

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA BOARD MEETING
January 21, 2025
Hybrid Meeting Recorded by Chris Armstrong
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Berman

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Susie Jordan, President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum was met with the following attendees: Susie Jordan, Cynthia Rosenberg, Devon Andres, Donna Finley, Jane Bauersfeld, Jeanette Farrell, Jan Rollins, Kathy Schatz, Mary Vransy, Ann Fink, Michele Hunter, Chris Armstrong and Bonnie Berman.

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PROGRAMS (Attachment #2, 2.1):

Submitted by Ann Fink, 1st VP/Programs & Education

- See Attachment #2, 2.1
- Everyone liked the new Programs spreadsheet that was done by Debbie Logsdon (Attachment #2.1).
- Honorarium for teachers who are members was discussed. It was decided that member teachers will be asked verbally if they want the honorarium or not. If yes, it will be included in the contract. If honorarium is paid it will be included in cost of class.

MEMBERSHIP (Attachment #3):

Submitted by Cynthia Rosenberg, 2nd VP/Membership

- See Attachment #3.
- It was decided that the Roster will be sent out every 6-months.
- Cynthia is working on receiving the membership type from National. Kathy volunteered to help Cynthia with spreadsheets.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

Submitted by Chris Armstrong, Tech Chairperson

- Stephanie Armstrong is going to update our website and other social media. We are waiting for a proposal which will have to be approved by the Board.
- Chris reported that our new meeting space meets our technology needs.

REGIONAL REPORT:

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld, Regional Representative

- Jane met with MARS representatives at Camp WannaStitch but did not get the results she wanted. Susie suggested to wait until MARS new president starts in the fall.

TREASURER (Attachment #4, 4.1, 4.2):

Submitted by Devon Andres & Sue White, Treasurers

- See Attachment #4, 4.1, 4.2
- Electronic banking options were discussed. More research/discussion is needed.

- Kathy Schatz reported that the Audit Committee is working with the Treasurers for a date to audit the books (See Attachment 5).

NEWSLETTER (Attachment #6):

Submitted by Chris Armstrong, 3rd VP/Newsletter

- See Attachment #6
- Chris did not hear any feedback from the draft newsletter. Most people said they did not receive the draft. Chris is going to resend.
- Advertisement was discussed and no increase in price at this time.
- Chris' fresh ideas for the newsletter were discussed and the Board wants her to implement her ideas and see what the feedback is.

OUTREACH/DIVERSITY (Attachment #7):

Submitted by Jeanette Farrell

- See Attachment #7
- Once the Love Quilts are completed, Jeanette is hoping to bring them to a meeting to take picture of quilts with stitchers.
- Hoping to do new Love Quilts starting in the fall.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Submitted by Donna Finley, Corresponding Secretary

- Donna continues to send out emails with announcements, zoom links, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Susie will work on putting together a Mentoring Committee.
- We are in need of a new member for the nominating committee.
- Susie thought it would be important to identify the next president soon so they could work with her and not go into the position blind.
- Heather Long attends the ANCAC meeting as our representative but Susie thinks it is also important for someone from the Program Committee to attend.
- Mary V will make arrangements to give our 2024 donation go to the nonprofit, Turners Station Community. The \$100 donation was approved at the November 19, 2024 meeting.
- Susie said she will send all Board members the Check Request Form. This form and any receipts go to Sue & Devon for any type of reimbursement.
- Our historian, Penny, should have someone to assist her and absorb her knowledge.
- Hagerstown is representing Maryland in the American Tapestry project. Susie only committed to advertise in our Chapter for stitchers to participate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Please keep a list of any policy and/or procedures that need to be added or corrected.
- A motion to approve moving the Saturday meeting to the Third Saturday effective September 2024 was made by Jan and seconded by Michele. There were no objections. Motion carries.
- Discussion of what meetings should be on our printed material and on our social media?
- It was decided that our weather policy will follow the Center's policy which follows Howard County Government.
- It was decided that the Program Committee will use their discretion on how and when to reschedule classes.

- Susie asked Donna to send out a request for volunteers to drop off and pick up pieces at Woodlawn. If we have volunteers than Donna will send out another blast giving details.
- Jan has the Stitch Samplers that were on display at Howard County Art Center. Susie thought it would be nice to make a display with them. Jan will ask any of the stitchers she can track down if they want their piece back or if it can be used for another display.

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday April 15, 2025.

Susie adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm. There were no objections.

Constellation EGA Board Meeting Agenda

Jan 21, 2025

Zoom

- Call to order.
- Approval of minutes
- Programs
 - Nametag seminar for new members and those of us who want to update our nametag??
- Treasurer
 - It was pointed out to me that we are nonprofit. How much of a balance is it ok to keep? How to reallocate monies now that we have no rent.
- Membership
 - Directory
 - Do we have a current list of new members? Plurals?
- Newsletter
 - Advertising
 - Monday March 10,2025 is the next newsletter deadline.
- Region Report
- Tech Team
- Outreach/Diversity
 - Love Quilt – Jeanette Farrell
 - Library Stitch In's
- Corresponding Secretary
- Old Business
 - Mentoring
 - Is this something we need to continue to discuss? How to implement
 - Nominating committee – new member needed to work with Penny and Carol. Suggestions?
 - Update new member letter/packet – 2025 priority. Suz will find and lead a team.
 - Still needs to be done.
 - What is National giving out?
 - ANCAC updates? Meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 7PM.
 - Programs needs to attend.
 - Heather Long has offered to be our chapter rep on this and report to the board.
 - Woodlawn program ad? DONE
 - Nonprofit donation for 2024
 - Mary, where are we with this?
 - Zoom license. I told Donna P we wanted to renew it at the cheaper price. Was there any follow up on that? Did this happen?
 - Do we need to track book group attendance?
 - P & P implementation.
 - Who needs to get the updated P&P's? Are they on the website?
 - Filling Historian, Hospitality (one volunteer per meeting?, Tech (Debbie Barlow is the team lead), Fundraising,
 - Suz sent copies of each P&P to officers and board members. If you have not sent a signed copy back to me please do so ASPP.
 - Audit Committee status.

- New Business
 - The Tech Team and Outreach team will be working with Stephanie Armstrong to
 - Correct/update our emails so we can send and receive from the chapter emails. She will also create a ho to document for folks who need help setting up their chapter email.
 - Work with the outreach team to update our promotional materials.
 - Work with the whole group to do a website update/makeover.
 - Will help the tech team find a procedure(s) to manage the zoom account administration and the email situation with Pay Pal.
 - We will have pricing for each aspect by early February.
 - America's Tapestry update
 - Weather policy
 - Do we create one for the chapter?
 - How to communicate with members since it's always a last-minute call.
 - Rescheduling classes is affected by weather.
 - Venmo/Zelle electronic payments
 - Are we doing a Woodlawn drop off?
 - Who coordinates?
 - Who drives?
- 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?

Program Committee Report – January, 2025 Board Meeting

The program committee usually meets monthly. The last meeting occurred on December 30, 2024.

Attendees: Alice Lasota, Terri Tubergen, Barbara Bass, Debbie Logsdon and Jessica Moore

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Items that need board input:

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3. We need a final decision on whether to move the Saturday meetings from the 2nd to the 3rd Saturday of the month, to provide more time between the monthly Monday and Saturday meetings.

Ann Fink, Chair; Program Committee

Master List EGA Program Schedule

Date	Instructor	Course	Type	Format
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LEGEND:

- Class (Outside Instructor)
- Class (Chapter Member)
- Lecture
- Stitch-In
- Chapter Event

2025

6-Jan	Mon	Barbara Meger	Ticking Purse	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
11-Jan	Sat	Amy Helsel	MAR Felt Cardinal	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
1, 9 Feb & 1, 9 Mar	Sat/ Sun	Hazel Blomkamp	Jacobean #18	Class	Zoom
3-Feb	Mon	Dr. Isabella Rosner	Royal School of Needlework: Surprising Objects From the RSN Collection	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
8-Feb	Sat		Hazel Blomkamp Stitch-in (or any project)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
3-Mar	Mon	Ann Fink	Golden Shamrock Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
8-Mar	Sat		Woodlawn Field Trip/ Lunch	Travel	
7-Apr	Mon	Mary Tod	Purple Mountains Majesty	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
12-Apr	Sat	Donna Dickt	Beaded Trees	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Mother's Day Tea		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
5-May	Mon	Susan Elliot	Adventures in Mexico - Oaxaca	Lecture	Zoom

10-May	Sat	Devon Andres	Cross Stitch Software Explained	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
2-Jun	Mon		Potluck Luncheon		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
			Membership Showcase		
14-Jun	Sat		Stitch-in		
7-Jul	Mon				
12-Jul	Sat		Stitch-in		
4-Aug	Mon				
9-Aug	Sat		Stitch-in		
8-Sep	Mon		RSN Lecture	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
13-Sep	Sat	Terri/ Nancy	Nametag: Cross Stitch or Beading	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
22, 29 Oct & 5, 12 Nov	Sat/ Sun	Dawn Donnelly	Treasures from the Great Lakes	Class	Zoom
6-Oct	Mon	Melissa Shippee	Inner Light Mandala	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
11-Oct	Sat	Terri/ Nancy	Nametag: Cross Stitch or Beading	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
3-Nov	Mon		Annual Meeting		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
			Film: Muncaster Castle		
8-Nov	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Nametag: Cutwork Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Holiday Party		50+ Sr Ctr

1-Dec	Mon	Margaret Kinsey	History of Rozashi	Lecture	In-Person/ Zoom
13-Dec	Sat				

2026

5-Jan	Mon		Kantha Class	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
10-Jan	Sat				
2-Feb	Mon				
14-Feb	Sat				
2-Mar	Mon	Barbara Bass	Rozashi Kit Choices	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
14-Mar	Sat				
6-Apr	Mon				
11-Apr	Sat				
4-May	Mon		Mother's Day Tea		
9-May	Sat				
1-Jun	Mon		Potluck Luncheon		
			Membership Showcase		

13-Jun	Sat	Stitch-in
6-Jul	Mon	
11-Jul	Sat	Stitch-in
3-Aug	Mon	
8-Aug	Sat	Stitch-in
14-Sep	Mon	
12-Sep	Sat	
5-Oct	Mon	
10-Oct	Sat	
		Annual Meeting
2-Nov	Mon	
14-Nov	Sat	
		Holiday Party
7-Dec	Mon	
12-Dec	Sat	

Options:

Schwalm (Donna Finley) (Terri Checking)

Ribbon Embroidery (Barbara Checking Petite Project)

Technique	Cost	PC POC



	\$0	Terri	
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Crewel/ Needleweaving	\$0	Ann	
	\$126	Alice	
		Ann	
Gold Work	\$0	Ann	
		Debbie	
Needlepoint	\$100	Barbara	
French Wire Beading		Ann	10-2pm Extended Time
	\$100	Terri/ Louise Grady	

\$0 Debbie

\$126 Jessica (Tentative)

Cross Stitch/
Beading

\$100 Terri (Tentative)

Needlepoint

\$0 Barbara

Beading

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Beading

\$100 Terri (Tentative)

\$26 Ann (Tentative)

Cutwork



\$0 Debbie



\$250 Alice

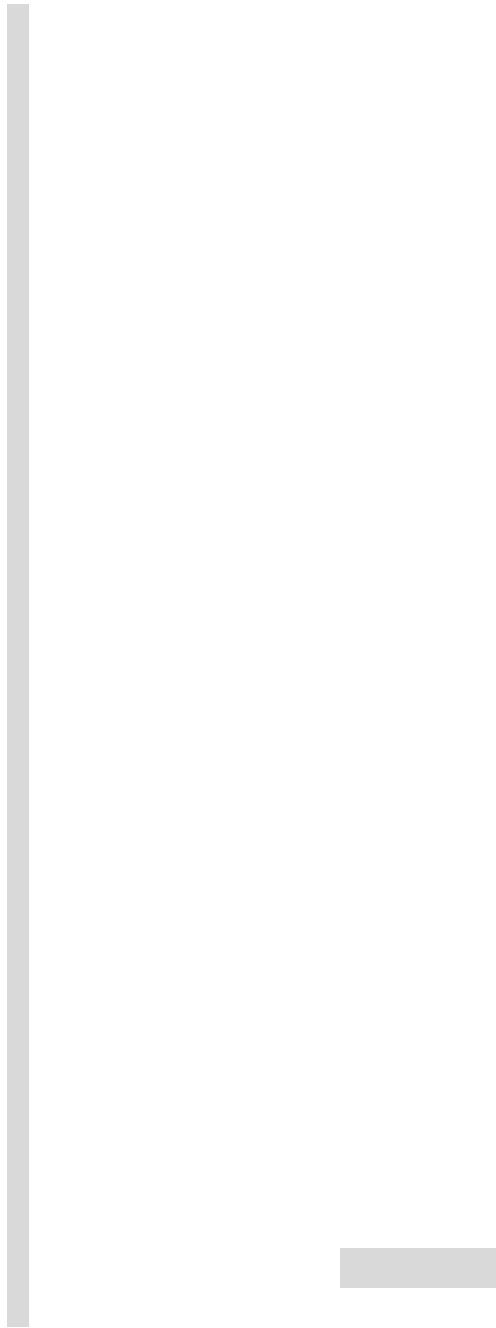
Total Cost 2025:	\$928
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Funds Still Available	\$272
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\$0 Barbara (Tentative)

Rozashi \$0 Ann



Total Cost 2025:	\$0
Funds Still Available	\$1,200

Membership Report for January 2025 Meeting

Membership is holding steady with only one new member in December who transferred from another chapter. A Roster was sent to the membership on January 3 and included all changes reported through December 31, 2024. All membership changes, including email and address changes, are shared with the corresponding secretary.

It is encouraged that changes to the roster be sent to me with the heading **EGA Membership Roster Change** as I average 600 emails per day at my main email address.

A new spreadsheet will be done upon receiving the January report from EGA National.

Treasurer's Report for January 2025 Board Meeting

1/20/2025

As of December 31, 2024, the checking account has a balance of \$15,407.85. Our income to date is \$14,021.62 and our expenses to date are \$14,342.04. This is a deficit of \$320.42 at years end.

I have attached our year-to-date (YTD) Budget vs. Actual tracking to show our income and expenses for 2024.

We currently have a PayPal balance of \$27.01.

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Our total current worth (combined checking account, PayPal, and CDs) is \$24602.35.

We have received \$642 in donations to date and \$1,045.92 in fundraising.

Susan White

Devon Andres

Treasurer

Budget vs. Actual, December 31, 2024

INCOME		
Dues*	\$2,400.00	\$2,716.00
Educational Events*	\$10,000.00	\$9,050.95
Seminar (MAR)		
Exhibit		
Fund Raising*	\$1,000.00	\$1,045.92
Sales*		
Advertising*	\$130.00	\$42.00
Community Outreach*	\$800.00	\$0.00
Contributions, Restricted*	\$200.00	\$448.00
Contributions, Unrestricted*	\$100.00	\$263.00
Parties/Meals		
Retreats		
Contributions/Gifts		
Other*		\$0.00
Transfer from savings		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$14,630.00	\$14,021.62

EXPENSES		
Region Dues		\$38.00
Educational Events*+	\$11,200.00	\$13,066.42
Seminar* (MAR)		
Exhibits*		
Fund Raising*		
Cost of Sales		
Rent*	\$1,000.00	\$187.50
Newsletter & website*	\$300.00	\$43.79
Administration*	\$500.00	\$281.38
Officers Travel	\$500.00	\$0.00
Community Outreach	\$1,500.00	\$661.61
Parties/Meals		
Retreats		
Contributions/Gifts	\$100.00	\$0.00
Membership Expenses*	\$100.00	\$0.00
IDEA		\$63.34
Other*		\$0.00
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Audit Committee January 2025

On January 3, 2025, Ann Fink and Kathy Schatz spoke by telephone to discuss the Chapter's upcoming audit for the fiscal/calendar year 2024. Subsequently, Ann kindly provided detailed written instructions of the process and procedures used in the past. These instructions will be used as a guide for the upcoming audit.

Kathy will contact Susan White and Devon Andres by email to schedule a meeting in February. We will meet to examine the treasurer's financial records and assure they agree with the bank's records. After the examination, a statement will be prepared summarizing the findings of the audit. The statement will be forwarded to the treasurers and to the president of the board to be included in the meeting minutes of the chapter.

