



# The Sun News

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## *RD's Letter*

Can you believe that it's the holiday season again? Wondering where the time went? But when I think back to all of the EGA events that have gone on this year, I know that it's been a good year. I'm thankful for all of those events that I was privileged to attend and hope that you also attended something wonderful. Our ITT event was a huge success. Alison Cole is a fantastic teacher and person. We learned a lot in her class and had a great time with her after class. Even though the class was oversubscribed, she allowed everyone in that wanted to attend – how gracious of her.

Further thanks go to all of the past officers and committee chairs. It was a good three years and I certainly appreciate the foundation left for my board. Thanks to the nominating committee and all that voted myself and the rest of the executive committee into office. It's always a challenge to take on a new position and we will try our best. And thank you to all of those that stepped up and took chairmanships. Those are always hard to fill but are important jobs and I do appreciate the willingness to serve that I saw at the fall meeting.

And now for our Christmas list. Can we have another ITT at the region level? I think that would be great. And maybe some new education events. There have been a lot of ideas floated around but to make that all work, we need an education chair. Cheri Hammer has agreed to continue for a little longer until we have a chair. It's not really a hard job. There's lots of elves running around with ideas so it's basically putting them into motion and then keeping track of it. That would be the number one thing on my list – an education chair. Then, could we please get another ITT teacher.

Also on my list is to have a great seminar in 2015. We have wonderful classes scheduled but the enrollment is a little low. We always have a good time at seminar, lots of laughs and learning all at the same time. If you've

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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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been waiting to sign up, maybe you could ask for it for Christmas. And you'll get to see the 2016 classes first and register for them with the assurance that you'll get the class you want. What could be better?

I'd like to have two great region meetings, with lots of discussion and ideas. Wait, we only have two meetings so I guess I want them all to be great. Anyone can attend the meetings so if you're available and want to see what goes on at the meetings, please come. We've changed things around a bit so come see what we're doing. Chapter programs will be a big thing on our discussion list along with some actual hands on programs. Which leads me to the next item on my list.

Program ideas. I want lots of them for the region. I'm hoping that Sun Region chapters will share their program ideas with us at the region meetings and that we can all have a large backlog of them to work into our chapters. Programs are the lifeblood of our chapters and we need them to be good to keep members and recruit new members.

And, now I'm back to education. Ideas for education at the region level are high on my wish list. As the region receives education grants from national and makes a profit from retreats/seminars, we need to be using that money. So, lots of good old and innovative ideas are wanted.

Is my list too long? My husband says that my lists are always too long. But then he says that's because I'm always looking for new things and new ways to do old things because that's what makes life interesting. But, between you and me, I also do like stuff! And I hope to come up with a lot for Sun Region.

Happy Holidays,

*Kathy Singleton*

Region Rep Reminder  
(from RD—Kathy Singleton)

After the holidays, we will begin to prepare for the March Sun Region Board meeting. Please remember that you need to submit a written report before the meeting. If you do not get your report in on time, you will need to bring written copies to hand out at the meeting to all of the board. Plus, remember that we have changed the way we will do reports at the meeting. This time will be spent reporting on interesting program(s) that your chapter has done in the past year. You will need to be prepared with handouts on the program and models, etc. The program could be anything that your chapter enjoyed – a project, a lecture, presentation, etc. The goal is to provide enough information to the other reps so that they could replicate the program in their chapter. Programs are a very important part of EGA and help us to retain and recruit members. We have so many creative people in this region that no chapter should be lacking in programs. We just need to share resources and that is the goal here.

Lynn Abbey has updated the forms in the Region Reps Notebook on the web site. Please make sure that everyone in your chapter has the updated forms. This notebook is not just for you. There is information in it for everyone in your chapter and it's your job to disseminate it. You are my messenger to your chapter.

Let me know of any questions or concerns that you or your chapter have. I can only help if I know about the problem. A lot of the emails that I send out are in response to questions I've received. If I think it's important enough, I'll send the answer to everyone. I'll try not to overwhelm everyone with emails.

Thank you for all that you do.

