



# The Sun News

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### RD's Letter

I hope this note finds you looking forward to spring as much as I am. We have so many exciting things coming up, that there's something for every stitching taste.

I'd like to thank all the chapters for submitting their Annual reports and financial statements to National so quickly this year. Getting these reports in on time allows National to file its tax statement on time to continue our non-profit status.

Our educational event for 2013 is Viva Punti! The committee has some exciting things planned for us like a Wine Tasting and Ring Toss for prizes. The Boutique has exclusive trunk shows planned and there will be a Book Sale. If you haven't registered for the event, please do so soon so you don't miss out. We think everyone will have a great time.

Second, there are several chapters commemorating special anniversary celebrations this year. It really makes me proud to see so many chapters that have a long legacy as well as our newer chapters celebrating their birthdays. Our membership numbers are continuing to increase over the last quarter which is also something to celebrate.

Thirdly, the 2013 Education Grant guidelines are finished and on the website and they were printed in the last issue of The Sun News. Remember, if your chapter is small or has a light participation, solicit participation from other chapters. It's a great way to meet other EGA members and still participate in a GCC class or a workshop. Extend your hand across the aisle and say "Hi" to sister members. Sharing classes with other chapters is a great opportunity to participate in the Education Grant program – Don't miss out.

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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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### 2013 Calendar

<b>March 1</b>	Registration opens for National Seminar 2013 in Louisville
<b>March 21</b>	Cut off date for reservations Embassy Suites Jacksonville-Baymeadows
<b>April 6 &amp; 7</b>	Spring Sun Region meeting at Embassy Suites Jacksonville-Baymeadows
<b>May 3 – 5</b>	<i>Viva Punt!</i> HGVC Orlando
<b>June 1</b>	Next <i>Sun News</i> deadline
<b>October 26-27</b>	Fall Sun Region meeting, Plantation on Crystal River

### **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 sent your articles for insertion in this newsletter in a timely manner. Remember, this newsletter is entirely dependent on you for content.

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My report from the March National Board meetings will be delivered at the April Region Meeting. Speaking of the April Region Meeting, we'll be meeting at the Embassy Suites – Baymeadows in Jacksonville. Please take a minute to complete the Clip and Mail coupon for the luncheon and get it back to Betty Baechle. Our host chapter is duClay and they will be sponsoring the Saturday evening program on fabric wrapping with Pat Maeda. See article and photo at top of page 4. The meetings, luncheon and program are open to all members. Why not plan to attend.

Registration for the National Seminar in Louisville is open. Sign ups can be done via USPS mail or On-Line at the EGA National website.

Keep stitching, *Jan*, Sun Region Director

## ARD Report

*Betty Baechle*

I thought it would be worthwhile repeating some of the same information from the last newsletter concerning the hotel where we will be staying for our spring meeting. I want to make sure you don't miss anything that is included. If you haven't made your room reservations please do so now. Yes, I know it's not much time to get this done so I need your help by doing this right away. The phone number and cut off date is given below. Also don't forget to send me your check for the luncheon. Note the cut off date shown on the coupon on page 4.



Meeting date	April 6 & 7, 2013
Place	Embassy Suites Jacksonville-Baymeadows
Rate	\$79.00 plus 13\$ tax
Reservations	904-731-3555 Cut off date is March 21, 2013

Amenities: Complimentary full and cooked to order breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Complimentary beverages during Manager's Reception every evening at 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Each room has a refrigerator and microwave. Internet access is available for a small fee.

Directions: I- 95 to Exit 341 for Florida 152E. Merge onto Baymeadows Road. Address is 9300 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville 32256.

See all of you soon. *Betty*

## Treasurer's Report

*Pam Doffek*

Checking account:	\$18,259.73
Money Market	\$52,005.52

The annual report was submitted on time and has been validated by HQ EGA as balancing. The annual audit has been sent away for completion by D. Talley and a committee in the Central Florida Chapter.

## Saturday Evening Program at the Embassy Suites - Baymeadows, 7 PM to 9 PM

The duClay Chapter will be the host for our educational program at this meeting. This is a non-stitching program on Wrapping Cloths by Pat Maeda of Maeda Imports. This program will be an informational as well as hands on in the Japanese art of Furoshiki. There is no fee for this program. Just come and learn an environmentally friendly way to use fabrics to create wraps for gifts or shopping bags or decorative items for the home. This could be a take back program for your chapter.

