The Sun News

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RD's Letter

We had a great region meeting at Plantation on Crystal River. The members of the Gulfview chapter really came out in numbers to celebrate Jenna McClooney's receipt of the Region's Gold Thread Award. Who knew we'd see shimmering icicles in Florida before winter sets in. It was great to see so many familiar faces and catch up. The Pumpkin Pin project that Sand Dollar taught at the evening session is very cute and several stitchers had theirs completed by the end of the session. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in the meeting preparations.

It's official. The Suwannee Stitchers chapter is part of Sun Region. We welcome the chapter which is based in Trenton, Florida. Cathleen Rodgers, President, accompanied by two board members and a few chapter members attended the recent region meeting. Please join me in welcoming them to Sun Region.

Have you heard all the commotion about "Crystal River Stitching" but aren't sure what it's all about? It's going to be a boat load of stitching fun. The retreat's dates are May 3 and 4, 2014 at the Plantation on Crystal River. Kathy Singleton and her crew have lots of fun things planned. Come early and visit the manatees, shop, play some golf or tennis or swim in the pool. There's also a terrific spa on-site. Visit the event pages on the Region's website for more information. There's also a handy registration form if you haven't registered yet.

Volunteering our time and efforts is one of the most rewarding experiences a person can have. The region will be electing a new executive board in September. Helping to shape the region's future can give result in some unique character expanding experiences. I would encourage everyone to contact a member of the Nominating Committee and consider serving in some capacity. Everyone has something to contribute from being on a committee to holding a region office.

Have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season filled with great memories and lots of stitching time. See you in 2014.

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2013-14 Calendar

March 1	Next *Sun News* deadline
TBA	Lunch reservation deadline for April 2014 meeting
April 5-6	Next region meeting, Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

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.

ARD Report Betty Baechle

At the region meeting it was pointed out that there was a problem using the 800 number for reservations at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. Lynn Abbey sent to all representatives the new phone number to call. In case you missed or misplaced the information you need to make your hotel reservations I have included it here. Dates for the meeting are Saturday, April 5 to Sunday April 6, 2013. Rate is $119.00 plus taxes.

Please contact Jennifer Hercher (Group Housing Coordinator). Each of you should contact her directly and she will be able to assist with your room reservations with no complications. Contact Jennifer Hercher at 407-995-7032 or send email to her at Jennifer.hercher@pinnaclehm.com. Her office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm. More information about the April 2014 meeting will be available in the March 2014 newsletter.

Should you need assistance feel free to contact me. Betty

Save the Date

The fall meeting will be held on Saturday, September 13 to Sunday, September 14, 2014. Location is Sawgrass Marriott located in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Sun Region Meeting Luncheon reservation, Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 11:30 Saturday, April 5, 2014.

Dietary Restrictions? _____

Name _____ **Chapter** _____

E-Mail _____ **Phone:** _____

Clip and mail your reservation and check for $22.00 (payable to Sun Region EGA) to be received by March 21, 2014. Mail to Betty Baechle, ARD Sun Region . Contact Betty or Region Director Jan Clark for mailing information.

Luncheon selections please check one.

_____Grilled Flank Steak Salad

_____Lemon Herb Turkey Wrap with House Dressing

_____Portobello Mushroom Wrap with House Dressing

I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Indian River. Circle one. Yes No

Treasurer's Report *Kathy Singleton*

Category	Checking	MoneyMkt	
Opening Balances (10/15/2013)	12,922.13	52021.19	
Income			
Dues	3.00		
Interest		4.28	
Educ Event			
Seminar			
Exhibit			
Fund Raising	163.00		
Sales			
Contributions	47.00		
Meals	905.00		
Retreats	1,360.00		
Printing			
Other			
TOTAL INCOME	2,478.00	4.28	
Expense			
Educ Event	200.00		
Seminar	36.78		
Exhibit			
Fund Raising			
Cost of Sales incl. tax	11.89		
Rent			
Newsletter			
Administration	116.38		
Officers' Travel	413.85		
Meals	836.54		
Retreats	52.34		
Gifts			
Printing			
Other	44.00		Donation to Susan G Komen fund
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,711.78		
Transfers			
from compass bank acct			
OVERALL TOTAL	13,688.35	52,025.47	
CLOSING BALANCES (10/15/2013) Regions Bank Accounts	14,743.70	52,025.47	
Difference	1,055.35	0	OT checks

