

Constellation EGA Board Meeting Agenda

November 14 @ 7 PM

Zoom

- Call to order
- Approval of minutes
- Programs
- Treasurer
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Region Report
 - Jane Bauersfeld will take over RR as of January 2024
 - Michelle Hunter will be attending ANCAC meetings as of January 2024
 - Jill Nedeau will back them up as needed
- Tech Team
- 50th Anniversary
 - Thank you notes sent to all members of the team
 - Basket and needle mysteries resolved
- Outreach
 - Love Quilt – Jeanette Farrell
 - GB Library – Jeanette will manage
 - 1 per quarter in 2024
 - Meeting with Jess Moore about Girl Scouts
 - No camps planned for 2024
- IDEA
- Old Business
 - Mentoring
 - Heidi, Nancy and Mary are working on this
 - Nominating committee – new team needed
 - Update new member letter/packet – Susie will talk to Nancy and Anne
 - Still needs to be done
 - Chapter Alliance with DC and Oatlands meeting monthly on the 2nd Thursday
- New Business
 - Follow up from emails collected at our events.
 - Legacy fund
 - Scanning of old newsletters
- Big picture question to ponder throughout the year.... We know what EGA in general has to offer and we know specifically what Constellation has to offer (GO PROGAMS!). What do we have to offer new members? Why would someone choose to join us when there is so much being offered out in the internet universe?
 - Have we been talking to our new members about why they joined?
- We need to start the thinking process about policies and procedures. Maybe spend 2023 making notes about each of our jobs as they relate to P&P's? Maybe ask former holders of our jobs for their thoughts? THEN in 2024, after the 50th is over and I have a better sense of how things work we can start putting together P&Ps with the goal of having them ready to approve at the Annual Meeting in Nov 2024.

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Program Report

The Program Committee met on August 21 and October 20, 2023. The classes with Alison Cole (Woodland Stitchery) on August 26-27 and Laura Smith (Batik to Stitch) on October 13-14 were very popular and successful. Ekta Kaul's lecture on Kantha embroidery from India was one of the most informative and interesting lectures we had in 2023. In October and November we featured three of our member teachers: Mary Tod' needlepoint design, Amber Waves of Grain, Ann Fink's 'A Kiss of Gold' Kimekomi balls, and Debbie Logsdon Mountmellick embroidery. How fortunate we are to have such excellent and generous teachers in our chapter.

In 2024, scheduled programs include:

Jan. 8. Peyote beaded pen wrap taught by Nancy Kenealey in person
Feb. 5. Ukrainian design, Snowdrift, designed and taught by Terri Bay on Zoom
Feb. 10. The Lost Samplers lecture by Jeanette Tombaugh on Zoom
Mar. 2, 10, 16, 24, 2:00-5:00 pm. Pax designed and taught by Kathryn Drummond on Zoom.
This class is open to the Alliance of National Capital Area Chapters (ANCAC)
Mar. 9. Bayeux Tapestry embroidery lecture by Dr. Gale Owen-Crocker on Zoom
Apr. 1. Dorset Button lecture and class by Pat Olski on Zoom
Apr. 13. Needle Felting pouch from Bead Soup; taught by Elizabeth DuToit in person
May 6. May Tea
May 11. Wooly Pine Tree taught by Mary Annunziato in person
June 3. Member Showcase
Oct. 7. Crewel piece, Jacobean Constellation, designed and taught by Canby Robertson in person
Oct. 12. Sprang Nordic woven pouch bag taught by Karen Olsen in person

The GCC Princess and the Pea by Marion Scoular was completed by several members and Terri sent seven of them to Marion for evaluation. The evaluations are done and back in Terri's hands. She brought them to the November 11 meeting and will have them at both the December meetings.

We will do another GCC in 2024 – Perfectly Counted Crosses. Heidi Snyder has kindly agreed to be the administrator for this GCC and the Program Committee will pay the course fee out of our budget. Members who join the GCC will only pay for the text.

Alice LaSota
Chair, Program Committee

Treasurer's Report for November Board Meeting

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As of November 14, 2023, the checking account has a balance of \$13,975.86. Our income to date is \$26,677.36, and our expenses to date are \$29,182.40, leaving us with an expected year end deficit at this rate of \$2,505.04. I have attached our year-to-date (YTD) Budget vs. Actual tracking to show our income and expenses for the current year.

We currently have a PayPal balance of \$0.00.

Our 2 CDs have the following amounts: CD ending in -0137 has a balance of \$3,205.72, at a rate of 0.9963%, and matures March 23, 2024. Interest paid in 2023 so far is \$18.64. CD ending in -2241 has a balance of \$5,545.68, at a rate of 0.9963%, and matures July 8, 2024. Interest paid in 2023 so far is \$45.77.

