



# The Sun News

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## RD's Letter

I can't believe how fast time is going this year. It's September already and time to start thinking about weekend football games, tennis championships as well as golf. What did you do that was fun this past summer? I'm sure there has been a lot of stitching fun being had by everyone. Great job!

We're gearing up for our next region meeting which will be at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra. The location is very pretty. The resort has a beautiful golf course and several tennis courts as well as a full Spa. There is also a beach portion that the resort will shuttle us over to. I have read on the resort's website that there is a concession stand there with beverages.

We will hold election of officers and have their installation on Sunday.

If your chapter hasn't taken advantage of a Sun Region Education Grant this year, time is getting short. This is an opportunity for a chapter to receive \$200 reimbursement from the region for a GCC or workshop. Applications for reimbursement have to be filed with the Sun Region treasurer by November 30th. Don't miss out. We will be doing this grant program again next year. Program chairmen might want to keep this in mind for your 2015 program planning.

I hope everyone is continuing to have fun with their stitching endeavors. Remember, it's good to learn a new technique or experience a different craft, or even view a museum exhibit for a different medium. You never know what you'll pick up and carry between the new medium and the embroidery world. Drop me a line and tell me about your experiences. I love to hear about everyone's experiences.

Happy stitching, *Jan*

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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."

## *Sun Region Officers and Committee Chairs*

### Executive Committee

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### Seminar Chairs

|                     |                |                            |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
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| <b>2016 Seminar</b> | Donna Christie | 2016chair@sunregionega.org |

**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's report**

*Betty Baechle*

Our fall meeting is almost here which is hard to believe. Summer went by very quickly. My time was spent with family, friends, travel and stitching. Now it's time to get back to region business. Here are a few tidbits concerning the resort that you need to know.

Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa is located just south of Jacksonville and north of St. Augustine off Highway A1A. Address is 1000 PGA TOUR Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. Date to be there is September 13 - 14.

Directions found on Google, AAA and locals use this for those coming from the south. I have used this route.

I-95N take exit 329 for St. John's 210 toward Ponte Vedra/ Green Cove Springs. Turn right onto County Road 210E (3.3 mi). Turn left onto US1N (1.4 mi. ). Take the Nocatee Parkway exit ( 4.3 mi). Continue onto Palm Valley Rd. At the traffic circle take the 2nd exit onto Mickler Rd. Left onto A1A. Left onto PGA tour Blvd.

Directions from the north. I-295 exit at Butler going East. South onto A1A. Right onto PGA tour Blvd.

There have been some changes with recent remodeling. If you were there before you will notice the lobby and a few of the restaurants have changed. You will have access to the Health Club and Spa. Complimentary self-parking. Cabana Club Beach Access located along the Atlantic Ocean. There is hotel transportation to the Cabana Club, golf and the Sawgrass Shopping Village. There are four outdoor pools and three whirlpools, so pack that bathing suit.

This meeting is hosted by duClay and Neapolitan chapters - the luncheon by duClay and the evening program by Neapolitan. The evening program is hands on. Dress casual. Joan Thomasson has given the chapters permission to use the information presented Saturday evening for a chapter program.

Look forward to seeing all of you there.

This is my last report as ARD. It has been a great learning experience and my pleasure to be on the board. I thank the chapters that helped by making the wonderful table favors and planning the Saturday evening programs. I may not be at the region meetings but I will look forward to seeing you at the region seminars.



**2014 Calendar**

|              |                        |  |
|--------------|------------------------|--|
| Sept 13 - 14 | Sun Region meeting     | Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa<br>Ponte Vedra Beach, FL |
| Oct 18 - 24  | EGA National Seminar   | Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort<br>Phoenix, AZ                 |
| Dec 1        | next Sun News deadline |  |

