



The Sun News

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RD's Letter

Welcome to Sun News, the voice of Sun Region, representing the 700 EGA members of the 16 chapters in the state of Florida and the island nation of Bermuda. In our effort to preserve the art of embroidery, we support education in our community through exhibits and displays as well as educational opportunities for our members. We are the Embroiderers' Guild of America – a 501 (c)(3) organization.

As I write this letter, many of you are preparing to attend Seminar 2011 in Naples. When I received the list of attendees from Sun Region, I was pleased to see that 110 Sun members are attending, I join Donna Christie, Seminar Chair in thanking you for your participation. I will be attending EGA national board meetings starting on September 6, followed by IEC and seminar. I will be spending 10 days at the lovely Naples Grande Resort. An experience I'm really looking forward to!

On page 4, I have included my semi-annual report to the national board. The purpose of this report is to highlight our accomplishments over the last six months plus goals for the remainder of 2011. At the end of my report, I expressed my appreciation for having the honor to serve EGA on the national and regional levels. Oct 16-18 will be my last region meeting – the end of two terms (2008-2011). I also want to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to all Sun Region members especially the chapter officers that I have worked with over this time. Thank you to all the presidents, secretaries, treasurers and newsletter editors that have given me their support. This truly has been a challenging but very rewarding opportunity for me. A special thank you to the Sun Region board members over the last 4 years, as it has been my great pleasure to serve EGA with you.

As I leave office, I welcome the new executive committee that will be elected in October as well as continuing and new region representatives. I ask you to support your officers as generously as you have the current board. I hope the open lines of communication and efforts will continue and Sun Region will thrive and continue to grow.

Jenna McClooney, Sun Region Director rd@sunregionega.org

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We are EGA. Our mission is "to stimulate appreciation for and celebrate the heritage of embroidery by advancing the highest standards of excellence in its practice through education, exhibition, preservation, collection and research."

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Note: If you don't have email, you may contact Region Director, Jenna McClooney, by calling 727-207-0420. She can provide you with further contact information for board members and committee chairs.

2011 Calendar

Sept 8 - 10	International Embroidery Conference	Naples, FL
Sept 10 - 16	Flamingo Fandango EGA National Seminar	Naples Grande Naples, FL
Oct 15 - 16	Sun Region meeting	Sawgrass Marriott Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Dec 1	next Sun News deadline	

Sun News publication schedule: quarterly - March, June, September and December

Region officers, committee chairs and chapter representatives are reminded that
the deadlines for submissions are: March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

Linda Anne Buehler, editor

ARD's Report

from Betty Baechle

A Friendly Reminder

We have a deadline. It is **September 7**. You need to make your hotel reservations by this date to receive the group rate of \$129.00 plus the 10% tax. Call Sawgrass at 1. 800.457.4653 or 904.285.7777 and identify yourself as attending the EGA Sun Region meeting. Dates are Saturday, October 15 - Sunday October 16. Please invite chapter members to attend our meeting and enjoy a special weekend at a beautiful golf resort at a great rate. They have a highly rated spa that you could enjoy. The resort also has access to Cabana Beach Club that is on the ocean. A free shuttle will take you to the private club. Address is 1000 PGA Tour Blvd, Ponte Vedra Beach. It is between Jacksonville Beach and St Augustine right off Highway 1.



Don't forget to send in your check for the luncheon. Pay for your lunch, make reservations at the hotel and mark two items off your to do list at one time.

Look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Treasurer's Report

(as of Sept 1, 2011) from Pam Burke

Cash Balance (May 31, 2011)	\$40,533.91
Receipts:	
Dues	\$2,055.00
Interest	\$ 26.47
Contributions	\$ 305.00
Seminar 2012 (Stitcher's Celebration)	\$2,175.00
Subtotal:	\$4,561.47
Disbursements:	
Educational Events (GCC/Grant)	(\$725.00)
Seminar 2012 (SC)	(\$1,500.00)
Cost of Sales (Seminar Goods)	(\$364.06)
Admin	(\$13.65)
Officer's Travel	(\$136.81)
National Opp Basket	(\$283.22)
Taxes	(\$1.80)
Subtotal	(\$3,024.54)
Cash Balance (Sept 1, 2011)	\$42,070.84



Sun Region - Interim Report 2011

Shortly after the publication of this report, Seminar 2011, will be in full swing. Our dedicated seminar committee has planned and executed what we hope will be a memorable seminar. The city of Naples, one of the gems on the Gulf of Mexico, is complete with shopping, dining, white sands, surf, sea breezes and stunning sunsets. Within this fantastic environment, we hope our guests will find "Flamingo Fandango" to be a complete and rewarding seminar experience. The Sun Region board deeply appreciates the hard work on the part of the seminar committee.

