



The Sun News

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RD's Letter

WOW!! Was that a fun Seminar or what? Thank you all for attending and making it a memorable occasion. I hope everyone who attended learned a lot, had a great time meeting other members of Sun Region and just enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank so many of the chapters for participating with great goodie bag items and prizes for the Ring Toss. We should have created a video of Stitches Gone Wild for You Tube documenting how to finesse an embroidery hoop over a wine bottle. We were even accused of sounding like a frat party with our waves of enthusiastic onlookers.



Congratulations go to Deby Talley who won the Scholarship Drawing for the 2014 event. Jenna McClooney was drawn as the alternate. Deby's registration fee for "Crystal River Stitching" will be paid by the Region.



Of the 70 attendees, 25 were attending their first seminar. That's an amazing statistic and I would hope we will see our first timers at future events. And, we encourage more first timers to come and experience seminar.

Not to let the momentum die down, Kathy Singleton, chair of Crystal River Stitching 2014, has gotten into full swing with retreat plans. I'm sure she will let us hear about the event in her report.

We had so much fun at the Hilton Grand Vacation Club resort that it was selected for the 2015 event. The dates are set; mark your calendars May 1-3, 2015. Deby Talley was elected to chair the event. She's off and running

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2013 Calendar

September 1
October 26-27

Next *Sun News* deadline
 Fall Sun Region meeting, Plantation on Crystal River

Editor's Note: Thanks to so many of our region members who shared their Viva Punti photos with me for use in this newsletter. Thanks to Jenna McClooney, Jan Clark, Marge Holmes and Clemmie Rounds.

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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with her committee planning another great event at a beautiful resort.

We have an additional new committee chair and one board position to announce. Cheri Hammer has agreed to be the Education Chair, taking Marge Holmes place. Pam Doffek tendered her resignation as Region Treasurer and Kathy Singleton was elected to take her place. There have been a lot of changes over the past few weeks. I know I can count on your support for these newly appointed and elected members.

There is a lot happening in EGA at the national and region levels. There are new courses being released into the Lightning Round, National Seminar 2013 in Louisville, and, workshops and challenges being conducted by the chapters. It's a great time to be in EGA. I hope you're enjoying yourself as much as I am.

Happy Summer Stitching, *Jan*

ARD Report

Betty Baechle

SAVE THE DATE

Here is the next region meeting information.

Location: Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River

Date: Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October, 27, 2013

Group room rate: King or double \$109.00 or \$129.00 patio rooms king or double. Add 9 % tax. Rate includes complimentary Internet in the guest and meeting room. Also 20% off AVEDA spa full service menu when appointments are made 30 days in advance.

Room Block Deadline: September 26, 2013. Call 800-632-6262 and mention EGA Board Meeting.

Directions to the Plantation and the luncheon coupon will be in the next newsletter.



Treasurer's Report

Kathy Singleton

On page 4 is the treasurer's report for January 1 through April 30, 2013.

In addition, I have included four revised forms for the Representative's Notebook at the end of this newsletter following page 17. Please print them out and place in your Notebook.

1. Sun Region - EGA Membership Dues page IV-E-1
2. Sun Region Request for Reimbursement/Payment page IV-G-1
3. Sun Region Record of Donations In Kind page IV-H-1
4. Sun Region Monies to Treasurer page IV-I-1

Treasurer's Report for January 1 through April 30, 2013.

Category	Checking	MoneyMkt
Opening Balances (1/1/2013)	42,801.91	18,005.06
Income		
Dues	6.00	
Interest		5.22
Educ Event		
Seminar	14,080.00	
Exhibit		
Fund Raising	779.00	
Sales		
Contributions	61.00	
Meals	483.00	
Retreats		
Printing		
Other		
TOTAL INCOME	15,409.00	5.22
Expense		
Educ Event	100.00	
Seminar	205.00	
Exhibit		
Fund Raising		
Cost of Sales		
Rent		
Newsletter		
Administration	673.11	
Officers' Travel	449.53	
Meals	527.07	
Retreats		
Gifts		
Printing		
Other	60.12	
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,014.83	
Transfers		
	-34,000.00	34,000.00
from compass bank acct	1,057.82	
OVERALL TOTAL	23,253.90	52,010.28
CLOSING BALANCES (4/30/2013) Regions Bank Accounts	23,253.90	52,010.28

Viva Punt!

