



The Sun News

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RD's Letter

Hello again,

It appears that summer is here. In Central Florida, that means that it rains most every afternoon and then it's steamy outside! I'd like to say that I get a lot of stitching done on those afternoons but other things just seem to get in the way. My goal this year was to finish things. That hasn't happened either. Maybe I need to focus more. Any hints? I know that my biggest time user is being RD so that's not going away real soon. Speaking of being RD, the nominating committee is really trying hard to find new officers for the next term. Please look at your chapter members and think about who could serve the region. And, just because someone has served once, doesn't mean they can't serve again. The only rule is that you can't serve consecutive terms in the same position. If you know of someone that could serve, please contact the nominating committee.

Our fall board meeting is September 17 and 18 in Safety Harbor. This is just north of Tampa. At that meeting we are planning on having some training about Bylaws, Ps&Ps, Guidelines, etc. This is being planned for Sunday morning. And, anyone can attend, so if you have chapter members that would like to learn more about any of these things, please let them know. Seminar chairs, committee chairs, etc. are good candidates for attending this training.

The national seminar is the first week in November in Arlington VA. At that event, there is the drawing for the all-expense paid trip to the 2017 seminar in Asheville NC. I sold out of tickets at the spring region board meeting, but I now have more. You can mail me your check for a ticket (they are \$10 each) or wait until the fall board meeting to get yours.

Once again we are fortunate enough to have won a spot for the ITT. This class is being hosted by the duClay chapter in Jacksonville. The chapter has found a hotel for us to stay at and have the class in. Thanks to the

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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.

duClay chapter for setting this up for us. That makes my job a bit easier and it can be held some place other than Orlando.

And, don't forget to put in your name for the Sun Region scholarships to the annual Sun Region Education Event. This is funded by profits from previous events and we hope to make it an annual item.

I attended the Canopy Oaks exhibit opening night in Tallahassee and the gallery talk the next day. It was wonderful and had many different types of items on display, both from the chapter, the national collection, Fiber Forum and the Judaic guild. And Pam Doffek's gallery talk on Saturday morning was truly wonderful. It made me think about everything I've done with EGA and embroidery. And that reminded me of how lucky I have been to be a part of EGA. They've promised me that they will record her talk at a later date so that all of you can see it. Pam really did great job.

That's about all for now. If you need more information about any of the things that I've mentioned here, please check the other sections of this newsletter or the region website.

Kathy Singleton
Sun Region Director

Congratulations to Linda Hansen Sand Hill Crane Chapter 2016 Sun Region Gold Thread Award Winner

The Gold Thread award recognizes an outstanding individual from each region who has given freely of her/his time and talents and best exemplifies EGA's purpose. Linda Hansen from the Sand Hill Crane chapter certainly meets and at times exceeds this standard.

Her nomination reviewed her extensive service and contributions on the chapter, region, and national level as demonstration of her involvement, focus, and warmth befitting a Gold Thread Award Winner.

One interesting point in Linda's nomination was a contribution to her chapter and EGA and described as follows: "I would say that she has even taken our chapter abroad. Her sister and her family were missionaries in a third world country for a number of years. Linda collected stitching supplies from various sources and those supplies were sent to bring the joy of stitching to the ladies who had so little. Linda was the one who sorted through all of the donations, the one who organized and packed and shipped, a one-woman charitable act.

From the winners of the 13 regions, a national recipient will be announced during the national seminar, "Star Spangled Seminar", November 2-6, 2016, in Alexandria, Virginia. Linda will be attending this event and we thank her for representing us so well!



*ARD's report**Melody Bryan*

Greetings Sun Region members!

Summer is here and as temperatures rise in the Deep South our thoughts are already taking us to cooler places and if you are lucky cooler climates for the summer months.

Many region members return to northern homes or vacation homes for the summer months leaving some chapters on summer hiatus from business meetings and the like. No matter whether you are here in sunny Florida or vacationing elsewhere I'm sure your stitching won't be far from your side.

As you are making plans for future trips you might want to consider spending an extra day or two at our Fall SR board meeting which will be Friday September 16 thru Sunday September 18th. The site of our meeting is on the "quiet side of Tampa Bay" or so the people in Safety Harbor, FL call it. The location is the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, 105 North Bayshore Drive, Safety Harbor, Florida, 34695, 1-888-237-8772

<http://www.safetyharborspa.com/>

Take a look at the website and see all their amenities and check on the history tab – I found it to be very interesting. What a beautiful complex and facility they have.

