



## FALL 2016 Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting Weekend

### A Gift to Region Workers -

# FALL ROUNDTABLE

### Hosted by York White Rose Chapter

Come to Gettysburg on September 24 for a fun-filled morning learning four different projects. This "roundtable" is being provided for our hardworking region representatives, executive committee members, and seminar committee members to thank them for all their hard work in preparing for the Star Spangled Seminar. The Roundtable is in place of SMART Day. There is no charge for the attendees, but attendance is limited to region reps and executive committee, and seminar committee members.

Seminar committee members will teach. They are: Seminar Chair Judy Jeroy, Dean of Faculty Marie Campbell, Assistant Registrar Tricia Johnson, and Assistant Treasurer Kathy Weigl. Each will teach four, 45-minute classes to a roundtable of 10 students. The four groups will stay in their seats while the teachers rotate from table to table. Each person will take all four classes. What classes, you ask? Judy will teach a spider web sampler – all types of webs. Tricia Johnson will teach "string art" style embroidery on the sides of a silk paper photo frame. Marie Campbell will teach a herringbone bracelet, and Kathy Weigl will teach mitered corners on a coaster. There is no kit fee, so the only costs to students will be their transportation, lodging, and food. This class is not open to individual members who are not on the region board, unless spaces are left after all board members have registered.

The venue is the Eisenhower Complex in Gettysburg, PA. Hotel accommodations information **PAGE 2. Coupon for Roundtable Registration and Lunch are in the attached flyer.**

Thank you **York White Rose Chapter** for hosting the MAR Roundtable Weekend.

**Seminar Chair  
Judy Jeroy  
Will Teach  
Spider Web Sampler**

**Dean of Faculty  
Marie Campbell  
Will teach  
Herringbone Bracelet**

**Assistant Treasurer  
Kathy Weigl  
Will teach  
Mitered Corners**

**Assistant Registrar  
Tricia Johnson  
Will teach  
"String Art" on silk paper**



## Mid Atlantic Region Spring Meeting Weekend

September 23 & 24 , 2016

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania—Hosted by York White Rose

### Weekend Schedule of Events

#### Friday: September 23, 2016

1:00pm— Seminar 2016 Committee Meeting

7:00pm— MAR Board Meeting

#### Saturday: September 24, 2016

8:30am—Roundtable Classes

12:00pm—1:30pm: Lunch

2:00pm—Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting

#### Saturday: September 24, 2016

**Coupon for lunch located in attached flyer.**

**DEADLINE for Registrations and Lunch**

**July 31, 2016**

**Individuals who don't qualify in the listed categories may register if space remains between August 1 and August 21. Individual registration fee: \$15.00.**

**Fall Roundtable Registration & Lunch Coupon  
located in attached flyer**

**Eisenhower Complex – Aspire Hotel & Suites**  
2634A Emmitsburg Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
**(717) 334-2755 or (800) 776-8349**



The venue is the Eisenhower Complex in Gettysburg, PA. This facility is at the geographical center of the region, and offers great class space and delicious food.

**Hotel Amenities:** refrigerators, microwaves, and two king beds. Free WIFI is included. The rate is \$109.00 per night, plus tax.

**Reservations: 707-334-8121 or (800) 776-8349.**

Use group code **Embroiderers Guild** when making reservation.

Please remember that the region is paying for the conference rooms, and that the rate is dependent upon obtaining enough people staying on site.

**Special Room Rate good only until August 21, 2016**





## Region Director's Message

A Note from your Region Director, Patty Smith-Gardner

**To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
*Ecclesiastes 3:1***

Well, it is Spring!

I have been thinking about writing this note for weeks. As I grabbed some time this morning, this quote from Ecclesiastes (well, Pete Seeger, to be honest, but still.....) keeps running thru my head.

Why? Because I have had to re-order my own time and purpose for the past three weeks. My mom, who is battling some serious health issues, has been in the hospital for three weeks, and requiring constant care. Tag-teaming with my local siblings has left me with little time to do anything else.

