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**Great Lakes Region
Retreat**

April 1–3, 2022

**Hosted by the
Great Lakes Region**

The Embroiderers' Guild of America

in South Bend, Indiana

An Invitation to Finish Two in '22

Dear GLR Stitchers:

After our region hosted the very successful National EGA Seminar in Chicago, your Great Lakes Region will offer something a bit different this year for the upcoming Spring event and annual meeting. We are calling it a “Retreat” since it will be over a weekend rather than our usual four days of seminar.

We’ll still be offering some of the usual events such as Teacher’s Showcase and Merchandise Night—and we’ll bring back the Opportunity Baskets, with the chapters sharing 50/50 with the region. We’ll have the GLR merchandise and also the items that were offered at Chicago!

In addition to those offerings, we have two classes that will enable you to learn one or two finishing techniques—not to mention the opportunity to just sit and stitch! We hope you’ll join your fellow stitchers for a weekend of fun, food and stitching April 1, 2 and 3, 2022, in South Bend, Indiana. Please join us for *Finish Two in '22!!!*

Sue Payeur Koehler, Great Lakes Region Director

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Find the Registration Form for GLR Retreat *Finish Two in '22* at ega-glr.org/seminars, or contact Max Koehler, registrar: email maxfk87@gmail.com, or call 810-964-6778.

Registration Information

Process and Instructions: Registration is open only to members of EGA (either member of a local chapter or member-at-large). Non-members may register for an additional \$50 (US Dollars) fee which provides a one-year at-large USA EGA membership. All persons present in a GLR Retreat *Finish Two in '22* teacher's class or Stitch-in must be registered seminar participants.

Registration: Regular registration opens **Saturday, October 9, 2021**. All registrations will be processed first come/first served, according to the date received, not the postmark.

Regular registration closes **December 31, 2021**. Any registrations received after **December 31, 2021**, must include a late-registration fee of \$50. Class confirmation and final invoices will be sent **January 15, 2022**. **The balance of kit fees are due by February 15, 2022.**

Registration form: To register, complete the registration form enclosed or from the GLR website, www.ega-qlr.org, and mail it, with your check, to the Registrar (see address below or on registration form). All mailed registrations will be confirmed as received by the Registrar. Make a copy of the form for your own records.

Cancellations: Cancellation requests must be made to the Registrar no later than **February 1, 2022**. A refund, less a \$50 non-refundable registration fee, will be mailed by **June 1, 2022**. See complete cancellation policy on page 6 of this booklet.

Registration Fees and Class Confirmations: The three-day registration fee is \$225. Fees include tuition and meals on the three days of the retreat.

Additional guest meals must be ordered on your registration form and paid for with your first installment.

Checks for all payments must be made payable to GLR Retreat 2022.

Registrar: Mail all forms, checks, and written questions to:

Max Koehler, Registrar
1940 Sylvan Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Telephone with questions to 810-964-6778.

E-mail questions to maxfk87@gmail.com.

Put GLR Retreat 2022 in the subject line.



Hotel Registration

GLR Retreat 2022 *Finish Two in '22* will be held at the South Bend Hilton Garden Inn, 53995 Indiana State Route 933, South Bend, Indiana 46637.

Make your room reservations with the hotel before midnight (EDT) **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**, by contacting the hotel directly:

Phone: **574-232-7700** or

Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/egagreatlakesregion-/>

To receive the group rate of \$125 (plus taxes) per night, you must request the “EGA Great Lakes Region Retreat 2022” rate. **Your rate of \$125 includes a breakfast each morning.**

The Hilton Garden Inn South Bend is minutes from St. Mary’s College and close to the University of Notre Dame. Each room is air-conditioned and features a refrigerator and LCD television. Wired and wireless internet access is complimentary, while MP3 docking stations and cable programming provide entertainment. Bathrooms have complimentary toiletries and hair dryers. Conveniences include safes and desks, as well as phones with free local calls. Amenities include an indoor pool, a spa tub and a fitness center. The hotel’s restaurant features cooked-to-order breakfasts with limited hours of room service and your favorite drinks at a bar/lounge. Self-parking is free onsite.

NOTE: You must be a registered guest at the South Bend Hilton Garden Inn to participate in GLR Retreat *Finish Two in '22*.

