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FALL 2016 Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting Weekend

September 23 & 24 , 2016

**OPEN
ENROLLMENT**

FALL ROUNDTABLE

Hosted by York White Rose Chapter

Update --- the **Fall Roundtable** of classes has changed. There will be three classes: **Judy Jeroy** is teaching a spider web stitch bouquet and **Marie Campbell** is teaching the Half Tila bracelet. **Tricia Johnson** will have you create a wallet-sized picture frame of handmade silk paper, adorned with a variety of surface embroidery stitches to include bouillon, granito, and detached chain. These are gorgeous pieces, and you can participate for the **tiny class fee of \$15.00**, plus your lunch choice!

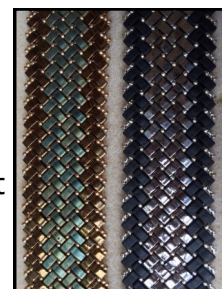
Unlike the SMART Day, there is a **40 student maximum** due to the format and the space. The kit fees, and all other administrative costs, are being paid by the region as a thank you for the hard work we have done in preparing for national seminar and in supporting the region.

SIGN UP NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED! On the coupon, indicate you're signing up for open enrollment, and **pay \$15.00 in addition to your lunch choice.**

The venue is the Eisenhower Complex in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This facility is at the geographical center of the region, and offers great class space and delicious food. All rooms have refrigerators, microwaves, and two king beds. Free WIFI is included.



**Judy Jeroy's
Spider Web
Stitch Bouquet**

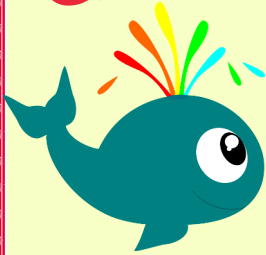


**Marie Campbell's
Tila Bracelet**



**Tricia Johnson's
Stitched Photo
Frame
on silk paper**

CAMP WANNASTITCH 2017



Walking through the doors into the stitching room at Camp Wannastitch sparks a special feeling in me for I realize that I'm about to enjoy a wonderful long weekend filled with laughter, friendship, and a little shopping. It's something I look forward to all summer and it's nice to know we have this exciting retreat to brighten the start of 2017.

Camp Wannastitch 2017 will be held from Friday, January 13 – Monday, January 16, 2017 with early birds starting on Thursday, January 12th at 4pm. Once again, the **Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland**, will roll out the red carpet and welcome the Mid-Atlantic Region for another fun filled retreat. This is a great opportunity to get to know EGA members throughout our region. It's fun to go table to table and see all the amazing projects that are in work.

However, stitching isn't our only guilty pleasure. If you would like a little break to do some shopping, we're lucky to have two great stitching stores in the area, Sea Needles and Salty Yarns to fulfill all of our stitching stash desires. If you've never joined us at Camp Wannastitch, consider making this your first year. You will love the experience!

Registration will be open to EGA members only from the receipt of this newsletter until the end of August 2016. Starting on September 1st, registration will be open to EGA members and their guests. Please be sure to fill in all the requested information on the coupon when registering.

We have more than one type of registration this year:

EGA Members - \$10 Registration Fee

Guests of EGA Members - \$40 Registration Fee

Anyone not staying at the Clarion - Add \$30 Commuter Fee

Deadline for all registrations and to receive the special Camp Wannastitch rate at the Clarion is December 15th. Please note this **date is firm and to be fair to everyone**, any registrations received after this date will be returned. Of course, registration will close sooner if we reach our limit of 174 people.

You can call the **Clarion directly at 800-638-2100** to make your room reservation. Double rooms are \$85 per night + tax. Each additional person in the room is \$15 per night. This special room rate will be honored until December 15th. There will be several other large groups at the hotel during our stay so it is highly recommended that you make your room reservations early. **Remember to ask for the Camp Wannastitch rate.**

Remember, even though the retreat runs from January 13-16, the stitching room will be available for our use starting at 4p on Thursday, January 12th. All stitchers who just can't wait until the 13th to start the fun, come on down and join us early!





Region Director's Message

A message from your Region Director, Patty Smith-Gardner

Are we there yet? Are we there yet?

I don't know about you, but I am getting WAY too excited about our Star Spangled Seminar 2016!

The committee has been working for years, and the final countdown is happening as we speak. Planning for this has meant that we are constantly thinking about making this a special, fun, and educational experience for YOU!

I hope you have gotten all registered for the classes and events you'd like. Registration is open until August 15, if you are a "skidding in at the last moment" type. Think about it! All the coolest people will be there, whooping it up for 5 days in beautiful Alexandria. Come! Even for a day!

Your opportunity tickets for next year's EGA seminar; **Blue Ridge Rendezvous**, in Asheville NC, are here and waiting for you! See the coupon in this newsletter and get in on the excitement. The drawing will take place in Alexandria, at the closing banquet. It is always a drum-roll moment, and if you don't have a ticket, you can't win! Buy as MANY as you'd like, and we will all cross our fingers.

As I write, I am preparing for my annual visit to the coast of Maine. This is a place that refreshes my spirit and soul, and as I sit on the deck and watch the sea, I get more stitching done than the whole rest of the year combined. It is just such a blessing in my life. I do hope that you also have a respite, a retreat, or a special place where you can recharge this summer. Isn't that all we really need, a place to breathe, and stitch? I wish this for everyone!

