

**Salt City Stitchers**  
Central New York Chapter  
Mid-Eastern Region  
The Embroiderers' Guild of America  
March 2010 — May 2010  
<http://www.sany2.net/cnyega>

## **Mary Ann's Message**

Ladies,

I really enjoy this part of the year. The excitement and the frenzy of the holidays are over and the wrapping paper and Christmas decorations are safely stowed away for another year. Possibilities and plans are just endless! Time for new lists and adventures.

January is a great time to clean out those closets. Can you tell where this is going? You go through your stash and find things you wonder why you ever purchased them in the first place and you donate them to the Spring Fling Auction. This will give you room for all the really cool things you find at the Auction and it will also feed the Education Fund. The Education Fund will then provide teachers who will inspire us to be creative and the quest for more fabrics, canvas, fibers, embellishments, tools, carrying cases, scissors, needles begins again. I can't wait! I'm so totally hopeless!

Speaking of being inspired, please remember the Kidney Challenge. The only rules are that you have to use green thread and incorporate the shape of a kidney. After that, you are on your own. Pieces will be displayed at the Spring Fling and three cash prizes will be awarded. Our goal is to raise awareness regarding organ donation and with that in mind, I would like to have all entries displayed at the State Fair in September. The goal being to reach out to the public and raise awareness of not only organ donation, but also EGA. And all of this because Bobbi shared a skein of green thread with each of us to celebrate her first anniversary of her kidney transplant.

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**

February 16—Evening Meeting—Hidden Hearts, Part Two  
February 17—Day Meeting—Hidden Hearts, Part Two  
February 25—Baldwinsville Library—GCC meeting and stitch-in  
March 16—Evening Meeting—Mystery Project  
March 17—Day Meeting—Mystery Project  
April 20—Evening Meeting—Outreach Project  
April 21—Day Meeting—Outreach Project  
April 23-24—Region Meeting and Little Stitches in Jamestown, NY  
May 1—Spring Fling— Auction, Lunch, Kidney Challenge  
May—All members' dues are due  
May 18—Evening Meeting—Hidden Hearts, Part Three  
May 19—Day Meeting—Hidden Hearts, Part Three  
June 15—June Banquet  
September 5-10—EGA National Seminar in San Francisco  
October 15-17—Stella Maris Retreat

### **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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## **2009—2010 Chapter Officers**

*President—Mary Ann B—term ends 2010*  
*1st Vice President—Fran O'D—term ends 2011*  
*2nd Vice President—Deb M—term ends 2010*  
*Day Secretary—Eleanor B*  
*Evening Secretary—Lisa B*  
*Treasurer—Jill S-M*  
*Assistant Treasurer—Julie R*  
*Region Representative—Susan K*

## **Committee Chairpersons**

*Bylaws—Bobbi Y*  
*Historian—Bobbie H*  
*Hospitality—Amanda N and Jane W*  
*Library—Lenore D and Bobbie H*  
*Newsletter—Lenore D*  
*Nominating—Pat W-S, Eleanor B, Debbie B, Lenore D, Pat S*  
*Outreach—Jeanette S*  
*Parliamentarian—Marceline P*  
*Program Coordinator—Fran O'D*  
*Publicity—Lenore D*  
*Sunshine—Julie Rl*  
*Ways & Means—Mary Ann B*  
*Workshops—Pat S*

## **Golden Needle Award**

1. Each individual work of needle art is eligible for one entry form.

Be sure each form is completely filled out.

You can show your item at both the day and evening meeting, but only submit one entry form for the item.

A drawing is held at each meeting and the winner is awarded a golden needle.

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

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. We will again be making the drawstring bags for the Department of Social Services to be used when they go into a home and remove a child from a very difficult situation. The child's belongings are put into the bag and the child gets to keep the bag. One-yard pieces (60" preferred but 45" OK) of material (appropriate for young children up to teenage years). If you have half-yard pieces, two can be pieced together. Ribbon for the drawstring is also needed. More sewing machines and sergers are needed to streamline the process of making them. Last year we donated more than 125 bags!

May—Spring Fling—May 1, 2010 begins at 10 a.m. at the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum —Sign up now for the event—deadline for signing up is April 16. This year we have two programs that should be great fun. First of all, our Kidney Challenge for cash prizes where you will be voting for the winners of the competition. We will also hold our EGA Auction. It promises to be great fun and all of the money raised goes to our Education Fund. So, clean out those closets and tote bags with stitching related items you no longer want or need and donate them to this great cause. Please pre-sort your items before arriving. Lunch will be provided by The Rusty Rail and served at noon.

Menu: Roasted Chicken  
Roasted Potatoes  
Meatballs and Sausage  
Vegetables  
Chef Salad  
Dessert  
Coffee, Tea, Water

Cost: \$18.00

#### Spring Fling Directions:

Take I-481 to Exit 3E to Rte. 5 Eastbound. Follow Rte. 5 east to Chittenango. At the second solid stoplight in Chittenango, go straight on Lakeport Road. You will be going north. Proceed 1/2 mile and museum is on your left just before the Old Erie Canal.

## **Spring Fling Kidney Challenge Event**

We have planned a challenge event honoring and celebrating Bobbi Yonai's successful kidney transplant. July 21, 2009 was Bobbi's one year anniversary. In honor of this, Bobbi gave all of us some green DMC floss. This color represents the green ribbon for organ donation.

The idea is to advocate and bring about greater awareness for organ donation as well as to celebrate this miracle of life. Let's face it, most of us know very little about organ donation and the transplant process unless you or someone close to you has had a need or actually experienced organ replacement.

