



The Embroiderers' Guild
of America, Inc.

Mid - Atlantic Region Newsletter



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DON'T MISS OUT!!!

SMART DAY

October 4, 2014

Fairfax, Virginia

**REGISTRATION
CLOSES August 26 !**



Blackberry Truffle Tuffet Biscornu **Taught by Charlotte DeVere**

There's still time to join the fun SMART Day class, "Blackberry Truffle Tuffet" on October 4, 2014, taught by Charlotte DeVere. The class, which includes both counted thread and needlelace, as well as beading, will be in Fairfax, VA at the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks. Schedule for Saturday, October 4 is: Class: 9:00 AM-Noon; Lunch Break: Noon-1:30; Class: 1:30-4:30 PM.

The Region is paying all costs for the class (room rental, tuition, and teacher expenses) except for the \$48.00 kit fee. **Student is responsible for: kit fee of \$48 plus the fabric: 10" by 12" piece of Cashel 28-count linen, Light Mocha (or the color of your choice), and DMC Variations Floss in color 4140.**

Upon confirmation of the class reservation, students will receive an email with instructions for completing the 2-3 hours of pre-work.

Kit Fee: \$48 - will contain: Mill Hill beads and Crystal Treasures, Caron Collections thread, beading thread, beading needles, sharp needles and 2 colors of sewing thread for making the berries, as well as the project booklet including color photos, instructions and stitch diagrams.

The Marriott at Fair Oaks has a special region rate of \$89.00 per night by using the block code "Mid-Atlantic Region EGA" when making the reservation. Page 3 gives the hotel reservation information.

Coupon for registration is on page 18.

Last Day to Register: August 26

MAR Region meeting will be held on October 4th at 7:00 PM.



Region Director's Message

Happy Summer, everyone. It is well and truly underway now!

We have a wonderful SMART Day class lined up for October in Fairfax, VA. Please think about joining us!

I have a bit of sad news to impart regarding two of our chapters who have had to vote to dissolve over the past year. **PA Heartland**, and **Eastern Shore of MD**. I know the decision was not reached lightly, and we are sad to see them go. I hope that all the remaining stitchers can find another "home" to be able to stitch and participate. Please contact any MAR Board member if you need to know where to look!

Next Spring, at the Region Meeting in March, we'd like to bring back a very useful class; **Take Home A Program. THAP!** This is a short, less than 2 hour class that each chapter can send a representative to take. That person then brings this knowledge and printed class materials home, and teaches it to her/his chapter as a monthly program (or two!) With all of our chapters looking for programs to present, this allows each chapter to send a "student teacher" to take the class and bring it home.

To this end, we are looking for anyone who has a great small project they would like to share with the Region as a THAP. Have you or anyone in your chapter done a monthly meeting program that was well-received and popular? How would you like to share it and be compensated??? See the "help wanted" ad in this newsletter for details. Come on, you know you can do it! All types of techniques are being considered.

Finally, don't forget; you too can dream a little dream. Send in your coupon for a chance at an all expense-paid trip to Seminar 2015 in San Antonio, TX! I'll be there to cross my fingers for you at the closing banquet in Phoenix this October. Give yourself a chance!

In Stitches,

Patty

Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks

11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway
Fairfax, Virginia 22033



Phone: 800-228-9290 or 703-352-2525

Room Rate: \$89 + tax per night

When making your reservation mention

"MID-ATLANTIC REGION OF EGA".

Deadline for Room Reservation:

August 28, 2014

Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, October 3

7:00pm—Executive Board Meeting

**Saturday, October 4
is
SMART Day**

Blackberry Truffle Tuffet Biscornu

Class: 9:00am—Noon

Lunch Break: Noon—1:30

Class: 1:30-4:30

7:00pm—Region Meeting



**SMART Day
Seminar Participants
will receive a list of shops
in the area of the
Fairfax Marriott**

**FROM THE DESK/COMPUTER
OF THE SECRETARY**

I know that a lot of chapter activities slow down in summer, so I do want to thank those reps/presidents who have sent me updates to their officer lists.

