

Salt City Stitchers

Central New York Chapter
Mid-Eastern Region
The Embroiderers' Guild of America
June 2010 — September 2010
<http://www.sany2.net/cnyega>

Mary Ann's Message

Ladies,

Final count on the Outreach Program: 143 bags! Excellent! Thanks to all who participated. The Spring Fling was a great success! The auction, at last count, brought in \$659. Not too shabby. A few items were pulled aside to start a basket for an opportunity drawing to assist in the financing of the 2010 Stella Maris Retreat. The remains of our library were donated to the Canastota Library. The Kidney Challenge was voted on and the results are on page 4. Thanks to Deb M and Bobbi Y. You can also see all the pieces on our Chapter website.

The display at the Manlius Library is/was beautiful! Thanks to everyone who helped either by loaning pieces for display or helping to set up. If you did not have an opportunity to see the display, we had a description of the Kidney Challenge with all 15 entries displayed. Nancy H loaned her finished Raspberry Truffle. Two examples of the acorn biscornu from the first Stella Maris Retreat were displayed. Susan S loaned her finished Pumpkin. Examples of needle felting, beaded jewelry, samplers, punch needle, cross stitch and needlepoint were included. An incredible variety of holiday decorations were also included. The June dinner is right around the corner. Kathy F, Debbie M and I have just about finished up the favors. We hope you enjoy them. We certainly had a good time creating them. Don't forget to get your money for the dinner into our Treasurer, Jill, before the deadline date. I've discovered so many UFOs in my quest to settle my sewing room; I don't know what to finish for my Billie Award! While I say that, the challenge has been instrumental in my finally completing some of my most cherished pieces. I really enjoy seeing the variety of finished pieces. Please let Fran O'D know if a technique or project displayed is something that you'd like to see on next year's program. We will have the installation of officers at the dinner and then you may chat to your heart's content...without my shushing you!

I want to thank you all for your patience with me as I was distracted by my Mom's and my very best friend, Kathy's, illnesses this past year. I cannot tell you how much your concern and help in taking up the slack has meant to me. I've really enjoyed my involvement in planning our needlework adventures and look forward to assisting out new President, Lenore D, in our future endeavors.

Thanks, everyone...and now I'll shut up!

Mary Ann

EGA Statement of Purpose

“The purpose of this organization shall be to foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery through an active program of education and study and to preserve the heritage of the art of embroidery.”
(EGA Bylaws, Article II)

Calendar

May—All members' dues are due by May 31

June 15—June Banquet—reservations by May 31

July 20—Evening Meeting—Bargello Project

July 21—Day Meeting—Bargello Project

August 17—Evening Meeting—Hardanger continued

August 18—Day Meeting—Hardanger continued

August 21—Board Meeting

September 5-10—EGA National Seminar in San Francisco

September 21—Evening Meeting—Hidden Hearts

September 22—Day Meeting—Hidden Hearts

September 24—Next Newsletter deadline

October 15-17—Stella Maris Retreat

October 19—Evening Meeting—Hardanger continued

October 20—Day Meeting—Hardanger continued

October 22-23, 2010—MER Fall Meeting, Erie, PA

Central New York Chapter General Membership Information Meetings

Evening:

6:30 to 9:30 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of the month
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Day:

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday of the month, September through May
Manlius Public Library

Dues

\$48 due in May every year starting 2010

Name Tags

Each member is required to wear a hand-stitched name tag at meetings and workshops. There is a \$0.50 fine imposed for not wearing a name tag. New members may attend two meetings before the fine is imposed.

Mailing and Email Address Changes

Please send these to Lenore D.

Reprinting

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2010 – 2011 Chapter Officers

President—Lenore D—term ends 2012
1st Vice President—Fran O'D—term ends 2011
2nd Vice President—Susan K—term ends 2012
Day Secretary—Eleanor B—term ends 2011
Evening Secretary—Lisa B—term ends 2011
Treasurer—Jill S-M—term ends 2011
Assistant Treasurer—Mickey K—term ends 2012
Region Representative—Mary Ann B—term ends 2012

Committee Chairpersons

Bylaws—Bobbi Y
Historian—Bobbie H
Hospitality—Amanda N and Jane W
Newsletter—Lenore D
Nominating—Pat W-S (2011), Eleanor B (2011), Mary Ann B (2012), Deborah D (2012), Cora G (2012)
Outreach—Jeanette S
Parliamentarian—Marceline P
Program Coordinator—Fran O'D
Publicity—Deb M
Sunshine—Julie R
Ways & Means—Mary Ann B
Workshops—Pat S

Golden Needle Award

1. Each individual work of needle art is eligible for one entry form.
2. Be sure each form is completely filled out.
3. You can show your item at both the day and evening meeting, but only submit one entry form for the item.
4. A drawing is held at each meeting and the winner is awarded a golden needle.
5. At the end of the year, one ticket will be drawn from all the tickets submitted. The member whose name is drawn will receive their chapter membership dues free for one year.