1061	118.81
1063	100.00
1069	836.54
Total	1,055.35

Committee Reports

2014 Educational Event Kathy Singleton

Meet Crystal! Your hostess for our 2014 Crystal River Stitching

in beautiful Crystal River, Florida being held May 2 – 4 at The Plantation Inn & Resort. Crystal River is known for its manatees, thus our hostess and our theme. See the registration form on pages 17-18.

Many activities are planned for your enjoyment. Opening event on Friday will be an outing to The Shoppes of Heritage Village where we will be greeted by several shops and restaurants offering a quaint, small town welcome complete with "Stitchers Only" specials. Saturday stitching will include a delicious lunch and Barbeque dinner.

There are several "make-it-and-take-its" planned throughout the weekend as well as our fundraiser, "Manatee Downs." Yes, you can "ride" a manatee to fortune and fame in this fun, land based race. And, betting on the winner just may improve your *fortune* too!

You may choose to swim with a manatee in the river or take a boat tour as well. Options are being made to meet these gentle creatures.

A stitching challenge is also planned. Using the Manatee Activity Coloring Book from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, (www.myfwc.com) use any picture in this book and make something wild and amazing to display this weekend. There will be fantastic prizes for most **unique, funniest**, and maybe a few more you will be happy to take home.

Sunday is more stitching and maybe a surprise or six!

There will be a wonderful boutique with new specialty needlework related items we know you'll love along with the region items you may not have.

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There are name tag kits (you just add floss and a needle) available from Kathy Singleton for a nominal price of only $7. Kathy may be reached at: treasurer@sunregionega.org. Be creative and make Crystal proud.

The registration fee is $125 which includes both the lunch and dinner, only. If you've already paid your deposit, you need to send the balance to Debbie Sewell, Registrar by December 31. (Debbie's contact info follows on the registration form on page 18.) All new registrations must be received and paid in full by March 31, 2014.

Partners, spouses and friends are also invited. If they wish to participate in our festivities, there will be a $50 non-EGA member fee added to the registration fee.

The Plantation Inn & Resort has undergone a renovation over the past few years and now has an elevator where we've requested our room block. The furnishings are all new including the AC units! There is complementary Internet service in the meeting rooms and guest rooms as well. Their restaurant is also excellent. Don't forget that they have a golf course and tennis courts and can arrange tee times at neighboring courses. Also, they've added an **Aveda Spa** services should you need to "de-stress."

Our special rates are:

Standard garden view - $109.00

Patio view - $129.00

All rooms sleep 2 comfortably. Feel free to call the resort for any specific questions you may have.

Don't lose your special rate, make your reservations NOW! Make sure you tell them you're with The Embroiderers Guild of America and give them the dates. You may call them at 352-795-4211 or 1-800-632-6262. Their address is 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, Florida 34429.

We look forward to seeing you in Crystal River!

2015 Educational Event *Deby Talley*

We have a name - Stitchers' Garden, and we have a team in place to start working on the fun filled educational event. BUT…..we need more to join our team. If you or your chapter would be willing to come up with table favors for the banquet, be in charge of volunteers and angels, or work on getting together baskets and items for a silent auction and prize drawings, please contact me. We will have some wonderful classes to attend and teachers to learn from. We will announce the classes in May at Crystal River Stitching!

I am looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Hilton Grand Vacation Club in Orlando from May 1-3, 2015.

BYLAWS Jineen Kulczycky

No report.

