



# The Sun News

from The Sun Region of  
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## RD's Letter

Spring seems to have arrived early this year. Flowers are already beginning to bloom. There's high energy in the air. Did you participate in an Olympic Stitch Along? How about a chapter exhibition? I've heard wonderful reports from two of the exhibitions. Did anyone by chance do a slide show or video we could post on the region website or Facebook? Seems this is the time of year for everyone to get out and stitch together. It's a wonderful opportunity for socializing and recruiting new members.



We have a new chapter to welcome to the region. Suwannee Stitchers have received their charter and are officially a chapter. A big welcome goes out to this group who meets in the Trenton area, just west of Gainesville. They are an active group with lively lectures and classes planned.

The 2014 Crystal River Stitching Retreat is just around the corner. Kathy and her committee have done a great job of planning some unique activities for us. I hear the manatees have been practicing for the races. Their jockey silks are all laundered, pressed and ready to go. The prizes are beginning to arrive as well. Please bring your chapter's donation item for the Opportunity Knocks drawings to the April meeting. There will also be the reveal of class pieces and information for Seminar 2015. You won't want to miss a minute of the event.

Speaking of unique opportunities, see page 21 for more information on the Region sponsorship of a teacher from the International Teacher Tour (ITT). The ITT provides an opportunity for members of a chapter or region to study with one of the international teachers from the 2014 National seminar. The class would be conducted after seminar.

Thanks to all of the Chapter Treasurers for submitting their chapter financial reports. This is a big help to National in filing our Federal Income Tax.

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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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### 2013-14 Calendar

March 21	Lunch reservation deadline for April 2014 meeting
April 5-6	Next region meeting, Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
June 1	Next <i>Sun News</i> deadline - send report to BEAR4LB@aol.com

### **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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I look forward to the April meeting. I hear the Saturday evening program will be a lot of fun. See the photo of the stitching project on page 15.

*Jan*

## *ARD Report*

*Betty Baechle*

Yes it's that time again. It's time to get ready, if you haven't already, for the region spring meeting. Your check list should include hotel reservations, mail in your coupon with your luncheon selection and your check. Say "Yes" to the evening program. You don't want to miss anything fun or educational or both. Can't attend? It's very important to find a substitute to take your place. Yes, the representative for your chapter is a very important person. Now that the check list has been done how do I get to the hotel? This one is easy. It's off of I-4 near Orlando.

We are staying at the Orlando Lake Mary Marriott, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary Orlando 32746.

Directions: I-4 exit 101A. Take ramp for CR-46A toward Sanford/Heathrow. Turn left onto Thomas Jr. Parkway/CR-46A. Left onto International Parkway. Left onto Heathrow Center Lane. Marriott is on the corner.



I look forward to seeing all of you there. Betty

**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 to:**

**Luncheon selections, please select 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**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

The fall meeting will be at Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa near Jacksonville Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, September 14, 2014. At that time election of officers for the next term will take place.

*Treasurer's Report**Kathy Singleton*

Category	Checking	MoneyMkt
Opening Balances (12/1/2013)	13,688.35	52025.47
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	30.00	
Interest		4.49
Educ Event		
Seminar		
Exhibit		
Fund Raising		
Sales		
Contributions		
Meals		
Retreats	7,344.00	
Printing		
Other		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,374.00</b>	<b>4.49</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Educ Event	300.00	
Seminar		
Exhibit		
Fund Raising		
Cost of Sales incl. tax		
Rent		
Newsletter		
Administration	14.21	
Officers' Travel	333.70	
Meals		
Retreats	165.02	
Gifts		
Printing		
Other		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>812.93</b>	
Transfers		
from compass bank acct		
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>20,249.42</b>	<b>52,029.96</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCES (12/01/2013)</b>		
Regions Bank Accounts	20,249.42	52,029.96
Difference	0.00	0