Ways and Means—Mary Ann B

Bookmark \$1.50

Letter Opener \$1.50

Tape Measure \$3.00

Mini Carry All \$3.50

OR Mini Carry All set with above items for \$9.00

All items will be available at both day and evening meetings. Checks are acceptable and should be made out to CNY EGA.

Programs

March, August, October—In March we started working on a Hardanger Medallion that will include at least four different types of filling stitches. The medallion can be used as part of a sampler, as a stand-alone piece, or can be repeated for a larger piece, such as a border for a table runner. If there is interest, we can extend the sampler project into next year. In March we will work on the Kloster blocks that form the base for the medallion. The **August** meeting will be cutting out and starting the filling patterns. The **October** meeting will be working on the filling patterns. You will need a piece of linen that has a design area of 120 threads. This is a good number to use since you can divide it by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, etc. which provides many stitch options. If you are using 25-count linen, you will need 5 inches for the design area plus 4-5 inches for framing for a total of 9-10 inches wide. If you are using 32-count linen, you will need about 4 inches for the design area, plus 4-5 inches for framing, for a total of 8-9 inches wide. If you want to do a sampler, the piece should be 14-16 inches long, depending on the count of your linen. You will need perle cotton #5, #8, and #12. The colors are up to you!

Hardanger is traditionally white on white, but more current patterns call for any color combination. You can find linen in colors that match perle cottons if you want to go this way or you can use an overdye perle or a combination.

The choices are endless! Call or email Bobbi Y if you have any questions.

You can also use the Blue Ice Sampler project from a previous time for this project.

April—Outreach Project—Jeanette S. Both groups participated in this project. We had a great assembly line going and we made 143 bags! Thanks so much for bringing a smile to the faces of the kids dealing with such difficult situations who will get to keep the bags. Any ideas for future Outreach Projects are greatly appreciated.

May—Spring Fling—May 1, 2010 was a resounding success. The auction was fun, we sold some of the library items, the lunch was yummy and the Kidney Challenge was very moving. Our library has been disbanded and we auctioned off a few of the books. Others were there for the taking, along with charts, with donations accepted. We managed to take in about \$659 for the day! The Kidney Challenge pieces have been on display at the Manlius Library for the rest of May

along with other pieces. First Place was won by Danielle G; Second Place by Bobbi Y and Third Place was shared by Terry M and Susan S. Photos are on our Chapter website and Syracuse.com:
http://blog.syracuse.com/cny/2010/05/central_new_york_embroiderers_guild_members_embraced_kidney_challenge.html

May—Both groups continued with the Hidden Hearts project. Some members have already completed the project. We might need to change our program for the Fall once more of the pieces have been completed. We hope you have been able to go to the Manlius Library to see our needlework exhibit. Since the Baldwinsville Library gave our requested slot to another group, Deb M was successful in reserving the Manlius Library for our exhibit. The display has been in a window area that is secure and locked. The exhibit will be taken down on May 28.

Upcoming Programs

June Banquet—June 15—Will be held at Carnegie Café at The Maplewood Inn
Time: Arrival at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Cost: \$30

If you need a ride, please ask another member to pick you up.

We will have our Installation of Officers, Billie Awards and time for chatting.

Menu:

Harvest Crudite Platter

Mandarin Orange and Raspberry Mixed Greens Salad with Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette

Freshly Baked Chevernet Rolls with Butter Rosettes and Virgin Olive Oil

Choice of:

Chicken Francais with Carnegie Potato and fruit garnish—OR

Tuscan Buttercrumb Haddock atop Tuscan Greens with Grilled Vegetables—OR

Grilled London Broil with Asparagus Demi Glace and Carnegie Potatoes.

Dessert: Assorted Cheesecake

Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water

Billie Awards

At our June Banquet a table will be set up for your Embroidery Pieces you have been working on this past year. If not finished, please add “the last stitch”. We are anxious to see your fine work and congratulate you. The June Banquet will be held on Tuesday Evening, June 15, 2010 with the information in this newsletter. Please be sure to take a quick look at our newsletter.