Please bring:

- A pair of Bamboo rings that are 7" in diameter (6" inner diameter)
- 1 or 2 12 -oz. water bottles. These can be empty or filled.
- Squares of fabric in various sizes from 27 to 42 inches, should be hemmed, but if not, it's OK.
- Various other sized scarves for use in learning the construction of other items. It's your option if they are hemmed or not.

As would be assumed, hemmed fabric makes for a nicer finished product. For the sake of the demonstration a large square of fabric would be suitable.



Sun Region Meeting - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Reservations Embassy Suites Jacksonville Baymeadows April 6, 2013

Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your reservation and check for \$23.00 (payable to Sun Region EGA) to be received by March 18, 2013.**

**Betty Baechle, ARD Sun Region**

**10716 Mirasol Drive #602**

**Miromar Lakes FL 33913**

I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Sun Region Board. Circle one: Y N

## Committee Reports

### BYLAWS

*Jineen Kulczycky, chair*

A newly amended version of the SUN REGION STANDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 2010 has been uploaded to the Region Representatives Notebook on the Sun Region website. This includes the motion that was passed regarding payment recording. Only page III-D-10 has changed so that is the page that should be reprinted. I would appreciate your doing this before our region meeting as I will not have copies available.

### EDUCATION

*Marge Holmes, chair*

Two chapters are announcing Pilot classes. Gulfview will Pilot Ginny Smith's "Run for the Roses" scissor case. The class will be taught on April 24. Kit cost is \$55.00. Contact Judy DeMeglio through [webmaster@sunregionega.org](mailto:webmaster@sunregionega.org)

Sand Hill Crane is doing the Pilot class for "That Canary" and the cost is \$82.00 for the kit. Class will be held in June over a two day period. Contact Ginny Smith [whose contact information is in the 2013 roster] by April 3.

Let's support these two chapters and our own EGA Certified Teacher in Canvas Work.

Check the Sun Region website for future information on classes and GCC's.

### Nominating

*Pat Carrington*

**Like the Marines, Sun Region is looking for a few good (wo)men.** At the April meeting we will begin our interviews with prospective candidates for offices of the Sun Region Board. Members have been hesitant (bashful) about completing the profile form found in the Rep's notebook. We have so many competent, intelligent members, we know you are there and would be willing to serve the region if only asked. Okay, we are asking..... **Please step forward, give any member of the nominating committee an e-mail or phone call and let us know you are interested.**

The Fall of 2014 seems a distance, but think of it this way - we have a meeting in April and October of 2013 and the nominating committee must present its slate the Spring of 2014. Not much time and we need your help.

Pat Carrington, Genie Dickinson, Deby Talley and Linda Hansen



**Wanted—A Few Good (Wo)Men**



*2013 Educational Event  
Viva Puntì*

*Betty Baechle, Jan Clark &  
Debbie Sewell*

*We all know how schedules change and now, perhaps, you find that you have time and, most importantly, the desire to join in the fun at Viva Puntì.*

*Registration has closed; however we have a few openings left for select classes. This is your last chance to sign up. Don't forget that you could join us for Studio Time.*

*The Viva Puntì committee hopes you will join us in the fun.*

*Contact Jan Clark ([rd@sunregionega.org](mailto:rd@sunregionega.org)) to learn which classes are still open.*

## 2014 Educational Event Crystal River Stitching

Betty Baechle, Jan Clark &  
Debbie Sewell

**Don't you deserve a stitching break?** The Region education event for 2014 will be a retreat at the Plantation on Crystal River. If you'd like to help on the committee there are a few spots open. The preliminary plans would indicate that this will be a very relaxed stitch in with Make-It/Take-Its. I can see stitchers sitting in the gazebo along the water's edge, watching the manatees swim by, having a great time. Plans are still forming but it looks like we will have an evening event at the Heritage Village shopping area sponsored by the merchants there. How about a sunset cruise on the river?



Put your thinking caps on and fire up your designing juices as we're looking for a logo and nametag design. Design ideas would be due by the April meeting and revealed at the Viva Punti event in May, 2013.

The Plantation On Crystal River has undergone a renovation over the past 2 years. They've installed an elevator in the new wing where we've requested our room block. The room furnishings are all new along with the AC units. It's very nicely done and still captures that Southern charm that is so appealing. Remember, they have a wonderful golf course and tennis courts and can arrange tee times at neighboring courses if requested. And, they've added Spa services that look inviting. Stay tuned for more information.



