

**Sun Region, EGA
Region Board of Directors Meeting
September 16-18, 2016
Safety Harbor Resort & Spa | Safety Harbor FL**

Meeting Packet for Attendees

Sun Region Meeting Schedule

Friday, September 16, 2016

Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, September 17, 2016

**Event 2016 Report 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Event 2017 Report 9:30 AM – 9:55 AM
Finance Committee Meeting 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

Luncheon hosted by Sand Dunes Chapter 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Sun Region Board Meeting

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

Saturday Evening Educational Program 7:00 PM

Biscayne Chapter will be presenting the program at 7:00pm. The cost is \$5 per person and you must reserve a kit on your luncheon clip it coupon.

Sunday, September 18, 2016

**Board Meeting Reconvened 9:00 AM
Complete Region Business
Adjournment
Bylaws, Ps&Ps and Guidelines – Oh My
New Region Rep training**

Chapter Reports:

- Biscayne
- Canopy Oaks
- Central Florida
- Chain Stitchers
- duClay
- Gulfview
- Indian River
- Neapolitan
- Sand Dollar
- Sand Dunes
- Sandhill Crane
- Sarasota
- Sea Grape
- Suwannee Stitchers

Adjournment

Bylaws, Ps&Ps, Guidelines, OH MY

New Rep Training

Please come prepared to provide an answer, by chapter, to the following question: What geographical area does your chapter draw your members from? This is important for the webmistress to know, when someone is contacting via the website and wants to know if there is a chapter in his or her area.

Region Director's Report | Kathy Singleton

Since the last board meeting it's been a little quieter. Summer always is as many of our chapters take the summer off in terms of meetings and programs.

Immediately before the 2016 seminar, I visited the Sarasota Chapter. I had a wonderful time and am envious of their meeting place – a fire station! I need to schedule visits with Canopy Oaks, Indian River, Sand Dunes and Sea Grape. And I'm always ready for a second visit, especially if your chapter is having a special event. So please let me know. Canopy Oaks had their Exhibit in conjunction with the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework during May of 2016. I attended the opening reception and the gallery talk the next day. The talk by Pam Doffek was great. I've asked the chapter to record all of the gallery talks so that we can put them on our website.

I've been working a lot on my duties from the national board. I'm still in charge of the Strategic Committee titled Operations. This is one of five strategic goals but it seems to me to be the biggest. I have five goal committees under me that cover: everything to do with the national office, the website, the makeup of the national board, the computer system at the national office and the national Ps&Ps. In particular, I am heading the Ps&Ps goal. I have great chairs for each of the goals that don't need much hand holding, thank goodness. And, I've some wonderful, enthusiastic people helping me with the Ps&Ps. But it's a lot of work. Have you seen the national Ps&Ps? At the national board meeting in March, it was decided that they need a total overhaul – complete rewrite, etc. I'll let you know when I dig out from under that – maybe in a few years.

As usual, I have the day to day items to deal with. Emails mostly from what seems like everyone in EGA.

Assistant Region Director's Report | Melody Bryan

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

That's how the wonderful old 60's song goes and I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Fall board meeting to be held at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.

105 North Bayshore Drive , Safety Harbor, Florida, 34695, 1-888-237-8772

Please consult your navigation system for the best route from your area or you can use this address for Mapquest or your favorite mapping software.



Please visit their website to get more info on the amenities. There is a full service restaurant, room service is available, a Tiki Bar in the pool area which serves drinks and a limited menu, lounge and spa area all on a 22 acre property on the quiet side of Tampa Bay. <http://www.safetyharborspa.com/>

Self-serve parking is free but if you need valet parking it is available for \$10 per day. If you need assistance getting to your room – there is a bell man available to assist. There are no resort fees and we have access to every area of the resort. Unfortunately the website says there are renovations being made to the women’s spa area so if you intended to take advantage of the spa offerings – please do check with the hotel to see what is currently available. Of course fees apply to massages, facials and services like that.

The luncheon will be hosted by the Sand Dunes Chapter. We thank them for this because they are so far away. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 and be held in the History Hall. The room should be ready around 11:15 if you care to arrive a few minutes early. We are trying a buffet this time and I think there will be something to please everyone. The main entrees are Chicken Marsala, Vegetarian Mezzaluna Ravoli and Fish of the Day. Veggies and a salad along with a dessert and beverages will be available in a serve yourself atmosphere.

The board meeting will be held in the Athena Room (unless they make a last minute change). Please be aware that there is no assigned seating among the SR reps but the EC will be sitting at the end of the U shape. It has been requested that ONLY REPS be seated in the U – all committee chairs and guests will be seated in the perimeter of the room. Reps may pick up their voting proxy and chapter identification at the reception table before the meeting.

