



The Sun News

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RD's Letter

Season's Greetings to all our Sun Region members!

Can you believe how fast the holidays rolled around this year? I truly can't but it's a favorite time of the year for so many, including me. Getting your treasured stitches pieces out of storage is a time honored tradition for most of us and the mad scramble to finish up those gifts – wow – I guess we call this fun!

I know we are all in holiday mode now but please take a moment to review the info, download your registration form from the SR website and make your hotel reservations for the YO HO HO STITCH AND SEW 2018 retreat to be held at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa the first weekend in May. Kathy Singleton is head pirate wench for this event. She has assembled a motley crew to help sail this pirate vessel into port on the quiet side of Tampa Bay. I hear tell that there might be buried treasure that we might hunt for, there will for sure be few barrels of wine and maybe some good jugs of stashed rum to be broken out. Pillaging may be seen thru all of Safety Harbor. In all seriousness – this is going to be a relaxed, fun event with plenty of time to do exactly what you want to do. Stitch with friends, go to the spa and take a steam, go swimming in the world class pool, hang out at the cabana poolside, sunset along the bay, walk to shops and restaurants and take a short drive to a wonderful needlepoint shop. We expect this event to be every bit as wonderful as the last event Kathy chaired in Crystal River and the cost to register will be about the same.

I won't divulge any surprises about seminar 2019 but Deby Talley and her team are busy

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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.

planning and contacting exciting teachers for a stellar event in the spring of 2019.

Sun Region is still in need of several committee chairs and members. Outreach Chair, Finance committee members and Nominating committee members are needed. Won't you please consider volunteering for a vacancy on the Sun Region board? Many of you have served in prior years and don't feel you should have to continue to serve – you can help out by encouraging other members in your chapters to step up and do their part to support Sun Region. It's a rewarding experience and it just opens up your world to not only what is going on in your chapter but how other chapters do things. Sharing of our successes is one important function but also sharing what has not worked. There is so much benefit to gathering together for exchange of information.

Education will continue to be a primary goal of this administration. More and more chapters are listing wonderful classes on the SR website and the 2018 Education Grant for chapters who qualify will continue. Great things are planned for 2018 and beyond – won't you be a part of it all?

Thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support of Sun Region and EGA. I wish for everyone a beautiful holiday season and bright New Year filled with many happy stitches.

-Melody J Bryan, RD

The Embroiderers' Guild of America

Presents The 7th International Embroidery Conference
Chicago in Stitches

Registration Ends March 14, 2018. Registration can be made online @ www.egausa.org. Click on Events tab for IEC information. Or, contact Registrar Julie Fera at IECRegistrar2018@egausa.org

Speakers:

Dr. Erica Warren, Art Institute of Chicago Asst. Curator of Textiles. "Embroidery and the Arts and Crafts Movement"

Dr. Laura C. Gawlinski, Loyola University Chicago "Fashioning: Dress and Textiles in Ancient Greek Religion"
Tiiu Kera, Estonian Textile scholar, "Estonian Folk Dress: A Living Legacy"

Jan Letowski, Polish Textile expert "Wearing the Rainbow: Color and Patterns in Traditional Polish Dress"

Jean Mishma, curator, Chicago Japanese American Historical Society "Quilt, "Chicago is Home"

Lubow K Wolynetz, Curator, Ukrainian Museum of NYC and Stamford, CT. "The Art of the Ukrainian Embroidered Shirt"

Scholarships: Two scholarships are available through the Embroiderers' Guild of America. One scholarship is available for Sun Region members.

Hotel Reservations are made directly through the Crowne Plaza Chicago West Loop. Please use the Booking Link: Embroiderers' Guild of America. Mention Group Code KT4 when making reservations online or by phone. Reservations must be made online or by phone: 312 829 5000 (Unfortunately group booking links are not mobile friendly).

Margaret Kinsey, Central Florida Chapter, is Chair of EGA's International Embroidery Conference.

ARD report

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Amid the holiday hustle and bustle – please take time to make plans to attend the Spring SR board meeting to be held at the Lake Mary Marriott which is conveniently located off I-4 at 1501 International Parkway. April 6 – 8th 2018 are the dates. The room rate is \$135 per night and the room block is open now for reservations. Please identify yourself as a member of the Sun Region EGA (spelled out please) to get your rate. Please call Marriott 800-380-7724 or the hotel directly at 407-995-1100 and make your reservations early so if our room block needs to be expanded we have time to do so.

We have a lovely luncheon with great choices to present this time for \$25 pp – I will not be repeating all the descriptions on the luncheon coupon (*on page 11*). There are 4 choices for lunch as follows:

Cobb Salad – greens topped with roasted turkey, avocado, grape tomatoes, bacon, blue cheese and eggs with a champagne vinaigrette

Grilled Flank Steak Salad – spinach and frisee topped with wild mushrooms, blue cheese, toasted pine nuts with a charred sweet pepper vinaigrette

Lemon Herb Turkey Wrap – roast turkey breast with greens mozzarella, diced tomatoes and cranberry mayo wrapped in a flour tortilla with a small side salad

Portobello Mushroom Wrap with a small side salad.