## Historian

Karan Quintero

### SUN REGION SEMINAR SAGA 1982

After having to cancel the 1981 seminar the SR Board decided to hold a Mini-Seminar, "Let's Stitch", in Dunedin, Florida on Tuesday, May 4th, 1982. The Executive Board reviewed all classes submitted and chose those of varied needlework techniques. The seminar committee strove to give every chapter equal distribution amongst the offered classes. Meaning one person from every region chapter was in every class. Early registrants were divided by chapter and numbered. Those registrants arriving by the final deadline date were also divided by chapter and numbered. A chart was made and classes were assigned....sounds confusing to me but they made it work. Fifteen students did not receive any of their three choices and were assigned a different teacher and class, successfully received by all.

Seminar was held at The North Dunedin Baptist Church. Attendee's had to make their own reservations at either The Countryside Motel or The Comfort Motel the cost.....a whopping \$24 for two people with two double beds..... *WE WISH!!* Sixty members enjoyed a \$10 dinner at The Fisherman's Wharf, May 3rd before seminar started. Registration day students had 30 minutes to pay their \$10 Registration fee and receive entry tickets to their classroom. The \$10 kit fee was collected by the teachers in the classrooms. Name tags were mandatory. Lunch was provided for all and had to be timed in four 10 minute arrival times for staggered serving.

Classes offered were: Beaded Diamond by Phyllis Barlow Central Fla Chapter, Christmas Ornament with Jeweled Center by JoAnn Murray LeMoyne Chapter, Introduction to Bargello by Stephanie Murphy Indian River Chapter, Needlework Chair Caddee by Deanna Powell Indian River Chapter, Pulled Thread Borders by Martha Milnes Biscayne Chapter, Sea Gulls by Cecelia Brown Central Fla Chapter, Strawberry by Martha Vogt Central Fla Chapter, Seahorse by Ellen Carlson Biscayne Chapter, Butterfly with Pulled Threads by Martha Ellis Central Fla Chapter. Nine teachers all from Sun Region, transportation was provided by their individual chapters, boarding for one night was paid through seminar monies and each teacher received a \$20 food allowance. "Let's Stitch" was a huge success and local talent provided a terrific learning experience for all the students, HURRAH!!!!

*Outreach**JoyceAnne Stevens*

EGA chapters all across Sun Region have been stitching in public the past 2 months.

Biscayne stitched at JoAnn Fabrics on January 19<sup>th</sup> and displayed their donation quilt. Please see their chapter report for details on the quilt. Gulfview stitched at a library in Hudson the following week.

Several chapters stitched on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and in a variety of venues. Chain Stitchers stitched on the lawn in Donnelly Park during the art festival. It was a beautiful day, thousands of people passing by and the photos show stitchers having a great time.



DuClay stitched at a local quilt shop, Calico Station. Indian River stitched at both Books-A-Million and Barnes & Noble and photos show happy stitchers. Neapolitan went to 2 restaurants, Panera and Calistoga. Sand Dunes stitched at Books-A-Million in Destin. Sand Hill Crane members at a regular stitch-in took turns stitching in the public area of the library. Canopy Oaks stitched this past weekend.

Everyone had a good time although some expressed disappointment that the public seemed uninterested. I believe that even though people didn't actually stop and talk, they saw people stitching and having a good time. They will remember that. Happy stitching.

*Social Media**Jenna McClooney***What can facebook do for us?**

**facebook** has the potential for attracting new members to EGA and your chapter. It

In order to succeed, our Sun Region facebook page ***Sun & Sea Embroiderers*** needs to be updated with new photos and copy on a regular basis.

**We need your help!**

Please forward information and photos about your activities this past summer, current and upcoming events such as stitch-ins, celebrations, special outreach projects, exhibits and anything else you would like to share with EGA members and the general public who visit our page.



*Biscayne Outreach**Eileen Hoffman*

Biscayne Chapter Members stitched in public from 12 noon to 3 PM on Saturday, January 19, at Joann Fabric & Craft Store in Cutler Ridge. It was a wonderful opportunity to display the “Home Is Where The Heart Is” quilt held in the attached picture by President Marge Holmes and member Pat Hallock. Pat created this colorful “jelly roll quilt” and generously donated it to Biscayne Chapter for an Opportunity Drawing to benefit our Outreach project with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami. The quilt is truly outstanding and has been displayed at Fairchild Botanic Tropical Gardens in November, a Church Fair in December, and local EGA and ANG meetings during the past three months. The total monies collected are \$900 - a tremendous effort by Pat Hallock herself, who is a most persuasive sales person, and all members who helped support this project -

and a fantastic success story for Outreach! [Editor’s Note: Pat Hallock passed away in early February, shortly after this article was submitted for publication.]