Submitted by
Kathy Schatz

January 2025

EGA Constellation Chapter Newsletter Report

- My first newsletter, the Feb/Mar edition, is well on its way to being ready for distribution. Mary has proofread and I will be sending the draft to all contributors. Thank you to everyone who have answered numerous questions. Your support and guidance is very much appreciated.
- I have some fresh ideas that I would like the Board to consider approving.
 1. First idea: I would like to include a section in the newsletter that would feature our members with their works in progress or 'Show 'n Tells'. We could also use these photos/descriptions for the web page and social media.
 2. Second idea: I thought it might be nice to add is a "Class/Seminar" opportunities page. Susie just sent out an email with "*My Life is a Sampler Weekend Retreat*" information, and Donna sent out something from RSN and DebBee's Designs. And, I received an email with the Susquehanna Chapter's newsletter with items that might be of interest. There are lots of online/in person opportunities that I thought we might want to share.
 3. Does the Board have any additional ideas?
- I also need to consult with the Board regarding advertising fees:

Current fees for advertising in the newsletter are as follows:

○ Business Card Size (1 ¾ x 3 inches)	\$30.00 annually (6 issues)
○ 1/8 page (2x3 inches)	\$42.00 annually (6 issues)
○ ¼ page (4x 3/14 inches)	\$60.00 annually (6 issues)
- Remember that deadlines are **March 10th, May 10th , July 10th , Sept 10th, and Nov 10th .**

Chris Armstrong
Newsletter Editor

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Meeting Recorded by Mary Tod
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Berman

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm by Ann Fink, Vice-President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum was met with the following attendees: Cynthia Rosenberg, Donna Finley, Jane Bauersfeld, Jeanette Farrell, Jan Rollins, Kathy Schatz, Mary Vransy, Ann Fink, Michele Hunter, Mary Tod, Sue White, Chris Armstrong and Bonnie Berman.

AGENDA: Identify someone to fill in the remainder of the term of the resigned President. The term to be covered is from present through the end of 2026.

- The By-Laws state that the Vice-President assumes the role until a new President is identified. That person is then approved by the Board. The Members do not have a say until the next election.
- Ann requested any suggestions on members who might be willing and able to fill the position of President.
 - Penny Haviland – Ann will contact her.
 - Barbara Bass – Ann will contact her.
 - Karen Olsen – Donna will contact her.
- Ann stated to let people who might be interested in the position know that the past Presidents are willing to help answer questions.
- Ann requested that the Board members go through our roster and if anyone comes to mind that might be a good candidate to let the Board know.
- Cynthia suggested maybe two people would be willing to take the position as Co-Presidents.
- As requested Bonnie will send Ann the last Board's minutes and agenda.
- As requested Bonnie will send Jane the last Annual meeting minutes.

The next Board Meeting is on April 15, 2025 @ 7pm.

Ann adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm. There were no objections.

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2025
Hybrid Meeting Recorded by Mary Tod
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Berman

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Ann Fink, Acting President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum was met with the following attendees: Cynthia Rosenberg, Devon Andres, Donna Finley, Jane Bauersfeld, Susan White, Jeanette Farrell, Kathy Schatz, Mary Vransy, Ann Fink, Michele Hunter, Chris Armstrong, Mary Tod and Bonnie Berman.

AGENDA (Attachment #1):

- See Attachment #1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- A motion to approve the minutes of January 1, 2025 and March 4, 2025, was made by Mary and seconded by Ann. There were no objections. Motion carries.

PROGRAMS (Attachment #2):

Submitted by Ann Fink, 1st VP/Programs & Education

- See Attachment #2
- Ann stated that 2025 and almost all of 2026 programs are planned.

MEMBERSHIP (Attachment #3):

Submitted by Cynthia Rosenberg, 2nd VP/Membership

- See Attachment #3
- Mary sent Cynthia the name of a member who wants to become a plural member.
- Cynthia will send out information about new options for renewal to Donna for distribution.
- We have 132 members, including our primary chapter members and plural members

NEWSLETTER:

Submitted by Chris Armstrong, 3rd VP/Newsletter

- Ann complimented Chris on the new updated layout of the Newsletter.
- Submissions have been coming in timely.
- Chris took pictures for the newsletter at Mary's (4/7/25) class and will continue to take pictures of activities to include in the newsletter.
- Next deadline is May 10, 2025.

REGIONAL REPORT (Attachment #4):

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld, Regional Representative

- See Attachment #4
- Mary clarified that the American Tapestry panel at Gettysburg seminar is the Pennsylvania panel.
- The Constellation and Hagerstown chapters will be stitching the Maryland Panel at the Maryland Center for History and Culture in downtown Baltimore. A Zoom planning meeting is scheduled. Mary and Sally Poole (Hagerstown) are co-chairs. The panel is approximately 3x4 ft.

OUTREACH/DIVERSITY (Attachment #5):

Submitted by Jeanette Farrell

- See Attachment #5
- Hammond Harwood House Museum in Annapolis has requested us to demonstrate stitching in celebration of Jane Austen on June 29, 2025. Jess Moore and others will be demonstrating. The Chapter will receive a teacher's fee and supplies.

TREASURER (Attachment #6, 6.1, 6.2):

Submitted by Devon Andres & Sue White, Treasurers

- See Attachment #6, 6.1, 6.2
- It was requested to combine Outreach and IDEA as one item on the budget spreadsheet. There was a consensus that they can be combined.
- Sue asked for confirmation that the consensus at the last Board meeting was to only use PayPal for electronic payment, which is correct.
- Sue asked about restricted and unrestricted money. It was agreed that if we have an expense that fits in a restricted money category that should be used before the unrestricted money. When requesting monies it should be marked whether to use restricted or unrestricted money.
- Sue brought up the fact that we have a lot of money. She suggested we should think about how much money we should have in savings and how we should be spending the funds.
 - Ann brought up that we may be reducing the membership fee now that we do not have the expense of a facility.
 - This year we will have extra funds that were in the budget to pay for the meeting facility. We will have discussions on best way to use these funds.
 - Michelle made the suggestion that since we do have a healthy bank account that maybe next year to increase our charity donation and/or give to more than one charity. This should be brought up when we work on next year's budget.
 - It was suggested that a request go in the newsletter for suggestions of 501(c)3 charities that would be appropriate for us to donate to.
- Jane stated that the annual treasurer's report also goes to Regional not just National.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chapter logo
 - We have three logos – old logo, Edie's version (which was used on the back of the program for Woodlawn show) and Stephanie Armstrong's version.
 - If we change from the old logo it should be presented and approved by the membership, by the Board and then National.
 - Upon further discussion it was brought up that it was thought that Edie's logo has been approved by National. Ann said this should be brought to the membership for a vote at the June meeting. Mary explained that the Board has never had a formal vote on it nor has the membership. The Board would like to go with Edie's logo which now has to be sent to the membership and let them know we will be voting on it at the June meeting. Once approved by membership it will have to be formally approved by the Board and then National.
- Website
 - Stephanie's presentation was postponed in order for the Board to give her specifics of what we really need and want.
 - We should get specifics to Stephanie so we could incorporate the cost in next year's budget with membership's approval for the costs or costs can be broken down into existing categories which do not need membership approval.
 - Stephanie spoke to Mary:
 - She is not available to start until June.

- Can breakdown billing costs.
- Average cost of a website our size ranges from \$2-5K
- She wanted to know what we are looking for in terms of managing social, inbox, posts, how many platforms we want, etc.
- What would be the costs to stay with our current website and address the glitches?
- Do we need a webmaster?
- Chris confirmed that Stephanie's proposal for the website design was \$1500, stationery \$200, logo \$100 with additional charges of \$25/hr for email and social media.
- Mary said that Stephanie said she would put together an instruction sheet of the chapter email transfer when new people take over specific positions on the Board.
- The \$1500 was to create a new website as the free Google website had several limitations and all we pay for is a yearly fee for the domain name.
 - Other website hosts have a fee.
 - Chris reported that the website she has for her business cost \$350-400/year. This is a cost that could go in our budget.
 - Chris also shared that people can email her directly from the website.
- Ann suggested we don't worry about social media until later.
- Another issue with current website is a way hasn't been found to be able to restrict access when newsletters are posted. This has to happen because private chapter information appears in newsletter.
- Ann would like everyone to send specific questions and needs about the website so she can send to Stephanie.
- Ann also said she just found out that we have a QR code. Jeanette reported that they have a display Outreach uses with the QR code. She reported that most people take handouts and are not using the QR code. When we update QR codes should go on all stationery.
- Mary reported that Nancy indicated that under membership on the website the information about joining and renewal is out-of-date. Nancy has given Mary the information to put on the website.
- Website and newsletter are one budget item. It was suggested to separate these on the new budget.
- ANCAC
 - Ann expressed she sees no need to attend monthly meeting with ANCAC.
 - Ann suggests that there be an ad hoc committee instead of monthly meeting. When a chapter brings in a big name teacher for Zoom classes they would notify the ad hoc committee to distribute the information.
 - When appropriate we already open the Chapter's classes to other chapters.
 - It was suggested that the Program Chairs allow the smaller chapters to interact and learn from the Program Committee of the bigger chapters.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sue requested we have a cloud repository for items such as the treasures information.
 - Devon and Sue feel someone other themselves should have access in case of emergency.
 - They also need a place where they can both access information and not have to wait for the other to send them what they need.
 - Ann thought this would also be good for historical information.
 - Mary said she could set it up if she knows who should have access.
 - Chris suggested that any type of signature account should have more than one person on the account.

- It was brought up that Susie's still on our bank accounts and that should be changed. Ann volunteered to be on the accounts.
 - Mary V brought up that having another person on the account is considered good practice when being audited.
- Study boxes from National
 - Article in this issue of Needle Arts on back page.
 - Program committee will look into this to see if there is anything that would be interest to our Chapter.
- Program committee requested the Board establish a policy about donations brought to meetings. Mary motioned that for any donation items brought into a meeting it will be the responsibility of that person to take back whatever is left at end of meeting. This policy should appear in the newsletter and announced at meetings. Chris seconded this motion. There were no objections. Motion carries.
 - It was mentioned that Heidi took the initiative to straighten and organize what we already have in storage.
 - The Outreach committee does use appropriate donated items for giveaways and teaching at events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Because the 50+Center will be closed June 19 in honor of the federal holiday, the needlepoint interest group will meet the following Thursday, June 26.

- The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bonnie and seconded by Jane. There were no objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

EGA Board of Directors' Meeting
April 15, 2025
Agenda

Call to Order:

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting: January 21, 2025 and March 4, 2025

Committee Reports:

Programs

Membership

Newsletter

Region

Outreach

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

Website Upgrade

Logo Revision

New Business:

ANCAC organization going forward

Change of signatory on bank accounts

Announcements:

Adjournment

Master List EGA Program Schedule

Date	Instructor	Course	Type	Format
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LEGEND:

	Class (Outside Instructor)
	Class (Chapter Member)
	Lecture
	Stitch-In
	Chapter Event

2025

6-Jan	Mon		Stitch-in		Zoom
11-Jan	Sat		Stitch-in		Zoom
1, 9 Feb & 1, 9 Mar	Sat/ Sun	Hazel Blomkamp	Jacobean #18	Class	Zoom
3-Feb	Mon	Dr. Isabella Rosner	Royal School of Needlework: Surprising Objects From the RSN Collection	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
8-Feb	Sat	Barbara Meger	Ticking Purse	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
3-Mar	Mon	Ann Fink	Golden Shamrock Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
8-Mar	Sat		Woodlawn Field Trip/ Lunch	Travel	
29-Mar	Sat	Amy Helsel	MAR Felt Cardinal	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
7-Apr	Mon	Mary Tod	Purple Mountains Majesty	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
12-Apr	Sat	Donna Dickt	Beaded Trees	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Mother's Day Tea		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
5-May	Mon	Susan Elliot	Adventures in Mexico - Oaxaca	Lecture	Zoom

10-May	Sat	Devon Andres	Cross Stitch Software Explained	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
2-Jun	Mon		Potluck Luncheon		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
			Membership Showcase		
14-Jun	Sat		Stitch-in		
7-Jul	Mon		Stitch-in		
12-Jul	Sat		Stitch-in		
16-Jul	Thurs	Ann Strite-Kurz	Creative Adaptation to Canvas	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
4-Aug	Mon		Stitch-in		
9-Aug	Sat		Stitch-in		
8-Sep	Mon		RSN Lecture	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
20-Sep	Sat	Louise Grady (?)	Nametag: Beaded	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
22, 29 Oct & 5, 12 Nov	Sat/ Sun	Dawn Donnelly	Treasures from the Great Lakes	Class	Zoom
6-Oct	Mon	Melissa Shippee	Inner Light Mandala	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
18-Oct	Sat	Terri Tubergen	Nametag: Cross Stitch on Paper	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
3-Nov	Mon		Annual Meeting		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
			Film: Muncaster Castle		

15-Nov	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Nametag: Cutwork Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Holiday Party		
1-Dec	Mon	Margaret Kinsey	History of Rozashi	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
20-Dec	Sat	Sophie O'Neal	Embroidery Journals	Lecture/ Chat	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom

2026

5-Jan	Mon	Terri Tubergen	Punch Needle Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
17-Jan	Sat		Stitch-In (Camp Wanna-Stitch Weekend)		
2-Feb	Mon	Donna Finley	Schwalm	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
21-Feb	Sat				
2-Mar	Mon	Barbara Bass	Rozashi Kit Choices	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
21-Mar	Sat				
6-7 Apr	Mon/ Tues	Ann Strite-Kurz	TBD	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
18-Apr	Sat				
			Mother's Day Tea		
4-May	Mon	Ann Strite-Kurz	Creative Uses for Blackwork	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person

16-May	Sat		Potluck Luncheon		
1-Jun	Mon		Membership Showcase		
20-Jun	Sat		Stitch-in		
6-Jul	Mon		Stitch-in		
18-Jul	Sat		Stitch-in		
3-Aug	Mon		Stitch-in		
15-Aug	Sat		Stitch-in		
14-Sep	Mon				
19-Sep	Sat				
5-Oct	Mon	Barbara Bass	Ribbon Embroidery Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
17-Oct	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Debbie Rowley Jewel Box (Part 1)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
18, 24 Oct & 1 Nov		Wendy Moore	Pyramids at the Oasis	Class	Zoom
			Annual Meeting		
2-Nov	Mon				
21-Nov	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Debbie Rowley Jewel Box (Part 2)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Holiday Party		
7-Dec	Mon				
19-Dec	Sat				

Options:

Embroidery Journal Kits (Jessica Checking)

Punch Needle Project (Ann checking for kits)

Cynthia Page Gossage

Kantha Class

Technique	Cost	PC POC

			(Adjustment due to snow closure)
			(Adjustment due to snow closure)
Crewel/ Needleweaving	\$0	Ann	
	\$126	Alice	
	\$0	Terri	(Adjustment due to earlier snow closure.)
Gold Work	\$0	Ann	
		Debbie	
	\$0	Terri	(Adjustment due to snow closure)
Needlepoint	\$100	Barbara	
French Wire Beading	\$0	Ann	10-2pm Extended Time
		Terri/ Louise	
	\$0	Grady	

\$0 Debbie

\$0 Needlepoint Interest
Group Open to Chapter

\$126 Jessica

Peyote Beading ?? Terri

Needlepoint \$0 Barbara

Beading Ann (Tentative)

Cross Stitch \$0 Terri

\$26 Ann (Tentative)

Cutwork \$0 Debbie

\$250 Alice

\$100 Jessica

Total Cost 2025: \$728

Funds Still Availa \$472

Punch Needle Embroidery \$0 Ann

White Work \$0 Terri

\$0

Rozashi \$0 Ann

Blackwork on Canvas \$0 Ann

Terri/ Louise

\$0 Ann

Ribbon Embroidery \$0 Barbara

Needlepoint \$0 Debbie

Needlepoint \$0 Barbara

Needlepoint \$0 Debbie

Total Cost 2025: \$0
Funds Still Available: \$1,200

Membership Report – April 15, 2025

We are pleased to announce the following two new members:

Gayle Thrift
8514 Lallybroch Ln
Fulton, MD 20759
[2404644947](tel:2404644947)
gmthrift@gmail.com

JoAnne Montana
3020 Shoreline Blvd
Laurel, MD 20724
[301 704-7937](tel:3017047937)
j.montana@att.net

It is renewal season and although it is preferred to renew online, there is a printable form to renew by mail.

