

**Sun Region, EGA  
Region Board of Directors Meeting  
March 28-29, 2015  
Castle Marriott | Orlando, FL**

Meeting Packet for Attendees

**Sun Region Meeting Schedule  
Castle Hotel, Marriott Orlando, FL  
March 27-29, 2015**

**Friday, March 27, 2015**

**Executive Committee Meeting** 7 PM – 9 PM

**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

**Event 2015 Status Report** 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM  
**Event 2016 Status Report** 9:15 AM – 9:45 AM  
**Finance Committee Meeting** 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**Luncheon hosted by Chain Stitchers** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Sun Region Board Meeting**

**Sign-in & Proxy Turn-In** 12:45 PM  
**Board Meeting Called to Order** 1:00 PM  
**Board Meeting Recessed** approx. 5:00 PM

**Saturday Evening Educational Program** 7:00 PM

Saturday evening Chain Stitchers will be presenting a zippered felt bag kit. You will embellish your zipper with decorative stitches then sew the beautiful zipper on to felt. Then stitch up the sides and have a cute accoutrement bag for all your stitching treasures. All materials will be provided along with a few extras of your choice.

**Sunday, March 29, 2015**

**Board Meeting Reconvened** 9:00 AM  
**Complete Region Business**  
**Adjournment**

## Region Director's Report | Kathy Singleton

It's been hectic since the fall election! I've attended two national board meetings on your behalf. I am your representative on the national EGA board, just like the region reps represent their chapters on the region board. I previously sent you a report on the fall national board meeting so I will not repeat it here. It is attached at the end of my report.

The spring national board meeting took place in Louisville on March 13-15, 2015 at the Galt Hotel. Friday morning started with the RD meeting. We were updated on all of the committee meetings that took place prior to the RD meeting. Friday afternoon started the board meeting which carried through all of the remaining time. Following are the highlights:

1. EGA currently continues to have 13 regions and the current chapter count is 289 with total national membership at 9508.
2. The national office only needs to know three of the chapter officers: president, treasurer and membership
3. There will be a change in registration for the upcoming seminars. Open registration will no longer go to a lottery. It will be first come, first served. Early registration will continue to be a lottery if needed. This will speed up the whole process of registration and make a number of items easier for all involved.
4. A discussion occurred about the EGA mission which is Education. And the business of EGA that supports that mission is the seminar. It is our major fundraiser.
5. The EGA attorneys that are working on the Gay Montague Phillips estate were in attendance and gave a report on the current status. EGA's share of the estate is \$1.4 to 1.9 million depending on which appraisal is used. The estate is a ¼ share of a family trust that involves many assets, tangible and intangible. The family would like EGA to not be a part of this trust and EGA does not want to be a part of the trust. So, the valuation is important as is whether or not the family can buy EGA's share in cash.
6. The annual meeting will be on Thursday October 29, 2015 at the annual national seminar.
7. Last year's seminar made a profit of \$100,000. Of that amount, \$44,000 goes to national and the balance is retained by PSR.
8. Youth programs were discussed and there continues to be progress on establishing this program.
9. Job descriptions at the national level were updated for the president, director of marketing, VP, national seminar director, and secretary.
10. The 2013 financial statements were accepted.
11. Travel and lodging for the national registrar elect, national seminar director and national seminar director elect were approved.
12. Responsibility for the President's Farewell event was placed under the VP position.
13. EGA now has a pinterest page. [https://www.pinterest.com/ega\\_usa/](https://www.pinterest.com/ega_usa/)
14. Between sessions motions included accepting the revised guidelines for chapter formation.
15. EGA's attorneys are continuing to work on EGA's renewal and expansion of our trademark.
16. There will be a youth exhibit in Louisville in the fall of this year, 2015.
17. The president was given approval to sign a new lease for the space in Louisville. The new lease is for 5 years and is at the same rent we are currently paying , \$2700 per month.
18. Work is continuing in the education department on a stitch guide.
19. Discussion was held about having a domestic teacher tour.
20. The revised RD notebook was made into two versions, normal and shortened. RDs will vote on which format they prefer.
21. Discussion was held about paying the writers and designers that contribute to NA.
22. Mandated bylaws changes were passed. See the report by our region bylaws chair.
23. Planning focused on how EGA can interest younger people. Topics included a larger web presence and a new form of membership.
24. The office staff and the EC all presented a summary of their jobs and responsibilities.

In addition to attending the board meetings:

1. Installed the officers at Central Florida Chapter
2. Attended a meeting of Suwannee Stitchers
3. Attended a stitching day with Neapolitan
4. Appointed and worked with a new roster chairperson, Jineen Kulczycky

5. Appointed a new education chair, Deby Talley
6. Sorted inventory and sent out listings and order forms for the region Ways and Means.
7. Helped education send in an application for the ITT for 2015.
8. Served on the 2015 and 2016 seminar committees.
9. Answered many emails about many things. I average 5 region emails a day. This does not include emails from national.