GLR Seminar/Retreat Cancellation Policy

Great Lakes Region Policies and Procedures Governance Seminar/Cancellation (09–2013)

- Canceling participant must send cancellation notification via email. The registrar will reply promptly.
- Cancellations received on or before January 30 of the seminar year will receive a refund less the non-refundable registration fee.
- Cancellations received 60 or more days (January 31 or earlier) prior to the opening of the seminar will incur a \$100 cancellation fee in addition to the non-refundable registration fee.
- Cancellations received 0-59 days (by February 1 or later) prior to the opening of the seminar will be reviewed by the region Executive Committee within 30 days of close of seminar.
- A full refund minus the non-refundable registration fee will be given in the event of the death of the registrant or a member of the immediate family, and acts of war regarding registrant's reassignment. Immediate family may include spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild or sibling. A partial refund may be granted in the event of serious illness of the registrant or an immediate family member, or a natural disaster preventing the registrant's attendance. Consideration in determining the amount of the refund shall be given to the costs incurred by the seminar.
- No refunds will be considered after 30 days of a close of seminar.
- In the event the Great Lakes Region cancels a class after students have been assigned, and a student chooses not to attend seminar, the seminar fee less the non-refundable registration fee will be reimbursed. Any travel costs the student has incurred are solely the responsibility of the student.

Special Events

Merchandise Night Saturday, April 2, 7:30–8:30 PM

Merchandise Night is one of the most popular events at seminar. You'll find designers, chapters, the GLR, local shops, teachers, and other vendors with tables stocked with everything you want, "need," and "can't live without." It is a great opportunity to see items that may not be available in your area. This event is also open to the public, so invite your friends! If you would like to be a vendor and sell at Merchandise Night, tables can be reserved for \$60 for a full table, \$30 for a half table, or \$25 for a chapter table.

Teachers' Showcase Friday, April 1, 5–5:45 PM

At this event, any needlework instructors may reserve a table to display pieces they are offering to teach. This is a great way for participants to get ideas for projects to be taught in home chapters. Teachers' Showcase is a free event and we encourage current as well as up and coming teachers to participate.

Faculty Biographies

Julia Kerner

Since beginning to stitch at a very young age, Julia Kerner has explored all types of needlework from counted to surface to goldwork. She started designing class projects shortly before opening her needlework shop, With Needle In Hand in Boardman, Ohio in 2012. She has designed programs for local embroidery and quilt guilds as well as teaching at EGA region events. Her finishing services include all varieties of items from ornaments to fully-jointed animals.

Sue Payeur Koehler

Sue Payeur Koehler is a member of the Ann Arbor, Livingston Lakes and Indianapolis chapters, and has been a member of EGA since 1986. From 1991–2009 she ran her own business through which she taught quilting, surface and silk ribbon embroidery freelance through local shops and needlework organizations. She stopped teaching to go back to finish her undergraduate degree and stayed to earn an MBA. Sue went on to non-stitching employment at the University of Michigan, where today she is assistant to the dean in the School for Environment and Sustainability. She loves expanding her stitching horizons and is happy to share her expertise with her fellow EGA members.

Half-Day Classes

Saturday, April 2, 2022

We will be offering two half-day classes of 25 students each by Region members, Julia Kerner and Sue Payeur Koehler. Each class will be offered in both the morning and afternoon on Saturday, April 2. Space is limited to 25 participants in each class (a total of 50 students in the morning classes and 50 students in the afternoon classes. If the classes are over-subscribed, we will use the “lottery system” to assign participants to these classes. We appreciate your patience and understanding regarding the need for a lottery.

You can choose one, both or no class(es). There will be a nominal \$20 materials fee charged per class. The materials fee will be due **February 15, 2022.**

101: Finishing 101 Revisited by Julie Kerner

Expanding on an earlier course, Julia teaches finishing of flat ornaments—both round and rectangular. Instruction will also include tips for choosing backing and trims and the considerations specific to needlepoint.

Each piece worked on during this session will be completed without the use of glues—lacing and hand-sewing techniques will be taught throughout.



The finishing kit includes pre-cut mat boards, cotton batting, optional lining fabric, backing fabric, cording and ribbon choices, thread, pins, needles and complete instructions. Students should bring two pressed pieces of needlework to class with stitched areas no larger than 2½” in any direction for the round ornament and no larger than 2½” x 3½” for the rectangular. Pieces should be stitched on linen or other fabric—not canvas.

(Note: A patterned fabric will be provided for practice for students without stitched pieces.)

Fee: \$20.00

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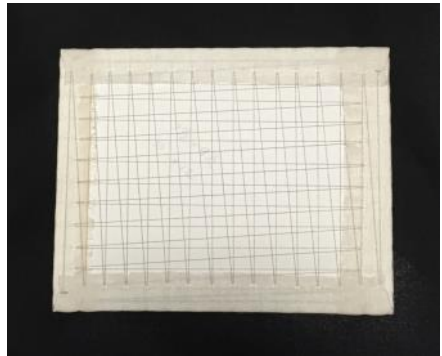
Saturday, April 2, 2022

102: Prep for Framing and Other Finishing Tips by Sue Payeur Koehler

Have you ever taken your piece to a big-box store for framing and left your masterpiece unsure that they would prepare it properly? I have! Learn how to do the prep work yourself and be sure! What about the high-cost of framing at those places? This technique will also give you the confidence to purchase a lower cost frame and just do it yourself! Sue will walk you through properly lacing your piece in preparation for framing. In addition, from her vast knowledge over the years, she will also share how to finish those “soft” pieces such as the Fall meeting’s pin cushion and other pieces into a round box or another type of item. These finishing techniques can assist you in many ways with your projects to come.