Lunches are served with rolls, butter, dessert and beverages including coffee.

We are delighted to have the Sand Dollar chapter hosting the luncheon and don't forget for our evening program we will be helping Adrienne Meyer from the Indian River chapter assemble the nametags for the EGA National seminar Diamond Jubilee. We need all hands on deck for this project please.

More info forthcoming on that but I think Adrienne will have all the supplies needed except scissors, light, magnification.

For future planning – we will be going to Orange Park FL to the Courtyard Marriott just off I 295 for the fall 2018 meeting. Room rates are \$95 per night and there will be a soup, salad and sandwich buffet lunch served.

Before we leave 2017, a big **THANK YOU** to the Central Florida chapter for hosting the luncheon for the fall Orlando board meeting. Thanks also to Margaret Kinsey for leading the evening program.

One more thing I'd like to bring up, it was discussed at the fall executive committee meeting whether we wanted to continue with the evening programs or not. Attendance has been waning and it's a big disappointment and many times an investment of chapter time and money to put together a program of this nature. People sign up and then don't show up. I would really like you to send me an email and give an opinion if you want them to continue or if you think we need a break from them and just have an open stitch/social time in the evenings after dinner. Send your replies to

ard@sunregionega.org

Sun Region Officers and Committee Chairs

Executive Committee

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Region Director | Melody Bryan | rd@sunregionega.org |
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| Secretary | Deby Talley | secretary@sunregionega.org |
| Treasurer | Kathly Singleton | treasurer@sunregionega.org |
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| 2019 Event Chair | Deby Talley | 2019chair@sunregionega.org |

2018 Sun Region Calendar

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| March 1 | next Sun News deadline |
| April 7-8 | Spring Sun Region meeting Lake Mary Marriott |
| May 4-6 | Yo Ho Ho – Stitch and Sew Retreat Safety Harbor Resort and Spa |

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 reports**Kathy Singleton*

Status as of November 30, 2017

| Category | Checking | MoneyMkt |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balances | \$5,744.27 | 52,128.76 |
| Income | | |
| Dues | | |
| Interest | | 6.50 |
| Contributions | 205.00 | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Other | 29.94 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$234.94 | 6.50 |
| Expense | | |
| Educ Event | 400.00 | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Rent | | |
| Administration | 200.00 | |
| Officers' Travel | | |
| National | | |
| Region Meetings | 771.94 | |
| Gifts | | |
| | | |
| Other | 53.95 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$1,425.89 | \$0.00 |
| Transfers | | |
| Amounts run thru separate accts. | -\$1,315.10 | |
| | | |
| OVERALL TOTAL | \$3,238.22 | \$52,135.26 |
| | | |
| CLOSING BALANCES Regions Bank Account | \$3,438.22 | \$52,135.26 |
| | | |
| Difference | \$200.00 | \$ - |
| outstanding check number 1295 | 200 | |

Receivables

\$4,600

| | 2017Budget | Budget Actual | Difference | |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenue | | | | |
| 2 | Member Dues | \$ 1,600.00 | 1455 | \$ (145.00) |
| 3 | Interest | \$ 20.00 | 18.27 | \$ (1.73) |
| 11 | Contributions | 100 | 384 | \$ 284.00 |
| 15 | Contributions/Gifts | | | \$ - |
| 17 | Other | \$ 100.00 | 30.84 | \$ (69.16) |
| | Money Market savings transfer | \$ 8,000.00 | 5000 | \$(3,000.00) |
| 18 | Total Revenue | \$ 9,820.00 | \$ 6,888.11 | \$(2,931.89) shortfall |
| Expenses | | | | |
| 21 | Education | | 1675 | \$(1,675.00) |
| | Ed Grats | \$ 3,000.00 | 1800 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| | Phillips Grant | \$ 5,000.00 | 3734.72 | \$ 1,265.28 |
| | ITT Tour 2017 | \$ 3,000.00 | 2349.46 | \$ 650.54 |
| 26 | Rent (Region Meetings)* | \$ 650.00 | 435.39 | \$ 214.61 |
| 28 | Administration | | | \$ - |
| | RD | \$ 50.00 | | \$ 50.00 |
| | ARD | \$ 25.00 | | \$ 25.00 |
| | Treasurer | \$ 20.00 | 9.8 | \$ 10.20 |
| | Website | \$ 75.00 | | \$ 75.00 |
| | Other | \$ 45.00 | 29.94 | \$ 15.06 |
| 29 | Officer's Travel (lodging and lunches) | | | \$ - |
| | National Meeting-RD | \$ 1,200.00 | 1214.75 | \$ (14.75) |
| | Region Meetings | \$ 1,600.00 | 870.88 | \$ 729.12 |
| | National Seminar Opportunity Drawings | \$ 250.00 | | \$ 250.00 |
| 33 | Gifts | | 325 | \$ (325.00) |
| 35 | Other | \$ 750.00 | | \$ 750.00 |
| | licenses & Fees | \$ 75.00 | 104.01 | \$ (29.01) |
| | Taxes | \$ 150.00 | 39.13 | \$ 110.87 |
| 28 | Total Expenses: | \$15,890.00 | \$12,588.08 | \$ 3,301.92 |
| | Balance | \$(6,070.00) | \$(5,699.97) | \$ 6,233.81 |