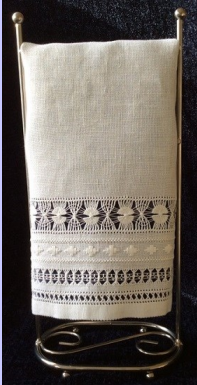
I will see you in Alexandria! Wear something STAR SPANGLED! I know I will.

In Stitches,

Patty



Group Correspondence Courses



Isabella

OK, everyone, the suspense has ended and the Fall 2016 GCC winner is: ***Isabella – Italian Drawn Thread***, designed and taught by Barbara Kershaw. 215 votes were cast overall, the largest turnout by far in my tenure as GCC Chair. Many thanks to all of you who voted!

This course continues your exploration of the wonderful technique of Italian style drawn thread. The project has been designed as a decorative hand towel but could easily be converted into a placemat, tablemat or even a table runner by using a longer piece of linen. There are six decorative bands across the towel three of which require withdrawing threads using two different methods. This course teaches the art of knotting bundles both in a straight line and in a curving line that undulates across the band. A simple dove's eye pattern is worked in band two on the straight lacing while a needlewoven fan pattern is worked between the undulating knotted threads of band six. Although this is an advanced level course, if you are familiar with withdrawing threads and want to explore and expand your knowledge and ability it is an ideal place to start.

Left-handed instructions are available on request.

Teacher : Barbara Kershaw

Project: Ornamental Hand Towel or Table Runner

Size: Approximately 12" x 19 1/4" (30.5cm x 49cm)

Proficiency Level: Advanced

Prerequisites: A knowledge of drawn thread would be advantageous.

Time: Six-lesson course estimated to take six months. Left-handed instructions are available upon request.

Fee: \$175 per group

Text: \$47 per student (Text: \$42 + Postage \$5.00); 46 pages with three pages of color photographs and one large chart.

Supplies (approximate): \$35 (estimate); Supplies used include 32-count Belfast linen, white Coton Perlé™, white cotton floss

****The following supply list is furnished as an example of the materials required for this course.

EGA strongly suggests that materials not be ordered or purchased prior to receipt of the text so that options may be exercised and supply orders or purchases combined.****

- 1 piece of white 32 - count Belfast® Linen – cut 18" x 24" (46cm x 61cm)
- 1 ball DMC ® white Coton Perlé TM #12
- 1 ball DMC ® white Coton Perlé TM #8 (optional)
- 1 skein DMC ® white six strand floss (optional, for use with #8 Coton Perle TM)
- #24 & #26 tapestry needles
- #26 chenille needle (sharp)
- Doodle cloth linen matching the count of your choice for the towel

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Submitted by Barbara Fraize, GCC Coordinator

The Spring 2016 GCC, *White Iris*, designed and taught by Mona Hill, is still underway, and **not due back to me until October 20**.

Watch for the results in the December MARN.

The Fall 2015 GCC, *Star-Spangled Puzzle Ball*, designed and taught by Denise Harrington Pratt, was completed by six stitchers, all of whom received certificates: Terri Tubergen (Constellation), Sherri Gordon, DonnaLee Hoover, Kathy Weigl and Sue Wiest (Molly Pitcher Stitchers), and Donna Pence (Oatlands).

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.



White Iris



*Star-Spangled
Puzzle Ball*



**REACH FOR
THE STARS
CHALLENGE**

Submitted by AliceRae Kutish

Seminar' 16 is announcing a **"Reach for the Stars"** Challenge for all Seminar' 16 attendees. Any technique, any size, any material can be used for individual stitchers to create a star themed original or adapted embroidery piece. **Entries must be brought to and picked up from the Seminar.**

Items will be displayed at the Seminar. There will be voting for "favorite entry" and "best interpretation of the theme" .

This is an opportunity to support the Alzheimer Association. A donation of \$5.00 is requested with each entry. Checks can be made payable to EGA and will be accepted when you bring your piece to Seminar.



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

**Please join me and the other members of our Super Star Committee
as we celebrate in Alexandria, Virginia!
We look forward to seeing all of you there!**

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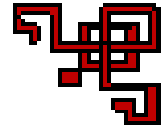
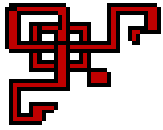


Star Spangled Seminar 2016!
November 2-6, 2016 in Alexandria, Virginia

volunteers Needed!

Will You Lend a Hand?

Volunteers are needed for one (1) and two (2) hour periods during
the hours that our exhibits and the boutique are open.
If you are interested, please contact

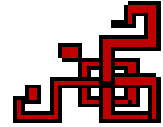
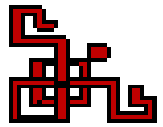


Attention Program/Education Chairs!

**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.



MAR PRiDe SCHOLARSHIP

MAR PRiDe was created to provide funds for individuals to study any aspect of embroidery that is of interest to them. This can include seminar classes, ICCs, GCCs, IECs, ESPs, programs offered by other groups and institutions, and individual study. History and hands-on programs are both acceptable.

MAR PRiDe recently received a generous gift of funds from the estate of Constellation Chapter member Pam Kopp who directed that it is to be used by the MAR PRiDe scholarship fund. This has resulted in the **MAR PRiDe** board revising the amount that individuals can be awarded for individual study. Revised guidelines will be included in the December MARN along with an application form.

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, North Carolina



Every year, one lucky winner gets this spectacular trip. **It will be drawn at the closing banquet of the National Seminar in Alexandria, Virginia 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.

***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">• Class registration fees (includes banquets)• Kit fees• 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)• Per-diem of \$25.00 per day• Hotel, up to seven nights (at 50% of room charge including tax). | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receipts are required for transportation, shuttle, & 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. |
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