EDUCATION Cheri Hammer

I'm happy to report that at the last Sun Region meeting it was decided that Sun Region will sponsor group correspondence courses or workshops again in 2014. During the calendar year, each chapter can choose a course or workshop and Sun Region will pay $200 towards the event. Rules for participation have not changed, but if you need a refresher go to www.sunregionega.org and review the 2014 Education Grant page.

There are minimum numbers for participation and advertising requirements if your chapter does not meet the minimums. But this is a great opportunity, so I hope everyone takes advantage!

Also, we are planning to chart the Sun Region banner that each chapter participated in developing. The plans are still in the works, but each region rep will be contacted with a request to try to engage the original stitcher, or perhaps to get someone else in the chapter to chart the design. I think this will be very popular – in the future our members will be able to stitch all or parts of that wonderful banner!

Historian Karan Quintero

In 1984, The Ancient City Needlers, from St. Augustine, gave a large,"Hello", to guests attending the, "Let's Stitch III". As the Nation's Oldest Continuously Occupied City....419years!!! Sunday, May 6th through Tuesday, May 8th, 1984, Sun Region members attending became part of that stunning history.

Lodging and all classes were held at the Ponce de Leon Lodge, A Golf & Tennis Resort in St. Augustine. All reservations were made directly by the SR member: single ($43), double ($48) and suite ($88), taxes to be added. Pets were allowed with the attending responsibility for any damage. Thank heaven attendees could still bring food and drinks.....THE WINE IS SAVED!

Registration ran from March 9th through April 9th, 1984. Tuition of $60 included classes, dinner (beef or seafood) and two luncheons. Class kits were a separate charge. SR Members chose three classes, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with registration continuing until all classes were full.

A black and white insert explained all available classes with a small hand drawn likeness of each class project. The classes were 1) Violets by Maggie Crosby/Canvas ($20), 2) Pink Blossoms by Deanna Powell/Free-Form Silk Embroidery ($18), 3) Oriental Fan by Jean Noll/Silk & Metal ($20), 4) Angel by Jane Bell/Canvas ($10), 5) Strawberries by Barbara Singleton/ Pulled Thread & Lace Quilting ($6), 6) Hardanger Sampler by Lillian Bolstad/Hardanger ($5), 7) Floral with Butterfly by Priscilla Johns/Crewel ($9), 8) Floral Basket by Jonalene Gutwein/Canvas ($12) and Basket of Fruit by Martha Pearle Vogt & Martha Ellis ($20). Nine classes were either Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced techniques of design painting,

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Free-form silk embroidery, applique, couching, pattern darning, pulled thread, quilting, crewel, drawn thread, needle-weaving, florentine and shading.

Needles were flying by an unknown number of SR members. Introduction to beautiful silks, metals and many new threads mesmerized attendee's and fostered their continues fascination in the needle-arts.

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If anyone has a pin, chapter logo or information regarding the Ancient City Needler's,please contact me at historian@sunregionega.org.....Thank you!

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Nominating — Pat Carrington

The Sun Region Nominating Committee is like Uncle Sam -- always wanting more, more!

Sun Region Members, we truly appreciate your stepping forth at the last Sun Region Board Meeting and volunteering your services. BUT -- WE NEED MORE!

Please ladies, it is time to say "I can do that." We must announce a slate of officers at the April Sun Region Meeting for your consideration. Please think about the talent and leadership you could offer. We know it is the holiday season and everyone is very busy, but as you dash hither and yon, give some deep thought to the needs of Sun Region.

Please give any member of the nominating committee an e-mail or phone call and let us know you are willing to say "I can do that." - Pat Carrington, Deby Talley, Genie Dickinson and Linda Hansen

Outreach — JoyceAnne Stevens

Outreach among Sun Region EGA chapters comes in many shapes and forms. All involve doing things for or working with people outside of EGA. Some activities are collecting items or money for others, some are making stitched items for others, and some involve teaching others to stitch.