## *Sun Region Officers and Committee Chairs*

### Executive Committee

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### 2015 Calendar

Mar 1	next Sun News deadline	
Mar 28 - 29	spring Sun Region meeting	The Castle Hotel - Orlando, FL
Oct 17 - 18	fall Sun Region meeting	Bayfront Hilton - St Petersburg, FL

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

<b>Treasurer's Report: Activity Period: 8/23/2014 - 11/30/2014</b>						
	Checking	MoneyMkt		Year to Date (actual)	2014 Budget (Restated)	Year-to-Date v. Budget
Opening Balance	18,136.48	52,042.87				
<b>Income</b>						
02 Dues	33.75	0.00		1,731.75	1,749.00	-17.25
03 Interest	0.00	8.56		21.68	50.00	-28.32
04 Educ Event	0.00	0.00		1,950.00	0.00	1,950.00
07 Fund Raising	117.00	0.00		332.00	150.00	182.00
08 Sales	139.40	0.00		139.40	900.00	-760.60
14 Retreats	0.00	0.00		6,682.70	2,300.00	4,382.70
15 Contributions	25.98	0.00		25.98	120.00	-94.02
17 Other	0.00	0.00		126.00	150.00	-24.00
Money Market Savings Trans.	0.00	0.00		0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Transfer from Reserves	0.00	0.00		0.00	681.00	-681.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>316.13</b>	<b>8.56</b>		<b>11,009.51</b>	<b>9,100.00</b>	<b>1,909.51</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
21 Educ Event	3,705.84	0.00		5,591.75	3,000.00	2,591.75
22 Seminar	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
24 Fund Raising	5.18	0.00		154.72	0.00	154.72
25 Cost of Sales	135.00	0.00		135.00	0.00	135.00
26 Rent	0.00	0.00		827.62	645.00	182.62
28 Administration	72.25	0.00		169.85	140.00	29.85
29 Officers' Travel	259.35	0.00		1,134.59	3,840.00	-2,705.41
31 Meals	0.00	0.00		809.75	0.00	809.75
33 Gifts	163.85	0.00		113.85	250.00	-136.15
35 Other	175.99	0.00		175.99	225.00	-49.01
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>4,517.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>9,113.12</b>	<b>9,100.00</b>	<b>13.12</b>
<b>SEPARATE ACCOUNTS</b>						
2015 Seminar (net)	690.88					
2016 Seminar (net)	-49.16					
Reg. Meeting Luncheons (net)	-409.00					
<b>TOTAL SEPARATE ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>232.72</b>					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,167.87</b>	<b>52,051.43</b>				
<b>OPEN ITEMS</b>						
Receivables	6.00	0.00				
Payables	2,170.09	0.00				
<b>TOTAL OPEN ITEMS</b>	<b>-2,164.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>				
<b>TOTAL (W/O OPEN ITEMS)</b>	<b>16,331.96</b>	<b>52,051.43</b>				
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b> (11/30/2014 Regions Bank Account Statements)	<b>16,331.96</b>	<b>52,051.43</b>				

# ARD's report

Melody Bryan

Season's Greetings All! Can it be the end of 2014 already? No matter how hard I fight the concept, 2015 is just around the corner.

I am excited to be serving Sun Region as your Assistant Region Director. Betty has been a huge help during this transition and while she is a hard act to follow – I will certainly do my best to find great venues for us for the next few years.

Looking ahead to the Spring Sun Region meeting, Betty has booked the Castle Hotel in Orlando on Friday March 27th thru Sunday March 29th with our special rate 2 days before and 2 days after for those who might want to incorporate a visit to the area theme parks, do some shop hopping or spend a day or two to relax and stitch with friends. The Castle is in the Marriott line but it is an Autograph series "boutique" hotel and I think you will enjoy being there. It is located at 8629 International Drive in Orlando, FL 32819.



Our room rate is \$139 per night and you should call their toll free number (1-855-696-4727) to book your rooms. Please identify yourself as being with the Sun/Region Embroiderers Guild of America group.

If you have any issues please let me know. The luncheon and evening program will be hosted by the Chain Stitchers Chapter.

For planning purposes – the Fall Sun Region meeting will be later than usual, with dates of October 16th thru the 18th and will be held at the Bayfront Hilton in St Petersburg.