| | | | balance from 2016 | carryover to 2018 |
|---|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Separately stated accounts | | | | |
| | Region Meeting Lunches | | | |
| | Ways & Means | 100 | 944.01 | 944.01 |
| | Ed Event 2017 | | -1392.2 | 3505 |
| | 2018 Cruise | | -160 | 160 |
| | 2018 Retreat | | 25 | 0 |
| | | | | 25 |
| | | | | 0 |
| Net shortfall | | \$ (5,970.00) | | \$(2,643.16) |
| Transfer from reserves needed for year | | | | 2643.16 |

Committee Information

BY-LAWS - Margo Pope, chair

The 14 chapters of Sun Region EGA have received approval from Rebecca Wardlaw, director of by-laws for EGA. That means their by-laws passed the every-10 years-by-laws review and are good through 2027. Congratulations to all chapters. Special thanks to chapter presidents and chapter by-laws chairs for completing the process in a timely manner. The last set of by-laws in the approval process by EGA is Sun Region's by-laws.

Sun Region's by-laws were approved by the board on Sept. 23 at the fall meeting and sent to EGA for its approval. However, in Article IV, Section 5, Nominations and Elections, old language was inadvertently left in. The proposed amendment is in bold print as follows, "**A nominating committee of three (3) members and two (2) alternates shall be elected for a three-year term at the annual meeting every three years;** their terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected."

Electronic voting is underway on the amendment change which will then be submitted to EGA for final approval later this month. Sun Region is using electronic voting of the board because this action must be taken before Dec. 31, the deadline for by-laws approval. Thanks to RD Melody Bryan for oversight of the amendment process and Secretary Deby Talley for managing the voting.

Revised policies and procedures also received approval at the Sept. 23 board meeting. Thanks to Pam Burke, Lynn Abbey and Jenna McClooney for working on the revisions last summer.

EDUCATION - Cheri Hammer, chair

Once again Sun Region has authorized the annual education grant. Chapters can apply for a \$200 grant in 2018 while meeting the terms and conditions of the grant process. Specific instructions for applying and receiving the \$200 grant can be found on the Sun Region website (sunregionega.org). The process has not changed, so please continue to organize and plan for your chapter's educational opportunities. And while you are at it, go check up on the opportunities being offered by other chapters – these are also on the website. Who knows, you may find the perfect workshop or GCC that you've really been wanting to do!

Here's another wonderful opportunity for one lucky person in Sun Region. There is a scholarship available for a region member to attend the International Embroidery Conference (IEC), which will be held on April 26-28, 2018 in Chicago. The scholarship for up to \$1000 is intended to cover registration, transportation, lodging, and meals. If you are chosen for the scholarship you will need to write an article about your experience for Sun News, and also give a talk about the IEC to the Sun Region board meeting in the fall. Look for the application and deadlines from your chapter after the first of the year.

And finally, here's an update on our Phillips Grant success. There are three videos posted on YouTube – Rozashi Embroidery with Margaret Kinsey, Audrey Francini – Master Embroiderer, and All About Embroidery Needles with Susan Greening Davis. Just go to youtube.com, search for Sun Region EGA, and view to your heart's content! These will make great chapter-level programs. I would love to hear how you incorporate them into your chapter activities, so if you get the chance, please send me an e-mail or share at the next board meeting.

HISTORIAN - *Karan Quintero*

As we end another year I want to thank all who have helped me to gather information regarding past events of our region. If you hear of anyone who is downsizing or minimizing their chapter information please advise me or get the items to your Sun Region Rep so I can arrange an exchange to me.

I will be more than happy to go through it all as I glean retreat and/or seminar information from booklets, name tags or pins from past events from those files and items.

NOMINATING - *Betsy Ann Harris, chair*

As the new chairman of the Nominating Committee, I must admit that I was a bit reluctant to accept this position. However, I am committed to doing the best job I can for the Sun Region. I would like to thank the outgoing members of the Nominating Committee – Karan Quintero, Claire Nardone, and Linda Dean. It was a pleasure working with these ladies. As the former chairman of this committee, Karan was a terrific leader and I truly appreciate her efforts and leadership as I assume this role and try to live up to her standards.

I would also like to welcome Rebecca Lockenbach as a member of the Nominating Committee. Unfortunately, Schelley Iman-Loch has had to resign from this committee and Lynn Ferraro has also resigned as alternate. That means Connie Amadeo, as alternate, moves up to the committee and we need two alternates. Anyone interested in volunteering? We could use you because we have our work cut out for us.

We need to recommend a nominee to the board for the position of Region Director. Patrice Boyce resigned in October. Anyone who is interested in this position, please let me know right away. The nominating committee will be looking for and contacting potential candidates. Please consider carefully if we contact you and remember that Sun Region is an active, healthy part of EGA and needs a willing and dedicated leader. Thank you.