*Treasurer's report**Kathy Singleton*

|                               | Checking   | MoneyMkt  |  | YTD      | Budget    |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|--|----------|-----------|
| Opening Balances (05/31/2014) | 15,396.34  | 52,036.31 |  |          |           |
| <b>Income</b>                 |            |           |  |          |           |
| Dues                          | 1,674.00   |           |  | 1704     | 1,749.00  |
| Interest                      |            | 6.56      |  |          | 50.00     |
| Educ Event                    | 1,950.00   |           |  | 1950     |           |
| Fund Raising                  |            |           |  |          | 150.00    |
| Contributions                 |            |           |  |          | 120.00    |
| Retreats                      |            |           |  |          |           |
| Printing                      |            |           |  |          |           |
| Other                         | 50.00      |           |  | 175      | 50.00     |
| TOTAL INCOME                  | 3,674.00   | 6.56      |  | 3,829.00 | 2,119.00  |
| <b>Expense</b>                |            |           |  |          |           |
| Educ Event                    | 1,137.50   |           |  | 1937.5   | 3,000.00  |
| Fund Raising                  |            |           |  |          |           |
| Rent                          |            |           |  | 452.82   | 645.00    |
| Newsletter                    |            |           |  |          |           |
| Administration                | 36.35      |           |  | 36.35    | 140.00    |
| Officers' Travel              | 132.10     |           |  | 919.19   | 3,840     |
| Retreats                      |            |           |  |          |           |
| Gifts                         |            |           |  |          | 150.00    |
| Printing                      |            |           |  |          |           |
| Other                         |            |           |  | 61.25    | 225.00    |
| TOTAL EXPENSE                 | 1,305.95   | 0.00      |  | 3,407.11 | 8,000.00  |
| Transfers                     |            |           |  |          | 3,681.00  |
| Retreat - Crystal River       |            |           |  | 6134     | 2,300.00  |
| Seminar 2015                  | 224.09     |           |  |          | -1,000.00 |
| Seminar 2016                  | -63.46     |           |  |          |           |
| Ways and Means                | -109.54    |           |  | 86.46    | 900.00    |
| Meals                         | 321        |           |  | 345      | 0.00      |
| OVERALL TOTAL                 | 18,136.48  | 52,042.87 |  | 6,987.35 | 0.00      |
| CLOSING BALANCES (08/23/2014) | 19,525.06  | 52042.87  |  |          |           |
| Difference                    | 1,388.58   | 0.00      |  |          |           |
| ck 1109                       | 200.00     |           |  |          |           |
| Ck 1110                       | 937.50     |           |  |          |           |
| Ck 1111                       | 63.46      |           |  |          |           |
| Ck 1112                       | 187.62     |           |  |          |           |
| Total OT items                | \$1,388.38 |           |  |          |           |
| Difference                    | \$0.00     |           |  |          |           |

# Committee Information

## BYLAWS - *Adrienne Meyer, chair*

Be sure to take the two bylaws motions to your chapter board for approval before attending the September region meeting. The first motion brings our policies and bylaws into agreement and should be fairly straightforward.

The second motion appears complex at first but is basically an attempt to clarify the procedure for presenting and voting on a between sessions motion. It was taken directly from the national procedure on BSM and will surely be abbreviated and amended at this meeting. Secretary Lynn Abbey had difficulty even getting a quorum for our two between session votes earlier this summer since our current policy is not clear.

Please read through to understand so you can participate in paring this motion down to the essentials, yet make it clear to all those who read it.

## EDUCATION - *Cherí Hammer, chair*

How wonderful that so many of you are going to be participating in our International Touring Teacher opportunity! In November Alison Cole will be traveling to St. Petersburg where she will be teaching "Rambling Clematis", a stumpwork and goldwork feast for the eyes (and fingers). Sun Region funds are being used to offset the cost of this class, and the lucky participants get to take a two day class for the cost of their kit!

Don't forget about Sun Region's 2014 Education Grant! This is a great 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!

There are also some future educational opportunities coming up – a chance for a lucky Sun Region member to attend the International Embroidery Conference in Williamsburg, VA in May, and also a national grant of \$5000 to the region to be spent on educational event(s). So be sure to talk to your Sun Region Representative after the September meeting to get the "scoop" on all of these fabulous happenings!

## SOCIAL MEDIA - *Jenna McClooney, chair*



Great opportunities for sharing information on facebook are coming up soon. Our Florida chapters are resuming meetings and other events after the summer, and the Sun Region board meeting in Jacksonville in September. 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.

If you haven't already "liked" this page, go to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sun-Sea-Embroiderers/333104789412> 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 [socialmedia@sunregionega.org](mailto:socialmedia@sunregionega.org)

## 2015 SEMINAR - *"Stitchers' Garden"* - Deby Talley, chair



Registration will open September 1, 2014 for the 2015 Sun Region EGA Seminar, Stitchers' Garden. Registration will run through January 15, 2015.

The seminar will be May 1-3, 2015 and will be held at the Hilton Grand Vacations Club in Orlando, FL. We have some exciting events planned along with some excellent classes.

