



The Sun News

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The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

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RD's Letter

Greetings Sun Region:

On the eve of Hurricane Irma, I'm certain to not be alone in having packed up a few needle art projects to take along in case we evacuate. What better way to spend those anxious hours than on the zen of embroidery? I truly hope this letter finds everyone safe and dry, post-hurricane, and enjoying the coming Fall coolness.

Speaking of zen, I had planned to delve deeply into Japanese embroidery during a recent three-week sojourn to Japan, but, ironically, we had to flee Kyoto for Tokyo a few days early to avoid super-typhoon Noru (Cat. 5+), which made its second landfall at Osaka and traversed the island over Kyoto. I look forward to returning to Japan, though, and completing the Kyoto leg of the journey. Stitching friends had suggested quite a list of textile places to see.

I did manage to photograph some beautiful antique kimono at the Tokyo National Museum – many from the shogunate era. The execution of the kimono embroidery was as emotive as sumi-e (black ink painting) and as precise as Kanji (a system of Japanese writing using Chinese characters) -- only with silk thread. Today's master embroiderers still stress the order in which threads are placed on the ground fabric. The parallel holds in Kanji, where the order of laying down the strokes of a word is even more regimented. I was surprised to learn that historically, skilled artisans picked silk thread from old kimono and reweave it to make obi – the sashes worn on kimono. I thought about all of the times I've cut the wrong threads in a linen piece and struggled to re-weave the hole! I cannot imagine weaving recycled silk thread for many yards.

We were privileged during a visit to a very old Japanese sword store in Tokyo to be invited upstairs to their private museum of antique katana – the swords traditionally used by samurai. While my son admired the cool, tempered blades, my eye was drawn exclusively to the artistry of the kumihimo cord (Japanese braids) decorating the scabbards. The colorful, elaborately tied cord was extremely fine and tight, and must have required signifi-

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The mission of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is to inspire a passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage.

cant hand strength to achieve. Then, the owner advised that traditionally, men executed the kumihimo cord for swords. The cord also was used to tie together the small plates of armor worn by samurai, often with elaborate bows and ties flowing down the back.

In the spirit of encouraging EGA members to learn more about embroidery and other needle arts, I hope you will share with each other your travel stories and their connection to embroidery.

Patrice Boyes

Sun Region Director

National EGA Board Meeting

The National Board of Directors met in Asheville, NC on August 14 and 15, 2017, in advance of the National Seminar. Highlights included the unveiling of EGA's new logo, which members will soon see deployed in the magazine and other branded merchandise and promotional materials. We've been asked to not circulate electronic versions, to protect against trademark infringement, so please be patient. Attendees at the September 2017 Region Meeting are welcome to view a hard copy of it. The new logo is a departure from the baroque design of the current logo, and there are sure to be differing opinions about it. The existing logo will likely be retained as a legacy logo. Chapters (and Sun Region) may continue to use their existing inventory containing the old logo until supplies are exhausted.

The Marketing & Branding Committee decided to recommend not changing EGA's name.

The EGA President's Letter, which circulates to Chapter Presidents among others, will convert to exclusively electronic availability after the November 15, 2017 edition. Chapter Presidents should look for an email from EGA Headquarters soon on this subject.

The EGA National Collection (~400 items) was recently appraised at a total value of \$495,000.

The EGA Crown Jewels fundraising effort has attracted \$82,000 in pledges to date. Members are encouraged to participate. Details may be found in NeedleArts magazine.

The National Finance Committee reported an \$18,000 dip in annual revenue nationwide to EGA from 2015 to 2016, reflecting a decrease of \$11,000 in membership revenue and a \$7,000 drop in education income. My thought is that we need as an organization to redouble our efforts to recruit new members, retain existing members, and encourage former members to rejoin. One way to do that is to make our Facebook pages (and create them at the Chapter level) and websites very user-friendly, attractive, and full of irresistible content. We could do more to communicate among the Chapters, for instance, about upcoming events to attract participants from across the Sun Region. Program development is a tried and true method to stimulate membership as well. I look forward to input from Region Representatives and Chapter members on how best to reverse this trend.

ARD's report

Melody Bryan

Summer 2017 is but a fleeting memory – well almost Down here in the Deep South – summer broils on for another month or two. It has been a really busy time for many of you just returning from National seminar, vacations, summering in cooler climates and I hope a lot of good stitching time. There have been lots of great class opportunities in our region and more on the horizon. If you have not visited the Educational opportunities tab on the SR website – I encourage you to keep an eye on it.

We are meeting in just a few weeks in Orlando at the beautiful Castle Marriott on 8629 International Drive, Friday Sept 22 thru Sunday Sept 24th. The Central Florida Chapter is going to be hosting the Saturday luncheon and Margaret Kinsey will be presenting the Saturday evening program, a silk ribbon button. **The kit will be \$5 paid to Margaret either in cash or a check. Please bring your usual stitching accessories and a 4" or 5" hoop.** Needles will be provided in the kit. If you are not on the list for the evening program, please email me or check the box on the clip it coupon (*below*). You have until Sept 10 to notify me that you want to attend the luncheon. The luncheon will consist of an entrée Chicken Caesar salad, bread, beverage (water, tea or coffee), and a dessert. The cost is \$25 prepaid; please make out the check to Sun Region EGA and mail to me.