**2014 Budget***Kathy Singleton*

approved at fall 2013 board meeting

<b>Revenue</b>			
2	Member Dues	\$	1,749.00
3	Interest	\$	50.00
4	Educational Events		
5	Seminar	\$	10,300.00
6	Exhibit	\$	-
7	Fund Raising (W&Ms)	\$	150.00
8	Sales (W&Ms)	\$	1,600.00
9	Advertising	\$	-
10	Community Outreach	\$	-
11	Contributions (unrestricted)		
12	Contributions (restricted)		
13	Parties/Meals (RM lunches)	\$	600.00
14	Retreats		
15	Contributions/Gifts	\$	120.00
16	Printing		
17	Other	\$	150.00
	Money Market savings transfer	\$	3,000.00
	Transfer from reserves	\$	681.00
18	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,400.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
21	Educational Events (GCCs)	\$	3,000.00
22	Seminar		
	Seminar 2014	\$	8,000.00
	Seminar 2015 seed money	\$	1,000.00
23	Exhibit		
24	Fund Raising (Ways and Means)	\$	700.00
25	Cost of Sales		
26	Rent (Region Meetings)	\$	645.00
27	Newsletter		
28	Administration		
	RD	\$	50.00
	ARD	\$	25.00
	Treasurer	\$	20.00
	Other	\$	45.00
29	Officers' Travel (lodging and lunches)		
	National Meeting-RD	\$	1,500.00
	Region Meetings	\$	2,340.00
30	Community outreach		
31	Parties/Meals (RM lunches)	\$	600.00
32	Retreats		
33	Contributions/Gifts		
	EGA Annual Fund Campaign	\$	100.00
	National Seminar Opportunity Drawings	\$	150.00
34	Printing		
35	Other		
	licenses & Fees	\$	75.00
	Taxes	\$	150.00
28	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,400.00</b>
	Balance	\$	-

# 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 19-20.



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](http://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.

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 : [kmsinva@aol.com](mailto:kmsinva@aol.com). Be creative and make Crystal proud.

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*(continued on page 6)* 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 18-19.) 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 complimentary 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 - Stitches' 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.

## *2016 Educational Event*

*Donna Christie*

Plans are in the works for the Sun Region Educational event for 2016! I was asked to chair the event and in a weak moment, said "yes"!! The Executive Committee for the Seminar is being formulated and I hope to announce it at the April meeting. We are in the process of finding a venue that will work for the event. Everything is still in early stages of planning, so I am hoping to have more news to share at the April meeting. We are doing our best to keep it within the guidelines of the end of April or beginning of May.

Stay tuned for more news about Seminar 2016!!!

**BYLAWS***Adrienne Meyer*

No news to report.

**EDUCATION***Cheri Hammer*

Don't forget about Sun Region's 2014 Education Grant! This is a wonderful opportunity for your chapter. Each chapter is authorized \$200 toward a group correspondence course or workshop, and that money can be used to offset any of your costs. There are minimum numbers for participation and advertising requirements if your chapter can't make the minimums, so this is also an opportunity for members of your chapter to join up with another chapter and join in on the fun. Check out SunRegionEGA.org for the "rules" and the chapters that are trying to reach their numbers – you may find something you want to participate in!

Also, we will be charting the Sun Region banner that each chapter participated in developing. Anne Wright has graciously scanned the banner so that the chapters can see what their part was (in case you didn't keep a picture). Each region rep will receive a copy of this. Hopefully the rep can engage the original stitcher, or perhaps to get someone else in the chapter to chart the design. I can't wait to see how this turns out! Just think – we will be able to stitch all or parts of that wonderful banner!

**Historian***Karan Quintero***Seminar Saga Continues.....**

In 1985 the Indian River Chapter, EGA hosted, "An Affair to Remember", seminar held in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Many venues surrounded the Holiday Inn which offered itself, an Olympic size pool, large whirlpool, ocean beach, a beautiful red brick promenade and of course, the beachside snack bar. If members wished to broaden their experience, the Brevard Art Center & Museum was featuring a traveling show by the American Watercolor Society, bus tours to the Space Center, with Disney World, Epcot Center, Sea World and Circus World a short ride away. Room rates were a flat \$50 for up to 4 people in a room. These fees were applicable 2 days before, 2 days during and 2 days after the Seminar. Members even had a Hospitality room for coffee breaks, lost & found and a place for Q&A, *probably more of a place to rest and kibitz!*

The seminar was held on Sunday April 28, Monday, April 29th and Tuesday, April 30th. Pre-workshop events included a Teacher's Showcase, a Wine & Cheese Party (*you know that was going to be happening*), two days of Continental Breakfast's, an Exercise Class (FOR REAL?!?!?), a social hour [*cash bar-alcohol again*] how did they find their needles, I ask you?], an Opening Banquet featuring a fashion show of embellished garments of Today & Yesterday along with a honored guest, Jo Vincent, President of EGA. Also a boutique, a bookshoppe and finally an Exhibit of Sun Region Workshops, GCC's and Master Craftsman Projects to be presented at the upcoming National 1985 Seminar for all to see....*I am only typing this and I am already tired*....;-{... All these activities were covered by a \$75 registration fee.