Members who prefer to renew by mail can access the form to complete for submission here: I was thinking of printing copies to have at meetings or put in the next newsletter

https://egausa.org/app/uploads/2024/10/EGA_-RenewalForm_-2024.pdf

Reported to EGA Constellation 4/15/2025

Mar Notes from 3/29/2025 MAR Meeting

Searching for a EGA MAR LOGO for 2027 seminar! Theme is Stitchers' Great Escape. \$100 gift certificated from Needles in the Haymarket, Gainesville, VA. All entries must be a .pdf and emailed to Diane Clark 2027marseminar@gmail.com no later than June 7, 2025.

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Our MAR newsletter is published 3-4 times a year.

New EGA Headquarters move complete

New Address: 501 Baxter Avenue, Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40204

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Hopefully all treasurers have submitted their annual financial statement to National and provided MAR with a copy also.

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Effective January 1, 2025, Life members have the ability to renew their primary chapter and region membership via the National website.

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Registration is still open for the National Seminar to be held in November, in Dallas as well as for the associated Sampler University.

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Future dates/locations for National Seminars

Wish Upon a Stitch - Hyatt Regency Orlando, Orlando, Florida October 9 – 14, 2026.

2027 Seminar - Loews Ventana Canyon Tucson, AZ chaired by Diane Clark

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Informally, we are offering a monthly Sunday hosted by a region member. They usually start with a chat about a topic related in some way to our passion and then just share wherever the conversation takes them.

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I would like to ensure that the region has at least one nominee for the **Gold Thread award**. In the past few years, there have been multiple nominations from around the region. If your nominee was not awarded in the past, consider updating the information and resubmitting. Let me know when you send in a nomination, not their name, just that it has happened. If I do not hear about at least one nomination by April 15th, I will be reaching out for help identifying a nominee. The deadline for submission to National is May 1.

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Great News!!!

Based on preliminary financial statements for 2024 for National EGA, they closed the year in the black. The budget for 2025 was planned using this data.

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We are having the Fall 2025 **Camp StitchALot Sept. 18-21, 2025**. It will again be at The Y at Watson Woods. The contract is signed and a deposit sent. We will have the entire facility. Details will be in the next MAR newsletter in April.
Camp StitchALot sign ups will be done through newsletter and on website.
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Camp Wannastitch Coordinator: Anne Wilson
The contracts with the Ashore for 2026 and 2027 are already in place.
The Seminar fundraising at Camp Wannastitch was a very successful. The 2025 silent auction earned \$3030, the fundraising items earned \$2333 and donations from the stash table earned \$253; the total is \$5616.
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Upcoming Events
September 13: Candy Marang's lecture on Conservation
October 12: Sara Zander's lecture on Crazy Quilting
Proposed Virtual class for 2025—Jennifer Riefenberg in late September
Knights in White Satin was chosen as the Virtual Class for 2025

Kit fee\$120



Nights in White Satin

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Looking for THAP proposals for the THAP to be presented at 2026 Camp Wannastitch.
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MAR PriDe Scholarship: Kathy Weigle
Congratulations are in order for **Susie Jordan**, Constellation Chapter, who received a MAR PRiDe scholarship to continue her advanced crewel studies with Canby Robertson. As payback, Susie will review and update the crewel study boxes from EGA Headquarters.

This program continues to be used regularly but lightly.
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America's Tapestry - Quick review Plan to have Pennsylvania panel at Gettysburg during the seminar. Will be available to be stitched on from Friday afternoon through Sunday at noon. Consider planning a visit if you are not taking class. Note Merchandise night is Friday.
Website is <https://www.americastapestry.com/> for more information.
Short video about the tapestry at the website.

The **Molly Pitcher Stitchers will be holding a Stash Sale** in Todd Hall of the Cumberland County Historical Society at 21 North Pitt Street in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, May 31, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The **Philadelphia Chapter is hosting a Moon on the Water class** on September 27th and 28th. Contact Carol Hatton Holmes if interested. The information will also be on the Region Website soon.

2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS

All members will pay their full dues amount to Headquarters directly. This means not all members will be renewing in May of each year. All members now have renewal dates based on the month in which they paid in the previous year. For instance, anyone who joined in January 2024 has a January 31, 2025 renewal date. Each month, headquarters will be communicating directly with the member to remind them of their upcoming renewal and provide instructions for renewing. This series of communications will include an email at the beginning of the month, a mid-morning reminder if they haven't yet renewed, and a final reminder at the end of the month if necessary.

If you go to the EGA website, and click on Join EGA, you will be taken to the renew page where there are links and instructions telling you how to renew.

Life Members will renew their primary chapter membership to the appropriate chapter and region on the same schedule as regular memberships. Headquarters will be communicating with Life Members in the same manner as described above.

Plural Members will still need to pay their dues directly to the chapter.

National just announced that the President, Treasurer, and Membership chair can access their chapter's current membership list. An email with instructions was sent out this week. This would save a lot of confusion in the member renewal process.

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The nominating committee is pleased to announce the following members for the 2026 MAR slate of officers:

Darlene Leboeuf (Hagerstown Chapter) Region Director
Melissa Novak (Winchester Chapter) Assistant Region Director
Velda Schmieg (Corning Chapter) Treasurer
Chris Loeser (Oatlands Chapter) Secretary

Should Darlene become the Region Director, she will be building her Executive Committee. Let your Chapter know in case someone is interested in taking on one of these positions. New people bringing in new thoughts and ideas are needed on the Board

Outreach and Diversity Report

April 15, 2025

This past Saturday we had a successful Stitch in Public at the Central Branch of the Howard County Library. We had 6 members of the public come and either stitch with us or learn basic cross stitch skills. Two of them appeared to be interested in joining the guild.

We have a few upcoming events:

May 4th and 5th- Sheep and Wool Festival. We have several volunteers coming out.

May 31st-Annapolis Pride Festival. We could use some additional volunteers.

We plan to start a new Love Quilt(s) in the fall.

Jeanette Farrell

Outreach and Diversity

THE EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA, INC.
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: January 1 through December 31, 2024

CONSTELLATION _____ Chapter _____ CON _____ Chapter Code _____ MAR _____ Region Code _____ (EIN) 52-1041537 _____

1 Total cash on hand as of December 31, 2023 (as reported on last year's financial report) **(DO NOT CHANGE)** \$ 23,673.93

	REVENUE	AMOUNT
2	Member Dues	\$ 2,778.00
3	Interest	\$ 228.26
4	Educational Events	\$ 9,935.90
5	Seminar*	\$ _____
6	Exhibit*	\$ _____
7	Fund Raising Events	\$ 1,045.92
8	Sales	\$ _____
9	Advertising (List if over \$300)	\$ 42.00
10	Community Outreach	\$ _____
11	Contributions - Unrestricted	\$ 313.00
12	Contributions - Restricted	\$ 478.00
13	Parties/Meals	\$ _____
14	Retreats	\$ _____
15	Contributions/Gifts	\$ _____
16	Printing	\$ _____
17	Other (List if over \$300)	\$ _____
18	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 14,821.08

	EXPENSES	AMOUNT
19	National Dues	\$ _____
20	Region Dues	\$ 38.00
21	Educational Events	\$ 12,440.12
22	Seminar*	\$ _____
23	Exhibit*	\$ _____
24	Fund Raising Events	\$ _____
25	Cost of Saes	\$ _____
26	Rent	\$ 187.50
27	Newsletter/Website	\$ 192.07
28	Administration	\$ 747.50
29	Officers Travel	\$ _____
30	Community Outreach/IDEA	\$ 413.34
31	Parties/Meals	\$ _____
32	Retreats	\$ _____
33	Contributions/Gifts	\$ _____
34	Printing	\$ _____
35	Other (List if over \$300)	\$ 59.12
36	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14077.65

37 Total Revenue less Total Expenses **(Line 18 minus Line 36)** \$ 743.43
 38 Total Cash on Hand as of 12/31/24 **(Line 1 plus/minus line 37. This must equal line 43)** \$ 24,417.36
 39 Checkbook Balance as of December 31, 2024 \$ 15,429.86
 40 Savings Account Balance as of December 31, 2024 \$ 8,987.50 (Certificates of Deposit)
 41 Other Cash Assets/Investments as of December 31, 2024 (please list) \$ _____
 42 Restricted Contributions Balance \$ _____
 43 Total Cash on Hand as of December 31, 2024 **(Sum of lines 39 thru 42 must equal line 43)** \$ 24,417.36

Treasurer's Name Susan White
 Address 4729 Roundhill Rd
 City / State / Zip Ellicott City, MD 21043

To the best of my knowledge, the above is true and correct.

Signature _____
 Telephone 301-775-7823 Date 4/11/2025
 E-mail suwhite@umd.edu

Please return by **February 15** to:

Volunteer Count

Chapter Name: _____ Constellation _____

Region: _____ Mid Atlantic _____

What is the number of elected officers in your chapter? __ 14 _____

Excluding your elected officers, how many of your **primary** members did volunteer work* for EGA in during the year? _____ 25 _____

*Count only your primary members, and **count each person** only once. Examples of volunteer EGA work include: (1) Serving as a region or national officer. (2) Serving as a chapter or region or national committee chair or member. (3) Teaching a chapter or region program for free; that is, a teaching fee was not paid. (4) Education outreach sponsored by a chapter or region such as teaching embroidery to youth and/or non-members. (5) Membership outreach sponsored by a chapter or region such as stitch-in-public day, at fairs, or mounting a chapter exhibit for public viewing. (6) Charitable outreach sponsored by a chapter or region.

	2025 Budget Propose		2025 Budget Propose	2025 Actual			
INCOME		EXPENSES		INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues	\$2,500.00	Region Dues		Dues	\$20.00	Region Dues	0
Interest	\$350.00	Educational Events	11,200.00	Interest	125.26	Educational Events	2799.3
Educational Events	\$10,000.00	Seminar* (MAR)		Educational Events	2535.98	Seminar (MAR)	0
Seminar (MAR)		Exhibits		Seminar (MAR)	0	Exhibits	0
Exhibit		Fund Raising		Exhibit	0	Fund Raising	0
Fundraising Sales	\$1,000.00	Cost of Sales Rent	0.00	Fund Raising Sales	0	Cost of Sales Rent	132.99
Advertising	\$130.00	Newsletter & website	300.00	Advertising	51.4	Newsletter & website	0
Community Outreach	\$800.00	Admin	500.00	Community Outreach	0	Admin	92.67
Contributions , Restricted	\$200.00	Officers Travel	500.00	Contributio ns, Restricted	43.68	Officers Travel	0
Contributions , Unrestricted	\$300.00	Community Outreach	1,500.00	Contributio ns, Unrestricte d	0	Community Outreach	100
Parties/Meals		Parties/ Meals		Parties/Me als	0	Parties/ Meals	12.7
Retreats		Retreats		Retreats	0	Retreats	0
Contributions /Gifts		Contribution s/Gifts	100.00	Contributio ns/Gifts		Contributio ns/Gifts	100

Other	0	Membership Expenses	100.00	Other		Membership Expenses	
		IDEA				IDEA	
		Other				Other	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,280.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,200.00	TOTAL REVENUE	2776.32	TOTAL EXPENSES	3237.66

Treasurer's Report for April 15, 2025 Board Meeting

April 14, 2025

As of April 14, 2025, the checking account had a balance of \$13,706.30. Note that this is less than reported previously, primarily because \$2,248.10 was transferred from checking to a new Certificate of Deposit, when the current one was up for renewal. Our income to date is \$2,776.32 and our expenses to date are \$3,237.66. 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 \$3,294.30, maturing 9/30/25.

CD ending in -2241 has a balance of \$7998.92, maturing on 9/18/2025. There is so much uncertainty in the economy that it is difficult to predict future rates.

Our total current worth (combined checking account, PayPal, and CDs) is \$24,999.52.

Susan White

Devon Andres

Treasurer



EGA Embroiderers'
Guild of America

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA BOARD MEETING
June 17, 2025
Meeting Recorded by Ann Fink
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Berman

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Ann Fink, Acting President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum was met with the following attendees: Cynthia Rosenberg, Jane Bauersfeld, Susan White, Jeanette Farrell, Kathy Schatz, Mary Vransy, Ann Fink, Michele Hunter, Chris Armstrong, and Bonnie Berman. Guest speaker was Stephanie Armstrong.

AGENDA (Attachment #1):

- See Attachment #1

Guest Speaker (Stephanie Armstrong):

- See Attachment #2 for presentation and take away notes from meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- A motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2025, was made by Mary V. and seconded by Cynthia. There were no objections. Motion carries.

PROGRAMS (Attachment #3):

Submitted by Ann Fink, 1st VP/Programs & Education

- See Attachment #3
- Ann stated that they have more programs than there are time slots.
- Ann complimented the Program Committee saying everyone contributes and it makes the load lighter.

MEMBERSHIP (Attachment #4):

Submitted by Cynthia Rosenberg, 2nd VP/Membership

- See Attachment #4
- Cynthia commented that she is not getting information from National in a timely manner or in an easy to use format.
- Both Cynthia and Ann said that exporting membership list in excel is not user friendly.

NEWSLETTER (Attachment #5):

Submitted by Chris Armstrong, 3rd VP/Newsletter

- See Attachment #5
- Next submission due July 10, 2025.

REGIONAL REPORT:

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld, Regional Representative

- No report.

OUTREACH/DIVERSITY (Attachment #6):

Submitted by Jeanette Farrell

- See Attachment #6
- Ann asked if there was any fee for Howard County Pride. Jeanette report that last year it was about \$250. The Annapolis Pride Festive has already been paid for at a cost of \$100.

- We will receive a fee for demonstrating at the Hammon-Harwood House Museum. Any profit will depend on the cost of the kits.
- The outreach at Howard County Library has had good participation due to a supportive librarian advertising the event.

TREASURER (Attachment #7):

Submitted by Devon Andres & Sue White, Treasurers

- See Attachment #7
- Sue stated that, except for special classes that the Chapter pays for, classes are self-sustaining. The Chapter pays for lectures.
- Sue expressed the opinion that having a website that allows money to be collected would be extremely helpful.
- Sue also expressed an opinion that the Chapter should not charge more if paying by PayPal. There should be one consistent price. Ann requested Sue to let us know how much the PalPay fees would be if we paid all the fees this year. This will help when we put the budget together to see if we can afford to absorb the costs.
- When working on next year's budget we have to decide if the fee we pay for the Pride Festivals should be under the line item as charity or outreach.
- At the last meeting we discussed putting a notice in the Newsletter asking for suggestions of appropriate charities to donate to. A majority vote can be decided at Annual Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Website upgrade
 - Cost would be onetime fee for Stephanie Armstrong. Yearly fee for website is approximately \$350 plus our yearly domain fee which is already in budget.
 - Stephanie's cost runs over what we have budgeted which would mean we would have to get membership's approval.
 - Michele Hunter expressed that the increased functionality would be beneficial to our members.
 - Everyone thought Mary T. has done an excellent job with our current website.
 - A motion to approve the Stephanie's proposal was made by Bonnie and seconded by Jeanette. There were no objections. Motion carries.
 - Although Stephanie said she would volunteer time for maintenance it was agreed that this is her livelihood and if she takes on the role instead of Tech Committee she should be paid.
 - Ann will draw up a letter of agreement between the Board and Stephanie for signature.
- Chapter logo
 - Ann recommended that the logo be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The vote will be between the old logo, Edie's version of the logo or design a new logo.
 - There is some discrepancy if Edie's logo was approved by National and not the Board or not approved at all. Ann is going to find out what National requires.
 - Stephanie did not charge us for the logos she submitted and is willing to work on them if that is what we want.
- It was brought up that Susie Jordan is still on our bank accounts and that should be changed. Ann volunteered to be on the accounts. Sue is contacting the bank to confirm procedure.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The next Board Meeting to discuss budgets, and other items for the Annual meeting will be on August 12, 2025.
 - One of the budget items to be decided is what we want to do with dues since we are no longer paying for meeting space. One possibility is to create a restricted rainy day facility fund in case we lose our space.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bonnie and seconded by Mary V. There were no objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

EGA Board of Directors' Meeting
June 17, 2025
Agenda

Call to Order: 7:00

Presentation of new website proposal – Stephanie Armstrong

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting: April 15, 2025

Committee Reports:

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Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

Website Upgrade

Logo Revision – update on status

Change of Signatory on bank accounts

New Business:

Budget preparation for August board meeting

Set date for August meeting

Announcements

Adjournment



New Proposal Package & Review:

with Notes

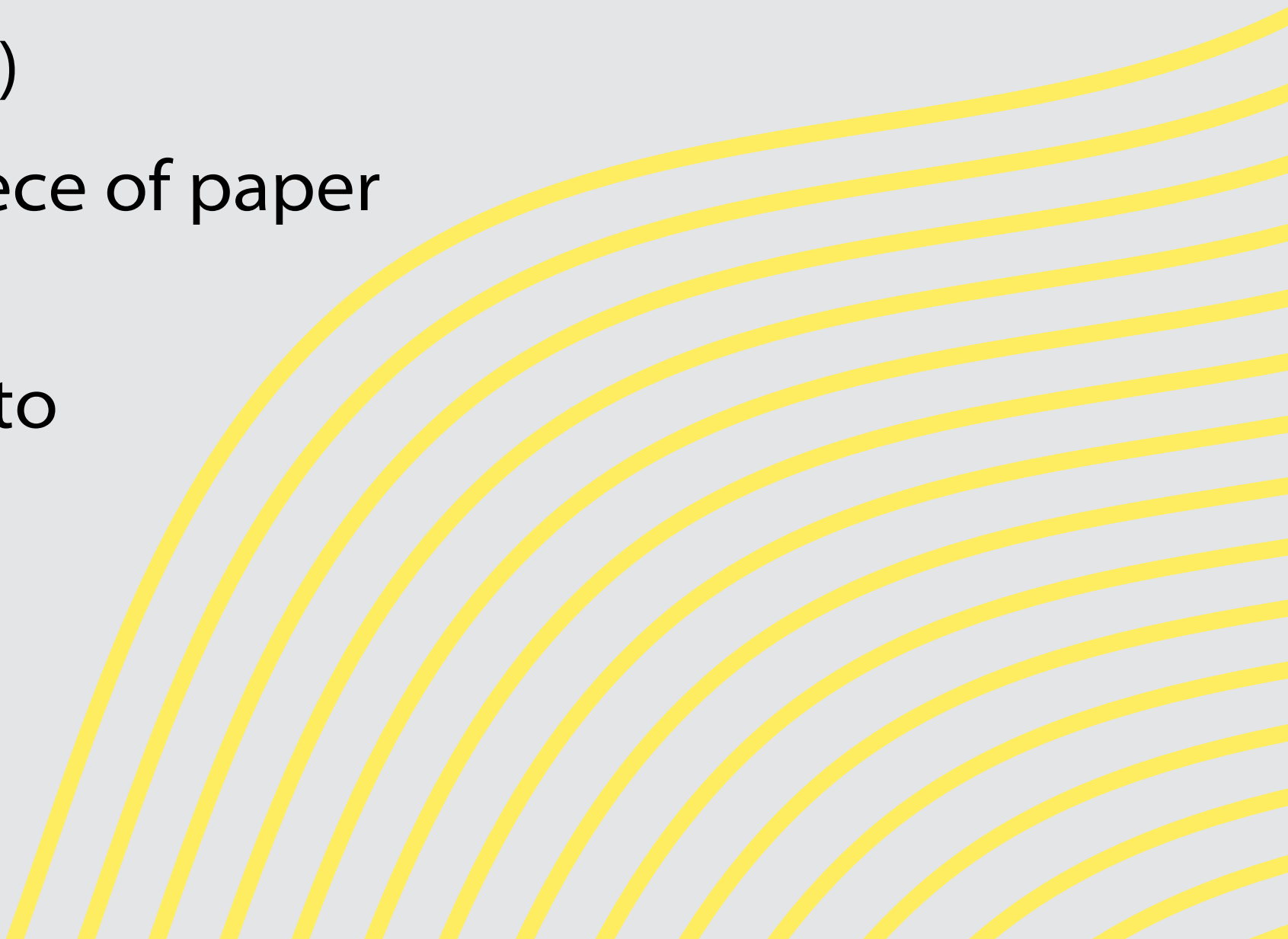
EGA: Constellation Chapter

June 2025

Last Time We Met as a Group:

- ▶ Looked at a variety of styles for the new website
- ▶ Due dates & goals for:
 - ▶ Stationary
 - ▶ Emails
- ▶ Stephanie offered New Logo Concepts
- ▶ Potential growth in social media

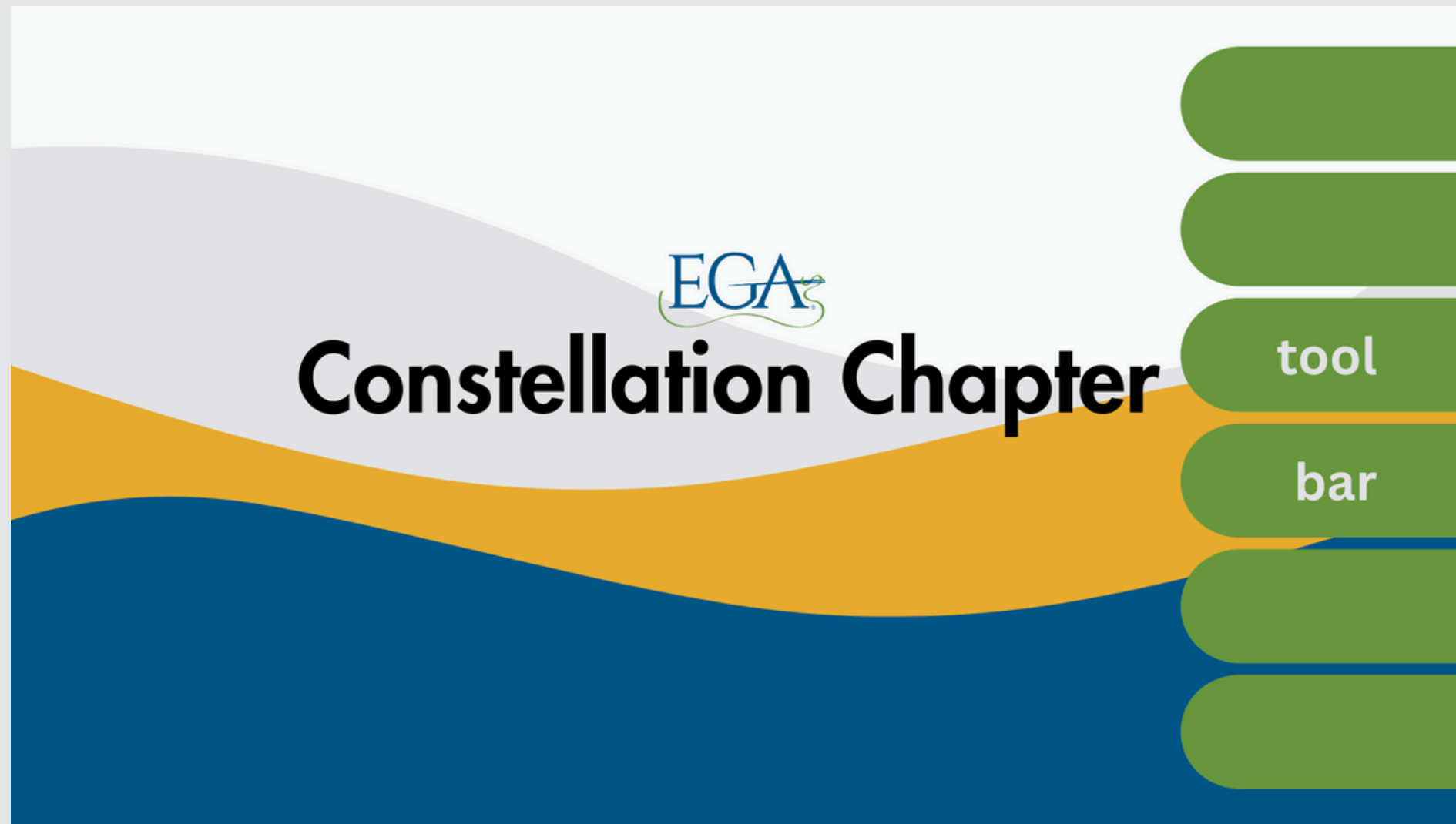
Update to Those Topics:

- ▶ Review potential new style for the website
 - ▶ Structure of payment methods
 - ▶ Classes sign up & Payment Methods
 - ▶ Privacy of certain pages (ex. newsletter)
 - ▶ Stationary: minimize to maybe a single piece of paper and/or general business card
 - ▶ Emails: Stephanie has access and is ready to look into
 - ▶ New Logo Concepts: put on pause until a later date
 - ▶ Social Media: TBD
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Additional Designs & Concepts

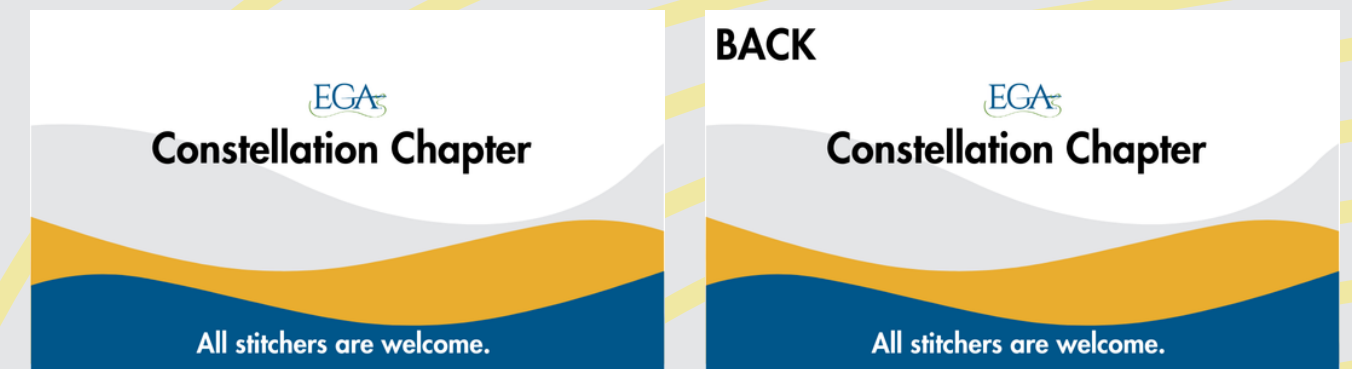
General Style of Marketing Materials

▶ *Website Homepage:*

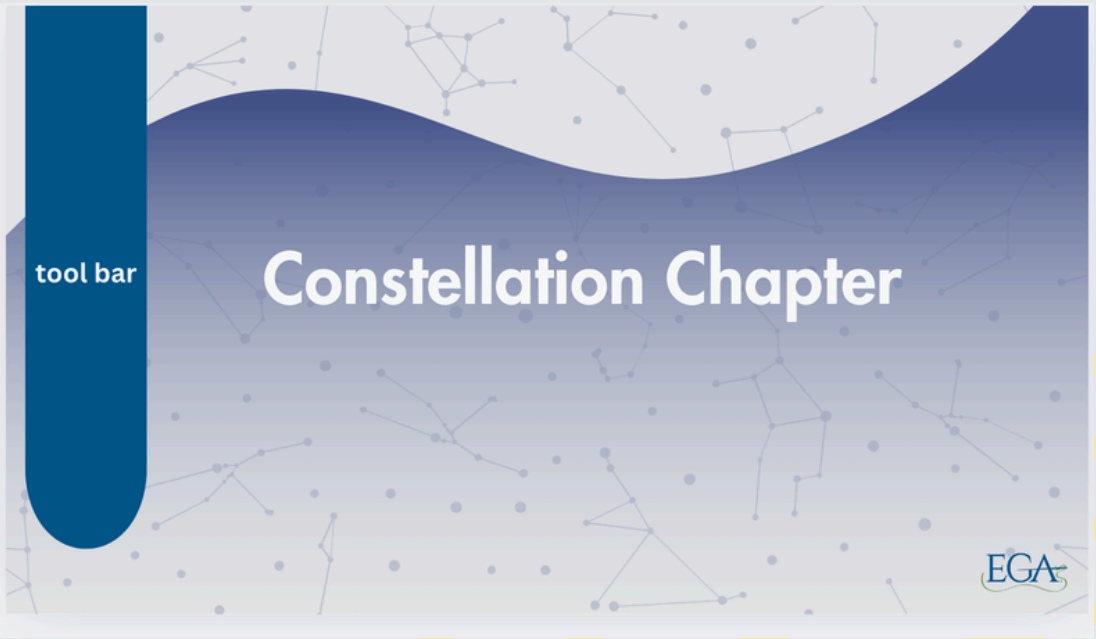
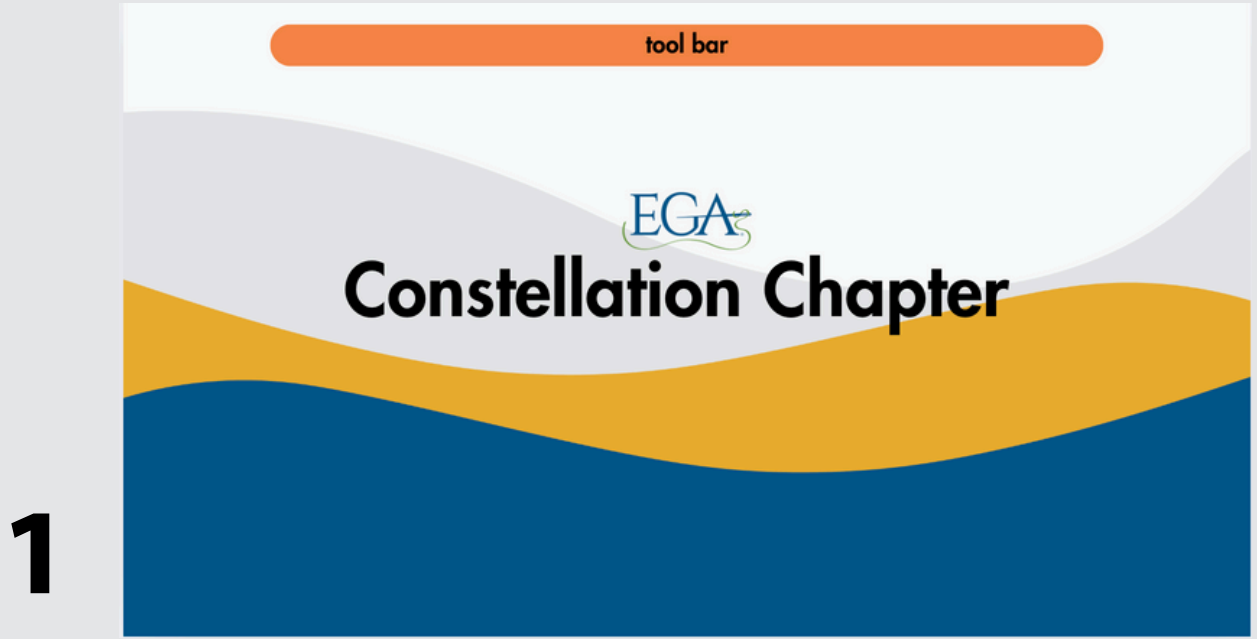


A rough example of it all collectively.
We will play with opacities and placements once we get started!



▶ *Business Cards:*



Other Previous Designs & Concepts



What I Can Do:

- ▶ Website:
 - ▶ Expand current concept 
 - OR
 - ▶ Design new concepts
- ▶ Work on email situation 



June 17th Meeting Take Aways: 1

▶ Website:

- ▶ Logo should be on the home page; otherwise like the overall design concept

▶ Layers of Accessibility:

- ▶ Newsletter, classes, etc. - members only

- ▶ Specific pages only for admin.

▶ Classes:

- ▶ Look into limited sign ups

- ▶ Differentiation of classes and payment labeling in data feature for book keeping

- ▶ Label for when a class is closed; look into a waiting list or a message to email someone to be on the waiting list

▶ Payment:

- ▶ Paypal

- ▶ Written Check (if chosen, individual will be given a deadline to send in check with address)

June 17th Meeting Take Aways: 2

▶ Website: Continued

▶ Considering using Wix

▶ Unlimited space for amount information with in a page (Google limits amount of information)

▶ Stephanie will look into if there is a 'number of pages' limit (did not find that issue with base package in previous job)

▶ Payment & Maintenance

▶ Best for one email linked to the website

▶ One time payment for profile creation; domain name is reoccurring (anual or monthly).

▶ Can be accessed from multiple computers (up to 3), however there is a code required for security purposes when logging in. Whoever has access to that email will have to provide it for that person

▶ Can be accessed from new computer or charged computer (as long as you have the log in)

▶ Editting the website can be taught or Stephanie is also happy to help update for ease.