The evening program will commence at 7pm in the Athena Room and will be led by the Biscayne Chapter. It is for a beaded sun catcher and the cost is \$5 to be paid to Biscayne. Please bring cash or a check for them. The beads are tiny so you may need a light, beading tray, scissors and any other accessory you typically carry to class.

Many thanks to Sand Dunes and Biscayne for hosting the fall meeting!

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me. Look forward to seeing everyone in beautiful Safety Harbor!

Treasurer's Report | Lynn Abbey

Treasurer's Report: Budget v. Actual as of 8/31/2016				
		Year to Date (actual)	2016 Budget	Year-to-Date v. Budget
Income				
02 Dues		1,545.00	1,700.00	-155.00
03 Interest		19.03	20.00	-0.97
04 Educ Event		1,763.00	0.00	1,763.00
15 Contributions		100.00	120.00	-20.00
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		3,427.03	12,790.00	-9,362.97
Expense				
21 Educ Event		2,990.00	10,800.00	-7,810.00
26 Rent		64.00	650.00	-586.00
28 Administration		92.30	215.00	-122.70
29 Officers' Travel		1,349.24	2,340.00	-990.76
33 Gifts		1,154.95	250.00	904.95
35 Other		331.20	225.00	106.20
TOTAL EXPENSE		5,981.69	14,480.00	-8,498.31

Expense			
21 Educ Event	990.00	0.00	
28 Administration	0.00	0.00	
29 Officer Travel	415.82	0.00	
33 Gifts/Contributions	900.00	0.00	
35 Other	61.78	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,367.60	0.00	
SEPARATE ACCOUNTS			
2017 Retreat (net)	395.00		
Reg. Meeting Luncheons (net)	325.00		
Fundraising/Ways & Means	-10.00		
TOTAL SEPARATE ACCOUNTS	710.00		
TOTAL	18,408.30	57,096.22	
OPEN ITEMS			
Receivables	0.00	0.00	
Payables	1,190.00		
TOTAL OPEN ITEMS	-1,190.00	0.00	
TOTAL (W/O OPEN ITEMS)	19,598.30	57,096.22	
CLOSING BALANCES (Regions Bank Account Statements: Checking as of 8/31/2016; MM as of 6/30/2016)			
	19,598.30	57,096.22	

Between Session Actions | Cheri Hammer

There was a between session action accomplished since the April 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The following action occurred:

At the March meeting of the Sun Region Board of Directors, the Sun Region Finance Committee made the following recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends that the Sun Region Board of Directors authorize the expenditure of \$3000 for the 2016 ITT.

Rationale: we have received windfall income of \$2900 from the Ways & Means / stash sale since December 2015 and anticipate receiving the rest before the event.

/s/Lynn Abbey, Chairman, Sun Region Finance Committee

Because approval of this recommendation would create a non-budgeted expense, our bylaws require a 30-day notice to voting members prior to voting, thereby creating the need for a between session action. Per our policies and procedures,

because this is a committee recommendation no second was required. The recommendation was brought directly to the voting membership for discussion and approval. The motion passed.

Bylaws Report | Margo Pope

Nothing significant to report.

Education Report | Deby Talley

First I want to mention that we still have openings for at least 2 people and maybe as many as 6 in our International Touring Teacher class with Merrillyn Heazelwood. We will hold these open until October 15th on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact education@sunregionega.org if you are interested in a spot.

I am still not getting the new forms from chapters interested in GCC's and region reimbursement. I must have the form either by snail mail or email attachment before Lynn will put it on the website. This is the only way to eliminate confusion when it comes to reimbursing the chapter. Please be sure to give a copy of this form to your chapter president or anyone in your chapter who will be requesting reimbursement for a chapter related educational event.

I have attached two applications for the region scholarship to attend the region retreat, A Lakeside Retreat, being held in April of 2017. Please note that one is for a first time attendee to any region event and the other is for any region member.

The money from the Phillips grant will be used to tape educational lectures about the history and techniques of types of needlework. While we hoped to tape an actual online class for the region the logistics did not work. Once this project is completed, we will then give copies to each chapter.

Procedure for Sun Region Education Grant 2016

Sun Region has authorized \$3000.00 for 2016. The minimum number of students is 10.* If by the Fall Sun Region meeting all funds have not been spoken for, chapters can request a second grant. All grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, after the GCC, workshop, or other educational event has been conducted.