Just a reminder to everyone, when there is a change in officer information that should be sent to Patty and myself.

I will be sending out the most current information I have for each chapter in September so that the directory is ready for publication at the October meeting. I do send this to both the President and the Region Rep so that two eyes can check for errors. (I do get a "it's all good" from one and then usually a small correction from the other on occasion.)

Wishing you all a great rest of the summer and see you in the fall in Northern Virginia.

Donna

From the Membership Chair

GOOD NEWS!

Remember:

**MAR dues have been waived for 2014!
It is a gift to every member due to
successful MAR fundraising.**

Karen



Mid Atlantic Region Budget for 2015
is located on pages 15 & 16.

It will be voted on at the October
MAR Region meeting.



AliceRae Kutish Wins Gold Thread Award!

One Gold thread award winner has been chosen for each region of the EGA, and the winner for the Mid-Atlantic Region is none other than our own AliceRae Kutish!

There is no one more deserving; AliceRae has been a tireless crusader for all that the EGA stands for, and her indefatigable spirit and energy has been inspiring us all for years.

I always described AliceRae as "the energizer bunny" of the region board. At every meeting weekend, she was just go-go-go, from one function to another, never saying no to any task, and always the first one to volunteer to take on yet another duty.



Please join me in congratulating her on this well-deserved honor!
Bravo, AliceRae!

Patty Smith-Gardner



From Catherine Jordan:

I wanted to share this picture of the MAR Award ribbon that I received for my piece, *The Journey*, in EGA's *Through the Needle's Eye* exhibit. The center was stitched by AliceRae Kutish.

A big "Thank you" to AliceRae for stitching this!


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. Next applications deadline is November 1. The application is located on page 14 of the newsletter and also on the website.

Please contact Judy if you need more information.

Judy Herrick, Committee Chair



Linda Suter
Winner
of the
Carol Williams
MAR PRiDe Scholarship

Congratulations!

MAR PRiDe SCHOLARSHIP

The 2014 MAR PRiDe Carol Williams Memorial Scholarship, was awarded to **Linda Suter** of the Winchester Chapter. Linda will use the funds provided to study Ukrainian embroidery. She was hoping to travel there this summer but recent events have caused a postponement of her trip.

Each year individuals have the opportunity to request funds for embroidery study from the MAR PRiDe fund. This fund is sponsored by previous MAR Region Directors (hence the name). Some suggested uses are taking a class, going to a seminar, investigating a particular technique, etc.

The 2014 MAR PRiDe scholarship was named for Carol Williams of the Colonial West Jersey Chapter. Carol was a gifted a designer, stitcher, and teacher. There were no applicants by the deadline of March 31, 2014. The committee agreed to an extension until April 15 so that the opportunity could be stressed at the March MAR meeting. Linda Suter of the Winchester Chapter requested \$450.00 for studying Ukrainian embroidery techniques. Her request was granted. She will use the money to purchase resource materials such as books and items stitched with these techniques. Funds will be distributed in increments of \$100.00 as she submits receipts.

The MAR PRiDe scholarship for 2015 will be named for Jane Campbell of the Philadelphia Chapter. Jane was a prolific stitcher. Many of her items were displayed at the Golden Threads 2014 Mini. The deadline for 2015 will be March 31. It is not too early to start thinking about what stitching opportunity you would like to apply for. An application form will be in the January 2015 MARN and on the MAR website.

Think of what study opportunity you would like to explore!

AliceRae Kutish

WANTED Teachers to Teach "Take Home a Project"

Have you or someone you know done a terrific Chapter program lately? How about sharing it with the Region in the form of a THAP? Take Home a Program! It's a class taught to a group of chapter representatives to take back to their home chapter and teach it themselves.

We need a nice, one or two hour project, with instructions that can be reproduced for members to follow.

Only original pieces can be taught.

