



# The Sun News

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The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

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## March/April/May 2016

### RD's Letter

Hello Again,

Yes it's that time again. I hope that all of you are having a great winter. I've been enjoying the milder temperatures and spending more time outside taking advantage of it.

I'm heading to the national board meeting this weekend (March 10 - 13) in Louisville. I know that I will have lots of information to share with you when I get back. I will send a written report to all presidents and region reps as quickly as I can when I get back. And we will also go over the report at the Sun Region board meeting in April, so if you have questions and/or concerns that you haven't gotten answered before then, be sure to bring them to the SR meeting.

I've made a few visits to chapters and I thoroughly enjoy meeting all of you. It's been such fun to be included in your groups, their activities and the fun! I'm checking my schedule to see when I can get to the rest of you. Please feel free to invite me to special events. Wish I could go to Neapolitan's show and the event in Tallahassee but life seems to get in the way. I would encourage all Sun Region members to attend those two events in my place – they both look fantastic.

We have some vacancies in the region that need to be filled. The region cannot function properly with unfilled positions. It makes those in office work harder and enjoy it less. If everyone does a little, things get done and we're all a lot happier. These positions do not need to be held by a region rep. Any member of Sun Region can help by filling one of these positions. These positions must be filled by the end of the Sun Region meeting, so I would appreciate it if you would seriously consider helping Sun Region be the best! So, we are looking for a Bylaws Chair and a Ways and Means chair. The nominating committee needs two members. The education committee needs some help. And we need a chair for the 2018 Education Event. Rose White had to resign as the chair of this committee. The fun of being chair for the Education Event is that it can be whatever you want – seminar, retreat, cruise, or maybe something new and different. If you've ever complained about these events, here's your chance to fix it. Call or email me if you'd like more information about these positions or, even better, to volunteer.

The stash sale has been doing really well. We've sold almost \$2500 in items and we still have a lot left. I will bring some of it to the region meeting for those of you that haven't had a chance to look at it. If there's something you'd like me to bring, let me know. And if you'd like an updated list of what we have, let me know that also. I now have pretty much everything in lists. Lynn had taken photos of the full kits that we have and is starting to post them on eBay. Once that is working properly,

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The mission of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is  
to inspire a passion for the needle arts through education and its heritage.

we'll let you know how to look at those items.

And, in education news, Deby's report states that the EC voted to use the money from the stash sale that we have so far, to fund an ITT class again this year. They have a whole new slate of teachers and classes that look really nice. At the time that Deby wrote her report we had applied for the class but had not received word back about it. But now we have! We again won a spot with a teacher – Merrilyn Heazlewood from Tasmania is going to teaching her Tudor Garden class. This is a 3 day canvas class and it looks beautiful. The duClay chapter has volunteered to host the class in Jacksonville. They will look for a venue where we can have class and hotel for us to stay in. Dates are Wed-Fri, November 9 to Nov 11, 2016. This is right after the national seminar and Sun Region will be Merrilyn's last stop before heading home. I hope that you're excited about this class and remember that you will not need to pay any class fees other than the kit fee.

There's a lot going on in Sun Region and I hope that you will participate in as many events as you possible can!

*Kathy Singleton*

Sun Region Director

## *ARD's report*

*Melody Bryan*

Welcome Springtime!

Isn't it a great time of the year, still cool and crisp but with all the new growth and flowering trees and bushes popping colors of spring?

Spring is a great time for all the chapters in our region to get busy with plans for classes, projects and get-togethers. Have you ever attended a region meeting? Why not think about attending the upcoming meeting in Sebring.

Our 2016 Spring Sun Region Board meeting will be held in Sebring at the Inn on the Lakes on April 15 thru April 17th. If you want to come and enjoy this lovely family owned property for a day or two extra – our room rate has been locked in if there is availability in the hotel. Only lake view rooms are available at this time for \$109 per night for a double or king room. Please call (800) 531-5253 to make or cancel a room reservation.

They have a wonderful relaxing patio/pool area overlooking the lake, and in-house bar and restaurant. Breakfast in the restaurant is included for registered guests of the hotel.

Our room block guarantee expires on March 15, 2016 so please make your reservations if you have not done so. Please let me know if you are having any difficulties in getting a room.

Luncheon clip'n'mail coupon is included in this newsletter (*page 13*), deadline for the luncheon signup is April 1st.

