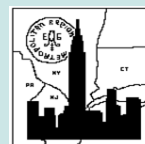


# TALKING THREADS

MONMOUTH CHAPTER — Founded June 4, 1975  
Metropolitan Region, Embroiderers' Guild of America



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## **PRESIDENT'S GAVEL**



Ellen Saines, President

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and finding time to stitch and complete a project or two.

Thank you for your continued support and renewing your membership with our chapter. I would like to thank Janice

Meyers and Carolyn Stumpf for the wonderful celebration they organized for our chapter to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was great seeing chapter members in person that we only see on zoom.

Everyone is a member of OUR chapter and not a member of a meeting. All members may take ALL the programs, classes, and any other offerings that Monmouth Chapter schedules. Even if you can't make a meeting or zoom class, you can still take advantage

of what we offer, whether it is a teacher's class or instruction for a project.

Please know that our Board is constantly working on programs and classes. If you see something you would like us to offer, please contact me and I will forward the suggestions.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

*Ellen*

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday Evening Meetings**

**September 8, October 6, November 10, & December 1** - GCC Love and Laughter  
**January 5 & February 2, 2026** - Mad for Plaid

#### **Thursday Day Meetings**

**September 18** - Double Hoop Embroidery  
**October 16** - Double Hoop Embroidery and Chapter GCC Band Sampler (continued)  
**November 20<sup>th</sup>** - Pot luck lunch and Holiday Show & Tell  
**January 15 & February 19, 2026** - Mad for Plaid  
**March 19, April 16 and May 21** - Crewel/Surface Embroidery Stocking or Banner

### **Sunday Meetings**

**September 14** - Biscornu Finishing  
**October 19** - French Beaded Flowers  
**November 16** - Flour Sack Towels  
**December 14** - Holiday Party and continue stitching towels

#### **Zoom Classes**

**SOTM: Grace** - 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm  
**Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 25, Nov 1 & 8, 2025** - Laurel Mill Class. Registration closed.  
**March 3, 17, 24, 31, 2026** - Symphony  
**Sept 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 2026** - Rennie's Rose  
**April 12, 19, 26 - May 10, 2027** - Lil Sparks

### **Stitching Time at the Colts Neck Library**

**Monday, August 11**  
**Thursday, August 21**  
**Saturday, October 4**

#### **Registration Deadlines**

**September 1** - Mad for Plaid  
**September 15** - Flour Sack Towels  
**September 30** - French Beaded Flowers  
**October 8** - Payment for Flour Sack Towels due.

**Please go to page 7 for  
registration coupon.**

## PROGRAM NOTES

### MONDAY EVENING MEETINGS

We will continue to meet for pizza before meetings at 5:00 pm. Please let Kathy Sullivan know if you will be joining us for pizza.

We will open the Library at 6:30 for stitching and the meeting will begin at 7 pm. If you will not be participating in the project we are working on, please join us to sit and stitch on your current WIP.

**August 11** - Stitch in at the Colts Neck Library

**September 8, October 6, November 10, and December 1**

We will work on our Chapter Group Correspondence Class for 2025 **Love and Laughter with Denise Harrington Pratt.**

**Registration closed.**



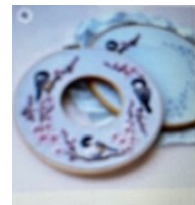
**January 5, 2026 and February 2, 2026 - Chapter Project, Mad for Plaid via zoom** (please see article on page 4 for details)



### THURSDAY MEETINGS

**September 18 - Double Hoop Embroidery led by Carolyn Stumpf**

Design by Jessica Long Embroidery. Celebrate spring with this gorgeous design featuring a trio of chickadees surrounded by lovely cherry blossoms. Carolyn Stumpf will lead the group to stitch this piece using DMC to stitch crewel like stitches. **Registration closed.**



**Chapter GCC Band Sampler - Love & Laughter**

**October 16 - Double Hoop Embroidery and Chapter GCC Band Sampler (continued)**

**October 4 - Saturday Stitching Time**

Last one of the year. Please join us for a few hours of free stitching at the Colt's Neck Library, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your lunch and a project.

**November 20 - Pot luck lunch and Holiday Show and Tell** - For our last meeting of the year, we will have a pot luck lunch and will show our Holiday (any holiday) pieces.

### 2026

We have some exciting projects for 2026. Interest sheets will be available at the meeting. They include cross-stitch, crewel/surface embroidery and counted canvas projects.

**January 15 and February 19 - Mad for Plaid**

This is a Chapter project for all three meetings. Details on page 3

**March 19, April 16 and May 21 - Crewel/Surface Embroidery Stocking or Banner**

This project, loosely based on an antique sample from the EGA magazine, will be led by Janice Meyers.



Don't let the simplicity of the sample fool you! As I mentioned, our project is loosely based on this picture and Janice has promised quite a challenging piece!

