



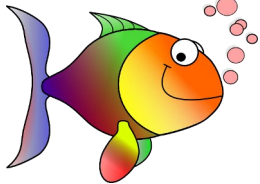
Mid - Atlantic Region Newsletter



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Camp Wannastitch



Camp Wannastitch Chairman

January 12-15, 2018
Early Bird Special
Begins on
Thursday, January 11, 2018
at 4:00pm

Registration for Camp Wannastitch is now closed as we've reached our limit for attendees. If you are registered, please remember to call the Clarion to make your room reservations prior to December 14th. After this date, the special Camp Wannastitch rate will no longer be available.



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**Remember to ask for the
Camp Wannastitch rate!!!!**

Camp Wannastitch GCC EXHIBIT!!!

GCC Coordinator

With apologies for not going through with plans for a second GCC Exhibit at the recent Region Meeting in Charlottesville -- in July my husband and I sold our house and moved to a nearby Retirement Community, and I completely forgot about the exhibit. But that was then, and this is now, and my brain has cleared somewhat. I'm told that hopefully we will have a table and a half in one corner of the stitching room. It won't be a huge amount of space and we may have to rotate pieces during the weekend, but do bring your creations, especially those you've stitched since the last exhibit in 2014. Write your name, your chapter name, the designer's name, the name of the piece, and the technique used on a 3x5 card and prop it up beside your piece(s). If you will be unable to attend Camp, send your work with someone in your chapter who does plan to go. The last exhibit was a great success -- let's make this one even greater!

Mid Atlantic Region Spring Meeting Weekend
April 13 & 14, 2018
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania—Hosted by Wyoming Valley Chapter
The deadline for registration is February 24, 2018

THaP = Take Home a Program
April 14, 2018



The THaP (**Take Home a Program**) being offered at the April MAR meeting is ***Curious Needlebook***. This is a small geometric canvas piece with lots of intricate stitches: waffle, triangular and circular Jessicas, sheaf, broken diamond, saw tooth triangles, couching, buttonhole, and darning. This is an intermediate-level project, but stitchers of all levels will be accommodated and become more comfortable with contemporary canvas stitches.

The kit contains 18 count mono canvas, threads (Watercolours, Kreinik, DMC Perle), beads, fabric liner, felt, and instructions. Students should bring Tapestry needles sizes 22, 24 or 26, and 28, a beading needle, 6" and 10" stretcher bars, tacks, scissors, and magnification and lighting if needed.

Each chapter is invited to send a participant, who agrees to take this program back and teach it to their chapter. The chapter will pay for the cost of the class. After chapter teachers have been placed, there should be space for others who are interested in this program. Those participants pay for their own materials. **The kit cost is \$15.00. The deadline for registration is February 24, 2018.**

After February 24, if there is room in the class, others may register until March 12. Contact Education Chair for space availability.

Baking Cherry Tarts



BONUS!
April 14, 2018
Saturday Evening
7pm—9pm



Kits are \$10

Join me Saturday evening and experience the fun of my felted wool techniques.

Create a cherry tart pin cushion small enough to travel and charming enough to give to a stitching friend.

Please bring your regular sewing tools, scissors for wool fabric, pencil, pen, and magnification if needed.

The deadline for registration is February 24, 2018.

OPPORTUNITY BASKETS at APRIL MAR MEETING

by AliceRae Kutish

**Drawing to be held at the
MAR Meeting, April 14, 2018
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania**



Mid-Atlantic Region is once again giving chapters a chance to earn funds. MAR is re-introducing Opportunity Basket drawings at the April MAR meeting to be hosted by the Wyoming Valley Chapter in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Chapters may offer a "basket" of their choice. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Chapters are encouraged to sell tickets to chapter members and within their community and bring the tickets to the MAR meeting for the drawing. Each participating chapter will earn the money earned by their basket.



Mid Atlantic Region Spring Meeting Weekend

April 13 & 14, 2018

Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania—Hosted by the Wyoming Valley Chapter

Friday: April 13, 2018

7:00pm—10:00pm: MAR Executive Board Meeting

Saturday: April 14, 2018

9:00am —11:00am: THaP Day Class

11:30pm —1:30pm: Lunch & Program

**AliceRae Kutish presents:
Pennsylvania Show Towels and Slide Show**

2:00pm—5:00pm: MAR Region Meeting

7:00pm — 9:00pm: Deborah Tirico Class

**Lunch Menu—\$19.00
Coupon located below**

Choice of:

Chicken Salad on Croissant **or**
Ham and Swiss on Artisan Bread,

Both include:

Crisp Green Salad with Veggies,
Kettle Chips, Cookies & Ice Tea



**Hilton Garden Inn
242 Highland Park Boulevard
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

Reservations can only be made by phone!

