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NEWSLETTER

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IN THIS ISSUE

You will notice some changes in format to the quarterly newsletter. Most of them are merely cosmetic, but some may take some getting used to. It is a work in progress, so please be patient, and offer any constructive suggestions for future editions.

America's Tapestry is taking shape!

For more on the New York Panel, see page 2. To see all of the 13 panel designs, check out <https://www.americastapestry.com/>

If you are on Instagram, follow @250tapestry to see what the other state embroiderers are up to.



Working on the NY panel of America's Tapestry,
Van Schaick Mansion, Cohoes, NY, August 14, 2025.

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

We welcome those of all skill levels and interest in any needle art technique.

America's Tapestry: An Update on the New York Panel

The New York panel of America's Tapestry is coming along nicely. Not only are we making headway on the stitching, but the appliques are ready to be added (when the time comes) and the background has been painted. Of course, there's still plenty of stitching left, so contact Jenni Paperman to get on the schedule. And you can follow the progress on the Chapter website, on the America's Tapestry tab- <https://nycapega.org/americas-tapestry/>

The Project Director, Stefan Romero, will be at the Van Schaick Mansion in Cohoes on Monday, October 20th from 7:00-9:00 PM, for a lecture about America's Tapestry and about the New York Panel. Jenni, who is the State Director for New York, will also be there. Show up to learn about the project and see the panel in person.

The DAR Chapter that runs the Van Schaick is very accommodating, and we can generally go over whenever we like to stitch. If you are interested in going over on a particular day, let Jenni know and she will see what she can arrange. We can have three to four people stitching on the panel at a time. So get some friends together and stitch together.

And again, Jenni wants to thank everyone who has helped out, not only with stitching but with identifying stitches, suggesting approaches, helping with the fabric painting, and working on the appliques. It is so wonderful to see the Chapter members so invested, interested, and involved in this project.



Above: The soldier is nearing completion! Sword embroidered by Sherry McCredie. Hair twisted by Nancy Nelson, master of the French knot. Shirt hand decorated by Carol Newhart, as well as the document appliqué. Dawna Johnson and Donna Logan painted the background. Jenni Paperman stitched the blackwork on the red uniform coat. Nancy Newkirk embroidered the table.

Left: The NY panel of America's Tapestry is really taking shape! Thanks to all who have helped so far.



New York Capital District Chapter of the EGA Regularly Scheduled Events

Type	Name	Schedule	Format	Location if Public	Contact
Monthly Meetings					
Board	Monthly Board Meeting	1st Monday (7pm - 9pm)	Virtual		Nancy Newkirk
Group	Beverwyck	1st Tuesday (7pm - 9pm)	Virtual		
SIG	Needlepoint	1st Thursday (12pm - 4pm)	In Person		Fran Roscello
SIG	Whitework	2nd Monday (10am - 12pm)	Virtual		Doris Halvorsen
SIG	Counted Thread (Evening)	2nd Monday (7pm - 9pm)	Virtual		Lynne Priestley
SIG	Crewel & Surface Embroidery	2nd Wednesday (10am - 2pm) (not winter)	In Person		Mary Willmott
SIG	Crewel & Surface Embroidery	2nd Wednesday (10am - noon) (winter)	Virtual		Mary Willmott
Group	North End	2nd Thursday (7pm - 9pm)	Virtual		Doris Halvorsen
SIG	Counted Thread (Day)	3rd Monday (10am - 2pm)	Hybrid		Jennifer Paperman
Group	Beverwyck	3rd Tuesday (6:30pm - 8:30pm)	In Person	Bethlehem Public Library	
Group	Day Group	3rd Wednesday (10am - 2pm)	In Person	Blooming Grove Reformed Church (Defreestville)	Fran Roscello
Group	Studio Time	4th Wednesday (10am - 2pm)	In Person	For the Stitcher's Soul (Delmar)	Sherry McCredie
Group	North End	4th Thursday (6:30pm - 8:30pm)	In Person	Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library	Doris Halvorsen
SIG	Blackwork	4th Saturday (10am - 2pm)	Hybrid		Fran Roscello
Annual Events					
Chapter	Biennial Dinner	May	In Person		
Chapter	Weekend Stitching Retreat	June, September	In Person		Helen O'Connor
Chapter	Joint Meeting	September	In Person		
<p><i>Chapter members will receive an email each month with the specifics for that month's meetings and events, including any date changes</i></p> <p><i>For links to virtual meetings, reach out the contact person or email the Chapter at the address listed on the front page of the website (www.nycapega.org)</i></p>					