The drawing for the “Home Is Where The Heart Is” quilt was held at Biscayne’s monthly meeting on February 1, 2013. It was a fabulous Valentine’s surprise for the lucky winner who was a friend of Pat!

Since 1996, Biscayne Chapter members have embroidered a Habitat Sampler with the family name to commemorate the completion of each Habitat for Humanity house in Miami-Dade County. To date, over 750 framed samplers have been presented to new homeowners as a first house-warming gift from our chapter.

*Ways & Means**Bonnie Hearl*

Not too much new news for Ways and Means, still selling, and looking forward to selling our merchandise at “Viva Puntí” in May. If you want something sooner you can always contact me via email, [waysandmeans@sunregionega.org](mailto:waysandmeans@sunregionega.org), and I will be glad to send items to you. See Boutique items on page 10.

*Needle Arts Inc.*

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*Welcome...*

Come see our Boutique at Viva Puntí!

We'll be having shows from the following - Dinky Dyes (silks, ribbons, scissors and cross stitch charts); Accoutrement Designs - we'll be introducing two new magnets from her as well as a Viva Puntí exclusive; Puffin and Company needle keeps and scissor minders and Bella Lusso wools.

I'm still waiting to hear back from 2 counted canvas designers. I'm also hoping for an exclusive needlepoint fob!

# SUN REGION EGA BOUTIQUE



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# Chapter Reports

## Bermuda

*Shina Lyons*

Hello, this is my last news letter to write since I will be stepping down as President of the bermuda Guild at the beginning of June. It has been a busy 2 years but I think everyone has enjoyed all the workshops we have held, the marathon stitch ins and the dinners .

Last weekend we had our Marathon stitch in at Pompano Beach Club and as usual they did us proud, as did the weather. It was a lovely sunny day and we sat in the Ocean Grill over looking the ocean. Lunch was wonderful.

Our March guild meeting is next week and we are having a UFO sale, so we clean out the stash we have and then bring home different stash! April we have Barbara Ellis coming to give a workshop in beading, we have 16 people signed up so it should be a great class. May we are having a Stitch-a-thon to raise money for a charity. The gals who are in charge of this have given everyone a choice of 3 to pick from and the one which gets most points is where the money will go.

June is our Annual General Meeting and last regular meeting of the year. Summer is just stitching each month and then we start back up in October with a new committee.

## Biscayne

*Karan Quintero*

We here in the south have been busy, busy, busy. January we had a “Round Table” meeting with members to find out what they wanted in Educational programs, they want more complicated stitching and projects that are not too large, so that they can be done in a reasonable amount of time, no stash building here!! YTT aka “Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow” is a program to attack that stash. UFO’s are registered and must be completed by December or forfeit some \$5 for each unfinished project. We presently have 13 members and 22 projects enrolled.

February we had a Hardanger heart project to keep us in the season. True to member request, it was quickly done and shown off in our March Share & Learn, some even had fancy cut work and stitching embellishments.



March was our “35th Birthday”! We celebrated with style: our “Stash to Stash”, membership bars were given to one member/10 year, one member/15 year, four members/20 year and *Adrienne Meyer received her 35 year*. Three GCC's were undertaken in 2012. GCC thread colors were distributed to those who completed Blackwork Rose (2), Shading (4) and Ikebana (6). A special treat for attending members was a “Rhodes Shamrock” taught by Adrienne. Adrienne shared her

ride to Miami by bringing a guest, Christine Kampmeyer, and they both left well satisfied with a light sandwich lunch, birthday cake and Stash to Stash treasures.



In April while Marge, Pat and I are at the Jacksonville meeting our members will be learning “Cholcha”, a Native American stitch in beautiful bright colored yarn. The EGA Cholcha box should be a Pandora of information regarding how the Natives of New Mexico produced their own yarn and created their own colors for dying.

May again will have several Biscayne members busy in Orlando enjoying the events and classes of “Viva Puntí”, we hope to see you there too!!



## *Canopy Oaks*

*Linda M. Dean*

Members of Canopy Oaks chapter, in Tallahassee, are stitching up a storm. We meet at St. Peter's Anglican Church and have a large and well-lighted room for stitching.