I would encourage you to call the hotel and make your reservations ASAP and invite a chapter member or friend and stay an additional day or two, making a stitching weekend of it. Our group has full access to their 50,000 sq ft spa and fitness facility, walking trails, indoor pool, onsite restaurants etc. The room rate is \$99 per night. The resort and parking fee has been waived for our group. Please identify yourself as a Sun Region EGA attendee and if you have any issues making a reservation, please contact me ASAP.



The Biscayne Chapter has graciously offered to lead our evening program again. Sand Dunes will be hosting the luncheon and providing favors. Many thanks to both these chapters for volunteering.

For the luncheon – we are doing something new and different this time and offering a lunch buffet. There will be a variety of meats, veggies, salads, etc. offered. Something for everyone according to our account rep. A dessert and beverage will be included; cost is \$25.

Looking ahead to 2017 – we will be returning to the Tampa Bay area March 24- 26th 2017 and in the fall we'll be back at the beautiful Castle Marriott in Orlando on September 22 thru 24th .

We all love having fun evening programs to take back to our chapters and having creative favors presented at the luncheon. If your chapter has not hosted a Sun Region meeting for a while or presented a program – please consider volunteering for one of these upcoming meetings in 2017 or beyond. It is not required for you to do both the program and host the luncheon but it's wonderful if you can do both.

Have a great summer!

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2016 Sun Region (region events) Calendar

Sept 1	next Sun News deadline
Sept 17-18	fall Sun Region meeting Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, Safety Harbor, 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.

Treasurer's Report: Activity Period: 3/1/2016 - 5/31/2016

	Checking	MoneyMkt	
Opening Balance (MM opening 12/31/2015)	36,135.23	57,082.02	
Income			
02 Dues	1,095.00	0.00	
03 Interest	0.00	11.86	
04 Education Events	440.00	0.00	
Money Market Savings Trans.	0.00	0.00	
Transfer from Reserves	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	1,535.00	11.86	
Expense			
21 Educ Event	1,200.00	0.00	
28 Administration	19.80		
29 Officer Travel	645.42		
33 Gifts/Contributions	254.95		
35 Other	207.66	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,327.83	0.00	
SEPARATE ACCOUNTS			
2016 Seminar (net)	-18,815.35		
2017 Retreat (net)	1,640.00		
Reg. Meeting Luncheons (net)	-734.50		
Fundraising/Ways & Means	763.35		
TOTAL SEPARATE ACCOUNTS	-17,146.50		
TOTAL	18,195.90	57,093.88	
OPEN ITEMS			
Receivables	0.00	4.76	
Payables	512.19		
TOTAL OPEN ITEMS	-512.19	4.76	
TOTAL (W/O OPEN ITEMS)	18,708.09	57,089.12	
CLOSING BALANCES (Regions Bank Account Statements: Checking as of 5/31/2016; MM as of 3/31/2016)			
	18,708.09	57,089.12	

Treasurer's Report: Budget v. Actual as of 5/31/2016

		Year to Date (actual)	2016 Budget	Year-to-Date v. Budget
Income				
02 Dues		1,098.00	1,700.00	-602.00
03 Interest		11.86	20.00	-8.14
04 Educ Event		440.00	0.00	440.00
15 Contributions		16.00	120.00	-104.00
17 Other		0.00	150.00	-150.00
Money Market Savings Trans.		10,800.00	10,800.00	0.00
Transfer from Reserves		0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME		12,365.86	12,790.00	-424.14
Expense				
21 Educ Event		2,000.00	10,800.00	-8,800.00
26 Rent		64.00	650.00	-586.00
28 Administration		82.30	215.00	-132.70
29 Officers' Travel		933.42	2,340.00	-1,406.58
33 Gifts		254.95	250.00	4.95
35 Other		199.42	225.00	-25.58
TOTAL EXPENSE		3,534.09	14,480.00	-10,945.91

Committee Information

EDUCATION - Deby Talley, chair

Just a reminder that we are still taking registration for the ITT Class with Merrilyn Heazlewood. Note that Sun Region is paying your tuition fee. All you need to pay now is the kit fee of 110.00. We will collect the luncheon fee of 50.00 the first day of class. Early registration will end on June 15, 2016. After that date, if not yet filled, the class will be opened up to all EGA members. We can still take people after that date but it will be on a first come, first served basis.

The class is the Tudor Garden.
INTERNATIONAL TOURING TEACHER
MERRILYN HEAZLEWOOD FROM TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA
NOVEMBER 9-11, 2016
ORANGE PARK, FL (The Courtyard Inn)

All details on the Sun Region website www.sunregionega.org

Tudor Garden



If you have any questions, please contact me via Education@sunregionega.org

Also, at the last region meeting we voted to use some of the profits from the 2015 Education event, Stitches' Garden, for two scholarships to the 2017 education event. One will be open to all Sun Region members and one is for a first time attendee to a Sun Region educational event. Details will be in the next issue of The Sun News.

