



Embroiderers' Association of Canada, Inc.

Benefits of Belonging to EAC

There are many benefits to being a member of EAC. We have listed these benefits in two groups: Benefits to Individuals (these also apply to Chapters) and Benefits to Chapters.

Benefits to Individuals (National or Chapter members)

1. The chance to make lifelong friendships with other members within your own region and across Canada through chapter meetings, workshops and Seminars.
2. Receive discounts at participating suppliers by presenting your current EAC membership card.
3. Access to any contests or challenges EAC is holding.
4. Ability to take part in exchanges such as the Artist Trading Card Exchange and Holiday Ornament Exchange.
5. Access to EAC Facebook page.
6. Access to membership in the new EAC Cyber chapter, Virtual Threads, with the additional membership fee of \$10 per year.
7. Qualify for EAC Awards, Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries.
8. Qualify as a course test student.
9. Contacts with experts in many aspects of needlework for research purposes.
10. Access to Your EAC (members' only) site with:
 - a. a listing of upcoming workshops, seminars, etc.,
 - b. free projects,
 - c. copies of old EC magazines,
 - d. links to available mystery projects,
 - e. a section where members can list patterns, articles, etc. they are looking for, and
 - f. a list of links to other organizations and other snippets of information.

11. Four issues of *Embroidery Canada* per year.
12. Access to the Leonida Leatherdale Needle Arts Library (postage paid one way).
13. Annual Seminars with national and international teachers.
14. Reduced cost for a table at Merchant's Night at Seminars.
15. Access to all correspondence courses, including the author-owned ones which change on a rotational basis, and the new online courses which have just been accepted and will be available soon.

Benefits to Chapters

1. Resources to increase membership such as sharing of promotional materials for local advertising of "Stitch in Public Day" as well as press notification for national media coverage; free promotional bookmarks; free promotional magnets for handouts.
2. Sharing in the benefits of increasing the profile of needlework and the artisan community by EAC Exhibits at major craft shows such as Creativ Festival, etc.
3. Retreats and workshops within Canada – other Chapters will often offer up positions on retreats or workshops they are holding to members from other Chapters.
4. Sharing of chapter information on courses and shows via the calendar on the website.
5. Chapter sharing of teachers for reduction in travel costs.
6. Opportunity to submit member's names for Service Pin Award.
7. Access to newsletters from other Chapters which often include interesting information, stories, websites or information about classes being held.
8. The opportunity to get program ideas from newsletters of other Chapters all over Canada.
9. Contacts with other groups across Canada and a common pride in belonging to a Canada-wide organization.
10. Ability to "piggy back" on national and international teachers who are teaching at Seminar, and thus decrease transportation costs for a teacher.

11. Regional meetings for exchange of ideas, discussion of problems and other networking with sister chapters.
12. Qualify for EAC course test groups.
13. EAC has an insurance policy through Benson Kearley IFG. Every Chapter benefits in two ways:
 - a. Commercial General Liability coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 (Two million Dollars). This provides for any third party (non-member) claims brought against the Association (bodily injury incurred on the premises or as a result of the insured's business operations, such as exhibits), and
 - b. \$100,000 (One hundred thousand Dollars) Tenant's Legal Liability, which provides coverage against legal liability for property damage to premises leased or rented by a Chapter.
14. Chapters may obtain inexpensive extra insurance for their holdings, which would include the library and any other assets. Rates will vary, depending on the specific needs of each Chapter. Coverage needs to be purchased for any show or exhibit that the Chapter holds. Chapters pay Benson Kearley IFG directly for any extra insurance. Further information may be obtained by emailing Jeff Rapier at jrapier@bensonkearleyifg.com or call him at (905) 707-8007, extension 1260.