February included a day-long Stitch-in-Public where we met several prospective members, had an exhibit at a local library, and a special Saturday workshop by national EGA instructor Catherine Jordan. Catherine charmed us with two half-day projects that expanded our artistic perceptions and stitching talents. We were so pleased that members of the Sand Dunes Chapter could share this with us.



Upcoming events for the remainder of the season include two projects:

**Blue and White** – We are using EGA's New England Blue and White book, with several pattern options, and stitching in crewel. This project is facilitated by chapter members.

**Heart Crazy Quilt** – The second project is part of our community out-reach. In April, we begin creating crazy quilt squares that include various heart shapes. Embroidered squares will be assembled into a large wall-hanging that will be presented to Gretchen Everhart, a school for special-needs children, when they open a new building in the autumn.

Plans are underway to offer a GCC in silk and gold-work.

## *Central Florida*

*Kathy Singleton & Carol Presley*

I would like to submit this report on our stitch in public weekend at the Mennello Folk Festival. The weather could not have been more perfect on Saturday and Sunday and it seemed there was a good turn-out. We were outside in the large center tent and had a lot of visitors. There were several of us stitching all day and we had so many interesting questions, comments and also some ooh's and aah's.

We took down a couple of names of people who were very interested and also had brochures and our CFC meeting information to give out to prospective new members.

All in all, it was a great weekend.

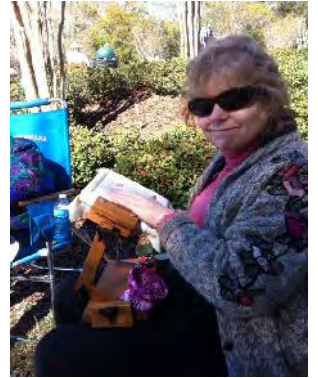


*Chain Stitchers**Claire Nardone*

Chain Stitchers was lucky enough to have four gals at the National Stitch In Public day on February 2nd. We stitched at Donnelly Park in Mt. Dora during the Spring Art Festival. A beautiful day, smiling faces and music for our ears was our entertainment when we weren't chatting with people. Not many stopped but we did have many "slow down and peek" so the day was a success.

Our members are gathering every Thursday at The Simpson Farmhouse / 2015 Donnelly St, Mt. Dora, FL 32757. The gathering begins around 9:30AM, breaks for lunch at one of Mt Dora's many restaurants...then reconvenes at the Farmhouse for the afternoon.

**Our March 12** meeting will bring us a beaded bracelet class designed by Vicky Chin of Central Florida EGA. **April 9** we will have our member Jennifer Nardiello speak on what she saw and learned about Portuguese Embroidery while on a recent trip to Madiera Island. **May 14** is our Chain Stitchers Chapter Anniversary and White Elephant Sale. Our theme will be "Strawberries."



If you should be in Mt. Dora on the second Tuesday of the month and need an EGA "fix" please feel free to join us at St. Phillips Lutheran Church on Boyd Street from 6:30 until approximately 8:30. You may learn something new, meet some smiling faces or teach US a thing or two! We welcome all visitors.

Don't forget Viva Punt! It's going to be a great time, stitching, laughing, stitching, eating and.....**STITCHING!** See you there!

*duClay**JoyceAnne Stevens & Melody Bryan*

The duClay Chapter has been abuzz with activity in the past few months. In October and November we had a "taste of" mini workshop on pulled thread which was developed and taught by JoyceAnne Stevens and Ruth Cook. Both ladies are a wealth of information and knowledge and the tiny sampling of pulled thread stitches they designed was perfect for our "taste of" workshop offering.

December was our annual Christmas luncheon held at a wonderful tearoom. After the luncheon – we gathered at the historic Bensel House for our gift exchange and an afternoon of stitching with a bevy of delicious desserts. Also in December – we had a fun "workday" to create the favors for the Spring Sun Region meeting which duClay is hosting here in Jacksonville in April. SHHHHHHH ! it's a surprise – you'll have to come to the luncheon on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites to get your favor.



January was another exciting "taste of" workshop and showing of the wonderful work of our plural members Carol Presley and Linda Ferguson. Linda taught 18 excited guild members how to do "cube" finishing. I'm sure everyone went home with a finished cube. It was a great class enjoyed by all. Carol Presley enchanted the entire group with her amazing array of different types of finished "smalls" and even used finished unframed samplers to adorn her table. What an unbelievable display these ladies brought for our enjoyment. Photos courtesy of member Devon Hanna.