### **Assistant Region Director's Report | Melody Bryan**

Welcome Spring! And welcome to all the new Sun Region reps and returning reps as well.

I hope you are as excited as I am about spending the weekend at the enchanting Castle Hotel in Orlando. It is part of the Marriott Autograph series of boutique hotels. Please take a look around their website to get an idea of what the property layout is. <http://www.castlehotelorlando.com/>

You may pull up to the hotel lobby to unload your baggage, check in or you may get assistance from a bellman. Valet parking is available in a designated area but you will have to pay a fee per day. Self parking is free for our group and even though it may appear on your portfolio it is supposed to be removed on your final billing. Our contact at the hotel has been made aware of all the room shares that I was informed of for ease of checking in.

There is a restaurant on site which starts serving breakfast at 6:30 am and also has lunch and dinner. I have not been on International Dr in many years but I know there is a number of restaurants in the vicinity of the hotel which you may enjoy a variety of cuisines and price ranges.

The address is 8629 International Drive. If you are arriving via I-4 – here are the google directions: Follow I-95 Sand I-4 W to FL-435 S/S Kirkman Rd in Orlando. Take exit 75A from I-4 W

Most of you will prefer to just put the address into your Nav system and follow the prompts for the best way to arrive at the property. They could not guarantee that we could get into our rooms prior to 4pm – that is the official check in time. There is a beautiful lobby area and pool area in which to relax if you arrive and your room is not ready. Check out is 11am on Sunday.

Our luncheon and evening program is being provided by the Chain Stitchers. The evening program typically starts at 7pm in Conservatory Ballroom which is where our board meetings are being held on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The luncheon will be at 11:30 am on Saturday and will be held in another room but in close proximity to the ballroom.

If you have any last minute questions or problems – please contact me. I look forward to seeing you all in a few short days, safe travels!

## Treasurer's Report | Lynn Abbey

<b>Treasurer's Report: Activity Period: 11/30/2014 - 2/28/2015</b>		
	<b>Checking</b>	<b>Money Mkt</b>
Opening Balance	16,331.96	52,051.43
<b>Income</b>		
02 Dues	26.25	0.00
03 Interest	0.00	6.59
04 Educ Event	0.00	5,000.00
07 Fund Raising	0.00	0.00
08 Sales	0.00	0.00
14 Retreats	0.00	0.00
15 Contributions	0.00	0.00
17 Other	0.00	0.00
Money Market Savings Trans.	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Reserves	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26.25</b>	<b>5,006.59</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
21 Educ Event	2,370.09	0.00
22 Seminar	0.00	0.00
24 Fund Raising	0.00	0.00
25 Cost of Sales	0.00	0.00
26 Rent	450.00	0.00
28 Administration	61.25	0.00
29 Officers' Travel	0.00	0.00
31 Meals	0.00	0.00
33 Gifts	0.00	0.00
35 Other	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,881.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SEPARATE ACCOUNTS</b>		
2015 Seminar (net)	18,335.00	
2016 Seminar (net)	-87.29	
Reg. Meeting Luncheons (net)	0.00	
<b>TOTAL SEPARATE ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>18,247.71</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,724.58</b>	<b>57,058.02</b>

<b>OPEN ITEMS</b>		
Receivables	0.00	0.00
Payables	167.29	0.00
<b>TOTAL OPEN ITEMS</b>	<b>-167.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL (W/O OPEN ITEMS)</b>	<b>31,891.87</b>	<b>57,058.02</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCES (11/30/2014 Regions Bank Account Statements)</b>	<b>31,891.87</b>	<b>57,058.02</b>

<b>2014 Actual v. 2014 (restated) Budget</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>1/1/2014 Actual</b>	<b>2014 Budget (restated)</b>	<b>12/31/2014 Difference</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>				
02 Member Dues	1,739.25	1,749.00	-9.75	
03 Interest Inc	26.03	50.00	-23.97	
04 Education Events	1,950.00	0.00	1,950.00	
06 Exhibits	0.00	0.00	0.00	
07 Fund Raising	332.00	150.00	182.00	
08 Ways & Means (Sales)	4.40	900.00	-895.60	
09 Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	
10 Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	
11 Contributions - Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	
12 Contributions - Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	
14 Retreats	7,642.00	2,300.00	5,342.00	
15 Contributions & Gifts	25.98	120.00	-94.02	
16 Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17 Other	126.00	150.00	-24.00	
Money Market Savings Transfer	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	
Transfer from Reserves	0.00	681.00	-681.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,845.66</b>	<b>9,100.00</b>	<b>2,745.66</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
21 Educational Events	5,843.34	3,000.00	-2,843.34	
22 Seminar	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
23 Exhibits	0.00	0.00	0.00	
24 Fund Raising Expenses	154.72	0.00	-154.72	
26 Rent	827.62	645.00	-182.62	
27 Newsletter	0.00	0.00	0.00	
28 Administration				
28 Administration:RD	0.00	50.00	50.00	
28 Administration: ARD	0.00	25.00	25.00	
28 Administration:Treasurer	11.27	20.00	8.73	
28 Administration: Other	52.33	45.00	-7.33	
29 Officers' Travel				
29 Officers' Travel:National	423.00	1,500.00	1,077.00	
29 Officers' Travel: Regional	711.59	2,340.00	628.41	
30 Outreach - Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
33 Gifts - Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
33 Gifts - EGA Annual Fund	0.00	100.00	100.00	
33 Gifts - National Seminar	-50.00	150.00	200.00	
33 Gifts - Other	339.84	0.00	-339.84	
34 Printing - Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
35 Other - Expenses				
35 Other - Expenses:Licenses & Fees	106.25	75.00	-31.25	
35 Other - Expenses:Taxes	0.00	150.00	150.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,419.96</b>	<b>9,100.00</b>	<b>-680.04</b>	
<b>Net Difference:</b>	<b>3,425.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,425.70</b>	