We are anticipating a smooth transition for the new (3 year term) executive committee that will be elected and installed in October. As RD, I have been fortunate to work with the RD elect since the beginning of July to mentor and share information and processes that will assist in bringing her up to speed in as many areas as possible. Sun will experience strong leadership over the next three years.

Since Sun's Membership Handbook 3Rs (Reach Out, Recruit and Retain) was published on both the EGA and Sun Region Websites, I have had a number of contacts from chapters and board members (including those outside of Sun Region) who are studying the program and implementing portions that are relevant to their chapters and regions. In addition, a number of questions and notations have appeared on the Yahoo list. I believe the announcement that was included in the President's mailing was most productive in reaching out to our organization.

We are in the early planning stages for our 2012 "A Stitcher's Celebration." This event will include a two-day stitching marathon and outreach partnership with a local charity. Entertaining activities will take place in the old world environment of the Celebration Hotel; located between a lake and town center with many nearby shops and restaurants. We took advantage of Constant Contact to promote this event that included a picture of the hotel along with a link to the Sun website that provides ongoing updated information. Feedback on Constant Contact communications has been very positive. Numerous members voiced appreciation for access to the President's Mailing and other interesting details about EGA.

Our education committee continues to support chapters by offering a choice of either covering the cost of a GCC or workshop grant up to \$200.00 per chapter.

As this is my last report, I would like to thank all of the members of the EGA board for their encouragement and support over the last four years. I'm especially thankful for the lasting friendships and the opportunity to serve such a wonderful organization.



Thank You Sun Region

I appreciate all the hard work and support that allowed Sun Region to realize much of what we set out to accomplish over the last 4 years. I value the opportunity to get to know members of this special region and see the talent, creativity, hard work and dedication to a very special organization.

Jenna McClooney

What Does Sun Region Do for Me?

Prepared by Adrienne Meyer

At a recent chapter meeting a fairly new member asked "What does Sun Region do for me?" I answered off the top of my head with a few concrete examples. Later that day I thought of others which I jotted down. I also communicated with the Region Director Jenna McClooney who came up with even more examples.

From the Sun Region bylaws..."The purpose of this region shall be to foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery through an **active program of education and study**, and to **preserve the heritage of the art of embroidery**, to serve as a **link between chapters and the national organization**, and to aid in **effective cooperation and communication among its member chapters.**"

With those thoughts in mind let's consider some of the services Sun Region has given to its chapters and members in recent years in return for the \$3.00 per person yearly dues. Some examples are:

- transportation expenses throughout the region for a touring teacher.
 - one or two Group Correspondence Courses for each chapter in a year.
 - opportunity to participate in other chapters' Group Correspondence Courses.
 - teaching fee for up to two days for a touring teacher.
 - events such as region seminars, cruises, retreats.
 - take-home programs at region meetings.
 - region-wide exhibit for members.
 - occasional exhibits of members' work at national headquarters in Louisville.
 - marketing grants to promote and advertise individual chapters.
 - membership recruiting programs such as Stitching Series & 3Rs (Reach Out, Recruit & Retain).
- line of communication between chapters and national headquarters.

In addition, consider these other benefits of chapter, region and national membership in EGA which provide opportunities to:

- receive personal mentoring (one-on-one guidance) by members of your chapter.
- form new and lasting friendships with other chapter and region members.
- become inspired by discussions and displays of other members' work.
- be motivated to express yourself and be creative.
- receive e-mail delivery of The Sun News and other newsletters that inform and inspire from chapters throughout the region.
- participate with individuals of similar interests in workshops, programs, Group Correspondence Courses.
- learn about and participate in chapter outreach activities to give back to your community.
- support acquisition and preservation of the EGA Collection and Resource Library.
- participate in events (classes & exhibits) that educate the public and promote the art of embroidery.
- enjoy the satisfaction that you are personally involved in preserving an art form.
- teach and inspire others, to network with members of similar interests.
- access websites that provide information (EGA and Sun Region) to further knowledge.
- receive Needle Arts magazine that informs and provides projects.
- learn new stitching and beading techniques.