## THURSDAY MEETINGS

**June 18, July 16 and August 20, 2026 – Summer Stitch-In at the Colt's Neck Library.**

**September 17 and October 15, 2026 – DeeBee's Designs**

This counted canvas project is a perfect piece for using our stash and favorite colorway. The same design in different colors looks completely different!



Registration information will be provided in a future newsletter.

**November 19, 2026 – Potluck and Showcase of Holiday pieces.** We will have a sign up sheet for dishes and ask members to bring a holiday – any holiday – piece.

## SUNDAY MEETINGS

Note: all meetings are held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

**September 14 from 1:30 to 4:00.**

**Biscornu finishing led by Molly Johnson**

We will finish the pinecone biscornu we stitched in the spring. You may use the instructions to finish your own biscornu or practice using two equal squares of fabric.

Supplies: as described in instructions for pine cone biscornu, your own project or 2 equal squares of fabrics, sewing pins, stitching needle, thread and scissors.

No cost.

**October 19 1:30 to 4pm.**

**French beaded flowers** rescheduled from the spring. Led by Sharon Rosen.

Using florist wire and beads, we will learn how to make three dimensional flowers.

**Supplies.** Some supplies maybe available from chapter donations. You will need wire cutters and a beading mat.

**Register by September 30,** send registration to Sharon Rosen. At that time she will notify you if there are additional supplies required.



**November 16**

**MARY CORBETT'S Flour Sack Towels.**

Surface stitching



*This project is partially funded by the Sunday group's 2025 education grant. The final cost will be determined based on the number of participants.*

We will be stitching the designs available on Mary Corbett's flour sack towels. The towels can be viewed at: [www.shop.needleandthread.com](http://www.shop.needleandthread.com). The picture with this article is only one of many options available. The design is preprinted onto the towels. Each order includes 3 towels of the same design.

**Registration:** please submit your registration including your design selection by September 15 to Sharon Rosen.

**Supplies:** You will provide your own threads, needles, scissors and hoop if desired.

As soon as your registrations are in, we will calculate the amount of your payment. Payment will be due by October 8 so that we can order your towels. Approximate cost including shipping \$20 to \$25.

**December 14, 1:30 to 4:00 pm.**

**Holiday party and continue stitching towels.**

In-person only.

## **Announcing our 2026 Chapter Wide Project!! Mad for Plaid Project Bags**

All members are invited to join in on our 2026 Chapter Wide Project - the Mad for Plaid Project Bag. We will work on this project at our January and February 2026 meetings. The dates will be listed in the Day, Night and Sunday schedules. The Mad for Plaid Project Bag is great for storing works in progress and supplies. You can stitch on the bag itself to add your own personal touch. The size of the bag when flat is 11" x 16". We will be purchasing the Mad for Plaid from Its Sew Emma and the patterns are from Shephards Bush.

Four options are available that coincide with the seasons and one additional option just for fun:

- **SUMMER**

Cross stitch pattern from Shepherd's Bush featuring a bag with the word Summer on it! Pattern is stitched on Mad for Plaid Bag Cornsilk using Weeks Dye Works and DMC Pearl threads. Bag stitch count is 35 x 52.

- **AUTUMN**

Cross stitch pattern from Shepherd's Bush featuring the word Autumn on a plaid bag. Pattern is stitched on the Mad for Plaid Bag in Pumpkin using Weeks Dye Works and DMC Pearl Cotton Size 5 threads. Stitch count for the bag is 34 x 65.

- **WINTER**

Cross stitch pattern from Shephard's Bush featuring the word "Winter" stitched on a bag with a snowman! Pattern is stitched on Mad for Plaid bag (Bluebell) using Weeks Dye Works and DMC Pearl cotton floss. DMC pearl substitutes for the Weeks Dye Works are 3756 or 3865 for Icicle, and 931 for Sky. Stitch count for the bag is 35 x 62.

- **SPRING**

Cross stitch pattern from Shepherd's Bush featuring a fun floral themed spring bag! Pattern is stitched on Mad For Plaid Peony bag using Weeks Dye Works threads with DMC #5 Pearl threads. Stitch count is 33 x 64 for the bag.

- **SHEEP**

Cross stitch pattern from Shepherd's Bush featuring the word "Sheep" stitched on a bag. Pattern is stitched on Mad For Plaid Bag "Lilac" and 32 ct Orchid Belfast using Weeks Dye Works and DMC pearl cotton #5. Stitch count is 38 x 62 for bag. My Sheep Bag Button Pack by Just Another Button Company.

Optional beads and buttons may be purchased on your own. Also participants will provide their own threads.

### **Project Participation Details**

The cost of the project bag and pattern is \$25 and will be partially subsidized by the Chapter. The exact amount of the subsidy—and therefore each participant's final cost—will depend on the number of members who sign up.