The entire brochure is on the Sun Region EGA website at [sunregionega.org](http://sunregionega.org). You can find this by clicking on the event button for the 2015 seminar on the main page. All region reps will be given a few paper copies at the region meeting in September to bring back to share with chapter members who are not able to get online to get the information. If your chapter needs to have additional copies mailed to people, please contact JoyceAnne Stevens, the registrar and she will send them a copy. She will not have these until after the mid September region meeting. Her email is [2015Registrar@sunregionega.org](mailto:2015Registrar@sunregionega.org).

Our national President, Gwen Nelson, will be in attendance and will be presenting items from the EGA collection at our banquet on Saturday evening. We will also have a merchandise night on Friday night. We are proud to offer a very diverse group of classes and teachers for this weekend. Be sure and take a look at all that is available.

Come and join us for a fun filled and educational weekend!

## 2016 SEMINAR - *"Red Sails in the Sunset"* - Donna Christie, chair

Seminar 2016, "Red Sails in the Sunset" will be held at the St Petersburg Bayfront Hilton from April 28 - May 1, 2016. More information on the hotel will be in upcoming newsletters.

Faculty selection was held, and we are confident that a great selection of teachers and classes have been chosen!!

There will be a lot of things to do, places to see and classes to take!!!!

So, save the date, come to "A Stitchers Garden" in Orlando in May of 2015 to see the classes that will be offered and reserve your spot to ensure you get the class you want!!!

Please watch upcoming newsletters as well as the Sun Region web site for more information!!!



## HISTORIAN - *Karan Quintero, chair*

The Sun Region 1986 Seminar, "Back to College", was accurately named because it was held at Rollins College located in Winter Park, Florida. Sun Region members received a black and white brochure enticing them with a fee of only \$125 for the June 29, 30 and July 1st event. This fee included the class tuition, double rooms on a first come, first served basis in an air conditioned building with elevators, five full cafeteria style meals, Monday breakfast through Tuesday lunch with four coffee/tea breaks. However, members were advised that few area restaurants were open on Sunday and the college could provide supper for an additional \$5.

McKean Hall would have four rooms which would be using a multiple-convenience bathroom and a building phone for emergencies. The pool would be open Sun/Mon from 4-6pm so members could relax before and after all the fun started. Large poorly lit lounges would house the classes and attendee's were encouraged to bring their personal floor stands and lighting. Parking was below McKean Hall so attendees were advised to drop off luggage/supplies so walking uphill would not be unduly laborious. (*We NEVER bring more than we need too....LOL...maybe not then.*)

Class proficiency levels were "Beginner's to Intermediate" with wonderful teachers and varied techniques:

1. "Butterflies with Jewel" (\$17/Silk & Metal on Mono Canvas) by Le E. Brady;
2. "Japanese Leaf Design" (\$6/Intermediate Crewel with Appleton Yarn on Moire Fabric) by Ellen Carlson;
3. "Italian Shaded Flower" (\$15/Silk & Metal) by Rena Gordan;
4. "You'-nique Samplings (\$12/Reversible Blackwork, Drawn Thread, Holbein & Needlelace) by Joanne Gutwein;
5. "Cambria" (\$25/Canvas, Beading, Silk & Metal) by Dorothy Markley;
6. "Triangularity's" (\$10.00 Quilting) by Deanna Powell;
7. "Sampler" (\$50/Pulled Thread with White China Silk on Congress Cloth by Eileen Sullivan);
8. "Blackwork Embroidery Handbag" (\$10/Pulled Thread, Hemstitch Edgings, Gold & student Color choice thread on Lugana by Barbara Thomas);
9. "Angel with Trumpet" (\$22.50/Silk & Metal, Couching, Blackwork, Pattern Darning, Herringbone, Coral Knots, Whipped Outline & False Chain on Linen by Martha Pearle Vogt and the final 10, "Italian Cutwork" (\$15/Drawn Work, Ajoure/Pulled Work, Bullion Work, Square Reticella on Linen. *You think those girls were working hard..... YOU KNOW IT!!*

Sunday from 12-6pm and 7-9pm the Bookstore was open to everyone's delight. A "Meet The Teachers" session allowed Sun Region members to view the upcoming seminar class projects. The Hospitality Room on the first floor allowed members to meet with old friends, chat and chill before the two intense days of learning began.