REWARD

Accepted THAP teachers will get \$150, and travel and hotel reimbursement for the night before the class is taught at the Region Meeting.

Think about it! We need new ideas!



Got any
BRIGHT IDEAS
for
SMART DAY 2015?

Great Ideas Begin With You!!!!

We have had several good suggestions for next year's SMART Day and want to finalize it earlier rather than later this year. If you have a favorite teacher you think would be willing to teach up to 50 students in a class for a one, one-and-a-half or two-day class, contact Kathy Weigl so we can build up a list of potential classes.

Hail Specimen of Female Art! New Jersey Schoolgirl Needlework, 1726-1860

October 3, 2014 – March 29, 2015

[Morven](http://www.morven.org), New Jersey's Cultural Museum, is hosting a landmark exhibition to be the first to focus on the important contribution of New Jersey in the creation of schoolgirl needlework in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. With over 150 works on view, this exhibition will undertake the first survey of schoolgirl needlework completed in the state or by New Jersey girls prior to 1860. This exhibition and accompanying catalogue will create a lasting record of the best known examples. As part of the museum's mission to showcase the cultural heritage of the Garden State, the curators will bring new light to the needlework done in New Jersey during this important period of American history.

55 Stockton St, Princeton, New Jersey
(609) 924-8144 www.morven.org



**Hear Ye!
Hear Ye!**

**Coming to
SMART DAY**

**a
GCC Display**

Let's have a GCC display at our upcoming SMART Day!

Bring your pieces from past years to show off. If you won't be coming, send them with your Region Representative or another chapter member who plans to attend.

Please include an identification card with your name, the name of the piece and the designer, and the year in which it was taught (if you remember).

It ought to be a beautiful exhibit! (Thanks go to AliceRae Kutish for this suggestion.)

GCC Report — Barbara Fraize

The Spring 2014 GCC, *Lady Larkspur Necklace*, designed by Jeanette Carmichael, is now being evaluated by her. Three ladies completed their pieces. Results will be announced in the December *MARN*.



The Fall 2013 GCC, *How Does Your Garden Grow?*, designed by Carol Currier, has been evaluated and returned to the six ladies who stitched the project. Kudos for a job well done go to Barbara Brazel/Sherri Gordon/Stephanie Muller/Kathleen Weigl (all from the *Molly Pitchers Stitchers*); Sandra Isett (*Nittany Valley*); and Regina Thek (*Williamsburg Rose and Thistle*).



It's time once again for our membership to vote for the Spring 2015 GCC. A ballot and coupon are included in this issue of the newsletter. You may vote either as a chapter or an individual. Please return your coupons to me either by email or snail mail **no later than October 1**. **The deadline date for submissions has been moved to October 1 so that Region Representatives or others who plan to attend SMART Day can take the results home to their chapter. By tallying the votes in October we will have an early preview of what's to come in the new year.**

The winner will be announced in the December *MARN*. All offerings are illustrated and described in the 2014-16 Education Catalog. Because the catalog did not arrive until June, however, there will be no offering for this fall, so here's your chance to catch up and finish all your past GCCs.

Happy Stitching!

MAR GCC COURSE OFFERINGS FOR SPRING 2015

(See the new Education Catalog for details/instructors)

(*Chosen within the past five years)

Beading:

Floral Whimsey (stumpwork/beading)
A Frenzy of Fringes
*Lady Larkspur Necklace
My Favorite Bracelet

Canvas:

Bargello Challenge
Cleopatra's Cat
Needlework Tool Case

Counted Thread:

Assisi
Beginner's Hardanger
*Dresden Garden Dresden Kitty
Liesel-Schwalm
One-of-a-Kind
Roses

Finishing:

Finishing with Flair
Thank Goodness It's Finished
Taming the Stash Monster

Mixed Media:

Embroidery with Mixed Media
Mark and Paint on Canvas and Fabric
A Memory Book: Scrapbooking with a Needle
Taming the Stash Monster

Needlelace:

