



The Sun News

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RD's Letter

Hello Sun Region,

I hope that all of you are enjoying the cooler weather. I'm enjoying being outside more and working in the garden. Plus, it helps me get into the spirit of the season. Speaking of the season, yesterday was my chapter's Christmas party. It was well attended but best of all, Audrey Francini was there. Most of you know, or know of, Audrey and her wonderful stitching. She's an EGA icon. I talked to Audrey for a little bit and she said that she's still stitching although she believes that it's not as good as it used to be. We both agreed that without our stitching we don't know what we would do with ourselves. The big news for Audrey is that she has a big birthday coming up on December 22. She will be 100! Please join me in wishing Audrey a very happy birthday and a wish for many more.

The Florida State Fair is coming in February. Have you ever been? More importantly, have you ever entered something in the fair? If not, you should think about it. They have a fiber arts section that includes just about everything. I've been in touch with Brenda Gregory the coordinator of the family exhibits division. She's trying to encourage more entries and would like some quality entries from EGA. The handbook is out and is very detailed in how to enter, etc. Here's the link to the handbook: <http://www.floridastatefair.com/p/events/282>. Just scroll down to the Fiber Arts handbook and open it. You'll find all of the categories, information on how to enter, etc. etc. I did ask about how the items are displayed as I know that's been an issue at some of the county fairs. Brenda assured me that all items are in locked display cases.

News from the national board meeting and seminar:

All newsletter editors, including the region, are being asked to send copies of their newsletter to the national President, Leslie Gagliardi and the national VP, Judy Badger. Their email addresses are on the Sun Region roster.

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

EGA has a stitch guide which is now on the website for viewing and to be downloaded or printed. It has many helpful hints.

Next year's seminar will feature four mini-classes prior to the seminar on Tuesday night. These are sponsored by the Carolinas region.

The strategic planning committee is going full steam. Marketing is doing RFPs for a firm to help EGA promote itself. DMC has approached EGA with some partnership opportunities.

The national office is going forward with the purchase of a new CRM for the office. This computer interface will talk to the current programs at the office so that all member information is updated on all of them at the same time. It will also allow members to update their own information online.

The board structure is still being discussed and once that is decided, the office structure can be determined.

The region's outreach report is to be sent to Elizabeth Alezander ecalex@zoominternet.net

The seminar itself was great! I had so much fun in my felting classes with Renate Maile-Moskowitz. It's amazing how versatile wool is and how you can manipulate it. I had no idea. Wet felting was, well, wet and I was glad I had my apron on. It's also a lot of work. After three days, my shoulders were really hurting. I have a new appreciation for those that practice true wet felting and for the variety of wools available and how they all react to the process.

Kathy Singleton
Sun Region Director

ARD's report

Melody Bryan

Happy Holidays Sun Region!

I don't think hardly anyone can believe Fall and Thanksgiving is gone and we are about to embark on the holiday season. 2017 is right around the corner and I'm sure everyone is making a last minute push to finish up projects this year so they can make room for more projects in the New Year.

Our Spring board meeting will be held at the Tampa Marriott Westshore location. This time we are on the other side of the Tampa Bay from St Pete and Safety Harbor.

Our room block is open now and you can make your reservation. Just a credit card to hold your room. Please make your room reservation now so that we can increase our room block if we are running short of rooms. Booking early helps me be better equipped to barter with the hotel and get more rooms assigned to our group.



The luncheon will be an entrée Cesar salad with chicken, coffee/tea or water, a dessert for \$25. Please use the coupon on the next page to reserve your spot at the luncheon.

Start date: 3/24/17

End date: 3/26/17

-> Last day to book: 2/24/17

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Marriott hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

Tampa Marriott Westshore for 129.00 USD per night (Embroiders Guild of America)

Call 1 800 346 7079 to make a reservation, or copy and paste the link below into your browser to get to the portal to make your reservation online.

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Embroiders%20Guild%20of%20America%5Etpawe%60egaegaa%60129.00%60USD%60false%605%603/24/17%603/26/17%6002/24/2017&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

This appears to be a very lively area with lots of shopping and restaurants. There is a Starbucks inside the hotel along with a bistro which serves all day long with a full service restaurant as well.

For future planning, the Fall 2017 board meeting will be held in Orlando at the Castle Marriott on International Drive. Dates September 22-24 2017.

Spring 2018 will be in Lake Mary at the Marriott the weekend of April 6 – 8, 2018. The hotel recently changed the date on us so this is the adjusted date. Please change your calendars to be sure you have the correct date for Lake Mary.

If your chapter has not hosted a luncheon or sponsored a program for the board members, please consider volunteering for the Fall 2017 or 2018 meetings. You don't have to do both unless you want to.

A great big THANK YOU to the Biscayne Chapter who hosted the Spring luncheon and did programs for both Spring and Fall 2017 and also to the Sand Dunes chapter for hosting the luncheon for Fall 2017. Lovely favors and creative enjoyable programs ladies!