Process:

1. Decide which GCC, workshop, or other educational event your chapter wants to offer to its membership. Educational events other than a GCC or workshop must be pre-approved by the Sun Region board before proceeding.
2. Collect registration commitments within your chapter. If you have 20 registrants for a Workshop/educational event or 21 registrants for a GCC (20 + 1 group leader) follow either procedure a) or b) below, depending on whether your chapter is offering a workshop/educational event or a GCC to its members.
 - a) For GCCs: Send for, and complete, the paperwork from National. Please read registration process instructions carefully. These instructions can be found on the EGA website or in the Education catalog. The completed "GCC Registration Request Form" in the Education catalog should be sent to National headquarters. National headquarters will return a separate Registration form which will include additional instructions. The chapter must submit a copy of a complete Registration (not the EGA Registration Request) form to the region education chair, who will forward all paperwork to the region treasurer, to receive a grant check for \$200.00. (This grant process is completely separate from the GCC registration process.) If you do not get this form, then a welcome letter from the teacher will suffice. The chapter remains responsible for all required communications with the teacher.
 - b) For workshops/educational events: Submit a copy of the signed teacher contract or other documentary evidence for an educational event to the region educational chairman to receive a grant check for \$200.00. If for any reason the workshop/educational event is cancelled, the chapter has 60 days in which to return the grant money.
3. If in step 2 your chapter does not get the required number of registrants, then notify the Region Education Chairman at education@sunregionega.org who will see that your workshop/educational event or GCC is advertised on the region website and elsewhere for two months. Please provide a contact email address for the advertisement. (If your chapter is offering a GCC and you have at least 10 registrants, it's appropriate to begin your National headquarters paperwork process when the advertising period begins.)
4. At the end of two months or when registration reaches 21 whichever happens first, follow the appropriate procedure in Step 2 above.

Note: A chapter whose GCC or workshop/educational event has fewer than 10 in chapter registrants, may advertise their choice on the region website for longer. The advertisement will remain on the website until it attracts 10 registrants or is withdrawn by the chapter or the region exhausts its grant authorization.

Please allow 6 weeks for paperwork to be processed

Please note that for 2016 the region board may allow smaller chapters to proceed with less than 10 members signed up. This will be considered on a case by case basis, and only after the minimum two month advertisement period has been completed.

Also new for 2016 is an application form to be sent to the Education Chairman for tracking purposes. This form will help make sure that all of the required paperwork is being done and submitted.

**SUN REGION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR
A LAKESIDE RETREAT**

First time attendee

This is open to any Sun Region EGA Member who has never attended a Sun Region Educational event- including a Sun Region retreat, Sun Region seminar or Sun Region sponsored cruise.

The Education committee of Sun Region EGA is happy to be able to offer one \$500.00 scholarship to attend the upcoming Sun Region retreat to be held in Mount Dora, FL. The dates are April 21-23, 2017. In order to apply you must be a member in good standing with Sun Region as of the date of the application and maintain region membership until after the retreat. The only requirement if you are chosen is you must write a report about you experience attending the retreat to be published in the Sun News, June 2017 issue. The deadline to have the report to the education chair is May 22, 2017.

Dates to apply for the scholarship are from September 15-October 31, 2016

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

EGA chapter _____ **EGA member number** _____

By signing here I am stating that I am a first time Sun Region event attendee:

Mail to email:education@sunregionega.org

Deby Talley

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Winter Springs, FL 32708

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Finance Report | Lynn Abbey

Will be discussed at the meeting.

The following recommendation comes from the Finance Committee. This recommendation requires a 30-day notice period, and will be discussed and voted on at the upcoming meeting.

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends that the motion that Sun Region donate \$500 to the national EGA collection in honor of Gwen Nelson.

Rationale: It's an honorarium for Gwen who took great effort to bring part of the national collection to the seminar and served as speaker for the event's banquet. This was also the second year in a row that Gwen graciously provide our region members with an opportunity to see and appreciate what is in the national collection.

/s/Lynn Abbey, Chairman, Sun Region Finance Committee

Historian Report | Karan Quintero

I am continuing to collect chapter pins, chapter nametag, lists of Chapter past-Presidents and originals of any exhibit brochures. If you have old records which have been cleared out of chapter files/photos I will gladly accept them, never know when little pearls of history can be found to be added to our Sun Region history.

Nominating | Karan Quintero

The time is growing shorter until we have to present a candidate slate for election of the next Executive Board at our Spring meeting. The Presidents and Region Reps received letters and calls as our search began to fill the candidate slots. Suggested potential candidates have been approached and yet, we have openings for Region Director and Secretary. WE NEED HELP to fill these positions. The committee as well as the actual Executive Board will be more than happy to discuss these positions, duties etc. with any potential candidate. Member Profile forms will be available through the Nominating Committee members through the September meeting.