Almost every chapter in Sun Region has stitched at least once in public this past year which exposes many people to the idea that stitching by hand is alive and well and the public sees stitchers having a good time stitching. People stop and ask about the stitching and sometimes ask about attending EGA meetings to learn more. A good number of chapters have exhibits of their work.

Among the many things that are collected for others are aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald houses, postage stamps, toiletries, food, fabrics and trims for making clothing.

Some chapters donate Christmas gifts and stitched Christmas ornaments.

The samplers for Habitat for Humanity remain very popular in some areas and a couple of chapters participate in Soldier Family Kissing Pillow projects. Chemo caps both knitted and crocheted as well as baby items, hats, booties, and blankets are other kinds of stitched donations.

Regardless of the method, Sun Region members contribute much to other people.

Social Media *Jenna McClooney*

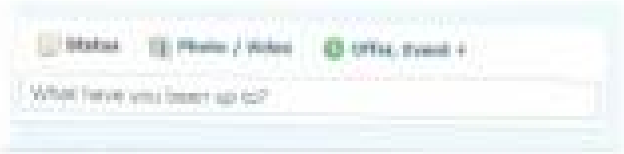
Come Post With Us

at

Sun & Sea Embroiderers'

Help make our facebook page interesting and Fun!

If you are already comfortable posting pictures and copy on facebook, you are invited to post photos, events, links to interesting needlework sites, and even projects that you are working on. If not, here are some instructions that we hope will make it easy. On the Sun & Sea Embroiderers page locate the "Status" box. If you are adding a



photo, click on "photo" and upload the picture from your computer. Add your comments in the text box and click on "post".

Voilà Your posting will appear on the right side of the page. Click on the title of the posting and the complete posting will appear. See example below.

In the "Recent Posts by Others", you can scroll down and see all of the recent postings. Yours will be at the top.

Postings created by your administrators will appear on the left side of the page and have the Sun Region logo in the left corner.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be assistance in answering questions or posting on your behalf.

Jenna McClooney
Sun Region Social Media Coordinator

Chapter Reports

Bermuda

Shina Lyons

Hello all and thank goodness we have finally gotten some cooler weather and one has the incentive to stitch. !! We have started off our new year with some sad news, our president had to resign but our vice president has taken over the reins and our treasurer has offered to do vice president with yours truly overseeing them. So all in all we look forward to a good year.

We started out the year with our usual Luncheon, stitching and games in September which gets us back together after a hot summer.

In October we had our first meeting and stitched, and our November meeting we did a workshop on Smocked Christmas Ornament which had a good participation . December is our Potluck dinner where we will be having wonderful dishes I am sure. In January we are having a UFO table where "one woman's trash could be in another woman's stash." Profit from this is donated to charity.

Without more ado .. Have a wonderful Christmas season and hope all get to stitch often.

Biscayne

Karan Quintero

After a good summer rest, Biscayne hit the floor running. In September, members showed off any projects they had been working on or travels they had taken. We were shocked to find our own Betty Conner celebrating her 90th birthday in Russia....YOU GO GIRL!! October we worked on a Santa Tree Ornament, a Petite Project which was followed by a “Finishing Tips” program in November given by Janet Edgar, proprietor of the Miami Cross Stitch Station. Janet showed the many different embellishments which could be added to your ornament to give it a special holiday, ZING!! Members were also given a challenge to make a new Holiday name-tag, in any technique, to be unveiled at our December Holiday Party. I think my camera will be in over drive with photos of ornaments, name-tags and Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow projects during this last meeting of the year. Those members who signed up for the three YTT”s and did not finish them will be coughing up some $$$$$!!

Five of our members did sign up with Canopy Oaks Educational Opportunity, taking Mary Long’s Needlework Case. We thank you for letting those enjoy the fun.