How Does Sun Region Support Our Chapters?

(Prepared by Pam Burke, Sun Region Treasurer)

As your Region treasurer for the past 6 years, I would like to answer this question from a purely financial perspective. Each year the Sun Region collects dues in the amount of \$3.00 per member to help run the Region. In four of those six years we have given directly back to the Chapters in the form of Educational opportunities, either GCCs, workshops or touring teacher. Below I have presented a spreadsheet that shows just how much your dues have paid you back. Especially note 2008 when the Region paid out more than twice what it received in dues payments! In 2007 and 2009, we did not have any specific Chapter opportunities. Requests for pay backs for 2011 continue to roll in and are budgeted and expected to exceed our dues income by \$200.

Chapter	2006		2008		2010		2011	
	Dues	Return	Dues	Return	Dues	Return	Dues	Return
Bermuda					\$ 135.00		\$ 114.00	\$ 200.00
Biscayne	\$ 267.00	\$ 153.41	\$ 213.00	\$150.00	\$ 194.25	\$ 250.00	\$ 176.25	
Canopy Oaks	\$ 84.00		\$ 84.00	\$600.00	\$ 71.25	\$ 100.00	\$ 69.75	\$ 175.00
Central Florida	\$ 228.00		\$ 180.00		\$ 162.75	\$ 250.00	\$ 171.00	
Chain Stitchers	\$ 132.00		\$ 144.00	\$600.00	\$ 129.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 175.00
Du Clay	\$ 36.00		\$ 33.00		\$ 36.75		\$ 57.00	
Gulfview	\$ 117.00		\$ 165.00	\$600.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 200.00
Indian River	\$ 213.00	\$ 33.38	\$ 198.00	\$600.00	\$ 212.25	\$ 250.00	\$ 205.50	\$ -
Neapolitan	\$ 84.00		\$ 180.00	\$150.00	\$ 159.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 122.25	\$ 200.00
Sand Dollar	\$ 153.00		\$ 141.00	\$600.00	\$ 176.25	\$ 250.00	\$ 146.25	\$ 175.00
Sand Dunes	\$ 147.00		\$ 120.00	\$600.00	\$ 114.75	\$ 250.00	\$ 99.00	
Sand Hill Crane	\$ 90.00		\$ 96.00	\$150.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 96.00	
Sarasota	\$ 333.00		\$ 315.00	\$600.00	\$ 295.50	\$ 250.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 200.00
Sea Grape	\$ 195.00		\$ 195.00	\$150.00	\$ 219.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 207.00	
Stitching Gators	\$ 60.00	\$ 54.74	\$ 78.00	\$150.00	\$ 63.00		\$ 60.00	
Suncoast	\$ 126.00	\$ 67.86	\$ 90.00		\$ 60.00		\$ 36.00	
Totals:	\$ 2,265.00	\$ 309.39	\$ 2,232.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 2,235.75	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,058.00	\$ 1,325.00
2006 - Touring Teacher (Region costs were \$650 higher)								
2008 - Touring Teacher and GCC								
2010 - GCC and Marketing Grants								
2011 - GCC or Workshop								

Please Be Prepared!

We must elect a new Sun Region Nominating Committee during the Organizational Meeting on Sunday Oct 16.

Qualified nominees are: elected executive committee members, chapter elected region reps, past board members and committee chairs.

We need 3 NC members plus 2 alternates. NC members are required to attend all region meetings.

The Nominating Committee will serve from October 2011 through September 2014, concurrent with the new slate.

We prefer that you nominate a qualified person, or if you wish to serve, ask to be nominated. If you nominate someone not in attendance, you must present a signed note that indicates their permission.

Committee Information

BYLAWS - *Adrienne Meyer, chair*

Following the March 2011 region meeting two between-sessions-motions were presented for vote. At the time of publication for the June issue of The Sun News, the vote on the 2nd motion had not been complete so result was not posted. Both motions did pass as presented and PDF pages for insertion in the Rep's Notebook were sent to each representative on August 4. If you did not receive the email sent August 4 or had difficulty printing it, please let me know so I can bring hard copies to the region meeting. The full version of policies and bylaws is available on the Sun website.

EDUCATION - *Marge Holmes, chair*

Members, please check the Sun Region website www.sunregionega.org for a chapter who might be planning on a GCC you would like to take. Our webmistress is keeping it up to date and current.