Notes:

- SIG Special Interest Group = members-only group focused on a specific technique (see page 9)
- Group In-person meetings open to the public and to members
- Board Chapter Board meeting, open to the general membership by invitation
- Chapter member-only events, though guests may attend (possibly for a higher cost)

Changes to **Regularly Scheduled Events** will be communicated in the monthly email.

A Message from our President

Greeting Stitchers,

It has been a busy summer for NYCDCEGA. The Senate House Sampler reproduction was completed and delivered to NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Work began in earnest on the New York Panel for the America's Tapestry. It started out to be a very daunting and challenging project. What were we thinking—embroidery floss on a 32 count linen panel, three feet by four feet?!?!? However, Jenni Paperman and her team are up to the challenge. The transformation in two months is amazing thanks to the team's ingenuity and skill. Be sure to stop by during an open house at the Van Schaick Mansion and get a bonus tour of where a pivotal Revolutionary War battle was planned.

There are several projects planned for this fall and January 2026. Keep informed on important deadlines by reading the newsletter and going to the **member's only** portion of www.nycapega.org. *The website and the newsletter are the two best places to get Chapter information.*

Lastly, once again at a meeting, chatting with members, I heard from a member why they like being part of the Chapter. She spoke about friendships and the social aspects of the group. She enjoys seeing what others are working on and especially the creativity and originality of the work. It is a pleasure to be associated with a friendly, welcoming and sharing group of people. Thank you all for your efforts and commitment to the Chapter.

Nancy Newkirk

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Members

Ann Millett Ozawa
March 2025

Joanne McCarthy
May 2025



IN MEMORIUM

A heartfelt Rest in Peace for Terry Case who passed away on July 1, 2025.

A Flame Stitch Sampler c. 1760, by Terry Case, counted thread, silk on linen, designed by The Scarlet Letter. Artistry in Stitches exhibition, Pat's Barn, Troy, NY, May 2025.

Programs

Registration is now open for Terri Bay's Beginner Whitework class, *Sage*. *Sage* is a basic OR basic/Intermediate level Ukrainian Whitework design measuring four inches square. Students have a choice of White or Green/Blue color schemes (see images below). Students will also receive a choice of stitches for the diamond areas of the design. The Scotch Stitches in the green/blue version are very simple. The buttonhole motif in the white version is a little more difficult. Both stitches are demonstrated in class and the student can pick either version regardless of color choice. Other stitches in *Sage* are cable, satin, and eyelets. *Sage* is worked on 28 count linen with two sizes of pearl cotton.

The cost for the class is \$55. This covers the kit fee. The Chapter will be subsidizing the teaching fee.

Registration Deadline is December 1, 2025. There will be two Zoom lessons - Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 10am-12:30pm and Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 10am-12pm



PROGRAM REGISTRATION COUPON

Terri Bay – Sage (Beginner Ukrainian Whitework) — Cost - \$55

Please make checks payable to NYCDCEGA and send to:

Louise Butler

Color Choice – Green/Blue or White (Choose One)

Your Name _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

Registration Deadline 12/01/2025

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Summer & Fall Retreats

Helen O'Connor

Fall 2025 Retreat at Ararat Center
Friday–Sunday, September 26-28, 2025

Registration Deadline ASAP

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Room Choice: _____ Single/\$306 _____ Double/\$246 _____ Triple/\$222

Roommate's Name(s): _____

Day Trippers Only (see prices below):

Dates: _____ Meals: _____ Total: \$ _____

Send check (made out to NYCDCEGA) to: Helen O'Connor

2025 Fall Retreat, September 26-28

I am very pleased to say that the three day fall retreat is now officially on. Again, the costs in full for the three day weekend, including meals and tips, are \$306 for a single room, \$246 each for a double room, and \$222 each for a triple room. I encourage other members to consider coming to the three day weekend.