Wishing you all peace and many happy stitches during the holiday season and into the New Year.

Clip & Mail



March 25, 2017 Sun Region Meeting - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Reservations Tampa Marriott Westshore

Name _____ Email _____

Chapter _____ Phone: _____

Are you the chapter rep? Yes No

**Mail your reservation and check for \$25.00 (payable to Sun Region EGA)
to be received by **March 10, 2017** to:**

Melody Bryan, ARD

Circle one:

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

Sun Region Officers and Committee Chairs

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2016 Sun Region Calendar

March 1	next Sun News deadline
March 10	spring Sun Region meeting luncheon deadline
March 24 - 26	Spring Sun Region Meeting Tampa Marriott Westshore

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: 9/1/2016 - 11/30/2016

	Checking	MoneyMkt	
Opening Balance (MM opening 6/30/2016)	19,598.30	57,096.22	
Income			
02 Dues	0.00	0.00	
03 Interest	0.00	7.17	
04 Education Events	1,120.00	0.00	
15 Contributions & Gifts	100.00	0.00	
Money Market Savings Trans.	0.00	0.00	
Transfer from Reserves	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	1,220.00	7.17	
Expense			
21 Educ Event	6,066.34	0.00	
28 Administration	1.59	0.00	
29 Officer Travel	877.25	0.00	
33 Gifts/Contributions	950.00	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	7,895.18	0.00	
SEPARATE ACCOUNTS			
2017 Retreat (net)	745.00		
2018 Cruise (net)	-4,600.00		
Reg. Meeting Luncheons (net)	-1,532.05		
Fundraising/Ways & Means	142.35		
TOTAL SEPARATE ACCOUNTS	-5,244.70		
TOTAL	7,678.42	57,103.39	
OPEN ITEMS			
Receivables	0.00	0.00	
Payables	3,554.46	0.00	
TOTAL OPEN ITEMS	-3,554.46	0.00	
TOTAL (W/O OPEN ITEMS)	11,232.88	57,103.39	
CLOSING BALANCES (Regions Bank Account Statements: Checking as of 11/30/2016; MM as of 9/30/2016)	11,232.88	57,103.69	

Treasurer's Report: Budget v. Actual as of 11/30/2016

		Year to Date (actual)	2016 Budg- et	Year-to- Date v. Budget
Income				
02 Dues		1,545.00	1,700.00	-155.00
03 Interest		26.20	20.00	6.20
04 Educ Event		2,883.00	0.00	2,883.00
15 Contributions		200.00	120.00	80.00
17 Other		0.00	150.00	-150.00
Money Market Savings Trans.		0.00	10,800.00	-10,800.00
Transfer from Reserves		0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME		4,654.20	12,790.00	-8,135.80
Expense				
21 Educ Event		9,056.34	10,800.00	-1,743.66
26 Rent		718.00	650.00	68.00
28 Administration		93.89	215.00	-121.11
29 Officers' Travel		2,226.49	2,340.00	-113.51
33 Gifts		2,104.95	250.00	1,854.95
35 Other		331.20	225.00	106.20
TOTAL EXPENSE		14,530.87	14,480.00	50.87

Treasurer's Reports December 1, 2016

Sun Region paid more bills than usual during the September-October-November quarter, most of them without any offsetting income during the quarter. None of the expenses were unapproved or unanticipated, and the region is still comfortably within its 2016 budget, but some explanation of the larger expenses might be useful.

Line 21 shows an Education Event expense of \$6,066.34. This includes \$5,266.34 that was spent on the region's 2016 ITT workshop. The region board had approved a subsidy of \$2,500 for this event and collected a total of \$2,883.00 in kit and meal costs from the participants. The net cost to the region for this event was \$2383.34—which is slightly under-budget. The balance of the Education Event expenses (\$800.00) was spent on approved 2016 education grants to the du-Clay, Gulfview, and Sandhill Crane chapters.

In the Separate Accounts area, our 2018 event, the Yo-Ho-Sew cruise, appears for the first time with a \$4,600 deposit to hold a block of staterooms. This money is, in effect, a loan to the 2018 event and will be repaid once registration for the event opens in 2017.

If anyone has questions about any item or amount in the Treasurer's Reports, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Abbey, Treasurer

Committee Information

EDUCATION - *Deby Talley, chair*

First of all, I would like to thank the members of the DuClay Chapter for hosting the region ITT class with Merrilyn Heazlewood, especially Melody Bryan who did a great job getting it all together and set up. We had 18 region members participate in the class. It looked like a good time was had by all.

I would like to congratulate our two scholarship winners for A Lakeside Retreat. Karan Quintero from Biscayne, was selected as the winner for the scholarship open to everyone, and Pamela Roberts from Sand Dunes was selected for the first time attendee scholarship. Thanks so much to all who applied.