570—820—8595

2018 Spring Region Meeting Hotel Information April 13 & 14, 2018

Cost of room per night: \$114 + tax

Check in: 3:00pm Friday

Check out: 12:00pm Saturday

Deadline for Reservations:

March 14, 2018—Breakfast not Included

Coupon for Lunch—April 14, 2018

Deadline—February 24, 2018

Circle one: • Chicken Salad on Croissant • Ham and Swiss on Artisan Bread

Name: _____

Phone # _____ **Email:** _____



Region Director's Message



Hello MAR Members!

Thanks are in order, first and foremost, to all of you who have given your time and talents to the region this year. We have accomplished a lot, and much more is on the horizon!

Having just completed a Fall MAR meeting and SMART Day in beautiful Charlottesville, Virginia, our sights are set for Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. From the far south, to the far north, these meetings are giving all of us a better understanding of the size of the region, and the dedication of those who faithfully attend all our meetings. Next year, after Wilkes Barre, we'll again head south to Virginia Beach, where they are already planning a wonderful time for us, with a superb SMART Day teacher. I'm sure there is more about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

But I'm getting ahead of myself – 174 of you are signed up for Camp Wannastitch, our go-to place for the Martin Luther King weekend. What could be more inviting than Ocean City, MD in January? OC with 174 stitchers! The best part is there is no mandatory class to go to, no specific hours to keep – a time to do what you want, when you want. If you didn't sign up this year, keep it in mind for next.

We are also busily planning our Take Home a Program and SMART Days for 2019, and a region seminar. Yes, you read right, a region seminar in Hershey, Pennsylvania! What can beat stitches and chocolate? You'll hear a lot more about this in the coming months. If you have a talent to give to the seminar, please let me know so I can pass it along. If you are called on to help, please do so. It's only through lots of cooperation and communication that things happen.

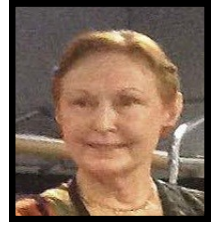
Speaking of cooperation and communication, do read the materials you receive. Several chapters had difficulty in paying dues because they were using an address that had changed two years ago. It's in the handbook, which you all can find on the region website, in the Members Only area. Also, there were several exhibits around the region this year, not the least of which is the sampler exhibit, Trends and Threads, at the Cumberland County Historical Society in Carlisle, PA. The Molly Pitcher Stitchers will host several special events this coming spring; details to follow.

One more item – the Woodlawn Needlework Exhibit. Participation has been declining, leading to increased costs per entry. It's the best place to display our art, and will die if it isn't supported. If not us, who? If not now, when? Chapters will be asked to collect their members' items, and take them to Woodlawn for a private appointment to complete the entry process. EGA will be treated the same as shops, and won't have to stand in line at the public intake event or ship the items. I will be sending more details soon.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Happy stitching!

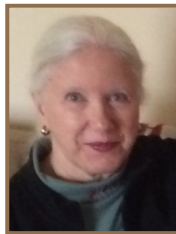
Secretary's Report



At this time of the year there are often changes of board members. Please keep your officers, committee chairmen and members info updated with me, Nancy and Tonya at National HQ.

Happy holidays--Elizabeth

Treasurer's Report



At the October Board meeting, a motion was submitted and passed to reduce mileage reimbursement from 25 cents per mile to 14 cents per mile to comply with current IRS regulations for volunteers.

Checks will be distributed at Camp Wannastith to either the Chapter President or Chapter Treasurer. If another member from the Chapter is picking up the check, a letter should be provided by the Chapter President to the person picking up the check to give to the Region Treasurer.

Deadline for requests for reimbursement for budgeted expenses should be no later than December 15, 2017.

Finance Report



The Mid-Atlantic Region Budget for 2018 has been voted on and accepted by the Region Representatives. You will be receiving the final copy along with the December Issue of the Mid-Atlantic Region Newsletter.



Group Correspondence Courses

GCC Coordinator

The Summer 2017 Group Correspondence Course, *Meadow Medley*, designed by Luan Callery, is underway with ten students diligently applying needle to fabric. **The deadline date for returning the pieces to me for evaluation by Ms. Callery is February 20, 2018.**



Roses

Moving on to the **Spring 2018 GCC**, chosen by your MAR Board/Committee Chairs/Region Representatives and Chapter Presidents, the winner -- by a squeak - is **Roses**, a blackwork piece designed by Carol Algie Higginbotham. Using a floral motif is in keeping with historic pieces done in one period when blackwork was a dominant technique.