The Spring 2018 board meeting will be held at the Lake Mary Marriott in Lake Mary Florida just off I – 4, Friday thru Sunday April 6 thru April 8th. The Sarasota Chapter will be hosting the luncheon and we will likely be assembling nametags for the Diamond Jubilee Seminar for National for our evening program. This project is being led by Adrienne Meyer. The room block is ready for your reservations - \$135 is the rate per night - 1-800-380-7724. Please identify yourself as EGA and you might have to spell it out, Sun Region EGA should be the event name. It is very helpful for me if you make your reservation ASAP so if we run short of rooms in our block I have time to add more. You can always cancel your reservation if your plans change.

Fall 2018 will be in my home town Orange Park at the Courtyard Marriott at I 295 and US Hwy 17. Room rate is \$95 per night.

If you have chapter members who have never attended a region meeting – invite and encourage them to come and see what make SR tick. We need members to step up and volunteer to chair committees and work at the region level to benefit all of Sun Region. Without YOU, EGA is nothing!



September 23, 2017 Sun Region Meeting - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Reservations
Castle Marriott - Orlando

Name _____ Email _____

Chapter _____ Phone: _____

Are you the chapter rep? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you need a roommate? ___ Yes ___ No If no, roommate is _____

Mail your reservation and check for \$25.00 (payable to Sun Region EGA)
to be received by September 10, 2017 to: Melody Bryan

Dietary restrictions: _____
Circle one:

Y N I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Central Florida chapter

Sun Region Officers and Committee Chairs

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2017 Sun Region Calendar

Sept 23-24	fall Sun Region meeting The Castle (Marriott) - Orlando
Dec 1	next Sun News deadline

The Sun News is published 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. Thanks to all of you who send your articles for insertion in this newsletter in a timely manner. Remember, this newsletter is entirely dependent on you for content.

Treasurer's Report: Activity Period: 6/1/2017 - 8/31/2017

	Checking	MoneyMkt	
Opening Balance (MM opening 5/31/2017)	6,506.65	52,122.20	
Income			
02 Dues	981.00	0.00	
03 Interest	0.00	6.56	
15 Contributions & Gifts	75.00	0.00	
17 Other Income *	0.90	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	1,056.90	6.56	
* Bank Error in our favor			
Expense			
21 Educ Event	925.00	0.00	
28 Administration	855.35	0.00	
33 Gifts (EGA National Fundraising)	325.00		
35 Other - Expenses (Taxes & Fees)	13.93	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,119.28	0.00	
SEPARATE ACCOUNTS			
2018 Cruise (net)	160.00		
Reg. Meeting Luncheons (net)	140.00		
Fundraising/Ways & Means	0.00		
TOTAL SEPARATE ACCOUNTS	300.00		
TOTAL	5,744.27	52,128.76	
OPEN ITEMS			
Receivables	0.00	2.21	
Payables	1,255.35	0.00	
TOTAL OPEN ITEMS	-1,255.35	2.21	
TOTAL (W/O OPEN ITEMS)	6,999.62	52,126.55	
CLOSING BALANCES (Regions Bank Account Statements: Checking as of 8/31/2017; MM as of 7/31/2017)			
	6,999.62	52,126.55	

Treasurer's Report: Budget v. Actual as of 8/31/2017

		Year to Date (actual)	2017 Budget	Year-to-Date v. Budget
Income				
02 Dues		1,455.00	1,600.00	-145.00
03 Interest		18.27	20.00	-1.73
15 Contributions		179.00	100.00	79.00
17 Other		0.90	100.00	-99.10
Money Market Savings Trans.		5,000.00	8,000.00	-3,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		6,653.17	9,820.00	-3,166.83
Expense				
21 Educ Event		9,159.18	8,000.00	1,159.18
26 Rent		435.39	650.00	-214.61
28 Administration		118.74	215.00	-96.26
29 Officers' Travel		1,214.75	2,800.00	-1,585.25
33 Gifts		325.00	1,000.00	-675.00
35 Other		109.13	225.00	-115.87
TOTAL EXPENSE		11,362.19	12,890.00	-1,527.81
Ways and Means		559.01	100.00	459.01
Retreat 2017		-1,392.20	0.00	-1,392.20
Retreat 2017		670.00	0.00	670.00
net shortfall		-1,299.15	-2,970.00	

Committee Information

BY-LAWS - Margo Pope, chair

Sun Region's every-10-years-by-laws-review for all chapters and the region is nearing the finish line.

Eleven of the 14 chapters have completed the process and have received their letters of approval from Rebecca Wardlaw, EGA's director of by-laws. These chapters are: Chain Stitchers, Canopy Oaks, duClay, Gulfview, Indian River, Neapolitan, Sarasota, Sand Dunes, Sandhill Crane, Sea Grape, and Suwannee Stitchers. The three chapters scheduled for votes this month are: Biscayne, Central Florida and Sand Dollar.

At Sun Region's September board meeting, the revised region by-laws will be put to a vote of the board. Sun Region's by-laws will then be sent to Ms. Wardlaw for her approval. EGA's deadline for by-laws approval is Dec. 31. EGA approval is good until 2027 when the process starts all over again!

Sun Region is well on its way to completion of the process in October. A huge thanks and round of applause from me to the chapter presidents, by-laws chairs, and chapter region reps who organized and managed this process at the chapter level.