Chapters, you still have a few months to decide which GCC you would like to sign up for. Don't waste this opportunity.

NOMINATING - *Peggy Beebe, Jan Clark, Karan Quintero*

The Nominating Committee has completed their mission of selecting a slate of officers for the 2012 – 2015 term. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the October meeting before voting begins. We thank the ladies below for accepting the nominations for their positions. And, we thank all of the region's members for being so helpful in selecting our slate. To assist you in approving this slate, we have included bios of each nominee on the following pages of this newsletter.

Region Director	Jan Clark
Assistant Region Director	Betty Baechle
Secretary	Lynn Abbey
Treasurer	Pam Doffek

Sun Region's Proposed Slate of Officers

To serve from October 2011- October 2014 – Election to be held on Oct 16, 2011



Jan Clark, Region Director

Jan was introduced to needlework of all forms at an early age by her mom. They did lots of handcrafts together over the years. Jan considers herself a Central Florida Girl having been a Florida resident since her family moved from Virginia in 1959.

Jan's involvement with EGA started in the late 80's when she joined the Indian River Chapter. She has been involved with the chapter having held different positions as Region Rep, newsletter editor and web mistress. Her involvement with the region has taken several forms, Web mistress, Region Newsletter editor, Region Seminar Registrar. Jan became involved at the national level through the Education Office by assisting with the On-Line GCC registrations and as the liaison between the teachers and students.

Jan's most notable contributions to the organization are little known successes. In 2000 she worked with then EGA President Deanna Powell and Pam Doffek to establish the EGA Web and One List e-mail group when Sun Region hosted the National Seminar. She was also Assistant Registrar to Adrienne Meyer that year. Jan came out from the organization's shadows a bit when she served as the 2008 National Seminar Registrar - EGA's 40th Anniversary celebration. She currently serves as a member of the National Nominating Committee.



Betty Baechle, Assistant Region Director

Betty has been active in EGA since 1980 when she joined a chapter while residing in Illinois. She has been a stitcher most of her life and was excited to learn that a group existed that shared her love for stitching. A local shop owner told her about EGA and within the week she joined the Fox River Valley Chapter that met in St. Charles. In 1994, Betty and her husband moved to Bonita Springs, Florida. Once settled, she joined the Neapolitan chapter. Her involvement at the local chapter level was membership chairman and region representative.

Currently at the Sun Region level she is ARD and Outreach Chairman. She is Dean of Faculty for Seminar 2011 and Co-Chairman for Stitcher's Celebration which will be held in the spring of 2012 in Celebration, Florida. Betty was part of the marketing committee that created the region marketing handbook 3R'S "Reach out, Recruit & Retain".



Pam Doffek, Treasurer

Pam Doffek started in EGA almost as long ago as Jan Clark. But it was Cousin Nancy Paul (Pam's Mom's cousin) who told them about EGA and started the whole thing off. Pam can't remember a time she didn't attend a Sun Region meeting (except for those 2 short years when she didn't have a local chapter in Pensacola, but she kept her membership with Sand Dunes). She has been a chapter treasurer, region/alternate representative, presented programs, helped with membership. At the Region level Pam has been Librarian, Strategic Planning committee member and all around supporter. At the National level she and Jan co-conspired on the OneList and website; also writing a regular column for NeedleArts on items tech related.

Everything Pam knows about embroidery and needlecraft was learned through EGA correspondence courses, chapter programs, region and national seminars, Fiber Forum and the interactions with everyone involved therein. As Dr Seuss would say "Oh the Places you will Go" (with EGA)...but that's another lecture in the arsenal.



Lynn Abbey, Secretary

Lynn was fortunate to be surrounded by threadbenders as a child. Her mother and both her grandmothers knit, sewed, knotted, and crocheted. They shared their skills with her regularly, but sometimes competitively so it was no great surprise that she gravitated toward a threadbending art that did not fascinate her mentors: embroidery.

She learned embroidery in a thoroughly haphazard, self-taught manner until discovering the EGA by accident in 1978 (A neighbor's copy of Needle Arts appeared in her mailbox by mistake!). After that, embroidery became Lynn's passion. She joined the Ann Arbor (MI) chapter and volunteered to be its education officer at her first meeting

In Ann Arbor, Lynn went on to serve as newsletter editor, region representative, and president. From Ann Arbor she moved to Oklahoma and joined the Central Oklahoma chapter where she took over their newsletter. In 1997 she moved to Central Florida and joined the Chain Stitchers chapter where she has served as region representative, president, and other positions; she is currently the chapter's newsletter editor and outreach co-chair.

