

## Report on the Spring 2025 MAR Board Meeting

I attended the Zoom meeting as the region representative for Corning Chapter. I am also a member as the Chair of Camp Stitch a Lot. There were 46 people present.

**National News:** the 2024 fiscal year ended in the BLACK for the first time in many years. Dues for Life Members can be paid online in 2025. If anyone pays their dues early, they will continue to have their same expiration date, May 31 for many. MAR has 1279 members.

Chapter presidents, treasurers and membership chairs can now go to the EGA website and check membership records for their chapter. Please check your chapter info on the national site.

Nominations for the Gold Thread Award are due by May 1, Let the RD know if you are making a nomination.

**Region News:** Diane Clark has been approved as the Chair of the Region Seminar in 2027. Theme – “Stitcher’s Great Escape”. It will be in June of 2027 in the Northern Virginia/Greater DC area.

The 2025 Seminar has 148 registrants; registration is closed. Please make hotel reservations by May 21 and it needs to be by phone to get the EGA discount.

*Education:* MAR will subsidize (teaching fee) a class with Jennifer Riefenberg. The piece chosen was Nights in White Satin. Kit cost is \$120 plus shipping. There will be two Zoom sessions, tentatively in September. Info will be out in a separate mailing.

MAR has money for workshops, programs and scholarships – see the Region website.

MAR is looking for projects for ThaP (Take Home a Program). It now takes place at Camp Wannastitch. If you do one of their programs, your newsletter or announcements should be sent to the designer.

There will be two more lectures in 2025: Conservation – Sept. 13 and Crazy Quilting Oct. 12 or 19, TBD.

**Business:** There was a discussion of hosting the National Seminar in 2029 or beyond, by then it will be 13 years since our last time. When a Region hosts, the profit is split 50/50 with National. This is a major undertaking and they are looking for input from all the Chapters on willingness of chapters and individuals to volunteer. RD Donna will be sending on job descriptions and seminar guidelines, or see the EGA website/document downloads.

Next Meeting: Oct. 18, 2025 by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Hubsch