## Clip & Mail



**March 28, 2015 Sun Region Meeting - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Reservations  
The Castle Hotel, Orlando**

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

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

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your reservation and check for \$22.00 (payable to Sun Region EGA)  
to be received by **March 10, 2015** to:** Please contact [webmaster@sunregionega.org](mailto:webmaster@sunregionega.org)  
if you need this USPS address

Circle one:

Y  N I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Chain Stitchers chapter.

# Committee Information

## EDUCATION - *Cherí Hammer, chair*

Most of you know this already, but Diane Atkins (a former Sun Region Education chairman) passed away this summer. What you might not know is that Diane was the moving force behind our gorgeous Sun Region banner. It was her brainchild, and she was dedicated toward putting together the most spectacular exhibit of the talents of our region. She succeeded! So the next time you look at the banner, please take a moment to remember our Diane.

There are several interesting educational opportunities available for our membership.

First, one lucky Sun Region member will be attending the International Embroidery Conference in Williamsburg, VA, with expenses paid by the region. When they return, they will be enlightening us on their experience by writing an article for the Sun News and doing a presentation at a Sun Region meeting. Can't wait to hear all about it! Next is the on-going \$200 educational grant that is available to all chapters. Don't forget – the criteria has expanded to include educational opportunities beyond GCCs and workshops. Your chapter can expand the envelope – just be sure to get it pre-approved. Check the website for more details about the process.

And last but not least, the region is going to be applying for the \$5000 Gay Phillips Educational Grant. At the last Sun Region meeting it was decided to propose using the money to fund a touring teacher in 2017 who would teach at 3 to 4 locations in our region, and provide opportunities for many of our members. More to come on this later...

Enjoy the holiday season!!!

## HISTORIAN - *Karan Quintero, chair*

As historian, I would like to receive from the region chapters, copies of any newspaper article, exhibit brochures or special workshop announcements which I can place in your individual chapter files. This information is important for future reporting. If you have an extra chapter pin or chapter name tag I will also place it in your files. Please have your Sun Region Rep bring all to the next March meeting.

I would like to thank those who have given me positive feedback regarding my newsletter and Face Book reports. My aim is to stimulate interest in the regions activities. Invite your friends to visit. In the meantime.....





## *OUTREACH - JoyceAnne Stevens, chair*

As we approach the end of this year, I feel certain that everyone is making plans for the coming year. There are new or perhaps some unfinished projects to work on, events to attend, classes to take and hopefully chapters are making outreach a part of their plans.

What is "outreach"? To quote EGA National, "Outreach is any time a member or group of members go into the community and do 'something' in the name of EGA."

The variety of outreach activities in Sun Region almost boggles my mind. Chapters find many different ways to reach out to the community around them. One only has to read chapter newsletters or chapter reports to see the many ways in which our region reaches out. For more ideas check out the National web site. In the "members only" section, under "Resources" see the Outreach entry. There is a listing of many different things that qualify as outreach and there are a number of links.

Also check the EGA store under books and projects. There are a number of projects that when purchased give a portion to benefit the Childrens' Alopecia Project.

Coming up very shortly is our national stitch in public day which is the 1st Saturday in February. There is a poster and a flyer available in the Outreach section of the national web site. These can be used to identify or advertise your "Stitch In Public" event. Whatever time of the year or wherever the event takes place Sun Region members have found stitching in public a very fun event meeting people who are excited to find people still embroider. Make "outreach" part of your chapter's goals and have a wonderful year in 2015.

## *Treasurer's Summary of ITT Workshop*

### Sun Region Sponsored Workshop - ITT/Alison Cole - YTD

1/1/2014 through 12/6/2014

Date	Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>1,950.00</b>
	04 Education Events	1,950.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>-3,843.34</b>
	21 Educational Events	-3,843.34
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>		<b>-1,893.34</b>

## WAYS AND MEANS

We have a number of items for sale at this point. The majority of them are older items and this is the last time they will be offered for sale. Any of these that are left after the spring SR board meeting will be donated to charity.