Monday the Central Florida Chapter provided afternoon snack's. The evening supper special treat was Audrey Francini as the guest speaker. Members could indulge with wine that evening and the optional guest could attend for an additional \$10.

Tuesday finished up the classes and luggage was packed requiring the room key be returned to the Registration Chair at the end of Seminar located in McKean Hall or a \$20 fee would be charged to the registered name. Everyone had to be, OUT, OUT, OUT, by 5pm Tuesday.

An exhibit was open but location and hours were not provided in the seminar booklet. However, there were schematic diagrams of all four floors of McKean Hall, a name roster of all seminar attendees (On Campus 119 and three Off Campus = 121= WOW!! WOW!!) and a full page of Special Attractions and Items of Interest provided by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce in the Seminar Booklet.

The Seminar Committe was composed of two Co-Chairs, Florence Flum (Biscayne) and Nancy Paul (Coral Springs); Secretary, Margaret Baretleman (Sarasota); Treasurer, Anita Walker (Sand Dunes); Faculty, Ruth Cook (duClay & Okeefenokee); Facilities/Equipment/Classroom Assignments, Kay Smith (Central Florida); Hospitality, (Gulfview & Treasure Chest); Brochure, Dorothy Walker (Suncoast); Registration, Joanne Gutwein (Indian River); Monday Evening Dinner Program, (Biscayne); Bookstore, Betty Fogarty (Coral Springs), Exhibit, Janet Hill (Hibiscus) and Goody Bags, Clarke Harrison (SR Director, Sand Dunes). *Thirteen different Chapters, represented by some terrific women, contributed to the success of this seminar.....IS THAT NOT AWESOME!!*

## OUTREACH - *JoyceAnne Stevens, chair*

Summer is a slow restful time for many Sun Region chapters. Some members leave the state for cooler places. Some chapters have stitch-ins during the summer months but no regular meetings until September. Several Sun Region chapters continue to work on year long projects and many members continue to stitch and/or plan for fall Outreach projects.

Bermuda Chapter is making plans for a sale and tea in the fall with proceeds going to a cancer organization called PAL's.

Biscayne Chapter completed 10 Habitat for Humanity samplers this summer for a total of 25 in 2014. They also stitched 15 Kissing Pillows bringing this year's total to 75. 24 "cozy caps" were given to Ronald McDonald House making a total of 63 caps so far this year. In addition, 38 pounds of toiletries and 20 pounds of pop tops were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. Biscayne Chapter members collect pennies, stamps, toiletries, and Coupons for Education for various groups.

Central Florida Chapter is continuing work on stitching hearts to apply to a wall hanging for the new Ronald McDonald House. The project is called "Hearts A Fire".

duClay Chapter held a month long exhibit of Christmas related items during July, calling their display, "Christmas in July".

Gulfview Chapter continues to support the Linus blanket project.

Neapolitan Chapter in addition to the many Habitat for Humanity samplers stitched and presented was able to make a donation of \$400 to Habitat. The money came from the profit made at their biannual exhibit and sale.

Sand Dunes Chapter will be presenting 2 Habitat samplers later this month to new homeowners and continue to work on the Christmas stocking for the Children's Advocacy Center.

Sea Grape Chapter members are very busy stitching EGA bookmarks to be given out at their February 2015 needlework show. As of July over 500 bookmarks had been turned in. The knitters in the chapter have so far this year given 124 baby caps and 145 chemo caps to Lee Memorial Hospital.

There are a multitude of wonderful ideas for outreach being carried out by Sun Region Chapters. I would like to call to your attention to several National Outreach projects. The EGA store at the EGA web site has several really great stitching projects for sale with proceeds going to a couple of different medical research projects. These would make wonderful programs or SAL's for chapters. The designs are various techniques and have been donated by the designers to EGA. Please remember that if you use them for a program each participant must have their own copy.



***NOMINATING - Pat Carrington (chair), Geni Dickinson,  
Linda Hansen, Deby Talley***

The Nominating Committee has completed the selection of a slate of officers for the 2014 - 2017 term. Nominations from the floor may also be presented at the September meeting before voting begins. We thank the members below for accepting the nominations for their positions. We thank all of the region's members for being helpful in selecting this slate. You will find bios of each nominee on the following pages of this newsletter.

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Region Director           | Kathy Singleton |
| Assistant Region Director | Melody Bryan    |
| Secretary                 | Cheri Hammer    |
| Treasurer                 | Lynn Abbey      |

**--- NEEDED ---  
New Nominating Committee**

**Region Reps -- Please be prepared!** -- We must elect a new Sun Region Nominating Committee during the Organizational Meeting on Sunday, September 14th

Qualified nominees are:

chapter elected region reps, committee chairs, and past board members.