## Bylaws Report | Adrienne Meyer

At the most recent national meeting in Phoenix, the board of directors mandated an amendment to Article IX Section 3 of chapter bylaws. [The underlining emphasis is mine.] At the March region meeting I will provide copies of the page for Sun board members to place in their notebooks.

### Article IX Section 3

No one may profit from membership in EGA; however an EGA chapter may contract with individual members in their professional capacities. EGA prohibits the use of Membership lists other than for EGA purposes.

## ARTICLE IX FISCAL POLICIES

Section 1.     **The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.**

Section 2.     **The books and accounts of the chapter shall be kept in accordance with sound accounting practices. Chapter financial records shall be audited each year, either professionally or by an audit committee appointed by the chapter president. The treasurer shall furnish EGA with a report of the finances of the chapter by February 15 of each year and shall send proportionate amounts of each member's dues to both EGA and the region on a regular basis.**

Section 3.     **No one may profit from membership in EGA; however an EGA chapter may contract with individual members in their professional capacities. EGA prohibits the use of membership lists other than for EGA purposes.**

Section 4.     **Annual Budget**

**a. The chapter shall prepare and present a budget to the membership for approval no later than the meeting prior to the effective date of the budget.**

**b. The board of directors and/or the executive committee shall not spend any non-budgeted funds in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ during the budget year. The chapter may approve an expenditure in excess of this amount provided:**

- 1. the membership is notified in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken,**
- 2. the written notice shall include the amount and purpose of the expenditure, and**
- 3. the approval is by a two-thirds vote.**

Section 5.     **Donations: Donations of monies by the chapter may be made to any organization which is in compliance with Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and which the chapter, by a two-thirds vote has designated as the recipient. Notice of such a proposed donation shall be submitted in writing to the members at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which such vote is to be taken.**

**Section 6. Dissolution: In the event of dissolution of the chapter, all its assets and funds remaining after payment or provisions for payment of all debts and liabilities of the chapter shall be distributed to one or more organizations which have been in existence for a period of two years, which are in compliance with Section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, and which the chapter has designated as a recipient by a two-thirds vote. Notification to the membership shall be provided in writing at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which such a vote is to be taken.**

### **Education Report | Cheri Hammer/Deby Talley**

Your education committee has been busy, busy, busy! As you know, last fall Sun Region brought in Alison Cole as part of the International Touring Teacher (ITT) program, and the class was a resounding success! In fact, it went so well that the region is once again applying for an international teacher in conjunction with the national seminar, so stand by for further information when it becomes available.

In addition to the ITT program, the region also provided a \$1000 scholarship opportunity for a lucky Sun Region member to attend the 2015 International Embroidery Conference (IEC), Threads through Time. We had very good participation, and the competition was very close. The scholarship winner was Donna McFarland from the Indian River Chapter! We look forward to her article on the conference in an upcoming edition of Sun News, and to her presentation at a Sun Region meeting.

Another activity since the last Sun Region meeting was submission of a proposal to national for the Gay Phillips Education Grant. We were successful with our proposal, so we will receive \$5000 to be used toward bringing touring teacher(s) into the region and offering classroom opportunities to all members within the region. The classes/lectures will be held in multiple geographic locations throughout the region to maximize availability to Sun Region members. This activity is still in the planning stages.

And don't forget there is still a \$200 education grant available to all chapters during this calendar year. It was approved that the educational opportunity can be something other than a GCC or a workshop – just be sure to get it pre-approved. Details for grant application are available on the Sun Region website.

Finally, this will be my last meeting as Education Chair. Deby Talley is your new Education Chair, and she brings a wealth of knowledge and talent to this position. She will do a great job for you!

### **Finance Report | Lynn Abbey**

Will be discussed at the meeting.