Biscayne Chapter is hosting the luncheon as well as providing the program for Saturday night. There will be a \$5 per person charge for the kit provided by Biscayne.

The Fall 2016 Board meeting will be back on the gulf coast in Safety Harbor just north of St Pete. The Safety Harbor Resort and Spa will be our host hotel. Take a look at their website and see what a great facility this is to come and take an extra day or two for stitching with friends. Dates are Sept. 16 – 18th 2016. Room rate is \$99 per night and the luncheon this time will be a buffet with lots of choices. The room rate will be available for a couple of days prior and after the meeting based on the availability in the resort. Please call (888) 237-8772 and identify yourself as a SR EGA member. Our room block is set up – please let me know if you have any difficulty in making a reservation. <http://www.safetyharborspa.com/>

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Spring meeting.



## *Sun Region Officers and Committee Chairs*

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### 2016 Sun Region (region events) Calendar\*

April 17 - 18    spring Sun Region meeting  
Inn on the Lakes - Sebring, FL

*\*see page 18 for new Sun Region chapter events calendar*

June 1            next Sun News deadline

### **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.

**Treasurer's Report: Activity Period: 12/1/2015 - 2/29/2016**

	Checking	MoneyMkt	
Opening Balance	26,745.72	57,079.60	
<b>Income</b>			
02 Dues	3.00	0.00	
03 Interest	0.00	7.10	
Money Market Savings Trans.	0.00	0.00	
Transfer from Reserves	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>7.10</b>	
<b>Expense</b>			
21 Educ Event	1,000.00	0.00	
35 Other	61.76	0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,061.76</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>SEPARATE ACCOUNTS</b>			
2015 Seminar (net)	0.00		
2016 Seminar (net)	7,898.00		
2017 Retreat (net)	0.00		
Reg. Meeting Luncheons (net)	220.00		
Fundraising/Ways & Means	2,130.27		
<b>TOTAL SEPARATE ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>10,248.27</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,935.23</b>	<b>57,086.70</b>	
<b>OPEN ITEMS</b>			
Receivables	0.00	4.68	
Payables	200.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL OPEN ITEMS</b>	<b>-200.00</b>	<b>4.68</b>	
<b>TOTAL (W/O OPEN ITEMS)</b>	<b>36,135.23</b>	<b>57,082.02</b>	
<b>CLOSING BALANCES (Regions Bank Account Statements: MM as of 12/31/15; checking as of 2/29/16)</b>			
	36,135.23	57,082.02	

# Committee Information

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

Are you ready to share a sunset with your stitching friends?



This sailor is looking for you to sign up for a fun packed, stimulating, educational weekend. Come check out the marina, restaurants and dockside shops in St Petersburg. Red Sails in the Sunset brochure and registration form is available <http://www.sunregionega.org/seminars-retreats/2016-red-sails-in-the-sunset-5-1/>

You don't want to miss this event! **April 28-May 1, 2016**

EDUCATION - Deby Talley, chair

The Phillips grant committee continues to work on how to implement the region plan for video and online education. We hope to have a mini video to showcase at the Sun Region Seminar in May, if not before. I would like to ask for someone to step up and chair this committee. You would report to the Education chair, but you would be working with Lynn Abbey and the rest of the committee to help implement this exciting new area for Sun Region Education.

We are continuing to do funding to the chapters for GCC'S and educational events. I am in the process of rewriting the instructions to make it easier for all of us to handle, and to have consistent paperwork for tracking purposes. I will have this for all chapter reps at the Region meeting in April.

Speaking of GCC's, we now have the new Sunshine GCC that is region run. All of the details were in the last newsletter. I am going to announce that the first one will be Keeping In Shape, a beading GCC. I am hoping that someone will offer to be the coordinator for this project.

The committee has also been working on what to do with profits from Stitchers' Garden, the 2015 Seminar. We have been looking into scholarships for future region educational events and plan to have some announcements at the Spring Region meeting.

Finally, since the stash sale has generated so much money, the Executive committee had me apply for an International Touring Teacher. We should know if we are selected by the Region meeting.

## HISTORIAN - *Karan Quintero*

Our big event for 1990, "Stitcher's Round Up!" had the Sun Region members come up to the Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center in Jacksonville, Florida, May 4th -6th, 1990. Attendees received a warm welcome from the Sun Region Director, Janet Hill and the Seminar Chairman, Alice Mae Johnson. There was even a Sheriff, Hetty Ricker (Suncoast) in case the ladies got rowdy! The committee was composed of three Suncoast members, one member from Indian River, Hibiscus, Coral Springs, Gulfview, Biscayne, Sarasota, Sea Grape and two from Du-Clay, and LeMoyne Chapters.