### **Sign-up Period:**

July 1 – September 1, 2025

### **Cost Announcement:**

September 2, 2025

### **Payment Window:**

September 2 – October 1, 2025

Please complete the program coupon included in the newsletter and submit it to Kathy Sullivan by **September 1, 2025** or sign up on the registration sheets available at meetings. Note that payment is **not** required at the time of sign-up. Final payment will be collected in September, once the subsidy amount has been determined.

Please be mindful of the deadlines on this project. It is necessary to adhere to the schedule to get the supplies in time.

### ***The EGA Mission Statement:***

The mission of the Embroiderers' Guild is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage.



## **METROPOLITAN REGION NEWS**

The Metropolitan Region has a new website! Check it out -- <https://metroega.org/> Here you can find out about upcoming educational offerings and Region events. You will also be able to see what the other Chapters in our Region are doing and read the Region's newsletter – METROPOLL. Our own Ginger Iorizzo is the webmistress and she did a phenomenal job!

**Save the date – Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26, 2026**

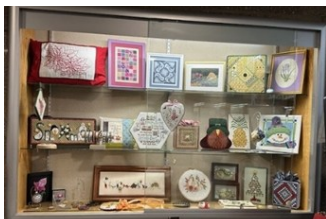
The Metropolitan Region will again be hosting two days of stitching at the Montvale Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Montvale, NJ. All MET Region members and guests are welcome to participate in this fun weekend of stitching. Come for the day or the weekend. More information, including registration information, will be announced in the winter issue of Metropoll.

Questions can be directed to Janice Meyers.

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

### **CHAPTER LIBRARY EXHIBIT**

The Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library System, 1001 Rt. 35 in Shrewsbury, featured an exhibit of our chapter members' embroideries in June. Thank you to all the members who provided their stitcheries that were included in this exhibit and thank you to those members who helped with this exhibit. Below are pictures of the exhibit displays.

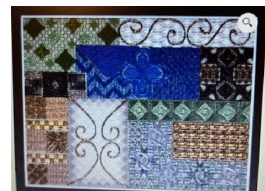


## **Chapter Upcoming Teachers Contracted Classes on Zoom - Mark Your Calendars**

**Saturday, Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 25, Nov 1 and 8, 2025 at 10am - Laural Mill Class with Gail Stafford. Registration closed.**



**March 3, 17, 24, 31, 2026 Symphony with Debbie Rowley – can change colors**



**Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 Rennie's Rose with Wendy Moore**



**April 12, 19, 26, & May 10, 2027 Lil Sparks with Dawn Donnelly**



**To register for a program, please contact the following members:**

**Evening:** Kathy Sullivan  
**Day:** Celia McCallum  
**Sunday:** Sharon Rosen

Please use the coupon on page 7 to register.

**OUTREACH - Kathy Pettersen**

Many items were collected from April to June 2025. Eyeglasses were donated for New Eyes for the Needy. Old and new flags were collected for the American Legion. Watches were sent to Veterans Watchmaker Initiative in Odessa, Delaware. Denim was donated to Blue Jeans Go Green.

Thank you all for your participation in helping these worthy organization. Every little bit helps.

**UFO CHALLENGE - Ronnie Hlatky**

Congratulations to all who participated in the 2024-2025 UFO Challenge! Twenty-one members completed 49 embroidery pieces and received a small gift for their participation. Sue Chadwick and Kathy Pettersen won the grand prize raffle and received complimentary dues for the coming year.

Registration for the 2025-2026 has closed. We have 22 members registered and look forward to seeing their finished pieces.

**SUNSHINE - Carolyn Stumpf**

A get well card was sent to Sharon Rosen as she recuperates.

Congratulations were sent to Eileen Kemp on the birth of her grandson, Felix Kemp, born on May 20, 2025.

A sympathy card was sent to Bill Mogensen on the passing of Kathy, a dedicated stitcher and member of our chapter.

It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of Katy Madsen, former longtime member of MCEGA.

If you know anyone in need of sunshine, please contact Carolyn Stumpf.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2025**

I am pleased to announce the Angela Tolas will be chairing our Nominating Committee for this year. Angela will be contacting non-board members to sit on her committee. Please take a few minutes of your time and help with this committee.

The positions due to be elected this year are:  
Co-President  
VP Education  
Treasurer

Thank you,  
Ellen

**MEMBERSHIP - Toni Kendrick**

Please note a new address:  
Lisa Dunn

**HELP NEEDED! - WE NEED YOU!!!**

Janice has been updating our Facebook and Instagram pages daily. It would be wonderful if another member would be willing to share this job with Janice.

This is the way we are kept in the public eye. You can repost items from other pages concerning needlepoint, post reminders of meetings or events or any other needlepoint related items.

Please contact Ellen if you can help our chapter.  
Thank you.