Are you looking to participate in a class or a GCC that your chapter is not hosting? Be sure and check the Education page on the Sun Region website- there are lots of opportunities posted there. Is your chapter doing something you would like the region to know about and is open for other members to participate in? Be sure and send me the information so we can post it on the website. Remember that if your chapter is hosting a GCC or a class and you wish to apply for the Sun Region grant, you must advertise on the website for 2 months if you do not have 20 chapter members who are participating.

And on the Phillips grant- we have some instructors lined up to do the videos and should be filming in January, and maybe even before. We will keep you posted as they are completed.

HISTORIAN - *Karan Quintero*

Thanks to all the Chapters and their Region Reps, for helping me gather information for our Historian files which are still an ongoing project.....;-}

Wishing all members of Sun Region a safe and Happy Holiday, Joyous Christmas and a New Year full of adventures and opportunities.

NEWSLETTER - *Linda Anne Buehler*

My apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. I had to deal with a family health issue that arose over the Thanksgiving holiday when I was away from home.

If you are an outgoing Region Rep, please train your successor in submitting articles detailing upcoming chapter news and event dates for The Sun News in a timely fashion (see deadline schedule on page 4.)

NOMINATING - *Karan Quintero, Chair*

The Nominating Committee would like to extend our thanks to all the region members for helping us in our search for our 2017 slate of candidates for Sun Region officers.

We wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

OUTREACH - JoyceAnne Stevens, chair

Biscayne Chapter has sent a package of Kissing Pillows and is planning another mailing by the end of the year. There is an ongoing need for more. Toiletries are collected for the Homeless Shelter and AIDs group. A Veterans Group has been identified that collects cancelled stamps so continue saving them.

Central Florida Chapter is continuing work on pink breast cancer ribbon bookmarks. Kits with instructions and materials are being provided to stitchers to make pink heart ribbon cell phone charms which will be donated to the Cancer Infusion Center at ORMC..

CF Chapter is also collecting any pop top tabs to donate to Ronald McDonald House.

Notices of the general meetings are placed in the Orlando Sentinel with the request that they be included in the Seminole, Osceola and Volusia county editions of the "What's Happening" section, as well as the Orange county edition.

We received a very nice letter from Ronald McDonald House Charities thanking us for the heart wall hanging we donated to the new location at Nemours Children's Hospital at Lake Nona. Along with the letter, they also sent us a very colorful "thank you" plaque.

Chain Stitchers Chapter in September participated in the Service Week Celebration at St Philips Lutheran Church in Mount Dora, FL. This was a great event! Not only were we able to set up an exhibit table of our embroidery and "all things EGA;" we were able to get to know many of the other non-profit groups operating here in Lake County. We are hopeful that we will be able to establish an ongoing Community Outreach project with one or more of the groups we spoke to!

duClay Chapter displayed members' stitched needlework in the display cases of the Orange Park library during September. We are currently collecting Christmas gifts for children and teens to donate to Quigley House, Clay County's women and children's shelter.

Indian River Chapter put on two library displays during October. One was at the Suntime Library and the other was at the Port Malabar Library. We continue to collect box tops for the Einstein Montessori School in Cocoa as well as collecting postage stamps and pop tops.

We have collected over 137 Kissing Pillow tops and have delivered 131 finished pillows to Patrick Air Force Base this year. This will be an ongoing project.

We continue to collect items for assembling stitching kits to be donated to the James Haley Center in Tampa where they are distributed to hospital patients and their families.

We had one "Habitat" dedication in October and expect several more at the beginning of 2017.

We have reached 90% of our goal for collecting 2500 toiletry items for the homeless. As of November 18th, we have 2,245 items.

Neapolitan Chapter stitched and framed 115 samplers for Habitat for Humanity. Members attending Christmas luncheon donate toys to Toys for Tots, about 20 to 30 each year. We collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald house. During the past 2 months, the Naples Central Library has showcased 20 pieces stitched by 8 Neapolitan members.

Sand Dollar Chapter

No matter what holiday you celebrate in December, it is the perfect time to be charitable. At the Ornament Exchange, we will be collecting donations for Gifts of Love: helping those less fortunate with basic needs – bring food items or money. Sophie's Circle: a pet food pantry which also provides education regarding spay and neutering – bring food, supplies, or money. Westminster by the Sea Presbyterian Church: helping those less fortunate at the holiday season – make a monetary donation. We are always happy to receive your Habitat Samplers, blankets, caps, booties, and walker pockets. This is especially true as the holiday season approaches.

Sandhill Crane Chapter presented a sampler for a Habitat house dedication recently and continues to support The Child Advocacy Center of Hernando County. A delivery of much appreciated items was made in September.

Sarasota Chapter continues to donate goods to the Bethesda house for the homeless. We will be donating to the Firemen Benevolent fund for Christmas. At this time, we have organizations scheduled to give a program on their contributions, i.e., the Women's Resource Center Sarasota County to start outreach there. We also are looking into the Woodland Community Church, Daycare and Elementary school for outreach for 2017.