Registration was open to all members of EGA with Sun Region members given preference in class selection. Pre-registration was not accepted before January 4th and was closed one month later, February 4th. The \$125 registration fee was accepted by check only and included tuition, the Saturday night barbecue wearing your best country western duds, two lunches and four coffee breaks. Kit fees were due upon confirmation of class. Applicants had to list three different classes, if they did not their registration was moved to the bottom of the selection list (these ladies meant business!!).

As tightly as this seminar was run, there was plenty more to do and see. The bookstore, the boutique, the region meeting to attend, the teacher showcase, and the exhibit, but it didn't finish there. The LeMoyne Chapter was given a Wine & Cheese Party at the Jacksonville Museum of Science & History as thanks for their volunteer work. There were 200 antique dolls dressed by LeMoyne members on display as well as other additional textiles.

Ten classes were presented to our region, all from local region teachers. Now the difficult decisions as to which class to take fell to the individual members. The classes were "Spring Bunny" (Ellen Carlson-Crewel \$10), "The Kokeshi Dolls" (LeE Brady-Canvas & Applique \$30), "Papillon, An Introduction to Needlelace" (Ritva Bowman-Needlelace \$12.50), "Ultrasuede Evening Bag with Blackwork" (Bette Elovitz-Canvas \$38), "M'Lady's Fantasy Flowers" (Francye Farley-Needlelace, Pulled Thread, Couching \$35), "Detached Silk & Metal Butterfly" (Rena Gordon-Canvas, Silk & Metal \$23), "Hardanger Design Notebook Class" (Jonalene Gutwein-Hardanger \$14), "A Jamestown Spring Bouquet" (Lydia Hoopes-Shadowork & Crewel \$30), "Sara" (Glendore McLaughlin-Canvas, Pulled Thread, Pattern Darning, Embroidery \$20) and "The Bird Feeder" (Elsa Parrish-Canvas, Detached Applique, Needleweaving \$30).

These ladies did a wonderful job of providing a great experience for all those Sun Region members who attended!

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## NOMINATING - *Karan Quintero*

The time is now to encourage Sun Region members to consider their continued support of Sun Region by becoming a member of the Executive Board. These are the only positions voted on by the Sun Region Representatives at the annual meeting held October 2017. Many of our members have had experience in the work field and possess many of the qualities and skills needed to facilitate the smooth functioning of our region. We urge you to speak to your chapter members and ask them to step forward to help guide this region towards a successful future.

More information and Member Profile forms will be distributed to all region representatives at the April meeting.

## OUTREACH - *JoyceAnne Stevens, chair*

What is "Outreach"? After several years of reading chapter outreach reports it appears to be many things to many different chapters.

From the National web site under Outreach is the following statement:

"Outreach is any time a member or group of members go into the community and do "something" in the name of EGA."

In Sun Region chapters collect items to donate, make items to donate, hold exhibits, stitch-in-public, and teach classes to name a few of the many activities.

Another quote from the EGA web site:

"EGA outreach is all about promoting The Embroiderers' Guild as an educational organization as well as developing an awareness of embroidery as an art form. EGA outreach exists at all three levels: National, Regional, and Chapter. "

On the National level numerous designers have donated designs to support a variety of charities. Currently, there is a package of 4 designs for sale. The proceeds will be donated to Alzheimer research.

What is your chapter doing for Outreach in 2016? Are you stitching items for others or teaching others to stitch, collecting things to donate, getting out in public to let people know embroidery is alive and well? Has your chapter chosen an outreach project(s) for 2016? Are you having trouble finding and choosing a project? Look at past newsletters and chapter reports for ideas. I am looking forward to hearing what Sun Region chapters are working on during this coming year.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA - *Karan Quintero chair*

I am hoping that Sun Region members are checking our Facebook page. Posting of upcoming exhibits, teacher workshops, and announcements of awarded winners of stitching-related challenges or shows can be easily added to our page with your provided photos. Through this means we attract interest from within and from outside our region. Contact me ([socialmedia@sunregionega.org](mailto:socialmedia@sunregionega.org)) with any information you want posted. My thanks to our continuing contributors, Lynn Abbey and Jenna McClooney.