We need 3 NC members plus 2 alternates. Nominating Committee members are required to attend all region meetings.

The Nominating Committee will serve from September 2014 through the fall Region Meeting 2017, concurrent with the new slate.

Please, please nominate a qualified person, or if you wish to serve, ask to be nominated. If you nominate someone not in attendance, you must present a signed note that indicates their permission.

## Sun Region's Proposed Slate of Officers

To serve from October 2015 - October 2018

### Kathy Singleton, Region Director



Kathy began stitching at the age of 5. She would spend the weekends at her grandmother's house and she learned embroidery and crochet from her. Mind you, this was free hand embroidery, no counting, no hoops, etc. Her first real project was a chicken scratch apron – yellow – a color Kathy now doesn't really care for. Her grandmother embroidered quilt squares and Kathy would embroider the stamped pillowcases to match. Naturally, surface embroidery remains her favorite stitching.

She continued stitching through the 70's where she was in demand to embroider on jeans, jackets, etc etc. Remember all of that? In the 80s' she started bigger projects, including crewel, pulled thread, and bead embroidery. And that's when the Christmas stocking thing started. She has now stitched a stocking for everyone in her family – that includes her immediate family, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, etc. etc. Now when anyone gets married or has a baby, the question becomes what will the stocking look like. Her niece's fiancée bothered her for a year making sure that he was going to be presented one, thus leading Kathy to believe that is why he married her niece.

Kathy has held lots of positions in EGA having joined Windy Stitchers in Chicago when she discovered a flyer for EGA at a local shop. She's held every chapter position except for president. She is proud of her two terms as National Treasurer and the work that was accomplished there. That experience really broadened her knowledge of EGA's workings and the reasons why some things are done the way that they are. At the region level, she has chaired a region seminar and retreat and currently serves as the region treasurer.

### Melody Bryan, Assistant Region Director



Melody's history with EGA goes back a long way. She joined EGA when she was still in high school. She was a charter member of the now defunct LeMoyne Chapter in Jacksonville. She found out about a guild forming from the LNS owner who became a lifelong friend and still is today. She remained active in LeMoyne for a few years but her developing passion was showing purebred dogs and that took over and dominated her life for the next 25 years.

Like many of you – Melody learned to embroider and crochet from her grandmother. She learned to do simple needlepoint at about age 8 or 10. Even though she was very involved in traveling and exhibiting Afghan Hounds, needlework was always a part of her life.

In the mid 2000's, Melody joined the Dixie Chapter in Columbus, GA in which she still retains a plural membership. She decided after moving to Orange Park in 2008 that she should visit the duClay Chapter. She originally joined as a plural member, but has been primary member for a few years now. She has held a couple of offices in duClay and is currently VP/Programs & Education.

These days Melody spends a lot of time doing traditional wool rug hooking. She's been a "hooker" for about 15+ years now. She is a member of the NF Rug Hooking Guild as well as their parent national guild. She is an avid knitter, has a deep love of samplers and the history that goes along with them, and still enjoys doing various types of canvaswork.

## Cheri Hammer, Secretary



Cheri has been fascinated with stitching from a very young age. Completely self-taught and self-guided, she gobbled up all of those crafty kits you get as a child. Then she ventured into counted cross-stitch, spending years making little x's on fabric. But then one day she saw a poster for a needle art exhibit, and that totally changed her world! The Sand Dunes Chapter in Northwest Florida held a bi-annual show and that was Cheri's introduction into the wonderful world of EGA.

Cheri joined Sand Dunes in the early 90s, and quickly volunteered to be the night liaison for the chapter. Education is her passion, and she wanted the night meeting attendees to have the same opportunities as the day meeting attendees. Over the years, several times she has held the position of education chairman and/or vice president (in charge of programs).

Cheri has also been her chapter's region representative, and has been exposed to Sun Region operations. She was the Merchandise Night chairman for both the 2000 and 2011 national seminars. She is currently the education chairman for both her chapter and the region.

## Lynn Abbey, Treasurer



Lynn was fortunate to be surrounded by threadbenders as a child. Her mother and both her grandmothers knit, sewed, knotted, and crocheted. They shared their skills with her regularly, but sometimes competitively so it was no great surprise that she gravitated toward a threadbending art that did not fascinate her mentors: embroidery.