19 handy caddies - \$20 each  
6 Vertical/Easel Portfolios - \$15each

Items from Flamingo Fandango:

Totes – you can buy as many as you want  
3 Flamingo pins – \$5 each  
3 Flamingo scarves – \$5 each

And from Crystal River:

4 manatee pouches - \$5 each

Newer items: These we will continue to sell.

18 SR wood scissors blocks – \$15 each  
50 Clear vinyl project pouches – \$6 each

And as always:

Sun Region pins - \$5

If you are interested in any of the items, contact Kathy Singleton, RD. They are all in her possession at this point in time. She would be glad to answer any questions that you have and of course, sell them to you. If you wish to receive them before the spring SR meeting, they can be mailed at your expense. Otherwise, they will be given to your chapter rep to deliver to you after the meeting.

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



Just a friendly reminder that registration will close on January 15th. It is also time to make your hotel reservation if you have not done so yet. Also - remember that this is a great location to bring your family with you. They can play while you have fun with your stitching friends. There is lots to do in the area.

We will be having a Merchandise night on Friday - and our national President, Gwen Nelson, will present items from the national collection at the Saturday night banquet.

All of the information is on the Sun Region website:  
[www.sunregionega.org](http://www.sunregionega.org)

I am looking forward to seeing many of you there!



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



All systems are "go"!! We have teachers!! A great selection of classes have been chosen!!

I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Stitches' Garden Sun Region Seminar in 2015 so we can begin to sign you up!!!! Aside from being able to register early for the class you want in 2016 at the May event in Orlando, we will be offering a few "enticements" for Red Sails in the Sunset!!

The hotel is beautiful!! There are several places to eat within walking distance, and lots to see and do!! Make this a fun extended weekend for you and your family!!

See you there!!

The Sarasota Chapter  
of  
The Embroiderers' Guild of America  
cordially invites you to attend Denise Harrington Pratt's classes  
March 24, 25, and 26, 2015  
Waldemere Fire Station, 2070 Waldemere St., Sarasota, FL



Elegant Diamond & Box Making  
March 24 and 25, 2015



Rose Quartz  
March 26, 2015

Contact before Jan 15 for further information and registration forms:

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# Chapter Reports

## BERMUDA

*Shina Lyons*

Hello from warm , sunny Bermuda...

Since I last sent a letter we had 2 hurricanes back to back and we are still here!!! We might be little but we are strong!!! Before those nasty hurricanes paid us a visit, we started our 20th year off with the Sale and Tea for PAL's which we raised \$2020.00.

Our November meeting we had a small work shop making tassels. This was taught by our member, Joanne Harvey. It was enjoyed by all who took it, and nice to finish in the meeting. The December meeting we just stitched and then the committee made lunch and dinner for those who came. We then had a stitch in at Pompano hotel on Saturday with a Christmas lunch. It was a beautiful day and very relaxing.

In January we have our UFO day and then in February we are going to start "The Quaker Ball" and continue the workshop in March as well.

If any one is down this way, please come and see us. I do hope all have a very happy and safe holiday season and keep stitching!!

## BISCAYNE

*Karan Quintero*

After a lazy summer Biscayne began her fall session with a power-point presentation, "The Silk Road", given by Margaret Kinsey. This was fascinating history to listen to plus our members had a fabulous opportunity to see the beautiful silk textile collection Margaret brought for us to drool over!! Thank you Margaret!!

Our October program had our members making beautiful beaded icicles in multiple colorways (red, blue, white, green/white, red/white and blue/white); a few of the ladies walked out with a finished ornament that very day....fast beaders!!

November is our annual business meeting and presentation of the new officer slate. After that was completed we stitched, stitched, stitched and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow members.



Our December meeting was our traditional Holiday Party which gives our members the opportunity to show off their culinary expertise.....my stomach can attest it was a huge success! Our outgoing President, Marge Holmes, presented token gifts of appreciation to her board and she in turn received a large Whitman Sampler tin which contained embroidered accessories in her favorite colors made by various members of her board for her service over these last two years (she was quite surprised and teary eyed).

Pat Carrington charged each officer with an oath to serve the chapter within their individual role after giving each a floss flower bouquet. Marge presented the incoming President, Schelley Iman-Loch, with the gavel, the president's notebook and the president's pin. The incoming Secretary, Millie Perleman received a calendar and the incoming Treasurer, Marge Holmes received \$2000 in play money (thank the heavens!!). The membership stood up and pledged to support and step-up to serve the guild when needed in the future.