My professional work, my guild work, and my personal handwork all have taken a back seat. This is OK. This is life.

It has made me remember that we ALL have these times, when our creative work is stymied by our obligations. I have a million and three ideas for needlework that I want to bring to life, but for the past few years, I haven't been able to focus on them. This is OK. This is life.

We will all have to put our personal lives on hold for someone we hold dear at some point. If you haven't yet, you will. If you have, you know.

I will get back to creating new things, exploring new places, and stitching wonders, and being productive, like so many of my EGA friends! I so admire the amazing things I am seeing on the EGA Facebook pages, and the accomplishments of those who are taking advantage of all the ICCs and GCCs and Master Craftsman programs as those are announced in the news. What dedication! What time is spent bringing those pieces to life!

I will be one of them, sometime soon. To everything, there is a season. As you enjoy this season of SPRING, take time to appreciate the place you are in life. What season are you in? Embrace it, and know that there will be time for every purpose, in time.

In Stitches,  
Patty



### Secretary's Report

Just a reminder: that any changes in your officers or their personal information needs to be updated with the MAR President and Secretary as well as to National office. I would like to thank all the Presidents and Region Representatives who checked my Directory information for correctness prior to the Region meeting. Your prompt reply to my email made my job so much easier.

Have a joy filled spring.

## MAR Membership

Reminder that AGAIN for 2016, MAR dues are waived! YAY! This is due to successful fundraising through the work of many MAR members. Thanks to all!

Don't forget that annual National and Chapter EGA dues are due by May 31, 2016. It is time to start talking about it in your chapter and gather updated member information.

Please remember that if your personal information has changed, it is necessary to report your information directly to Tonya Parks in addition to your chapter membership chair. This must be done individually.

It is suggested that each chapter develop a program to be sure that any new members feel welcome and make new EGA friends. Please designate a chapter member as "Big Sister" or "Stitching Buddy" to help the new member be involved in activities and conversations at your meetings. Follow-up with a phone call or email between meetings to insure that the new member feels a connection with your chapter and is excited to return to the next meeting!



It's Spring and that means it's time for baseball and "Stitch N Pitch"!

Many major and minor league baseballs teams participate with The National NeedleArts Association to designate a special baseball game to celebrate stitchers! Please check with your local teams to find out when they might offer a "Stitch N Pitch Game". They often offer a discount to stitchers and provide group recognition on the jumbo screen. It is a great opportunity to stitch in public and generate interest for your chapter. Be sure to have printed information on hand to share with other stitchers to invite them to your chapter.

Give it a try! It's a fun event that you can share with your fellow stitchers and your family and perhaps find a new EGA member!!

<http://www.stitchnpitch.com>

There are just a few games listed at the time this newsletter is published, but keep checking back as new Stitch N Pitch games are added throughout the season.



## Group Correspondence Courses



The Spring 2016 GCC, *White Iris*, designed and taught by Mona Hill, has 14 students enrolled. Texts were mailed out on March 7; the course will run until September 15, 2016.

The Fall 2015 GCC, *Star-Spangled Puzzle Ball*, designed and taught by Denise Harrington Pratt, is now underway and will run until **May 15, 2016**. I saw some in progress at Camp Wannastitch; a few used different color choices, which will make this piece quite unique and very beautiful.



The Fall 2016 GCC will be announced in the August MARN. I find it quite amazing to see what is produced by our Region members. Looking at the finished creations as they come in for evaluation and/or comments is like opening gifts!

Please remember that works in progress may also be submitted for comments only. I have heard from some students that they are greatly encouraged to finish their pieces because of the help they receive from the teachers.

I would like to have another GCC Show and Tell in 2017, with more space in which to set up our needlework. This one would probably consist of pieces completed after the previous show.

**Don't Forget to Vote for Your Favorite  
FALL 2016 Group Correspondence Course!  
Each Vote Counts!  
Deadline: June 30, 2016  
See Your President for the Ballot Form!!!!!!**



## Community Outreach

We're all busy, but if you LET ME KNOW what your Community Outreach activity is, I will catalog it in a report each year for our national EGA Community Outreach Chair, Marnie Graley. Marnie is passionate about reaching the public, and looking forward to hearing about what you have accomplished!