Betty Baechle, Co-Chair

For those of you that were not able to join us this year I hope you will take note of the next event in Crystal River at the Plantation. A great time was had by all at Viva Punt! so I'm sure that you will not want to miss out next year. Look for the information in the newsletter for the retreat and mark the dates on your calendars now. Don't miss out on the fun.

We had rain, we had lightning and thunder, a bit of sunshine plus lots of fun, fun, fun. Stitching, learning, shopping, laughing and visiting had us busy with no time to notice the rain.

Needle Orts kept adding more goodies each day to the boutique so we of course had to stop by to check things out. One never wants to miss out on anything new. Oodles of threads, projects for embroidery or needlepoint and of course the necessary things that one needs to add to their tool chest. All right there to buy!!!!!!

The book store was nicely managed by Pam with lots of books on different stitching techniques and general reading selections. Chapters and individuals all came out ahead with a check coming their way soon.

Wine, cheese, crackers and chocolates what a great combo! Add the ring toss game for great prizes makes for a fun evening. The ring toss game was so successful we had it again the following day and evening. People were having so much fun winning prizes that they showed up late for the banquet dinner. Be sure to ask your chapter member what prizes they won. The tote bag they will bring to the next meeting will be the thing to look for. Ask about the items that were in each tote bag. The chapter donations were great. What a treasure trove of items. Jan did a great job getting the totes and snap bags for all of us.

It took lots of people to make this seminar happen. I thank all of you that worked before, during and after. This seminar could not have been done without your help. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sun Plural Member Wins National DMC Essay Contest



A special treat was in store for participants one evening at Viva Punt! A representative from DMC was present to acknowledge Louise Doney, Biscayne Chapter plural member from Pennsylvania, as the winner of a national essay contest sponsored by the company. Louise wrote about how DMC had played an important part in her stitching life as she and her sisters stitched a quilt for their parents' anniversary.

Louise's essay won the grand prize in the DMC contest, a trip for two to Paris, as well as a one-of-a-kind DMC purse which is generally available only to the European market. Her local shop-owner also won the trip to Paris for two.

Committee Reports

BYLAWS

Jineen Kulczykky, chair

Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION

Cheri Hammer

Ed. Note: Since Cheri is vacationing in Alaska, I am printing what I have about a possible GCC from Annette Clark, education chair for Indian River Chapter, with a little embellishment from me.

Good News for those of us who have had a yen for a canvas Group Correspondence Course. Adrienne Meyer will be leading a new GCC for Indian River Chapter starting in September. It is *Cleopatra's Cat* by Mary Long, a canvaswork sampler for the advanced intermediate stitcher. The cost is \$48 per student.

Please contact Adrienne if you are interested but have not yet signed up at a general meeting. To check out the details go to the EGA website at egausa.org. And please note that the design does not have to be a cat. Annette and I have seen it done beautifully as a dog, manatee, pineapple, pink pig, turtle, basset and goldfish, many using simple coloring book designs.



2014 Educational Event Crystal River Stitching

*Betty Baechle, Jan Clark &
Kathy Singleton*



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 were due by the April meeting.

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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

As our SR history proves, we may have been daunted in the two previous years, 1982 made up for it all. A region mini-seminar and a region exhibit were held.

The Sun Regional Exhibit was held October 10th to 31st, 1982. The Cornell Fine Arts Center, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida was the venue. The juried show consisted of 85 pieces which were either an original or an adaptive design. The designs were done in three techniques: canvas work, surface embroidery or counted thread. Fifty stitchers represented ten region chapters - Biscayne-7, Indian River- 4, LeMoyne-1, Sand Dollar-2, Sarasota-3, Sea Grape-3, Suncoast-9, Gulfview-2 and Central Fla-56. There is no record of awards but the judging was done by Wilana Bristow (San Antonio, TX), Marion Scouler (Clemson, SC) and Barbara Smith (Oak Park, IL).

There is mention of a region challenge contest for creation of the Sun Region logo which would be due at the August meeting. Information of when it started or how the challenge ended is not mentioned or found. If anyone who has information regarding the Logo contest (entries and winner) awards given at the exhibit can forward the info to me. It would be greatly appreciated.