She learned embroidery in a thoroughly haphazard, self-taught manner until discovering the EGA by accident in 1978 (A neighbor's copy of Needle Arts appeared in her mailbox by mistake!). After that, embroidery became Lynn's passion. She joined the Ann Arbor (MI) chapter and volunteered to be its education officer at her first meeting

In Ann Arbor, Lynn went on to serve as newsletter editor, region representative, and president. From Ann Arbor she moved to Oklahoma and joined the Central Oklahoma chapter where she

took over their newsletter. In 1997 she moved to Central Florida and joined the Chain Stitchers chapter where she has served as region representative, president, and other positions; she is currently the chapter's newsletter editor and outreach co-chair. She has served as the Sun Region Secretary for the past 5 years.

# Chapter Reports

## BERMUDA

*Shina Lyons*

Hello from a very wet Bermuda! It has been raining for 21 days - a record!! It's nice to stitch and not feel we should be outside.

The guild has had the summer off; we do get together to stitch but no meetings. Our president gave birth to a beautiful baby girl and we look forward to seeing her at some of our meetings(photo attached). In September we start up the year with a wonderful day of stitching overlooking Hamilton Harbor and a lovely lunch and some games of stitch bingo.

The first Thursday in October is our first meeting and this will be used to get ready for our big sale and tea. The proceeds from this is given to our cancer charity called PALs. This group goes around to all cancer patients living in their homes to help and talk with them.

November meeting we plan to have a small workshop and our December meeting will be our Christmas party. This year we plan to be a little different since it is our 20th anniversary so we plan to have a lunch and dinner after our meetings and the following Saturday we are going to have a stitch in at a hotel and have a Christmas lunch.

All in all I think we are starting the year off with a bang and look forward to celebrating the rest of the year!!! Please come over and join us...

## BISCAYNE

*Karan Quintero*

I certainly hope all members of Sun Region were busy stitchers since last we hooked up. Needless to say, Biscayne has been busy and I am going to tell you just how!

June is a laid back month for us as we enter the summer. Members were encouraged to bring in unfinished program projects, like the Ort Keep, the Mary Hickmott's Florentine Sampler, the GCC Needlework Tool Case or the GCC Bargello Challenge to work on, or get help with as they the mail-in deadlines approached.

Just this last month or so, the GCC Bargello participants received their projects back with their critiques. One of our members got together with her daughter and created a way to feature her finished piece (*pictured at right*) ...what do you think??

As an on-going project, we are doing the NeedleArts Series Project: Colonial Band Sampler designed by Eileen Bennett which started with the March 2014 issue. Our monthly meetings offer ready help to members new to Counted Thread techniques. We are anxiously awaiting the next installment.

This is also the month for distribution of our Biscayne Chapter Challenge (BCC). This, our third challenge, is Fauna & Flora. Each plastic pencil case is filled with a tapestry needle, fabric, various threads, various notions and miscellaneous crazy stuff. Participants must create a piece of stitchery representing the theme utilizing these contents. Participants must use no less than 1/2 of the box contents, they may eliminate one single item, and they may add as many items as we want. The challenge runs from June to December's 5th's Holiday Party. At this time, the most "liked" piece will be chosen by all members and guests present. The lucky winner will receive a yet to be announced prize. This should be a show stopper.....can't wait!!

September will bring a wonderful visit from Margaret Kinsey. Margaret will spin a historical story of, 'The Silk Road'. A power-point presentation of Asian stitchery photos followed by a visual of her own needle art creations



will be concurrent. We know this will be an outstanding program. If you are in the neighborhood, give one of us a call, bring a friend and join us on Friday, September 5th. Enjoy the program and plan to stay and stitch awhile. Our doors are always open!!

In October our program will be a Beaded Icicle in various colorways. In November we have our Biscayne Board elections. December will bring the installation of new Board Officers, the winner of the Fauna & Flora BCC and of course our Holiday Party.

As we bring in the New Year, we will be bringing Joan Thomasson's, "Marigolds & Moorish Tile" workshop to Miami. Needless to say we will be busy, busy, busy!!

## CANOPY OAKS

*Linda Dean*

Summertime, for Canopy Oaks Chapter in Tallahassee, was filled with stitching and making plans for more.

Our annual "Summer Planning Session" was held on July 26 at the home of President Anne Wright. We made plans for the 2014-2015 season and then lunch consisted of many delicious dishes that were brought by members.