Anything your chapter does to interact with your community is considered 'Outreach'. Here are some activities that have been done by various Chapters:

- Public exhibits
- Stitch-ins as a way to meet non-members
- Lecture or teach needlework
- Donate to local charity or historic site

For a detailed example, check out the Alzheimer project that our EGA President, Leslie Gagliardi, is showing on the EGA national website. As you can see, the possibilities are endless!

SEND ME AN EMAIL that tells me what you're doing, for whom, how many members are involved and any details you think are important. Feel free to include pictures, too. It only takes a minute, so submit your activities before you forget and move on to something else!



Constellation Chapter  
"Stitch in Public" Day



Creative Needlework Guild:  
Pillows for women who had  
undergone breast surgery.



Toiletries for  
Ronald McDonald House



Sara Zander  
The Music of Memory

Karla Gee  
Forget-me-not  
Tussy Mussy

Catherine Jordan  
Remember Me: A Keepsake Box

Margaret Bendig  
Memories: A Photo Album

EGA'S Alzheimer Project



**Star Spangled Seminar 2016!**  
**November 2-6, 2016 in Alexandria, VA**

**Calling All Stitchers  
To Seminar 2016!**



**Open Registration is from:  
March 15, 2016 through August 15, 2016**

Open Registration begins March 15 at 12:01 AM Eastern time and is on a first-come first-served basis. It is available to All EGA members who didn't sign up for Early Registration and non-members (non-members must pay an additional \$60 for registration) who would like to attend. This is the best time to invite a stitching friend or family member to join you at Seminar.

**Open Registration deadline is August 15, 2016.**



**Star Spangled Seminar 2016!**  
**November 2-6, 2016 in Alexandria, VA**

**Volunteers Needed!**

**Will You Lend a Hand?**

Volunteers are needed for 1 and 2 hour periods during the hours that our exhibits and the boutique are open.



**MAR Chapters  
Now Sharing Newsletters**

Check it out!

Ask your newsletter editor to share with you newsletters from the other chapters in the Mid-Atlantic Region. They are chocked full of ideas.

You will find needlework exhibits, ideas for future projects and so much more!



**Check  
It OUT!**

**Easy access to:**

**MAR'S Chapters**

Chapter	Website	"Facebook"
Brandywine	<a href="http://www.egabrandywine.org">http://www.egabrandywine.org</a>	
Bucks County	<a href="http://www.bucksega.org">http://www.bucksega.org</a>	"The Bucks EGA"
Colonial West Jersey	<a href="http://www.colonialwestjerseyega.com">http://www.colonialwestjerseyega.com</a>	
Creative Needlework Guild	<a href="http://creativeGentlePursuitsofRichmondneedleworkguild.yolasite.com">http://creativeGentlePursuitsofRichmondneedleworkguild.yolasite.com</a>	"Creative Needlework Guild"
Gentle Pursuits	<a href="http://gentlepursuits.blogspot.com">http://gentlepursuits.blogspot.com</a>	"Gentle Pursuits of Richmond EGA"
Molly Pitcher Stitchers	<a href="http://www.mollypitcherstitchersega.org">http://www.mollypitcherstitchersega.org</a>	
Nittany Valley		Nittany-Valley-Chapter- EGA- Embroiderers-Guild- of-America"
Oatlands	<a href="http://oatlandsega.blogspot.com">http://oatlandsega.blogspot.com</a>	
Philadelphia	<a href="http://www.philaega.org">http://www.philaega.org</a>	"PhilaEGA"





Mid-Atlantic Region members were given the opportunity to get a jump on the "Reach for the Stars" Challenge that will be announced for all Seminar 2016 participants. Six stitchers submitted items for the challenge that was held during the March 19, 2016 MAR meeting hosted by Colonial West Jersey.