Karan Quintero, Biscayne Chairman SR Nominating Committee
Betsy Harris, Suwannee Stitcher's
Claire Nardone, Chainstitcher's
Linda Dean, Canopy Oaks

Outreach Report | JoyceAnne Stevens

Marnie Graley, National Outreach Chairman has reorganized and updated the Outreach page on the EGA National web site. You will need to sign in at Members Login. Then go to "Resources" and "Outreach".

Following is a complete listing of outreach reports as received from Sun Region chapters.

Biscayne: We have been on a break for July and August, however we have sent off 44 Kissing pillows for the soldiers. The ladies in Texas sent out a request for over 1,000 kissing pillows. Our organizer for the Kissing Pillow Outreach, Millie Perlman, told them she would try to collect 100 pillows. Extra materials were handed out at the May and June meetings. We continue to collect various items for our other outreach efforts.

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 with 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.

Central Florida:

2016 Chapter Stitching Project – Breast Cancer Ribbon Bookmarks

Please continue to work on the pink breast cancer ribbon bookmarks. I am also collecting any pop top tabs to donate to Ronald McDonald House.

Pink Ribbon Cell Phone Charms

I have kits with the instructions and materials to make small pink heart ribbon cell phone charms that Vickie Chin brought to our February meeting. The charms are very small and super simple to make. We will donate the finished charms to the Cancer Infusion Center at ORMC. I will have the kits with me at all our meetings, so please feel free to take one.

Questions regarding the construction should be directed to Vicki.

Meeting Notices in Orlando Sentinel

I continue to put a notice about our general meetings in the Orlando Sentinel and have requested that it be included in the Seminole, Osceola and Volusia county editions of the “What’s Happening” section, as well as the Orange county edition.

Heart Wall Hanging Project for Ronald McDonald House

The Grand Opening for the new Ronald McDonald House at Lake Nona will be on Thursday, August 11th. Everyone is invited to tour the new facility and see the wall hanging installed in the dining room.

Chain Stitchers Chapter: Restructuring their outreach program. Longtime supporters of Habit for Humanity samplers.

duClay Chapter: This year we started stitching bookmarks for the Orange Park Library where duClay has met for many years. After discussion with the library personnel, it was decided to use the bookmarks as thank you reminders to the teen volunteers who are working at the library to gain volunteer hours for a state sponsored volunteer program, known as Bright Honors. We donated 16 bookmarks in July and voted to continue for the coming year. We are displaying our needlework in the display cases at the library during the month of September.

Gulfview: By the end of June I had delivered 151 baby caps and 68 chemo caps to Gulf Coast Hospital, plus supplies to knitters.

Indian River Chapter:

Library Display

We have had 2 library exhibits this year -there are 2 more scheduled for October -- These exhibits contain the Art Works produced by the members of the Guild. The stitching levels start with the beginner. I have little sign that indicate that this piece is a beginner piece. The exhibits are staged at local libraries thru out the Brevard County system. In exchange for the loan of rooms that the libraries let us use for meetings and the secured cabinets for our displays each get a portion of the books left over from our "Treasures to be Found" book sale held each years. The libraries in turn add the books to their annual sale.

Thank you to all who loaned their beautiful art work for the exhibit at Satellite Beach. What a wonderful display of different kinds of stitching techniques the IRC presented to the public. We have some very talented stitchers among us and celebrate their generosity. Keep it coming ladies. We have 2 more exhibits to invite prospective members to the EGA. Be sure to stop by and see some of the unusual needle work our sisters have done.

Habitat for Humanity

Each year our Guild Chapter stitches a Habitat sampler for each home dedicated. On the day of dedication the finished Sampler is given to the new home owner by one of our chapter members at the dedication ceremony. We have given out 5 samplers thus far to new homeowners, 2 of which were stitched and given at dedication by a plural member Eileen Hoffman who lives in St. Lucie county, where the homes were built. We are so great full for her participation in this program. There are 11 more new homes planned for this year so we have our work cut out for us.

Military Support

The members of the IRC are always looking for small complete stitching kits for our military. These designs plus small hoop are donated to Viera VA. In turn they are taken to the James Haley VA hospital in Tampa for the patients. It gives them an opportunity to try something that they may enjoy. A member of IRC saw a need for someone to teach at the Patrick Air Force Base. A class was started at the base library for visitors who are at the base for a short time. The students are coming and learning and hopefully taking this new craft to their next location and sharing it with more people in the same situation. The class is thriving thanks to a member who saw an opportunity to share.

Kissing Pillows

Kissing Pillows project is an ongoing program that we in Brevard cherish because Patrick Air force Base is the departure point for many of our residents. The pillows are stitched and a little tag is placed in each telling the owner that it was stitched by the Indian River Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America.