And finally, the revised procedure for applying for a region grant and the form needed is on the Sun Region website.

WEB SITE - Lynn Abbey

The Sun Region is on eBay! Several times over the past few years, EGA members and their families have turned to Sun Region for assistance dispersing a lifetime stash of embroidery materials. We've decided that the best way to do this was to set up an eBay non-profit seller account. (To learn more about Sun Region's eBay activity, please visit the Ways and Means section of our website.

The Neapolitan chapter has invited Gail Sirna and Lois Kershner to teach workshops in late 2016 and early 2017. Read about them and other offerings on the Educational Opportunities page. The Indian River chapter has added a Broken Needles project to our digital education archive.

Visit the Sun Region website at www.sunregionega.org !!!

HISTORIAN - Karan Quintero

Sun Region Seminar was held in Sarasota, Florida during June 2nd , 3rd and 4th, 1991. The theme was obvious being the winter home for the Ringling Brothers Circus, "Clowning Around in Sarasota". Did the Sun Region clowns come you ask? The Millie Larson, as Chief Clown with her committee clowns representing Central Florida, Hibiscus, Gulfview, Sarasota, Sand Dunes, Suncoast, Indian River, Sand Dollar and Okefenokee chapters, were dressed up with clown paraphernalia and ready to make sure all one hundred eleven attending members enjoy ten wonderful classes from ten wonderful teachers. You can be sure that the Head Clown, Janet Hill (SR Director) made sure the committee clowns did not get too rowdy!.....LOL

The Sarasota Hyatt was the place to be that year . Registration was \$125 which included class tuition, two lunches and a banquet dinner. Each registration had to have three choices listed or the registration was moved to the bottom of the selection list. There was a circus theme name tag competition for a great prize as well. Class location maps, time schedules and a list of local needlework shops were provided in the registration packet provided for all attendees. On Sunday between 12-3pm registrants could check in, visit the bookstore, view the exhibit and check out the boutique. The Sun Region meeting was held from 3-5pm on Sunday inviting attendees to see how the board worked for all. The evening was free time and rest time because Monday and Tuesday were class days.

The ten classes were "Summer Rose Crewel on Linen Twill" (\$25) by Lydia Hoopes, Bluebells in Red Needlelace in Clothing" (\$12.50) by Ritva Bowman, "Silk and Metal Pinwheel" (\$18) by Rena Gordan, "Lilium Omega" (\$65) by Margaret Kinsey, "Assisi With a Twist" (\$16) by Martha Milnes, "Stained Glass Flower" (\$16) by Nan Mathe, "Victorian Totebag" (\$30) by Deanna Powell, "The Flower Seller" (\$41) by Cyndi Parker, "Sailing Miss Sara" (\$38) by Mary Lou Stransky and "Ellen Blue Eyes" (\$45) by Ulla Baroness von Schoeler. Many wonderful techniques were taught, someone did win the nametag contest (no documentation as to who) and there was a winner for a Special Drawing (drawing purpose nor winner was documented). This ten ring circus was a great success and the clowns of the committee can be commended for a job well done.....SEND UP THE BALLOONS!!

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Empty those drawers, please DO NOT THROW OUT anything having to do with the following defunct chapters, Ancient City Needlers (1979), Canopy Road (1988), Coral Springs (1983), Gold Coast (1972), Hibiscus (1983), LeMoyné (1973), Okefenokee (1979) Plantation (1990), Sea Shell (1977), South Broward Stitchers (1996), Stitching Gators (1980, still looking through items recently given to me), Sun Coast (1976), Treasure Chest (1980). You may laugh, but I recently met our national president and when she found out I was the Historian she sent me Sea Shell (1977) pins she inherited within the national president stash. You just never know when someone has a little item that will contribute to our region's history!! Maybe you know of someone who belonged to one of these chapters. Start looking the summer is here!!

NOMINATING - Karan Quintero, Chair

During September 22-24, 2017, Sun Region will be holding the last meeting with the current Executive Board, Kathy Singleton Region Director, Asst. Region Director, Melody Bryan, Treasurer Lynn Abbey and Secretary, Cheri Hammer. They have done a superb job . Their guidance has laid forth the path towards some exciting venues for Sun Region. Now we need to find some unique Sun Region members who can offer their talents, ideas, perspective and voice to fill these shoes, walk the path, water the flowers and make these garden venues grow.