See you there. *Billie S*

July—Both groups will work on a Four-Way Bargello Project. The Evening Group’s project will be taught by Pat W-S. This is a small piece to learn Four-Way Bargello on 18-count canvas. The canvas is going to be visible, so please choose a color that you like and that works with your fibers. The size of the canvas should be 7” x 7” and should be mounted on stretcher strips before the class. A total of five fibers are needed; using fibers from your stash; please pick

one metallic and the rest of the fibers are your choice. The pattern will be passed out at the June Banquet to those who have signed up. For those of you who will not be at the dinner, you may choose all floss, etc., but it is more interesting to choose different fibers for the diversity of texture. The fibers the pattern calls for are: Frosty Rays, Neon Rays, Silk & Cream, Fyre Werks Soft Sheen and Very Velvet. Please feel free to substitute with fibers of your choice.

August—please read the entry for March for more information—Both groups will work on Hardanger, Part II. We will be preparing the Hardanger medallion for the filling patterns to be taught in October. This means cutting threads, so bring your small, sharp scissors and your confidence!! You must have the Kloster Blocks completed before you cut. If you are doing the Algerian Eyes and/or the beading as indicated on the chart, these must be completed also. Once you cut it is very difficult to add these elements. If you plan on using any of the other patterns on the outside of the medallion, these can be completed after the cutting as long as you are careful. You still have time before the meeting to finish the medallion so you can be ready to cut—so, no excuses!

September—Both groups will continue with the Hidden Hearts project unless everyone is finished. If that is the case, we will discuss what to do at the August meetings.

Stella Maris Retreat

Stella Maris Retreat—the date has been set for October 15-17, 2010. Lynn Payette will be teaching Spring in the Woodland—see picture on next page. Lynn's classes at the 2010 EGA National Seminar are sold out and this is a wonderful opportunity to learn some new techniques from an excellent and fun teacher. The cost of the workshop is \$275.00 for CNY EGA members and includes the kit, teacher fee, two nights lodging and five meals. Commuter fees are available. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place in the class and final payment is due by August 31, 2010. Please contact Fran O'D for further information.

Chapter News

Please continue to keep Kathy F in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her recovery for breast cancer. She is back to work and has been helping out with the arrangements for the June Banquet.

Ann N is recovering at home from heart surgery. Please take a moment and send her an email or a card.

Dottie C is at home after suffering a stroke which has affected her speech. Cards and a visit would be welcome.

Jane T lost her mother recently and Fran O'D lost her mother-in-law (Danielle G's grandmother). Our condolences go out to their families.

Bobbi was very impressed with the creativity of the pieces and the different stories that were told through the needlework. She thanked Dixie and Judy who

started the conversation about this idea last summer and the Program Committee for implementing it. She thanked everyone for their continued support and encouragement. It will be two years this summer that Bobbi's sister, Nancy, donated a kidney to her and she is doing well. Please consider organ donation—your generosity can be so helpful in giving others a better quality of life.

Since the next Newsletter will not be published until the end of September, I would like to take this opportunity as incoming President, to thank Mary Ann for her guidance as Chapter President for the past two years. Mary Ann will now be our Region Representative. I would also like to thank Susan K for being Region Rep the last two years and welcome her as our Second Vice President. A thank you goes to Deb M for her contribution as Second VP the last two years and to especially thank her for taking on Publicity. I will continue to be our Chapter Newsletter Editor, along with adding Chapter President but I needed to give up Publicity and Deb stepped up. I really appreciate it. And thank you to Julie R for being Assistant Treasurer and to Mickey K for being our next Asst. Treasurer. I would also like to schedule a Board Meeting for Saturday, August 21 at noon at my home. Please let me know if you can attend. *Lenore*

GCC

The finished pieces were given to Mary Ann to be mailed in for critique. Thank you to Ann N for being in charge this year.

2010 GCC:

It was decided not to do a GCC for this year.

Golden Needle Award

March: Evening: Jill S-M

April: Evening: Susan K

Day: Eleanor F

May: Evening: Dixie N

Day: Eleanor B

50/50 Opportunity Drawing

This drawing is to raise money for our educational fund.