***A reminder to our members who attend in-person day meetings:***

Please pick up any needles that may have dropped onto the floor. The church uses the same room for children's activities and needles on the floor can be dangerous to the children.

**PROGRAM REGISTRATION COUPON**

Please make checks payable to **Monmouth Chapter EGA** and send to:

**For Evening programs:** Kathy Sullivan

**For Day programs:** Celia McCallum

**For Sunday programs:** Sharon Rosen

Program Name\_\_\_\_\_

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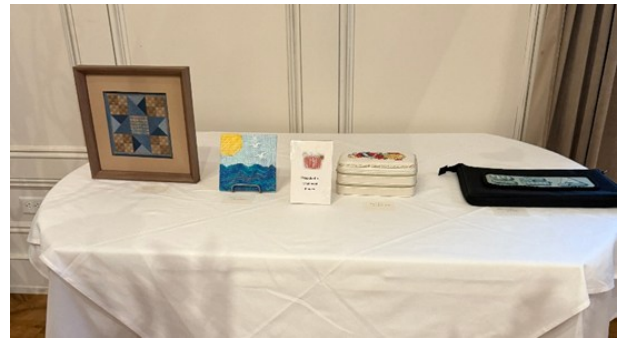
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## MONMOUTH CHAPTER EGA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Carolyn Stumpf and Janice Meyers, Co-Chairs



Thank you to all of our members who joined us on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at Charlie's of Lincroft to celebrate our chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The food was delicious and plentiful, beginning with appetizers, then a salad, choice of entrée that included salmon, chicken, steak or vegetarian followed by ice cream or gelato and chocolate covered strawberries. We held a trivia game that was a lot of fun with many prizes awarded. All attendees received a Trish Vine thread bag favor. The President's Challenge of original designs was on display for all to see. But the best part was getting together with our members, especially those who don't live in the area and we only see on Zoom.



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Favor

For those who could not attend, included in this newsletter, on page 8, is the trivia game. How will you do? Answers will be provided in the October newsletter.



**MONMOUTH CHAPTER EGA - 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA GAME**

- What is the name of our chapter? \_\_\_\_\_
- In what year was our chapter chartered? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is a UFO? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was EGA established? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many meetings do we have monthly? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was the original name of our chapter? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is our logo? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is a GCC? \_\_\_\_\_
- What Region does our chapter belong to? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where is EGA headquarters located? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many chapters have joined our chapter? \_\_\_\_\_
- In what city did EGA first meet? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the name of our newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the primary mission of EGA? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is a WIP? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is an added benefit to membership? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is aida? \_\_\_\_\_
- What does LNS stand for? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which is larger – a size 20 needle or a size 28 needle? \_\_\_\_\_
- What does SABLE mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- What challenge have we held annually? \_\_\_\_\_
- How is crewel different from surface embroidery? \_\_\_\_\_
- What does DBMIC mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- What social media platforms are used by the chapter? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many embroidery stitches are there? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the small decorative but functional item we like to place on our stitching called? \_\_\_\_\_
- What does WISP mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is another name for Bargello? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the difference between a tapestry and a chenille needle? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is frogging? \_\_\_\_\_

**MCEGA 2025 Board Members Contact List**

Ellen Saines 3rd term Co-President to '22
Angela Tolas 1 <sup>st</sup> term VP/Education to 25
Dee Longo Treasurer '25 3 <sup>rd</sup> term
Janice Meyers Secretary '26 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
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Celia McCallum Day Chair
Kathy Sullivan Evening Chair
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Toni Kendrick Membership
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Kathy Pettersen Outreach Chair
Helen Schauer Parliamentarian
Janice Meyers Region Representative
Sharon Rosen Sunday
Kathy Sullivan Webmistress

## CHAPTER INFORMATION

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Monmouth Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc is an organization interested in and dedicated to teaching, sharing, and promoting the skills of needlework. We welcome all interested parties to join us, from beginner to advanced.

Our **day meeting** meets September-November & January - May, from 10 am to 2 pm, on the third Thursday of the month at the Colts Neck Community Church, 25 Merchants Way (off Rt 34, Colts Neck). For information, call Celia McCallum.

Our **evening meeting** meets September-June, from 7 pm to 9 pm, on the first Monday of the month, at the Colts Neck Library, 1 Winthrop Dr, Colts Neck NJ. For information call Kathy Sullivan.

Our **Sunday meeting** meets September-June, the 2nd Sunday of the month except for October & May when we meet the 3rd Sunday from 1 to 4. Meetings are held at the Maplewood Senior Center, 106 Burnett Avenue, Maplewood, NJ. For information call Sharon Rosen.



***Members can attend all monthly meetings.***

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Monmouth Chapter Embroiderers' Guild of America  
Be sure to check it out and LIKE US!**

**And on Instagram:  
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