Attendees at the meeting voted for their "Favorite" piece and the one that best represented the theme: "Reach for the Stars."

The winners were:

The winners received a pair of Seminar 2016 earrings.

Details about the Seminar 2016 challenge will be announced through the EGA newsletter and on the web. If you want to get an early start on your entry be aware that there will be a \$5.00 entry fee that will be donated to the Alzheimer Research.



## MAR History

The Colonial West Jersey Chapter hosted the Mid-Atlantic Region March 19, 2016 meeting in Mount Laurel, NJ. The Holiday Inn Express provided nice rooms, pleasant staff, and free continental breakfast. There was free wireless internet throughout the facility and a mini fridge in each room. Participants were given a lovely goodie bag with snacks, shopping information, and directions and supplies for a vintage pin cushion.

The THaP (Take Home a Program) was "Romanian Point Lace Holiday Wreath" presented by Pleasants Tinkler of the Philadelphia Chapter. Romanian Point Lace is similar to Battenburg Lace except that a crochet cord is used instead of tape. Twenty-seven students stitched away on the ornament.

A highlight of the meeting was a Lecture and display by Ginny Hallock entitled "1830-1930, A Century of Fabrics Find Their Way Into Quilts". Ginny's family members are Civil War re-in-actors. She was creating clothing for them to wear and became interested in the textiles of the day. That led her to quilts of the period which were made from scraps of that material. She spoke on the fabrics, the techniques used in their making and designs. Best of all she had samples that we were able to touch and study.

The afternoon finished with the Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting.

In the previous MARN I stated that I was giving up my call for chapter histories because I had such little interest from chapters in creating them. At the March MAR meeting I received a wonderful history from the Red Rose Chapter located in Lancaster, PA. Irene Anderson gave an overview of the chapter which was created in 1976. Then she broke its events down into decades. A copy of its charter and a list of all the members over the years was included. I contacted Irene to thank her for the report. Her response in part was that compiling the history of the chapter "not only provided information on our chapter but brought back so many memories for me. So this history is a bit of a love story for a chapter that is so important to me. "

I hope other chapters write their "love stories" and present them to the MAR.

### Highlights of the Mid-Atlantic Region Weekend March 19, 2016



Project Detail



THaP Teacher



THaP Romanian Point Lace



Happy Stitchers



MAR Meeting March 2016 Seminar '16 Sales



Reach for the Stars Challenge



Ginny Hallock



Beverly Diwang



Quilt Talk and Display

### **Attention Program/Education Chairs!**

#### **Grants are available from the Joan Masterson Memorial Chapter Education Fund**

Is your Chapter planning an education workshop or program for next year?

Go to the region website and review the guidelines of the **Joan Masterson Fund**. A grant can help with the teaching expenses.

Applications are due May 1 and November 1. The application is on the website and in this newsletter.

### **MAR PRiDe SCHOLARSHIP**

MAR PRiDe is a MAR fund supported by past Region Directors to encourage individual study related to embroidery. Grant money is open to all MAR members and can be used for EGA sponsored events such as ICCs, GCCs, seminars, conferences, etc.; opportunities from other sources such as ANG, colleges, tour groups, etc.; as well as individual study.

Pam Kopp of the Constellation Chapter was a great supporter of embroidery education. She passed away in 2014 and generously included MAR PRiDe in her will to encourage others to take advantage of educational opportunities. As a result the amount of funds in the MAR PRiDe account has greatly increased. The MAR PRiDe committee will set new guidelines to make funds available to as many stitchers as possible.



**Where, Oh Where  
are those members  
who like to teach?**

## **Let's Swap Teachers!**

### **PROBLEM:**

Chapters who would love to have a fresh program or idea but are unable to support the cost of hosting a certified teacher.

### **Solution:**

Our region is full of gifted stitchers who enjoy teaching new stitches, creative projects and well-loved favorites. We all feature monthly programs and most are taught by our own talented members. Let's share the "wealth" throughout the region.