I appreciate the cooperation and assistance provided to me since last September, first by Region Director Kathy Singleton and then current by Assistant Region Director Melody Bryan, who served as interim RD this past summer before new RD Patrice Boyes took office.

While by-laws reviews were going on, a three-member region committee was completing the revision of the region's policies and procedures. My thanks to Pam Burke, Lynn Abbey and Jenna McClooney for their work. This revision will be voted on by Sun Region's board in September. There is no national review required for policies and procedures.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone later this month in Orlando.

EDUCATION - Deby Talley, chair

More chapters are participating in GCCs/educational events this year it seems. The following are the ones being advertised on the website currently. Please get the contact info off of the website if you are interested.

GCCs

- Undulations 2 - Both Indian River and Central Florida chapters
- Circle with a Blue Flower - Suwannee Stitchers chapter
- Meadow Medley - Sea Grape chapter
- Temari- Shades of Pink - both Sand Hill Crane and Gulfview chapters

Workshops

- duClay- Catherine Theron - Sept 16-17, 2017
- Canopy Oaks- Jane Ellen Balzuweit - Oct 13-14, 2017
- * Sarasota- Tanja Berlin - Feb 27-28, 2018
- * Sandhill Crane - Tanja Berlin- March 2-3, 2018 *see also "Save the Date" on page 18

The Region will once again be sponsoring a scholarship for the International Embroidery Conference to be held in Chicago in April of 2018. The new Education chairman will have info out to all of the chapters very soon.

And, finally, the Phillips Grant money is almost spent. We have posted one video- a needle lecture by Susan Greening Davis on the website, have completed one with Audrey Francini (and are considering doing an follow-up slideshow to focus more on her works) and are in the process of editing one by Margaret Kinsey. We have one more taping planned and the possibility exists to do another after that.

This is our link: <https://www.youtube.com>
search for Sun Region EGA

HISTORIAN - Karan Quintero

"Stitching Vacation", was the theme of the June 4-6, 1995 Sun Region Seminar located in Sarasota. To my surprise, I found archived, a first timer's Japanese Umbrella Ribbon and a stitched teacher's name tag made by the Suncoast Chapter. I also found a folded decorated paper Ort box by the Sarasota Chapter for the Monday lunch favor and for Tuesday's lunch favor, a yarn threader with a sheet of sixteen surface stitch diagrams from the Hibiscus Chapter. Lastly, I found a yarn angel holding a gold sun charm with a pearl halo and lace wings made by the Hibiscus Chapter for the class angels.....WOW!!!



The 72 members who attended the seminar enjoyed fine accommodations at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, enjoying the beach or shopping in town. Why go to town when there was a boutique, a book store, an exhibit, a Sun Region meeting, a Teacher's Showcase and an opening banquet to keep you busy!

Three mini classes were held on Monday night which were free to attendees a lecture on "Teach A Child and See the Future" by Karen Berry (bring a doodle cloth), "How to Make a Chatelaine" by Jan Loper and a "Fancy Tassel" by Jan Nichols. The latter classes students paid for the materials needed. There is no mention as to how many took these classes.

Eleven classes were offered: 1) *"Flight of Fancy" by Rachel Atkinson (metallic mixed media laid work, patterned couching, pulled work with canvas & surface stitching), 2) *"Sea Sampler Fantasy" by Barbara Boulton, (drawn thread & needleweaving on canvas), 3) * "Mountain Quail" by Audrey Francini ,(surface stitching and needle-painting, silk on silk), 4) "Fanciful Flowers" by Jonalene T. Gutwein, (blackwork, drawn thread and surface stitching on linen), 5) "Hsing Mang" by Nanette A Mathe (shading, couching, metal on silk), 6)*"Victorian Lace" by Jane Nichols (mixed media, satin ribbon and pulled thread on canvas), 7) *"Lacey Delight" by Deanna H. Powell (pulled thread, ribbon embroidery and surface stitching on fabric), 8) *"Circle of Friends" by Sharon M. Rogers (shaded blackwork on Jobelan), 9) "Winter 1994" by Agnes Schmid (metallics, silks and beads on canvas), 10) "Opulence" by Mary Lou Stransky (pearls, pulled thread and shadow quilting on linen), 11) * "Antique Needlework/Jewelry Case" by Patricia Moore (hardanger, drawn thread, cross stitch, ribbons & pearls). Only the seven classes marked with * were held for this seminar.

Many thanks were given to Chairman, Pearl Huprich (Neapolitan); Faculty, Eden N. Burnley (Seagrape); Brochure, Melinda Bunker (Plantation); Registrar, Louise McWilliams (Seagrape); Treasurer, Laila Wilson (Neapolitan); Notebook, Linda Baker (Lemoyne); Exhibit, Barbara Haberly (Biscayne); Facilities, Pearl Huprich (Neapolitan); Nametags, Virginia Lindon (Suncoast); Class Angels, Joyce Post (Sea Shell); Table Favors, Anne Fletcher (Sarasota) and Nancy Hall (Hibiscus); Banquet, Anne Roberts and Shirley Troxler (Neapolitan); Door Prizes & Tea Cup Auction, Carole Watkins (duClay) and boutique, Jane Nichols (Neapolitan) and Golden Yarn's and Needlecraft. They all did a fantastic job!!!

