



Carolinan Region Fall Retreat September 25 - 27, 2026 La Quinta, Rock Hill, SC

CONTINUING THE CELEBRATION

Continue the Party!!! Not only is it the 250th Birthday of America, but it is also the 45th Birthday for the Carolinas Region of EGA. We have so much to be thankful for and to celebrate. Come and stitch on your patriotic piece, your museum piece or whatever you desire. Be sure to work up some birthday ornaments to be displayed. We will be having a Silent Auction and Chapter Sales as well as a wonderful "Notebook" class on thread painting by Leslie Brady. You won't want to miss this wonderful time of friends, fellowship and stitching!!

CAR Fall Retreat Online Registration

We will be using online registration again for this event. *However*, payments will still be **MADE BY CHECK** for the Fall Retreat (See Registrar's address on page 8 of this packet).

For those few of you who are not able to register online, there is a registration form on page 5 of this packet that you can mail in with your check. However, we encourage you to register online instead.

Don't forget to fill out and sign the "Additional Information" form on page 9 of this packet and send it in with your check.

HERE IS THE LINK TO GET YOU REGISTERED FOR FALL RETREAT 2026:

<https://forms.gle/aGrJWkNTqArpQLf66>

Hotel Information

We will be gathering at the La Quinta in Rock Hill, SC. It is centrally located to the freeway and a variety of restaurants, plus a Wal-Mart & Hobby Lobby are close by.

Remember you must make your own reservations.

Hotel information: **La Quinta, 1235 Springdale Road, Rock Hill, SC**

Telephone: 866-994-9534

Room Rates: Queen Double \$149/night: Standard King \$139/night

Make sure to use **EGOA**

Online reservations: <https://tinyurl.com/3ks3t5j4>

Be sure to indicate the dates of your stay.

If you prefer to call the hotel at 866-994-9534

Reservations must be made by September 1, 2026, to receive the group rate!!

SHOPPING

There are several opportunities for shopping while you are here. Close by is a Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Books-A-Million and don't forget our favorite place:

2's Company Needlepoint

351 E Main Street

Rock Hill, SC

Once again, Michelle has graciously given us a coupon for 10% off regularly priced merchandise plus a free gift with a purchase of \$25 or more. Look for your coupon in your registration goodie bag!!!



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SCHEDULE

FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA

Friday, September 25, 2026		
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
12:00 - 7:00 pm	Registration open	Main Lobby
12:00 – 9:00 pm	Stitch with Friends	Main Lobby
12:00 – 7:00 pm	Silent Auction Set Up	Lounge
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	<i>Dinner on your own</i>	
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Stitch with Friends	Main Lobby
6:00 – 9:00 pm	<i>Notebook Class “Thread Painting”</i>	Ivy Room
Saturday, September 26, 2026		
<Retreat Late arrivals register in the Main Lobby>		
All day	Stitch with Friends	Main Lobby
All day to 4 pm	Silent Auction Bidding	Lounge
8:30 am – 11:30 am	<i>Notebook Class “Thread Painting”</i>	Ivy Room
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own	
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<i>Notebook Class “Thread Painting”</i>	Ivy Room
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<i>Dinner on Your Own</i>	
4:00 pm	Silent Auction Closes	
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Chapter Sales Set up	Ivy Room
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Chapter Sales	Ivy Room
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Silent Auction Winners, Fun Times	Ivy Room
Sunday, September 27, 2026		
9:30 - 11:00 am	Stitch With Friends	Front Lobby
9:30 - 11:00 am	Board of Directors meeting – all are welcome	Ivy Room

Deep Dive into Thread Painting Embroidery *A one-day technique class for all levels*

Leslie Mehard Brady

Welcome to thread painting, where your needle becomes a brush and your floss becomes a palette of endless possibility. Thread painting, also known as needle painting and soft shading, is the art of creating hyper-realistic, painterly images needle, thread, and an alarming amount of patience!

This is your technical deep dive into the mechanics and methods that make thread painting magic happen. We're setting aside projects and finished pieces to focus purely on the *how*. Consider this your thread painting laboratory: a space to experiment, practice, and build your confidence and technical foundation without the pressure of perfection.



You'll practice fundamental techniques: long and short stitch (the backbone of realistic shading) and thread blending and directional stitching. Through focused exercises and skill-building samples, you'll learn how to "paint" ordinary and unique shapes.

Whether you're an embroidery enthusiast ready to level up or just curious, this notebook-style class helps build the technical confidence you need.



Fair warning: side effects may include an obsessive thread collection reorganization and the irresistible urge to stitch everything you see.

Bring your curiosity and your steadiest hand—let's decode the art of thread painting together!