Biscayne’s give-back for 2013 entailed 55 Habitat Samplers, 100 Military Hearts, 80 Chemo Caps, 200 bookmarks and 96 hours Stitching in Public by 18 members at the Fairchild Tropical Gardens, The Ramble.

As we enter 2014, we will begin the GCC Bargello in January, have a Stash Sale in February with a possible road trip to see the Neapolitan Needleart Show. March will be a Birthday Celebration.

We wish all a Happy Holiday, a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Canopy Oaks — Linda Dean

Canopy Oaks Chapter in Tallahassee is in full gear with multiple projects and upcoming events

Needlepoint Basics was taught by member Carole Fiore at our November meeting. Carole specializes in canvas work and is currently enrolled in the master craftsman program. This needlepoint mini-project was a beverage coaster and it provided members with an opportunity to hone these skills in preparation for the Mary Long GCC, "Needlework Took Case", which begins in January. Several members from Biscayne Chapter will be joining in on this GCC.

December meeting will again be our holiday celebration where we display current needlework projects as well as share in our annual Cookie Exchange and Gift Exchange.

Stitching in Public is planned at a local library for February 8, 2014. Chapter members will rotate stitching throughout the entire day.

Canopy Oaks sends Seasons Greetings to all of our friends in EGA!

Central Florida — Gabriella Hubbard

Central Florida Chapter will be enjoying time together at our annual Christmas luncheon December 7th.

In January, Jane Ellen Balzuweit will be teaching us Dresden Lace for an Altoids box sewing kit.

Hearts of Fire will be our new outreach project for two Ronald McDonald homes in the Orlando area. Any size, style, or stitching method of a heart that will then be made into 2 quilt/wall hangings. Our chapter has already done one of these, but there are two new Ronald McDonald homes.

Chain Stitchers — Claire Nardone

No report.

duClay

Melody Bryan & JoyceAnne Stevens

duClay has been having a lot of fun this fall with one of our monthly stitch-ins devoted to finishing ornaments. Our stitch-ins are always well attended and many members have their needles flying in an effort to finish the pieces they nominated for the 2013 Challenge.

Our Challenge has been great fun and a huge source of motivation for our members. Member nominated up to 10 projects both new and WIP's were accepted and the goal was to finish as many of what they nominated as possible by the date of the annual Christmas luncheon. It is a great way to include our "away" and plural members and keep them close and involved in a chapter activity. We plan to do it again in 2014 and nominations will be made in January.

We hosted Jane Timmers of Fancy Work for a 2 days class in September, see photos below. The Shakespeare's Garden Sweet Bag class was attended by 10 member of duClay and 2 members of the Chain Stitchers Chapter. Jane did a lovely job with the class, day one was devoted to dissecting the stitches and day two was all about the finishing. Lovely catered lunches were provided for the participants and Jane brought a fantastic trunk show of her finished designs.

You may recognize some of Jane's ornaments from the JCS Christmas ornament issue from years past. What a great workshop experience with duClay and Jane Timmers.

We were pleased to have a Stitch in Public opportunity in October at Westminster Woods retirement community. We had a lovely display of finished items and 5 stitchers participated by stitching in the lovely outdoor festival atmosphere and chatting with attendees.

We are expecting 19 members at the upcoming Christmas luncheon. We will be having a huge show and tell of all the Challenge finishes, a lovely catered luncheon and a gift exchange. It will be a full day of fun and stitching in December.

Next year we plan to continue with our "taste of" mini workshop series and we are already planning for a taste of crewel and a taste of blackwork.

Best wishes for a lovely holiday season from duClay !

Please visit our blog : http://duclayega.blogspot.com/

Photos and blog credit to : member Jackie K.

Gulfview — Ann Ashley

December is for fun and partying. Santa will be present for the chapter holiday gathering on Wednesday, the 11th at the Chili's on US 19. After the partying, Past RD Jenna McClooney will do the honors on installing three new board members, Sue Howe as Secretary, Marjorie Linn as Treasurer and Donna Christie as President.