NOMINATING - *Karan Quintero, chair*

We are happy to present a complete slate for our Fall annual meeting. At that time, we will officially vote and install the new board, our new region leaders who will be guiding our region for the next three years. The slate to be presented to the current Sun Region board for all the open board positions is:

Sun Region Director (RD)
Patrice Boyes, Suwannee Stitchers Chapter
Sun Region Assistant Director (ARD)
Melody Bryan, duClay Chapter
Sun Region Secretary
Deby Talley, Chain Stitcher's Chapter
Sun Region Treasurer
Kathy Singleton, Central Florida Chapter

Sincere thanks to my committee members Betsy Harris (Suwannee Stitchers), Claire Nardone (Chain Stitchers) and Linda Dean (Canopy Oaks). They worked hard to bring this slate to fruition. Their additional wisdom, guidance and support that was much appreciated.

My tenure is now fulfilled and we will need to add two additional members to complete the five needed for this committee. Your faith and belief in the future of Sun Region can only be achieved when you have good leaders. Step up, be our eyes, and be a part of the committee that will seek out those good leaders to take us into the future.

OUTREACH - *JoyceAnne Stevens, chair*

Summer 2017 has been a busy time for reaching out in Sun Region. Chapter members have been out and about meeting and greeting and telling people about EGA. They have been stitching for others, collecting things for groups that have needs, and presenting stitched items to various people.

Canopy Oaks stitched at a library twice and had an exhibit of their work for a month at a 2nd library. Central Florida members attended 3 events, the St. Johns River Art Festival, The Spring Fiber Fling, and Lake Mary Museum Quilting and Fabric Art Exhibit.

Indian River instead of going out, invited representatives of the various groups they help to attend their July meeting and speak about their services. Indian River also taught children for the 14th year, this year reaching 22 children.

A Sarasota member represented the chapter at the Manatee County Fair. Both Sarasota and Suwannee Sttitchers stitched in public. Sarasota members also taught a 4-H group and parents how to sew on a button.

Stitching for others is an important outreach done by numerous chapters. Habitat for Humanity Samplers were stitched and presented by Gulfview, Indian River, Neapolitan, Sand Dollar, Sand Dunes, and Sandhill Crane.

Kissing Pillows are another project done by Biscayne, Gulfview, Indian River, and Sandhill Crane.

Chapters sew, knit, crochet, and quilt a large variety of items for many different groups. Central Florida stitched 98 bookmarks and made 116 cell phone charms for the breast cancer project. duClay presented 10 stitched bookmarks to the Orange Park library for the teenage volunteers. Gulfview gave 12 blankets to the Linus Project. Sand Dollar made baby booties and hats, baby blankets and quilts, scarves for homeless Vets and lap blankets for nursing homes. Sand Dunes is stitching Chrismon ornaments for the church where they meet. Sea Grape has 14 people knitting or crocheting baby caps and chemo caps for Lee Health Hospital. As of June, the

total donated was 150 baby caps and 76 chemo caps.

Chapters also collect a variety of items for various groups.

All in all, a tremendous amount of reaching out to people in the surrounding communities.

SOCIAL MEDIA - Karan Quintero, chair

Chapters are invited to submit information regarding any events happening in your future. Please be sure to provide a photo, a description, a date(s), location if known, costs, and a contact's email for questions and locations for mailing fees involved.

We hope you have enjoyed the posted photos of our recent "Stitching on the Ridge" EGA national seminar. Please feel free to contact us at socialmedia@sunregionega.org with any items or events you would like to submit to share with our region and Facebook friends.

WEBSITE - Lynn Abbey, chair

Sun Region Website...and beyond!

Sun Region – Google Drive

The Sun Region Google Drive is like a file cabinet in the cloud—with a lock on each of the drawers. Each chapter's region representative should have a copy of the key (actually an encoded URL). If you need a blank form, an article from a Sun Region newsletter, minutes from a region board meeting, or the contact information for the Sun Region and chapter officers, you can find it in the Sun Region Google Drive. If you're a new region representative (or if you've misplaced the email with the key) just contact me and I'll send you what you'll need.

Sun Region – YouTube

When the Sun Region received its portion of the Gay Philips Grant money, we were told we should use the money in a way that provided benefit to all our members. Our Board of Directors decided we would use our grant to create a series of embroidery-related videos that we could share among ourselves and with the rest of the Internet.

The professionally produced video with Audrey Francini that Sun Region commissioned with its Philips Grant money has been uploaded to our YouTube channel. You can watch it by navigating to this URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gP9qqbnj04k>

Family emergencies kept us from adding more videos to our channel this summer, but we're hoping for smoother sailing as the weather cools!

You can subscribe to our YouTube channel and receive notice whenever we upload a new video.

"Generic" Email Addresses for the Website

The great challenge of the Internet is separating the things that can be shared from the things that should be kept private. Email addresses are a great example of this challenge. EGA's national guidelines advise against making publishing EGA members' personal information (including their email addresses) on the Internet. The same easy-to-use process that allows us to maintain an always current copy of the Sun Region Roster on our Google Drive, also allows us to have chapter-level "generic" addresses which can be published on the website. (Think of this as a one-bank pool shot. Instead of an inquiry coming directly to a chapter officer, it will be captured and redirected by the generic address; and private email addresses won't be publicly exposed.)

