feel free to make changes to the colors, textures or even stitches if you like! Thread type as shown (at right) or your choice (see Ginger's below). Finished piece is 5" square, 92 x 92 stitches.

List of Materials

10" x10" 18 count canvas mounted on stretcher bars
#5 Pearl Cotton DMC #5 336 Navy Blue
#5 Pearl Cotton DMC #5 742 Light Tangerine
#5 Pearl Cotton DMC #5 915 Dark Plum
Cotton floss DMC 336 Navy Blue
Cotton floss DMC 550 Very Dark Violet
Cotton floss DMC 740 Light Tangerine
Cotton floss DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green
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