### **Historian Report | Karan Quintero**

No report submitted

### **Nominating | Kathy Faries**

No report submitted



## Outreach Report | JoyceAnne Stevens

**Biscayne Chapter:** Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami will dedicate ten homes on February 28, 2015 at their Blitz Build Dedication Celebration. We congratulate the partner families who received the keys to their homes and our personalized Habitat Samplers. We have stitched and personalized 12 samplers already in 2015.

Our members continue to stitch Soldier Family Kissing pillows; knit or crochet caps for pediatric oncology patients; and collect stamps, coupons for education, pop-tops, pennies, and toiletries.

**Canopy Oaks Chapter:** SIP was held on Valentine's Day.

**Central Florida Chapter:** Our chapter had great member participation in this year's Stitch in Public Day on Saturday, February 7th. A total of 11 CFC members stitched at 5 local library branches in Orange and Seminole Counties. 2015 Chapter Stitching Project – Breast Cancer Ribbon Bookmarks:

Our 2015 project is stitching Breast Cancer Ribbon bookmarks to donate for women receiving chemotherapy at our local Orlando hospitals and cancer centers. The pattern can be found at <https://kincavelkrosses.wordpress.com/2011/10/01/think-pink-bookmark/> and is designed exclusively for Breast Cancer charity fund-raising or to donate.

We started putting notices for our General Monthly Meetings in the "What's Happening" section of the Thursday and Sunday editions of Orlando Sentinel Newspaper. This is a free service provided by the newspaper. Hopefully, these regular notices will let everyone know that needlework is alive and well in the Orlando area.

We are working with Jo-Ann's Fabric stores to arrange Needlework Demonstration days throughout the year. Joann's will allow groups like ours to use their craft rooms, when they don't already have scheduled classes. The events will be set up on Saturday mornings when the stores are full of people. We will have members working on various projects to show the diversity of the Guild and will pass out flyers to make crafters aware of our Chapter.

**Chain Stitchers Chapter:** Our main outreach initiative continues to be through Habitat for Humanity. Their dedication season usually starts in the late spring—right now they're busy building things (and we're busy stockpiling samplers). We recently learned that our local Habitat affiliate is going to do something innovative. They're going to develop a "brownfield" site in my city as a "re-entry" community for returning military and veterans. They envision a compact group of bungalows where families can reside while they're grounding (or regrounding) themselves in the larger community. Since the families won't own their bungalows, our traditional samplers aren't really "on target." I'm going to set up a meeting with the affiliate leader to work out some larger-scale item that we can present at the community dedication. We'll also talk about what sort of commemoration might be appropriate when a family leaves the "re-entry" community, since in most cases they won't be going into Habitat housing. It's very exciting!

Chain Stitchers stitched-in-public at the Saturday morning Leesburg Market this past weekend. We had a good location and drew moderate attention, but we're not sure that we were productive membership-wise.

We've begun to wonder if we might have better luck speaking with some of the local home-school curriculum coordinators.

I don't know if you ever met Diane Atkins. She was active in the region during the mid-2000s and she was also a past-president of our chapter. After her death last summer, the presentation quilt the chapter had made for her was returned to us. After discussion, the chapter has decided that we'd like to donate it to our local hospice organization or, failing that, to a local cancer-treatment center.

**Gulfview Chapter:** Gulfview chapter has been very busy lately. Back in November through December our members had a very successful exhibit of our needlework at the Pasco Hernando State College gallery in New Port Richey. We also had several members attend the Senior Expo at the college in January to explain our chapter's purpose and to attract possible future members. Our Stitching in Public Day was held on Saturday, February 28th, at the Regency Park Library. We also had a mini exhibit of smaller pieces in the display case at the library in January.

We continue the EGA sponsored projects of stitching kissing pillows for the military and their families as well as Habitat for Humanity samplers. Many of our members have knitted, crocheted or quilted blankets for the ongoing Linus Project.

**Indian River Chapter:** Kissing Pillows: We took 104 completed pillows to Patrick Air Force Base in December. Currently, we have made kits for all members to stitch. We will advise when we send another supply to the Base.

**Military Outreach:** On February 9, 2015, 47 kits and 27 hoops were contributed to the Viera Veterans Clinic. We are collecting more and look forward to member participation.

Each year we have collected toiletries for the Daily Bread initiative in Melbourne with a goal of 2000 items. For several years in a row we have surpassed our goal and are already up to 881 items which is 44% of our 2015 goal. We are planning on increasing our goal number.

**Habitat for Humanity:** We have reached 277 samplers for the Habitat houses. This number is during the last several years. In 2014 there were 14 new houses built which have our samplers. There are 5 in the works so far for 2015.

**Library Exhibits:** We currently have an exhibit in the Melbourne Library on Fee Avenue. This will be followed by a beading exhibit in the Suntree/Viera Library in March. In June we will have an exhibit at the Satellite Beach Library and are scheduled for November in Malabar Library.