I will be leaving my post as Biscayne's Sun Region Rep to be replaced by our new President, Schelley Iman-Loch. I have totally enjoyed working within the Region and will continue in my roles as Historian and Social Media Coordinator.

Biscayne has been bestowed many blessings this year and we look forward to a bright future working with the new board and doing what we love best stitching!! Biscayne wishes you and yours a Joyous Holiday and a Happy New Year!!

**CANOPY OAKS***Linda Dean*

Canopy Oaks Chapter in Tallahassee is stitching up a storm and looking forward to our Holiday meeting when we display current needlework projects and share in our annual Cookie Exchange and Gift Exchange.

The needlework exhibit at the Leon County Fair was exceptional again this year as chapter members participated. Blue Ribbon winners are Linda Dean and Elma Haley. Elma's silk and metal work piece won "Best of Show"!

Finishing Techniques, presented by member Carole Fiore at our November meeting, gave inspiration and guidance in finishing the Mary Long GCC, "Needlework Tool Case". A demonstration on how to make cording was given by Pam Doffek. How good it feels to complete the project.

The newly elected Region Representative is Rebecca Lockenbach. She stitches multiple techniques and is highly skilled in hand-smocking. Welcome Rebecca.

Upcoming projects include:

- January will be the start of "Alms Purse" designed by Becky Quine. This is a published project from Piecework Magazine.
- The annual GCC will be Liesel Schwalm and we are preparing for this now.
- February will be Stitching in Public at a local library and members will stitch there in rotation throughout the entire day.

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

**CENTRAL FLORIDA***Gaby Hubbard*

November was election of officers and a class on crewel embroidery.

The CFC – Challenge 2014 – included the following requirements:

Design must be at least 35 square inches. Ex. 5 by 7

Medium is your choice as is the color or colors used

Design must be original. Combinations of other designs may be used but finished design must be your own.

Five or more distinct stitches should be included in the finished piece.

We had only had 5 participants, but what a creative bunch. Those of us there voted and prizes will be awarded at the December luncheon.

December will be our luncheon and installation of officers.

**CHAIN STITCHERS** *Claire Nardone*

Chain Stitchers chapter reports their new officers:

President/Region Rep - Claire Nardone

Treasurer - Anita Ezelle

Secretary - Carol Presley

Education/Programs - Karen Cicero

Membership/Sunshine - Sue Butler

Outreach - Lynn Abbey

**duCLAY***Melody Bryan & JoyceAnne Stevens*

What a great end to the year duClay has had. In August our VP Linda Meyer did a wonderful "taste of " workshop on a Queen Stitch scissor pocket. Here is a photo of the lovely pocket designed by Carolyn Standing Webb. It was well attended and at least a few members became better friends with the "queen".

In September we had Jane Timmers of FancyWork return to teach a 1 day finishing



class which focused on our chapter nametag. We had 22 members purchase a nametag kit and 17 attend the class.

October was an opportunity to get out and stitch in public on a beautiful fall afternoon.

Many of our members have been furiously finishing up their 2014 Challenge pieces which will be revealed at the upcoming Christmas luncheon in December.

duClay is looking forward to a great 2015. Watch for our big announcement of Lauren Sauer teaching for us in September 2015.

We welcome anyone visiting our area to our two stitch-ins every month on the 1st and 2nd Saturday. Please visit our blog often and see what duClay is up to: <http://duclayega.blogspot.com/>

## **GULFVIEW**

*Ann Ashley*

The exhibit of Gulfview Chapter embroidery opened on November 6 and will continue on display 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 November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving. The library is building **J** and the parking lot to use is Lot **5**. When you enter the campus take the road to the right.

Thus far the exhibit has been very well received, and on the occasion of the chapter's stitch-in on November 19 the remarks heard were, "WOW", "that cannot be done with needle and thread", "these are truly art".

Don't delay coming and viewing the display as it will close when the college closes for winter break. Don't let the road construction on Ridge Road discourage you from making the trip.

