



# **Friends 'N Stitches**

**Great Lakes Region Retreat**

**May 2 to 4, 2025**

**Hosted by the  
Three Rivers Chapter  
The Embroiderers' Guild of America**

**Kent State University  
Hotel & Convention Center  
Kent, Ohio**



## An Invitation to Friends ‘N Stitches 2025

Dear GLR Stitchers:

The Three Rivers Chapter has members from all around the Pittsburgh, PA area, as well as friends across the United States that have joined us for one event or another. For those very reasons, our theme for the 2025 Spring Retreat of “Friends ‘N Stitches” is so appropriate.

As offered in the past, we are providing the opportunity for you to join your friends to sit and stitch on your favorite pieces of what is commonly referred to as “Studio Time” over a three-day weekend of May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of 2025. Stitch on a new project or a favorite one you have been meaning to complete. Enjoy the company of other stitchers while working at your own pace and taking breaks on your own schedule. Space will be provided for all three days for stitching – no teacher and no kit fee during stitch-in time – with all meals thrown in as well – all three days, for one low price!

Even though we’re not offering “classes”, we will be having periodic “Flashes” over the three days to give familiar (and maybe not familiar!) brief demonstrations that you may enjoy:

- Creating a tassel using pearl cotton
- Ironing your floss
- Knotting tip: Drawing a thread
- Tips for stitching on black fabric
- Those darn confetti stitches. One way to stitch confetti (random) stitches
- What can you share?

Hope to see you in May!!!

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## Register online:

complete the form online here <https://forms.gle/ryKRetw6zrmdRiuL8>

**The mail in Registration Form can be found on the GLR website:**

<https://ega-glr.org/seminars>

These policies, in addition to our normal policies, will be in force for the GLR retreat:

- Friends ‘N Stitches 2025 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 Ohio and City of Kent mandates will be in effect.

**Registration Information: Process and Instructions**

Registration is open to members of EGA (either member of an EGA chapter or member-at-large). Non-members may register for an additional \$50 (US Dollars) fee which is applicable toward an EGA membership with a chapter in GLR, or as a member at large. All persons present in a Friends 'N Stitches Stitch-in must be registered seminar participants.

Regular registration opens Saturday, October 26, 2024. All registrations will be processed first come/first served, according to the date received, not the postmark.

Registration **closes March 30, 2025.**

**Registration form:** To register, complete the form online here:

<https://forms.gle/ryKRetw6zrmdRiuL8> or via the link on the GLR website, <https://ega-glrlr.org/seminars>. You will receive a copy of your completed registration form via email which includes a link for online payment; please save it for your records.

You may pay your registration fee online by credit/debit card or eCheck using this link:

<https://ega-glrlr.square.site/product/registration-2025-glrlr-friends-n-stitches-retreat/38> or by mailing a check to the Registrar (see address below). Checks by mail will be confirmed as received by the Registrar.

**Cancellations:** Cancellation requests must be made to the Registrar no later than February 1, 2025. A refund, less a \$50 non-refundable registration fee, will be mailed by June 1, 2025. See complete cancellation policy on page 5 of this booklet.

**Registration Fees: The three-day registration fee is \$259.** Fees include all meals: three on Friday, three on Saturday; two on Sunday.

Checks for all payments must be **made payable to: Great Lakes Region EGA.**

Mail all forms, checks, and written questions to:

Renie Minniti, GLR Registrar 2025  
3005 Zephyr Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15204  
Telephone with questions to (412) 512-5239

Email questions to the registrar at: [johnandrenie@verizon.net](mailto:johnandrenie@verizon.net)

Please put GLR Retreat 2025 in the subject line.

# Hotel Registration



**Friends ‘N Stitches GLR Retreat 2025 will be held at the:  
Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center  
215 South Depeyster Street, Kent, Ohio 44240  
Phone: 330.346.0100 Toll Free: 855.353.4031**

Make your room reservations with the hotel before midnight (EDT) by **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

To receive the group rate of \$139 (plus taxes) per night, you ***must use the group code for booking rooms: EGAGLR***

At the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center, experience a boutique hotel with the quaint downtown destination to meet, dine, shop, stay and play within walking distance!

- Full-service Boutique Hotel with 90 Guest Rooms and 4 Suites
- Amenities include LED TVs, iPod dock, free WiFi, refrigerators, microwaves, coffee/tea makers, blackout drapes/curtains, hair dryers, bathtub or showers, 24/7 fitness facility, indoor pool
- Roof-top Terrace and Street-side Patio
- Nominated 25 Most Impressive University Conference Centers and the Best 50 College Hotels

Visit [www.kentstatehotel.com](http://www.kentstatehotel.com) for further information and photos.

**NOTE:** You must be a registered guest at the Kent State University Hotel to participate in the Friends ‘N Stitches GLR Retreat.

# 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 February 1 of the seminar year will receive a refund less the non-refundable registration fee (\$50).

Cancellations received between February 2 through 60 days prior to the opening of the seminar (March 2) will incur a \$100 cancellation fee in addition to the non-refundable registration fee.

Cancellations received 0-59 days (by March 3 or later) prior to the opening of the seminar will be reviewed by the region's 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 close of seminar/retreat.

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.

**Name Tags:** Many (if not all) of us have name tags in our stitching kits. 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:** If you can help (e.g. at Merchandise Night, meals, etc.), indicate interest on your registration form.

# Special Events

Local shop [The Crafty Ewe](#) will be on-site all day on Saturday! Yeah! Shopping!

## Merchandise Night Saturday, May 3rd 7:00 - 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.

**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, May 4 luncheon. All items available are donated by region chapters or members. Tickets will be sold during the Retreat and at Merchandise Night.

## Important Dates:

March 1, 2025	Registration deadline
March 30, 2025	Last day for hotel reservations at seminar group rate
May 2-4, 2025	<b>Friends 'N Stitches 2025</b> hosted by the Three Rivers Chapter, Embroiderers' Guild of America

Check <http://www.ega-glr.org> for further communication regarding Friends 'N Stitches 2025.

**Event Schedule:** Friends ‘N Stitches is a three-day event with stitch-ins each day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Check-in at Seminar headquarters will be open Thursday, May 1st, from 6–8PM, and in the Stitch-In area Friday, May 2nd, from 8–11AM.

Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Thursday, May 1st</b>			Check-in 6-8:00
<b>Friday, May 2nd</b> Check-in 8:00 -11:00 am Breakfast 8 - 9:30 am Stitch-in 8:30-11:30 am	Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm	Stitch-In 1:30–4:30 pm	Dinner 6:00 pm GLR Executive Committee & Chair Meeting 8-9:00 pm(Erie St. Lobby)
<b>Saturday, May 3rd</b> Breakfast 8 - 9:30am Stitch-In 8:30-11:30  Crafty Ewe on-site all day	GLR Annual Meeting 11:00 am Lunch 12:15 – 1:15 pm	Stitch-In 1:30–4:30 pm	Dinner 6:00 pm Merchandise Night 7:00- 8:30
<b>Sunday, May 4th</b> Breakfast 8 - 9:30 am Stitch-in 8:30-11:30	Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm Opportunity Basket Drawing	Stitch-In 1:30–4:00 pm	Farewell and Safe Travels.