



# The Sun News

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## RD'S LETTER

Greetings!

Summer activities are drawing to a close and so many beautiful projects have been stitched. Thanks for sharing your chapter newsletters!

Congratulations to Gold Thread winner MARTY WYATT from Indian River chapter. What a marvelous achievement of stitching and such a special acknowledgement from EGA. We celebrate you, Marty!

September 21-22 Board meeting in Safety Harbor is just around the corner. See the ARD report here for last-minute details. Your Region Representative has by now received the tentative agenda. At our last Board meeting, we had committee meetings beginning around 4pm on Saturday and that worked well enough to do it again. All EGA members are most welcome at Board meetings!

2020 Sun Region Tuscany Retreat registration is progressing. There are more details in the pages that follow. Be sure to talk up this Retreat at your chapter meetings. It is a great cost-effective opportunity to bring family and friends to the lovely Hilton Grand Vacation Club in Orlando. The suites have kitchens and there are lots of opportunities for them to play while you stitch! Register now!

Region Representatives (RR) were asked at the last Board meeting to begin reaching out to the many online "stitching" groups that are surfacing. There have to be stitchers in the groups that would love to know more about EGA and its many educational opportunities. I'm asking all RR to please include this topic in your upcoming Board report.

See you soon in Safety Harbor!

*-Linda M. Dean, RD*

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.

# Sun Region Officers and Committee Chairs

## Executive Committee

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| <b>Region Director</b>           | Linda Dean      |
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| <b>Secretary</b>                 | Deby Talley     |
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## Committee Chairs

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| <b>Finance</b>                    | Kathy Singleton    |
| <b>Historian</b>                  | Karan Quintero     |
| <b>Information and Technology</b> | Lynn Abbey         |
| <b>Newsletter</b>                 | Teresa Brewer      |
| <b>Nominating</b>                 | Betsy Harris       |
|                                   | Rebecca Lockenbach |
|                                   | Connie Amadeo      |
|                                   | Betty Baechle      |
| <b>Outreach</b>                   | Karen Rockenbach   |
| <b>Parliamentarian</b>            | Margo Pope         |
| <b>Ways &amp; Means</b>           | Kathy Singleton    |

## Sun Region Calendar

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| September 20-22, 2019 | Fall Sun Region meeting<br>Safety Harbor Resort, Safety Harbor |
| November 15, 2019     | December newsletter articles due                               |
| March 27-29, 2020     | Spring Sun Region meeting<br>Sheraton Orlando North, Maitland  |

## ARD report - Melody Bryan

Dear Dorian

We are very tired of your unwanted visit. I hope by the time this newsletter goes out you will be GONE from our great state of Florida. Our hearts go out to the Bahamas and all those who might be affected in Florida as well.



The fall board meeting is going to be held at the Safety Harbor Resort on the west side of Tampa Bay. Safety Harbor is a quaint little town with interesting shops and restaurants. Here is an excerpt from their website:

*Since it was founded in 1925, it has been known as a unique place “where healing waters flow”™. Centrally located on the west coast of Florida and nestled on 22 acres on the west shore of Tampa Bay, our Resort anchors the city of Safety Harbor from which the city found its beginnings and was subsequently named.*

The fall board meeting is Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you’ve never attended a Sun Region board meeting why not plan to attend and sit in on the meetings. The board meeting is open to any member in good standing. It’s very interesting and every chapter member should really take a turn serving their chapter by being an officer. You can also serve the region by representing your chapter as a region rep or by being a committee chair or even serve on the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to serve in the next term. It’s been a great experience for me serving as your Assistant Region Director, meeting more people from around the state and attending region meetings and retreats/seminars.

The room block has closed but if you are interested in coming – let me know and I’ll see if we can get you in the luncheon. The subsidized luncheon charge is \$20 for members but guests/spouses attending the luncheon would be the full price.

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## ARD report - Melody Bryan

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The Neapolitan chapter is hosting the luncheon and we are trying something new for the evening session. Please bring your stitching or any finishes you'd like to show off. Especially bring any GCC, chapter class or seminar pieces you have finished or are working on. We are going to try a stitching/social time – after all – we do love our stitching!

The spring meeting is to be held at the site of the 2019 SR seminar – the Sheraton Orlando North in Maitland on March 27-29 2020, you can make your reservations now. For the fall meeting we are back in Jacksonville at a new hotel at the Town Center Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the Hyatt Place.

Whatever fall brings for you – I hope it includes EGA and a needle.