Your finishing kit will include a frame (class letter will list your choices), acid-free foam core, and thread for lacing. You may bring a stitched piece, plain linen or use a practice fabric provided by instructor.

Fee: \$20.00



Stitch-In — Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm **Saturday, 8:30am–4:30pm** **Sunday, 8:30am–3:00pm**

Very similar to “Studio Time” we are offering “Stitch-in” time for you to stitch on a new project or a favorite project you have been meaning to complete. Enjoy the company of other stitchers while working at your own pace, taking breaks on your own schedule. Space will be provided for all three days (April 1, 2 and 3) for stitching—no teacher, no kit fee during stitch-in time. You can sign up for one or both of the additional classes on Saturday and work on your own projects on Friday and Sunday.

Because of Covid-19...

These policies, in addition to our normal policies, will be in force for GLR Retreat *Finish Two in '22*:

Finish Two in '22 will occur unless a government mandate would force cancellation, or if EGA or the Great Lakes Region feel it is unsafe for us to gather in person.

All State of Indiana and City of South Bend mandates will be in effect.

Check ega-glr.org for further communication regarding GLR Retreat *Finish Two in '22*.

Name Tags

Many (if not all) of us have name tags in our stitching kits. Since this is an unusual year, we are asking everyone to bring a favorite name tag (or several) to share while at our Retreat. Please be sure at least your first name is large enough for the person next to you to read your name.

Supplementary Lighting

Please observe EGA's new guideline regarding supplemental lights. Any lights brought into the classroom must be battery-operated with no cords attached. This guideline was adopted to accommodate contracts with hotels regarding use of electric lights and extension cords.

Volunteer Opportunities

Angels: A classroom angel will be selected for each class from the registered participants who indicate on their registration form that they are willing to serve as an "angel." Angel responsibilities include class-related functions: taking attendance, distributing supplies, monitoring breaks, and assisting the teacher as needed.

Other volunteer opportunities: If you can help (e.g., at Merchandise Night, meals, etc.), indicate interest on your registration form.

Opportunity Baskets

Tickets for the Great Lakes Region's annual fundraiser will be sold during the seminar. Participants place their tickets in bags attached to the items they hope to win. The drawings will take place during the Sunday, April 3, luncheon. All items available are donated by region chapters or members. Tickets will be sold during the Retreat and at Merchandise Night.

These additional items will also be available:

Large and small clear project totes

GLR needleinders GLR totes Pashmina shawls

2021 National EGA Seminar items from Chicago
will also be available.

Registrant's Memo (Keep for your records.)

1/2-day class Saturday Morning

1. _____
2. _____

1/2-day class Saturday Afternoon

1. _____
2. _____

Registration Fee Paid	_____
Additional Meal Tickets	_____
Merchandise Night Table	_____
Total due with registration	_____
Paid—date and check no.	_____

Important Dates:

December 31, 2021	Regular registration closes; last day without a late fee
January 1, 2022	After this date, registration will be accepted with late fee as stated on page 4.
January 15, 2022	Class confirmation and mailing of final invoices
February 1, 2022	Last day for cancellations with a \$50 non-refundable registration fee
February 15, 2022	Balance of kit fees due
March 1, 2022	Last day for hotel reservations at seminar group rate
April 1–3, 2022	<i>Finish Two in '22</i> hosted by the Great Lakes Region of the Embroiderers' Guild of America

Proposed Event Schedule

GLR Retreat *Finish Two in '22* is a three-day event with two half-day classes on Saturday, April 2, and stitch-ins each day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Check-in at Seminar headquarters will be open Thursday, March 31, from 6–8PM, and in the Stitch-In area Friday, April 1, from 8–11AM.

Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday, March 31			Check-in 6-8:00
Friday, April 1 Check-in 8-11 Stitch-in 8:30-11:30	Lunch 12:00-1:00	Stitch-In 1:30–4:30	Teacher's Showcase 5-5:45 Cash Bar 6-6:30 Dinner 6:30-7:30 GLR Executive Committee & Chair Meeting 8-9:00
Saturday, April 2 Half-Day Classes 8:30-11:30 Stitch-In 8:30-11:30	Lunch & GLR Annual Meeting 11:45-1:15	Stitch-In 1:30–4:30 Half-Day Classes 1:30–4:30	Cash Bar 6-6:30 Dinner 6:30-7:30 Merchandise Night 7:30-8:30
Sunday, April 3 Stitch-in 8:30-11:30	Lunch 12:00-1:00 Opportunity Basket Drawing	Stitch-In 1:30–3:00	<i>Farewell and Safe Travels. Hope to see you in New York!</i>



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<https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2022>