March: Evening: Terry M

April: Evening: JoAnn M

Day: Judy C

May: Evening: Susan K

Day: Mickey K

Region News

www.mideasternregionega.org

- From the Region Director's report of the National Board Meeting: The temporary National Headquarters is office space only. The staff is looking for a permanent location for the collection. Study boxes and videos can be requested from the curator, Brad Cape. Each Region can send email Blasts about Seminars or exhibits to Logan Roulet who will send out to all Regions. Tanya Parks is responsible for membership information. All dues are now due on May 31st. If not received by then, membership may be interrupted. Future projects: website will be revamped and Regions will be given access to update their own information. Until then, Region Directors should send updates to Logan Roulet. Starting now, all officer reporting changes should be sent to the Region Director only. Then the Region Director should send updates to National.
- A member survey will be conducted through the June *NeedleArts* magazine. Please respond during the month of July—your response can be done online.
- The Director of Education, Wanda Anderson, is looking for new Petite Projects, particularly blackwork. Guidelines for developing projects are on the EGA website.
- National website is www.egausa.org

Region updates:

- The new Outreach project is a bookmark with a key on it. The program is called "Stitching for Literacy". Stitched bookmarks can then be donated to local libraries.
- A new program is underway to reach new stitchers. It is called "Stitch Your Heart Out". I have a chart which I will pass to our new President if our Chapter is interested in participating. For more info, go to <http://stitchyourheartout-lts.blogspot.com/>
- MER is looking for Chapters to help them with future programs. There is a Chapter survey in the packet from the last meeting which will be available.
- The 2009 National Seminar's profit made it possible to give both National and our Region a check for \$26,000 each.

Susan K

Additional Region news:

- Julie F was voted in as Region Secretary and Susan A was voted in as Region Treasurer.
- In honor of Past Region President Marguerite F who passed away, a donation will be made to National in the amount of \$100.00.
- The MER Fall Meeting will be held October 22-23, 2010 at the Bel-Aire Hotel & Conference Center in Erie, PA., hosted by the Presque Isle Chapter and will feature an auction of Marguerite F's needlework supplies.
- 2011 Spring MER Meeting needs a host Chapter with favors, opportunity baskets, entertainment.

- There will not be a Little Stitches in 2011 as originally planned. The Executive Board of the Region will be offering a 1-2 day workshop with National teachers instead and it will be held in Erie, PA. No other information as yet. The next Little Stitches will be in 2013.
- The Fall 2011 MER Meeting will be held in Erie, PA on October 28-29, 2011 and hosted by Nydill Chapter.

The 2010 National Seminar will be held in San Francisco from September 5-10 at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis. You can register during Open Registration which is May 1—June 12. Please check the EGA website for more information or *NeedleArts* magazine.

EGA Mission Statement

The mission of The Embroiderers' Guild of America is to stimulate appreciation for and celebrate the heritage of embroidery by advancing the highest standards of excellence in its practice through education, exhibition, preservation, collection and research. EGA website: www.egausa.org

Membership Dues

We have finally reached the point when everyone renews at the same time, by May 31. Please pay Jill in the amount of \$48. If you are not renewing, please let Jill or Deb M know to save on phone calls.

Membership

A revised Membership List will be handed out at the June Banquet.

Other News

The Metropolitan Region is holding a Region Seminar in 2011, called Bloomin' Stitches. The Seminar will be held from April 8-10, 2011 at the Hamilton Park Hotel and Conference Center in Florham Park, NJ. There will be twelve fabulous classes plus Studio Time will be offered. Registration opens September 1, 2010 for EGA members who are not Metropolitan Region members. Class pictures, descriptions and registration information can be found at www.metroega.org

Tidbits

Here is a site for Color Conversion charts between different fibers:
<http://www.freewebs.com/crossstitchpicturelibrary/conversiontablescharts.htm>

And a Cross Stitch calculator:
<http://freewebs.com/crossstitchpicturelibrary.crossstitchcalculators.htm>

And a suggestion from the Yahoo Groups:
 When retiring an old needle, instead of throwing it away, you can thread it with a small tuft of floss and knot this into a small tassel and then use it as a marker when counting.

Newsletter Editor's Note

The CNY EGA newsletter is in a transition period. This newsletter is for four months. Beginning with the next issue, the newsletter will be published as follows: October through December; January through March; April through June; and July through September.

Advertising is accepted; please let me know of a possible source so that I might contact them.

The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, September 24. Please email or send me information about monthly programs and anything else to be included.

If you can receive the newsletter via email, it would go a long way to reduce expenses. Please keep me updated on email addresses.

Lenore