### **Problem Solved:**

I would like to create a list of members who are willing to visit other chapters to teach. Each chapter is invited to submit a list of members willing to travel to share projects, ideas and techniques with fellow stitchers. The list should include what they would specifically like to share.

### **Cost to Chapter:**

Honorarium: \$50.00

Meals

Housing: Chapter's choice: Private housing or motel

Materials for project

It's time once again for the **DRAWING FOR AN ALL EXPENSE PAID\* TRIP TO EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR!**

This drawing will be for

## ***Blue Ridge Rendezvous 17!***

***August 16-20, 2017, Asheville, NC***

Every year, one lucky winner gets this spectacular trip. **It will be drawn at the closing banquet of the National Seminar in Alexandria, VA This year!** Everyone holds their breath and crosses their fingers; it's so exciting.

### **Don't be left out!**

Tickets are **\$10**. Just \$10 for a chance at this amazing trip! Buy early and often!

**Look at the dates—this one is in the SUMMER!** Asheville is in the mountains; the weather is lovely, and the area is simply gorgeous. Lots to do and see! Arts, crafts, food, and of course, the fabulous Biltmore estate.

These tickets are numbered and only sold by your Region Director, Patty Smith Gardner. Please see the **coupon in the attached flyer** for your chance to purchase a little ray of hope.

**Deadline October 15, 2016**

**\*Here is the breakdown of the maximum of \$2000.00 towards the cost of their trip to Seminar 2017 in Asheville, North Carolina :**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Class registration fees (includes banquets)</b></li><li>• <b>Kit fees,</b></li><li>• <b>Transportation (lowest round trip airfare or mileage at \$.14 per mile not to exceed amount of lowest round trip airfare. Shuttle fees can be included)</b></li><li>• <b>Per-diem of \$25.00 per day</b></li><li>• <b>Hotel, up to 7 nights (at 50% of room charge including tax).</b></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Receipts are required for Transportation, shuttle, &amp; hotel. Reimbursement does not include room service, tours, meals, tips, etc. The registrar is notified of the winner and will handle the registration. Receipts for airfare and hotel are sent to headquarters for reimbursement.</b></li></ul> |
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**No need to cut up your newsletter. Coupon is located in a separate attachment!**

**Yes, I feel lucky! Send me my "winning" opportunity drawing tickets for the All Expense Paid Trip to National Seminar in Asheville, NC, August 2017!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Send me \_\_\_\_\_ Drawing tickets @ \$10 each for a total of: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Make Checks payable to EGA)**

Please include a **Self Addressed Stamped Envelope** for the return of your ticket stub! *(Or I will hold your stub until drawing)*

**Deadline October 15, 2016**

## DECODING MAR JARGON



- EGA** Embroiderer's Guild of America
- MAR** Mid-Atlantic Region
- MARN** Mid-Atlantic Region Newsletter
- ICC** Individual Correspondence Course
- GCC** Group Correspondence Course
- THaP** Take Home a Program
- MAR PRiDe** Mid-Atlantic Region Past Region Directors
- ANG** American Needlepoint Guild



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Please feel free to use this statement wherever you feel is appropriate, especially in your chapter newsletters



#### **About MARN**

Marn (Mid-Atlantic Region Newsletter) is now published three times a year (April, August and December).

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Please make your check payable to **MAR-EGA**. Theresa will inform the editor of your subscription or renewal.

#### **Submitting Newsletter information**

Information can be submitted for the newsletter in two ways. You may E-mail the MARN editor or send it by mail. Her information is listed in this newsletter. Please include your name, chapter and phone number.

Unless otherwise stated, the deadline for article submission is one month before publication. The exact date will be announced.

#### **Online MARN**

This issue of the MARN is available in full color for FREE on the MAR website. The newsletter is on a password-protected members-only page. If you would like access to the page, use the username and password listed above. Email the web coordinator if you cannot access the members only area. (You do not need to be a member of the Mid-Atlantic Region to access the online **MARN**.) There is also a scrubbed version (with no personal information) available without a password on the same site. [www.mareqa.org](http://www.mareqa.org)