ROSTER - *Adrienne Meyer, chair*

A new region roster will go out to everyone immediately after Christmas. I need your updated list of chapter officers and committee chairs - president, region representative, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, membership chair, vice president, outreach chair, and program chair.

SOCIAL MEDIA - *Karan Quintero, chair*



Thanks to all the chapters for providing information and photos for posting to our social media Facebook page. The more educational and workshop opportunities we post, the more interest we can generate for both our region and national organization.

Wishing every Sun Region Member a safe and Happy Holiday, a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year full of Blessings.

2017 Retreat - *"A Lakeside Retreat" - Claire Nardone, chair*



Imagine warm breezes in a Victorian gem overlooking a tranquil lake. That's right! April 21, 22 & 23, 2017 will bring us a delightful escape to the beautiful Lakeside Inn in the town of Mount Dora, Florida located just northwest of Orlando, yet worlds away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Embroider with your friends, take a mini class or two, or three, or all four. When it's time for a delicious meal, you're only steps away from a smorgasbord of restaurants. When you get the itch to shop, you're a hop-skip-and-a-jump from that, too. Best of all? No need to get in a car.

The Inn was built in 1882 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It radiates an ambiance befitting the Gilded Age. The Inn is a grouping of five distinct buildings adorned with gables, verandas, balconies, and awnings. Many guest rooms feature authentic antique furnishings, king or double beds, spacious bathrooms, wireless internet (no, that is not from 1883). The rooms offer stunning views of the lake or the grounds below. You can start your day with a scrumptious breakfast, and/or take a dip in the shimmering lakefront swimming pool. Besides enjoying the Inn, here is a multitude of things to do in the area, so feel free to bring a friend, partner or spouse and enjoy your stay.



Your rooms are reflect the Victorian Era, complete with quilts and claw footed bathtubs (with showers as well.) The rate for your delightful stay is only \$119 per night, double or single occupancy. A very few even have a sofa comfortable enough to sleep on.

Sun Region Retreat 2017 - "A Lakeside Retreat" *continued*

This special event rate will also be honored 3 days prior and 3 days following our retreat. There are a limited number of refrigerators available at \$5.00 per day. If you require a handicap/no stairs room, please make your reservations a.s.a.p. as these rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis. Note that Lakeside Inn is NOT ADA compliant due to the age of the facility.

Each student is responsible for their own reservation at the Lakeside Inn. *The telephone number to use to make the guest reservations is 352-383-4101.* This is the direct line to the hotel. Listen to the recording and go to the operator. Tell the answering clerk that you are with "Sun Region" to receive our special *A Lakeside Retreat* room rate of \$119.00 plus taxes. Hotel reservations are now open. No online reservations. Please call the hotel directly using the phone number given.

Open Registration for the event is now open also - see the form on pages 14 and 15.

There will be a Saturday night banquet! Choose from one of these delicious entrees: Chicken Roulade, Fresh Salmon or Beef Brisket. All will include a dinner salad, dessert and beverage (excluding alcohol). The Banquet cost is included in the event registration fee.

The following are the optional Mini-Classes:

The Ultimate Pincushion - Friday, April 21, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM - \$45.00

taught by Jenna McClooney



Challenge your creativity while embellishing a prepared gourd with fabric, beads, fibers and other multi-media items. The class will include a presentation on the background of preparing gourds with samples of the stages of preparation and tools that are required. Techniques include beaded fringe, painting, fabric embellishment, Tyvek manipulation and finishing. Students should leave class with a finished gourd pincushion.

Kit contents are: Prepared gourd, Batik and muslin fabrics, acrylic paints, floss, memory wire, invisible thread, beads, needles and Tyvek. Options: Batik fabric comes with multiple colors and variations, so a general color way will be provided such as blue, red, purple, green, gold, etc.

Jenna has been a member of the EGA national board, education committee, and a core committee member of both national and region seminars. She has taught embroidery and beading to Sun Region chapter and divides her creative time between ceramics, gourds, beading and embroidery. She has juried into Fiber Forum in 2015, and has exhibited at the San Antonio, TX, education venue and the international exhibit "Complex: the Art in Mixed Media" in Louisville, KY.

Claire's Beaded Necklace - Saturday, April 22 from 9:00AM to Noon - \$55.00

taught by Kathy Singleton



Claire found a necklace that she really liked and wanted to share it with everyone. So, come and enjoy a few hours making this easy, fun and pretty necklace. Anyone can make this necklace. A little bit of peyote – but just easy squares with large beads. Then the fun starts as you string the necklace and embellish as you wish. Make your own closure as you bead a bead. As options, you can embellish the base of the necklace and the strands with anything you'd like. Shells, charms, etc. would all be nice. Bring what you have and see how it works.

Kit contents: Beads, instructions, One-G thread, needle. Students need to bring the usual supplies that includes scissors and magnification, if needed. Also useful would be a beading mat.