**Teaching Adults:** We are in discussions with an assisted living facility in Melbourne to teach the adults who have shown an interest in learning. Dates are not firm yet.

**Neapolitan Chapter:** Neapolitan Chapter continues to support Habitat for Humanity with their stitched samplers.

**Sand Dollar Chapter:** Sand Dollar Chapter stitched in public at Hobby Lobby in Daytona on Feb 7 but received little interest from shoppers and are reevaluating the location for next year.

**Sand Dunes Chapter:** Sand Dunes Chapter participated in the Stitch in Public day at Books a Million. We had a few ladies stop but no real interest in joining us. Our outreach project for this year will be the same as last year - Christmas stockings given to Children's Advocacy Center. We will have a workshop in March to make the stockings and then will start handing them out at our May meeting for members to stitch a Christmas motif on the "bibs".

**Sarasota Chapter:** Sarasota Chapter has been doing free stitch-ins at the Jacaranda Library in Venice. On the 7th beading and on the 14th we had a needlepoint session. I believe they had 10 participants. On the 21st they are doing cross stitch and on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Silk ribbon. They had to sign up early and the class was limited to 10. Teachers were volunteers and usually 3 angels to help. The projects were small as the class was from 10:00- 1:00. We also had a display of all the techniques set up on the 2nd of Feb in display cases. The library did some notices of our offerings. It has been very successful and we hope to get some new members. Every Christmas we collect goodies (soaps, cosmetics razors, etc.) for Bethesda House in Sarasota (low income housing).

**Sea Grape Chapter:** Sea Grape Chapter held a Needle Art Exhibit Feb. 12-14 in celebration of its 40th anniversary. About 100 pieces of needlework were on display as well as other related booths. One table displayed a large announcement of the number of baby caps and chemo caps that the chapter donated in 2014 to Lee Memorial Hospital as our Outreach Program. Samples of the various caps were arranged around it along with a sheet showing the total number of hours devoted to this project by each knitter. It stated that we donated 236 chemo caps, 243 baby caps, for a total of 1895 hours in 2014. The last line pointed out that since this Outreach Program began in 2000, Sea Grape Chapter has donated 14,753 hours of volunteer knitting for our local hospital.

#### **Marketing Report | Vacant**

No report

#### **Sun News Report | Linda Anne Buehler**

No report submitted

#### **Ways and Means Report | Ann Fletcher**

No report submitted

**Website Report | Lynn Abbey**

The Seminar 2016 update with class and hotel information has been drafted and will "go live" on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Social Media Report | Karan Quintero**

No report submitted

**2015 Stitchers' Garden Seminar Report | Deby Talley**

We are very excited to announce that we have 76 people enrolled as of March 7. They will be participating in 8 classes and studio time. We only had to cancel one class due to low enrollment. The other two cancellations (Pat Donaldson) were due to the death of the teacher. Our banquet speaker will be our national president, Gwen Nelson. She will be talking about items in our collection. We will also have merchandise night on Friday night from 7-9pm. Cheri Hammer is in charge of that and will have more information to give out at the meeting. You do not have to attend the seminar to come to merchandise night. There are still some rooms in our hotel block- make your reservation as soon as possible. It is still possible to sign up- studio time is always available- there may be room in some of the classes.

Thanks so much to JoyceAnne Stevens for doing a fantastic job as registrar. She has kept great records and made sense of so many changes in the classes.

**Stitchers' Garden Merchandise Event**

Here is your opportunity to fatten your chapter treasury, your individual bank account, or one of your closest and bestest friend's pocketbook. It's a wonderful opportunity to get your name and your "wares" in the hands of many needleworkers! At the Stitchers' Garden seminar we will be holding a Merchandise Event from 7-9 p.m. on Friday evening, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We'd love it if you'd come join us. The rate for a table is \$30, and you can be sure that you will make more than that!

And no, you don't have to be registered at seminar to attend – it's open to all. See you all there – shopping!!!

## 2016 Red Sails in the Sunset Report | Donna Christie



Save the date for a fun-filled weekend!

April 29-May 1, 2016

- Enjoy embroidery and beading classes with exceptional teachers
- Stay at a destination that offers wonderful dining, shopping, and art and music venues.
- Experience the beautiful Hilton St Petersburg Bayfront Hotel in sunny St Petersburg Florida
- Take pleasure in the views of the marina and Gulf of Mexico.
- ...and oh yes... there will be sunsets!

Early registration will run May 1 through June 5, 2015. (All members may participate in early registration)

Visit [www.sunregionega.org](http://www.sunregionega.org) AFTER May 1, 2015 to view the brochure and download registration forms.

## Chapter Reports

At the April 2014 meeting, the Board of Directors voted to return to the policy of including chapter reports in the meeting packet since the packet becomes part of the region's official records. The region's newsletter is *not* part of the official records. Chapter reports for the newsletter usually describe what the chapter plans to do in the future; packet reports should describe what the chapter has done.