OUTREACH - *JoyceAnne Stevens, outgoing chair*

Thank you to all of the Sun Region EGA members who have participated in or contributed to outreach projects over the past few years. Your efforts were much appreciated by the recipients and have made a difference in their lives. A special thank you to the chapter outreach chairmen who, in addition to their jobs as chapter outreach chairmen, have taken time to send me regular reports for my region report. That has been very much appreciated by me. I have been continually amazed by the amount and the wide scope of outreach projects carried on by Sun Region chapters. Keep up the good work.

This will be my last report to you as region outreach chairman as I believe it is time someone else should have the opportunity to serve in this position. I thank everyone for their help and support over the past 6 years.

Information and Technology - Lynn Abbey, chair

At its September meeting, Sun Region's Board of Director decided to combine the Website and Social Media positions into a single Information and Technology (IT) position. My goal for 2018 is to emphasize *embroidery* on both our website and through our Facebook page (*Sun and Sea Embroiderers*) and to reorganize all our files and forms and notebooks in a way that makes it easier for chapter members and officers to find what they need. In addition to the website (sunregionega.org) and the Facebook page, Sun Region has these information resources:

Sun Region – Google Drive The Sun Region Google Drive is like a file cabinet in the cloud—with a lock on each of the drawers. Each chapter's region representative should have a copy of the key (actually an encoded URL). If you need a blank form, an article from a Sun Region newsletter, minutes from a region board meeting, or the contact information for the Sun Region and chapter officers, you can find it in the Sun Region Google Drive. If you're a new region representative (or if you've misplaced the email with the key) just contact me and I'll send you what you'll need.

Sun Region – YouTube

When the Sun Region received its portion of the Gay Philips Grant money, we were told we should use the money in a way that provided benefit to all our members. Our Board of Directors decided we would use our grant to create a series of embroidery-related videos that we could share among ourselves and with the rest of the Internet.

The professionally produced video with Audrey Francini that Sun Region commissioned with its Philips Grant money has been uploaded to our YouTube channel. You can watch it by navigating to this URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gP9qqbnj04k>

You can subscribe to our YouTube channel and receive notice whenever we upload a new video.

"Generic" Email Addresses for the Website

The great challenge of the Internet is separating the things that can be shared from the things that should be kept private. Email addresses are a great example of this challenge. EGA's national guidelines advise against making publishing EGA members' personal information (including their email addresses) on the Internet. The same easy-to-use process that allows us to maintain an always current copy of the Sun Region Roster on our Google Drive, also allows us to have chapter-level "generic" addresses which can be published on the website. (Think of this as a one-bank pool shot. Instead of an inquiry coming directly to a chapter officer, it will be captured and redirected by the generic address; and private email addresses won't be publicly exposed.)

A full list of region and chapter generic email addresses can be found in the Sun Region Roster.

Chapter "Drawers" on the Sun Region Google Drive

Our "file cabinet in the cloud" is very large and can accommodate many drawers. I know that some chapters are using Dropbox (a Google Drive competitor) to facilitate chapter communications, but not all chapters are prepared to manage their own Dropbox or Google Drive account. If a chapter doesn't want the hassle but does want the convenience (Who still has a copy of those bylaws we approved 10 years ago?), please get in touch with me and I'll get you set up with a Chapter Drawer.

As always, if anyone has questions, please contact me at lynn@lynnabbey.com



Yo Ho Ho – Stitch and Sew RETREAT at Safety Harbor!

Dates: **May 4-6, 2018**

(one week after the International Embroidery Conference in Chicago)

Where: **Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, Safety Harbor, FL**

Room rate: \$129/night (plus taxes and fees)

*The room block is small. Make your reservations now! Call (888)237-8772 or reserve online using reservation code **39G9GE** to ensure that you get our negotiated rate and are counted in our room block!*

Total registration cost will be \$125 for all EGA members. Saturday lunch is included the registration fee. The total registration cost includes the \$25 non-refundable deposit that must accompany the completed registration form. *Form on next page (page 11) and on the Sun Region website: www.sunregionega.org.*

If space permits, registration will be opened to non-EGA members on April 2, 2018; registration cost for non-EGA members will be \$175. Non-EGA members may register for the Retreat now; if the retreat is fully subscribed before April 2, 2018, their deposits will be refunded.

Registrants who choose not to stay at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa will be charged a Commuter Fee of \$25.

Don't miss out on the fun and games. There will be pirates, a treasure hunt, and (maybe) someone will walk the plank!

April 7, 2018 Sun Region Meeting - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Reservations
Lake Mary Marriott, 1501 International Parkway



Name _____ Email _____

Chapter _____ Phone: _____

Luncheon Choices, Please Check your selection::

Turkey Cobb Salad Flank Steak Salad Roast Turkey Wrap Portabello Wrap

Are you the chapter rep? Yes No

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

Mail your reservation and check for \$25.00 (payable to Sun Region EGA)
to be received by March 20, 2018 to: please send an email to ard@sunregionega.org if you need the "snail mail" address

Dietary restrictions: _____

Circle one: Y N I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Adrienne Meyer, Indian River Chapter.