Kathy has been a member of the EGA national board, chair of two regional education events and is currently RD for Sun Region. She has taught embroidery and beading to Sun Region Chapters. She loves beading as much as embroidery and loves to mix the two in bead embroidery projects. She has an undergraduate degree in teaching.

Dyed Silk Scarf Workshop - Saturday, April 22, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM - \$45.00

taught by Marlene Glickman



This Workshop includes dyeing two silk scarves using the instant setting, non-toxic Color Hue dyes. A variety of techniques in and outside a baggie will be demonstrated with students choosing the techniques they want to explore: floral images, zebra stripes or sunset lines, stencils, clamps and sticks of shapes, repeat shibori lines, stamps, growing trees and more.

Come enjoy Marlene as she shares her knowledge of painting and dyeing silk. this 3 hour class, you will learn special techniques with a fiber we are all familiar with. this information back to your needlework and design a one-of-a-kind creation.

Kit includes: 2 scarves, 1 greeting card, 1 silk broadcloth landscape. Dyes for use in class are part of the price of the class. This includes the dyeing in the baggie technique and basic tabletop techniques: zebra stripes/sunset lines, floral images and repeat Shibori lines utilizing knots.

"Too often we become spectators of life instead of creating life," Marlene says. "Art, for me, is the act of expressing ideas regardless of the medium and sharing them with others. I see things and am compelled to create with them. I also love to encourage viewers to interact with my art and put their imprint on the work. Creating 3D sculptural forms and textile 'paintings' using new and found materials is a passion."

Kumihimo Bracelet - Sunday, April 29 from 9:00AM to Noon - \$50.00

taught by Karan Quintero



Nothing could be better than sharing a relaxing time with friends who share a common interest that they love. Within the surrounding sunny and breezy lakeside environment, relive those happy, warm food times; the blue of the lake, the sun glistening off the stone buildings, the multi-greens of the leaves, and the lovely variegated shades of the flowers, by gazing at your wrist encased with a beautiful bead and crystal Kumihimo bracelet.

Karan R. Quintero is a member of Biscayne Chapter, and has been an EGA member since 1987. Karan has served in multiple positions both on the local and regional level. As a Trauma/Burn ICU RN in her county hospital in Miami, FL, creating needle art through its many techniques has given her a continued thirst to learn from the many educational opportunities EGA offers. Beaded Kumihimo is her newest accomplishment which she now wishes to share with Sun Region members.



Sun Region EGA Retreat 2017

REGISTRATION FORM

A Lakeside Retreat

April 21-23, 2017

REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 15, 2017.

The registration fee includes a nonrefundable fee of \$25.00. This form must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2017 to be considered for registration. Non-EGA members must pay an additional \$50 registration fee. Please print or type all the info on this form. Be sure and fill it out completely. There are 2 sides. Please contact the registrar if you have any questions.

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP+4 _____

PHONE (DAY) _____ PHONE (ALTERNATE) _____

EMAIL _____

EGA MEMBER NUMBER _____ PRIMARY CHAPTER _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____ (DAY) _____ (ALTERNATE)

May we publish your address/phone/email in the participant handbook? YES _____ NO _____

Would you like to volunteer? Yes _____ No _____

Do you need a roommate? Yes _____ No _____

Is this your first Sun Region Event? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a life-time EGA member? Yes _____ No _____

Sun Region Retreat 2017 cannot be responsible for meals that do not meet dietary needs. I agree to release The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., and The Sun Region from any liability for theft, property damage, or personal injury while participating in or attending any or all of the functions and meetings of the Sun Region Retreat 2017. I understand that cancellation must be made in writing to the Registrar by March 1, 2017 to be considered for a partial refund. Please observe the cancellation policy.

Signature _____ Date _____

The registration fee for the retreat is \$100.00. \$25.00 of this is nonrefundable. Each class you choose to take will have a fee. This amount will be billed with your final registration invoice in January, 2017

Registration fee \$100.00 _____

Class Selection: Please indicate which classes you wish to sign up for. Details can be found on the previous pages of this newsletter as well as in the brochure and on the Sun Region website. Please note that each class will only be offered one time - and if we have over 25 people sign up during early registration for any one class, then that class will then go to a lottery. After early registration is over, and open registration begins, any remaining slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

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|--|---------------|-------|
| 1. Silk Painting - Marlene Glickman | cost: \$45.00 | _____ |
| 2. Kumihino bracelet - Karen Quintero | cost: \$50.00 | _____ |
| 3. Claire's Necklace - Kathy Singleton | cost: \$55.00 | _____ |
| 4. Ultimate Pincushion - Jenna McClooney | cost: \$45.00 | _____ |

All fees include the Saturday night banquet AND the nonrefundable deposit amount of \$25.00

If you would like to bring a guest to the banquet the charge for each additional person is \$40.00
 Banquet guests \$40.00 each _____

Total: _____

The deposit of \$25.00 is a non-refundable fee. The balance of the registration fee will be due by January 30, 2017. If not paid in full by that time a \$25.00 late fee will be added to the invoice.