If a chapter's report is not included in the packet, the representative should bring paper copies of the report to the meeting for on-site distribution. This distributed report will then be included in the official minutes.

### **Bermuda Chapter | Shina Lyons**

No report submitted

### **Biscayne Chapter | Schelley Iman-Loch**

Since October 2014, the Biscayne Chapter has undergone fundamental changes in its procedures and structure. Biscayne Chapter embraced the recommendation of EGA National and elected only three officers to the executive board in November 2014: President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President will also act as the Region Representative as well as take on the administrative responsibilities of the Vice-president. Chairwomen were appointed to the Programs and Education committees.

Besides the reduction in the number of officers, we began our examination of the procedures and structure of our chapter by creating a new format for the newsletter. It is a template that will be used for the general, business and board meetings as well. The newsletter and meetings will start with the chapter's business and events, followed by the region's, and then the national events and news. The chapter's members have indicated that they are interested in the chapter happenings over all else, noting that those who are interested in the regional and national news and events are already subscribing to the newsletters produced at those levels, or that they already visit those websites.

The second change came to Biscayne when our Outreach committee chairwoman moved and had to retire from the position. Under her tutelage that committee had grown and become more work than one person should undertake. We have now appointed multiple members to run smaller portions of the committee: Habitat for Humanity samplers; Heart Pillows (or Soldier Pillows); pennies, toiletries, and pop tops for Ronald McDonald House; stamps for the sufferers of leprosy, labels for schools, and hats for preemies and those undergoing chemo- or radiation therapy. We may need to appoint someone to oversee the various parts of Outreach, but the collection and delivery of items will be tasks of the new "co-chairs." For the time being, the President oversees the co-ordination of the parts.

Biscayne Chapter celebrated the holidays and installed the new officers: Schelley Iman-Loch as President, Marge Holmes as Treasurer and Millie Perlman as Secretary. The retiring President, Marge Holmes, gave her board tokens of her appreciation. There were small, kitted projects distributed and started, as well as a drawing for the table decorations. We made sure to get the creator's permission to use her pattern in our kits. In January, we had a "Recover from the Holidays" stitch-in and all brought projects to work on that we had set-aside for the holidays and some left-over goodies to eat.

February was exciting because we had a class with Joan Thomasson. She came and taught us *Marigold and Moorish Tiles*. It was a fabulous class and we all had a marvelous time with her. We had so much fun that one of our members is already hosting a "Marigolds Revisited" stitch-in on March 7th.

#### **Canopy Oaks Chapter | Rebecca Lockenbach**

Canopy Oaks Chapter in Tallahassee has been busy since the Fall of 2014 Sun Region meeting. Programs included Finishing Techniques in November presented by Canopy Oaks member Carole Fiore and included a demonstration on how to make cording given by Pam Doffek, our annual Cookie Exchange and Gift Exchange and project sharing in December, "Alms Purse" designed by Becky Quine program in January, and Stitching in Public at the Leon County Eastside Library in February, and Embroidery Tools presented by our mother and daughter duo Connie and Michelle Morris in March. We are looking forward to learning more about framing from Mike Sena of the M Gallery in April and ending our business year with our Show and Tell and brunch in May. We have kicked off our annual GCC which is Liesel Schwalm, and are looking forward to sharing our progress with you in the coming months.

#### **Central Florida Chapter | Gabriella Hubbard**

CFC has selected to do the Colonial Band Sampler from the Needlearts March – December 2014 issues. This will be our program from April – November 2015.

In May we have our annual potluck, and a local fiber artist will be our speaker. We have 64 members, 3 people came to our March meeting after seeing our announcement in the Orlando Sentinel, due to the diligent efforts of Ginny Chambers, our new outreach person! Ginny is also looking at our local JoAnns & Michaels stores for stitch ins.

Our chapter has also thrown in our hat for the International Touring Teacher, we'll see if we get lucky a second time.

#### **Chain Stitchers Chapter | Claire Nardone**

No report submitted

### **DuClay Chapter | JoyceAnne Stevens**

duClay members stitched diligently on their name tag/pocket projects designed by Jane Timmers during the summer and early Fall 2014. On the last Sunday in September, Jane visited our chapter and taught a finishing class specific to the finishing of the name tags. 15 members came with their sewing machines, irons, pressing boards, and extra threads and beads. Jane taught us a bead trim for the side seams and bottom and how to sew and insert a lining into the bag or pocket for those making a pocket. Jane helped several members finish their project as a single layer name tag. Members learned and practiced making twisted cord. Lunch was catered and almost everyone left at the end of the day with a completed name tag.

The fall months were spent stitching on various challenge project preparing for the Christmas luncheon where the winner of the finishing challenge would be drawn. Early in December we met at the historic Bensel House on the St. John's River in Jacksonville for our Christmas luncheon which was again catered, an exchange of gifts, a wonderful display of stitching, the drawing for the challenge winner, and a day of stitching.