*Melody J Bryan, ARD*

### Did you know?

Throughout the newsletter there are links which take you to great resources on the web, or will help you quickly email someone with your question or for help.

For instance, want to suggest an article for the newsletter? Contact Teresa Brewer.

## SUN NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

The Sun News is published quarterly the first day in March, June, September and December. To facilitate that schedule region officers, committee chairs and chapter representatives need to **provide their submissions the 15th of the month prior**. This change to submission date will allow us to send out the newsletter in a timely manner.

The newsletter is a great way for everyone in the region to communicate. Letting others in the region know about upcoming events, celebrate prior accomplishments and share our love of all things needlework related is a way to spread the word on what is happening in your chapter, while learning about activities in other parts of the state.

You can also share how you've spread the love of needlework in your own communities. We all benefit when we see the great ways we are sharing, and teaching, how we use our needles and threads. Let us hear how your chapter is telling others about the wonderful opportunities available to EGA members.

Please remember we have new Social Media guidelines for all photos submitted. Make sure the photos sent with your articles meet those guidelines.



# Committee Reports

## Education - Cheri Hammer, chair

The region-sponsored International Touring Teacher (ITT) classes are just around the corner! This spring and summer, every region member had the opportunity to sign up for two different classes – Berries for the Birds and Embroidered Country Gardens Scissorkeeper. Both classes are going to be taught in different parts of our state by Lorna Bateman, an accomplished needleworker and teacher who resides in the UK. What a great opportunity for those who grabbed it!

Speaking of opportunities, many chapters are taking advantage of the Sun Region education grants. \$200 is available to any chapter that puts on a workshop, group correspondence course (GCC), or other pre-approved educational event. The chapter simply needs to fulfill the attendee requirement or advertise in the Sun Region. So far this year we've had quite a few workshops and GCCs, and there are still some coming up this fall. Check out the Education Opportunities tab at [www.sunregionega.org](http://www.sunregionega.org)!



Berries for the Birds, Lorna Bateman



Embroidered Country Garden Scissor keeper, Lorna Bateman

*Registration for the International Touring Teachers classes above has been extended until classes fill or numbers have to turned in to National. Registration form is on the [Sun Region website](#).*

# Committee Reports

## Information Technology - Lynn Abbey, chair

The Google Drive is the best source for an up-to-date Sun Region roster, the current Sun Region Newsletter (plus an archive of Sun Region newsletters going back a decade), and information about Sun Region Board of Directors meetings. It's also the home of downloadable copies of the Region Representative's Notebook and all the forms a chapter needs to communicate with the region (current copies of National forms are only available from the National website).

Several chapters are now making use of the Google Drive for storage and distribution of their newsletters and other information. From the reports I'm getting, once members get used to the idea of downloading documents from the drive rather than receiving them as email attachments, they're enthusiastic about the change. If your chapter hasn't opened its Google Drive "drawer," please let me know and I'll help you get started.

### Did you know?

EGA has several different social networking accounts that help people find out about our great organization.

You can find EGA on:

Instagram - [@ega\\_usa](#)

Facebook - [@EGAUSA](#)

Twitter - [@EGAUSA](#)

Pinterest - [EGA\\_USA](#)

AND YouTube - [EGAUSA](#)

Our own Sun Region Facebook page, [@Sun & Sea Embroiderers](#), has over 500 people who have "liked" or are following to see what we do. If you haven't joined in take a look at follow our page!

There are even some chapters in our region who have pages.

## Chapter "Drawers"

Several chapters have begun to use their Google Drive "drawers" to store and share chapter information. If your chapter wants to participate, please let Lynn Abbey know so she can help you get started.

# Committee Reports

## **Outreach - Karen Rockenbach, chair**

Is summer flying by, or what?? School has started and fall will be coming! Several of our chapters have been and will be busy as ever!

Biscayne chapter's Outreach efforts in the next three months will be to knit healing hats for children and young adults who are undergoing treatment at the local hospitals. They are continuing to discuss what they can do to replace the Kissing Pillow program. They are also talking about what they can do for the church (Riviera Presbyterian) where they hold their meetings.

Canopy Oaks is planning a "stitch in public" for their August meeting in the main library in Tallahassee. Several members are participating in the VA clinic support group by holding classes to teach veterans to knit, sew, and do needlework. The first session is scheduled in September for an open house, then followed by 2 basic sewing skills sessions and 2 knitting sessions.