Basic Hardanger, our summer stitching workshop, led by Pam Doffek this year, included basic stitches of kloster block, cutting/withdrawing threads, woven bars, corner fillings, picots and more. This workshop served as the foundation for a new chapter GCC this autumn: Liesel-Schwalm by Barbara M. Kershaw.

In August, we had our first gathering at the newly constructed St. Peter's Anglican Church of Tallahassee. This substantial English Gothic style building includes more meeting room space, windows and lights than the previous building. Our chapter is grateful to St. Peter's for the meeting provisions provided since 2006.

Upcoming events include:

- September outing to the Quilt Show at Museum of Florida History in the R. A. Gray Building
- October program of Color Shading Techniques presented by Anne Wright and Marilyn Cox
- November will be Finishing Techniques by Carole Fiore, Deborah Schroder, and Pam Doffek

## CENTRAL FLORIDA

*Gaby Hubbard*

Central Florida Chapter has had a busy summer school. In June we learned about Or Nue, a technique from the Middle Ages known as Burgundian Embroidery or Italian shading. In July, an American Flag project was done to learn about bead embroidery. In August we learned the history of crazy quilting and different methods of stitching the fabric together depending on what type of project you want to make. We learned what kinds of fabrics are better than others and what kind not to use. We also came prepared to have a fabric swap. And of course all the wonderful ways to embroider after the fabrics have been sewn together.

Coming up for the fall is a lesson on color and how to color fabric for the background of a piece. October will be the month to continue on a project that you may need help on from your fellow members. In November, we'll learn more about crewel and we were lucky enough to win the lottery for the International Touring Teacher, Jane Nicholas. Our chapter chose the Mughal Grape Vine Tile project.

## duCLAY

*Melody Bryan & JoyceAnne Stevens*

Summer has been HOT here in NE FL but that has not stopped duClay members from enjoying several classes and our annual stitch.

Our June stitch in was held at Westminster Woods, a lovely retirement community in the tranquil Julington Creek area of St Johns Co. Member Cathy Gordon hosted our group and we had 13 members in attendance from all over NE FL. Challenge pieces for 2014 that have been completed were on display and there were so many lovely things being stitched and WIP's galore to admire.



Also in June, duClay hosted Janeann Sleeman from the Space Coast area to teach for us again. The members chose Dazzling Delight by Sundance Designs for their project. Member JoyceAnne Stevens already has a finished and framed project. It was a great class and everyone learned wonderful tricks and tips from Janeann.

## GULFVIEW

*Ann Ashley*

September? Whoops, how did we get here? Where did the summer go? Many in our membership have been getting together at least twice each month to stitch and talk. We'll see how many UFOs will be shown completed at the September 10th meeting. After the business of the organization is dealt with, the GCC "Poppies" will be officially started. In October we go into full gear. Joan Thomasson will be holding a two day class on 10/9 and 10/10; many of us are looking forward to learning from her. The project is "Rose of Sharon", a work on canvas. To get everyone in the mood, we will have a pot luck lunch and a Trunk Show from Joan after our October 8 meeting.

This fall much energy within the chapter will go towards collecting, sprucing up, and finishing projects for display at an exhibit of our needle work at the Pasco-Hernando State College. Our last exhibit at this venue was a great success, both in the perspective of the college as well as in our eyes. We sincerely hope many of the region members will make the trip sometime during the 5 week display. The exhibit will be held November 6 through December 16 at the Rao Musunuru, M.D. Art Gallery on the campus of Pasco-Hernando State College. It is located on Ridge Road in New Port Richey, Florida. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The college will be closed Monday, November 10 for Veteran's Day and November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.

*(see Exhibit "poster" on back page of this newsletter)*

## INDIAN RIVER

*Adrienne Meyer*

Indian River is so proud of our chapter's nominee for the Sun Region Gold Thread award. Our nomination and letter were sent to the EGA Education Department which selected her for the Sun Region award.

As always the chapter has been active during the summer months. We held our own one-day retreat in mid-July with 30+ friends gathering to enjoy stitching and food - not necessarily in that order. In September we hold our annual media sale where books, magazines and DVDs find new homes. In October we will stitch a Petite Project from the EGA website. November brings back IRC's Super Show & Tell and our holiday luncheon follows in December.