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Twelve teachers offered a diverse set of needleart techniques. 1) Undersea World of Cocoa Beach: An Introduction to Casalguidi Embroidery (\$8 Kit) by Rita Bowman, 2) Design It Yourself (\$5 Kit) by Martha Ellis, 3) Silver Birds (\$15 Kit) by Rena Gordon, 4) Winter's Lace (\$20 Kit) by Joanne Gutwein, 5) Crewel Floral Fantasy With Berries (\$12) by Priscilla Johns, 6) Persian Medley (\$20 Kit) by Dorothy Markley, 7) Hardanger Doily (\$7) by Magda Mathis, 8) Friends Share (\$16) by Charlotte F."Fran" eMe, 9) Diamonds And Plaid (\$15 Kit) by Nancy Paul, 10) Medallion Mesmeric (\$22 Kit) by Deanna Powell, 11) Flower Garden (\$15 Kit), by Millicent Swerdlow and 12) Red! Ripe! Strawberries!!! (\$26.25 Kit) by Martha Parle Vogt. Classes encompassed the beginner to the advanced intermediate, all required a pre-requisite of being able to read a chart, perform pulled thread background independently prior to class and have a working knowledge of long & short stitch.



Rebecca Dabrowski, chaired the seminar with eleven other IRC members standing at her side. The limited file has no further information as to number of attendants but appears to have had no cancellation of any classes listed in the black and white brochure.....BUT.....an Executive Proclamation was issued by the Cocoa Beach Mayor, Bob Lawton for the April 28-30, 1985 Sun Region Seminar of the Embroiderers' Guild of America!!!!

## Nominating

Pat Carrington

The Nominating committee is pleased to report we have a slate of officers for the 2015-17 Sun Region term. They will be present at the April region meeting and will be introduced at that time.

Now it is our turn to step up and be willing to help these prospective officers fill committee jobs - so when asked to serve your region - say "Yes, I can do that."

Pat Carrington, Deby Talley, Genie Dickinson and Linda Hansen

## Outreach

JoyceAnne Stevens

I am so excited I can hardly sit down to write this report. In reading through the most recent Presidents' mailing from National, I saw the Outreach report by our National Outreach Chairman, Vera Grimsley. I printed the report and have highlighted all of the Sun Region chapters listed. There is a lot of yellow on the printed pages. (I am sorry that there are several omissions that I know of and apologize). Now the big question is—where did Vera get all this information? A couple of Sun Region chapters sent copies of their outreach reports directly to Vera but almost all of the Sun Region information came from my region reports sent to Vera. Where did I get my information? From all the reports I received from all of you so thank you all for your reports and please keep them coming. I know outreach is taking place – don't hide your lights under bushel baskets – let us know what you are doing.

Sun Region chapters are off to a running start on Outreach for 2014. I received word from four chapters that they "Stitched in Public" during February. Biscayne stitched at the Merrick House in Coral Gables

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(loved the photo – so warm and sunny). Gulfview stitched at the Regency Library, New Port Richey. Neapolitan and Sand Dunes each presented a needlework exhibit and had members stitching during the exhibits.

Habitat for Humanity samplers continue as a popular outreach project with several chapters. (Might I go out on a very shaky limb and suggest that if Habitat is not active in your area but members would like to stitch some samplers that they contact one of these chapters?)

Biscayne so far in 2014 has stitched 20 samplers and presented 10 at home dedications. Gulfview has 3 ready when the homes are ready. Indian River has presented 8 samplers in 2013. Neapolitan in the past two months has framed and presented 68 samplers to Habitat families. If you are interested, Neapolitan always needs more samplers. Neapolitan is also hoping to take a tour of some of the homes and meet the families.