June 17th Meeting Take Aways: 3

▶ Website: Continued

▶ How else this can benefit admin of the Constellation Chapter:

▶ Can post upcoming events & chapter schedule

▶ Can have a running gallery/information of current group or personal projects

▶ Can have a page just for the board with meeting updates, schedules & notes

▶ Chapter Emails:

▶ Currently board members can receive emails, but cannot reply to one another

▶ Believed to be Gmail based (Stephanie will contact Mary)

▶ Once solved, Stephanie will create a step by step instructions sheet for each device on how to solve it & and make it easy to access for future board members

If Board Approves:

- ▶ Work on Board Email Issues
- ▶ Create more indepth design layout of the website & pages for board to review
- ▶ Goal for mid to end of July/August (depending on approval)
- ▶ Hoping information input will about a month; this is to keep the process flow strong since this is top priority
 - ▶ Includes edits



Thanks So Much!

Appreciate you ladies meeting with me again and for understanding,
and hope to hear from you soon!

Master List EGA Program Schedule

Date	Instructor	Course	Type	Format
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LEGEND:

	Class (Outside Instructor)
	Class (Chapter Member)
	Lecture
	Stitch-In
	Chapter Event

2025

6-Jan	Mon		Stitch-in		Zoom
11-Jan	Sat		Stitch-in		Zoom
1, 9 Feb & 1, 9 Mar	Sat/ Sun	Hazel Blomkamp	Jacobean #18	Class	Zoom
3-Feb	Mon	Dr. Isabella Rosner	Royal School of Needlework: Surprising Objects From the RSN Collection	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
8-Feb	Sat	Barbara Meger	Ticking Purse	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
3-Mar	Mon	Ann Fink	Golden Shamrock Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
8-Mar	Sat		Woodlawn Field Trip/ Lunch	Travel	
29-Mar	Sat	Amy Helsel	MAR Felt Cardinal	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
7-Apr	Mon	Mary Tod	Purple Mountains Majesty	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
12-Apr	Sat	Donna Dickt	Beaded Trees	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Mother's Day Tea		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
5-May	Mon	Susan Elliot	Adventures in Mexico - Oaxaca	Lecture	Zoom

10-May	Sat	Devon Andres	Cross Stitch Software Explained	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
2-Jun	Mon		Potluck Luncheon		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
			Membership Showcase		
14-Jun	Sat		Stitch-in		
7-Jul	Mon		Stitch-in		
12-Jul	Sat		Stitch-in		
17-Jul	Thurs	Ann Strite-Kurz	Creative Adaptation to Canvas	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
4-Aug	Mon		Stitch-in		
9-Aug	Sat		Stitch-in		
8-Sep	Mon		Queen Mary's Dollhouse -- 100th Anniversary RSN Lecture	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
20-Sep	Sat	Amy Helsel	Cross Stitch & Beyond -- 2025 THaP (Band Sampler Needle case)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
22, 29 Oct & 5, 12 Nov	Sat/ Sun	Dawn Donnelly	Treasures from the Great Lakes	Class	Zoom
6-Oct	Mon	Melissa Shippee	Inner Light Mandala	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
		Terri Tubergen	Nametag: Cross Stitch on Paper	Class	
18-Oct	Sat	Louise Grady	Nametag: Beaded	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Annual Meeting		50+ Sr Ctr

3-Nov	Mon		Film: Muncaster Castle		In-Person/ Zoom
		Terri Tubergen	Nametag: Cross Stitch on Paper	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
15-Nov	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Nametag: Cutwork Petite Project	Class	
			Holiday Party		50+ Sr Ctr
1-Dec	Mon	Margaret Kinsey	History of Rozashi	Lecture	In-Person/ Zoom
20-Dec	Sat	Sophie O'Neal	Embroidery Journals	Lecture/ Chat	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom

2026

5-Jan	Mon	Terri Tubergen	Punch Needle Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
17-Jan	Sat		Stitch-In (Camp Wanna-Stitch Weekend)		
2-Feb	Mon	Donna Finley	Schwalm	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
21-Feb	Sat				
2-3 Mar	Mon/ Tues	Ann Strite-Kurz	Pair of Puffins Perched on a Prominence	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
21-Mar	Sat				
6-Apr	Mon	Barbara Bass	Rozashi Kit Choices	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
18-Apr	Sat				
			Mother's Day Tea		50+ Sr Ctr

4-May	Mon	Ann Strite-Kurz	Creative Uses for Blackwork	Lecture	In-Person
16-May	Sat				
1-Jun	Mon		Potluck Luncheon Membership Showcase		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
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18-Jul	Sat		Stitch-in		
3-Aug	Mon		Stitch-in		
15-Aug	Sat		Stitch-in		
14-Sep	Mon				
19-Sep	Sat				
5-Oct	Mon	Barbara Bass	Ribbon Embroidery Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
17-Oct	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Debbie Rowley Jewel Box (Part 1)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
18, 24 Oct & 1 Nov		Wendy Moore	Pyramids at the Oasis	Class	Zoom
2-Nov	Mon		Annual Meeting		
21-Nov	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Debbie Rowley Jewel Box (Part 2)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
7-Dec	Mon	Debbie Logsdon	Holiday Party Scandinavian Needlework Focus for 2027	Lecture	
19-Dec	Sat				

Options:

Embroidery Journal Kits (Jessica Checking)

Punch Needle Project (Ann checking for kits)

Cynthia Page Gossage

Kantha Class

Technique	Cost	PC POC



(Adjustment due to snow closure)

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Crewel/
Needleweaving

\$0 Ann

\$126 Alice

\$0 Terri (Adjustment due to earlier snow closure.)

Gold Work

\$0 Ann

Debbie

\$0 Terri (Adjustment due to snow closure)

Needlepoint

\$0 Barbara

French Wire
Beading

\$0 Ann 10-2pm Extended Time

Terri/ Louise

\$0 Grady

\$0 Debbie

\$0 Needlepoint Interest
Group Open to Chapter

\$126 Jessica

Cross Stitch ?? Terri

Needlepoint \$0 Barbara

Beading \$0 Ann

Cross Stitch \$0 Terri

Peyote Beading \$0 Terri

\$26 Ann (Tentative)

Cross Stitch \$0 Terri

Cutwork \$0 Debbie

\$250 Ann

\$100 Jessica

Total Cost 2025: \$628

Funds Still Available: \$572

Punch Needle Embroidery \$0 Ann

White Work \$0 Terri

\$0

Blackwork on Canvas \$0 Ann

Rozashi \$0 Ann

Terri/ Louise

\$0 Ann

Ribbon
Embroidery

\$0 Barbara

Needlepoint

\$0 Debbie

Needlepoint

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Needlepoint

\$0 Debbie

\$0 Debbie



Total Cost 2025:

Funds Still Availa \$1,200

Membership Report – June 16, 2025

Our current roster per National has 109 primary members. In addition, plural membership stands at 12 as of the end of May. I will have the June report in mid July. About two dozen members have not paid dues for memberships ending in May or June. I will follow up with them. I also have five checks that I will mail to the treasurer this week.

We are still in renewal season as many members did not renew until June or July last year and thus have until this month or next to renew again

It is renewal season and although it is preferred to renew online, there is a printable form to renew by mail.

Members who prefer to renew by mail can access the form to complete for submission here:

https://egausa.org/app/uploads/2024/10/EGA_RenewalForm_-2024.pdf

Submitted by Cynthia Rosenberg

June 2025

**EGA Constellation Chapter
Newsletter Report**

- The newsletter process is going smoothly.
- The feedback has been very positive.
- Remember that deadlines are **July 10th , Sept 10th, and Nov 10th .**

Chris Armstrong
Newsletter Editor

Outreach and Diversity Report-June 2025

Events:

The Annapolis Pride Festival scheduled on May 31st was cancelled due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 18th. We plan to participate.

Other Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 29th, 2025: Embroidery Class at the Hammond-Harwood House Museum. 1p-3p. We currently have 3-4 volunteers and 8 students signed up for the class. Jess Moore will be leading the class.

Sunday, October 12, 2025: Howard County Pride

We will also be looking into participating in the Howard County Fair. Additional information to be shared at a later date.

Jeanette Farrell

Treasurer's Report for June Board Meeting

June 17, 2025

The checking account had a balance of \$14,324.42. Our income to date is \$3,654.59. This does not include \$1,120 from National EGA for dues, which is listed as a pending transaction. Our expenses to date are \$3,381.69. 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 \$44.99.

Our 2 CDs have the following amounts: CD ending in -0137 has a balance of \$3,362.04. CD ending in -2241 has a balance of \$8,076.89. Interest year to date from the two CDs is \$203.23.

Our total current worth (combined checking account, PayPal, and CDs) is \$25,809.34.

Susan White

Devon Andres

Treasurer

	2025		2025				
	Budget		Budget	2025 Actual			

	Proposed		Proposed				
INCOME		EXPENSES		INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues	\$2,500.00	Region Dues		Dues	\$636.00	Region Dues	\$0.00
Interest	\$350.00	Educational Events	11,200.00	Interest	203.23	Educational Events	\$2,803.04
Educational Events	\$10,000.00	Seminar* (MAR)		Educational Events	\$2,718.28	Seminar (MAR)	\$0.00
Seminar (MAR)		Exhibits		Seminar (MAR)		Exhibits	\$0.00
Exhibit		Fund Raising		Exhibit		Fund Raising	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$1,000.00	Cost of Sales		Fund Raising		Cost of Sales	
Sales		Rent	0.00	Sales		Rent	\$132.99
Advertising	\$130.00	Newsletter & website	300.00	Advertising	\$51.40	Newsletter & website	\$31.79
Community Outreach	\$800.00	Admin	500.00	Community Outreach		Admin	\$201.17

Contributions , Restricted	\$200.00	Officers Travel	500.00	Contributions , Restricted	\$45.68	Officers Travel	\$0.00
Contributions , Unrestricted	\$300.00	Community Outreach	1,500. 00	Contributions , Unrestricted	\$0.00	Community Outreach	\$100.0 0
Parties/Meals		Parties/Meals		Parties/Meals	\$0.00	Parties/Meals	\$12.70
Retreats		Retreats		Retreats	\$0.00	Retreats	\$0.00
Contributions /Gifts		Contributions /Gifts	100.00	Contributions /Gifts		Contributions /Gifts	\$100.0 0
Other		Membership Expenses	100.00	Other		Membership Expenses	
Transfer from savings	0	IDEA				IDEA	
		Other				Other	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,280 .00	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,200 .00	TOTAL REVENUE	3654.5 9	TOTAL EXPENSES	3381.6 9

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2025
Meeting Recorded by Mary Tod
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Berman

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Ann Fink, Acting President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum was met with the following attendees: Jane Bauersfeld, Susan White, Jeanette Farrell, Mary Vransy, Ann Fink, Michele Hunter, Chris Armstrong, Mary Tod, Donna Finley, Devon Andre, Jan Rollins and Bonnie Berman. Guest attending was Karen Silber. Guest speaker was Stephanie Armstrong.

AGENDA (Attachment #1):

- See Attachment #1

Guest Speaker (Stephanie Armstrong):

- See Attachment #2 for presentation and take away notes from meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- A motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2025, was made by Chris and seconded by Mary V. There were no objections. Motion carries.

PROGRAMS (Attachment #3):

Submitted by Ann Fink, 1st VP/Programs & Education

- See Attachment #3
- Ann pointed out that new to the schedule is Feb 2, 2026-Canby's fabric covered box.
- Ann reported that the Program Committee is looking into a Group Correspondence Class for May to be covered by the \$200 they estimate will be left in their budget. They are investigating a course called Thank Goodness it is Finished.

MEMBERSHIP:

Submitted by Cynthia Rosenberg, 2nd VP/Membership

- Cynthia reported that she has received more blank membership cards.

NEWSLETTER:

Submitted by Chris Armstrong, 3rd VP/Newsletter

- Upcoming deadlines are **Sept 10th and Nov 10th.**

REGIONAL REPORT:

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld, Regional Representative

- Jane questioned the \$5 fee for virtual lectures. Michelle reported that MAR does not charge a fee for virtual lectures but EGA Nation does. Jane is going to confirm.
- Camp Wannastitch coupons are available. Guest coupons available Sept 1, 2025. Both coupons due Dec 1, 2025. Americas Tapestry for Delaware will be at Camp Wannastitch for anyone to stitch on.
- A MAR Seminar will be on June 16-20 in Fairfax, VA.

OUTREACH/DIVERSITY:

Submitted by Jeanette Farrell

- Planning to register for Howard County Pride on Oct 12, 2025.

- Already registered for Annapolis Pride on Oct 18, 2025.
- Planning a stitch-in at the main branch of Howard County Library in November.
- There are plans to do two more children Hospice quilts. Patterns and information will be given out in October. The themes will be Gnomes and Jungle Babies.

TREASURER (Attachment #4):

Submitted by Devon Andres & Sue White, Treasurers

- See Attachment #4
- Income and Expenses are off but are predicted to balance out at the end of the year.
- CDs come due in Sept. Sue will try to get the best rates and if possible spread out due dates.
- It was determined to move the Zoom license which is currently in the Rent budget to the Administrative budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ann let membership know that we will be voting on the Chapter Logo and on funds for the Website upgrade at the Annual Meeting.
- Ann stated that the cost for the new website licensure has been included in the new budget.
- Ann is hoping that there will be members who will be willing to update the website. If not a fee will have to be added in the budget at approximately \$50/month.
- There was a previous discussion if the Chapter should pay the PayPal fees for classes. Our operating procedure is that the expenses for all classes are covered by participants therefore the Chapter should not take on the cost of the Pay Pal fee for anything other than Membership Dues. There has been no complaints from class participants about the PayPal fee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2026 Budget (Attachment #5)
 - Sue, Devon and Ann sat down and used this year's budget to project next year's budget.
 - Decreased number of members to 130 from 140 to be on safe side for income funds.
 - Newsletter and website funds were increased. Approximately \$200 of the budget line is used to cover the expense of the few newsletters we still print and send out by mail.
 - Officers' travel has been cut to \$100.
 - Outreach and Diversity has increased to \$600.
 - Charity contributions have been increased to \$200. Ann received no feedback from membership on suggestions of what Charities to donate too. Ann suggested we find a charity that deals with stitching. Some suggestions were a charity that refurbishes sewing machines and give to underserved communities, Boy and Girls Club, 4-H clubs, and a quilt group that makes pillow cases for foster children (Mary V will investigate).
 - Clarification was made between restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are funds that are specified for a particular use. An example would be when the ANG chapter dissolved and the funds were given to EGA they specified it should be used for needlepoint education, workshop or class. Funds that have not been given a specified use go to unrestricted funds.
 - A motion to approve the 2026 Budget, was made by Mary T and seconded by Chris. There were no objections. Motion carries.
- The Tech Committee had discussed that possibility of selling the microphone that was purchased with EGA funds but decided it would be good to keep in case the system at our meeting room does not work. The other item discussed was to have our Chapter buy a

laptop (\$500-\$800) so that members do not have to carry and use their personal laptops. The big issue is where to store it safely.