Beginning Teneriffe Lace

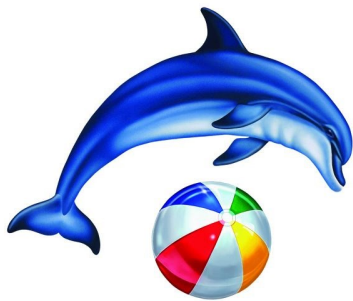
Surface Embroidery:

*Brazilian Embroidery Purse
Circle with Blue Flowers
Cutwork, Shadow work and Trapunto
Fallen Leaves Sampler
Hummingbird and Honeysuckle
Poppies
*Spring Splendor
White Iris

Three-Dimensional:

Star-Spangled Puzzle Ball
Blue Heaven: Temari II

GCC Spring 2015 Selection Ballot Page 19



Camp Wannastitch

**Mid-Atlantic Region Stitches' Retreat
Friday thru Monday, January 16–19, 2015
Ocean City, Maryland**

It's time to spend another fun-filled long weekend at the Clarion Resort - Fontainebleau Hotel!

We have a ballroom reserved for stitching from Friday at noon through Monday at noon. Bring some goodies to share and be prepared to stitch from early morning until late at night - or whatever hours you like!

Please contact the Clarion directly to reserve your room 1-800-638-2100 or 410-524-3535. Ask for the Camp Wannastitch rate when making your reservation. Double rooms are \$82 per night + tax. Rates are guaranteed until December 16, 2014. Guest rooms have a mini fridge, microwave and coffee pot.

Deadline for registration is January 5, 2015. Use the coupon at the end of this newsletter to reserve your spot – the registration is \$10. Please remember, there will be no refunds of registration fees after the January 5 deadline.

Don't wait, reserve now!

Registration Form—Page 16



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Camp Wannastitch

CHALLENGE

How about starting a tradition this year? We would like to ask for submissions of original designs, to commemorate the good times at **Camp Wannastitch**. We will save all of the designs that are received and hand out one each year. Once stitched, the finished piece can be used for a hot coffee sleeve, luggage tag, quilt-as-you-go banner, pocket on a quilted purse, needle book, etc.

I can't wait to see all of the unique ideas!

Criteria & Directions:

1. Design size: no larger than 4" x 2½" **finished**.
2. Designs must contain at a minimum, either "**CWS**" or "**Camp Wannastitch**", and the year.
3. When presenting a design, please include a graph for the numbers 0-9 (for changing the year).



Pennsylvania Fiber Artsfest

September 19 & 20, 2014

Huntingdon, PA

Workshops, Vendors, Educational Exhibits, Demonstrations

- ◆ Classes in felting with Renate Maile Moskowitz
- ◆ Gloria beaded bracelet with Marie Campbell
- ◆ Plus 2 knitting, 4 quilting, and 2 weaving classes
- ◆ Info and Registration at www.fiberartsfest.org



MAR BANNER PROJECT



The MAR Banner is on the move again. It made an appearance in Philadelphia during Mini Seminar to many oohs and aahs from the audience. Now it is on its way to New Jersey. First it will stop in Princeton and then on to Lamplighters. We hope to have it finished by the end of 2015.

Choice of stitch or stitches for each block is up to the individual designer. Sky's the limit!

AliceRae Kutish

MAR Banner Schedule

There has been a change in the passing of the banner from one chapter to another to make the transitions easier. Please note the new schedule below. The banner should be at the October MAR meeting for all to admire.

Date	Chapter
August/September	Gentle Pursuits
October/November/December	Fauquier
January/February 2015	Winchester
March/April 2015	Bucks County
May/June	Brandywine

2016 National Seminar

The 2016 National Seminar to be hosted by our Region is in the planning stages.

The dates will be Wednesday November 2, 2016 to Sunday November 6, 2016.

Please note the schedule is now Wednesday to Sunday.