YO HO HO- STITCH AND SEW

(Sun Region EGA Retreat 2018)

May 4-6, 2018

REGISTRATION FORM**REGISTRATION FEE \$125.00****The fee is the same for all EGA members, both Sun Region members and members of other EGA regions***If space remains after April 1, 2018, we will open the retreat to non-EGA members at a cost of \$175.00.*

Registrants who choose not to stay at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa will be charged a Commuter Fee of \$25.

You can reserve your place with a \$25.00 nonrefundable deposit. Final payment is due by April 1, 2018.

Please print or type all the info on this form. Be sure and fill it out completely. 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 _____

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

Do you need a roommate? Yes _____ No _____

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

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 2018. Sun Region Retreat 2018 cannot be responsible for meals that do not meet dietary needs. I understand that cancellation must be made in writing to the Registrar by April 1, 2018 to be considered for a partial refund.

Signature _____ Date _____

*The deposit of \$25.00 is a non-refundable fee. The balance of the registration fee will be due by April 1, 2018. If not paid in full by that time a \$25.00 late fee will be added to the invoice. Please observe the cancellation policy.*Make your check payable to Sun Region EGA; mail it and the completed registration form to:
Deby Talley, Registrar2018Registrar@sunregionega.org or Debbear40@aol.com

please email Deby if you need the "snail mail" address

Chapter Reports

Biscayne *Schellely Iman-Loch*

Biscayne Chapter will be busy in the next couple of months. December's meeting is the annual Holiday Party. We have a great time with a potluck luncheon; display of holiday embroidery pieces and a small make and take project. Of course, we will also have plenty of time for socializing. In January we will have a program centered on organizing our stashes. Martha Milnes, one half of our programs duo, will present this. Members will also bring in ideas, pictures and tips. February's meeting is our annual stash sale.

Canopy Oaks *Rebecca Lockenbach*

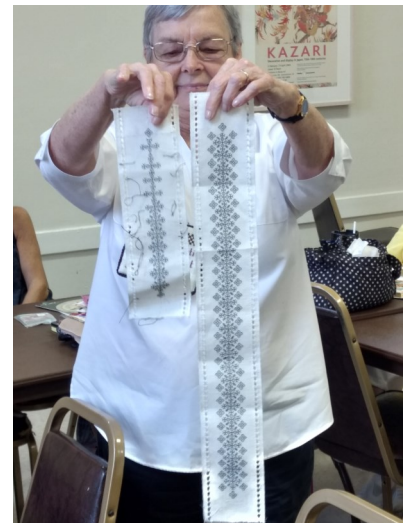
Hello from Canopy Oaks Chapter. We are settling in to some cooler weather and are excited about the winter season. Just take a look at our upcoming events. On Saturday, December 9th we will have our annual cookie and gift exchange. This year we have added our UFO challenge where we will share those projects that we had hoped to complete and the resulted finished projects. O what fun! Then on January 13th, Carole Fiore will introduce us to Bargello with the EGA Petite Project Twisted Ribbons. On February 10th, Pam Doffek will guide us through the Romanian Point Lace "Teardrop" project from NeedleArts. Each of these events will be at the Leon County Main Library located at 200 West Park Avenue in downtown Tallahassee. So while it might be cold outside, we will be warm with our fellow stitchers learning something new, refining a stitching technique, or sharing the lovely works of our hands. Wishing all happy winter stitching.

Central Florida *Bernadette Kirchner, Thimbleful editor*

Judy Griffin, Central Florida Chapter President, reports that the September stash sale was a great success. CF made \$300. At the Christmas luncheon, longevity pins were awarded: 5 years - Linda Feldman, Julie Fera, Estelle Silva, Carol Tsoukolas; 10 years - Geni Dickinson, Linda Ferguson; 15 years - Linda Mucha; 20 years - Marjorie Feland, Gaby Hubbard, Carol Raley; 25 years - Karen Plater.

Several programs are under way. The GCC course, "Autumn Canvas: by Julie Fera, a two-month project began in November and will continue in March. Margaret Kinsey, education chair, reports that 17 members are working on the EGA GCC, Undulations II with Marjorie Feland as group coordinator. The completed pieces are due in May.

In January, we will begin working on Temari Balls with member Vicki Chin instructing. Holly Carpenter, Outreach chair, reports nine members are working on the blackwork sleeves and cuffs for the costumes of Viola and Sebastian in the Shakespeare Theater's production of Twelfth Night which runs from February 21 to March 22, 2018. Margaret Kinsey and Holly Carpenter went to the Shakespeare Theater's Costume Shop on October 13 to show Denise Warner, Costume Shop Manager, what we have done so far.



Chain Stitchers Lynn Abbey

Our autumn meetings got off to a bumpy start when Hurricane Irma forced us to cancel our September meeting, but we got back on track in October when our president, Claire Nardone, got us started on the beaded "EGA" pendant she'd designed for last year's "Inchie" challenge. (For those of us who weren't up to working with 15/0 beads, she provided kits with larger beads!) After the meeting, Claire invited members to her home for extra help so everyone was ready and able to finish their pendant at the November meeting.