Please mail **your check, made payable to Sun Region EGA**, and the **completed registration form** to:

Deby Talley, Registrar

2017Registrar@sunregionega.org or Debbear40@aol.com

Chapter Reports

BISCAYNE

Shelley Iman-Loch

Biscayne Chapter will be starting off the New Year with a great Filet Lace project presented by one of our program co-chairs Janet Edgar. We are going to start a special interest group in January. The focus of the group is Samplers. In February we will have our yearly stash sale. March is Biscayne's birthday party and business meeting. The theme is "Flower Power." I hope it is a "bloomin" success. (A little flower humor there.) In April, May and June we have a three part series, "The Rose Double-Pocket Pendant" taught by Martha Milnes, our other program co-chair. Those who are not participating are encouraged to bring a doodle cloth and learn the stitches, or bring another project. That takes us up to July when we go on summer break. Sometime in the late spring we will begin the "More Than a Rose" GCC.

CANOPY OAKS

Rebecca Lockenbach

Welcome from Canopy Oaks Chapter. The weather was lovely for our October meeting when we greeting Mari-on Scoular who was our teacher in residence as we learned the history of blackwork, and learned the fine art of blackwork stitching the oak leaf pattern. In November, Rebecca Lockenbach lead us in the first part of a two part session on smocking. She gave a brief history of smocking, and then showed us some of the smocking stitches for a sampler. She will return in January for part two, unless her grandson decides to arrive early. For December we will join together for our annual cookie and gift exchange, which is always a fun event, and installation of officers. On February 4th you will find us at our annual Stitch-in-Public at a local library, and then our regular meeting February 11th will either be a stitching session or the makeup smocking class. The weather is cool, but it is warm inside, and always fun when we gather together for learning and stitching. Wishing you a beautiful holiday season.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Gaby Hubbard

Our December Christmas luncheon was wonderful. We even got to surprise Audrey Francini by singing Happy Birthday for her 100th birthday this month! Debbie from Needle Orts, a local shop, will speak to us about threads. February will be about Japanese Embroidery by Karen Plater, March, Kenyan Cannon will have a project for us called Sashiko and May we will have Susan Leonard, Black Cauldron Dyeworks, back with a hands on dyeing fabric project.

CHAIN STITCHERS

Claire Nardone

In October, Chain Stitchers had a wonderful workshop on Artist Trading Cards directed by Sally Criswell from Suwannee Stitchers. Each one of us completed one card and some made a second one.

December will bring our Annual Christmas party at the historic Lakeside Inn with our stitching exchange and installation of the new officers.

President, Claire Nardone, put out a 1" challenge to all members last year due at this years Christmas party. Members were to create anything involving a needle that was only 1". It will be interesting to see all the creations.

January - Kathy Singleton will be teaching us how to make a folded ribbon scissor fob.

February - Lynn Abbey will be conducting a "Broken Needle" ceremony with a chart to put on our own container.

March - Claire Nardone will have a class on the beautiful Dorset Button

April - Karen Cicero will teach us Ukranian Whitework

We wish all our stitching siblings safe and happy holidays and a healthy New Year!

duCLAY

JoyceAnne Stevens

Since my last report, duClay Chapter has had some interesting, fun, and exciting events take place. During Sep-

tember we exhibited our embroidery pieces in the display cases at the Orange Park library where we hold our meetings. At our October meeting two of our members, Suzie and Melody presented a delightful skit about Martha Washington which led into our "taste of needlepoint" class. We were given a shell design similar to one found on chair cushions stitched by Martha Washington and complete kit for stitching using Appleton Wool.



As I write this report duClay members are stitching furiously to finish their challenge pieces for 2016 and are looking forward to the Christmas luncheon and the drawing for the winner of the challenge reward.

We will be collecting gifts for children at our December meeting to donate to Quigley House, Clay County's women and children's shelter.

Looking ahead, Linda Dean from Canopy Oaks Chapter will be visiting in February to present a lecture and class on crewel embroidery. The following months will see a small basket class, a beading class, and an all day Saturday stitch in at Fernandina Beach in June.

The most exciting event to take place this year, or even in recent years, was the ITT class with Marilyn Heazlewood. duClay Chapter was honored to host this class and teacher for Sun Region which was well received by duClay members as well as members from several other chapters. Marilyn was a joy to work with and the project was beautiful. Meeting and stitching with members of other chapters was a pleasure and overall, it was a week that we will remember for a long time.

GULFVIEW

Ann Ashley

At our November meeting I was elected to the position of Vice-President. Thus I will no longer represent Gulfview Chapter at Sun Region board meetings. Constance (Connie) Amadeo was elected to the RR position. She is looking forward to the Spring Board Meeting in March 2017 at the nearby Tampa Marriott.