Students will be introduced to the history of blackwork, materials, design transfer, and a method of working blackwork patterns. They will discover the difference between dark, medium and light density blackwork patterns. The original is worked in black and a gray to give some contrast and interest to the piece.

The use of gold for the enhancement echoes the historic use of gold. While the original is in black, gray and gold, students may work in any color they prefer. Students will make their *Roses* bloom, and be ready to work any blackwork design.

Project: Framed picture

Size: Design area: 8.5" x 12"

Fabric: 28- or 30-count white or cream linen

Threads: Stranded cotton, Kreinik #4 Very Fine Braid

Color: As shown or student's choice

Skill Level: Beginner

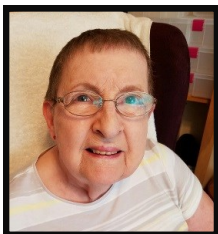
Prerequisites: None

Time: Six months. Required meetings are left to the discretion of the group.

Text: \$39, includes postage, color pictures and detailed instructions.

Approximate Cost of Supplies (2017): \$38

**Deadline for registering is
January 20, 2018.**



Group Correspondence Coordinator Retiring

This report will be my final one for the MAR GCC program. At age 78, and with a back that screams at me 24/7, it's time to put myself out to pasture. However, instead of chewing grass, I will attempt to finish *all* my UFOs, WIPs and those projects still Unopened. (OK, go ahead and laugh!) I am indebted to AliceRae Kutish for asking me to lead the program when Shirley Quaskey retired in 2011. I've enjoyed every minute of my tenure. And if necessary, I will also oversee the current and new GCC until my replacement comes on board. Many thanks to all of you who serve our Region so well and so faithfully!



EGA President, Leslie Gagliardi, has asked the national board to collect needlework supplies to benefit Paraclete Designs (www.paracletedesigns.com), a faith-based charity in Phoenix, AZ, which provides fabric, threads, tools, and patterns to various groups, primarily teachers. They support several EGA chapters who make stitching pillows, schools, shelters, etc.

Look around. If you have extras of anything, bring it (or send it with a friend) to Camp Wannastitch. I'm hoping we get so much that I need to enlist others from my area to haul it all back. I will be driving to the national board meeting in March, and will deliver it then.

Kathy Weigl



Needlework Exhibit at Fort Hunter Mansion May 6—June 17, 2018

There will be a needlework exhibit at Fort Hunter Mansion in Harrisburg from May 6 thru Father's Day. It will feature items from Susquehanna, Mollies, York, and the Lancaster EGA chapters, plus Apple Needlepointers ANG chapter. As far as I know, there will be no admission fee.



"Treasure Chest" Sale April 28, 2018

The **Molly Pitcher Stitches** will hold a second "Treasure Chest" sale on April 28, 2018 at the Cumberland County Historical Society. Like the first one four years ago, all proceeds will benefit preservation and conservation of the society's textile holdings. More information will be provided at Camp Wannastitch.



Future Smart Day & THaP Region Meeting Schedule

Fall 2018: Smart Day and the Region meeting will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia, will be hosted by the Tidewater chapter, on October 26 & 27, 2018. We are excited to have Ann Strite-Kurz as our Smart Day teacher. We are currently working out the details for your stay and the kit. Updated information will be in the April issue of the MARN.

Spring 2019: THaP and the Region meeting will be held in Collingswood, New Jersey, will be hosted by the Creative Needlework Chapter. Updated information will be in the August & December 2018 issues of the MARN.

Fall 2019: Smart Day and the Region meeting will be held in Hagerstown, Maryland, will be hosted by the Hagerstown Chapter. We are excited to have Katherine Diuguid as our Smart Day teacher. Updated information will be in the December 2018 and April 2019 issue of MARN.



MAR CHALLENGE

MAR is challenging each chapter to enter one piece of embroidery in Woodlawn for 2018. It is recommended that one person from each chapter will be responsible to deliver and retrieve the items entered. Arrangements can be made to process entries on an appointment basis for chapters who have multiple entries. More details will be available at Camp Wannastitch.



Photograph from a previous Woodlawn exhibit.