In addition: Biscayne members stitch Kissing Pillows, bookmarks, knit and crochet caps for pediatric oncology patients, and collect stamps, coupons for education, pop-tops, pennies, and toiletries. Central Florida members are stitching hearts to be incorporated into a wall hanging for the new Ronald McDonald House near Nemours Hospital. Gulfview has an ongoing project of making Ditty Bags for the Women and Children's Shelter in Western Pasco County. The bags are filled with travel toiletries. A stash of patterns and fabrics was donated to PAWS for a fund raiser. Gulfview is also making plans for an exhibit during November and December. Sand Dollar will again be stitching ornaments for students at Atlantic High School to be presented in December. Sand Dunes' project this year will be to embroider Christmas designs on stockings made of Christmas fabric for the Children's Advocacy Center. Sea Grape has been very busy in their support of Lee Memorial Hospital. At the end of 2013 Sea Grape members had made 564 baby caps, 188 chemo caps and the total number of hours volunteered was 2,421. The hospital presents volunteer pins and Marge Heyl is top volunteer with 1,689 hours. Pat Farmer has 1599 hours. Both have received their 1500 hr pins. Jean Doubles and Helen Crombe have both earned the 1000 hour pins.

Truly great work everyone. Keep those reports coming. If your chapter hasn't selected an outreach project perhaps the preceding will give plenty of ideas. If you have questions about Outreach, what it is and some suggestions for projects check the national EGA web site. You will have to sign in. See the member login tab. Once you are signed in, click on "Resources" and "Outreach" will be on the list.

## *Social Media*

*Jenna McClooney*



Two great opportunities for sharing information on Facebook are coming up soon; Sun Region board meeting in April and Crystal River Stitching in May. Postings aren't limited to just these events - all members are invited to post EGA related photos and information on "Sun & Sea Embroiderers", our region Facebook page. Interesting topics include chapter events, workshops, individual member's projects, textiles research, and history. If you need assistance, I would be glad to post for you. Contact me with photos and copy at [jennalee@hotmail.com](mailto:jennalee@hotmail.com).

# Chapter Reports

## Bermuda

*Shina Lyons*

Hello from "not winter" Bermuda!! Yes, we have been having very summer weather all this year and it is not nice!!

The guild has been very busy though. December we had our Christmas pot luck at one of our members' homes and it was a good night with lots of chatter, good food and a few seat prizes (chairs had a sticker under them)

January we had an UFO sale and what was not sold then we put back out in February and we raised \$250.00 for the blind association.

February meeting I did a workshop on "Chottie's Plaid" and had 12 participants. I believe it went well, I only had one who could not get it and had trouble with using wool, a couple plan to continue with family samplers using it and another finished hers and is going to make it into a pin cushion for our President's challenge, so as the saying goes "kill two birds with one stone!"

Our new president informed us that she is expecting her first child in the summer, very exciting. Then on February 15th we had our marathon stitch in at Pompano Beach Hotel which is a wonderful day with a lovely lunch. No children or husbands to deal with, just stitching, chatting and good food. What else could one ask for!!!

March meeting is planned for just stitching which will be good after so much that has gone on. April we hope to have a Bermudian artist come and do a work shop on artistic baskets using wool. All in all we are very active and enjoying ourselves, if any one is down this way, please let us know, we love entertaining visitors !!

## Biscayne

*Karan Quintero*

At our recent board meeting, the executive board voted for a change to our bylaws due to our declining membership. Policies and procedures will also require adaptation once approved by the membership as well as from National. At that time our Executive Board will be composed of the president, secretary and treasurer. Our present membership totals 53 which is composed of Primary: 44, Plural : 6 and Life: 3 members and have Lost: 0 as of May 2013.

December we had a display of the completed Petite Project Santa's and members were wearing their newly made Holiday Name Tags. Unfortunately, I was only able to get a photo of a select few....;-{

To eliminate tremendous work and conflict, we moved up our Stash to Stash Sale to February. We earned \$500 and all the left over Stash was delivered to the migrants in Homestead where all items are greatly appreciated.