A full list of region and chapter generic email addresses can be found in the Sun Region Roster.

Chapter "Drawers" on the Sun Region Google Drive

Our "file cabinet in the cloud" is very large and can accommodate many drawers. I know that some chapters are using Dropbox (a Google Drive competitor) to facilitate chapter communications, but not all chapters are prepared to manage their own Dropbox or Google Drive account. If a chapter doesn't want the hassle but does want the convenience (Who still has a copy of those bylaws we approved 10 years ago?), please get in touch with me and I'll get you set up with a Chapter Drawer.

As always, if anyone has questions, please contact me at lynn@lynnabbey.com

2018 Cruise - "Yo Ho Ho, Stitch and Sew" - Lee Ferguson

Yo Ho Ho, Stitch and Sew! A Sun Region Cruise is planned for April 2018.

Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas will depart Port Canaveral on April 27 for a three night cruise to the Bahamas and Coco Cay. This offers a wonderful opportunity to "stitch in public," or relax at sea with as few distractions as you desire.



There will be some mystery projects and "Make & Takes", but bring your latest stitching passion: a WIP (work in progress) as well as a UFO (unfinished object) - that item that has been languishing for months or even years. We will have a show & tell session on these items in our private conference room. You could spark someone else's interest in your WIP or get ideas and encouragement to finish that UFO.

As well as our conference room (available 24 hours a day), there are many places on the ship with huge windows and comfortable chairs which are great places for small groups to stitch.

We will also have Early Riser Stitching for those of you who wake before the sun comes up.

And don't forget the ship's amenities and entertainments. Music, sports, casino, food, drink; all these surrounded by the sky, the sea and fellow members of the EGA.

Please see the Registration page on the Sun Region website at <https://www.sunregionega.org/seminars-retreats/2018-cruise/>

Please email me with any questions at 2018chair@sunregionega.org

Chapter Reports

BISCAYNE

Shelley Iman-Loch

Biscayne Chapter is starting up again after our summer hiatus. At our next two meetings we will be working on our annual holiday ornament. One of our Programs Coordinators, Janet Edgar, is teaching a modified version of the Gingerbread Ornament Petit Project that was in the last National President's packet. We will stitch the ornament in September, and finish it in October. In November we will have our Business Meeting, a book sale, and a food drive for the church at which we meet. We inherited a collection of books from a former student of The Royal School Needlework. Needless to say, the books are in pristine condition. In December we will have our holiday party. It is always a good time and plans are already underway. That brings us to the end of 2017. Where does the time go?

PETITE PROJECT
Gingerbread Heart Ornament
Skill level: Beginner Level
Surface Embroidery



Designed by
Kim Sanders



CANOPY OAKS

Rebecca Lockenbach

The lazy, hazy days of summer are behind us as school has started from elementary to college. Roads and stores are filled with parents and students, and with that our stitching group has been busy with members working on Challenge Pieces and other projects. We have laid out our program schedule for the coming year and here is a sample of our fall attractions. We have changed our meeting location for several of our events to the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library located at 200 West Park Avenue. On Saturday, September 9th we will learn Pattern Transfer. In October we will welcome Jane Ellen Balzuweit for a 2 day extravaganza. On Friday, October 13th she will be teaching Casalquidi Altoid Sewing Box, a counted and surface embroidery project. Then on Saturday, October 14th, she will teach My'Lady's Fan, a pulled thread class. There are spaces available should you want to join us. Please see the Invitation Announcement and Registration Form in this newsletter (pages 17-18). For more information contact Pam Doffek at keffods@comcast.net. Our November meeting location will be different as it falls on Veteran's Day, Saturday, November 11th. So join us at Lofty Pursuits where you can enjoy breakfast, lunch, ice cream or all 3 and our program will be constructing table favors. So put us on your calendar and come visit us, and of course, happy stitching from Canopy Oaks Chapter to all of you.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Carol Reid

The Central Florida Chapter of EGA is getting ready for the fall with several new programs. We will start the fall off with a stash sale on Saturday September 9, 2017. This is always fun. Members bring in items they know longer want and others find new treasures. Donations will go towards our chapter. On October 13, 2017 we will be doing a petite project taught by one of our members. On November 11, 2017 we will begin a Group Correspondence project "Autumn Canvas" by Julie Fera. This is a two month project; the second month will be March 2018. In December we will have our annual Christmas luncheon. We will exchange hand stitched ornaments with fellow members and this is always fun. The new year will find us making Temari Balls taught by a fellow member, Vickie Chin, in January and February.

Our fall outreach project finds many of our members working on embroidering a blackwork design on costumes for the Shakespeare Theater production of "Twelfth Night".

CHAIN STITCHERS

Deby Talley

We have had a quiet summer in the chapter. We had our usual monthly meetings where we worked on unfinished projects. We have had several members making progress on their challenge pieces that need to be completed by December. We are looking forward to a busy fall season. We will be doing English Paper Piecing in September, and will spend Oct/Nov working on a beaded EGA necklace. December will bring our wonderful Christmas Dinner and ornament Exchange.

duCLAY*JoyceAnne Stevens*

Summer 2017 started for duClay with an all day stitch-in at Fernandina Beach library. The local needlework shop agreed to stay open a couple of extra hours so members could shop and Fernandina Beach has a wealth of restaurants for members to enjoy lunch. July followed with a two day class by Kathy Rees teaching her New Orleans inspired design Highland Circle. Our August program was a punch needle design taught by one of our members, Suzy.