December is Holiday Dinner month and this year one of our members has invited us to celebrate with a pot-luck dinner in her home. We'll have our annual holiday embroidery exchange after dinner, which is always a great way to start the holiday season!

In January and February we'll be mastering the art of Flat-Fold finishing under the guidance of Carol Presley. In January, we'll also be voting on our chapter's Policies and Procedures and in February we'll come to the end of our year-long UFO challenge. We'll bring in our pieces to show how much we have (or haven't) gotten done. Each finished piece entitles its maker to one ticket in the grand-prize drawing!

duClay JoyceAnne Stevens

As 2017 marches quickly towards 2018, many duClay members are busily stitching, hoping to finish one last project on their challenge list. The linen and canvaswork SAL's are nearing the end also. We are looking forward to our Christmas luncheon and end of the year festivities, lunch followed by gathering at our usual meeting room at the Orange Park Library where we will enjoy dessert, gift exchange, much show and tell and the drawing for the winner of the finishing challenge.

January will be the start of two new SAL's and new challenge lists. Our canvas SAL this year will be the Bargello project from Needle Arts, "Ambrosia Honey" and the linen stitchers will be stitching their choice of a chart from Plum Street Sampler Designs.

We are planning a "Stitch in Public" afternoon at a local quilt shop the 2nd Sunday in February and looking forward to classes with Betsy Morgan the last weekend in February. Numerous other "taste of" programs are in the planning stages as well as an annual visit and class with Janeann Sleeman.

Several duClay members have registered for the Sun Region retreat in Safety Harbor in May. We are also looking forward to our chapter retreat in Sebring at the end of July. We are preparing a program for the Sun Region meeting to be held in Orange Park in the Fall. Before we know it, 2018 will be closing in on the next year. Looks like a busy and fun year ahead.

Gulfview Connie Amadeo

The Gulfview Chapter is having their annual Christmas Luncheon at the Blue Oyster on Dec. 13. There will be a stitch-in on Dec. 20 at the New Port Richey Library on Main Street, 10-3. In January, Vice President Ann Ashley will be teaching a petit project which she has renamed "Heart O' My Heart" due to the change in color. It will be red material and white floss. The class will be completed in February. In February, Margaret Kinsey will be joining us to do a PowerPoint lecture on color. She will also be teaching a class on ribbon embroidery on a button. Gulfview Chapter is teaching an embroidery class to the public at Regency Park Library on the four Thursdays in February beginning at 2 p.m. Different surface embroidery stitches will be taught using coloring

book fabric. In March, we will be celebrating our 36th Anniversary with a luncheon at a local restaurant yet to be determined. A number of Gulfview members are also plural members at Sandhill Crane and a number of them will be taking the course offered by Tanja Berlin on March 2-3.

Indian River *Christine Kampmeyer*

As 2017 comes to a close I look back with joy on all that the IRC has accomplished in its 40th year and know that the plans that have been started will continue into the future. The month of December not only brings an end to a prosperous year of stitching but an end to the current board of directors. We at IRC can only imagine where the new committee members will take us.

Some of the outlined programs will continue like the "Opportunity Baskets" at the Holiday Luncheon.

January is the "Treasures Found" sale and give all of the members an opportunity to let go of a project and other stitch related objects that are no longer wanted. February is Heart month. The project for IRC is the "Heart Biscornu" by Cindy Valentine in the Petite Projects catalog, with a March finishing class. February the IRC will be starting some thing new –Teaching Adults. The IRC has contacted Public Libraries in the county and has set dates and gotten classroom agreements to teach a small number of adult students the Art of Embroidery.

Neapolitan *Karen Rockenbach*

The Neapolitan Chapter's season is finally underway! Things were delayed with the arrival of Hurricane Irma but repairs are being made and we are glad to be together again. We will be meeting in a new location for our January, February and March meetings. We will be at the clubhouse at 595 Avellino Isles Circle in the Vineyards in Naples. Our Christmas luncheon will be December 13 at Bentley Village in North Naples at noon. Everyone is encouraged to bring unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program as well as their show and tell items.

We have a very busy February. Betsy Morgan will be teaching her "Edinburgh Etui" on February 19 and 20. She will be our guest speaker for our general meeting on February 21. Our biennial needlework show, "The Art of Needlework" is at the Moorings February 22 through the 24th. **Information about, and directions to, this exhibit can be found on page 17 of this newsletter.** It is needlework at its best and a boutique with exquisite hand-made items, so please come visit us. Diana Hutchinson is coordinating a GCC, "More Than a Rose" this year. A look forward to April brings us Dawn Donnelly teaching two one-day classes: Snowdrift on April 13 and Spice on April 14, both canvaswork classes. Our spring luncheon will be April 16th. We continue to work on our Habitat for Humanity Samplers. We also meet the 1st and 4th Wednesdays for our stitch-ins.