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March 7th will be our 39th year as a part of The Embroiderers' Guild of America. We will celebrate via a "Mad Hatter Tea Party". Members are encouraged to create pretty, funny or wild hat's, the best in each category will receive a great prize. We will enjoy tea sandwiches, cupcakes, cookies and of course, Tea!! Acknowledgement for years of membership will be given out to members (I get my 25year bar, YAHOO!!), acknowledgement to contributors to our Outreach Programs and drawn name from a hat will give a lucky member a years membership from contributing to our Share & Learn table. A few of the ladies already had made their hats displaying them at our March meeting (my catnip mice kept falling off my hat...;-{



Biscayne is presently busy meeting to accomplish and complete two GCC's, the Bargello Challenge and the Needlework Tool Case. Additionally, we are focusing on Bargello with our membership at our monthly meetings. Members are receiving several bands each month from, The Florentine Sampler, by Mary Hickmott. We should have quite a collection completed by the end of the summer.

Outreach is a heavily participating part of our guild. On February 9th, five of our members, Schelley Iman-Loch, Janet Edgar, Lisa Crespo, Stella Stone and Regina Santarangelo **stitched in public** at one of our historical homes in Coral Gables. Members were seen demonstrating embroidery, needlepoint, tatting and knitting while displaying a wedding quilt and answering questions regarding needleart and our local guild. This is a new venue, "Something Old and Something New" event which featured a Garden Reception and Open House to celebrate the 1916 Union of the Peacock and Merrick families. A guest speaker, Arva Moore Parks, the author of George Merrick's Coral Gables painted a vivid picture of early 20th century life, sharing family photographs and vintage wedding gowns. Tours of the house and gardens plus the music and refreshments made it a special afternoon long to be remembered.

**Habitat for Humanity** of Greater Miami dedicated ten homes in February. We have stitched and personalized 20 samplers since the onset of 2014. Our members continue to stitch Soldier Family Kissing pillows, bookmarks for children's reading accomplishments, knit or crochet chemo caps for pediatric patients, stamps for leprosy, pop-tops for Ronald McDonald House, toiletries for abused women in Miami-Dade County and coupons for education from General Mills Foods (Box Tops), Campbell's soups and CVS tissues. Biscayne appreciates all our members' contributions to our community charities and we will gladly accept any donations from any of our sister Sun Region Chapters. If you have any questions regarding any of these venues, please contact our Outreach Chairwoman, Eileen Hoffman [eileenhoffman98@bellsouth.net](mailto:eileenhoffman98@bellsouth.net).

## Canopy Oaks

Linda Dean



It was a Blue Ribbon season for members of Canopy Oaks Chapter in Tallahassee. We all were joyful at how well our chapter was represented at the Leon County Fair. Three members, Ann Wright, Elma Haley, and Carole Fiore, were awarded ribbons for their exquisite needlework, as shown in the photo. The contest aims to acknowledge workmanship; so, original designs and execution of kits may be entered. These achievements were an inspiration to all!

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, we held a day-long Stitch-in-Public at the main library. Individuals who stopped by did admire and inquire about our work. Exhibited in the same library during February were two glass cases filled with numerous stitched pieces that represented the multiple talents and techniques of our members.

Learning canvas work is the selection for our 2014 GCC offering. This year 15 members are stitching the Needlework Tool Case by Mary Long. We are so pleased that five members of the Biscayne Chapter are also participating. Carole Fiore is the coordinator.

Historical embroidery will be the focus of our March 8 chapter meeting when we have a private tour of the nearby Goodwood Manor and view their collection of embroidered items.

Summer workshops will be aimed at finishing projects. First, we will conclude making heart-shaped crazy quilt squares. The embroidered squares are nearly ready to be assembled into a large wall-hanging that will be presented to Gretchen Everhart, a school for special-needs children. Also, Jacque Clemens will guide us in making white with gold or silver Christmon tree ornaments that will be presented to St. Peter's Anglican Church in gratitude for the meeting space they provide to our chapter.

Stitch with joy! Linda Dean

## Central Florida

Gabriella Hubbard

In January we had speaker Professor Jack Smith, who among many roles, is a freelance costume designer and works with the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre here in Orlando. He is working with the production of *Nicholas Nickleby*. He brought four half-scale mannequins with him. His talk was very interesting with many historical facts about how and why trends of fashion came about.

We also enjoyed class with touring teacher, Jane Ellen Balzuweit. We were taught the Dresden Lace Altoid tin cover on 50-count handkerchief linen.