As you are reading this, duClay members will be enjoying a weekend with Catherine Theron teaching two small projects.

We are looking forward to three more months of activities to finish the year. In October a member, Pat, is going to teach a beaded edging for finishing a pin cushion, November will be a stash sale, and December will be our Christmas luncheon, gift exchange, the drawing for the challenge prize and an afternoon of stitching.

Several activities and events are already being planned and on the schedule for 2018. We hope to return to Fernandina Beach in June and are going to Sebring for our 2nd retreat in July.

But the most exciting news for 2018 is that Betsy Morgan will be teaching her newest project, Swan Bower for duClay the last weekend in February. Information and details will be on duClay's Facebook page and also the Sun Region web site.

GULFVIEW*Connie Amadeo*

Gulfview Chapter meets on the second Wednesday at Veteran's Park at 14333 Hicks Rd, Hudson. We have 2 stitch-ins per month - third Wednesday at New Port Richey Library on Main Street and the fourth Monday at Veteran's Park. These stitch-ins run from 10am - 3pm. Members can come when they can and leave when they must.

We held an educational meeting at our VP Ann Ashley's house in August where we formatted our coming years programs.

- September - Serpentine Bracelet, Barbara Kolodziej
- October - Southche Pin, Jenna McClooney
- November - Silk dyed scarf, Marlene Glickmen
- December - Christmas Luncheon

A fair number of members have also begun the Ambrosia Honey project which was presented in Needlearts magazine. As a group, we stitch on this at our Wednesday stitch-ins where we can offer and get help as needed.

INDIAN RIVER*Christine Kampmeyer*

The Fall activities have started the end of the 40th Anniversary Celebration with a petite project "For the Love of Stitching." This stitching program will continue and finish in October.

The IRC is getting ready for the new GCC "Undulations II". Anyone interested in enjoying this GCC project please contact the IRC. During this season the IRC will have 5 baskets to be raffled.

As an added bonus to continue the 40th year the IRC is having a Fall Stitch In on October 7, 2017. This day will see us stitching our individual art work and enjoying each others' company.

All the regular night groups are meeting each Tuesday for open stitching.

November is the biggest "Show and Tell" of the year. The day that the "Procrastinators Anonymous" bring forth all the UFO's that they have finally finished!

The celebration continues in December with the annual Holiday time luncheon Door prizes - Ornament Exchange

included. The luncheon will also see the installation of the new officers for 2018. So who has the winning tickets!!!

Now on to 2018 with the "Yo-Ho-Ho, Stitch and Sew" Sun Region Cruise!

NEAPOLITAN

Karen Rockenbach

The Neapolitan Chapter finished their season in April with our annual spring luncheon. Since many of our members travel north for the summer, we meet three times a month at members' homes for stitch-ins. Our first meeting in the fall will be in October. Program is to be determined. All members are encouraged to stitch samplers for Habitat for Humanity as well as their own special projects. We are scheduled for our biennial needlework show February 22-24, 2018 in Naples. More information will be in the December newsletter. We look forward to seeing everyone gather in October.

SAND DOLLAR

Kathie Dougherty

After a quiet summer with no general meetings we are back in the swing of things starting September 7. Our first program will be different. We are each presenting a best stitching or crafting hint. I'm sure we will all learn many new hints. We will be starting a chatelaine project in September also. We have linen and members have been collecting ideas for unique designs to stitch on the chatelaine.

Our GCC "More Than A Rose" is in the final stages and will be mailed this month for evaluations. This very interesting GCC was enjoyed by many members and each one is slightly different as members added their own colors and threads.

We also will complete our 100 days of stitching and we will bring our projects to Show and Tell at the October meeting. The "100 daysers" will be entered in a drawing for prizes.

Our education program in October and November will be a button pendant.

Last spring we encouraged members to share Show and Tell projects by offering a free EGA membership to anyone who brought a project to a meeting. A little incentive is a big help we discovered and our members shared lots of their work. We are doing the same thing this fall with the drawing at our Christmas luncheon.

SAND DUNES

Pam Burke

The Sand Dunes Chapter has just unveiled our programs for the upcoming year and they are wonderful! In September we will be instructed in how to do flat finishing for the nametag that we stitched back in May. In October we will try our hands at painting canvas and in November we will be stitching on those canvases.

Our members are also busy stitching up Chrismons to present to the Catholic Church that allows us to meet in their religious education center free of charge. We made 22 last year and I think we have another 30 or so that we plan to present to them this year.

We are also gearing up to start another GCC; we haven't settled on which one yet but it looks like Maharajah's Elephant by Mary Long is leading in the polls.

We will continue to have stitch-ins on the second Sunday and meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month through the end of the year (except in November when we shift to the third Sunday because of Thanksgiving).

SANDHILL CRANE

Jenna McClooney

Chapter members will reunite after a long hot summer at our September meeting and begin fall activities with a continuation of interesting projects, programs and the opportunity to catch up on everyone's summer activities. September kicks off a 3-month project Florentine Ornament II by Susan Kerndt and the results of our summer "Tape Measure Challenge." The Temari GCC "Shades of Pink" will start in October, and we will top off the day with a special celebration for our 25 year anniversary. We will continue the ornament and Temari projects through November and in December when we celebrate the holidays with our annual Christmas luncheon.