The chapter membership will gather on December 14 for a holiday luncheon at a local Chile's. Santa will make an appearance and we will exchange Christmas/holiday ornaments. Our new VP and RR will pledge to do their best for the next two years.

In January we will use Longleaf Pine needles (collected in our yards), a curved metal needle and waxed thread to make baskets. Some of us will also be working on a beading project received at the December party.

No doubt by the middle of February we will have introduced a new challenge for the members. Also in February several members will be participating in a pilot class for Margaret Kinsey

The meetings in January and February are the times for members to declare which of their UFO's will be finished by the November meeting. For finishing the declared project on time means a chance to win a little cash.

INDIAN RIVER

Aline Lauzon

The Indian River Chapter has received a new GCC which is scheduled to start on January 18, 2017. We are all excited to work on "The Maharajah's Elephant" by Mary Long.

Also, we are looking forward to having Catherine Jordan give us a lecture and a two-day class on a Florida Map which features all the sites and historical places in Florida. This will include some fabric painting. The lecture will be held at our regular March 2017 meeting at the Front Street Civic Center in Melbourne. In this lecture she will have us work on a companion piece which is a bookmark. Please notify Adrienne Meyer if any of you would like to join us in March. The dates are 3/21/23. We would love to have you with us.

Please note: our January meeting will be on the the 9th due to Martin Luther King holiday. February will be on our regular 3d Monday, February 20th.

Lastly, we are looking forward to seeing you all in Mr. Dora in April.

NEAPOLITAN

Karen Rockenbach

The Neapolitan Chapter's season is underway in a big way!! Our snowbirds have returned and we are busy!!!

We have a new meeting venue for our general meetings – The Fine Mark Bank in Naples. We are looking forward to Gail Sirna teaching her “Florida Palm” canvaswork class on December 6 and 7. Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held on December 14 at Fox Fire Golf and Country Club. Lois Kershner will be with us January 17 and 19 teaching her two day class, “Provence Pottery”.

We have two group correspondence courses starting in January. We are looking forward to learning drawn thread with “Isabella – Italian Drawn Thread and surface embroidery with Luan Callery’s “Poppies”. We also have a workshop coming up in April with Kathy Rees, “Highland Circle”. We are so fortunate to have all of these educational activities.

We also continue to stitch our Habitat for Humanity Samplers. We continue to meet the 1st and 4th Wednesdays for our stitch-ins.

SAND DOLLAR

Kathie Dougherty

Wow - 2016 has just one page left in it's calendar. Where did the year go? Evidently I was so busy stitching I missed the year. Our December meeting will also go quickly because we have so much planned. Our annual ornament exchange and our Festive Covered Dish luncheon will be at our December general meeting and we will also be collecting money and food for three charities. We also will award our “100 Days of Stitching” participants who stitched 100 days this past summer. And finally we will elect 2 officers - a new vice president, Karen Stevens and our continuing secretary Bettie LaMotte.

At our January general meeting we are having a physical therapist speak to us about how to keep limber while we stitch. We recently decided to have a stretch break during our meetings. This speaker will also help us with our efforts to bend and stretch and reach for the stars! Our education program will be assembling a biscornu from the September 2015 Needle Arts magazine. We had hoped to do this in November but Hurricane Matthew caused a change in our plans. We also hope to begin the More Than a Rose GCC. Our education group has planned a Creative Challenge that will begin this month. Each member will draw for a simple and small project to be completed by our April luncheon.

February is our annual Stitch Away and we have several classes planned. We have a relaxing time stitching and learning. At our general meetings and stitch-ins we will continue to help members finish up their bell pulls. Also during February, members will continue stitching our Round Robin sampler by completing a row on the sampler in any color and design they want. Then it gets passed on to the next member with the plan of finishing by April.

SAND DUNES

Linda Anne Buehler

Our bargello ball ornament program for November was delayed due to supplies not arriving in time. Some members worked on their Joan Thomason angels and other painted canvases instead; this program will continue in January. The bargello ball ornament program will be in February.

Our annual Holiday Party was essentially a repeat of last year's with an afternoon gathering at Twisted Grape Wine Bar and Café in Shalimar. This is also our annual business meeting, held for the election of officers and a vote on the budget for the upcoming calendar year. I am “termed out” as Region Rep, so I accepted the position of Vice President. We expect to change our bylaws and P&Ps to allow our President to perform the Region Rep duties, so we did not elect a Region Rep this year. There was an ornament exchange and the UFO challenge drawing winner was announced. Debbie Sewell was the winner for 2016!



Our new Outreach program this year was stitching Chrismons for the church where we hold our meetings. Over 20 Chrismons were stitched by members and all of them were expertly finished by our president, Pam Burke.