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In January we kicked off our chapter SAL for 2013 – Drawn Thread Tocatto One which is being led by Ruth Cook. We had over ½ our membership to participate in this SAL. We'll have progress photos to show soon I hope. February 2<sup>nd</sup> was Stitch in Public and we tried a new venue this year. We had a small group stitching at Calico Station, a 30 year quilt shop in Orange Park. No new recruits for the chapter but we had fun and I think all went home with a pile of fabric !

We couldn't be more excited about our upcoming class with Ellen Chester of With My Needle on February 23rd. We did obtain 2 brand new EGA/duClay chapter members from out of state attendees and a new plural member. Next newsletter we will show photos from our class. Don't forget that we will be hosting Jane Timmers of Fancy Work from Roswell Ga on Sept 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jane will be teaching her Shakespeare's Garden Sweet Bag. No pre-stitching required. If you've never had a class with Jane – she is delightful so please come and join us. If you'd like more information, email JoyceAnn Stevens at outreach@sunregionega.org.

## *Gulfview*

*Ann Ashley*

On March 13, 2013 the Gulfview Chapter will be celebrating its thirty-first anniversary. With our current 38 member we keep busy stitching and learning.

We are very proud to have 15 items for judging at the Pasco County Fair. On a quick walk thru, mostly blue ribbons on Gulfview Chapter Members items were on display.

Donna Christy is leading 12 chapter members in "Patches," a complex canvas designed by Susan Kern as a GGC. With frequent times for assistance everyone is progressing. The target is for completion at the May chapter meeting.

Meanwhile we have also started on a beautiful blended thread cross stitched butterfly. We are all looking forward to seeing completed works at the April chapter meeting.

At the April meeting we will hear an informative talk on THREADS by JoAnne Nantz, the owner of a local needle arts shop. At the same meeting we will learn pulled thread technique while making a scissor case.

April 24<sup>th</sup> several of our members will be assisting Ginny Smith with "Run for the Roses" scissor case at a pilot class. The class will be held at the home of Judy DeMeglio. Room for four more persons for this all day event is available. INTERESTED? Check the region roster and email Ann for Judy's email address.

For six consecutive Thursdays five to eight members have been teaching and proctoring at a beginners Stitching Series at the Regency Library. The class is from 6 to 8 in the evening. The first four sessions are used to teach four different disciplines of stitching. The last two are to assist the student in completing one piece in counted cross stitch, surface embroidery, canvas work or Hardanger. Last class is on February 23, 2013.

## Indian River

*Jineen Kulczycky*

Indian River Chapter participated in Stitch in Public Day in February. Donna McFarland, Jineen Kulczycky and JeanMarie Hearnshaw stitched at Barnes & Noble in Melbourne while Doreen Snyder, Annette Clark, and Aline Lauzon [See photo included in the Outreach article on page 9.] stitched at Books-a-Million at the Avenues in Viera.

We have been very busy! We had our Holiday Luncheon in December at Tuscany Grill including an Ornament Exchange and a skit. We installed our new officers: Aline Lauzon, Pres.; Lee Ferguson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Carol Mallory, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Carol Losnes, Treasurer; Janice Flanagan, Secretary; Jineen Kulczycky, Sun Region Rep after the delicious lunch.



Then in January we spent all our holiday funds at the Annual Stash Sale. In February, we welcomed Christine Kampmeyer to demonstrate the technique to make a ribbon calla lily trim. Christine learned this at the Celebration Event in 2012. Doll Making will be the center of attraction in March as a group comes to show and tell us about their craft of making these dolls. Also in March, Carol Rogers will be teaching a small group the project Teardrops from the December 2012 NeedleArts magazine. For the meeting in April, a project in Hardanger will be the creation of a scissor case.



The Brevard Museum of History & Science in Cocoa presented "Threads in Motion," an exhibit featuring exquisite needlework by members of the Embroiderers Guild of America, Indian River Chapter, January 25 through February 25, 2013. The exhibit showcases 70 dazzling examples of the art of embroidery. Pieces were selected to display the creativity and artistic bent of the stitchers as well as excellent workmanship and creative in the use of fibers and embellishments. The largest piece has 200,000 cross-stitches, and one of the smallest is stitched on 40-count silk gauze. A number of pieces are completely original, designed by the stitcher.

A group of IRC members are working on the GCC "Moonlight Sonata" with Ginny Gilbertson. Some of our Sampler Sleuths are doing a Whitework Sampler by Linda Dixon while others are working on their own samplers.