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## WEB SITE - *Lynn Abbey*

Our redesigned website is catching on. We're getting more visitors than ever before, including non-Sun Region or non-EGA visitors who want to know more about us. At least one "snowbird" used our site to plan her winter vacation as a series of visits from one chapter to the next.

Other things have not moved so smoothly. Family medical issues drew my attention away from the website and pretty much everything else since Thanksgiving. I hope to be back on track by the region meeting in April.

**Visit the Sun Region website at [www.sunregionega.org](http://www.sunregionega.org) !!!**

# Chapter Reports

## **BERMUDA**

*Shina Lyons*

Hello from sunny Bermuda... At our February meeting yours truly did a work shop on tassels. The forms were given to the guild by a member who bought them from the Royal School of Needlework a long time ago. There were 9 people who signed up and most have finished them.

On February 20th, twenty-eight members of the guild went for a day of stitching at Pompano Beach. (photos at right) Some of us went of Friday and spent the night. It is such a beautiful hotel and the food is wonderful. We even had one of our overseas members join us, which was fun since I kept it a surprise. So, all in all, it was a very relaxing, fun weekend.



The March meeting will be a regular stitching day. In April we plan to have a speaker in to discuss wills; it's always nice to have something different once a year!! In May we are having a Stitch-a-thon and the money raised we will give to the Church's feeding the poor.

On a sad note, our founding member Nan Brown, died after a long fight with cancer. She had moved back to Canada a few years ago but some of us had kept in touch.

## **BISCAYNE**

*Shelley Iman-Loch*

Biscayne will be busy during the next quarter. We will be celebrating our 41st Birthday at our March meeting. The theme is St. Patrick's so green is the color of the day. At April's meeting we are making a scissor fobs with beads and knitting "yarn ribbon." It looks complicated, but Martha (Milnes) tells me it's very easy. I love a big pay off for little effort! For May we will be discussing the strangest tools we have ever used in our practice of embroidery. This program will be lead by Janet Edgar. Janet will also introduce the Summer 2016 Challenge entitled "Shades of Gray and One Color." The results of our efforts will be displayed at our holiday party in December.

## **CENTRAL FLORIDA**

*Gaby Hubbard*

Central Florida Chapter's 2016 will be all about finishing! We have a UFO Challenge, with projects to be done by November 2016.

To help us during the year, Kathy Singleton shared how to make tassels. In March, Gaby Hubbard will demonstrate how to make an easel or flat fold. April brings Ginny Chambers to show us needle tatting. Margaret Kinsey will do a presentation on Asian embroidery for our May meeting.

In February we stitched in public at a Barnes & Noble and Jo-Ann's.



**CANOPY OAKS***Rebecca Lockenbach*

Canopy Oaks ladies have had a busy winter that included our annual cookie and gift exchange in December, followed by our basic embroidery session led by Pam Doffek in January and Stitch-in-Public at the Woodville Public Library (*photos below*) in February. In March we will gather to work on items for the LeMoyne boutique and in April we are looking forward to hearing Sherry Shofield from the FSU Textile Department share information on textiles, and of course, please come to Tallahassee in May as we highlight our talents at the LeMoyne Center for Visual Arts. Our exhibit is titled What's the Point: Embroidery as Art. So pack your bags, be sure to bring walking shoes, and head our way. Email or call me if you are coming, so we can arrange a welcoming committee, and would love to show you around our fair city, and join you for lunch or dinner.

**CHAIN STITCHERS***Claire Nardone*

Chain Stitchers has been busy this wonderful 2016. In January we were taught a nice band sampler by one of our members, Susan Butler, who patterned the piece to create a nice small bell pull. In February Susan taught us how to assemble the bell pull using various "found" objects. March brings us pin cushion ideas by our own, Carol Presley. In April, Carol will teach us how and what to fill our pin cushions with. May brings our wonderful Anniversary dinner.

**duCLAY***JoyceAnne Stevens*

duClay Chapter has a busy year planned for 2016. We decided in the fall to have a chapter SAL (*stitch-a-long*) using the Amy Mitten design "Excursion #1, Scotland". The order was placed and kits were handed out in December. A second SAL was begun after our visit with Kathy Rees. Everyone was so taken with her many designs we decided to start a canvaswork SAL with one of Kathy's designs—but which one—we couldn't decide. So we let each person make their own choice and we now have a variety of canvas designs being stitched. It will be fun to see them all together at the end of the year.