The committee needs your help in finding these talented individuals. Please speak amongst yourselves, recommend a member to us and we will be glad to answer any questions regarding the positions and if we don't know the answer we will find the answer. Past executive members are happy to mentor so it is not something that one will do alone.

This is a valuable organization which we all benefit from, we would appreciate your stepping up to serve and help Sun Region continue to thrive.

OUTREACH - JoyceAnne Stevens, chair

As I write this, the first day of summer is a month off but summer seems to have arrived several weeks ago. Summer in Florida is a good time to stay inside, stay cool, and stitch. A long, thorough outreach report was given at the April Sun Region meeting and can be read in the meeting packet sent to all representatives so I am not going to repeat it here. Many chapters are working on on-going outreach projects. Some are trying something new this year and others are in the planning stage. I look forward to the end of August to hear about outreach progress made over the summer. I hope everyone has a productive and enjoyable summer.

SOCIAL MEDIA - Karan Quintero chair

Thanks to all who have helped to contribute postings to our Facebook page. When information regarding chapter activities is submitted please be sure to note that you need it posted by a certain date so I can post in a timely manner. Photos and contact information can be posted for any events - past, present and future for your chapter. The more we post the more our Sun Region will be noticed and seen as what it is - a vibrant, creative region.

Clip & Mail



**Sept. 17, 2016 Sun Region Meeting - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Reservations
Safety Harbor Resort**

Name _____ Email _____

Chapter _____ Phone: _____

Are you the chapter rep? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you need a roommate? ___ Yes ___ No If no, roommate is _____

**Mail your reservation and check for \$25.00 (payable to Sun Region EGA)
to be received by Sept. 1, 2016 to:**

Melody Brvan, ARD

Dietary restrictions: _____

Circle one:

Y N I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Biscayne chapter

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

Thank You!
From the Seminar 2016 Team!

**To those who joined us in St Petersburg,
we enjoyed your company and appreciate your support.**



2016 seminar fundraising (opportunity baskets) brought in \$808.00. This was made possible by the generosity of the many donors that included chapters, the seminar itself, individuals, and the region.

Donors

duClay Chapter - "Box of Treasures"
Gulfview Chapter - "Let Us Entertain You #1"
Gulfview Chapter - "Let Us Entertain You #2"
Gulfview Chapter - "Let Us Entertain You #3"
Seminar 2016 Committee - "Sample Time"
Donna Christie - "Kathy Reese Kit & Bonus Pattern"
Neapolitan Chapter - OttLite
Sun Region - "Sun Region Stash"
duClay Chapter - Stitched & Framed Band Sampler
Indian River Chapter - "Let Your Dreams Set Sail!"
Donna Christie - "Sunset" Beaded Necklace
Sea Grape Chapter - "The Big Basket"
Sarasota Chapter - Bamboo Shadow Box
Adrienne Meyer - Certificate for Finishing
Sand Hill Crane Chapter - Raku Pincushion, Scissors, & Holder
Sand Dollar Chapter - "Sweetheart Basket"

Winners

Judy DeMeglio
Jenna McClooney
Gwen Nelson
Donna Christie
Judy DeMeglio
Rose White
Claire Nardone
Peggy Riha
Anna Williamson
Kathy Singleton
Lynn Abbey
Peggy Riha
Jane Newhouse
Betty Baechle
Judy Badger
Judy DeMeglio

Congratulations!

Ann Fletcher winner of 2017 event entry & Ruth Nolan, alternate

Chapter Reports

BERMUDA

It is with regret that we announce that the Bermuda Chapter has decided not to renew their membership in EGA at this time. Some of the members may be joining chapters as individual members but they will no longer be a chapter. We are sorry to see them go and wish them luck.

BISCAYNE

Shelley Iman-Loch

Biscayne Chapter will be going into summer with a bang. This June, we are having Kathy Rees visit and teach us Serenity. We are looking forward to this class, and all of our ducks are in order. We will start Kathy's visit on Friday with her talk, "The Emotion of Color." On Saturday, Kathy will begin her two-day class. That evening we will take her to dinner. Sunday we will finish the class, and then say our goodbyes. Our members have chosen almost every color way she offers so it will be interesting to see all of them as they develop.

June 13th we will be having a stitch-in at MaryAnn Faber's house. We look forward to gathering and sharing our plans for the summer.

July and August, Biscayne takes a break for summer, as do many chapters. In September, our chapter will kick off the fall season with relaxed stitch-in and recounting of all of our activities over the summer. We did this a few years ago and it was a wonderful way for our members to catch up with each other, and everyone got to hear about all of the vacations, birthdays, graduations, and so on.