Our chapter was shocked and saddened by the untimely death of Allison Wyatt, granddaughter of Marty Wyatt of the IRC, at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Our Chapter, as well as individuals, made a donation to the Wyatt Memorial Fund.

I will be taking books to be sold at Viva Puntì. Our chapter has about 3-4 boxes of books coming to the sale. Don't forget to shop them. Also we have the goody bag treasure ready to go. Make sure to try to win the Ring Toss for our delicious Brevard County prize. See you at VIVA PUNTI!!

## Neapolitan

*Joan Thomasson*

Neapolitan Chapter continues to be a vibrant, fun group who have their general meeting the third Wednesday of the month with additional stitch ins the first and last Wednesdays. Many members continue the fellowship by lunching together at a variety of restaurants after the meetings.

The first part of the year flew by as our many Northern snowbirds returned to the land of sunshine. In January, visiting teacher Cindy Valentine presented her lovely "Lavendula" class, and also presented the lecture at the general meeting.

February welcomed even more snowbird members back, just in time for a very special class by our own Rose Ford, who taught us to make fabulous "chocolates" out of ribbon and beads. The chocolates look so realistic nestled in an old candy box or proudly displayed in a lovely candy dish. They were easy to construct when you knew the secrets, and absolutely luscious to look at.

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Our March meeting will feature another creative member, Bunny Sorchevich, who will be presenting a program on her incredible dolls. The beautifully dressed dolls in hand embroidered garments will be on display as Bunny speaks on "Dolls as Art".

March will also feature our second guest teacher, Diane Clements, who will be teaching a lovely silk floral sampler, "Signs of Spring", which features a lovely reticello band, a technique which will be new to many of the participants.

April will be a busy month with our Spring Luncheon, a pilot class by Joan Thomasson, Cardinal Country, in preparation for Louisville's Seminar 2013, and bidding farewell to many of our snowbird members who head North right after Easter.

In our "spare" moments, the chapter is making the centerpieces for "Viva Puntis," making some special favors for seminar participants, and continuing to stitch the samplers that are presented to new families at the dedication of their Habitat homes. Our sampler chairman, Ann Smith has presented about 110 samplers this past year to new families in Habitat for Humanity homes, and expects there to be an equal number of requests from Habitat for this year.

## *Sand Dollar*

*Kay Dune*

Sand Dollar started off the year keeping with the education theme of small projects. The January meeting we learned to Smock an ornament. Taught by Doris Layton.

February we had the Executive Director for Southeast Volusia Habitat speak to us about what Habitat really does. The program is based on, "a hand up not a hand out". We learned a lot from this presentation and that our Samplers are much appreciated.

Our education project for that meeting was a Silk Ribbon heart taught by Abbie Kverk and Brenda Akarjalian. It was fun and some finished that day. The finished ones will come to the March meeting for show & tell.

March will be the Cathedral Window, a small quilting project taught by member Brenda Gordan.

General information: Our new Speakers Bureau has done programs for 2 different groups and were warmly received by both. ----- Stitch in public day was Feb .2, didn't have many people come by. Sand Dollar was stitching at Hobby Lobby. ----- Feb. 21 was our annual Stitch Away this time at Hacienda Del Rio. We had a catered luncheon and classes offered that day were; Shamballa Bracelet, Chicken Scratch, Basic Knitting and Beaded Knitting. All taught by our members.-----

We have 12 members taking the GCC Sashiko Plum Blossom.

We are in the beginning stages of working out how we are going to celebrate our 35th anniversary in 2015.

Also we have our April spring luncheon planned. This year the theme is vests. Each person will have a "story" that goes with the vest. We have also decided that on this occasion a group picture will be taken to be put in our archives of the club.



## *Sand Dunes*

*LindaAnne Buehler*



Sand Dunes program year has been themed "Seasons of Stitching." It will conclude in April with a beaded humbug from Fern Ridge Collections. But before that we will be finishing up the Frosty Spring sampler from Barbara Rakosnik. Along with the October Angel from Joan Thomasson that we did last fall, we've had quite a variety of techniques and stitches this year. I'm including pictures of a couple of the finished pieces and hopefully we'll see a few more at our annual wrap-up luncheon in May.

Sand Dunes has just begun work on a new Outreach program. We will be making fleece lap robes for a local nursing home, edging them with a blanket stitch. By completing 50 of these, there will be one for each current resident.

As a chapter, we stitched in public at the Destin Books-A-Million on Sat Feb 2. We will also be stitching in public on Sat April 16 at the Saturday In The Park event at the Heritage Museum in Valparaiso. And, we will exhibit our work at the Niceville library during the month of April.