For March, fellow member, Geni Dickinson will teach us a pansy in Stump work.

*Chain Stitchers**Claire Nardone*

Chain Stitchers has nothing currently to report.

*duClay**Melody Bryan & JoyceAnne Stevens*

The duClay Chapter wrapped up 2013 with a lovely catered Christmas luncheon at the historic Bensel House on the St Johns River. Nineteen members attended with two guests. Members brought their finished Challenge pieces to display. Many stitchers were working down to the wire so there were lots of unframed pieces on display.

Happy stitchers having fun and enjoying the company of friends - isn't that what being a member of a great group should be! We also had a gift exchange and many nice gifts given.

Our members should also be recognized and commended for their outstanding donation to our charity. The Quigley House is a safe shelter for battered women and children here in Clay County. Our members opened their hearts and donated \$1500 in money and new items for the women and children. Well done members!

We also installed our new officers for 2014. Welcome incoming President Kris Kolbinskie, Secretary Cathe Gordon and VP/Membership Linda Meyer. A Past President's pin and class gift certificate was given in appreciation to outgoing President Teresa Brewer.



In 2014 duClay has gotten off to a great start. duClay members are having a chapter SAL again this year. Your chosen project could be in any medium, it could be a holiday theme or a garden theme. In 2013 we selected *Tocatto I* by Drawn Thread and many members did finish the SAL and a few more are still plugging along on it.

Our 2014 Challenge is going to be very exciting – we have 17 Members participating which is over half our membership and we collected twice as much money in pledges as we did in 2013. YEAH for our members for committing to finish those projects nominated in the challenge. Next year even more right???

January and February have been very cold here in northeast Florida however our stitch ins have been well attended. At our recent February 8<sup>th</sup> stitch in we had a celebrity in the sampler world join us – Ellen Chester of *With My Needle* was here in our area visiting family. We also had plural member Cathy Roginela from Illinois owner of Inspired Needle also in for a visit.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting a “taste of “ workshop on Blackwork taught by member JoyceAnne Stevens. She will be focusing only on double-running and we will start with a doodle cloth but ultimately the project is a sampler or nametag. The workshop will immediately follow our business meeting at 1pm.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> member Cathe Gordon will be leading a “taste of “ workshop on crewel. We have chosen Judy Jeroy's *Petite Project* from the EGA archives. We are offering two color-ways and making kits for everyone who wants to do the class.

We welcome anyone visiting our area to join our two stitch-ins every month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.

Please visit our blog often and see what duClay is up to: <http://duclayega.blogspot.com/>

*Gulfview**Ann Ashley*

Thus far 2014 has been good to Gulfview chapter.

In January we had a "stash" sale with six tables covered with books, magazines, patterns, kits (new and partially done) and fabrics, not to mention all the threads and yarns. Our PRO had listed the date and place in the local newsletter and we now have two new members just from this event.

Another woman, new to the area, had seen the ad and had contacted the person mentioned in that ad. She came as a guest and is now an active member, enjoying learning and the socializing.

At the February meeting we had a late arrival who is our latest plural member. She looked us up on the web and is delighted to be with us.

On February 22, 2014 Gulfview Chapter held a Stitch in Public event as a conclusion to a successful six-week Stitching Series. There were six students and they learned the very basics in counted cross stitch, surface embroidery, canvas work and Hardanger. Chapter members acted as teachers as well as mentors. Each of the members also learned something new at the sessions.

On February 19 and 20 Margaret Kinsey held a pilot class with seven of our members. Oh, to be a fly on the wall at this session.

*Indian River**Adrienne Meyer*

Indian River Chapter began 2014 with its annual stash sale. Members cleaned out their stitching supplies over the holidays and brought their unwanted kits, fabrics, threads, tools, frames and more to be converted into treasures by other members. Also in January we welcomed Canadian teacher Linda LaChance for a two-day Candy Necklace Bag workshop.



After stitching in public at a local bookstore in February, members honored their most valuable tools - their needles - at the monthly meeting. As Japanese women have done for over 400 years, our members gathered to thank their broken, discolored or worn out needles and pins. In the Hari Kuyo ceremony we buried our needles in a cake of tofu which is traditionally used because of its soft texture. The burial is meant to thank the needles for their good service. Afterwards Jonalene Gutwein spoke to the assembled members about different types of embroidery fabrics.