Meanwhile, Gulfview members will continue to stitch.

On December 10, 2014 a festive Holiday Luncheon will be held at Villa Verde on SR 41. The vice president, Judy DeMeglio, and region rep, Ann Ashley will be pledged for another two year term. Santa will also pay a visit.

In January new projects, Sudoku Serendipity and Twisted Ribbon will be introduced and the membership will also be able to declare UFO's to be completed by November 2015.

In February the college (PHSC) will host a six session beginner stitching classes to be taught by members of Gulfview Chapter. The classes are being offered as part of the spring term.

With a meeting and three sessions of stitch-ins each month, opportunities to share our skills and love of the art form are well attended by our growing membership.

## **INDIAN RIVER**

*Adrienne Meyer*

IRC members eagerly anticipate the Super Show and Tell program every November and this year was no exception. A beautiful array of the year's completed projects was presented for all to enjoy.

Our holiday luncheon and ornament exchange is scheduled for December 9. At that luncheon/meeting the slate of officers for the 2015 calendar year is installed. The newly elected slate is:

President - Christine Kampmeyer  
1st Vice President - Irene Dunne  
2nd Vice President - Aline Lauzon  
Recording Secretary - Jonalene Gutwein  
Corresponding Secretary - Teek Moon  
Treasurer - Doreen Snyder  
Region Representative - Adrienne Meyer

Happy Holidays to all!



**SAND DOLLAR***Kathie Dougherty*

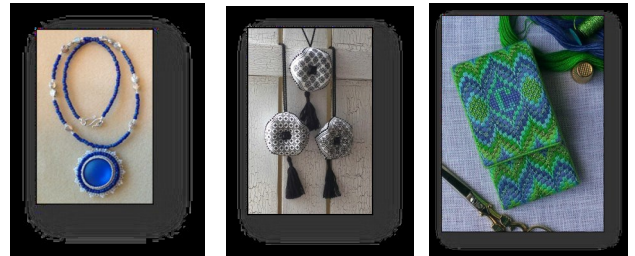
Our holiday celebrations start in December with an ornament exchange among members - bring an ornament, get an ornament. This is always a festive occasion and a time to ooh and aah over the ornaments members have made. We will also collect donations for three local charities at the exchange. Our Christmas-by-the-Sea luncheon will be held the next week at Sugar Mill CC. We had so much fun there last year that we are going again. Our committee has lots of fun planned including, in keeping with the theme, a visit by a mermaid.

We had two openings for officers beginning in January 2015 and were pleasantly surprised to get two volunteers for vice president and secretary. No arm wrestling this time.

Our education program for January thru March will be a Red Work Embroidery Table Runner. It is a three month project because it covers fabric preparation, design transfer, embroidering and finishing. In February we have our annual Stitch Away Day with four classes taught by our talented members. It's a nice day to stitch, learn and chat.

**SAND DUNES***Linda Anne Buehler*

Sand Dunes chapter's "Stitching B" program year is progressing nicely. Many of those who did the "B"ead Embroidered Cabochon Necklace program in September and October have completed their necklaces. Next up was the "B"lackwork Biscornu program in October and November. And now we're looking forward to the "B"argello Scissor Case program in January and February.



Sand Dunes members again stitched mini stockings as an outreach program. Sixty-three stockings were presented to the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center in Niceville, to be used to hold gift cards for teens.

**SANDHILL CRANE***Jane Newhouse*

This Fall was busy for the Sandhill Crane Chapter. We celebrated our anniversary in October with cupcakes. Jan Mazourek began her 2 month class on Casalguidi. Linda Hansen is the facilitator for the beginning Teneriffe Lace GCC.

In November we showed our completed UFO's or contributed to the kitty. The second part of the Casalguidi class and the Teneriffe lace GCC were continued.

Our December Christmas party was held at Glen Lakes Country Club. There was an ornament exchange. The table favor was a kit for a ribbon ornament that will be the January class taught by Julie Johnson.

Our 2015 officers were installed: Carol Harrison, president; Lynn Pittenger, vice president; Linda Skaja, secretary; Elaine Cota, treasurer; and Jane Newhouse, Sun Region representative.