Chapter Reports

BERMUDA

Kathy Faries

We look forward to starting the new year off with our usual Stitch In Luncheon which is an all day stitching affair with lunch in September. We have been meeting during the summer on our usual meeting days for informal stitch ins. We are working on having a lecture on how to make cleaning our houses simpler in October to provide more stitching time for all of us and putting together some small workshops for October and November. One of our members, Denise Woodhouse was featured in the Nordic Needle Newsletter in August. We also put our guild on Facebook under the Bermuda Guild of Stitchery. Please check us out there!

BISCAYNE

Marge Holmes

In June, former member LaVerne Johnson, an extremely talented Quilt Designer, brought in a variety of her quilts and left us all in awe as her color choices were fantastic. Biscayne held a stitch-in on a Saturday in July and August which proved to be extremely successful, therefore we are planning to continue the Saturday group all of next year. Several projects were completed and the GCC group doing Cleopatra's Cat brought their pieces in to be photographed in August. Four members sent their pieces in for teacher evaluation. Besides cats, we had a pink pig, three wise men, a manatee, a pineapple, a square, a pillow cushion and a red Christmas stocking. This really brought out the imagination of our members.

A survey is being conducted to choose three GCC's to offer to our members who may make their choice of the technique they wish to take next year, with the chapter paying the registration costs.

Our September meeting will be a crewel Christmas Ornament, designed by Andrea Ellis, and kits will be mailed to every member of Biscayne that is not at the meeting. In October, Pat Carrington will present a program on crewel stitching. November is an extremely busy month with the Vizcaya opening with a display of our stitched work, the Fairchild Ramble with stitched pieces and our members actively recruiting. December brings us our Holidays party and a holiday food drive to assist Riviera Presbyterian Church in its benefit program.

Discussion have been held on why, or why not as far as our members attending Region events. I will have my report available at the October region meeting.

Several members will be attending classes at the National Seminar and a few are driving over for a day or so to participate in some of the events, especially merchandise night. The following weekend, Jane Nicholas will be teaching to 19 very excited members who look forward to learning from this wonderful lady.

CANOPY OAKS

Linda Dean

Summertime in Tallahassee can be quiet because our chapter does not have meetings and several members travel north to the mountains for cool air. This summer, at the request of non-traveling members, we offered stitching sessions. June and July were devoted to creating a name tag with the chapter logo.

In August, we met for a library stitch-in amidst two large glass cases that exhibited 36 of our completed items. Fourteen members stitched at the library for about two-hour blocks of time between 10 am to 4 pm. We distributed extra copies of Needle Arts that national sent to us, along with our new business cards made possible from our recent Sun Region grant. Member Pam Doffek provided a large display board which helped attract the attention of library visitors. These efforts attracted inquiring eyes and generated both a list of 11 potential new members AND summer stitching opportunities to non-traveling members. Special thanks to immediate-past president, Jacque Clemens, for coordinating this effort.

This autumn will bring more exciting meetings. In September, our season-opener "Show-n-Tell" meeting will invigorate our stitching enthusiasm as we each show items of summer stitching. October will be a program of "17th and 18th century Crewel embroidery" that includes the speaker's Master Craftsman pieces and a set of Crewel slides from national. November will introduce a needlepoint project called "Needlepoint Ort Box".

Our 2011 Group Correspondence Course "White Queen" completions are currently at the teacher for review and feed-back. The 2012 GCC of "Hummingbird and Honeysuckle – Stumpwork" begins in September. For now, some of us are packing for national seminar. See you in Naples!

CENTRAL FLORIDA *Deby Tally*

Our chapter continued with meetings during the summer months. We learned about colors in June, and using a color wheel, we chose colors for a small project in July. In August we worked on Habitat for Humanity samplers. We have been fairly busy with presentations for Habitat this year and know that we will be having some more this fall. This was a good time to start on building up our stash of those. We are also starting to work on several small items to be used at our booth at the art museum in February. We were very happy to have several of our members display several of their completed pieces at the University of Central Florida Library during the month of July. We had 2 cases with work from 14 of our members. We have already signed up to have another exhibit there in the fall of 2012.



We are looking forward to a busy fall including making a beaded ornament cover, learning some new techniques and our holiday luncheon. Our 4th Wednesday group will be working on Romanian lace techniques.