Our first "Taste of —" class was held at our February meeting with JoyceAnne teaching a small Hardanger design. March will have a guest teacher leading us in an English paper piecing project. In May members are going to show antiques—needlework, tools, books, etc. and in June we will be back at Westminster Woods for our 4th annual all day stitch-in. Later in the summer in July there will be a chapter retreat in Sebring at the Inn on the Lake.

We have welcomed a number of new members during the past year.

Please visit our blog for details on our activities and many photos. <http://duclayega.blogspot.com/>  
We also have a facebook page, so look for us there too.

**GULFVIEW***AnnAshley*

A member of Gulfview chapter has very little complaint for not having something to occupy her time for the next three months. On March 3rd we go out to lunch to celebrate our "birthday." On April 4 -5 some of us are piloting a beading class. Then a class in Teneriffe will be held after our 13 April meeting, meanwhile working on the new, to some, techniques presented in January and February. On April 13 a hidden treasures sale will also take place.

Our members love to cook, so on May 11 there is a potluck lunch planned. All this activity takes place at a new meeting venue with large rooms and good lighting.

Soon the snowbirds will head north, but those left behind will continue to stitch at three planned stitch-ins each month.

## **INDIAN RIVER**

*Aline Lauzon*

The Indian River Chapter will be very busy during March. On March 4 & 5, 2016 we are joining the Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Club in the quilt show at the Melbourne Auditorium. At this show we are displaying some of our Needle Arts magazines, along with membership forms and contact information. This will require several members to spend 2 days to cover the table. We are also doing some stitching while sitting near our display. Along with the quilt show, we have made arrangements for an exhibition at Patrick Air Force Base of our finished projects with a wide variety of techniques. This display will be for the month of March.

We have several members attending the Sun Region meeting at Seebring on April 16 & 17th.

For the St. Petersburg "Red Sails in the Sunset" seminar we are donating a basket of new items for the Ways & Means for the Region. There are several members registered for this event and are looking forward to attending.

As an aside to our regular meetings, we are making plans for a retreat to be held during the week in Vero Beach at our 1st VP's residence center. We plan to frequent a stitching shop in the area who also advertises in our bulletin. This event is planned for late April – early May.

## **NEAPOLITAN**

*Karen Rockenbach*

Our season is flying by so fast. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month so we have two more regular meetings before our snowbirds head north. Our biennial show, The Art of Needlework, was a huge success at the end of February. We have been fortunate to have wonderful programs this year. In January, our member Gretchen Schultz gave a talk and show and tell of her collection of antique crazy quilts. In February, our member Trini Folliot, gave a presentation on her classes last summer at the Lesage School of Needlework in Paris, France. This month we have another member, Diana Hutchison, giving a presentation and show and tell of her collection of antique dolls, many of which she has designed and sewn costumes. Our annual spring luncheon which will be held April 20 at Backwater Jack's in Bonita Springs. We will continue to meet each month starting in May for stitch-ins over the summer. We look forward to October when our regular meetings will start. Members are encouraged to stitch our Habitat for Humanity samplers over the summer. We will be supplying 130 samplers this year.

*Pictured at right are the winners  
in "The Art of Needlework" 2016 exhibit  
1st Place: "A Perfect World in Ribbon Embroidery"  
by Diana Hutchinson  
2nd Place: "Spring Basket in Box"  
by Clemmie Rounds  
3rd Place: "La Donna Velata"  
by Lilianne Rivera*



## **SAND DOLLAR**

*Kathie Dougherty*

In March we will learn Canadian smocking taught by a member. Our program will be viewing the remainder of EGA's DVD on Italian lace making.

April is our annual Spring pot luck luncheon before our snowbirds leave. During April we are also planning a unique stitch-in with a new twist: Because many of us cannot accommodate large numbers of people in our homes and may have limited parking, we will have a sign up sheet and allow the number of people who can be accommodated in the home. We have two members who volunteered to host the premiere of this new idea and

hope it will encourage others.

May is our last formal meeting before the summer and we will continue our bell pull project. We have 5 members registered for Red Sails in the Sunset so we will see you there!

## ***SAND DUNES***

*Linda Anne Buehler*

As planned, in January and February chapter members worked on a creative bead embroidery project - a top for a small metal box (Altoids tin) using various bead embroidery techniques.