BLING for Breast Cancer



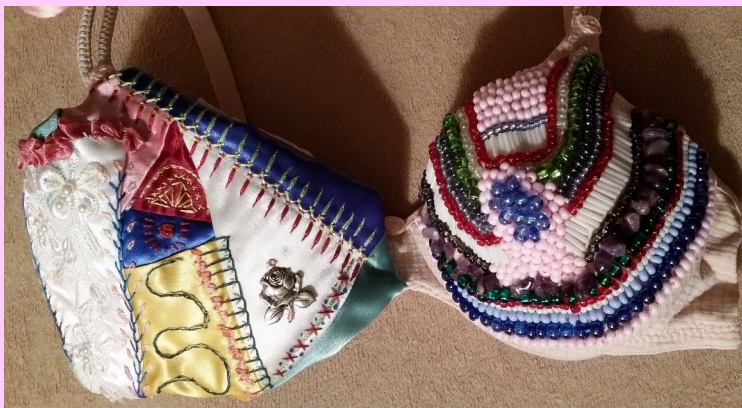
Ladies, it's time to get creative! Bling those Boobies!

MAR is challenging you to create a Bling Bra! You may use any size bra; however, the smaller the bra, the less space there is to embellish. Any technique, thread, fabric, embroidery stitches, beads, and bling can be used. **BUT NO GLUE!!!** If you need inspiration, search the web, there are lots out there. Votes will be cast for Breast Cancer Awareness theme, 60th EGA Anniversary theme, Most Creative, and Most Unique Use of Materials. Prizes will be awarded.

Each entry will cost \$5.00. The fee will be donated to a breast cancer awareness or research fund. To register, please complete the coupon in this newsletter, make the check out to MAR EGA.

Display and judging will be at the Spring 2018 meeting sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Chapter in Wilkes-Barre.

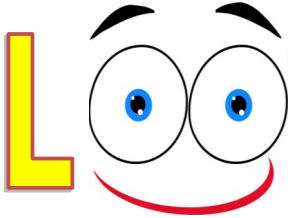
After the event, we would like to find homes for your creations. Perhaps a breast cancer clinic in you area. Perhaps a support organization. If there are any 60th Anniversary theme bras, we hope to exhibit them at the National Seminar in Louisville.



"Bling Bra"

**Mid-Atlantic Region
is in Need of THaP (Take Home a Program) Teachers
Education Chairman**

Do you have a program that you would like to share with other chapters in the Mid-Atlantic Region? If so, you will teach to a select few Region Members, who in turn, will take the project back to their chapters as a program. Not only will it provide you, as a new teacher the opportunity to teach beyond your chapter, but you are also compensated.

Mid
Atlantic
Region
is  **L****KING** **for**
Ideas for teachers, projects and techniques for
SMART DAY !



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EGA Seminar 2016
Submitted by Chairman Judy Jeroy
Seminar 2016 Funds Distribution

At the October 29th meeting of the region board, the committee recommended a onetime \$500.00 distribution to each of the 27 chapters and recommended it be used for education purposes. The remaining three-fourths would be placed in operating funds for the region. The board approved this recommendation and the funds will be sent in 2018.

Attention Program/Education Chairs!
Grants are available from
Joan Masterson Memorial Chapter Education Fund
Committee Chair

Deadline
May 1, 2018

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 also on the website. Please contact me if you need more information.

MAR PRiDe Scholarships for 2018
Committee Chair

Deadline
March 1, 2018

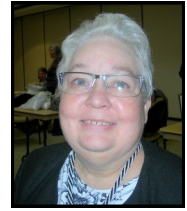
The deadline to apply for these scholarships has been extended to March 1, 2018. Application forms were distributed at the region meeting as were various pamphlets and flyers for educational opportunities, such as ESP programs and the International Embroidery Conference. Other uses would be for a national seminar, GCC, or ICC.

The essay to accompany the application should focus on (1) Why do you want this educational opportunity? (2) What past experiences indicate your potential success in this scholarship endeavor? (3) How will you implement this experience into your life?

The committee welcomes proposals to lecture for a region event, write an article for the MARN, or other events that benefit the region.

If you are interested in these events or others, please consider applying for a MAR PRiDe scholarship! Due by March 1, 2018, to:

History of the Mid-Atlantic Region MEETING October 27-29, 2017 Historian



The Monticello Chapter hosted the fall MAR meeting at the Westminster-Canterbury Center. MAR officers, Regional Representatives, and others were treated to two educational programs. It was a wonderful opportunity for networking with other embroiderers, and a chance to share in the future of the Region.

On Saturday morning Beth Shaw presented her class on ways to finish a frame weight pillow, a frame weight biscornu and a pincushion biscornu. Students brought pre-stitched canvases and turned them into finished items. The great ideas about cutting corners, making cording, which materials to use to stuff, etc. will be useful in finishing all sorts of projects.

Saturday evening was the Regional Meeting. We received exciting news - each chapter will receive \$500.00 from the proceeds of the 2016 National Seminar in Alexandria, Virginia. This National Seminar was sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The Mid-Atlantic Region is challenging its chapters and individuals to decorate a bra for the April 2018 meeting. A \$5.00 entry fee per bra will be charged and is a donation for breast cancer research.