January began with the installation of two new officers. Linda Meyer was installed as President and Ellem Lamm as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Membership Chairman. At the January meeting members turned in their lists of projects for the 2015 finishing challenge. Also at the January meeting a small group of members interested in canvas work began a canvaswork stitch along(SAL). The project chosen was a free design by Laura J Perrin found on the Rainbow Gallery website. <http://www.rainbowgallery.com/freechartdownloads.cfm?ID=12> The name of the project is "At the Ball Park". The members interested in participating downloaded and printed their charts. We discussed the materials listed, looked at samples of the various threads and possible substitutions. A completed piece was shown. The group used January to gather materials and started stitching in February. By the March meeting 4 members had finished the piece.

The February meeting brought a wonderful surprise in the person of Lorraine Mootz, here visiting family. Lorraine is a long time friend of duClay members and was excited that she would be able to attend our regular meeting. She brought several of her antique samplers and gave an impromptu lecture on them. It was exciting day for all.

4 duClay members are looking forward to Stitchers' Garden in May. Our June meeting will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual get together at Westminster Woods. We are preparing for and looking forward to our September class with Lauren Sauer. Janeann Sleeman will again teach a painted canvas class sometime in July. There are spaces available in both Lauren's and Janeann's classes and we welcome visitors to any of our meetings.

For information and for wonderful photos of our many activities please visit our blog at <http://duclayega.blogspot.com/>

### **Gulfview Chapter | Ann Ashley**

My chapter has phenomenal participation by the members. It's not unusual to have 60% of the membership at a regular meeting, and then a week later have 40% at a stitch in at the Port Richey Library on Main street. My firm belief is that we get the turnouts because they are scheduled on the second and third Wednesday of the month. Our families know that those days are for EGA and not for other appointments.

Because we do not "meet" during the three summer months, three members open their homes for a stitch-in on the second Wednesday. On the third Wednesday the usual room is used at the library. We gather, help each other with our projects, talk and gossip, and become good friends.

Thus, when the Stitching Series starts on Saturday, March 21 afternoon, there will be a roomful of Gulfview Chapter members helping and encouraging possible new members.

### **Indian River | Adrienne Meyer**

We have a new take on UFOs for this year. Our president has encouraged our members to make a "To Do" list of several unfinished projects to be completed this year. Jineen Kulczycky then organized a new group to meet regularly to stitch on their UFOs. The group is called Procrastinators Anonymous, PA for short.

Indian River members observed “Stitch in Public Day” on February 7 by stitching at local book stores and a local Starbucks. Lots of interested observers.

Orders from my chapter for Sun Region merchandise have boomed. I was amazed at how many members ordered a region pin. Perhaps we region reps should do this every year.

IRC plans to hold another annual day-long retreat in July for our members. It has proved to be a wonderful, relaxed day with time for getting to know our fellow members.

### **Neapolitan Chapter | Karen Rockenbach**

Hello from Southwest Florida....

Our nominating committee met during the summer of 2014 with the slate of new officers presented at our October meeting. Officers were elected at our November meeting and installed at our Christmas luncheon in December.

Following is the slate of new officers:

President, Judy Winterhalter

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bunny Sorchevich

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Maria Giovine

Treasurer, Suzi Bloemker

Secretary, Trini Folliot

Region Representative, Karen Rockenbach.

Our October program was a presentation from Judy Hashon of Opera Naples. They were looking for volunteers to help with repairs to costumes donated by the Jacksonville Opera. We had a few members donate many hours to this project. We adjourned for a luncheon at Audrey’s Tea Room and vintage clothing store. Fun was had checking out dresses, hats, etc.

Our November meeting featured a presentation by our member, Rose Ford, on her recent trip to France and visit to the Bayeaux Tapestry. It was an excellent detailed program. Members were encouraged to bring unfinished projects or projects they intended to do. Pictures were taken of these projects and members were asked to bring them back in March, 2015 to check their progress. This was intended to generate more needlework entries for our February, 2016 show.

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas luncheon at the Moorings Country Club.

In January, Ann Hocking of The Quilted Turtle in Naples presented her program on her Art Quilts. Barbara Ellis taught us “Romancing the Heart” in a two day workshop. It is a beaded necklace featuring a raku pottery heart. Very beautiful! After our January meeting, we adjourned to an afternoon workshop on Styrofoam Easter egg finishing taught by Clemmie Rounds of both our guild and the Sarasota Chapter. Everyone brought their finished embroidery and we learned how to finish the most beautiful eggs with ribbons, braids, etc.

February brought a wonderful program by our member, Gretchen Schultz. She is an avid collector of antique sewing tools. She presented a slide show to compliment a table full of sewing tools.

Several members are working on our group correspondence class, Cutwork, Shadow Work and Trapunto by Luan Callery. We started this at our January stitch-in.