Outreach

JoyceAnne Stevens

What is outreach? The statement at the National web site states "Outreach is any time a member or group of members go into the community and 'do something' in the name of EGA." Further, "EGA outreach is all about promoting The Embroiderers' Guild as an educational organization as well as developing an awareness of embroidery as an art form."

Sun Region members are reaching out in many different ways. There are several ways that are especially popular. Stitching in Public has become a fun and easy way to expose the public to embroidery. In addition to the Stitching in Public reported in the last newsletter chapters are continuing to stitch in public, particularly in conjunction with exhibits which are another popular way to reach out. Canopy Oaks held a stitch-in recently at a new branch library and will hold one in August at another new branch library thus expanding their outreach to the community. DuClay chapter stitched at the historic Carrie Clarke house in Orange Park in March during Carrie Clarke day. Several Indian River members meet and stitch at Barnes and Noble. Sand Dunes had a stitch-in along with exhibit during April at the Niceville library. Sand Dunes members also participated in "Saturday in the Park" hosting an information booth. This was part of a festival held at the Heritage Museum in Valparaiso. Sandhill Crane members stitch-in public during their regular stitch-ins at their library.

Indian River has had 4 library exhibits so far this year in addition to the very successful museum exhibit at the Brevard Museum of History and Science.

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Another popular outreach project is stitching and donating samplers for Habitat for Humanity to be presented to the new homeowners. Biscayne has been doing this for 15 years. So far this year, they have 33 samplers ready for Home Dedication Celebrations. Other chapters stitching these samplers include Chain Stitchers, Indian River, Neapolitan, Sand Dollar, Sand Dunes, and Sandhill Crane.

A number of chapters make and donate chemo caps, baby caps, blankets, baby booties to various hospitals. Several chapters collect items for various charities. These include food drives, toiletries, clothing and household items, pop-tops for recycling, cancelled stamps, and Coupons for Education.

Biscayne sent off 67 Patriotic Hearts so far this year and also made over 100 bookmarks for EGA's "Stitching for Literacy Bookmark Challenge".

There are several projects in progress. Canopy Oaks has started a crazy quilt made from scraps donated by a woman who makes prom dresses for students at the Gretchen Everhart School. When finished the "Prom Dress Quilt" will be presented to the school. Indian River will once again be teaching children to stitch and this summer will be working with Girl Scouts. Sand Dunes members are working on lap quilts for a senior citizen home. Their goal is 47 lap quilts to be presented in the fall.

Social Media

Jenna McClooney



Social Media

We saw a lot of activity on our facebook page before, during and after Viva Puntí. **Let's keep the momentum going!** You are invited to post photos of your chapter activities, your personal needlework projects and accomplishments. You can ask questions, post "wanted" items, share information such

as a great website, book, or blog that you recently discovered. Just think about it, in addition to sharing this information amongst our members, a visitor to the site will see that we are an active, interesting and dynamic organization and they may want to learn more.

If you need assistance with posting information or photos, please contact Jenna McClooney, Social Media Coordinator at jennalee@hotmail.com.

Ways & Means

This position is now vacant. If you would like to volunteer to fill the Ways and means chair for the remainder of Jan's term, please contact her.

Viva Puntì!



Chapter Reports

Bermuda

Shina Lyons

Hello , This is my farewell as President of the Bermuda Guild of Stitchery but you will have interesting news from our new leader I am sure.

We have had our AGM a littler early this year because we have one of our members getting married, which is very exciting!!

Through out the summer we have stitching on the first Thursday of each month instead of meetings. The hall is air-conditioned so it is nice to get together in the cool and then in September we have an all day stitch in to start the new year off .

Hope all have a great summer stitching , enjoying the great outdoors and family. Please look us up if you are down this way.

Biscayne

Karan Quintero

Biscayne members were well presented by 10 of our members at Viva Puntí.

We were so honored to have one of our own, Louise Doney win the DMC Essay Challenge of how DMC played an important part in her stitcher's life. Well, it effected her other sisters and their parents, which resulted in beautiful anniversary quilt with parts stitched by all the sisters. Louise and her stitching shop each won two tickets to Paris the home base of DMC. Louise additionally won a black wooden plaque stating "Paris" and a one of a kind in USA, a DMC leather purse which is only used in the European market. Are we jealous?!? Heck yah, she is even getting a tour of the DMC plant....ok, ok, ok,.....now I am crying (hope she takes lots of pictures).....;-}

Biscayne breaks for the summer and will not meet again until September. However, don't think our needles are idle. Our President Marge Holmes, has graciously opened her home to bimonthly, "Open Stitching Days". This will give our members opportunity to complete the their registered, YTT (Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow) pieces. If these items are not complete by December, some \$\$\$'s going into our coffers!! Anyway, we can attack our stash of current GCCs or any piece taking up space.