CHAIN STITCHERS *Geni Dickinson*

The summer has almost gone except for the heat and Chain Stitchers is getting ready for their fall programs and business meetings to restart. The programs are as follows: September – Jennifer Nardiello will present a discussion and presentation of GCC classes with finished projects, October – Lynn Abbey will present Stitch inside the Lines, November – Jean DeLahunty will present Tenerife or Card making, December – Christmas dinner. Our September meeting is during the National Seminar in Naples and several members are attending including our president, Claire Nardone.

Chain Stitchers presents a check to Hospice every year as part of Outreach. This year we will be having mini white elephant sales each month with a \$1, \$2, and \$5 tables. We have also been given pledge cards for donations for Hospice. In addition, Chain Stitchers makes Habitat samplers and knits baby caps for the newborns at the Leesburg Hospital.

During the month of October, Chain Stitchers will have an exhibit in a window at the Leesburg library. This will hopefully encourage interest in stitching in the local community.

duCLAY *JoyceAnne Stevens*

The past 3 months have been the most exciting and amazing time in my memory of duClay. Several members did not renew in May which left us seven members and we were more discouraged than we have ever been. But we were unwilling to give up. We had our exhibit planned for the library and we discussed possible ideas for future meetings. Then two of our newer members went to work recruiting among their friends who were already devoted stitchers but not EGA members. As of this writing, duClay has 21 members, the most we have had in several years. We have had several very successful activities and are looking forward to two more in the next

couple of months.

editor - Here are some pictures from duClay:



In July duClay members were invited by the Azalea Sampler Guild to attend a lecture, slideshow, and lunch with Lorraine Mootz. Lorraine is well known for her knowledge of samplers and does many lectures when she is here in the US. She had visited the Azalea Sampler guild many times over the years when she came from Germany to visit her mother and sister in Palatka. Many of the sampler group have joined duClay as members.

One of our members found an interesting project on-line, proposed that we adopt it as a chapter project and 15 out of 21 members participated. The project was the "Tulip Slip" project designed by Tricia Nguyen to raise funds for a new exhibit at Winterthur. All together, by purchasing the stitching kit and the finishing kit, duClay made a donation of \$215.

With so many new members, we realized there was a need for a program on making stitched name tags which we held at the August meeting. Working with the Azalea Sampler Guild, we are co-sponsoring a class at the end of October with Ellen Chester who will be teaching a one day class on her needle book design of the American Flag called "Long May She Wave".

And finally in October, on the second Saturday we are having a meeting especially planned so that the members who do not drive at night or live an hour or so away can enjoy getting together. We have reserved a study box on Florentine/Bargello. We are asking members to bring any pieces of needlework that are Florentine/Bargello for a small exhibit during the meeting. Both the sampler guild and the ANG chapter have been invited as well as anyone else interested. Since we have a regular stitch-in on the second Saturday, we are encouraging everyone to come for the day.

We are hoping to have several of the special Saturday meetings throughout the coming year. And as always, we continue our stitch-ins on the 1st and 2nd Saturday of each month.

GULFVIEW

Judy DeMeglio

.Due the National Seminar in Naples this September, our chapter is not holding our regular monthly meeting. In October, we will have a very busy meeting with a table sale, a class in candlewicking taught by Daphne Mullins and a discussion of Region events. The candlewicking class will ultimately result in a quilt project which we hope to use as a fund raiser. In November, we will be starting the petite project Tudor Rose, a crewel design taught by Judy DeMeglio. In December we will as always have our lovely holiday party.

INDIAN RIVER

Adrienne Meyer

Indian River Chapter members spent the month of June teaching embroidery to children. The Satellite Beach library has played host to our series of classes for children for the past 9 years. This year we had a total of 23 children in class – 8 were returnees and 15 were beginners. All the children begin with a heart stitched on plastic canvas. This is generally completed in the first session. They then progress to more difficult projects of their choice and take home supplies for the rest of the summer.



Emily helps one of the children stitch her heart



After our first chapter retreat last fall, members eagerly looked forward to the second retreat in early July. We gathered at the retreat site by 9:30 AM and stitched away till 5 PM, enjoying each other's company. A new Make & Take was stitched and there were door prizes for everyone. A continental breakfast was served and a delicious lunch. Some of the participants extended the day by eating dinner at a nearby restaurant.