Chainstitchers is one of our smaller chapters. They have 18 members and average 6-9 members at each meeting. They participate in "Stitch in Public" days as well as any activity to drum up interest in their chapter.

duClay Chapter knitters and crocheters connected with a local craft shop and contributed 20 knitted or crocheted blue hats in support of "hat not hate" anti-bullying program sponsored by Lion Brand yarn. Students wear the blue hats during October and this is the second year Lion Brand has sponsored the program. They were pleased with the contributions as they were made aware of the program one month before and are considering this an outreach program for the coming year. During the month of October, they will have their needlework display at the Orange Park library.

Indian River chapter is teaching needlework to 20 children for 3 days. The sessions are 2 hours at the Melbourne Fee Avenue library each day. The children are 6 – 12 years old. The library is excited about this program and has handled registration. They continue to stitch Habitat for Humanity samplers and just awarded their 311th one. Our St. Lucie member has stitched samplers for her area besides their Brevard County.

Neapolitan Chapter continues to stitch Habitat for Humanity samplers. They will receive the requested amount of framed samplers for the third quarter of 2019 in early October. They are on track to receive approximately 125 samplers this year.

Sandhill Crane chapter continues to work on samplers for Habitat for Humanity for Citrus and Hernando counties. Two dedications are scheduled for Hernando county in the next month or so and three dedications in Citrus county between September and October. In October they will be making a donation of juice boxes, snacks and related items to the Children's Advocacy Center of Hernando county.

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## Committee Reports

### **Outreach - continued**

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Sand Dollar chapter continues several programs. They crochet and/or sew fleece baby blankets for the local pregnancy centers; baby booties and hats for the Halifax Hospital NIC unit; sew walker pockets for 4 nursing home and rehab facilities; cross stitch Habitat for Humanity samplers; make handmade Christmas tree ornaments for special needs students at a local elementary school and make dresses for "Dress a girl around the world".

Sand Dunes chapter continues to stitch Habitat for Humanity samplers.

Sea Grape chapter continues knitting and crocheting chemo caps and lap shawls for Gulf Coast Hospital. Also, members make hats for babies and children at Golisano Children's Hospital. Their member, Betty Kingsnorth, was featured in the Ft. Myers News Press for the baby gowns she creates for babies who die in the hospital. She creates them from materials taken from old wedding dresses. From that article, the community has donated 14 wedding dresses to date. The chapter will work this fall to deconstruct them so Betty can continue her wonderful work.

### **2020 Sun Region Tuscany Retreat**



**Registration is open and classes have a few seats available!**

Join us May 1-3, 2020, for a weekend of stitching, relaxation, education, and of course socializing with stitching friends. Our theme of Tuscan Retreat reflects the architecture of the hotel and grounds as well as the beautiful sunflowers from the fields of Tuscany. The fun will take place at the Hilton Grand Vacation Club at Tuscany Village in Orlando Florida where we will have a roomy stitching area that will be open all day and through the evening, a welcome reception, banquet, and 4 mini classes.

Registration is open. For details, registration forms, class descriptions with photos, and detailed hotel information, please visit our [website](#).



## EGA GOLD THREAD AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Marty Wyatt on receiving the Sun Region's EGA Gold Thread Award. Marty was honored at the Indian River Chapter's May Meeting with a certificate, gold threads and needles, and a pewter ort container.



Marty has been a member of the Indian River Chapter since 1997. She has held a number of positions on the Board over the years. But its not her high visibility contributions alone that earned her this nomination. Rather it is her passion for needlework, her willingness to share her knowledge, her enthusiasm for supporting every event and project, and her caring attitude about her fellow stitchers that won her this award. Marty says it best in her own words: *Stitching has helped me get through some of the saddest times in my life and added extra joy to some of the happiest times. I take time to stitch every day, but nothing beats sitting with the wonderful friends....., doing what we love, stitching. I enjoy learning new techniques, taking classes, getting new tips and being with others who share this love of handwork. To say that I love what I do with needle and threads is an understatement — maybe Webster says it better with “passion”- a strong and barely controllable emotion, deeply stirring!*

# Chapter Reports

## Biscayne

## Schelley Iman-Loch

Biscayne Chapter will kick off the second half of the year with Board Meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. On September 6<sup>th</sup> Janet Edgar will be leading the program with Part 1 of our annual holiday ornament.

This is a 2-part program and is adapted from the Egg Ornament that was published in Just Cross Stitch, March/April 2019. Complete the ornament in Holiday colors, metallic or monochrome on any even-weave fabric including canvas. I've seen the mock up for this and the results are fun and elegant. In October, Andrea Ellis will teach us White Work. We finish the ornament we started with Janet in November. November is also a business meeting. In December we will have our holiday Party.