We are thrilled to be piloting a class for Ginny Smith. She and her husband will be enjoying our tropical breezes and sunshine throughout their stay. Can't wait!!!

We have a display of the upcoming class information being offered by our sister chapters, duClay and Sarasota on our tables and in our newsletter. Many of us just cannot resist learning a new technique or making another beautiful piece of needleart.....so expect a few visitors this fall!!

*Chain Stitchers**Claire Nardone*

The summer brings lazy days and picnics. In other words, stitching and eating; two of our favorite things, right gals?

Chain Stitchers will not be having a general meeting in June, July and August but we will meet to stitch during these months. We will be working on our Habitat for Humanity samplers and Christmas exchange ornaments.

Chain Stitchers is also hosting Ginny Smith for her pilot class, "Angel Face" we're taking June 13 & 14 from 10-3. If anyone else would like to join us, please contact Karen Cicero with Chain Stitchers.

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Phillips Lutheran Church in Mt. Dora and the 3rd Friday of the month is our Hardanger Interest group which meets at a members home. Please contact Sue Butler for more information.

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I hope everyone has a wonderful summer, full of whatever your heart desires!

*duClay**JoyceAnne Stevens & Melody Bryan*

The duClay Chapter has been *springing* forward into 2013.

We hosted Ellen Chester of With My Needle in February. The class offered was for Ellen's lovely Lady's Worke Box. The class was attended by 15 participants and we had 2 new members join us from this class with fly ins from Texas and PA and 4 plural members from other Florida chapters attended. Our class was held at the historic Riverdale Inn in Jacksonville.

Photo compliments of member Jackie who also did a lovely blog post about the event :

<http://jackiecastson.blogspot.com/2013/03/a-ladys-worke-box.html>

Ellen did a wonderful blog post as well highlighting the event and you can read about it here if you are interested:

<http://www.withmyneedle-ellen.blogspot.com/2013/02/a-great-time-in-jacksonville.html>

The first weekend in April – duClay was excited to be the host chapter for the Sun Region Spring meeting held at the Embassy Suites in Jacksonville. We presented hand painted, stenciled ort boxes which included a beaded scissor fob for each attendee of the luncheon. Many of the supplies, beads and etc were donated by various chapter members and both the ort box and beaded fobs were made in mini “taste of” workshops by our members earlier this year.

The Saturday afternoon session of the SR meeting was attended by the board of duClay and we enjoyed hosting our region members in Jacksonville. Our chapter members put together a goodie bag insert for Vivi Puntì which included a Bohin needle from France and an information sheet giving the history of Bohin needles. Seventy-five of these donations were given for the gift bags.



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We are looking forward to our first all day summer stitch in to be held on June 1st. Member Cathe is hosting our group at the activities center in the community where she lives on the banks of Julington Creek which is just over the St Johns County line. We have 15 signed up to attend including our 3 plural members coming from the Central Florida chapter.

We will have a mini show and tell display and will also be showcasing our “challenge pieces” both completed and in progress. Lunch will be served and we’ll have photos in our next report.

Our chapter stitch ins and meetings continue thru the summer. We find that we get a lot done in the hot summer months and except for vacations we usually have very good attendance. If you are visiting in the NE FL area – please do come and visit with us. We have a full afternoon of stitching the first and second Saturday of every month at the Orange Park Library from 1pm to 4:30.

To close – we still have a few spot left in our September workshop opportunity with Jane Timmers of Fancy Work. If you’d like to hear more about the two day class on the Shakespeares Garden Sweet Bag project – please email me or JoyceAnne.

Gulfview

Ann Ashley

Summer has definitely arrived in Florida. Many of our members are visiting to the north so any business has to be done by e-mail. Learning opportunities are set for the fall months and new techniques are being planned for next year.

Meanwhile, twice a month stitching together opportunities have been set in place. The sessions are at members’ homes on the second and third Wednesday. If you find yourself in this area (west coast Pasco County) give Judy DeMeglio a call to get the time and place. Getting together to stitch and share is always fun.