Sand Dollar Chapter *Kathie Dougherty*

Our December general meeting is our annual ornament exchange and potluck luncheon. The day is always fun and showcases our members talent stitching and cooking. We also collect money and food for 3 local charities. Since October any member who brought a project for Show and Tell is entered to win a free 2018-19 EGA membership. This incentive has greatly increased our Show and Tell even though only one entry is allowed per meeting. We plan to continue it into next year. We will elect new officers – President, Treasurer and Sun Region Representative. Our Christmas luncheon is the following week. After all that partying we will return in January for a stumpwork trinket box. And, like many others we will be stitching Ambrosia Honey as a chapter. We think this is a great project for members unable to take a GCC. We will also be continuing our chatelaine project in

2018. February will feature our yearly Stitch Away. We are offering 4 classes but the finished project- a small tin will be the same for all. The techniques are cross stitch on linen, chicken scratch, hardanger and silk ribbon. We are calling it: Make it, Take it, Heart Tart and guarantee members will take home a finished project.

Sand Dunes Cheri Hammer

The holidays are a fun time in northwest Florida! The weather gets a little cooler (cool is relative, right?) and so we get to spend a little more time stitching. We are stitching on our ornaments in preparation for our annual Holiday Party and ornament exchange. This party coincides with our annual business meeting, so we will be voting for secretary, treasurer, and our annual budget. After the business is taken care of, we will sip a little wine, munch on some yummy hors d'oeuvres, and exchange those wonderful hand-stitched ornaments!

After the first of the new year, we will continue our monthly programs – Five by Five, a set of programs to try new techniques in a 5"x5" square so that we can be exposed to new efforts without a lot of investment. First up in January is a freebie pattern from Kreinik called Pearl Drops, stitched on linen with hearts and pearls – a very pretty Valentine's Day piece. In February we'll be stitching a pulled thread piece designed by chapter member Barb Harrison. Finally, in March and April we will start to explore Hawaiian quilting.

Our meetings are held at a local church, and they are kind enough to allow us to use the room free of charge. Last year we decided to stitch some Chrismons for them as a thank you. This year we are completing the last set and will present the Chrismons to the church in time for them to be used on their Angel tree after all of the names have been taken. I have included a picture of several of the finished Chrismons.



Sandhill Crane Jenna McClooney

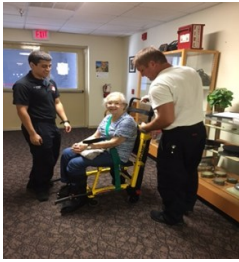
Sandhill Crane 25 Anniversary celebration



Top Row – Lynn Pittenger, Judy Nock, Jan Mazourek, Julie Johnson
Front Row – Carol Riddler, Joanna Williams (Founding President), Carol Harrison

Sandhill Crane celebrated their 25th anniversary on October 4 with 7 past presidents attending, including our founding president, Joanna Williams. (See photo at left). In January and February we will continue working on the "Shades of Pink" GCC and "Ambrosia Honey" from Needle Arts. On March 2 & 3 a special workshop with Tanja Berlin will be held. Tanja will teach 2 classes consecutively; "The Rabbit" and "Wild Rose". Currently the class is full but we are accepting names on the waiting list. If you are interested, please see <https://www.sunregionega.org/education-opportunities/> for contact information. In March our program will be a Soutache pin, in April a Hardanger Mouse Needle Sharpener

and in May we will have an on-site luncheon and continue the Hardanger Mouse project. In June, Dorset Buttons will highlight the program.

Sarasota Clemmie Rounds**Waldemere Firemen to the Rescue!!**

When our chapter members arrived at the firehouse for the September Social, we discovered the elevator was out of order. Most of the members managed to make it up to the second floor but the firefighters came to Jane Bell's aid and carried her up the stairs. A big thank you to the firefighters, they have been great to our group.

These are the bookmarks we created a few months back are to be sent to the Sarasota Literacy Council as an outreach project. Great job ladies who contributed! Thank you. - *Maureen Dimmick*



While I was visiting Louisville, KY in September when my brother underwent surgery there, I managed to sneak out and stopped briefly at EGA Headquarters. I was very well received. The building looks like a restored warehouse/loft. The office was very spacious and includes a huge library and many wonderful needle works on display. Wonderful!! It was also Tonya's birthday!! It was worth the visit.

Pictured - from left to right: **Rand Duren**, Electronic Media Coordinator; me (**Clemmie**); **Brad Cape**, Administrator; **Tonya Parks**, Membership and Financial Coordinator and **Courtney Matthews**, Administrative Assistant.



Our Touring Teacher Tanja Berlin is coming from Calgary, Canada, to present an program at the February 26, 2018 chapter meeting, and then teach us needle painting for 2 days, Feb. 27 and 28.



March 26 is the Teacup Auction.

Sea Grape Betty Baechle

The November meeting completed the Julie McCarter Challenge. The finished kits were displayed and the members present at the meeting voted on their favorite. There were two winners: Chris Zogus in first place and Betty Baechle second place. Each got to select a prize. Potluck luncheon will be the focus of our December meeting. January we will have our annual luncheon at the Gulf Harbor country club. Everyone is encouraged to bring in their finished needlework pieces. Members will vote on their favorite and the winner will be awarded the Silver Thimble. February we will have a demonstration and discussion on framing. The most exciting news is that we have gained 10 new members this year. Not only have they joined but they have volunteered to do jobs. One offered to help out with Facebook development and another offered to oversee the sorting and purging of old records.