Have a Great Summer Everyone!

CANOPY OAKS

Rebecca Lockenbach

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CENTRAL FLORIDA

Gaby Hubbard



At the beginning of May we had a booth at the St. Johns River Festival of the Arts. It was a good exhibit and much interest was shown at our booth. We hope to see visitors and new members.

Our Heart Wall Hanging project for Ronald McDonald House in Lake Nona has been finished and presented. We enjoyed doing the stitching and hope people will enjoy the work for years to come.

Margaret Kinsey gave us a presentation about East Asian embroidery and even brought a suitcase full of show 'n tell! Lovely pieces and so nice to see all this work in person.

Summer school is upon us and our UFO Challenge continues. Happy Stitching Everyone!

CHAIN STITCHERS*Claire Nardone*

Chain stitchers will be relaxing for the next 3 months working on their Habitat for Humanity samplers.... Nothing else is planned.

duCLAY*JoyceAnne Stevens*

duClay chapter always has our regular business meeting on the 1st Saturday and a stitch-in on the 2nd Saturday of the month. We will meet on Saturday, June 4; business meeting starts at noon, followed by stitching until 5. Second Saturday stitch-in starts at 1PM on June 11. We can stitch until the library closes at 5.

The duClay Chapter retreat will be in Sebring FL, July 29-31. Anyone wishing info can contact Melody Bryan.

GULFVIEW*Ann Ashley*

As in most of Florida, it isn't just the Snowbirds that take flight during the summer months. Thus we do not have business meetings, but do plan on stitching sessions. The third Wednesday some of the members not in flight will gather at the New Port Richey Library. We have a room reserved from 10 am to 3pm. Each month a different mini project is planned, just to keep the learning cells active.

In June, Linda McCarthy will teach us how to make a small stocking cap ornament, and then in July Donna Christie will guide some members thru the intricacies of beading a bracelet. In August we will start on a Hardanger ornament. Sign-ups for all three were in May. To help with the cost of materials for these mini classes, as well as save a spot in class, each signer is required to pay \$5.00. It is surprising how a little cash reminds people to attend.

Judy DeMeglio opens her home for stitching and bitching on the first Thursday of the month throughout the year. In September we go to the regular schedule of meetings and stitching sessions.

INDIAN RIVER*Aline Lauzon*

Indian River Chapter continues their meetings during the summer with the General Meeting on the 3d Monday of the month at Melbourne Front Street Civic Center at 9:30 am. Board meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Fee Avenue Library in Melbourne at 10 am. Two night time groups meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 pm at Norma Tetrault's home. The other night group meets on the 3d Tuesday at 6 pm at Aline Lauzon's home.

There are several interest groups that have been meeting: BEADS on the 2d Monday at 10 am; Inspirations on the 2d Tuesday at 10am and a GCC group on the 3d Wednesday at the Fee Avenue Library. Two of the groups vary their location which can be found on our calendar which is on our website.

On October 8, 2016 we are planning a "stitch-In" in Viera from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Details will be published at a later date.

NEAPOLITAN*Karen Rockenbach*

The Neapolitan Chapter will be meeting twice a month for stitch-ins June through September. Our season ended with our spring luncheon and will resume regular meetings in October. Our many snowbirds will be back in the fall. Our members are encouraged to stitch Habitat samplers over the summer as well as their own special projects. We look forward to all being back together in the fall.

SAND DOLLAR*Kathie Dougherty*

The past several summers we have had a 100 days of Stitching Challenge and it was so successful we are doing it again this year. The challenge runs from June 15 until September 22 and the cost is \$2.00. There will be 3 prize drawings and the winners will be announced at our October general meeting. The challenge is to stitch every day for 100 days.

Our education and special projects chairwomen have made sure we all have enough to stitch for 100 days. In

May we started a Beginning Hardanger Class with the introduction of some basic stitches. The class will continue through the fall. We also are continuing the canvas Bell Pull we began in January. There are 9 blocks to the Bell Pull so it will continue to the end of the year. Fortunately we have several stitch-ins scheduled and no general meetings so ... no excuses!

SAND DUNES

Linda Anne Buehler

Sand Dunes wrapped up our program year with our annual May luncheon. This is an official chapter business meeting, but the focus is on fellowship and lunching. It's the last chance to "show and tell" completed projects before one name is drawn from all of the entries (one per completion) for a free membership.