In March and April, we'll be working on a Hardanger Snowflake Daily, taught by our chapter president, Pam Burke.

The texts have arrived, so we're ready to get started on the "Keeping in Shape" beaded necklace GCC.

We're especially excited to be piloting two classes this spring! This is a big benefit of having a canvas and a beading designer/teacher in our area who have classes that need to be piloted before being presented at national seminars.

And, last, but not least - we have a Spring Training event on March 12th! In the style of our previous stitching half-marathon, this time we'll be doing nine hours (think innings!) of stitching. There will be some eating, learning (Kumohimo), games and prizes. And, of course, there's always the sharing of friendship and camaraderie!

## ***SEA GRAPE***

*Betty Baechle*

In January, we had our annual luncheon. As we do each year, members bring their stitched items to be put on display. Those attending the luncheon vote on who will be awarded the Roxanne Badenock Silver Thimble. The winner gets to keep the thimble until the next year's luncheon. This year the thimble was awarded to Julie Brocco. Congratulations Julie!

At the January meeting, stitching began on the Samarkand Box. We have a couple of months to stitch so that we are ready at the March meeting to learn how to finish the inside and connect the sides. We had several color choices, so it will be fun to see how they turned out.

Spring cleaning begins in April with our Annual Closet Sale. Time to dig into the stitching closet, drawers, under the bed and rethink what is in the stash. Maybe it's time to move that special stitching project onto someone else's stitch rotation.

A quick project to look forward to in May is a tila bracelet. We plan on walking out with a new bangle on our wrists.

## ***SARASOTA***

*Clemmie Rounds*

In January, the membership paid a special surprise tribute to Eleanor Langlois, who has, for so many years, been an active participant in our Chapter. Eleanor Langlois also taught the Personal Plaid workshop which was very well received and fun to make. *(photos on next page)*

In February, members who attended the Neapolitan Exhibit shared their road trip to Naples experience, shopped at Needlepoint in Paradise, grabbed bite nearby for lunch before heading back to Sarasota. Our Chapter's representation also grew since the last exhibit, two years ago. Way to go Neapolitan Chapter!! We are all looking forward to 2018. Chris Millar took charge of the Sand Dollar Pin Keep project as well.



In March, our special guests will be members of the Plantation Pleaters Smocking Arts Guild. They will delight us with their wonderfully sewn heirlooms. A demonstration of pleating technique using the Martha Pullen pleater will also be featured and all members are invited to learn the basic smocking techniques in the afternoon class.

In April, Kathy Singleton, Region Director, will be our guest speaker. She will join us when Chris Millar heads the Blossom Fairy project.



## SUWANEE STITCHERS *Betsy Harris*

Just like everyone else, the Suwannee Stitchers have been busy. In December, we held our Holiday Party with a potluck lunch at the beautiful Guest House of one of our members. Everyone brought delicious food to share and there was plenty of it! We also had a Chinese Gift Exchange with stitching-related gift items. Some were really spectacular! We also made beaded scissor fobs to sell at our boutique at the upcoming quilt show.

In January, Canby Robertson taught a "methods" class on "Lettering for Surface Embroidery" to share the skill of professional lettering for non-counted embroidery. In February, Canby taught a class on "Jacobean Constellation . . . and exploration of Crewel Embroidery". Students stitched a crewel design that was created in 2003 to honor the 30th anniversary of the EGA Constellation Chapter, Baltimore. Both classes were well attended and helped raise money for the Suwannee Stitchers' treasury.

At our March meeting, we will be finalizing our plans for the quilt show. The Trenton Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival will be held on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 to 4:00 and the Suwannee Stitchers will have a boutique booth. We will be selling stitching-related items, stash materials, and other donated items. We are hoping this will be a successful fund-raiser for us. There will also be hundreds of quilts, dozens of vendors, antique dealers, food, quilt turning, vintage quilts at the Museum and much more. Save this date because you don't want to miss this event.

The Suwannee Stitchers will sponsor a Vintage Lace and Button Lecture on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 to 1:00 at the Suwannee Valley Quilt Museum. This will include a slide show, a Bobbin Lace Demonstration, a display of hundreds of vintage buttons, and laces featuring "Black Lace". Jo Ann Eurell, Marion Jones, and Sally Criswell, who are all experts in this field, will host this event. I have attended these lectures before and I can assure you they are informative and entertaining with breath-taking samples to view. The cost of this lecture is \$50.