Teaching Children

We successfully completed our June session of teaching children embroidery at the Satellite Beach library. I would like to acknowledge Ginny Gilbertson's preparation of kits and organization of materials each week. She was a major factor in making things run very smoothly for the students and teachers. We also appreciate the chapter members who donated

materials and \$35 cash to cover the cost of needles and quality needle threaders. We had 23 students sign up, with very few absentees for all three sessions. Many of the children asked to take home additional kits to work on over the summer. I think this is a credit to all the teachers who worked so well with their students. They are: Andrea Eufrazio, Lee Ferguson, Jonalene Gutwein, Terry Heim, Christine Kampmeyer, Jineen Kulczycky, Stephanie Murphy, Doreen Snyder, Emily Swihura, Janet Thivierge, Carol Tsoukalas, Hannah Webb, Lynn White, and Wendy Wright. We could not have succeeded without the commitment of these ladies. I hope you all had fun and that you will be on board for next year.

Toiletries for Homeless

We are running a little behind schedule in our attempt to reach our 2016 goal of donating 2,500 toiletries for the homeless. As of June 20 we have donated 988 items, which is 40% of our goal. Hopefully, summer traveling will up the numbers.

Stitching in Public

We will still stitch in public every chance we get, whether its at a library, doctor office, park on a nice day or invite new friends to the many stitch groups that we enjoy.

Neapolitan: On May 12th, Judy Winterhalter, Chapter President, and Ann Smith, Outreach Chair, presented a \$200 cash donation to Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, our primary outreach recipient. Judy received the following “thank you” from Habitat. A few weeks ago we delivered a gallon bag of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Ft. Myers.

Sand Dollar: 13 baby blankets, 11 baby sets- matching blankets, booties and hats, 2 matching hats and booties, 13 baby hats, 11 baby booties, 2 Habitat samplers, 60 knockers for breast cancer patients were made and donated. Baby items were knitted.

We also received 12 chemo hats knitted by a friend of a member that we donated.

Knitted Knockers are special handmade breast prosthesis for women who have undergone mastectomies or other procedures to the breast. <http://www.knittedknockers.org/> We have one member who does these.

Sand Dunes: As part of our Outreach Program, Sand Dunes Chapter still presents samplers to the Habitat for Humanity folks. We haven't presented any for a while but will be doing so at a dedication on August 25. This year we are also making Chrismons to give to the church where we hold our meetings and stitch-ins as a thank you for allowing the chapter to meet there for free. The fabric was donated and the members will provide their own threads.

Sandhill Crane: Sand Hill Crane Chapter continues to support the Habitat for Humanity. In September the chapter will present a sampler, the last of the old design, to the new participants. The chapter also continues to collect and support the Child Advocacy Center of Hernando County.Hernando.

Sarasota Chapter: Our Chapter has been taking time off during the summer months but starting in October, we will be collecting non-perishables and money for the Bethesda home, for the homeless.

Sea Grape Chapter: The chapter has authorized a large purchase of some new, lighter yarns which will be available at the August meeting. The somber colors and unusable weight yarns in our donated stash have been given to the Salvation Army. We are grateful to all those who donated our supplies for the past two years, and especially thank those who continue to purchase yarns that they prefer to work on.

Member Jean Doubles holds the title for the most volunteer hours. Her tab shows 1,656 volunteer hours since we began keeping records 11 years ago. In hopes of adding to our dedicated group, or for those looking for diversity, Helen has developed an adaptation of the Trinity stitch for baby caps and an old pattern from her memory bank, which we will call the Sea Grape pattern, for our chemo caps. Printed patterns will be available at the October meeting.

Suwannee Stitchers: Several members of the Suwannee Stitchers have been stitching bookmarks for women who are dealing with cancer. We are collecting bottle caps for a project with Rescue Dogs. We are in the planning stages for an outreach project for the holidays.

Roster Report | Adrienne Meyer

The updated Sun Region roster was sent via email attachment to chapter representatives and region officers/chairs on August 28.

Sun News Report | Linda Anne Buehler

Nothing significant to report.

Ways and Means Report | Vacant

No report.

Website Report | Lynn Abbey

Nothing significant to report.

Social Media Report | Karan Quintero

Between Jenna, Lynn and myself we have been able to post some interesting subject matter we which hope you have enjoyed.

Sun Region's Facebook page offers chapters a way to advertise upcoming educational events whether it's a GCC or a major workshop. We also can post photos of events to inform visitors of chapter activity within the region.

Please keep us in the loop and we can show viewers Sun Region is a happening place to be in!!

2016 Red Sails in the Sunset Report | Donna Christie

The committee for Red Sails in the Sunset would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's education event! It was a fun filled weekend and a very busy one also. The teachers were great and being with fellow stitchers was fun too!