We don't have official summer meetings, but summer stitch-ins continue on the third Sunday of every month at our regular meeting location. These will be devoted to our GCC in progress, making favors for the Fall Sun Region meeting and making Chrismon ornaments as a thank you to the church who provides us our meeting place.

We'll reconvene with our annual August Coffee meeting where refreshments are provided by the board members and the programs for the coming "year" are unveiled. This year's meeting will also include a stash sale.

SANDHILL CRANE

Linda Hansen

Our Chapter meets in June and then recesses for the summer starting up again in September. The chapter will continue to host monthly stitch-ins on the third Wednesday of each month at the West Hernando Library. During the summer, chapter members will work on the brown bag challenge handed out in March. The projects should be completed and ready for show and tell at the September meeting.

SARASOTA

Clemmie Rounds

The meeting in May was held at Maureen Dimmick's Clubhouse due to the fact that the Fire Station, where we usually meet monthly, had air conditioning problems. Most of the snowbirds have left and so the attendance was small. The June meeting will be a potluck picnic. That meeting will be the 4th Monday in June....so that's coming up. Then we will take time off from meetings in July and August and resume in September. Our chapter continues to have its regularly scheduled stitch ins and sampler group during the summer months until we resume with the busy season in fall.

SEA GRAPE

Betty Baechle

Our seasonal members have headed back to their homes in the north. They did not leave, however, before we had our closet sale. It was a great success. We supplemented items to complete a project or just added more to our growing need to never be without.

The summer months will have those that took the Serenity class with Kathy Rees busy. They made great progress during class so the rest of us will look forward to seeing the finished piece. Knitting the baby caps and capes will continue over the summer months. They are donated to the Lee Memorial hospital.

July is when we will enjoy a salad lunch which will be held on our meeting date. The rest of the summer months will find us stitching on all the projects we have started during the year.

Plans are underway for the programs that will begin in October.

All will enjoy stitching during the lazy days of summer whether at the beach, cabin or in a cool air conditioned environment.

SUWANEE STITCHERS

Betsy Harris

The Suwannee Stitchers had a wonderful program in May on Stump Work taught by Sally Criswell. It will be fun to see everyone's finished project and see how creative each person can be. In June, we will hold our elections for new officers. In July, we will have a program on name tags so every member will have an opportunity to stitch their own name tag. Plans for the August meeting are still in the works. We are all looking forward to a summer of stitching.

CANOPY OAKS

Spring has been extremely busy for everyone in the Canopy Oaks Chapter. The end of April found our members and the staff of the LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts accepting the selected entries for our exhibition, "What's the Point? Embroidery as Art", and delivering pieces for sale in the Boutique.

May 1 through 5 was our time to set up and prepare for exhibition. Twenty-two selected pieces from the EGA National Collection and 23 from Fiber Forum were unpacked. To complement the items shared by members of the North Florida Nature Coast Chapter of the Pomegranate Guild for Judaic Embroidery, a Torah cover and a Bema chair were borrowed from Temple Israel. Ann Kozeliski, Executive Director of LeMoyne and members of the exhibit committee did preliminary placement of the 124 pieces demonstrating various embroidery techniques. Kozeliski and Carole Fiore completed hanging the two dimension and displaying the three dimensional objects on Thursday. A volunteer who retired from the Museum of Florida History designed the lighting that enhanced the display of works of art in the exhibition.

An article promoting the exhibition was published in the community section of the Tallahassee Democrat. For those of you who know how important placement in the paper is, here are the facts: the article appeared on the back page, above the fold, full width of the paper, with 2 full color photos. This appeared one week before our opening. In addition, the exhibition was listed in the online tallahasseearts.org listing, and other online community listings.

The Canopy Oaks Chapter of EGA hosted a celebratory opening reception that was attended by 94 people. In addition to the opening reception, the following activities were held during the first 3 weeks of the exhibition:

- A workshop on basic needlepoint was led by Carole Fiore. Rather than holding the workshop in the education building, the workshop was held on the front porch of the LeMoyne, becoming a Stitch-in-Public event in addition to a class.
- A workshop on basic embroidery was led by Pam Doffek and held in the education building.
- Three gallery talks were given. The topics were: The Places You Can Go with EGA (Pam Doffek); 17th Century Crewel Embroidery (Linda Dean); Judaic Embroidery (Rebecca Lockenbach). One additional gallery talk will be given by Jennifer Bailey on creativity in embroidery before the exhibition closes on May 28.