At the chapter meeting in July we held our traditional Christmas in July program. A speaker from The Haven spoke to us about the children taken care of at the shelter and received our gifts to them. Later we stitched an abbreviated version of the Elegant Bookmark from the March 2011 Needle Arts.

Programs scheduled for the fall months include finishing of Jonalene Gutwein's Assisi needlework and cutting/finishing the Petite Project nametag led by Adrienne Meyer. November's program is our Giant Show & Tell of projects stitched during the year, followed by the holiday luncheon in December.



Jineen presents chapter gifts to The Haven's representative.

NEAPOLITAN

Janet Kassing

While we don't have board or general meetings during the summer months, we continue with our stitch-ins several times a month. And our attendance at these have been great. Of course, everyone enjoys the lunch afterwards when the restaurants aren't so busy.

Many thanks to our members who have worked on chapter projects this summer. In addition to stitching on the Habitat for Humanity samplers and items for exhibit on February 16-18, 2012, we have spent many hours making frame weights to sell at Merchandising Night at the Seminar on Tuesday evening, September 13. Each frame weight weighs 22 pounds and will sell for \$18 including tax. Also at that time our chapter will be selling books from Jennifer Ashley-Taylor's library.

insert picture of frame weight

Everyone here and still up north is abuzz about Seminar - what classes, who is coming, work schedules, etc. From the sound of the talk, everybody is sure to have a great time.

Our first general meeting of the season will be October 19 in the Grill Room at Moorings Park. Following the meeting we are going on a "field trip" to Palm Cottage in Old Naples. This is the oldest house in Naples having been built in 1895 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Of course, we will be going to lunch following the tour.

SAND DOLLAR

Kay Dune

Sand Dollar has had a busy summer even though we don't have regular meetings, we still get together at the New Smyrna Library to make Christmas ornaments for one of our Outreach projects providing ornaments for the Atlantic Life Skills program (for mentally challenged students) at Atlantic High School in Daytona. Some members have also been working on a Nativity scene as a thank you gift for the church that graciously lets us use their large meeting room for our monthly meetings. We hope to have the scene finished for this Christmas season.

At the September meeting we will be finishing our Back to Basic Notebook of Stitches. Helen Jennings (Education) has then planned for us to do the Heart Etui that was in the June 2010 Needle Arts in October & November. Both these projects will be fun, we are looking forward to starting and finishing each one. Jean Fulenwider (Ways & Means) reports that the Ocean theme wall hanging is finished and will be on display at the September meeting. This will be the big prize for the Christmas Luncheon.

Two of our members, Doris Layton and Brenda Akarjalian entered an evening bag and sewing companion bag in the Accessories section of the 2011 Hoffman Challenge. This is a fabric challenge presented by the Hoffman California Fabric Company. Each year, a specific fabric is chosen along with coordinating fabrics and stitcher's around the world must use these specific fabrics to create quilts, clothing, dolls, accessories, etc. This year, the Hoffman curator received over 500 entries. Although Doris & Brenda did not win, their items were selected to travel on the "trunk Tour". Winning and selected items are placed in 6 trunks and these trunks criss-cross the country for a year being displayed in major quilting shows. Congratulations to Doris & Brenda.

It is with great sadness I report the death of one of our members, Pat Carlson. Pat fought cancer bravely for a number of years. She was a lovely generous person that gave freely of her knowledge of stitching. She did all kinds of stitching, I think she really enjoyed Hardanger the best because of the challenge, but all her work was beautiful. She will be sorely missed.

SAND DUNES

Debbie Sewell

We have had a quiet summer this year with night stitch-ins ever month. We held one at a local Book-A-Million store and had 2 visitors, one of whom joined our chapter. We still have hopes that the other will join us since she seemed very interested. We plan to hold another night stitch-in at Books-A-Million in October.

On August 6, we held our annual August Membership Coffee. Amidst the delicious food, white elephant sale and lots of show and tell, our Vice President, Cheri Hammer unveiled our 2011 – 2012 program, "Basic Training". She called us to attention and explained that September will begin with "Boot Camp". It will be a discussion type meeting with everyone participating. It will include helpful stitching hints, how to figure out stitch count and fabric size, what needles to use with different threads and fabrics, how to strip threads and all sorts of basic information. She has requested that we bring our "rucksacks" with our stitching tools for a discussion of the tools of the trade. In addition to discussing what should be in your tool kit, everyone will be encouraged to talk about special items that they have in their personal kits.