Our Outreach projects continue to involve Hernando and Citrus County Habitat for Humanity, Hernando County Child Advocacy Center, & the Kissing pillow program.

Plans for the Sandhill Crane/Sarasota Tanja Berlin 2018 FL tour are going well. Check out our "Save the Date" ad in this newsletter (*page 18*). We will have full details at the region board meeting in September.

SARASOTA

Clemmie Rounds

September 25th will be the start of our busy season by a fun social/stitch-in. Our guild will be hosting a welcome back pizza and salad luncheon. At the October meeting a presentation of the Nature Printers Group demonstrating nature printing will be our program and Ann Fletcher will be teaching a Christmas bracelet. Our annual Day Spring retreat is scheduled for October 31-November 3. At our November 27th meeting, we will have guest Valerie Griest conduct a Needle Punch class. During the month of December, we will display our needle-works at the Jacaranda Library in Venice. At our annual business meeting in December, we will vote in the new slate of office positions for the upcoming term. Plans are in the works for the 2018 upcoming events and classes, which include a luncheon in January, Tanja Berlin in February (see "Save the Date" on *page 18*), and a Tea Cup auction in March.



June 26, 2017 picnic/stitch-in at Eleanor Langlois' lovely home

SEA GRAPE

Betty Baechle

Summer months have gone by fast. It's hard to believe fall is just around the corner. Now is the time to look forward to the activities that the chapter has planned.

The first item we have to look forward to is the GCC "Meadow Medley" by Luan Callery. This will begin in either the September or October time frame.

Our October meeting we will be doing a beading project called Christmas Icicle. Perfect timing to get a jump on the holiday season or maybe we just want to think about cooler temperatures.

November it's time for us to bring in the stitched pieces from the Julie McCarter Challenge. The challenge was a great fund raiser for the chapter. Julie donated numerous kits. Some of the kits had stitching started some not. A \$25 donation per kit made it possible for you to be eligible to choose one or more of the kits. The November meeting will be the unveiling of all the finished pieces.

I'm happy to report even with the summer season we gained two new members. They read about us in the local event section in the newspaper.

SUWANEE STITCHERS *Lynn Ferrero*

Suwannee Stitchers will be doing the silk-and-metal GCC "Circle With Blue Flower" by Margaret Kinsey.

The December Christmas party will include a program with the making of an ornament.

Sun Region Chapters' Events Calendar

Sept

- 2 duClay - business meeting with program and stitching
- 6 Neapolitan - stitch-in
Sandhill Crane - meeting and program
- 7 Sand Dollar - general meeting
- 8 Biscayne - general meeting and program (start holiday ornament)
- 9 Canopy Oaks - program meeting
Central Floriday - stash sale
duClay - stitch-in
- 10 Sand Dunes - stitch-in
- 12 Chain Stitchers - meeting
Sand Dollar - stitch-in New Smyrna Beach Library
- 13 Gulfview - meeting
- 14 Sea Grape - day group and night group
- 18 Indian River - general meeting
- 20 Gulfview - stitch-in Main Street Library
Neapolitan - summer meeting/stitch-in
Sandhill Crane - stitch-in Hernando Library
- 21 Sand Dollar - stitch-in Port Orange Library
- 23 Sea Grape - Edison Home stitching
- 24 Sand Dunes - program meeting
- 25 Gulfview - stitch-in Vets Park
Sarasota - meeting
- 27 Neapolitan - stitch-in
- 28 Sea Grape - day group and night group

Oct

- 3 Neapolitan - stitch-in
- 4 Sandhill Crane - meeting and program
- 5 Sand Dollar - general meeting
- 6 Biscayne - general meeting and program (finish ornament)
- 7 duClay - business meeting with program and stitching
Indian River - retreat
- 8 Sand Dunes - stitch-in
- 10 Chain Stitchers - meeting
Sand Dollar - stitch-in New Smyrna Beach Library
- 11 Gulfview - meeting
- 12 Sea Grape - day group and night group
- 13 Central Florida - petite project
- 14 Canopy Oaks - Jane Ellen Balzuweit class #1
duClay - stitch-in
- 15 Canopy Oaks - Jane Ellen Balzuweit class #2
- 16 Indian River - general meeting
- 17 Neapolitan - general meeting
- 18 Gulfview - stitch-in Main Street Library
Sandhill Crane - stitch-in Hernando Library
- 19 Sand Dollar - stitch-in Port Orange Library
- 22 Sand Dunes - program meeting
- 23 Gulfview - stitch-in Vets Park
- 24 Neapolitan - stitch-in
- 26 Sea Grape - day group and night group

Oct (cont)