Members of Canopy Oaks Chapter volunteered as docents to help visitors understand the embroideries that are displayed. Several docents were on duty each Saturday. Another individual provided docent and interpretative services several times on weekdays during the first 3 weeks and will again do so during the final gallery talk which will be held on a weekday. Visitors noted that the provision of the docents was most useful. Most people wanted to know about the techniques, the size of the ground fabrics, types of threads and fibers used, and the most frequent question was how long it took to stitch the piece. Placards talking about the various techniques were placed throughout the 3 galleries that helped answer some of the questions visitors might have when no docents were available.

During the first three weeks of the four week exhibition, 334 people have visited the exhibition. Comments from the attendees range include "absolutely beautiful," "I never imagined that there could be so many types of embroidery," "mind blowing," "one of the most unusual and striking exhibits I have been too, here in Tallahassee and elsewhere." Several people asked if the exhibition could remain up for more time so they could come back and bring summer visitors to this unique, surprising, and exceptional exhibition.

One of the outcomes for Canopy Oaks Chapter taking on the challenge of mounting this exhibition was to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of embroidery by the public. We definitely feel that this has been accomplished. One other expected outcome is a boost membership in the chapter. While many people voiced interest, time will only tell how many new members we garner as a result of the greater community awareness we have created through all these efforts.

Submitted by

Carole D. Fiore, Outreach Chairperson, Canopy Oaks Chapter, May 24, 2016



Canopy Oaks Chapter members in front of the exhibition banner. L to R: Pam McVety, Elma Haley, Pam Doffek, Ralph Roberts, Anne Wright, Carole Fiore, Linda Dean, Rebecca Lockenbach, Jacque Clements, Kathy Singleton (Sun Region ED), Jill Klein



Visitors are welcomed to the opening reception



Carole Fiore, co-curator for the exhibit, and Ann Kozeliski, Executive Director for the LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts, start sorting the pieces for the exhibit



Ann Kozeliski hanging co-curator Pam Doffek's art quilt piece, Full Frontal Foliage



Fiore, Kozeliski, and McVety carefully unpacking and admiring treasures from the EGA National Collection



Items of Judaic Embroidery by joint members of Canopy Oaks EGA and North Florida Nature Coast Chapter of Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Embroidery

Putting on an Exhibit - Part 1***Rebecca Lockenbach, Canopy Oaks Chapter***

Greetings from Canopy Oaks in Tallahassee. We have just finished our May exhibit at the LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts. It was a resounding success. I will not go into describing the exhibit in this article, as Carole Fiore, our chapter's Outreach Chair did a marvelous job in her article. Instead, I want to share with you in this first installment, some of the preliminary planning that went into putting on an exhibit of this scale.

In thinking back over the more than 2 years that it took to bring this exhibit together, I would use the phrase "It takes a village to make a point in What's the Point? Embroidery as Art! It all started with an idea sparked by Pam Doffek and Carole Fiore as they viewed the Quilt Show at the LeMoyne in 2013. The first hurdle was to bring the idea to the membership for approval, and to get volunteers to serve on the exhibit planning committee. Pam Doffek worked with the LeMoyne executive director for a date selection with the knowledge that it would be a month long exhibit. After establishing both the chapter's approval and the May 2016 date, the planning committee began their work.

We used the who, what, when, where throughout the planning and implementation phases of the exhibit, even though we had the timeframe and location of the exhibit, there were several activities that needed to be performed. The Canopy Oaks Chapter members are a diverse group of stitchers, and though we have a common interest in embroidery, our backgrounds, including education, training and skills vary widely. As a result, we were able to pull the talents and expertise from the group. Our planning committee was composed of the following individuals: Pam Doffek, Education Chair; Carole Fiore, Outreach Chair; Anne Wright, President; and Rebecca Lockenbach, Region Representative. Pam and Carole served as the central point of contact and dissemination of information. In addition, Pam served as the liaison between our local group and EGA National Headquarters, in addition to being the liaison with LeMoyne. Carole took on the role of publicity as this was fitting for the Outreach Chair and one of the driving forces for the exhibit. Rebecca's work experience included project tracking and monitoring, and so she was tasked to develop a planning timeframe. Both a gantt chart to show the length of time and overlap of activities and a calendar to list the due dates, assignments, and responsible chapter member, with an associated volunteer list were designed for this purpose and were updated as needed throughout the process. (For interested parties, these can be provided).

The outline below is a list of the process used and items we had to consider:

- Chapter Member approval (this may be an on-going process for both major and minor elements)

- Assignment of Committee chair and members

- Small committees/work groups for single tasks (e.g. review and selection of items for exhibit; docents; opening/closing reception; publicity). These assignments should be established early and included in the timeline action items.