In January the chapter goes into overdrive. We start by having a major stash sale (a good way to empty the close), and start work on two petite projects. Also, this is the time declare to the chapter that we (as individuals) will finish one or more UFO by the November meeting. We will begin teaching a six week stitching project on consecutive Saturdays, starting January 18, 2014 at the Regency Park Library. Class time will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also at the library, we will be displaying for the public a selection of our finished embroidered items during the month of January.

In February we will try to finish some of the projects started in January as well as continuing to teach at the Saturday Stitch Series. Middle of the month we will be helping out Margaret Kinsey by conducting a pilot class of her "Yellow Basket."

IndianRiver — Jineen Kulczycky

The chapter's Outreaches are continuing. We have surpassed our goal of collecting toiletries for the homeless. As of November 11, we have donated 2,056 toiletry items to the homeless. Since we started this outreach project in 2004, we have donated over 15,000.

We continue to make a Habitat Sampler for each new home and one of our chapter members presents this at the Dedications.

We had a Library Exhibit in October at Suntree Library and have another one finishing at the Port Malabar Library in November. Our next exhibit is in March 2014 in the Melbourne Library.

Also we took a large box of kits, etc., to the Veterans Outpatient Clinic of Viera in September.

Photo courtesy of Doreen Snyder

The IRC Super Show & Tell in November showed what we did this year. We revisited our GCC Moonlight Sonata seeing the end results, saw the scissor cases ornaments from a meeting program based on Sandy Crow's "I Love Christmas" featured in December 2011 issue of Needlearts magazine., Linda Driscoll's Whitework Sampler (done in beige, green and white) as well as beginner samplers of monthly bookmarks, and of course , all the other things that we finally finished before December. A group of our members also started the GCC Cleopatra's Cat—but are not all doing a cat—we have a bird, a bunny, and a dachshund!

We are ending 2013 with a Holiday Luncheon at the Duran Country Club with an Ornament Exchange, installation of new officers, and presentation of pins for years of membership in EGA.

January is our tremendous "Stash Sale". We have everything from soup to nuts—really threads, fabric, kits, canvases, books, and everything under the sun that has to do with stitching. We each bring our tired, huddled masses of stitchery supplies and no-longer-interesting projects yearning to find a new home—and most of them do find one.

In January IRC is also having a two-day workshop featuring the professional instructor, Linda Lachance. The piece selected is "Candy Necklace Bag," designed by Linda for her company, Northern Pine Designs.

In February we will have a presentation by Jonalene Gutwein on Fabric Identification. She will give us a quick look at the various fabrics available on the market today for counted thread work.

This is my last report. But I will still be around for the Retreat and other regional events. Thank you for a wonderful two years. This is Jineen Kulczycky signing off.

Neapolitan Joan Thomasson

Neapolitan Chapter (Naples) invites the Region to check out our biennial Needlework Exhibit and Sale February 20 -22, 2014. We will be exhibiting at the Moorings Park Community Club House. It is easy to find- just take I75 to Naples, exiting on Pine Ridge Drive. Drive West to Goodlet-Frank RD. turn south one block to the entrance of the gated community. The guard at the gate will give you further directions.

Inside the Club House, you will find a fabulous display of needlework , all of which must be new to our exhibit. There is a wonderful display of finished needlework treasures at the Boutique ready to go home with you, a Teacup Auction with special treasures to bid on: Tilly, a large needlepoint turtle, a box of scrumptious ribbon chocolates created by last exhibit's Best in Show winner, and a lovely bracelet. There will be constant demonstrations of all sorts of needlework techniques . Bring a friend or a bus load of friends! Several of our plural members from out of town will be exhibiting and we are looking forward to seeing them at the show.

Come join us for a day of stitching, shopping, and voting for your favorite stitched creations.

Please call Lilianne Rivera for hours and any other questions.