*Suwannee Stitchers**Betsy Ann Harris*

Greetings to all. It is with regret that we announce that, due to health concerns and personal issues, Marion Jones has had to resign as President of our chapter. Marion will maintain her membership and continue to be an inspiration for us all. We wish her all the best and hope to see her in good health soon. Lynn Ferraro has also resigned as our Region Rep. We appreciate her efforts on behalf of the Suwannee Stitchers and wish her all the best, as well. As former Vice President, I step into the role of President. We are forming a nominating committee to recommend a new Vice President and a new Region Rep. Several members have stepped forward and volunteered to help out and I am very grateful for their assistance. Our September meeting was cancelled due to the hurricane and we are happy to report that our members came through the storm with minimal damage. In October, we met for our regular business meeting and a program to make a Prairie Point ornament, that could also be made into a pin cushion. November saw us creating a Crazy Quilt Pin Cushion. My thanks to Sally Criswell for teaching both of these projects. We will hold our annual Holiday Party in December with a pot-luck meal, a brief business meeting, a gift exchange, and a small project. This is always quite a celebration for us and we are looking forward to it. The Suwannee Stitchers chapter continues to grow and thrive as we have recently welcomed several new members. We are planning some new and exciting projects for the new year. We are also hoping to become more involved in the Region events.

Neapolitan Chapter to Showcase Members' Embroidery Artwork**"Popular Biennial Exhibit – The Art of Needlework"**

The Neapolitan Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America are proud to announce that their biennial exhibit – The Art of Needlework, An Exhibit of Contemporary Embroidery, Feb. 22-24, 2018 at the auditorium of Moorings Park in Naples. Event co-chairs are: Suzi Bloemker and Jo-Ann Carroll

The local members take great pride in their work and truly enjoy sharing their pieces with the public. Some of the different types of embroidery on display will include – surface embroidery, canvas work, stumpwork, smocking, beading, thread painting, Italian drawn thread, counted cross-stitch and many others. There will be demonstrations of some of these techniques, along with a Boutique and a Tea Cup Auction.

The EGA is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the study and preservation of the art of embroidery. The Neapolitan chapter works towards this goal through classes and workshops which aim to broaden and improve its members needlework skills, from beginner to advanced. As its outreach commitment, the members take great pride in making samplers that are framed and then given to Habitat for Humanity for presentation to all new homeowners.

Moorings Park Auditorium is located at 120 Moorings Park Drive, at the corner of Goodlette-Frank and Granada roads. Times are Thursday 12-4pm and Fri-Sat 10am-4pm. Entry donation of \$5.

For more information go to embroiderynaples.org or contact Sewingbee@aol.com

Sun Region Chapters' Events Calendar

January

- 3 Neapolitan - Stitch-in
- 4 Sand Dollar - General Meeting
- 9 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in New Smyrna Beach library
- 12 Biscayne - Regular meeting and program on stash organization
Central Florida – Regular meeting and program, Temari Balls, by Vickie Chin
- 13 Biscayne - Stitch-in
Canopy Oaks – Program by Carole Fiore “EGA Petite Project Twisted Ribbons”
duClay – Stitch-in
- 14 Sand Dunes - Stitch-in
- 21 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in Port Orange library
- 24 Neapolitan - Stitch-in
- 26 Biscayne - Sampler Focus Group meeting at a member's house
- 28 Sand Dunes - Program “Pearl Drops”

February

- 1 Gulfview – Public embroidery class, surface stitches, Regency Park Library
Sand Dollar - General meeting
- 7 Neapolitan Stitch-in
- 8 Gulfview – Public embroidery class, surface stitches, Regency Park Library
- 10 Canopy Oaks – Romanian Point Lace project “Teardrop” , led by Pam Doffek
- 11 duClay – “Stitch in Public” Stitch-in, Cinnamon's Quilt Shop, Jacksonville.
Sand Dunes - Stitch-in
- 13 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in New Smyrna Beach library
- 15 Gulfview – Public embroidery class, surface stitches, Regency Park Library
Sand Dollar - Stitch-in Port Orange library
- 19-20 Neapolitan – Betsy Morgan teaches her “Edinburgh Etui”
- 21 Neapolitan– general meeting; Betsy Morgan, speaker.
- 22-24 Neapolitan – “The Art of Needlework,” biennial needlework show
- 22 Gulfview – Public embroidery class, surface stitches, Regency Park Library
- 24 Neapolitan - Stitch-in
- 25 Sand Dunes - Program “Pulled Thread Sampler”
- 26 Sarasota – Chapter meeting. Speaker Touring Teacher Tanja Berlin
- 27-28 Sarasota – Tanja Berlin teaches needle painting

** please verify all dates by checking with the chapters; for times, locations and/or to contact the particular chapter, see the Chapters section of the Sun Region website www.sunregionega.org

***“I cannot count my day complete 'Til needle, thread
and fabric meet.”*** ~Author Unknown