## Canopy Oaks

## Elma Haley

Canopy Oaks members will be getting back to basics with a year-long program based on Mary Corbet's *Row Sampler* (<https://www.needleandthread.com>). At the September kick-off, we will explore threads, grounds, stitches and possible completion ideas. To make the project more accessible, several members will donate ground fabrics and a selection of threads. We will add a few stitches each month through May.

At the September meeting, one of our newest members will show us a selection of "Flowers for Dimensional Effect" from which the group will select 3 flowers for her to present in November. Again, members will offer materials to encourage everyone to participate. September is the month for members to either add or exchange 1 piece on their "Challenge to Finish" list. The Challenge began with new lists in May and the reveal and drawing will be in May 2020.

October's program will be on Dorset buttons, a vintage technique for making unique and hand-crafted buttons from brass or plastic rings and threads. Members will be able to choose from a variety of donated materials.

In October, the opportunity to participate in the Canopy Oaks display at the Westminster Oaks' Dining Room Gallery, which will run April through June 2020, will be explained and submission forms distributed.

The "Isabella" GCC group has been meeting throughout the summer, working toward a completion date in November.

## Central Florida

## Margaret Kinsey

Summer school is over. Our 3 summer sessions were held in the Beardall Senior Center in Orlando. In June Kathy Singleton taught our Drawn Work sampler. Four stitches were worked: the 4-sided stitch and 3 hem stitch techniques. July was Elizabethan Embroidery. The program was a strawberry in silks and embellished with gold thread and spangles. August brought the Drawn Work Sampler back for more work. The single and double Faggot Stitches were added in the two blank places.

Our Fall program begins in September with the celebration of the chapter's 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Stitches of the Month, based on Mary Corbet's *Row Sampler*

## Chapter Reports (continued)

We are working on getting the Chapter's GCC **Frenzy of Fringes**. It is a beading sampler. We have some openings. Please contact Margaret Kinsey for further information. It is being advertised on the Sun Region website.

The Chapter has been invited to participate in the Lake Mary Museum Quilt and Fabric Arts Exhibit which begins January 4 and ends February 1.

The Holiday luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 7. Festivities are being planned as we write.

The Outreach for the chapter is a Saturday Festival at the downtown Orlando Public Library. We are working on ornaments for a small Christmas Tree to be auctioned for the Lake Mary Museum's Holiday Tree Festival.

There are other programs to look forward to this September – May time period.

### **Chain Stitchers**      **Lynn Abbey**

Chain Stitchers chapter is ready for a new stitching year!

In September and October we'll be making Bev Steinhagen's *Queen Stitch Pincushion* from the March 2019 issue of Needle Arts. In November we'll making a string-art Christmas card...just in time for the holiday! December will our Christmas party

In January, Lynn Abbey will bring us a *Taste of Ayrshire* white work embroidery. In February, Michelle Arsenault (Michelle Ink Designs) will help each of us make a *Sterling Silver NeedleMinder* using precious metal clay. In March and April we'll be working through variations on Mini Purse Ornaments designed by Alice Martinez (Creations by Leecha). And, finally, in May we'll have our 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary party

Chain Stitchers meets at 6:30PM on the second Tuesday of the month (except December and May) at the Tangerine Improvement Society, 7101 Wright Ave, Mt Dora, FL 32757

### **duClay**                      **Pat Civitano**

At our September meeting, Donna Pearce, demonstrated several finishing techniques for both needlepoint and cross stitch.

In October we will be hosting Cissy Bailey Smith of Gentle Pursuits for a lecture at our business meeting. The following day she will be teaching her Victorian Sewing Shoe class. During this month our members will display their Needlework at the Orange Park Library.

In November we will hold our Stash sale as a fundraiser for the chapter. We will also be collecting gifts for Quigley House, a shelter for abused and displaced women and children. This is one of our chapter's annual outreach programs

### **Indian River**                      **Adrienne Meyer**

At the August Indian River Chapter meeting earlier this week, our membership chair Toni Alper announced that we have had 12 new members join the chapter in 2019. When I spoke with Toni after the meeting I asked what she felt was the reason for such a phenomenal increase. I knew that when I reported this at the upcoming Sun Region meeting, members would wonder what we have done. We have not had any extra recruiting effort put forth this year and the increase just about balances out the loss in members. Regardless, we are proud to report 12 new members so far this year!



## Chapter Reports (continued)

We are also very proud that the Education Department of EGA has selected our chapter member Marty Wyatt as the Sun Region Gold Thread winner for 2019. Those of us who have known her for many years know that she is a very worthy candidate who has participated in and led so many of our activities, often behind the scenes. So, hoorah for Marty!