Sand Dollar Kay Dune

Sand Dollar has had a busy start with the snowbirds back. The education projects that we have done so far are, a Tenerife on an article of clothing, a beaded angel ornament and a stump work holly barouche. All of the projects were fun to do and finished quickly. Some of us also participated in the Teardrop mini project from the December 2012 issue of Needle Arts magazine.

We are now looking forward to our big Fashionista Christmas Luncheon at the Sugar Mill Country Club. We are to dress to the "nines" ! There will be a silent auction and our wonderful Luncheon Committee will have made the event memorable as usual.

Looking into the new year our Education Chairman, Brenda Gordon has a wonderful array of projects that can be finished in a couple of meetings and a couple of these are things we have never done. January and March our member, Joyce McGangka will be teaching a canvas work piece "Welcome Cat". February plural member Hazel Lundeen will be teaching us Huck Weaving.

Our Vice President, Donna Young and our Board have suggested it is time we got to know a little more about everyone, so at some of our meetings a couple of our members will answer a few questions about themselves ie: how long have you been stitching, favorite area of stitching, how did you get introduced to Sand Dollar and a few other questions. We know that these ladies all have/had other interests or jobs that have molded them into the who they are.This is a good way to get know a little more about our members.

This is now my last article for Sun Region. I have had a wonderful time getting to know other members of Sun Region and learning what other chapters are doing and the behind the scenes working of Sun Region, it has been a wonderful experience.

Sand Dunes LindaAnne Buehler

In November, various Sand Dunes members worked on the finishing of our Stitcher's BouTEAque Accessories. In December, we'll hold our annual meeting and holiday party with ornament exchange at a local restaurant that always takes good care of us on this occasion. In January and February, we continue our "Yours Truly: Pretty and Personalized" theme by working on a "Shadow Work Sachet" personalized with a vintage shadow work monogram.

Our "Buddy Blankets" were delivered to the Children's Advocacy Center in Niceville in October. ...

SAND DUNES OUTREACH PROGRAM Barbara Harrison

The Sand Dunes Chapter made forty-two "Buddy Blankets" and presented them to the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) during a recent tour of the center. During the tour, CAC staffers explained he functions of CAC and why the center is so important to our community. To make the “Buddy Blankets”, chapter members had embroidered blanket stitches around the edges of brightly colored fleece. When children arrive at the center, they will be offered the opportunity to choose a blanket as their own. Shown are members of Sand Dunes with CAC staffers.

Photo courtesy of Sand Dunes

Sandhill Crane

No report.

Sarasota Bonnie Hearl

Our Sarasota Chapter had a wonderful experience hosting international teacher, Gary Clark in October. He was a great teacher, very informative, patient and entertaining. Both projects were out of the box from what most of us had done before and really stretched out creativity. I hope this is something that will continue in the future. Thank you Jenna McClooney for making this happen, and to Jean Polzin from our chapter for also making it happen in Sarasota. We have a very busy schedule for the next few months with programs and classes. Our Christmas party is planned for December 14, which is always lots of fun. We are starting a new Correspondence class on stump work, with quite a few members participating.

Our Sampler Group is deciding on a new project for 2013/2014. We just completed a friendship book for our project this past year. Our Beading Group is very active, as are our Stitch and Chat group and Venice stitch in at the Jacaranda library. We had our yearly retreat at Day Spring in Ellenton in October, which is a three-day overnight gathering. Last but not least we have a day trip planned for the Neapolitan Chapter Exhibit in Naples. We also are hoping to have a good turn out for the Chrystal River Retreat in May. From the Sarasota Chapter Happy Holidays to you all, and a very happy and healthy New Year filled with lots of stitching.

Sea Grape Chris Zogus

Our members have been busy with our outreach program. May to-date numbers are: 503 Baby Caps, 105 Chemo Caps for a total of 1943 hours. These have been donated to the Tampa Cancer Center.