Our total current worth (combined checking account, PayPal, and CDs) is \$22,727.26.

I have submitted our banking account information to National EGA as requested for their transition to dues collection. This will allow National to transfer dues received from our primary chapter members directly into our checking account.

Mary Tod

Treasurer

Budget vs. Actual as of November 14, 2023

	2023 Budget	YTD Actual		2023 Budget	YTD Actual
INCOME		EXPENSES			
Dues*	\$6,388.00	\$7,077.50	National Dues	\$3,510.00	\$3,841.50
Interest*	\$20.00		Region Dues	\$218.00	\$250.00
Educational	\$10,000.00	\$15,083.81	Educational	\$11,200.00	\$16,734.72
Events*			Events*+		
Seminar (MAR)			Seminar* (MAR)		
Exhibit			Exhibits*		
Fund Raising*	\$2,300.00	\$1,263.30	Fund Raising*		\$300.00
Sales*			Cost of Sales		
Advertising*	\$130.00	\$132.00	Rent*	\$965.00	\$1,390.00
Community	\$700.00	\$825.00	Newsletter &	\$150.00	\$0.00
Outreach*			website*		
Contributions,	\$400.00	\$150.00	Administration*	\$300.00	\$440.75
Restricted*					
Contributions,	\$240.00	\$51.00	Officers Travel	\$300.00	\$0.00
Unrestricted*					
Parties/Meals		\$1,822.00	Community	\$900.00	\$952.00
			Outreach		
Retreats			Parties/Meals	\$2,000.00	\$4,413.83
Contributions/Gifts			Retreats		
Other*		\$272.75	Contributions/Gifts	\$100.00	\$50.00
Transfer from			Membership	\$200.00	\$63.00
savings			Expenses*		
			IDEA	\$100.00	\$275.97
			Other*	\$235.00	\$470.63
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,178.00	\$26,677.36	TOTAL	\$20,178.00	\$29,182.40
			EXPENSES		

November 2023

EGA Constellation Chapter
Newsletter Report

The December/January issue has been sent to the board for additions and corrections before the final proofread. This newsletter is under 20 pages.

It has been a very intense year for the newsletter with all of the – I hope helpful – changes and the chapter anniversary. New items include one page for all of the interest groups, a page for the book discussion group, a blurb for the website and space for chapter news.

What to do with the bin full of old newsletters was discussed at the annual meeting and several people offered to help with the scanning.

Thanks to all for your help.

As always, special thanks to Mary Tod for being Proof Reader Extraordinaire.

Karen Olsen

Newsletter Editor

Corresponding Secretary

17 cards sent since the last Board meeting, numerous emails sent with newsletters, Happenings, class reminders, etc. We are a busy chapter!

Submitted by Donna Finley

Proposal to Set up Legacy Fund

Background: Departed chapter member Lesley Soto asked that her needlework stash be used to benefit Constellation Chapter EGA. Lesley's stash contains a variety of items, many of which can be sold (either directly or via Fireside Stitchery eBay sales) to raise funds for the chapter. There has already been one donation of \$100 in exchange for a needlepoint kit from Lesley's stash and there are promises of two other significant donations in consideration of some other goods.

Benefits: Setting up a Legacy Fund will serve as an ongoing way to capture not just the funds generated from Lesley's stash sales, but also as a vehicle for ongoing charitable donations. For instance, individual members could make donations to the fund to recognize special occasions, express appreciation to a fellow stitcher, or to honor departed friends. These donations could be regularly recognized in the Compass Needle newsletter, and that would not only acknowledge the contribution but also publicize the existence of the fund.

Use of Monies in the Fund: With Board approval, the fund could be used to support Constellation Chapter educational endeavors, including underwriting a portion of the cost of expensive classes to make them more affordable for members, paying lecture fees, defraying the cost of field trips by paying transportation expenses, offering scholarships to help with class fees for members who might otherwise not be able to afford them, or making a donation to nonprofit programs to support needlework education.

Assuming that the above Proposal is approved, please consider the following donation proposal:

in special consideration of Lesley Soto's donation, request that the Board approve a \$200 one-time donation from the Legacy Fund to the Royal School of Needlework to support its efforts to preserve the knowledge of hand embroidery through vehicles like the RSN Stitch Bank and efforts to digitize the RSN's textile collection to make it widely available to the public. The donation would be from the Constellation Chapter in memory of Lesley Soto. Lesley was a huge supporter of RSN and, as a librarian herself, was dedicated to the cataloguing of human knowledge to preserve it for future generations.