



Rocky Mountain Region EGA March 2023 newsletter



The region board is excited to offer its members several educational opportunities in 2023. Claudia Dutcher Kistler will lecture on Sudbury Hall Samplers in April. Brazilian Embroidery teacher Mendie Cannon brings a virtual class, *Centerpiece* to the region in July. There are two more virtual lectures scheduled for you later this year, and another virtual class! The region won't be sharing the details on these for a while. But keep reading your region emails for all information.

Chapter registration remains open for the online class *Potato Chips* with Jennifer

Riefenberg through March 8. Is your chapter still sitting on the fence? It's not too late to contact Ellie Ames at educatonchair@rmrega.org, and sign up today.

A dedicated group of region members and members at large have been attending our pilot program of Virtual Stitch-Ins on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm. This month we will decide whether to continue meeting and possibly consider continuing another day each month. If you have not been able to join us for some reason and are interested, please contact me at regiondirector@rmrega.org, and I will make sure the group knows your preference.

I'd like to say thank you and bid farewell to RMR's former Web Liaison, Lorrie Gilley as she moves away from the region. Our loss will be Heartland region's gain. Deb Ogden has kindly agreed to assume this position on the region board. Thank you Deb! Members needing to reach Deb for web site purposes may continue to use the same webliaison@rmrega.org address.

Colorado Chapter, Foothills Chapter, and Pikes Peak Chapter members participated in National Stitch in Public Day last month. I'm sure other region chapters did the same. Let us know what your chapters and members are doing to promote EGA to help it thrive and grow.

Did you read the article that appeared in the September 2022 issue of NeedleArts? Fort Worth Chapter in Texas reported on its amazing success story. Seventeen new members joined in one day! The "secret weapon" to this achievement was offering a small gift of a mystery stash box to any stitcher joining the chapter that day. However, this chapter has also changed its meeting time from a "work day" to the weekend. They hold hybrid meetings for the benefit of its shut in members and those feeling unwell. The group stitches in public once a month. On these occasions the group displays a sign inviting the public to stop and chat as well as to advertise EGA and the chapter. The chapter recommends to not be afraid to try new things. Let's see what RMR chapters can do to meet or exceed Fort Worth Chapter's success!

For your Calendar: 2023

Now – Dec.: Former RMWS members have money on account with EGA to use for a Lightning Round of their choice by the end of 2023.

March 8: Registration Deadline for Chapters – Online Course, *Potato Chips* with Jennifer Riefenberg. Contact Ellie Ames educatonchair@rmrega.org

March 9: Virtual Region Stitch-In at 7pm MST.

Feb. 9 – Aug. 8: Region-Sponsored, Chapter Guided Online Course, *Potato Chips* with Jennifer Riefenberg.

March 11: Open Registration begins for National Seminar, Boston Stitch Party – Back Bay, Boston, MA. September 1-5.

March 22 – 25: EGA National Board Meetings in Louisville, KY.

April 1: Registration opens – Region Sponsored Virtual Class: *Centerpiece*, Brazilian Embroidery with Mendie Cannon

April 21: Deadline: 2023 Clare Award Nominations due to the Region Director.

April 19: Lecture by Claudia Dutcher Kistler – Sudbury Hall Samplers

April 19 – 23: Extended Study Program (ESP) with Carolyn Standing Webb in Salt Lake City, Utah. It features Carolyn's blackwork course, *Queen Catherine's Book Cover, Bag & Pyn Pillow*. See the Dec. 2022 issue of *NeedleArts* or go to egausa.org for all the details.

May 1: Deadline: Gold Thread Award Nominations due to National EGA Headquarters.

May 19 – 20: In-person Region Board Meetings in Ogden, Utah.

May 31: Annual Membership Dues Reporting/Payment due to National and to Region Treasurer, Lucy Bosio.

July 22, 2pm MST: Virtual Class for registered students – *Centerpiece* – Brazilian Embroidery

July 29, 2pm MST: Virtual Class for registered students – *Centerpiece* – Brazilian Embroidery

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