



Laurie Kelly is a certified appraiser of needlework. As a byproduct of her needlework connoisseurship, she has developed a series of presentations from the appraiser's point of view that reveal the meaning of embroidery, and in turn, illuminate its value. Laurie is a nationally recognized presenter, having been featured by Embroiders Association of Canada (EAC) and the Embroiderers Guild of America (EGA) in their 2025 national lecture series. She has also presented to EGA, American Needlepoint Guild (ANG) chapters and for commercial customers. Laurie is longtime practitioner of the art of canvas work and she dabbles in other forms of embroidery. She is a member of ANG, EGA, and EAC. She is Chairman of ANG's Needle Arts Appraisal Program and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Appraisers, Washington DC Chapter. Before embarking on her appraisal career, she served in the US Government for 35 years, mostly in the Department of Defense, from where she retired as a Senior Executive. She lives in Virginia's Blue Ridge region.