In March Jineen Kulczycky will teach her beaded EGA fob. The larger beads used should make it easier for first-time beaders.



IRC will host the region meeting in Lake Mary on April 5 and 6. The evening program on Saturday will be this small scissor fob designed by Adrienne Meyer. All stitching materials will be supplied. Those who wish to participate should bring #24 or 26 tapestry needles and needlework scissors + small hoop if you like. In addition they must reserve a kit by circling **YES** at the bottom on the luncheon coupon on page 3. If you do not plan to attend the luncheon but want to participate in the stitching, we must still have a coupon so a kit is reserved in your name.



## *Neapolitan*

*Joan Thomasson*

Neapolitan Chapter celebrated "The Art of Embroidery" with our biannual exhibit and sale Feb. 20-22, ably chaired by Luan Callery and Lilianne Rivera. 129 pieces of exquisite embroidery were combined to make an excellent show. Terrific publicity provided by Maria Giovine and Pat Russell brought our show to the front page of the Naples Daily News! The show was exceptional and the sale of needlework treasures netted the chapter lots of funds for future classes and scholarships. We also had several people sign up for free classes which will be offered after the exhibit in several different areas of needlework, several of whom will hopefully join us as members. There was close competition for the people's choice awards: third place went to Lilianne Rivera, Second place to Luan Callery, and the most popular piece was won by Janet Kassing for her magnificent Beaded Koi Fish, comprised of 50,000 gold beads (or so it seemed) on a gorgeous silk background.

Coming up in the next few months are a lecture/ demonstration by expert bead designer Barbara Ellis in March, our April luncheon, and moving back to our summer quarters as many of our members are headed back up North for the summer. We continue to have stitchins at Moorings Park the third Wednesday of May, June, July, and August, as well as in the homes of members. We currently have 52 members, 31 primary and 21 plural.

Finally, we are hoping to participate in the ITT touring teacher project and have already chosen the teacher we would like and the piece we would like her to teach. Our paperwork has been filed, and we are looking forward to hearing the results in April.

## *Sand Dollar*

*Kathy Dougherty*

Our members are frantically stitching to meet our UFO challenge deadline of March 6. We started this project last summer with members allowed to register up to five UFO's. All projects were registered and photographed before and after completion. At our April luncheon members may bring their completed UFO's and we will have a slideshow of all the before and after pictures. This has been a very successful program and we plan to repeat it in a year or so.

Stitch-in Public Day found us at a local Hobby Lobby. Unlike past years several folks stopped by and we got a new member from the day.

Our annual February Stitch Away was great fun. We had four members teaching projects in knitting, needle tatting, canvas work, and ribbon embroidery. This year, for lunch, we had a make-your-own salad bar with members provide salad fixings, soups and desserts.

Our March education is a continuation from January of the canvas welcoming cat, designed by a member, using coral and jade colors as an early celebration of our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.



*Sand Dunes**Linda Anne Buehler*

No Report.

*Sandhill Crane*

The Sandhill Crane Chapter has been busy in 2014. In January member Carol Riddler began a year long Hardanger project. Each month the 10 to 12 participants learn one or two new stitches. Some are creating a sampler and others are creating a pattern book with small pages showing one stitch.

Several members work each month on their GCC "Angelina."

In March Linda Hansen will show the group how to assemble a biscornu.

Since a number of members have been expanding their interest in adding beads to their work and in beading, in April Jenna McClooney will teach a class on making a tila bead bracelet. Also in April, Linda Hansen will be hosting EGA members at her house for a day and a half class with Margaret Bendig.

May's program includes our annual lunch. Jane Newhouse will share information about Renaissance Needlework based on a class from the 2013 seminar.

The Chapter continues to support Habitat for Humanity in Citrus and Hernando counties by stitching samplers for the families moving into a completed house

*Sarasota**Anita Parsons*

No report.