October will be "Core Values" during which the basics of cross stitch and canvas work will be discussed. Demonstrations will include how to do basketweave on canvas and laying tool use. There will be hands-on exercises to include taping and mounting a canvas properly and how to railroad threads. Examples will be stitched to take home for references.

November will have us all wearing our PT (physical training) uniforms to run the "Confidence Obstacle Course". This will be the first of a two-part program. We will set up a hardanger design on hardanger fabric, linen or canvas. The recruits will learn to set up the kloster blocks (obstacles) properly. The recruits will have 2 months to complete this section before the continuation in January.

December finds us AWOL and we will hold our annual Holiday Party at a local restaurant. In keeping with tradition, we will hold our hand stitched ornament exchange.

In addition to "Basic Training", there will be an "Advanced Training" course held during the monthly stitch-ins. It is a series of 8 ornaments by designer, Carolyn Mitchell. The pattern, "Sisters and Friends" and a kit for the first ornament are available for order. Participants are encouraged to explore thread and canvas color combinations for the other 7 ornaments.

Our chapter has chosen the GCC, Cleopatra's Cat, and hopes to begin before the end of the year. It has been opened up to all Sun Region members to fill out empty spots. If anyone is interested, please contact me for further information.

SARASOTA

Eleanor Langlois

It has been a quiet summer for Sarasota Chapter members, but we are gearing up for a busy stitching year ahead. Program Chair Mary Lou Victor and her committee are already preparing for our Christmas Luncheon, and before that some interesting programs are awaiting us. Mary Melvin will show her paper embroidery, and Faith Van Zanter will explain how her dolls and animals with embroidered faces are constructed. In October,

member Chris Millar will tell about her mission trip to Guatemala, and show pictures of the country, the people, and their crafts.

Education Chair Barbara Kaylow has classes on Penny Rugs and Brazilian Embroidery scheduled for September and October. Susan Kerndt, our very special travel teacher member, will present a workshop, "Stitch for Cure" at our November meeting. Our Sampler and Beading groups are flourishing, and we continue to enjoy the fellowship of our nearly weekly stitch-ins.

We have recently started stitching Kissing Pillows to help the Treasured Stitchery EGA Chapter, Wellsboro, PA. They need 4500 pillows this fall, so any we can stitch will be a help. We continue to collect toilet articles and non-perishable food items for Bethesda House in Sarasota, to make articles for a Neo-natal hospital unit, and to stitch samplers for Habitat for Humanity.

SEA GRAPE

Liz Burns

The chapter certainly has been active throughout the spring and summer. Our monthly programs, that occur on the second Thursday of the month, have included Carickmacross lace, a summer salad social, Knitting for Victory - WWII, Creative Beading, and the Cape Coral Quilters Guild. On the fourth Thursday of the month we have a stitch-in. Sea Grape also has both a day group and a night group.

The chapter has already completed one Group Correspondence Course on hardanger and is getting set to start its second GCC for the year, Spring Splendor. Our outreach programs are ongoing and include: Bookmarks for the Literacy Foundation, tabs for Ronald McDonald House, knitted infant caps for the NICU as well as chemotherapy caps. The chapter has recently taken on the Kissing Pillow challenge. On the fourth Saturday of the month Sea Grape members meet members of the Quilters Guild at the Thomas Edison House for a stitch in public day.

Several Sea Grape members are looking forward to the Embroidery Conference and Seminar 2011. President Charlotte Nelson is the Bookstore Chair and she has several members as volunteers. Our membership has remained stable at seventy-four, including a transfer member from the Bermuda Chapter.

SANDHILL CRANE

Linda Hansen

Our chapter is pleased to announce that Lynn Pittenger was selected as the Sun Region's Gold Thread Award winner for 2011. We are gratified that Lynn's accomplishments and contributions to our chapter and EGA were recognized. In October Sandhill Crane's education program includes Linda Mucha of Clermont to teach a class on ornaments.



Congratulations to
Lynn Pittenger
Sun Region
Gold Thread Award
Recipient for 2011

Lynn is a member and past president of Sand Hill Crane chapter. The Gold thread award recognizes outstanding individuals who have given freely of their time and talents, and best exemplify EGA's purpose. Lynn will be recognized at the opening banquet of Flamingo Fandango, Seminar 2011 on September 11.

Lynn, we are proud of you!

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Y N I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Stitching Gators chapter.



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