Our challenge to you is to create an item using a kidney shape. The medium you wish to use is up to you. You are only limited by your imagination and creativity.

Winners of this challenge will be selected at the Spring Fling by popular peoples vote. Prizes will be awarded. First place is \$25.00, Second place is \$15.00 and Third place is \$10.00.

### **Challenge Rules:**

- **Must be an active EGA member to participate**
  - **Kidney shape must be in the piece**
- Green must be part of the piece**

There are many sites with information on kidneys and organ donation. We have included a few for you to look at. These may help with your creative process. Have fun with this and Good Luck!

<http://www.thefind.com/gifts/info-organ-donation-ribbon>  
<http://organdonor.gov/>  
<http://www.pkdcure.org/>  
<http://kidney.org/transplantation/livingDonors/honoringPin.cfm>  
<http://www.Photosearch.com>

Please let Fran know as soon as you can if you will be participating in the Challenge. If we get a nice number of participants, we might be able to have someone from the Kidney Foundation and some other people with transplants come to the Spring Fling. Awareness is a good thing!

### **Billie Awards**

The winter weather gives us an opportunity to sit and stitch and I hope you are working on your piece to show at the June Banquet. You will receive a great deal of satisfaction by completing a piece.

*Hildred S*

## Chapter News

Please continue to keep Kathy F in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her chemo treatments for breast cancer. Mary Ann is taking her to appointments and also continuing to oversee her mom's care.

*Lenore*

The 2010 National Seminar will be held in San Francisco from September 5-10 at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis. If you registered during Early Registration, you must complete your registration during First Day Registration which is March 1—April 30. You can also make a new registration during this time period or during Open Registration which is May 1—June 12. Please check the EGA website for more information or the next *NeedleArts* magazine.

If you took Gay Ann Roger's class, The Flowers of Spring, at the Pittsburgh Seminar, there are corrections to her instructions (page 80). Please go to her website [www.GayAnnRogers.com](http://www.GayAnnRogers.com), click on "The Flowers of Spring" on the yellow navigation bar. You will be able to print the correct text for page 80.

## Other News

Golden Thread Needlearts shop in E. Rochester has a trunk show every month. For February there are two—Jeanette Douglas for cross stitch and Elizabeth Bradley for needlepoint. March is Kathy Schenkel—canvas. Stitcher's Garden in Fayetteville also has trunk shows. For February: Artful Offerings; March is WorkBasket; April is SamSarah; May is an exhibit, not a trunk show.

The diverse work of nine fiber and textile artists who began their professional careers at Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts will be on view Feb. 3-28 in "Elongating the Thread" at XL Projects, 307-313 S. Clinton St., Syracuse. The exhibit is free and open to the public Wednesday-Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

## Newsletter Editor's Note

The CNY EGA newsletter is published four times a year: at the beginning of March, June, September and December.

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, May 21. 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

## Golden Needle Award

January: Evening: Jill S-M

## 50/50 Opportunity Drawing

This drawing is to raise money for our educational fund.

January: Evening: Bobbi Y

## GCC

2009 GCC:

Fantasy Project meeting—February 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Baldwinsville Library community room. All are welcome to come and make it a stitch-in.

*Ann N*

2010 GCC:

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

### Looking Ahead to 2010 Programs

June Banquet—information will be forthcoming when the plans are made.

Baldwinsville Library Exhibit—will not be held this June. The library gave our slot to a group who has not exhibited before. Discussions will be held to decide what to do.

Stella Maris Retreat—the date has been set for October 15-17, 2010. Lynn Payette will be the teacher with a project and cost for the weekend to be determined. Our first retreat was very successful and lots of fun.

### Programs

December—Both groups had their holiday parties and stitched ornament exchange. And everyone had a great time.

January—Both groups started the Hidden Hearts project from 4 issues of *NeedleArts Magazine*.

February—Both groups will continue the Hidden Hearts project.

March—The March project is a mystery no longer. Actually, it was a mystery only because it was not designed yet!! Starting in March we will be 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!

## **Region News**

[www.mideasternregionega.org](http://www.mideasternregionega.org)

Little Stitches and the Spring Region Meeting will be held on April 23 and 24 in Jamestown, NY and is sponsored by the Chautauqua Region Chapter.

A number of our members donated items last Spring for the Victoria (Australia) Fire Project. The Greater Pacific Region coordinated the sending of items from many regions in the U.S. The container ship arrived in Melbourne on November 19, 2009 carrying EGA's gift of nearly 3,000 pounds of stitching supplies. The goods were released for distribution on November 25. Robyn D'A from Australia wrote: "The best reward we had was meeting a lady who had come to the warehouse looking for some embroidery goods. She had no idea we were there, she was wandering up and down the aisles and a staff member directed her to me. She had lost her home, all of her belongings, both she and her husband were badly burnt by the inferno which enveloped them and 4 days after the fires she suffered a major heart attack. I embraced her and gave her threads, tablecloth kits, Christmas kits, etc. To see the joy and disbelief on her face was such a great thing for all of us." Thank you so much for contributing to this worthy cause.--*Susan K*

## **News from National**

[www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org)

EGA Headquarters has moved to a new location. The new address is:

The Embroiderers' Guild of America

1355 Bardstown Road, Suite 157

Louisville, KY 40204

The phone and fax stay the same. The new EGA President is Lorie Welker.

There are Extended Study Programs listed on the EGA site. Take a look at them—you might be interested in one of them or keep the site in mind for a future class.

## **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](http://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 by the May meeting. If you are not renewing, please let Jill know.