- Ann and Mary T will be speaking with Debbie Barlow about becoming the Chair of the Tech Committee.
- Alice and Penny are working on nominations for the 2026 Officer Slate. The Slate of Officers needs to be in the October Newsletter so that it can be voted on at the Annual Meeting,
- The Annual Meeting will be on Monday November 3, 30205.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bonnie and seconded by Mary V. There were no objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

EGA Board of Directors' Meeting
August 12, 2025
Agenda

Call to Order: 7:00

Presentation of new website progress – Stephanie Armstrong

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting: June 17, 2025

Committee Reports:

Programs

Membership

Newsletter

Region

Outreach

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

Website Upgrade – If further discussion needed

Logo Revision

New Business:

Budget for 2026

Possible sale of microphone we no longer need – Mary Tod

Board members for 2026

Announcements

Adjournment

Constellation Chapter 12th of August Meeting:

Notes from Stephanie Armstrong's presentation

Constellation Chapter Website Mapping:

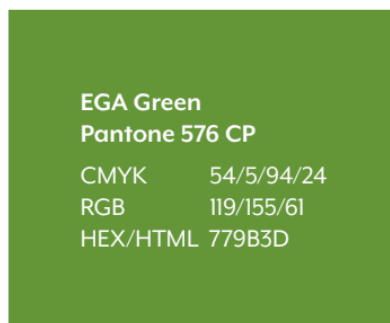
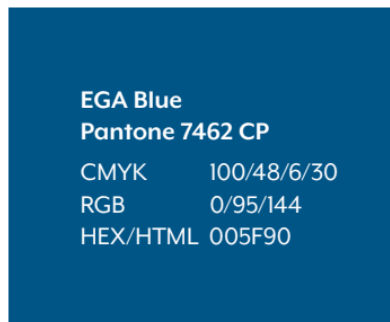
***** This is a general mock up of color schemes, fonts and layout. Some stylistic choices will change once in Wix and we're using their tools and templates***

Currently on Website:

- *Google website*
- *Current Pages:*
 - Home
 - About:
 - History
 - Officers
 - EGA National
 - Mid Atlantic Region
 - Programs
 - Calendar of Events
 - Meetings
 - Membership
 - Gallery
 - Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
 - Glen Burnie Library Outreach
 - Class Projects
 - Ort Box Class
 - Contact Us

Requirements:

- EGA Requirements:
 - EGA & Chapter logo
 - Required color palette by EGA (below)



- Typography:
 - Times New Roman
 - Futura
 - Mr. Eaves: (below)

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

- Constellation Chapter Board Requirements:
 - Logo on homepage
 - New pages:
 - Membership
 - Newsletter
 - Password Protected
 - Classes & Sign Ups
 - Limiting sign ups
 - Paypal for classes
 - Interest Groups

Main Goal & Personal Notes:

- Main Goals:
 - Find main layout for menu and pages
 - The official font we want to use out of the 4 provided by EGA
- Personal Notes:
 - Anything linked in original website will be linked in this one
 - We can add small stylistic graphic pieces that can break up a page:
 - Wix Plans: (without domain price) (can be paid monthly, yearly or every two years)
 - Basic - \$75
 - Middle - \$100 ***
 - Premium - \$150

Questions:

- Can we group sections in a more concise way?
- Should galleries have expirations?
- Should interest groups go on the calendar & classes page? Or a separate page?

Notes from Meeting:

- Some voted for tool bar on the right hand side, some voted for top bar
- Want the logo bigger on home page
- Change current logo from square to fitted
- Name of chapter bolded (would be discussed in November)
- Change Green in tool bar to Soft Blue
- Want pictures included with classes
 - Classes should be linked to a details page with a sign up button below
- Multiple links to classes in classes page, calendar & newsletter
- Classes are only available to members; other chapters will need to contact board to receive password
- When formatting in Wix, have one page in Futura and the other in Mr. Eaves to compare (maybe a combo of both)
- Newsletter linked instead of it's own page
- Preferences:
 - Main menu on right hand side
 - Drop down menu
 - Blocking for text to keep bold background
- Limit copying images from website (look into)
 - Disclaimers about images and information are required to be on the website by EGA
- Next Steps: Set Up Wix

Constellation Chapter Website Mapping:

Presented by Stephanie A. Armstrong

Home Page

Main Menu Options



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General Page Options

Gradients & Blocking for Text

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The Constellation Chapter was formed in 1973 in Baltimore, MD.

Our name and logo are derived from the USS Constellation warship located in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

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Gallery Page Options

Galleries all on one page (number of formats on Wix)



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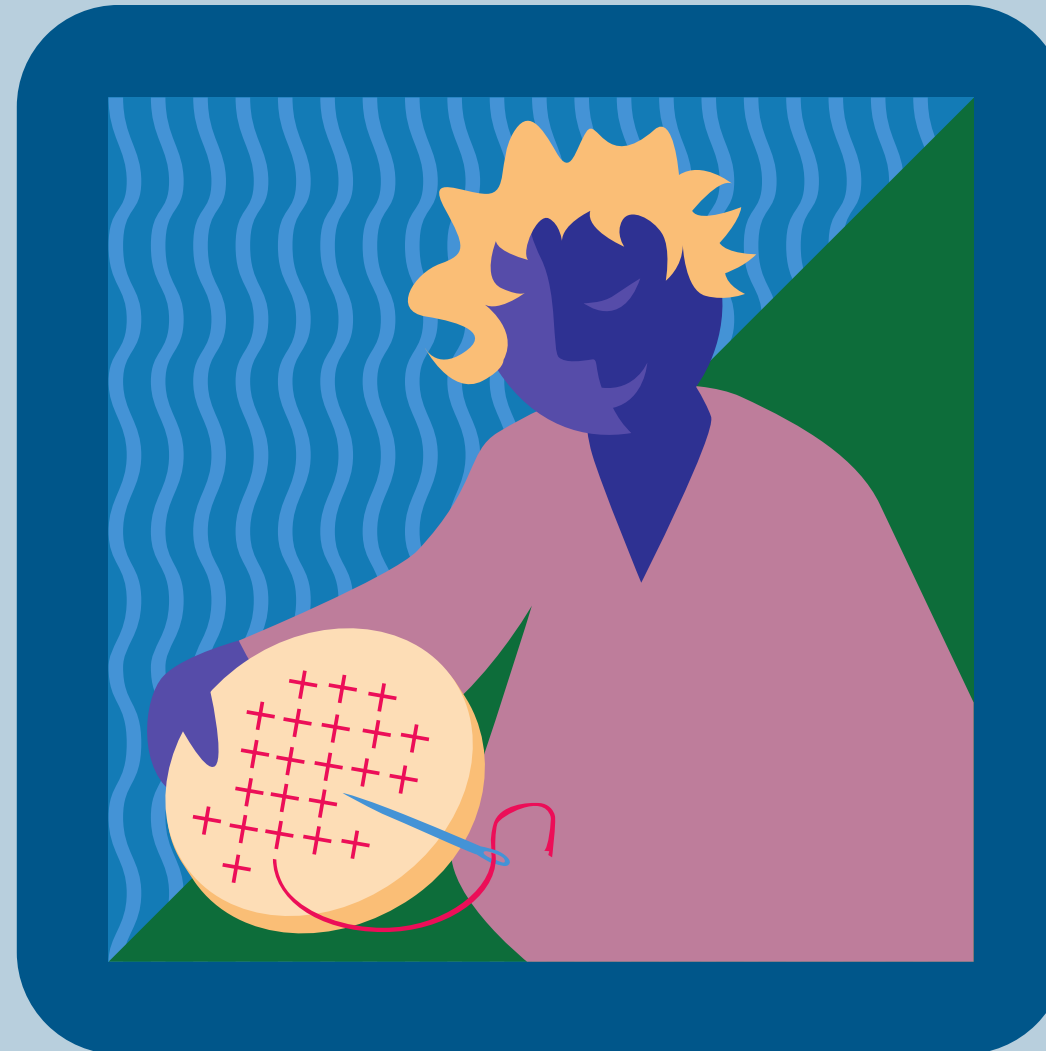
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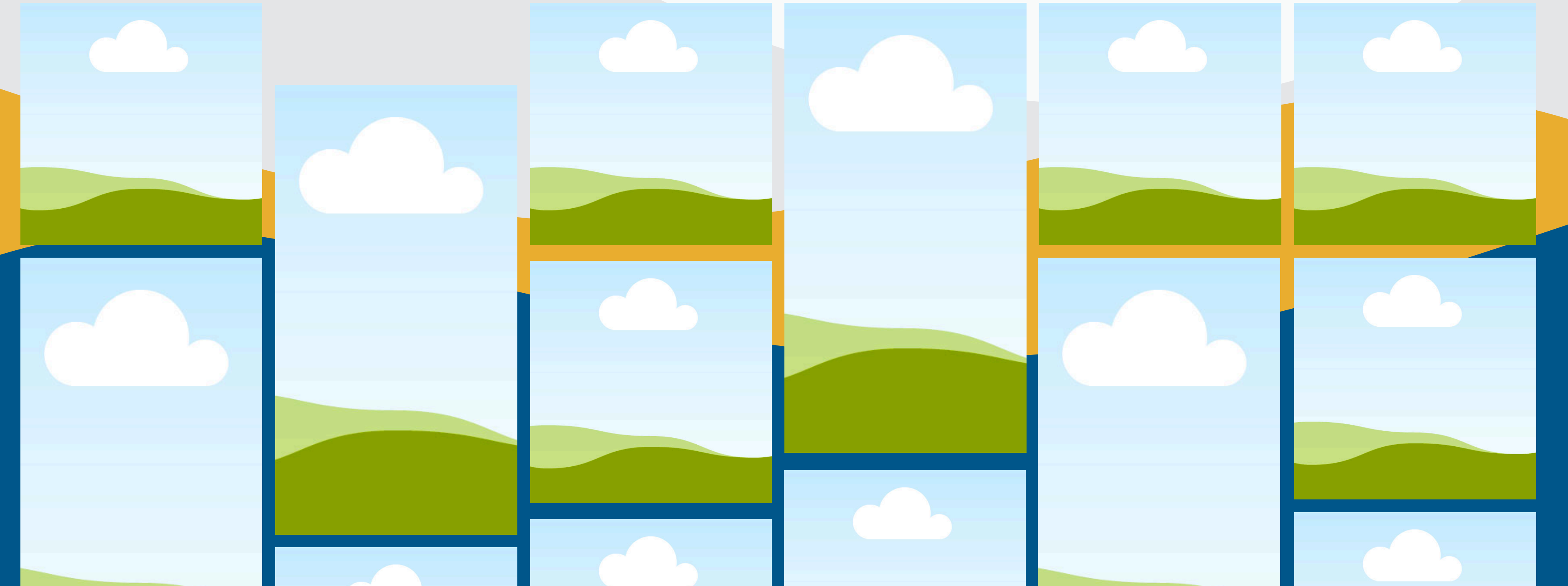
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Classes Page Options

Classes sectioning with Sign Up Buttons

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August Classes

Class 1: [date] to [date]

Sign Up

Class 2: [date] to [date]

Sign Up

Class 3: [date] to [date]

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August Classes

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Sign Up

Class 3: [date] to [date]

Sign Up

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Contact bubble

(class sign up & membership page will look similar to this)



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First Name:

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Master List EGA Program Schedule

Date	Instructor	Course	Type	Format
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3-Feb	Mon	Dr. Isabella Rosner	Royal School of Needlework: Surprising Objects From the RSN Collection	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
8-Feb	Sat	Barbara Meger	Ticking Purse	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
3-Mar	Mon	Ann Fink	Golden Shamrock Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
8-Mar	Sat		Woodlawn Field Trip/ Lunch	Travel	
29-Mar	Sat	Amy Helsel	MAR Felt Cardinal	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
7-Apr	Mon	Mary Tod	Purple Mountains Majesty	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
12-Apr	Sat	Donna Dickt	Beaded Trees	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Mother's Day Tea		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
5-May	Mon	Susan Elliot	Adventures in Mexico - Oaxaca	Lecture	Zoom

10-May	Sat	Devon Andres	Cross Stitch Software Explained	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
2-Jun	Mon		Potluck Luncheon		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
			Membership Showcase		
14-Jun	Sat		Stitch-in		
7-Jul	Mon		Stitch-in		
12-Jul	Sat		Stitch-in		
17-Jul	Thurs	Ann Strite-Kurz	Creative Adaptation to Canvas	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
4-Aug	Mon		Stitch-in		
9-Aug	Sat		Stitch-in		
8-Sep	Mon		Queen Mary's Dollhouse -- 100th Anniversary RSN Lecture	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
20-Sep	Sat	Amy Helsel	Cross Stitch & Beyond -- 2025 THaP (Band Sampler Needle case)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
22, 29 Oct & 5, 12 Nov	Sat/ Sun	Dawn Donnelly	Treasures from the Great Lakes	Class	Zoom
6-Oct	Mon	Melissa Shippee	Inner Light Mandala	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
		Terri Tubergen	Nametag: Cross Stitch on Paper	Class	
18-Oct	Sat	Louise Grady	Nametag: Beaded	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Annual Meeting		50+ Sr Ctr

3-Nov	Mon		Film: Muncaster Castle		In-Person/ Zoom
		Terri Tubergen	Nametag: Cross Stitch on Paper	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
15-Nov	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Nametag: Cutwork Petite Project	Class	
			Holiday Party		50+ Sr Ctr
1-Dec	Mon	Margaret Kinsey	History of Rozashi	Lecture	In-Person/ Zoom
20-Dec	Sat	Sophie O'Neal	Embroidery Journals	Lecture/ Chat	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom

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5-Jan	Mon	Donna Finley	Schwalm	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
17-Jan	Sat		Stitch-In (Camp Wanna-Stitch Weekend)		
2-Feb	Mon	Canby Robertson	Fabric Covered Box	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
21-Feb	Sat				
2-3 Mar	Mon/ Tues	Ann Strite-Kurz	Pair of Puffins Perched on a Prominence	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
21-Mar	Sat				
6-Apr	Mon	Barbara Bass	Rozashi Kit Choices	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
18-Apr	Sat				
			Mother's Day Tea		50+ Sr Ctr

4-May	Mon	Ann Strite-Kurz	Creative Uses for Blackwork	Lecture	In-Person
16-May	Sat	Ann Fink	Punch Needle Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
1-Jun	Mon		Potluck Luncheon		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
			Membership Showcase		
20-Jun	Sat		Stitch-in		
6-Jul	Mon		Stitch-in		
18-Jul	Sat		Stitch-in		
3-Aug	Mon		Stitch-in		
15-Aug	Sat		Stitch-in		
14-Sep	Mon				
19-Sep	Sat				
5-Oct	Mon	Barbara Bass	Ribbon Embroidery Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
17-Oct	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Debbie Rowley Jewel Box (Part 1)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
18, 24 Oct & 1 Nov		Wendy Moore	Pyramids at the Oasis	Class	Zoom
2-Nov	Mon		Annual Meeting		
21-Nov	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Debbie Rowley Jewel Box (Part 2)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
7-Dec	Mon	Debbie Logsdon	Holiday Party		
			Scandinavian Needlework Focus for 2027		
19-Dec	Sat				

Options:

Embroidery Journal Kits (Jessica Checking)

Punch Needle Project (Ann checking for kits)

Cynthia Page Gossage

Kantha Class

Technique	Cost	PC POC



(Adjustment due to snow closure)

(Adjustment due to snow closure)

Crewel/
Needleweaving

\$0 Ann

\$126 Alice

\$0 Terri (Adjustment due to earlier snow closure.)

Gold Work

\$0 Ann

Debbie

\$0 Terri (Adjustment due to snow closure)

Needlepoint

\$0 Barbara

French Wire
Beading

\$0 Ann 10-2pm Extended Time

Terri/ Louise

\$0 Grady

\$0 Debbie

\$0 Needlepoint Interest
Group Open to Chapter

\$126 Jessica

Cross Stitch ?? Terri

Needlepoint \$0 Barbara

Beading \$0 Ann

Cross Stitch \$0 Terri

Peyote Beading \$0 Terri

	\$26	Ann
Cross Stitch	\$0	Terri
Cutwork	\$0	Debbie
	\$250	Ann
	\$100	Jessica

Total Cost 2025: \$628
Funds Still Availa \$572

White Work	\$0	Terri
	\$0	Ann
	\$0	
Blackwork on Canvas	\$0	Ann
Rozashi	\$0	Ann
		Terri/ Louise

Punch Needle
Embroidery

\$0 Ann

\$0 Ann/Terri

Ribbon
Embroidery

\$0 Barbara

Needlepoint

\$0 Debbie

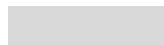
Needlepoint

\$0 Barbara

Needlepoint

\$0 Debbie

\$0 Debbie



Total Cost 2025:

Funds Still Availa \$1,200

Treasurer's Report for August Board Meeting 8,130.81

August 12, 2025

The checking account had a balance of \$16,357.25. Our income to date is \$8,130.81. Our expenses to date are \$3,334.98. 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.

Our 2 CDs have the following amounts: CD ending in -0137 has a balance of \$3,393.38. CD ending in -2241 has a balance of \$8,076.89. Interest year to date from the two CDs is \$234.57.

Our total current worth (combined checking account, PayPal, and CDs) is \$27,827.52.