# Clip & Mail



## April 16, 2016 Sun Region Meeting - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Reservations Inn on the Lakes, Sebring

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the chapter rep? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Mail your reservation and check for \$20.00** (payable to Sun Region EGA)  
**to be received by April 1, 2016 to:**

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Luncheon choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chunk Chicken Salad  
Made with breast of Chicken, Rosemary, Sour Cream Mayo, Celery, Red Onions and Grapes  
Served on Garden Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Sandwich  
Boneless Breast of Chicken Grilled on a Butter Toasted Bun with Our Key Lime Mustard Sauce  
Served with French Fries and Coleslaw

\_\_\_\_\_ Portobello Sandwich  
Portobello Mushroom sandwich served with a mixed green salad

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

Circle one:

Y N I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Biscayne chapter  
(\$5 kit fee due at meeting)

## *Sun Region Chapters' Events Calendar \**

### **March**

- 3 Bermuda - Meeting - stitching  
Gulfview - Stitch-In  
Sand Dollar - Meeting
- 4 Biscayne - Meeting and Birthday Party
- 8 Chain Stitchers - Meeting  
Sand Dollar - Stitch-In at New Smyrna Beach Library
- 9 Gulfview - Birthday Luncheon
- 10 Sea Grape - Meeting
- 12 Canopy Oaks - Meeting  
Central Florida - Meeting  
Sand Dunes - "Spring Training" stitching
- 13 Sand Dunes - Stitch-in and beading interest group
- 16 Gulfview - Stitch-In  
Neapolitan - Meeting
- 17 Sand Dollar - Stitch-In at Port Orange Library
- 19 Trenton Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival 9am - 4pm  
(Suwannee Stitchers will have a boutique booth)
- 20 Sand Dunes - Meeting with program
- 21 Indian River - Meeting  
Sarasota - Stitch-In
- 24 Sea Grape - Meeting
- 26 Sea Grape - Stitching at Edison Home
- 28 Gulfview - Stitch-In  
Sarasota - Meeting with program

### **April**

- 1 Biscayne - Meeting with program
- 2 duClay - Meeting
- 7 Bermuda - Meeting with speaker  
Gulfview - Stitch-In  
Sand Dollar - Meeting and Spring Luncheon
- 8 Central Florida - Meeting
- 9 Canopy Oaks - Meeting with speaker  
duClay - Second Saturday stitchers  
Suwannee Stitchers - (sponsoring )Vintage Lace and Button Lecture, Suwannee Valley Quilt Museum 10am - 1pm (\$50.00)
- 12 Chain Stitchers - Meeting
- 13 Gulfview - Meeting with program
- 14 Sea Grape - Meeting

**April (cont.)**

- 18 Indian River - Meeting  
Sarasota - Stitch-In
- 19 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in at New Smyrna Beach Library
- 20 Gulfview - Stitch-In  
Neapolitan - Annual Spring Luncheon
- 21 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in at Port Orange Library
- 23 Sea Grape - Stitching at Edison Home
- 24 Sand Dunes - Meeting with program
- 25 Gulfview - Stitch-In  
Sarasota - Meeting with program
- 28 Sea Grape - Meeting

**May**

- 2 - 28 Canopy Oaks Exhibit "What's the Point: Embroidery As Art"  
May 6 Opening Reception
- 7 Gallery Talk & Basic Needlepoint Workshop
- 14 Gallery Talk & Basic Embroidery Workshop
- 21 Gallery Talk
- 25 Gallery Talk
- 5 Bermuda - Stitch-a-thon  
Sand Dollar - Meeting
- 6 Biscayne - Meeting with program
- 7 duClay - Meeting with program
- 10 Chain Stitchers - Anniversary dinner  
Sand Dollar - Stitch-In at New Smyrna Beach Library
- 11 Gulfview - Potluck
- 12 Sea Grape - Meeting
- 14 Central Florida - Meeting  
duClay - Second Saturday stitchers
- 16 Indian River - Meeting  
Sarasota - Stitch-In
- 19 Sand Dollar - Stitch-In at Port Orange Library
- 21 Sand Dunes - Luncheon Meeting  
Sea Grape - Stitching at Edison Home
- 23 Sarasota - Meeting with program
- 26 Sea Grape - Meeting

- \* this is our second attempt at a chapter events calendar;  
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