We have had an exciting summer completing projects. A number of us attended Jocelyn Paterson's class last March. To the right is a sample of the Sanibel Shoreline completed by Eileen O'Rouk, Muriel Kreeger, and myself.

Photos courtesy of Sea Grape

In addition to our stitching we have had some wonderful speakers , some laughs and a few sad losts. We lost Opal Neutts, winner of our annual award and a great friend. Ruby Berry moved north and unfortunately lost her husband. We can only hope her northern chapter comes to love her as we do. This year will end with our annual Xmas celebrations. The day group will have a luncheon and the nighties an "all" nighter stitch-in. As always there will be more food then people!

Next year we start our Make and Take program. The program is designed to educate our members and promote item for our 2015 exhibits' boutique. Julie McCarter will kick off the program with her Expertimention I. This is a needlepoint opportunity. Then, in February, Muriel Kreeger will teach us Bells and Blackwork. This is a beginning piece as we anticipate a class in in Blackwork later in the year. March Jocelyn will teach us a needlepoint frame weight. May, I will be teaching a Diamond is Forever peyote bracelet. And we finish off the first part of the year with Charlotte Nelson teaching us a Florentine project.

Our Education Chair, Muriel Kreeger, has been busy. We will be doing the Bargello Challenge. Twelve of our members have already signed up. We anticapte starting the challenge in early 2014, hopefully during season.

As mentioned we will be having an exhibit in 2015. We are targeting the end of February, but exact dates will be published when the room commitment has been made. As a taste of what we will be offering, a boutique, entrance favors (a surprise for each person attending the event), exhibits of our classes and of course wonderful needle art by our members. We all hope to see your then.

Stitching Gators Betsy Harris

No report.

Photos taken at October 2013 region meeting on pages 1 and 7 courtesy of Adrienne Meyer.

Sun Region EGA Event 2014

CRYSTAL RIVER STITCHING

May 2-4, 2014

Registration begins September 1, 2013 and ends on March 31, 2014. All registrations need to be paid in full and postmarked by March 31, 2014. Non-EGA members must pay an additional $50 registration fee.

Please print or type all the info on this form. Be sure and fill it out completely. There are 2 sides. Please contact the registrar if you have any questions.

LAST NAME_____FIRST NAME_____

STREET ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ST_____ZIP+4_____

PHONE (DAY)_____PHONE(ALTERNATE)_____

EMAIL_____

EGA MEMBER NUMBER_____PRIMARY CHAPTER_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:

NAME_____RELATIONSHIP_____

PHONE NUMBERS_____ (DAY)_____(ALTERNATE)

May be publish your address/phone/email in the participant handbook? YES_____NO_____

Would you like to volunteer? Yes_____ No_____

Do you need a roommate? Yes_____ No_____

Is this your first Sun Region Event? Yes_____ No_____

Are you a life-time EGA member? Yes_____ No_____

Sun Region Event 2014 cannot be responsible for meals that do not meet dietary needs. I agree to release The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., and The Sun Region from any liability for theft, property damage, or personal injury while participating in or attending any or all of the functions and meetings of the Sun Region Event 2014. I understand that cancellation must be made in writing to the Registrar by March 1, 2014. Please observe the cancellation policy.

Signature _____ Date _____

Total cost is $125 which includes a $25 nonrefundable fee. The cost includes both a box lunch on Saturday and a Southern Cookout Buffet on Saturday night. Please check one of the box lunch choices below (both include chips, cookie and water).

____ **Grilled Chicken Wrap**

____ **Roasted Portobello Wrap**

Crystal River Stitching Event fee:	**$125** (includes $25 nonrefundable fee)
Preregistration deposit, if applicable:	**-$25**
Non-EGA Member:	**+$50**
Total remitted:	_____

Please mail **your check made payable to Sun Region EGA**, and the completed registration form to:

Debbie Sewell, Registrar

Contact Region Director Jan Clark
for contact information for Debbie.

Dietary
Restrictions:_____