The location will be:

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

5000 Seminary Road

Alexandria Virginia 22311

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/virginia/hilton-alexandria-old-town-DCAOTHF/index.htm>

Greetings, MAR Members

Here is the logo for our 2016 seminar in Alexandria, VA.

What ideas do YOU have for a stitched version? We will be having a contest for the best stitched logo so start planning now. Respect and recognition are the prizes. All entries will be returned at the close of seminar 2016. It is the property until after seminar.

Criteria & Directions for submission:

- 1. Size: No larger than 6.5" x 8.5" and no smaller than 2" x 3".**
- 2. Technique and materials are up to the stitcher.**
3. The contest will be judged in January 2015.
- 4. Deadline is 1/1/15.** 6. Only EGA members please.
7. Yes, one may submit more than one entry.
- 8. Include with your stitched version: your name, address, chapter affiliation, materials and stitches used.**





The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. Mid-Atlantic Region

JOAN MASTERSON MEMORIAL CHAPTER EDUCATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION FORM

This fund was established in memory of Joan Masterson, a beloved teacher and mentor. Grants will be awarded to MAR Chapters in Good Standing to help defray the cost of educational programs and study.

- **Applications are due November 1.**
 - Send to: Region Director
 - Chapter Name: _____
 - Contact Name, Address, e-Mail and Telephone Number: _____

 - Amount Requested: _____
 - Please attach a statement of expected income/expenses
 - Purpose of Requested Grant: _____

 - Date of Scheduled Program: _____
 - Approximate Number of Participants expected: _____
- Submitted by: _____ Date _____
- Office: _____

A copy of the Joan Masterson Memorial Chapter Education Fund Guidelines, found in the Guidelines Section of the MAR Officers' Handbook, is also available from your chapter president, region representative or from the Region Director. The Application Form and Guidelines are also available on the region website: www.marega.org



Dirty Patty says:

You've gotta ask yourself a question:

"Do I feel lucky?"

Well, do ya, stitcher?

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

This drawing will be for

Stitchin Fiesta! October 28 - November 2, 2015, Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, TX

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

These tickets are numbered and only sold by your Region Director, Patty Smith Gardner. Please see the **coupon below** for your chance to purchase a piece of the dream.

So, I'll ask again, DO YOU FEEL LUCKY? GO FOR IT!

Deadline October 3, 2014

**The winner will receive up to \$2000. for Seminar expenses. This includes seminar registration fees that include banquets and classes, hotel, and airfare. The registrar is notified of the winner and will handle the registration. Receipts for airfare and hotel are sent to headquarters for reimbursement.*

See Coupon Below



Yes, I feel lucky! Send me my "winning" opportunity drawing tickets for the

All Expense Paid Trip to National Seminar in San Antonio, TX, Oct. 2015!

Name _____ 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 return of your ticket stub! (Or I will hold your stub until drawing)

Deadline: October 3, 2014



Registration Coupon — SMART Day Class — Blackberry Truffle Tuffet

October 4, 2014 — Fairfax, Virginia

Name: _____ EGA Member # _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____ MAR Chapter _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone # _____

Kit Fee: \$48.00 Please enclose Check Made Payable to: MAR EGA

I am willing to serve as a teacher's assistant during class.
We will need experienced stitchers for this position.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 26, 2014

Questions ? Contact Kathy Weigl at krweigl@gmail.com or 717-245-2778



YES! I'm coming to Camp Wannastitch

Name _____

Chapter _____

Phone _____ eMail _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____

Yes, I would like to be included in a Camp Wannastitch contact list that will be provided to participating attendees

Registration is \$10.
Please make check payable to MAR EGA.

Deadline for registration is January 5, 2015

GCC Spring 2015 Selection Ballot

Name _____ Chapter _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Please return via snail or e-mail no later **OCTOBER 1!**

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http://www.rickytims.com/j25/register-for-a-seminar?task=view_event&event_id=7



Visit:  marega.org

Sign into the members only area:

User Email: **WeStitch@marega.org**

Password: **ARK2X2**

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

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

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