We would like to congratulate Ann Fletcher on being the winner of the scholarship for the 2017 education event. In the event Ann cannot participate, Ruth Nolan is the second runner up.

Our full report was submitted to the Executive Board of Sun Region, and a report will be given at the Sun Region meeting being held in Safety Harbor. The good news is that Red Sails brought in a profit of \$2159.83. Again, a big "thank you" to everyone who participated in this event.

I would also like to again say "thank you" to all of the gals who worked on any committee or behind the scene!!! These education events do not just happen, or put themselves on for our members!! There is a lot of hard work and dedication that goes into making these events a success! So Ladies, "thank you for a job well done"!! I value each and every one of you and appreciate beyond measure the dedication and hard work that you gave for Red Sails!!!

2017 Lakeside Retreat | Claire Nardone

Hold the date - April 21-23, 2017 - Ask Santa for an extra special gift that keeps on giving....at least until April... Join your creative stitching friends for a wonderful weekend of stitching, eating, and exploring beautiful Mt. Dora. Our accommodations are all at the Lakeside Inn. Your rooms are vintage Florida complete with views of Lake Dora, should you choose. Best of all, The Lakeside Inn will offer us a special price of \$119 for 3 days before AND 3 days after our retreat, just in case you bring a non-stitching friend and wish to explore with them.

Meals are within a short walk if you'd like to eat in the hotel or one of the local eateries. Information is available at the inn, online or there may just be some discounts in your arrival bag.

There will be 4 mini classes, 3 hours each, and most reasonably priced. Try beading, kumihimo, gourd pin cushion or silk painting which you will, most likely, finish before the class is over. Or even better yet! Take all 3!

So get your planner out and fill out your registration form. Don't forget to make your reservations directly with The Lakeside Inn - 1-352-383-4101 and indicate you are with "Sun Region."

We look forward to seeing everyone in April!

Chapter Reports

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

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

Biscayne Chapter | Schelley Iman-Loch

Biscayne has not had much going on this summer. We had our summer break during July and August. We got a call to thread our needles and get busy on Kissing Pillows for our soldiers. Texas made a request for over a 1,000 pillows and our coordinator, Millie Perlman, said we would try to make 100 pillow tops. She mailed 44 to them in June. Millie prepared extra materials for the members to take and work on over the summer.

In June, we had a great class with Kathy Rees. Our Serenity projects are turning out wonderfully and one student has already finished. It will be exciting to see the finished products.

We also got the annual summer challenge underway. It was created by one of our Programs Chairwoman Janet Edgar. It is the Shades of Gray and One Color. The challenge was introduced over two months. Ideas for the challenge were discussed in May, and the sign up was in June. Each participant was given the rules and a brown paper bag with three skeins of DMC floss in varying shades of gray. The finished projects will be shown at our holiday party in December. The chapter members will vote on their favorite, and the chapter's President is donating a prize for the winner. Kathy Rees was gracious enough to our summer challenge to her presentation on color, The Emotion of Color.

The board met on August 22, and began preparations for the election of officers for 2017-2018. We will publish the proposed 2017 budget, and discussion of the budget will be in October. Our Program Chairwomen, Martha Milnes and Janet Edgar have programs planned through April 2017. They are Cracker Jack.

We already have selected a committee to review our By-laws and Policies and Procedures. Plans have been made to conduct an audit of our books. Our Treasurer, Marge Holmes, has had to resign, and Marta Cutie as agreed to be our Interim Treasurer and run for election in November. Thank you Marta for agreeing to step in and fill that office. We will miss Marge's sage advice, impeccable work, and leadership. Thank you Marge for your service.

Canopy Oaks Chapter | Rebecca Lockenbach

Hello from Tallahassee. The Canopy Oaks Chapter spent part of the summer reflecting on our successful month long embroidery exhibit "What's the Point? Embroidery as Art" At the LeMoyné Center for the Visual Arts. At our summer planning meeting we shared comments and responses that we received from attendees, and we are in the midst of finalizing our lessons learned and final closeout report for the exhibit. Our year has been laid out and our calendar is full, as you will see below.

August 13 – Tour the Quilt Show at the Tallahassee Museum

September 10 – Show & Tell, with a special segment by Linda Dean on "What I Did This Summer", where she will share what she learned during her trip to France

October 8 – Marion Sclar Workshop on Blackwork – Acorns

November 12 – Smocking Sampler – Lesson #1 – presented by Rebecca Lockenbach

December 10 – Luncheon and gift exchange

January 14 – Smocking Sampler – Lesson #2 – presented by Rebecca Lockenbach

February 4 or 11 – Stitch in Public

March 11 – Felt Work presented by Lucy Patrick

April 8 – Beginning Crochet presented Anita Fertig

May 12 – Romanian Lace with a Twist presented by Pam Doffek

Chapter meetings are held from 10 a.m. to Noon on the 2nd Saturday of the month at St. Peter's Anglican Church. We currently have 25 chapter members and 3 plural members. We enjoy our time stitching and teaching, and continue to seek out opportunities to share and learn. We are exploring the options for the next EGA Group Correspondence Course to embark on and hope that other chapters are enjoying their ride through the world of Needlearts.