Other scheduled activities include the two night groups which meet on alternate Tuesday evenings, the GCC Florentine and Tulips, a monthly beading group, Sampler Sleuths, and Sheer Delight based on a project from Needle Arts magazine.

## NEAPOLITAN

*Joan Thomasson*

On May 14, the chapter voted a donation of \$400, part of the profits from our bi-annual exhibit to our primary outreach project, Habitat for Humanity. Four members went to the habitat headquarters to present the check to our contact Jennifer Pash.

Neapolitan chapter continues with stitch-ins for the summer months of August and September, while the majority of our members are cooling off up North. It is always exciting when October moves us back to the Grill Room at Moorings Park for another year of short business meetings, and great classes. In October, we will have a short business meeting with the Nominating Committee presenting the slate of officers for the next two years, after which we will be off on an excursion to Audrey's Tea Room, a favorite spot combining a thrift shop specializing in vintage clothing and accessories with mouth-watering British goodies. The dresses are full of gorgeous hand-done details, beading, French hand sewing, pulled and drawn work, and exquisite designs of all types. The staff has been wonderful explaining the detail work involved. In addition to the fabulous clothing, Audrey's serves authentic English teas complete with tiny sandwiches, warm scones with clotted cream, and a variety of English favorites in a room where even the chandeliers are made of China teacups and teapots!

November brings the election of officers and a mystery program to keep us busy until December's Installation of officers at the Christmas Luncheon at Moorings Country Club. At the luncheon, we bring toys for needy children



and draw for the much-desired free dues for the year. Come join us. We love stitchers of all abilities, whether you are Floridians all year long or just during Season.

### SAND DOLLAR

*Kathie Dougherty*

Sand Dollar members have been busy stitching for our 100 days stitching challenge. At our general meeting in September we will share all the projects we finished during the challenge. Participants agreed to stitch daily from May 25 until Sept. 3. We are calling ourselves the "hundred day challengers." Many members plan to continue stitching daily after seeing how much they can get done with just a few stitches a day.

For our September education program we will work on one of our outreach programs- Christmas ornaments for the Atlantic Life Skills School. Our October program is an Assisi Starfish designed by member Abbie Kverek. Also in September we are holding a class called Beginners Embroidery at a local library. Our past president, Mary Burkholder, is coordinating this effort. We hope to gain some new members but if not we see this as a way to stimulate interest in embroidery. This is our first attempt at such a class and we are very interested in seeing what response we get.

And finally our GCC Bargello project continues to challenge our members. We have learned new stitches, design placement and how to balance colors.

### SAND DUNES

*Linda Anne Buehler*

It's really only for June and July that Sand Dunes only holds stitch-ins instead of regular meetings. This year our Sand Dunes facebook group repeated our "101 Days of Summer Stitching Challenge" which challenges members to declare how many days during that period that they intend to stitch. Almost everyone says that they will try to stitch for between 90 and 101 days! It's usually quite a successful motivation for stitching almost every day from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

In August, we have our annual membership coffee where programs for the new stitching year are unveiled. We always hope to attract new members and this year we gained one new member. This year's theme is "Stitching B" with projects in beading, blackwork, bargello and some special stitching accessories featuring a busy bee. We begin with a "B"ead embroidered cabochon necklace in September and then move on to a "B"lackwork biscornu. Stayed tuned for the other programs next calendar year.

### SANDHILL CRANE

*Jane Newhouse*

The Sandhill Crane Chapter has a busy Fall planned.

For the September meeting Betsy Coker and Linda Hansen will be sharing stretching and blocking techniques, along with finishing ideas including an album cover.

Members will be learning to make Tenerife lace as a GCC in October and November. Jan Mazourek will also be teaching a Casalguide project in October and November. And November is reckoning day for our declared UFO's.

There will be donated thread and stitching supplies sales throughout the Fall. The group will continue to have a Stitch-In every month on the third Wednesday at the Library. We continue to supply samplers to Habitat for Humanity in Hernando and Citrus Counties.

## “STITCHES IN TIME”

The Gulfview Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is presenting an exhibit in the Rao Musunuru, M.D. Art Gallery at the Pasco-Hernando State College West Campus at 10230 Ridge Road in New Port Richey, FL from November 6, 2014 through December 16, 2014.

Gallery hours of operation are:  
Monday-Thursday - 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Friday - 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Exhibit will be closed on November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day and November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.

A wonderful display is planned which will showcase many embroidery techniques. Beading and other unique gems created with a needle and thread will also be on display.



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