In March, Joan Thomasson will be teaching a pilot class on her “Deep in the Heart of Texas” This will be a 3 day class. Jonalene Gutwein will present her program on Pulled and Drawn Work, Hardanger, and Reverse Stitching at our general meeting.

April brings us to our spring luncheon at Wildcat Run Golf and Country Club.

We continue to stitch samplers for Habitat for Humanity. This year we will stitch and donate approximately 110 samplers. We are very proud to be part of this organization.

### **Sand Dollar Chapter | Kathie Dougherty**

Our October 2014 education project was an Assisi project of a Starfish designed by a member and the November 2014 project was a Button Scissor Fob. In December we had our annual ornament exchange and the following week we had our luncheon where we collect donations for a local food pantry, animal pantry and the church where we hold our monthly business meetings.

In January 2015 we started a three month project- a Red Work Embroidery Table Runner. This project covered the entire process from fabric preparation, design transfer, embroidery and finishing. It was for all skill levels.

February 7, 2015 we held a Stitch-in-Public day at the Daytona Hobby Lobby. The members who attended want to reconsider this venue before next year since it didn't seem very effective. Also in February we held our annual Stitch Away Day. Three classes were taught- Folding Ort Box, Crayon Tinted Towel, and a beaded bracelet. We also had a free stitch table.

We continued our "Learning about our Members" program this year. We have members speak about themselves and their stitching experiences. This continues to be a well-received program and we have all learned so much about each other.

We have 51 members- including 1 Lifetime and 4 plurals.

### **Sand Dunes Chapter | Linda Anne Buehler**

Since the last region meeting, Sand Dunes chapter has completed our programs on beading, blackwork and bargello and are getting ready to move on to the last portion of our "Stitching B" program year with the "Bee Happy Pincushion Box & Stitching Accessories" featuring surface embroidery stitches.

In other educational endeavor, some members took a road trip to the Needle Bug in Montgomery, AL (now our closest LNS) and are beginning work on the Bargello Challenge GCC. We are also looking forward to piloting a class for our member, and nationally known designer/teacher, Kathy Rees.

For outreach, we presented 63 mini-stockings to the Children's Advocacy Center in Niceville and continue to present samplers at local Habitat for Humanity home dedications.

We are looking forward to showing off three items at a table at the Merchandise Night event at the "Stitchers' Garden" seminar in Orlando in May: an afghan featuring stitched shells, a beaded amulet bag and a framed needleart piece. The shells on the afghan were stitched by various chapter members; the amulet bag, "Iris Bouquet", was beaded by Barbara Harrison from a design by Barbara E. Elbe; the framed needleart, "Glen Eagle", was stitched by charter member Ellen Gordon and reframed by chapter member Cynthia Hardesty and her husband. Tickets for these items will sell for \$1.00 each. Feel free to bring money from chapter members, friends, families or co-workers who won't be attending the seminar to purchase tickets for them. Bringing address labels will help expedite filling out the tickets. The drawing for "Iris Bouquet" and "Glen Eagle" will be held at the end of the Merchandise Night event and, although you do not need to be present to win, you must have made arrangements for delivery in case you win. The winner of the afghan will be drawn November 22 at the Sand Dunes' chapter meeting. Again, you need not be present to win but, in this case, the afghan will be mailed to you if you do not live locally.





**Sandhill Crane Chapter | Jane Newhouse**

No report submitted

**Sarasota Chapter | Ann Fletcher**

Past classes after meetings included, a Painting canvas demo, making stitched chocolates, making a kimono folded fabric scissor holder, a heart Etui. Last but not least we cut fleece blankets for the Firemen at the station where we have our meetings. Of course we had our regular Christmas luncheon with UFO's, an ornament exchange and installation of newly elected officers. February we held an exhibit at the Venice Jacaranda Library as well as three classes on 3 different Saturdays of cross stitch, needlepoint and silk ribbon embroidery. We just had a touring teacher from Maine, Denise Harrington Pratt, and we also learned to make a "Cockade" taught by Jeanne Polzin. April will be a cathedral window pin cushion.

**Sea Grape Chapter | Betty Baechle**

The 40th anniversary of our chapter was celebrated during our November meeting. There was a special display of some of the past class projects. Fun to see what we learned so many years ago.

We had our holiday potluck luncheon in December. UFO's were shown. Everyone is busy working on projects to get them done in time for the exhibit held in February. Also during this meeting we elected three new officers. Treasurer Antoinette Sabatka, Secretary Charlotte Nelson and Region Representative Betty Baechle.

The first installment began in January for those participating in the year long project Sampler by the Sea designed by Barbara Bolton. Gulf Harbor was the site for our January luncheon. We continued with our practice of inviting the Neapolitan chapter to join us. Ruth Ford was the speaker on the topic of the Bayeau Tapestry.

Members continue to embroider book marks. Everyone that attended the exhibit held in February received one. By the February meeting 500 had been stitched.

**Suwanee Stitchers | Betsy Ann Harris**

No report submitted



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