On Sunday morning, Catherine Jordan guided us through the process of creating a Zentangle card. Her easy manner and enthusiasm resulted in positive results for the entire class.

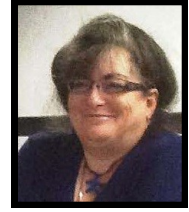


Fall Mid-Atlantic Region Smart Day Class Project

Birthday Frame Weight or Biscornu

Here are the pre-worked projects from Smart Day, looking forward to the finished item.

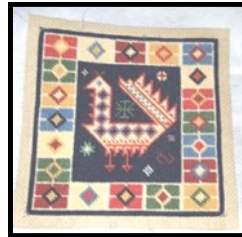
Assistant Region Director



A few examples of future biscornu's.



Barefoot Stitches!



Southwest Design



Fall colors



Our members were very creative with their color and design choices. Many used their birth dates to create their own plaids. A few thought out of the box. No two alike!



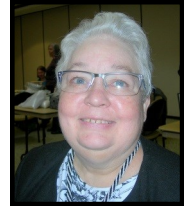
Conscientious stitchers determined to go home with their finished projects.



MID-ATLANTIC REGION SEMINAR AND MINI LIST

Historian

Here is a list of information about Region Seminars and Minis.



1978	4-day seminar, Albright College, Reading , PA. Berks County Chapter?
1979	
1980	
1981	
1982	
1983	
1984	4-day seminar, Millersburg, PA — Sponsored by Red Rose
1985	
1986	4-day seminar, hosted by Tidewater Virginia Chapter at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA
1987	
1988	4-day seminar, Mount St. Mary's College, Maryland — Sponsored by Hagerstown Chapter
1989	
1990	4-day seminar, "Pause to Stitch" at State College, PA — Sponsored by Nittany Valley and Altoona Chapters
1991	1-day Mini at College Misericordia, Dallas, PA — Sponsored by Wyoming Valley Chapter
1992	4-day seminar, "Let Your Needles Fly" at Allentown College — Sponsored by Lehigh Valley and Bucks Chapters
1993	1-day Mini at St. Mary's College of Maryland — Sponsored by Washington DC Chapter
1994	National Seminar at Williamsburg. 2-day Mini at Shippensburg University hosted by Molly Pitcher Stitchers called "Stitch at Ship" June 17-18
1995	1-day Mini at Millersville University, Millersville, PA — Sponsored by Red Rose
1996	4-day seminar, "In Full Bloom" at College Misericordia, Dallas, PA — Sponsored by Wyoming Valley
1997	1-day Mini at Western Maryland College, "Sail into Mini '97" — Sponsored by Constellation Chapter
1998	4-day seminar, "An Encore Performance", Shippensburg University, PA — Sponsored by Molly Pitcher Stitchers
1999	1-day Mini, "Spread Your Wings" at Clarion Resort, Ocean City, MD — Sponsored by Hagerstown
2000	4-day seminar, "Stitchin' at the Beach" at VA Beach Resort and Hotel — Sponsored Tidewater
2001	1-day Mini, "Stitchin' Fools" at Four Points Hotel, Hagerstown, MD — Region Sponsored

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Community Outreach

Thanks to all of you who submitted reports to Outreach this year. I would love to hear even more in 2018 – whatever you do to let the world know your work.

MID-ATLANTIC REGION SEMINAR AND MINI LIST

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2002	4-day seminar, "Aim for Gettysburg", at Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center, Gettysburg, PA — Region Sponsored
2003	1-day Mini, "Round Robin" — Sponsored by White Rose Chapter
2004	4-day Seminar Williamsburg, VA, MAR — Sponsored Rose & Thistle?
2005	1-day Mini, "Mini Mystery", at Clarion Hotel, Carlisle, PA — Sponsored by Molly Pitcher Stitchers
2006	National Seminar, at Richmond , VA — Sponsored by MAR
2007	1-day Mini, at Cacapon West Virginia State Park — Sponsored by Wild and Wonderful Chapter
2008	4-day seminar, "Shiver Me stitches", Holiday Inn, VA Beach — Sponsored by Tidewater Chapter
2009	2-day Mini, "It's in the Bag", at Camp Hill, PA — Sponsored by Susquehanna Chapter
2010	
2011	
2012	
2013	No Mini
2014	2-day Mini, "Golden Tread", at Valley Forge, PA — Sponsored by Philadelphia Chapter
2015	
2016	National Seminar, at Alexandria , VA — Sponsored by MAR
2017	None

**Happy
New
Year**





MARN Editor



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