Susan White

Devon Andres

Treasurers

	2025		2025				
	Budget		Budget	2025 Actual			

	Proposed		Proposed				
INCOME		EXPENSES		INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues	\$2,500.00	Region Dues		Dues	\$2,178.00	Region Dues	\$0.00
Interest	\$350.00	Educational Events	11,200.00	Interest	234.57	Educational Events	\$2,806.51
Educational Events	\$10,000.00	Seminar* (MAR)		Educational Events	\$5,645.73	Seminar (MAR)	\$0.00
Seminar (MAR)		Exhibits		Seminar (MAR)		Exhibits	\$0.00
Exhibit		Fund Raising		Exhibit		Fund Raising	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$1,000.00	Cost of Sales		Fund Raising		Cost of Sales	
Sales		Rent	0.00	Sales		Rent	\$132.99
Advertising	\$130.00	Newsletter & website	300.00	Advertising	\$51.40	Newsletter & website	\$31.79
Community Outreach	\$800.00	Admin	500.00	Community Outreach	\$210.00	Admin	\$210.39

Contributions , Restricted	\$200.00	Officers Travel	500.00	Contributions , Unrestricted	\$45.68	Officers Travel	\$0.00
Contributions , Unrestricted	\$300.00	Community Outreach	1,500. 00	Contributions , Restricted	\$0.00	Community Outreach	\$100.0 0
Parties/Meals		Parties/Meals		Parties/Meals	\$0.00	Parties/Meals	\$12.70
Retreats		Retreats		Retreats	\$0.00	Retreats	\$0.00
Contributions /Gifts		Contributions /Gifts	100.00	Contributions /Gifts		Contributions /Gifts	\$100.0 0
Other		Membership Expenses	100.00	Other		Membership Expenses	
Transfer from savings	0	IDEA				IDEA	
		Other				Other	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,280 .00	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,200 .00	TOTAL REVENUE	8365.3 8	TOTAL EXPENSES	3394.3 8

Income	2025 Budget	2025 Projected Actual	2026 Proposed
Dues	\$2,500		\$2,600
Interest Income	\$350	\$235	\$250
Education/Programs	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Fundraising	\$1,000	0	0
Advertising	\$130.00	\$52	\$50
Outreach	\$800	\$210	\$0
Contributions Restricted	\$200	\$0	\$0
Contributions Unrestricted	\$300	\$46	\$50
Transfer from Savings	\$420	\$0	\$0
Expenses			
Education/Programs	\$11,200	\$10,850	\$11,000
Newsletter and Website	\$300	\$32	\$600
Administration	\$500	\$260	\$450
Officers Travel	\$500	\$0	\$100
Outreach/Diversity	\$1,500	\$450	\$600
Contributions/Gifts	\$100	\$100	\$200
Membership Expense	\$100	\$0	\$0

* current membership 140; projected membership 130

Total Income \$12,950.00

Includes \$210 for newsletter; balance for new website

Total Expenses \$12,950.00

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA SPECIAL VOTE
September 8, 2025
Hybrid Monday Meeting
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Berman

Vote called by Ann Fink, Acting President.

Reason for Vote

- The Board has been working with Stephanie Armstrong on the creation of a New Website.
- Ann thanked Mary T. and others for all the hard work she put into creating the current website explaining that the current website is not able to accommodate our needs.
- The cost must be approved by membership since it is not in our current budget.
- Ann reported that the cost of \$1,500.00 is appropriate and can easily be handled with our current funds.
- A motion to approve the funds for a new Website at the cost of \$1,500 was made by Mary T and seconded by Susie. There were no objections. Motion carries.

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2025

Zoom Meeting Hosted and Recorded By Debbie Barlow

In-Person Meeting Recorded By Bonnie Berman

Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM by Ann Fink, Acting President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum of members was met. The following Board members attended: Jane Bauersfeld, Jeanette Farrell, Ann Fink, Chris Armstrong, Jan Rollins, Mary Vransy and Bonnie Berman.

Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting were approved on November 19, 2024.

Selection of Officers

- The Nominating Committee proposes the following positions to start in 2026 for a period of two years.
 - Cynthia Rosenberg has agreed to continue as Membership. This will be her second term.
 - Devon Andres has agreed to continue as Treasurer. This will be her second term.
 - Sue White is not doing a second term.
 - Recording secretary will be Karen Silber.
 - Bonnie Berman has completed her second term.
 - Directors listed in the Newsletter
 - Mary Tod - second term.
 - Kathy Schatz - second term
 - Jeanette Ferrell has stepped down. Ann thanked her for the outstanding job she has done.
 - Under the By-Laws nominations can be taken from the floor for a Board position.
 - Nomination was made by Debbie Logsdon and seconded by Chris Armstrong for Bonnie Berman to be a Director.
 - Motion was made to accept slate as presented by Jeanne Haley and second by Penny Haviland with unanimous approval.
Cynthia Rosenberg - Membership
Devon Andres - Treasurer
Mary Tod - Director
Kathy Schatz - Director
Bonnie Berman - Director

Budget

- Due to a typo error on the education/program line a corrected budget was passed around. There was no change to the total expenses and income.
- There is no increase in dues this year.
- The format of the budget has been changed to mesh with National as we have a yearly budget report that has to be filed with National.
- Ann asked if there were any questions before asking for an approval vote.
 - Question was asked for details on some line items such as education, postage, etc.
 - Ann addressed education - the \$10K goes in and out as payment for classes and kit fees are paid. The remaining \$1K goes for lectures and other programs sponsored by the Chapter.
 - It was requested that a detailed treasurer's report be published in next newsletter.
 - Ann stated that the books are audited every year.
 - Ann stated that the Board receives a detailed treasurer's report at each Board meeting.

- Ann stated that each budget item is what the committee has to spend. Anything over \$400 above the budgeted amount must have members' approval as we did for the new website.
- Newsletter expenses were questioned. It was explained that a majority of the expense goes for postage and printing costs as well as yearly payment for our domain.
- Outreach was questioned.
 - Susie stated that it is a national mandate that we grow the chapter and look at diversity.
 - Some members had problems with Pride participation because of the expense. They questioned if we are getting return on our money. It was stated that this is not the only outreach we do. It was suggested that any member is welcome to join the Outreach Committee
 - The Outreach Committee is always open for suggestions of ways to outreach.
 - It was brought up that Terri stitched our QR code and it was a big hit. Maybe more should be stitched to take to events.
 - It was suggested that it would be interesting to see how much other Chapters spend on outreach.
- A comment was made that since we are not paying rent and we do not know how long we will have the free rent that we should put money aside to cover two years of rent in a CD in case we have to start paying rent. It was explained that we already have CDs as a rainy-day fund but the suggestion will be presented to the Board.
 - A suggestion was made that since we are getting the room free maybe we should do something for the Center. We are not sure if they can take donations or not because of the Center's funding. We also allow any of the Center's members to drop in and we have had some of the drop-ins join us. It will be investigated if there are any other ways for us to show our appreciation.
- It was requested that at the December meeting there will be an explanation as to what happened to the money in 2024 budget for rent.
- A motion was made by Bonnie to accept the 2026 budget as presented. Susie seconded the motion. It was passed by majority vote with two opposed.

Chapter Logo

- A vote was made on which Chapter Logo to use. Any option selected must be approved by National.
 - Option one – Original longtime used (11 for)
 - Option two – Current logo being used (24 for). It was stated that the colors and fonts that are used comply with National Guidelines. This logo was already approved by the Board.
 - Option three – New modern design which will cost approximately \$100 (6 for)
- A motion was made by Susie and seconded by Jess to table the vote and do a Google vote so people that come to Saturday and Thursday meetings have a vote. Ann commented that this is the Annual Meeting where votes take place. All the information appeared in the last newsletter so members were given ample opportunity to attend. We did not vote on this motion since it was determined that the By-Laws procedure for voting were followed.
- Option two is accepted with majority and will be sent to National for approval.

Acting President's Report (Attachment #1)

Submitted by Ann Fink, Acting President.

- See Attachment #1

Programs (Attachment #2)

Submitted by Ann Fink, Acting President/1st VP/Programs

- See Attachment #2

Membership

Reported by Ann Fink, Acting President

- No official report but Ann reported at last count we had 140 members. Because of National handling membership it is very difficult to get accurate count as they are behind in reporting. Cynthia is working with National to speed up their reporting.

Region (See Attachment #3)

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld

- See Attachment #3
- Debbie made a motion to participate in Camp Wannastitch to create a basket for our Chapter. Jess seconded. Passed with majority vote.

Outreach

Submitted by Jeanette Farrell

- Jeanette had the patterns for this year's Love Quilt. They are butterfly patterns. For the second quilt she will have Harry Potter patterns.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Draft Minutes will be approved at the Board meeting on November 18, 2025.

Acting President's Report Annual Meeting 2025

The Board has worked well together, and tends to make decisions through discussion and consensus. Board meetings have occurred as scheduled and attendance has been exceptionally good. The Board is currently working with a contractor to develop a new website and a number of Board members have offered input. Officers and directors have fulfilled their respective responsibilities. I would like to give a special commendation to the newsletter editor for maintaining the quality of the newsletter and publishing it as scheduled.

Ann Fink, Acting President

Program Committee Report 2025

The program committee meets monthly to plan the program schedule. We try to plan programs for not only the Monday meetings, but also many Saturday meetings. We try to balance lectures and workshops that explore a variety of disciplines and techniques. We also try to balance more costly classes with those that are more affordable. This year, we had five lectures and videos; seven classes and one field trip. In addition, we sponsored two extended-session workshops with internationally-known teachers.

Ann Fink, Chair; Program Committee

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA BOARD MEETING
November 18, 2025
Meeting Recorded by Ann Fink
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Berman

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Ann Fink, Acting President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum was met with the following attendees: Ann Fink, Jane Bauersfeld, Susan White, Jeanette Farrell, Mary Vransy, Michele Hunter, Chris Armstrong, Donna Finley, Devon Andre, Kathy Schatz, Jan Rollins and Bonnie Berman. Deborah Barlow attended as Tech Representative. Alice LaSota to discuss gift for past President. Guest attending Jessica Moore for the Outreach discussion. Guest speaker was Stephanie Armstrong.

AGENDA (Attachment #1):

- See Attachment #1

Guest Speaker (Alice LaSota):

- Alice explained that it is tradition for the Program Chair to present the outgoing President with a gift. That was never done for Suzie. Alice presented a very impressive ort container for approval. Approval was obtained. If any of the Board members would like to donate \$5 toward the gift please give to Alice.

Guest Speaker {Debbie Barlow)

- See Attachment #2 for questions asked by Debbie Barlow.

Guest Speaker (Stephanie Armstrong):

- See Attachment #3 for notes on her presentation for website page changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- A motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2025, minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 8, 2025 and the Annual Meeting minutes, November 3, 2025, with one correction to add Mary Vransy names as attending was made by Chris and seconded by Jeanette. There were no objections. Motion carries.

MEMBERSHIP:

- See Attachment #4

PROGRAMS (Attachment #5):

Submitted by Ann Fink, 1st VP/Programs & Education

- See Attachment #5
- Because of shipping/tariff issues everything in 2026 is scheduled except for October.
- Chris asked if there are any teaching requirements as she has had an experience where the teacher really did not teach. Ann said she will bring it up at the next Program Committee meeting.

NEWSLETTER:

Submitted by Chris Armstrong, 3rd VP/Newsletter

- Upcoming deadline was November 10th but Chris said if something is sent now she could include it. Next due date is Jan 10th.
- Ann will give Chris year-to-date budget for newsletter.
- Nancy Spies sent Chris very interesting articles that Chris will include in newsletter with links.

REGIONAL REPORT:

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld, Regional Representative

- Opportunity basket is progressing slowly. Jane thinks it will have at least a \$300 value.
- Terri stepped up to do to participate in the "Take Home a Project (THap)" from Camp Wannastitch.

OUTREACH/DIVERSITY:

Submitted by Jeanette Farrell

- See Attachment #6
- Patterns were given out for a butterfly Love Quilt. The second quilt will be a Harry Potter theme.
- Ann volunteered to assemble one of the quilts. Jeannie also volunteered.
- Katherine Justice will be the new head of the Outreach Committee.
- Jess stated she thinks that the outreach at the Pride Festivals is good exposure for our Chapter. We have gotten a lot of good feedback. Since the other outreach events do not have a cost the Pride Festivals expense are not a great burden. The Outreach Committee is always open for other suggestions.

TREASURER (Attachment #7):

Submitted by Devon Andres & Sue White, Treasurers

- See Attachment #7
- Ann reiterated that she will publish the year-to-date in the upcoming newsletter and each newsletter in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business was brought up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Charity
 - Bonnie made a motion to give the 50+ Center staff a fruit basket or tower of candy after the holidays to "chase away the winter blues". The funds would come out of the budget. Michelle seconded. There were no objections. Motion carries.
 - After much discussion on what charity to give to for 2025 a motion was made by Jan and seconded by Mary V to donate to the Jess Carson Foundation. There were no objections. The motion carries. It will be brought up for ratification by the membership at the January 2026 meeting. Addendum: Ann had stated we had \$200 for the donation which was incorrect. For 2025 our charity donation is still \$100. The \$200 charity donation will start in 2026. Ann sent out an email stating this fact. A quorum of Board members approved via email.

- Ann brought up that Oakland Chapter puts their financial report in the newsletter every publication. Because of the financial questions at the Annual Meeting she feels that publishing our financial statement each newsletter would be good transparency and prevent future issues.
 - A discussion about the Annual meeting and the cost of the Pride Festival along with received emails (See Attachment #8).
 - Jill was not satisfied being told that the financial books are reviewed every year and a yearly report goes to National. To satisfy Jill's questions a meeting is being set up for her to review the financial books. She believes there were hidden costs for the Pride Festivals.
 - Ann said that the Board should receive member approval for any large expenses to prevent future questions.
 - It was suggested that we do the lesser expensive Pride Festive and look for new avenues. The Outreach Committee will discuss this further and inform the Board of their decision.
 - Ann also stated that the Outreach Chair is not a Board member but appointed by the President and approved by the Board therefore ideas for outreach are brought to the Board to approve any expenses.
 - Jeanette clarified that originally the Outreach and Diversity committees were separate. The Diversity committee initiated attending the Pride Festivals. At a later point both committees were merged into one.
 - Ann pointed out that there was NOT a National mandate for diversity committee. The mission statement states it supports diversity not that chapters are mandated to support diversity financially.
 - Sue White suggested a way to have transparency is to have member observers at the Board Meetings. The By-Laws would have to be changed as they say that only members who have a specific agenda can come and present their issue but not stay for the entire meeting. This idea was not supported at this time.

The Board Meetings for 2026 will be held the 3rd Tuesday at 7pm during Jan 20, Mar 17, May 19, Aug 18 and Nov 17.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bonnie and seconded by Mary V. There were no objections. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Agenda:

We will start the meeting with a review of progress on the new website with Stephanie Armstrong.

We will have our new Tech Committee chair share some of her thoughts/concerns about tech support for chapter.

Committee Reports

We will need to discuss where we want our charitable donations for 2025 to go. According to the by-laws, our selections must be approved by the membership.

Discuss emails received from members regarding outreach and other expenses, and the need for financial information for members.

Questions Regarding the Website

To formulate my questions, I looked at the old website and went through the categories there. I written below both my questions (**Q:**) and the responses I received to those (**A:**).

History

Q: The history shown seems very sparse given the Chapter's 50 years in operation. Is anyone going to be filling that in?

A: Chris A. had contacted Penny H. who, she thought, had written up something for the 50th anniversary. However, Penny didn't provide Chris with much more than what's there. That being said, the Board didn't think that anyone looks at the history or cares one way or the other, so they decided that a small paragraph could be incorporated into the Home page by way of a general introduction to the group and we could get rid of the History page.

Calendar

Q: Who updates the Calendar?

A: This has, in the old website, actually been linked to a Google calendar. Stephanie mentioned that if we still want that to be the case in the new website, the Chapter may need to make a one-time purchase of a widget to coordinate that.

The person who normally updates the Calendar may be Mary, who has been out of pocket lately, or Jeanette, who has also be busy with family concerns, but Donna also mentioned that she can and will update the information about the December 1 meeting to include info about the potluck.

Meetings

Q: Pretty much each section on the old version of this page needs to be updated.

A: it looks like the text in the new website accomplishes this.

Membership

Q: Since all of the dues go through EGA National now, can't we just put a link to that page rather than listing the current pricing, which may change, forcing someone to keep on top of this and change our website as a consequence.

A: Firstly, if Constellation is a member's second or third chapter, the Chapter ends up having to process the fees, so, yeah, we need to have our own link for that, not just National's. Also, the consensus was that people wouldn't want to follow a link but would prefer to see the information up front.

Gallery

Q: There are more photos available on the "ConstellationEGA@gmail.com" Google Drive than are shown currently on the website. I just added some, plus, we should really add the pictures and video from the 2025 showcase.

A: Chris A. said something about the photos coming from a different Google account—not sure what she is talking about. Stephanie mentioned that we could certainly add more photos and more information about the photos we add, but, I think, she mentioned that organizing that might be another "project" for someone (not her?) to undertake.