Central Florida Chapter | Gabriella Hubbard

The summer brings 'summer school'. This year we have had the pleasure of Margaret Kinsey showing us Assisi embroidery and a butterfly using blackwork technic. September will be a presentation by Karen Plater about Japanese embroidery. October brings us a program by Linda Ferguson on English Paper piecing. In November Carol Presley will demonstrate how to finish something into a Jacob's Ladder. And then December brings us to our Christmas luncheon. Our challenge to finish UFOs will be revealed at our luncheon. Can't wait to see how our members did.

Chain Stitchers Chapter | Claire Nardone

Chain Stitchers has been quiet this summer. Our Outreach Program has fizzled out (Habitat for Humanity) and is focusing on larger events such as golf tournaments, which saddens us. We will be discussing other outreach programs in the coming months. I'd love it if you'd give us some ideas that have worked for you!

Our upcoming programs include a beaded wrapped bracelet in September, a wonderful lecture on participating in the Master Craftsman program by our own Carol Reid, and Ukrainian needlework by Karen Cicero. December always brings out wonderful holiday meeting feast.

It's our wishes that our stitching friends have a safe and happy holidays!

duClay Chapter | JoyceAnne Stevens

duClay Chapter has enjoyed a variety of programs, a workshop, and a retreat during the spring and summer months.

We began May with 100% registration of our members and have since added several new members. Our membership is now 37 members with 6 of those being plural members.

Members were asked to bring "antique" needlework and related items to our May meeting to share. Items ranged from antique samplers to a chair with a needlepoint seat. There were tools and accessories also shown. Each member talked about their items, history, whether they were purchased or gifts or family heirlooms. It was interesting as well as amazing the amount of "antiques" we all had and especially how and why they were special to each of us. Early in July 8 of our members enjoyed once again a class with Janeann Sleeman who led us through the stitching of a lovely Easter Egg canvas designed and painted by Labors of Love, Atlanta. This was our 4th class with Janeann and as always we looked forward to and enjoyed very much our time spent with her as well as learning new stitches and techniques.

On the last weekend of July, 20 duClay members journeyed to Sebring to the Inn on the Lake for our first chapter retreat. Many arrived on Thurs for a long weekend of fun, relaxation, stitching, and even a short class. Members received kits and instruction for the beaded scissor fob taught at the spring Sun Region meeting. Several shops were contacted and provided things for wonderful goody bags. Everyone left asking when the next retreat will be held. They were referred to the Sun Region retreat 2017.

Member have been stitching pin drum designs this year for a finishing class taught by plural member, Carol Presley, at the August meeting. Carol brought saw dust and wood shavings as well as crushed walnut shells for stuffing the pin drums. A lot of happy members left with completed pin drums. Carol brought some extra fabric and a guest used some to make a pin drum.

On September 1st, a display of our needlework will be installed in the glass cases in the Orange Park library where duClay has been meeting for many years, since the 1980's.

For the first time in many years, duClay members stitched items for an outreach project. We contacted the Orange Park library about their summer reading program and in the beginning planned to stitch bookmarks for the “top readers”. As the program and the stitching progressed and personnel at the library changed, it was decided to use the bookmarks as gifts to the teen volunteers. The teens are highly motivated, college bound students who volunteer at the library to collect volunteer hours to qualify for a Florida state program of scholarships called “Bright Futures”.

Please visit our blog for more information and wonderful photos of our classes and events. The latest addition is the retreat complete with many photos. <http://duclayega.blogspot.com/>

We have a Facebook page. Look for duClayChapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America. It is a public site so you do not have to be a Facebook member to visit.

And we are looking forward to hosting the ITT class for Sun Region in November.

Gulfview Chapter | Ann Ashley

Fall at Gulfview promises to be exciting with many new projects being introduced. After the September meeting some of the members will start on a canvas piece “Mahogany Treasure.” For the month of October the Hudson Library will display many of Gulfview members stitching projects, and we are encouraged to spend our stitch together time there.

Using a pattern published in “Needlearts” in March 2015, after the October meeting we will learn how to crochet the cord used for Sylvia Muraniu’s lace and then in November we’ll start to make the beautiful “Snowdrop.”

