



Wishes and Stitches

Embroiderers' Guild of America

2026 National Seminar – October 9 -14

Orlando, Florida

Hosted by Sun Region

Closing Banquet -Tonight

The Pre-Dinner Reception is 6:00 – 7:00pm in the Plaza Ballrooms Foyer. Doors open for the closing banquet tonight at 7:00. Find your friends – old & new – and sit where you would like! Don't forget your ticket! People with food restrictions will have special colored meal cards to notify the wait staff.

Pop Up Shops

Today is the last full day that the pop-up shops will be open, so don't miss out on the things that have caught your eye. Please note, some of the shops may not open on Wednesday due to hotel check-out times.

Note: On page 17 in the handbook the email address for Susan Greening Davis is incorrect. It should be. Sgreeningd@aol.com.

SWAP TABLE

Starting Tuesday at *NOON*, the swap table will be take-what-you-want – no swap needed!!

LOST & FOUND

Please check with the seminar office for lost and found. Especially if you are missing a silver pin.

Have you met your National Board members yet?

Join them for a casual coffee each morning today or tomorrow from 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM. We will be gathered at the table area adjacent to the Market in Tower 1, Lobby Level.

You are invited to visit the Education Exhibit today 9 to 5:30 or Wednesday from 9 to 1 in Florida Ballroom B. See the New Virtual Programs!

In addition to showcasing EGA's classes and programs, this year's Education Exhibit features two newer programs that take place online. You can participate from anywhere in the world!

Virtual Lectures, chaired by Jana Bass

Once a month, a guest lecturer will speak about culturally diverse embroidery techniques and textile traditions via Zoom. Topics include history, symbolism, purpose, practicality, and how various forms of embroidery have passed down through generations. Pre-registration is required. Watch the EGA newsletter for a discount for registering for 2027 lectures!

Virtual Lecture 69: *Natural Dyeing for Embroidery* with Tanya Bentham

Register Sept 25-Oct 16. Lecture Sunday, Oct 18 at 1 pm Eastern

Virtual Lecture 70: *The Threads that Speak Louder Than Words: The Untold Embroidered Histories of Women in Morocco* with Elya Rachel Assayag

Register Oct 23 – Nov 13. Lecture Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 1PM Eastern

Virtual Lecture 71: *The Marghab Linens* with Taylor McKeown, Curator of Collections & Exhibitions, South Dakota Art Museum

Register Nov 20 - Dec 11. Lecture: Sunday, Dec 13, 2026 at 1PM Eastern

Virtual Education Classes, chaired by Kathleen Weston

1. Jane Ellen Balowitz - Spring Sampler
2. Wendy Moore - Moon over the Water
3. Clara Warschauer - Green Frog
4. Clara Warschauer - Sad Hedgehog
5. Holly Bean - Seahorse purse
6. Debora Mitek - Summer's End
7. Carolyn Standing Webb - The Garden of Delight

Watch the EGA monthly newsletter for registration dates and course dates.

On Wednesday, the Education Exhibit opens at 9 and closes at 1 pm in Florida Ballroom B.

Takedown begins at 1 pm. Hand delivered works may be picked up between 1 pm and 4 pm -- please check in with the volunteers and be sure to sign your work out before you leave.

We thank all the teachers and artists who sent their work for everyone to see in the exhibit.