28 Sea Grape - Edison Home stitching

Nov

1 Neapolitan - stitch-in
Sandhill Crane - meeting and program
2 Sand Dollar - general meeting
3 Biscayne - business meeting and book sale
4 duClay - business meeting with program and stitching
8 Gulfview - meeting
9 Sea Grape - day group and night group
11 Canopy Oaks - meeting at Lofty Pursuits
Central Florida - GCC
duClay - stitch-in
12 Sand Dunes - stitch-in
13 Chain Stitchers - meeting
14 Sand Dollar - stitch-in New Smyrna Beach Library
15 Gulfview - stitch-in Main Street Library
Neapolitan - general meeting
Sandhill Crane - stitch-in Hernando Library
16 Sand Dollar - stitch-in Port Orange Library
Sea Grape - day group and night group
19 Sand Dunes - program meeting
20 Indian River - general meeting
22 Neapolitan - stitch-in
27 Gulfview - stitch-in Vets Park
Sarasota - meeting

Dec

1 Biscayne - abbreviated general meeting and holiday party
2 duClay - business meeting with program and stitching
9 duClay - Christmas luncheon
13 Gulfview - Holiday luncheon
20 Gulfview - stitch-in Main Street Library

****** *please verify all dates by checking with the chapters; for times, locations and/or to contact the particular chapter, see the Chapters section of the Sun Region website www.sunregionega.org*

*Editor's notes: Chapter Reps are reminded to submit events/dates along with their articles!
I apologize sincerely for missing Sand Dollar chapter's events for the past two newsletters.*

The Canopy Oaks Chapter, EGA, Tallahassee, Florida, is honored to host

Jane Ellen Balzuweit, EGA National Teacher
Pulled-Thread and Counted-Thread
in Tallahassee, Florida for
two separate day-long classes
October 13 and/or 14, 2017

Jane Ellen holds two EGA teacher's certifications: in Pulled-Thread and in Counted Thread.
She will come from Vandalia, Ohio for this special event.

DATE	CLASS	TYPE	KIT FEE	CLASS FEE
October 13, Friday	Casalquidi Altoid Sewing Box	Counted and Surface	\$56	\$28
October 14, Saturday	My'Lady's Fan	Pulled Thread	\$40	\$28

Class Details – The two classes are:

- Casalquidi Altoid Sewing Box – Counted and surface embroidery on 6" x 8" piece of 25 count Dublin linen. Pearl cotton size 8 and 12 is used. Kit includes instructions, needles, scissors, 3" ruler, threads, felt, padding, inner lining, magnetic strip & Altoid box. Difficulty level: all levels.
- My'Lady's Fan – Pulled thread piece worked with pearl cotton size 12 on 12" x 13" piece of 32 count Cashel linen. Pearl cotton size 8 is used. Students will learn 6 stitches, including one with beads. Kreinik gold Braid #8 is used for outlining the fan and sections. Kit includes instructions, needles, ground fabric, beads, and threads. Difficulty level: all levels.

Location – Leroy Collins Leon County Library, 200 W. Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301. All-day parking is available in the lot adjacent to the library at a rate of \$6 for 6 hours or all day. Street parking is limited; yet, if available, the meters do not need to be "fed" on Saturday.

Time – Classrooms are available for your set-up from 10:00-10:15am on Friday and Saturday. Classes are scheduled to run from 10:15am to 4:45pm each day.

Lunch – Lunchtime and breaks will happen as the teacher reaches a good break-point. Eat-in will be the plan. You may bring your own food, non-alcoholic beverages and cooler; or, you may purchase order-ahead box lunches.

Registration – Registration for Canopy Oaks chapter members begins on June 15, 2017. Registration for other EGA members begins on June 30, 2017. Registration closes on September 15, 2017. You may register for one or both classes. Registration for each class is limited to 20 persons. Send a check for your total of Kit fees and Class fees, using the Registration Form (*found on page 18 of this newsletter*), to Pam Doffek, 9320 Royal Troon Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312.

Questions – Contact person is Pam Doffek, Vice President, Canopy Oaks chapter, at 850-302-4772 or keffods@comcast.net.

Thursday Evening – Join us on Thursday evening for a wine and cheese reception to meet Jane Ellen. Details for this location and time will be sent prior to the event.

Hotel accommodations – Are easily accessible off Interstate 10 (I-10). Listing is available separately.

REGISTRATION FORM

The Canopy Oaks Chapter, EGA, Tallahassee, Florida
 Jane Ellen Balzuweit, EGA National Teacher
 Pulled-Thread and Counted-Thread (two separate day-long classes)
 October 13 and/or 14, 2017

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Mark the class(es) you wish to take and circle the amount you are enclosing in your check.

DATE	CLASS	KIT FEE	CLASS FEE	TOTAL FEE
October 13, Friday	Casalquidi Altoid Sewing Box	\$56	\$28	\$84
October 14, Saturday	My'Lady's Fan	\$40	\$28	\$68
	Both Classes			\$152

Registration –Registration closes on September 15, 2017. You may register for one or both classes. Registration for each class is limited to 20 persons. **Send a check for your total of Kit fees and Class fees, using this Registration Form, to Pam Doffek, 9320 Royal Troon Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312.**

Save the Date - Tanja Berlin Florida Tour 2018

Watch for more details starting September 1, 2017

 <p><i>Eastern Bluebird on Pine Branch</i></p>	 <p><i>Red Fox</i></p>	 <p><i>Wild Rose</i></p>	 <p><i>Wild Rabbit</i></p>
<p>Classes will be taught concurrently in Sarasota on Feb 27-28, 2018</p>		<p>Classes will be taught concurrently in Spring Hill on March 2-3, 2018</p>	