Meanwhile Traveling Teacher Kathy Rees will spend October 21st and 22nd teaching us to create “Sherwood Gardens.”

At our meeting in November, Christine Brunner, a member of Sandhill Crane chapter, and an Elizabethan re-enactor, will present a talk on Elizabethan Embroidery.

Already on the 2017 calendar (February 23 and 24) is a pilot for Margaret Kinsey.

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 Stitching day and have sent in a picture to EGA Needle Arts.

We are planning a workshop in March 2017 with Catherine Jordan. More information is to follow.

Besides the various teaching and special interest groups, we also have a “Procrastinators Anonymous” group which meets the 2d Wednesday of the month to finish our UFO projects.

We are planning a grand event for our 40th Anniversary in 2017. A special committee has been appointed. Plans will be reviewed shortly.

Neapolitan Chapter | Karen Rockenbach

As summer is winding down, we are looking forward to our snowbirds returning to sunny Florida and a very active fall season. Chapter members are meeting twice a month in member's homes during the month of September. We have a very busy fall and 2017 season coming up!! Our October meeting will feature a Pumpkin wool needle book featuring wool appliqué and embroidery. November is a Mystery Trip. We have no idea what Betty Baechle has planned for us but we will be on the road for the whole day – destination unknown! December will be our annual Christmas luncheon. We have Gail Sirna coming in December to teach a canvas work class, "Florida Palm". Lois Kershner will be with us in January, 2017 to teach her "Provence Pottery Shop" featuring photo transfer and embroidery. Two correspondence classes are planned starting in December: "Isabella – Italian Drawn Thread" and "Poppies". Our members have spent their summer working on their own projects as well as our "Habitat for Humanity" samplers for our on-going service project.

Sand Dollar Chapter | Kathie Dougherty

Our May meeting is the last formal meeting for the summer. We have stitch-ins at libraries and members home since many members are snowbirds or travel. At our May meeting our membership chairperson, Dina Colligan, distributed a very short survey to members as a "checkup" for our group. The questions were: What do you like most about Sand Dollar? What do you like least about Sand Dollar? What would you like to be different? The board reviewed the tabulated findings at our August board meeting and will continue to evaluate the survey results this fall.

Over the summer we had a small committee update our chapter job descriptions. We plan to have the descriptions reviewed by the members in the fall and finally have one set of agreed upon and dated job descriptions. That will make the nominating committee's work much easier in the future.

We had our 100 Days of Stitching Challenge again this year that will culminate at our October meeting with a Show and Tell. I think I will be calling this our "Annual" 100 Days of Stitching Challenge in the future since it has been so successful the past several years. Many members this year completed or made great progress on the bell pull project we started last January.

Sand Dunes Chapter | Linda Anne Buehler

Sand Dunes chapter held our "end of year" luncheon on May 21. We lunched at The Boathouse Landing in Valparaiso and had a final "show and tell" before the drawing of one entry for a free membership.

Our main educational pursuits in late spring were piloting Kathy Rees' "Highland Circle" (a canvas piece) on April 9 and 10 and piloting Linda Chirby's "Private Affair" (a beading project) on May 14 and 15. Attendees learned a lot in each of these, and we hope we provided the teachers with valuable information for when they teach the classes "for real."

We started the "Keeping In Shape" GCC in May and are now nearing its finish in October. We've used the first of each of our monthly summer stitch-ins for the lessons. We also used part of a summer stitch-in to prepare the table favors for the fall region meeting.

We held our annual August "coffee" on August 13 and kicked off our new program year. We also feasted on foods brought by board members, and shopped at our own stash sale. We gained three new members at this meeting, and might even pick up a couple more.

Our membership stands at 33 members, some of which are plurals and some of which are life members.

Sandhill Crane Chapter | Linda Hansen

No report submitted.

Sarasota Chapter | Clemmie Rounds

The Board met in August and plans are in the works for the upcoming meetings for the remainder of the year. This includes a welcome back social in September potluck build your own salad bar and pizza party. The October and November meetings will be devoted on making Christmas ornaments that will be displayed on several Christmas trees which will be auctioned off to raise money to build our funds at our December Holiday luncheon.

Plans have been made for the year 2017 when we will be teaching a beginner stumpwork and ribbon embroidery projects as well as an educational presentation on Dorset buttons.

Sea Grape Chapter | Betty Baechle

The summer doldrums are in place. Members are working on their unfinished projects whether they are up north or here in Florida.

Sign up sheets are out for the planned workshops to begin this fall and into the winter. We expect our northern members to start to arrive starting in October.

A quiet time. Good stitching time.

Suwannee Stitchers | Betsy Ann Harris

No report submitted.