Just so you know, your check will not be deposited until after September 28.

Day trippers can now be accommodated. If you want to come for the day, please send me a check for whichever meal(s) you want, including the snack charge, and let me know which day(s) you want to come. The meal costs are as follows: Breakfast - \$12.65; Lunch-\$19.55; Dinner -\$31.05; and Snack-\$4.60. Even if you don't want any of the meals, you still need to pay the snack charge, as it includes the coffee, tea, hot chocolate, little snacks, etc. that the Ararat staff provide.

It would be helpful for me if you could also email or text or call me to let me know that you have sent a check, and to let me know what your preferences are.

I look forward to another great weekend with many of you! Thanks for making this work!

Helen

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.

Education

National has a new Petite Project! The Education Department is pleased to announce the newest project in the Petite Project series for EGA members, **Variations on a Theme: Backstitch by Kim Sanders**. One of the fun aspects of embroidery is you can take a basic stitch and create different looks by building on it in different ways. Backstitch can be stitched on any fabric, even or non-even weave. It is a strong stitch for clothing construction. This project is a holder for a purse size packet of tissues. A. It's pretty. B. It's a fun way to embroider something useful whether for yourself or as a gift.

You can see all of the Petite Projects offered by National at <https://egausa.org/petite-projects/>

In addition to Petite Projects, EGA National also has Free Projects on their website. Enjoy these free embroidery projects to practice your skills and make something you're proud of. Select a project to learn more and start stitching. You can view all the free projects here: <https://egausa.org/free-projects/>

Did you know that National now has Special Interest Groups? There are online groups for various techniques such as Beading, Counted Thread, Stumpwork, Surface Embroidery, Metal Thread, etc.

Information can be found here: <https://egausa.org/special-interest-groups/>



Education News— Metropolitan Region

Did you know that Metropolitan Region has a virtual Special Interest Group? Counted Canvas meets on the last Sunday of every month at 3:00 PM. The group is led by Marietta Douglas and is currently stitching Tealicious by Freda's Fancy Stitches. The group has also decided to do a UFO Challenge.

Stitchers may choose an unfinished needlework item (UFO) and bring it to the meeting. We'll provide encouragement, praise and help. Suggested end date is Jan 25, 2026.

All Region members are welcome. Come and join in the fun with whatever counted canvas design you're currently working on. The Zoom link is sent out to all Region members a few days prior to the meeting, so check your email!

The next meeting will be on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.

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MORE NEWS

East Greenbush Library Display

Our Chapter has two display cases at the East Greenbush Library for the month of **November**. I would like to display our work with a fall, holiday or winter theme. If you have work you would like to display, please bring it to any of the following OCTOBER meetings: Day Group, Counted Thread, Blackwork, Needlepoint, Studio Time or Thursdays at the Tapestry stitching. The pieces should not be too large and marked with the designer's name, title and your name. If framed, please package so that the frame will not be damaged.

Thank you, *Fran Roscello*



Penny Rug 1 — Untitled by Sandra Gansle, cotton on wool, designer unknown. Artistry in Stitches exhibition, Pat's Barn, Troy, NY, May 2025.

Special Interest Groups and Studio Time

Study group invites will be limited to current members of the group. If you are interested in joining a study group, contact the group coordinator listed below. **Check the Calendar on page 3 for meeting dates.**

The Groups will be stitching Christmas ornaments this year for the trees at Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany. You could even stitch one for yourself or as a gift. There will be patterns available at upcoming meetings. Patterns for nametags and bookmarks will also be available.

Blackwork SIG

Contact: Fran Roscello

Crewel & Surface Embroidery SIG

Contact: Mary Willmott

Counted Thread SIG/ Day

Contact: Jenni Paperman

Counted Thread SIG/ Evening

Contact: Lynne Priestley

Needlepoint SIG

Contact: Fran Roscello

Whitework SIG

Contact: Doris Halvorsen

Studio Time

Meetings held at

For the Stitcher's Soul,

163 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054

Contact: Sherry McCredie



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Across from the
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New classes: See Calendar of Events on website

*Instructors in embroidery, Needlepoint and Blackwork wanted.
Contact Terri if you're interested in being an instructor.*

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