SANDHILL CRANE

Linda Hansen

Our chapter is holding its Christmas luncheon on December 7, 2016. At the luncheon we will install the new officers for 2017 and have an ornament exchange. The ornaments are pieces that have been stitched by our chapter members and chosen blindly by the participating members. One of the table favors this year is a small tape measure. Our new President, Cathy Weber, will initiate a chapter challenge to stitch a tape measure cover over the summer and present it to the chapter at our opening September meeting. We plan two special presentations by our chapter members. In January, Caron Scarbough, a dual EGA and ANG member, demonstrates canvas embellishment techniques and in February, Christine Brunner, continues the presentation of last year exploring secret messages in heraldic embroidery. In April Carol Riddler begins teaching a hardanger scissors case.

SARASOTA

Clemmie Rounds

We will be celebrating our Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 15 at the Plantation Golf and Country Club, Venice. Members made ornaments during the months of October and November and we will be auctioning off a Christmas tree decorated with the ornaments donated and the money will replenish our Guild's fund. We will once again donate money to the Sarasota Firemen Benevolent Fund and we have collected money and non-perishables for the homeless Bethesda House.

Upcoming projects:

January 23, 2017

We will be making a small stumpwork project.



February 27, 2017

Beginner Silk ribbon project.



March 27, 2017

Dorset buttons.



SEA GRAPE

Betty Baechle

The beginning of the year we get to welcome back our northern friends and get caught up on all the latest news. What better way than to begin the new year with our luncheon. This year it will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Ft Myers. The guest speaker will be Joan Thomasson. We will continue the tradition of awarding the Roxanne Badenoch Silver Thimble and the People's Choice Award. The awards go to the person that has needlework exhibited at the luncheon. We will also have the drawing for the free 2017 membership.

January we will begin the first project of the year. Stitching on the Biscornu kicks off the year with March being the month when we assemble the project.

February is our opportunity to stitch with silk ribbon. The idea is to decorate a hat, cap or visor. We'll look smart as we enjoy our sunny days.

SUWANEE STITCHERS *Patrice Boyes*

The Suwannee Stitches Chapter is busy planning its annual Christmas Party, this year to occur on December 17, 2016, at the guest house of Chapter member and past vice president, Marianne Bennink, in Bell, Florida. EGA members are welcome to visit us and attend! We will enjoy a covered dish luncheon, gift exchange (which always has a mischievous bent), and a program taught by Chapter Treasurer Sally Criswell on making small, wool-felt pincushions.



The program for the monthly meeting scheduled on January 14, 2017 at the Newberry Public Library, in Newberry, Florida, will feature instruction by Chapter Treasurer Sally Criswell on blackwork, an embroidery tradition dating back to the time of Henry VIII. Blackwork is commonly called "Spanish work" for its appearance on garments in 15th and 16th Century Spanish portraiture. Pictured here (left) is Counted Stitch Blackwork in Holbein Stitch from the 1530s and an English blackwork cushion cover from the late 16th Century.

(Image Source: Wikipedia)



The Chapter also is busy preparing items for its annual fundraiser, to be held in the Spring in conjunction with the Quilt Festival in Trenton, Florida. Look for our booth!

In other news, the Chapter is gearing up for its first-ever Group Correspondence Course, EGA's Isabella GCC. An Italian drawn-thread technique, it is sure to intrigue. We are pleased to welcome two EGA members from the Indian River Chapter as part of the GCC.



Sun Region Chapters' Events Calendar

December *

- 10 duClay - Christmas Luncheon
- 14 Gulfview - Holiday Luncheon
Neapolitan - Christmas Luncheon
- 15 Sarasota - Christmas Luncheon
- 17 Suwanee Stitchers - Christmas Party

** dates after 12/9/16 only, due to lateness of this newsletter*

January

- 4 Neapolitan - Stitch-In
- 6 Biscayne - Meeting, program: Filet Lace
- 7 duClay - Meeting and Stitch-In
- 8 Sand Dunes - Meeting
- 9 Biscayne - Sampler Group
Indian River - Meeting
- 14 duClay - Second Saturday Stitching
- 17 Neapolitan - Lois Kershner workshop
- 18 Neapolitan - General Meeting
- 19 Neapolitan - Lois Kershner workshop
- 22 Sand Dunes - Stitch-In
- 23 Sarasota - Meeting
- 25 Neapolitan - Stitch-In

February

- 1 Neapolitan - Stitch-In
- 2 Biscayne - Stash Sale set up
- 3 Biscayne - Meeting and Stash Sale
- 4 Canopy Oaks - Stitch-in-Public Day
duClay - Meeting
- 11 Canopy Oaks - Meeting
duClay - Second Saturday Stitching
- 12 Sand Dunes - Meeting
- 15 Neapolitan - General Meeting
- 20 Indian River - Meeting
- 22 Neapolitan - Stitch-In
- 26 Sand Dunes - Stitch-In
- 27 Sarasota - Meeting

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Editor's note: If you don't see your chapter's dates/events here, it's because they were not submitted to me (or not readily obtainable by me from the material I received). Chapter Reps are reminded to submit events/dates along with their articles!