Indian River

Jineen Kulczycky

A dozen of our members attended the Sun Region’s VIVA PUNTI. They all enjoyed their classes, the activities planned, the boutique and book sale. A good time was had by all. We are looking forward to next year’s Retreat at the Plantation Inn.



We are going to have our IRC Retreat in July at the Einstein Montessori School in Cocoa. This is a one-day of stitching and fun and games. There is plenty of food and door prizes for all. This year’s theme is “How Far Have You Gone” with members bringing pictures of places they have visited.

Members of IRC worked together to complete “Teardrops” designed by Inez Eppright from the December 2012 issue of Needle Arts. A group of IRC members are continuing to work on the GCC “Moonlight Sonata” with Ginny Gilbertson. The Whitework Sampler by Linda Dixon is really challenging our experienced sampler sleuths while others are working on their own samplers.



The chapter’s Outreaches are continuing—collecting toiletries for the homeless, box tops for schools, Habitat Samplers and Dedications, kissing pillows. Our teaching children outreach will be working with a local Girl Scout troop to teach embroidery. The girls will work on a small nametag with the Trefoil logo, using both surface and counted stitches. We have had exhibits in a few of Brevard’s Libraries with more planned for the rest of the year.

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In April and May members completed a scissor case in one of two designs—a Hardanger or a surface embroidery case. We will see them at our November Show & Tell. In June members will complete a Monogrammed Sachet Bag for themselves or a gift. IRC celebrated our Anniversary at our May meeting with a Covered Dish Lunch and Anniversary Cake. It was a “delicious” way to celebrate another year together.

Neapolitan

Joan Thomasson

With many of our members headed North for the summer, our much smaller group moves from the large Grill Room at Moorings Park to a smaller conference room in the same complex for our main meeting, the third Wednesday of the month. There are no formal programs, but most of us will be stitching on our pieces for exhibit in the Biannual Needlework Exhibit and Sale (Art through the Needle's Eye) coming up next February and creating items for the Boutique sales. the first and fourth Wednesdays, we hold stitch-ins at the homes of members.

Our regular schedule of formal classes and programs resumes in the Grill Room in October as our Northern neighbors begin to return.

Sand Dollar

Kay Dune

Sand Dollar has finished with formal meetings for the summer. However we will meet monthly at the New Smyrna and Port Orange Libraries. At these stitch ins we will be working on Outreach projects, i.e. Habitat Samplers and knitted/crocheted blankets and booties for babies of addicted mothers, and our own projects. This year we don't have to make Christmas ornaments for the Atlantic Life Skills program as we have a lot left from previous years. Also this summer we will have our annual Cookie Exchange at Brenda A's home.

Our new Education chairman, Brenda Gordan has the coming years projects all lined up for us and it looks like we will be learning a lot of new things and doing some interesting projects.

The year wound down with the annual Spring Luncheon in April before our snowbirds went home. We had a lovely fashion show of vests, it was fun to see the many different colorful ones members wore.

We are starting a UFO challenge for the coming year. Members that were at the May meeting signed up. The snowbirds will be able to sign up when they return in the fall.

Sand Dunes

LindaAnne Buehler



Sand Dunes chapter had a busy April. We displayed our works all month long at the Niceville library and stitched "in public" there as well. And, we participated in the Valparaiso Saturday in the Park event on Saturday April 20 with an exhibit booth and more stitching "in public"! These events were well received by the community and we hope that the exposure will generate additional interest in the chapter.

We close out our stitching year in May with a Saturday luncheon and just hold stitch-ins during the summer. We all look forward to the new stitching year that begins in the fall, which gets kicked off at a Saturday membership coffee in August.

*Sandhill Crane**Ginny Smith*

The Sandhill Crane chapter has had a busy spring. March was filled with a table sale of goodies, finishing of projects such as our beaded needlecase [see photos below], the Schwalm GCC and beginning a stitched bear project.



In April we enjoyed a "Help Me Out" day where experienced members helped others with completing name tags, UFO's and answering those questions new stitchers needed answering.



In May we invited Frances Steenburgh to display samples of Brazilian embroidery. She gave some history and lovely tips for doing dimensional Brazilian embroidery. She also helped members start a beginner project. One member Jan Mazourek had completed a demonstration piece and taught us to use old unwanted CD-ROMs to create a perfectly round base for a pin cushion. Lots of laughter was generated for such an unusual way to use those old bits of computer ware.