Deep Dive into Thread Painting Embroidery



A one-day technique class for all levels (previous surface embroidery helpful)

Leslie Mehard Brady

Kit Contents Provided:

- Tight-weave ground fabric with traced design motifs
- Backing fabric (muslin)
- DMC Stranded Cotton Floss
- Crewel needles, sizes 9 and 10
- 6" or 8" Hoopla Hoops
- Full-color, printed instructions and diagrams

Participants to Provide:

- Usual stitching supplies (sharp embroidery scissors)
- *Magnification (*even if not normally used)
- Extra Lighting is highly recommended

Class Modules (3):

Part 1: Technical Foundations and Preparation

- Thread Painting Defined
- History and Evolution of Thread Painting
- Essential Tools and Materials:
 - Selecting appropriate ground fabrics
 - Framing up properly
 - Which needles to use
 - Importance of lighting and magnification
- Highlights of the Principles of Color Theory
- Transferring the sample design
- Tracing tools (pens and pencils)
- Using a light box and/or bright window
- Thread Types and Selection
 - Creating the illusion of light and shadow

Part 2: Let's Paint with Thread

- Starting and ending threads
- Motif outlining
- Order of stitching
- Directional guidelines for various motifs
- Thread control and tension management
- Sample stitching - long and short stitch
 - First Row
 - Second Row
 - Third Row
 - Subsequent Rows

Part 3: Advanced Techniques

- Long and short stitch for different shapes
 - Curved shapes
 - Leaf Turn
 - Overlapping flower petals
 - Round shapes (berry, fruit)
- Course review and wrap-up
- Course Evaluation



IMPORTANT NOTES:

In keeping with EGA national policy, corded lighting and power banks **connected** to any wall outlets will **NOT** be allowed in the classroom or stitching spaces. To ensure that you have proper lighting, please bring battery-operated lighting and a charged power bank should you need extra lighting while you stitch.

Electronic Payments

Sadly, electronic payments must be delayed until we meet again at our Spring Retreat 2027. Payment will be made by check for Fall Retreat 2026. We appreciate your support in this new endeavor, and it will happen.

Chapter Sales

This is a wonderful opportunity for your Chapter to make some money and move some merchandise. This will be held Saturday evening in the Ivy Room. You must reserve your space. One table and two chairs for \$15.00, or two tables and four chairs for \$25.00. Each chapter will retain the proceeds of their sales.

Silent Auction

Each chapter may submit up to two items for the Silent Auction. The items will be displayed in the room off the bar. The Auction bidding starts on Friday and will end at 4pm on Saturday. 70% of final bid to go to the chapter, and 30% to the Region.

Please Note

We will not be providing name tags at this Retreat. Everyone is encouraged to wear their individual Chapter Name Tags.



EGA CAROLINAS REGION – FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE INSTEAD OF FILLING OUT THIS FORM IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, USING THIS LINK:
<https://forms.gle/aGrJWkNTqArpQLf66>

Then sign the statements on the next page and mail that page in with your check.

Name:	EGA Number: #	Chapter Name:
Street, City, State, Zip:		
Cell Phone:	Email:	
Emergency Contact Name:	Phone Number for Contact:	Relationship:

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR RETREAT: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

	Place a check in front of each activity you wish to take and add up the fees:	Cost:
✓	Fall Retreat Registration fee: \$30.00	\$ 30.00
	Non-EGA Member fee	\$ 5.00
	“Introduction to Thread Painting” Notebook with Leslie Brady	\$ 55.00
✓	50 th Carolinas Region Anniversary Fund	\$ 1.00
	Total	

Additional information:	Circle one:
Is this your FIRST Carolinas Region retreat or seminar?	Yes No
May we print your phone number, email address, and chapter name on retreat roster? (to be included with packet). Circle those you choose.	Yes No

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 Carolinas Region, EGA

MAIL TO:
 Marguerite Ewing, Registrar
 520 Lewellen Ave
 Hartsville, SC 29550
 (843) 861-0371
feekae@gmail.com



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La Quinta Inn, Rock Hill SC
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED!**

PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I, _____ (print name) hereby grant and authorize the Carolinas Region of the Embroiderers Guild of America (EGA) the right to take, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, and distribute any and all pictures or video taken of me by the Carolinas Region, EGA to be used in and/or for legally promotional materials including but not limited to newsletters, flyers, posters, brochures and advertisements, fundraising efforts, annual reports and submissions to journalists, websites, social networking sites and other print and digital communications without payment or any other consideration. This authorization extends to all languages, media formats now known or hereafter devised. This authorization shall continue indefinitely unless I otherwise revoke said authorization in writing.

I understand and agree these materials will become the property of the Carolinas Region, EGA and will not be returned.

Signature: _____ Date _____

GENERAL LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

I hereby hold harmless and release the Carolinas Region, EGA from all liability, petitions, and causes of actions which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons may make while acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate.

I release the EGA and the Carolinas Region, EGA from any liability for theft, property damage or personal injury while participating in or attending any or all functions and meetings of the 2026 CAR Fall Retreat in Rock Hill, SC, September 25-27, 2026.

Signature: _____ Date _____

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

EGA fosters values of honor, mutual respect, cultural sensitivity, integrity, and responsible conduct. Students are expected to behave consistently with these principles, during in-person or virtual classes, displaying common courtesy towards their teacher and fellow classmates. Students will use their best efforts to listen during instruction and will not be disruptive. Students will not unduly monopolize the teacher’s time and attention to the detriment of their fellow classmates. Students will limit contact with the teacher to the classroom or online methods deemed acceptable by the teacher. At the discretion of EGA, students who violate the code of conduct may be asked to leave class and/or the event.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Please sign, date, and return this page along with your registration check.



CHAPTER SALES TABLE RESERVATION

CHAPTER NAME _____

NUMBER OF TABLES _____

1 TABLE/2 CHAIRS \$15.00

2 TABLES/4 CHAIRS \$25.00

ALL PROCEEDS ARE TO BE RETAINED BY CHAPTER

CHAPTER CONTACT PERSON _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

SALES SET UP TO BEGIN SATURDAY AT 6:30 PM AND SALES TO BEGIN AT 7 PM

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND CHECK TO THE REGISTRAR. CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE RETREAT.