*Sea Grape**Chris Zogus*

The year has started with great projects and good friends. In January we began our Make and Take Program. Julie McCarter (photo on the left of Eileen and Julie discussing options) began with "Experimentation I". This is a great needlepoint challenge. Each member has four opportunities to learn/experiment with stitches, patterns and finishes. Then in February we continued the program with Muriel Kreeger's "Bells and Blackwork" (photo on the right). Muriel provided us with information about Blackwork history



and some wonderful examples. We then began our projects. Finishing instructions and options will be presented at our next stitch in.

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January was our Annual Luncheon. This year we had at least two wonderful memories. Our current President Ellie Sloane presented our past President Antoinette Sabatka with a gift in honor of her wonderful leadership of our chapter (photo on left). Our educational speaker was Margaret Kinsey. She provided beautiful examples of Kimono and her work. It has led to many ideas about having cyber and lecture classes with her in the future.



Our annual award - Roxanne Badenoch Memorial Thimble Award - was won by Chris Zogus. The work is entitled "Loving Couple".



We are looking forward to the remainder of the year: in May – Diamonds Are Forever, in June – Charlotte's Web, in July – Summer Salads and Summer Retreat, in October – Melissa's Mystery and November – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

## *Stitching Gators*

*Betsy Harris*

No report.

### **Editor's Note**

This is my last issue as editor and I want to take a moment to thank you all for your cooperation and timeliness in submitting your reports. It has been fun preparing each issue for distribution. Many of you have begun including photos with your reports; they really liven up the black and white pages.

I am moving on to another job with Sun Region - that of Bylaws chair. Jan needed me there and Linda Anne Buehler was willing to come back as editor for the remainder of this year. - Adrienne

## 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.

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EGA MEMBER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

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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

[2014Registrar@sunregionega.org](mailto:2014Registrar@sunregionega.org)

Dietary

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## Region Sponsored Education Opportunity – International Teaching Tour

If you could take a one- or two-day class with an international teacher, say, Tanja Berlin, Jane Nicholas or Alison Cole, where the only thing you had to pay for was your own travel and kit fee, would you? Well, I definitely would. Keep reading . . . .

You've probably heard of the International Teaching Tour (ITT) but aren't quite sure what it's about. You're not alone, I didn't fully grasp it until it was broken down more fully. It's a terrific opportunity to study with an international teacher, who comes to your region or chapter. Maybe the teacher is one you wanted at seminar but couldn't get into or you couldn't go that year. This is your chance to have that experience.

And, this year, it gets better. Normally the participants pay for the teacher's fee, transportation and lodging. This year Sun Region would like to "give back" to the membership by sponsoring one of the ITT teachers by covering the teacher's fee, transportation and lodging. Participants would only pay for their personal travel expenses and kit fee. The region would sponsor a two-day class and maybe an additional one-day class.

This is a BIG savings to our membership and provides a unique opportunity to study with instructors a chapter normally can't afford.

Here's the hard part, deciding what priority to bid the three teachers on the tour. This is on the agenda for the April meeting. Information on this year's "Dream Team 2014" is included here and on the EGA National website at this address: <http://www.egausa.org/index.php/events/international-teaching-tour-itt>. Each teacher's portfolio of classes is shown with a detailed description and photo of each class. The teachers may offer additional classes but class choices are not made with the application for the ITT.

Please discuss this with your chapter members and be ready to actively participate at the meeting. There will be discussions at the meeting and Reps will need to vote as your chapter rep. Votes to be made include: whether or not to participate in the ITT program this year, which teachers to request and approval of the expenditure for this event.

### **Dream Team 2014**

Tanja Berlin - is from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Her classes are in goldwork, blackwork and needlepainting. She is offering three two-day classes in needle painting, goldwork, or blackwork, as presented in the class descriptions. Tour dates: October 26-November 2.

Alison Cole - Her home is in West Melton, Australia (near Melbourne). She has projects in stumpwork, three-dimensional stumpwork, Or Nué and goldwork. She is offering two one-day classes with student's choice of one of two different designs and four two-day classes with project descriptions. Tour dates: October 26-November 23.

Ed. Note: Take a look at the article on Alison Cole and her embroidery in the March 2014 *Needle Arts* beginning on page 4.

Jane Nicholas - from Bowral, in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, Australia, is presenting stumpwork, goldwork and surface embroidery. She is offering two one-day classes and seven two-day classes, as presented in the class descriptions. Interested chapters may request additional selections. Tour dates: October 26-November 23.