At our June meeting members Jan Mazourek and Melanie Scharch will be helping our members finish their Brazilian pieces.

A member of our chapter is looking for Elsa Parrish's pattern for "A Gathering of Friends". It consists of 7 Amish ladies around a quilting frame. There is also a cat in the foreground. Only the pattern is needed - our member has the threads. We respect copyright laws so please don't offer a copy. If you can help her, please contact Ruby at rubyfkb@verizon.net.

*Sea Grape**Chris Zogus*

Our members have been busy with our outreach program. May to-date numbers are: 242 Baby Caps, 22 Chemo Caps for a total of 965 hours.

Our membership has dropped to 52 members, down from 65. Most of the reasons can be attributed to our maturing membership. However, a few lost are due to the increase in membership fees. As a result we are starting several marketing campaigns. Most of the effort will be done with our seasonal visitors return. We also are planning our 2015 Exhibit. More details on our wonderful show in coming months.

Our annual closet sale was held in April. Next month Charlotte Nelson will be teaching "Madrigal".

July is our salad luncheon. So we will be busy while our seasonal members are gone.



Julie McCarter and Charlotte Nelson are discussing [sic]



BJ Sanclemente, Helen Crombe and Antoinette Sabatka are browsing the merchandise.



Julie McCarter is attempting to teach us her wonderful project "Plaid Doodle". I only hope I can get it out of the stash and on to the work stand soon!

Stitching Gators

Betsy Harris

Like every Sun Region chapter, the Stitching Gators have been busy. In December, we met at a local restaurant for a holiday dinner and a gift exchange. We enjoyed good food, fellowship, and lovely hand-stitched or stitching-related gifts. Our members are so very creative.

We gathered in January to organize and plan for the new year. Jill Werschin replaced Robyn Sullivan as our newsletter editor. Robyn has been our newsletter editor for many years and has done a wonderful job. Jill has big shoes to fill but she seems up to the job and is taking our newsletter from a printed and mailed copy to an electronic version. The Stitching Gators are moving into the tech world! Tracy Devlin has stepped down as Vice President. Tracy has also done a wonderful job and has offered many delightful programs for us. We are still waiting for someone to fill the Vice President position.

Marion Jones presented a Valentine-related program in February. She had prepared a project with red hearts stitched on white batiste. This small item could be finished as a card for a loved one or framed or stitched into a pin cushion. It is a very pretty, delicate design.

On Saturday, March 16th, the Stitching Gators had a table at the Suwannee Valley Quilt and Old Time Craft Festival in Trenton, Florida. This festival is sponsored by the Suwannee Valley Shoppes, including Suwannee Valley Cross Stitch and the Suwannee Valley Quilt Shop. Members spent the day stitching, showing off some of our finished projects, and sharing information about EGA and the Stitching Gators chapter. This was a lot of fun and we passed out over 30 cards to interested people.

The Stitching Gators have begun a group project -- "Birds of a Feather" from Victoria's Sampler. This bell pull on even weave linen will introduce us to a variety of stitches. Each member has agreed to teach one of the stitches to the chapter and work is progressing nicely.

For those of you who attended Viva Punti, we hope you enjoyed the favor from the Stitching Gators. The ribbon with a yoyo on one end and a Gator charm on the other end was intended to be a bookmark, not a scissor fob as listed in the Viva Punti brochure. However, you can be creative and use this item anyway you wish. Enjoy!



Education opportunity in Sarasota Florida – October 28-30

Don't miss this rare opportunity!



Innovative needlework designer and artist, Gary Clarke of Tasmania, Australia, will be teaching two classes in Sarasota, Florida at the Sarasota Chapter EGA. Gary will be teaching a two-day class titled, "Tulle and Organza Fantail," and a one-day class named, "Black Cockatoo." This is an opportunity to experience a seminar



For class and kit descriptions please follow this link: <http://www.egausa.org/index.php/itt2013info/itt2013clarketour>



Black Cockatoo, October 30

For more information, please contact event registrar
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Gary Clarke

Gary lives in Launceston, in the north of the state of Tasmania, Australia.

Gary's specialties are organza embroidery, needlelace, and corded whitework.

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