Contact Information within the Pages

Q: I mentioned that I had counted eleven (11) different emails listed within the website and asked where those go and who is monitoring them. If these are individual accounts for each officer, with individual logins...is there a system in place to forward login information to new officers, who are then required to change passwords? Is there a secured record, somewhere, with those passwords, so that should an officer unexpectedly "leave" the chapter, someone can access and reassign that email account?

A: My question started a whole discussion about the emails and how they worked and Stephanie was still trying to reach out to Mary to clarify that, since Mary is the one who set them up originally.

This, I believe, was a pretty good segue into my presentation about my observations regarding our technology needs, etc....that is, after Stephanie finished her presentation and took notes and questions.

Technology: Current State, Future Needs

About These Notes

I had sent an email to Ann F. in August, which included some basic technology-related items to think about for the future, including a lot of the concerns I restated and/or expanded on during this meeting regarding “software” as well as my “hardware” recommendations, that is, for the purchase of a Chapter laptop which could be used as needed.

I believe Ann used my email—either reading as a whole or by summarizing—to present my concerns at the August Board Meeting. She did tell me that it was well received, but that the Board current focus was the website redesign.

Ann asked me to do a 5-minute presentation to the November meeting.

During that meeting, I mentioned the email and noted that I would expand on some of the software issues, but wouldn't go much further about the hardware issues until the Board gave me the go-ahead to really pin that down. Ann said she would forward that email to the Board, following this meeting, so that everyone was on the same page.

The following is a copy of my written notes, as I wrote them, but they may have been presented in a slightly different order:

Google Account

We have an account that Mary created for the Chapter, which is accessible at constellationega@gmail.com. In the end, Mary may be able to answer many of my questions, but the Board should be cognizant of the features and capabilities of this account and be using it to their best advantage. There is plenty of storage space, of which we are barely taking advantage; currently using only 2% or 5.42GB of its 200GB capacity.

Here are some things to think about and/or keep in mind:

Security: Who has the login information/password to this account? Who actually *needs* the login to this account? How often is the password changed?

Email: The email account is very active, but I couldn't tell what was feeding into it besides emails sent directly to the constellationega address.

Do the other eleven (11) emails listed on the website feed into this account or do they go directly to the personal email inboxes of the Board Member in that office?

If the former (just here), who reads them and responds, OR, who reads them and manually forwards them to the appropriate officer for response?

Is there a system for storing copies of forward emails within this account, just in case the recipient “loses” the forwarded email and it needs to be re-forwarded?

How long are emails kept?

Drive: Any documentation created by the Chapter should be stored/archived in this “cloud” account. For example, store all of the following:

- meeting notes and recordings of meetings held online/Zoom, including general meetings, annual meetings, and board meetings
- information about any Chapter-run classes, events, and activities, including flyers, photos, videos, etc.
- working documents and other files as well as “final” versions and historical records, including past and present versions of the Chapter logo, website, and membership directories.

NOTE: Any file, or any folder and its contents, can be *Shared* with individual members, or groups of members, or all members simultaneously, with specifically assigned “view” or “edit” privileges. Organized correctly, the Drives content, all or in part, could be accessible via the “Members” and “Board” pages of the new website.

There is no need for any Chapter and/or Board member to store documents, photos, videos, etc. on their person computers—computers which can die unexpectedly, leading to the loss of valuable records.

I did mention, before leaving, that my recommendation for Chapter laptop would keep both the Google account AND the Zoom account more secure. For example, I have witnessed logins put into the guest speakers' devices, making them/their device the Zoom “host” in order to [easily?] share their presentations. As a result, their device now has the login stored. This should never happen and is totally unnecessary. The Tech Person, on a different device, can login as “host”, record the session, as well as give the speaker's device screen-sharing privileges.

Board Meeting 11.18.25

Below are Notes that need to be made to the following pages:

- **Membership Tab:**
 - Newsletter tab
- **Board Tab:**
 - Minutes Meeting tab
- **Cost for Membership:**
 - PayPal has a different price (already noted from meeting with Ann, Terri & Devon)
- **Membership Page:**
 - Multiple chapters button - “plural member”
- **Contact Us:**
 - Require subject section
 - Corresponding Secretary receives the forwarded emails from Wix
- **Mobile Version of Website:**
 - Will be mobile friendly, last section that’s focussed on do to updates of and difficult editing structure
- **History:**
 - Old photos from the 70’s when the chapter was founded
 - Flesh out the history side more
- **Calendar:**
 - Google calendar is approved to buy; check in with Ann
- **Change website/calendar:**
 - Calendar needs to be updated
- **Gallery:**
 - Debbie asked how it’s set up
 - Can screenshots possibly be prevented
 - Copyright
 - Add Copyright C to Copyright below

Membership

Thanks to the Hagerstown Chapter who had an information table at the Frederick Fiber Fest and passed on the names of three potential new members. They were all contacted to welcome them to our chapter although none have joined yet.

Thanks to everyone who sent me corrections for the roster. I am ready to send out again with all the corrections.

No new members in the last two months reported by National

Next year, plural members will be included in the roster that National issues which should help in our tracking of members.

Cynthia B. Rosenberg

Master List EGA Program Schedule

Date	Instructor	Course	Type	Format
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LEGEND:

	Class (Outside Instructor)
	Class (Chapter Member)
	Lecture
	Stitch-In
	Chapter Event

2025

6-Jan	Mon		Stitch-in		Zoom
11-Jan	Sat		Stitch-in		Zoom
1, 9 Feb & 1, 9 Mar	Sat/ Sun	Hazel Blomkamp	Jacobean #18	Class	Zoom
3-Feb	Mon	Dr. Isabella Rosner	Royal School of Needlework: Surprising Objects From the RSN Collection	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
8-Feb	Sat	Barbara Meger	Ticking Purse	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
3-Mar	Mon	Ann Fink	Golden Shamrock Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
8-Mar	Sat		Woodlawn Field Trip/ Lunch	Travel	
29-Mar	Sat	Amy Helsel	MAR Felt Cardinal	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
7-Apr	Mon	Mary Tod	Purple Mountains Majesty	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
12-Apr	Sat	Donna Dick	Beaded Trees	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Mother's Day Tea		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
5-May	Mon	Susan Elliot	Adventures in Mexico - Oaxaca	Lecture	Zoom

10-May	Sat	Devon Andres	Cross Stitch Software Explained	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
2-Jun	Mon		Potluck Luncheon		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
			Membership Showcase		
14-Jun	Sat		Stitch-in		
7-Jul	Mon		Stitch-in		
12-Jul	Sat		Stitch-in		
4-Aug	Mon		Stitch-in		
9-Aug	Sat		Stitch-in		
8-Sep	Mon		Queen Mary's Dollhouse -- 100th Anniversary RSN Lecture	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
20-Sep	Sat	Amy Helsel	Cross Stitch & Beyond -- 2025 THaP (Band Sampler Needle case)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
6-Oct	Mon	Melissa Shippee	Inner Light Mandala	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
		Terri Tubergen	Nametag: Cross Stitch on Paper	Class	
18-Oct	Sat	Louise Grady	Nametag: Beaded	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
22, 29 Oct & 5, 12 Nov	Sat/ Sun	Dawn Donnelly	Treasures from the Great Lakes	Class	Zoom
3-Nov	Mon		Annual Meeting		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
			Film: Muncaster Castle		
		Terri Tubergen	Nametag: Cross Stitch on Paper	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person

15-Nov	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Nametag: Cutwork Petite Project	Class	
			Holiday Party		50+ Sr Ctr
1-Dec	Mon	Margaret Kinsey	History of Rozashi	Lecture	In-Person/ Zoom
20-Dec	Sat	Sophie O'Neal	Embroidery Journals	Lecture/ Chat	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom

2026

5-Jan	Mon	Donna Finley	Schwalm	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
17-Jan	Sat		Stitch-In (Camp Wanna-Stitch Weekend)		
2-Feb	Mon	Canby Robertson	Fabric Covered Box	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
21-Feb	Sat	Donna Finley	Schwalm	Class	In-Person
2-Mar	Mon	Ann Fink	Punch Needle Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
21-Mar	Sat	Ann Fink	Punch Needle Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
6-Apr	Mon	Barbara Bass	Ribbon Embroidery Petite Project	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
18-Apr	Sat				
May - Oct			GCC TBD	Class	
4-May	Mon	Ann Strite-Kurz	Mother's Day Tea Creative Uses for Blackwork	Lecture	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person

16-May	Sat		Potluck Luncheon		
1-Jun	Mon		Membership Showcase		50+ Sr Ctr In-Person/ Zoom
20-Jun	Sat		Stitch-in		
6-Jul	Mon		Stitch-in		
18-Jul	Sat		Stitch-in		
3-Aug	Mon		Stitch-in		
15-Aug	Sat		Stitch-in		
14-Sep	Mon				
19-Sep	Sat				
5-Oct	Mon	Barbara Bass	Rozashi Project Choices	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
17-Oct	Sat				50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
18, 24 Oct & 1 Nov		Wendy Moore	Pyramids at the Oasis	Class	Zoom
			Annual Meeting		
2-Nov	Mon				
21-Nov	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Debbie Rowley Jewel Box (Part 1)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person
			Holiday Party		
7-Dec	Mon	Debbie Logsdon	Scandinavian Needlework Focus for 2027	Lecture	
19-Dec	Sat	Debbie Logsdon	Debbie Rowley Jewel Box (Part 2)	Class	50+ Sr Ctr In-Person

Total Cost
Funds Still

Options:

Blake

Sashiko Tentative: 4/14/ or 5/18 Jessica

Checking

Cynthia Page Gossage

Kantha Class

Technique	Cost	PC POC



(Adjustment due to snow closure)

(Adjustment due to snow closure)

Crewel/
Needleweaving

\$0 Ann

\$126 Alice

\$0 Terri (Adjustment due to earlier snow closure.)

Gold Work

\$0 Ann

Debbie

\$0 Terri (Adjustment due to snow closure)

Needlepoint

\$0 Barbara

French Wire
Beading

\$0 Ann 10-2pm Extended Time

Terri/ Louise

\$0 Grady

\$0 Debbie

\$126 Jessica

Cross Stitch ?? Terri

Beading \$0 Ann

Cross Stitch \$0 Terri

Peyote Beading \$0 Terri

Needlepoint \$0 Barbara

\$26 Ann

Cross Stitch \$0 Terri

Cutwork \$0 Debbie

\$250 Ann

\$100 Jessica

Total Cost 2025: \$628

Funds Still Availa \$572

White Work \$0 Terri

\$0 Ann

White Work \$0 Terri

Punch Needle Embroidery \$0 Ann

Punch Needle Embroidery \$0 Ann

Ribbon Embroidery \$0 Barbara

\$0 Terri

Terri/ Louise

\$0 Ann



\$0

\$0 Ann

\$0

Needlepoint \$0 Barbara

Needlepoint \$0 Debbie

\$0 Debbie

Needlepoint Debbie



2025: \$0

Available: \$1,200

The Outreach Committee has begun our next community service event, with the start of a Love Quilt made up of cross-stitched butterflies. A second group of quilt patterns will be distributed at an upcoming meeting which will be Harry Potter themed.

Jeanette Farrell

Treasurer's Report for November Board Meeting

October 31 2025

The checking account had a balance of \$14,810.90. Our income to date is \$10,912.11. Our expenses to date are \$9,267.26. We 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 \$117.

Our 2 CDs have the following amounts: CD ending in -0137 has a balance of \$3,425.01. CD ending in -2241 has a balance of \$8,184.44. Interest year to date from the two CDs is \$373.75.

Our total current worth (combined checking account, PayPal, and CDs) is \$22,638.56.

Devon Andres

Susan White

Treasurers

	2025 Budget Proposed		2025 Budget Proposed	2025 Actual			
INCOME		EXPENSES		INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues	\$2,500.00	Region Dues		Dues	\$2,498.00	Region Dues	\$20.00
Interest	\$350.00	Education al Events	11,200.00	Interest	373.75	Education al Events	\$8,226.14
Education al Events	\$10,000.00	Seminar* (MAR)		Education al Events	\$8,007.03	Seminar (MAR)	\$0.00
Seminar (MAR)		Exhibits		Seminar (MAR)	\$0.00	Exhibits	\$0.00
Exhibit		Fund Raising		Exhibit	\$0.00	Fund Raising	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$1,000.00	Cost of Sales		Fund Raising	\$0.00	Cost of Sales	
Sales		Rent	0.00	Sales		Rent	\$0.00
Advertising	\$130.00	Newsletter & website	300.00	Advertising	\$51.40	Newsletter & website	\$31.79
Community Outreach	\$800.00	Admin	500.00	Community Outreach	\$210.00	Admin	\$408.87
Contributions, Restricted	\$200.00	Officers Travel	500.00	Contributions, Unrestricted	\$145.68	Officers Travel	\$0.00
Contributions, Unrestricted	\$300.00	Community Outreach	1,500.00	Contributions, Restricted	\$0.00	Community Outreach	\$467.76
Parties/Meals		Parties/Meals		Parties/Meals	\$0.00	Parties/Meals	\$12.70
Retreats		Retreats		Retreats	\$0.00	Retreats	\$0.00
Contributions/Gifts		Contributions/Gifts	100.00	Contributions/Gifts		Contributions/Gifts	\$100.00
Other		Membership Expenses	100.00	Other		Membership Expenses	
Transfer from savings	0	IDEA				IDEA	
		Other				Other	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,280.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,200.00	TOTAL REVENUE	11285.86	TOTAL EXPENSES	9267.26

From: ann alves <eaalves010@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 8:46 PM
To: Ann or Marty Fink <aormf@starpower.net>
Subject: EGA donation suggestions

Ann,

I typed this after the meeting and just realized I didn't hit SEND. 🙄

Per today's meeting discussion I am resending my earlier email to you, pls see below. Every State is different with their rules but here in DE the Senior Centers solicit donations, sell raffle tickets, host flea markets, host special \$\$ dinners, etc. to raise money for their particular center. They also graciously accept canned goods, craft supplies and reasonably current books. I believe the Sr Ctrs all receive state AND county monies. Wilmington and Newark also receive City money I believe.

I strongly vote for a donation to the Jess Carson Foundation in 2026. This should be a no-brainer as the Chapter enjoyed the variety of unusual programs Leslie organized!

I suggest that the Chapter see how/what other chapters in the Region are doing to respond to National's Diversity Initiative. Any monies spent on specific groups should be unanimously approved by the membership. Spending OUR membership money for causes the members do not support is no different that the government sending your tax dollars to countries you never heard of, studying the sex life of an ant for 10 years vs. finding a cure for cancer and other illnesses or rebuilding cities damaged by natural disasters....I think you see my point.

Personally, I think the Chapter should spend its money and efforts on retaining the current membership.

See you in December.
Ann Alves

From: Deneen Wilson <deneenewilson@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 11:17 AM

To: Fink Ann <aormf@starpower.net>

Subject: EGA

Hi love,

I have written the following to present to the board.

It is totally your choice, as I am not looking to make you position more difficult.

The chapter needs a mission statement.

We need goals to support our mission.

Our budget needs to reflect our goals.

A chapter of this size should have the following:

Two years meeting expenses on reserve.

Regardless of meeting room being free at present.

Our draw is programs and people- great programs are expensive. Exclusive of meeting room reserve, we should have double what we have now to meet the chapter needs.

The MOST IMPORTANT OUTREACH is a robust and dynamic website.

Studies have shown that websites can improve membership by 25%

Our members and prospective new members can all benefit.

We should aim to be the model chapter with this website.

Lastly, we can easily determine the expense vs. gain in membership from previous outreach.

It has been a fail from a business prospective, period.

We need to move on.

From: Jill Nedeau <jjvkn@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:43 AM
To: Ann or Marty <aormf@starpower.net>
Subject: Re: Followup to Annual Meeting

Ann,

Thank you for your response, I however would just like to see the Income and Expenses for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, for the Constellation Chapter of the EGA, not in the abbreviated form. I and others would appreciate this greatly.

Regards,
Jill

Cynthia Rosenberg was not able to be at the Board meeting so she send her opinions:

I am in favor of the donation to the Jess Carson Foundation again, with hospice my second choice.

As for budget, I think one year of reserve of meeting expenses is sufficient for a group our size. I am not a big fan of excessive management for a group that has always been fiscally responsible in meeting goals.

We have a robust committee for planning classes and they are doing a great job.

The website is a dynamic way of outreach and I am fine with whichever has been agreed upon as to style and format.