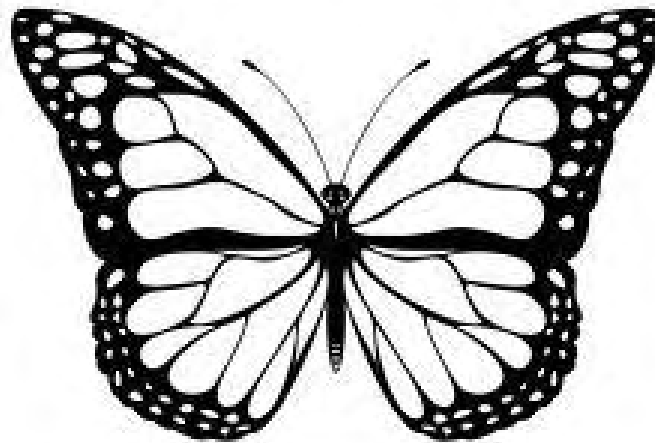
## *Sandhill Crane*

*Ginny Smith*

At our February meeting the chapter outreach chairman distributed the materials needed for the 2013 Habitat for Humanity samplers our membership volunteered to stitch. This program is very popular with our Habitat for Humanity families. In 2012 we donated a total of fifteen samplers between Citrus and Hernando counties. It is anticipated we will be donating up to eighteen new samplers in 2013.

This spring we are holding our table sale of items our members have donated, to raise chapter funds. We are currently taking a wooden needle case table favor we received at our Christmas luncheon and are turning it into a beading project. One of our members designed a jacket and lid for the needle cases. They will be completed in March.

Early spring is the time of year our chapter selects a new Correspondence Course from National. We are all looking forward to the final selection.



Happiness is like a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you. *Nathaniel Hawthorne*

*Sarasota**Bonnie Hearl*

It is hard to believe it is almost the first of March and time for another newsletter.

Our chapter has had a very busy and productive three months. We have just finished a wonderful two day class with traveling teacher Rozelle Hirschfelt doing her Angel White Work piece.

Our Chapter is very excited to have signed a contract with International teacher Gary Clark, who will be coming to Sarasota October 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to teach his 2-day class, Monday and Tuesday, Tulle and Organza Fantail, technique organza embroidery, and a one day class, Wednesday, Black Cockatoo, technique working in the dark. This is a tremendous opportunity for us and we will be opening it up to all chapter members in Sun Region until we reach our limit of 22 people per class. There will be more details soon.

We just had a display at the Jacaranda Library in Venice for the month of February and a very successful national Stitch-In-Public Day, with members stitching in various locations in our area. Two of our members, Jean Baum and Clemmie Rounds had individual shows of their work in December. Our annual Christmas luncheon was a great success. We are pleased to have a number of members who are attending "Viva Puntis" in May. We welcome a new member, Jane Hammond, from Ithaca, New York. Our sampler group just started a joint project "Ackworth Friendship Book", with Eleanor Langlois being our facilitator and 10 members participating. We will have a "Chicken Scratch" class in March and a bookmark class in April taught by Eleanor Langlois. In May there will be a silk ribbon class taught by Clemmie Rounds. I think that just about sums up most of our activities and I hope I have not forgotten anything.

*Sea Grape**Chris Zogus*

Much of our important news was in our newsletter mailed out early this month, so to not waste space and energy I will be reporting only the updates to that news.

Our members have been busy with our outreach program. Last year they completed 980 baby caps and 70 chemo caps. This took 3210 hours of busy fingers. This year they are off to a good start. January numbers are 63 Baby Caps and 4 chemo caps for 276 hours. In fact so busy we have voted to increase the yarn budget for the effort. Way to go ladies! Total membership has increased to 66 members. We ran another ad and it is paying off with people coming from 30 miles away to check us out. Many of our seasonal members are back so our meetings have been very merry.

Our annual banquet was held at Gulf Harbor. Thanks to our chairman, Fran Hall and her team we all had a good time. Special thanks to Melinda Roberts for arrangements at Gulf Harbor and to Melissa Bak for always entertaining PC role.

To the right is a picture of our first place winner, Helen Crombe, explaining the technique and history of her entry. Fran is handling the display of the piece done in silver metal. Beautiful.



Miriam Carey won second place with her wonderful comical monkeys. Charlotte Nelson won third place with her jeweled box. Each much better than the picture can show.



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