- Select Location

- what are the requirements at the museum, exhibit hall,
 - are there costs to the chapter and what is included,
 - timeframe for the exhibit
 - what is the chapter responsible for during the exhibit
 - liability and insurance coverage and required forms

- Date and length of time for the exhibit

- Responsibilities and expectations during exhibit

- Start Planning ahead:

- Who to include – are there other embroidery/needlework, EGA groups or members in your area to include or invite. Will they be able to share in the costs and volunteers

- Contact EGA Headquarters early if you want to request items from the National collection.

- Communication is Vital

- Recommendations made by planning committee, and presented to chapter executive board for approval and if necessary to chapter members for approval

- Communicate via email, phone, chapter newsletters and chapter meetings to update members

- Establish a timeline to complete action items/activities

- Update timeline periodically

- Communicate with members

- Establish a point of contact for timeline updates

- Publicity is the Key – newspapers – article on upcoming event, community calendar

- Who is responsible and for what (chapter and/or museum/exhibit hall)

This represents the major tasks we had to consider. Stay tuned for the next installment to be included in the Fall 2016 Newsletter.

*Sun Region Chapters' Events Calendar **

June

- 2 Gulfview - stitch-in
Sand Dollar - stitch-in
- 4 duClay - meeting
Sarasota - picnic
- 6 Neapolitan - stitch-in
- 7 Sarasota - stitch-in
- 9 Sea Grape - UFO stitching
- 10 Central Florida - summer school
- 11 duClay - stitch-in
Suwanee Stitchers - meeting
- 13 Biscayne - stitch-in
Indian River - BEADS SIG
Sarasota - Venice stitch-in
- 14 Indian River - stitch-in, Inspirations SIG
Sand Dollar - stitch-in
Sarasota - Sampler group
- 15 Gulfview - meeting
Indian River - GCC group
Sandhill Crane - stitch-in
- 16 Sand Dollar - stitch-in
- 19 Sand Dunes - stitch-in
- 20 Indian River - meeting
Sarasota - stitch-n-chat
- 21 Indian River - stitch-in
Sarasota - stitch-in and beading SIG
- 22 Neapolitan - stitch-in
- 25 Sea Grape - Edison Home stitching
- 28 Indian River - stitch-in

July

- 4 Neapolitan - stitch-in
- 5 Sarasota - stitch-in
- 7 Gulfview - stitch-in
Sand Dollar - stitch-in
- 9 Suwanee Stitchers - meeting
- 11 Indian River - BEADS SIG
Sarasota - Venice stitch-in
- 12 Indian River - stitch-in, Inspirations SIG
Sand Dollar - stitch-in
Sarasota - Sampler group
- 14 Sea Grape - salad luncheon, potluck dinner
- 17 Sand Dunes - stitch-in
- 18 Indian River - meeting
Sarasota - stitch-n-chat
- 19 Indian River - stitch-in
Sarasota - stitch-in and beading SIG
- 20 Gulfview - meeting
Indian River - GCC group
Sandhill Crane - stitch-in
- 21 Sand Dollar - stitch-in
- 23 Sea Grape - Edison Home stitching

July (cont.)

- 25 Central Florida - summer school
- 27 Neapolitan - stitch-in
- 26 Indian River - stitch-in
- 29-31 duClay - retreat

August

- 1 Neapolitan - stitch-in
- 2 Sarasota - stitch-in
- 4 Gulfview - stitch-in
- Sand Dollar - stitch-in
- 6 duClay - meetings, stitch-in and workshop
- 8 Indian River - BEADS SIG
- Sarasota - Venice stitch-in
- 9 Indian River - stitch-in, Inspirations SIG
- Sand Dollar - stitch-in
- Sarasota - Sampler group
- 11 Sea Grape - stitch-ins
- 12 Central Florida - summer school
- 13 Suwanee Stitchers - meeting
- 15 Indian River - meeting
- Sarasota - stitch-n-chat
- 16 Indian River - stitch-in
- Sarasota - stitch-in and beading SIG
- 17 Gulfview - meeting
- Indian River - GCC group
- Sandhill Crane - stitch-in
- 18 Sand Dollar - stitch-in
- 20 Sand Dunes - (coffee) meeting
- 21 Sand Dunes - stitch-in
- 23 Indian River - stitch-in
- 24 Neapolitan - stitch-in
- 27 Sea Grape - Edison Home stitching

- * for times, locations and/or to contact the particular chapter, please see the Chapters section of the Sun Region website www.sunregionega.org (in some cases, you'll be directed to the individual chapter's website)

please verify all dates; errors may have occurred in translation (1st Wed, 2nd Tues, etc.) - editor

SIG = Special Interest Group