At our September chapter meeting we will have our annual book sale – stitching books, novels, biographies – whatever is overflowing our bookcases. In October the program is Celebrating UFOs; members are encouraged to bring their oldest, most challenging or most dreaded UFOs; in November we hold Super Show & Tell with a new category for this year – new member name tags. In December we celebrate all the holidays with a luncheon and stitched ornament exchange.

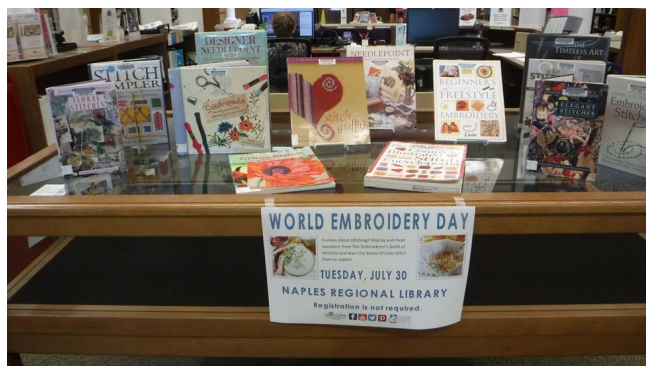
Our annual Fall Retreat takes place October 12 in a member's golf community center. We all stitch away for the day in the company of friends on personal projects or recent GCCs. It's a low-key day, always enjoyable.

If any of these activities appeal to you, please feel free to join us.

### Neapolitan

### Maria Giovine

This summer as usual we have been meeting in members' homes and enjoying the slower pace of the season. Some are putting final touches on class projects from the previous season, while others are working on ornaments for the winter holidays. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated World Embroidery Day by stitching in the library and giving out free kits to all interested. The librarians at Naples Regional Library set up a pleasing display of books dedicated needlework, as seen in the photo. As president Suzie Bloemker wrote in her thank you message: "During our time we gave away three kits, EGA information material, and gained a new member!!! And we had an excuse to get together and stitch." We have also filled a display case at the Estates Branch Library where patrons can view a selection of our work and be motivated to attend our forthcoming exhibit March 2020. At our general meeting in November when some of our snowbirds will be back in town, we will work on Pat Mazu's Diamonds in the Sky pocket. Later in November, Gary Clark will teach us how to embroider a sea turtle on organza. A busy fall will be upon us soon, so let's enjoy the waning days of summer!



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### Sand Dollar Chapter

### Kathie Dougherty for Jeri Westwood

After a summer of Stitch-ins and no formal meetings we are gearing up for our September 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and Barbecue luncheon. It's a welcome back party! We will also see how many members stitched for 100 days as our challenge ends August 31. Our education program will be Hand Quilting.

We will official celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April 2020 but the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is Ruby and we plan to keep to that theme starting in September. Throughout the year we will plan activities and programs with a Ruby emphasis.

Our October education program is Stitch On! and for November we plan a Beads, Baubles and Jewelry sale. We will use our imaginations to incorporate jewelry in our stitching projects.

## Chapter Reports (continued)

### Sand Dunes

### Pam Burke



Sand Dunes just kicked off our Stitching program year with a theme of “You CAN Order It”. Since we don’t have a LNS anywhere nearby, some of us have resorted to ordering – online or by phone. This program year is designed to encourage our members to order patterns and supplies. The September, January and March programs will be working on a Geometric Box of Stitches. This is a counted canvas piece that was a group project for Old Town Needlework in 2018. It has some unusual stitches featured in the original “Stitches to Go”. We are urging our members to use this as a stash buster project.

In October we will be doing *Diamond in the Rough*, part of EGA’s projects supporting wounded service members. The November program is a beaded bracelet based on a design previously offered by [Artbeads](#). We are encouraging members to choose and order their own beads for this project.



*Diamond in the Rough*

Complementing our programs, we have kicked off a chapter challenge called “I CAN do it”. This challenge is all about thinking outside the box - Literally. We have a variety of tea cans in different colors and the challenge is to come up with something to cover the outside of the can. We will be helping each other with this challenge at our monthly stitch-ins. This challenge runs through our May luncheon where there will be a drawing from among the finishers for a nice

### Sandhill Crane

### Jane Newhouse

We have a full schedule of activities for our Chapter meetings for the Fall.

In September Jane Newhouse will be demonstrating Kumihimo on a maradaï. With Betsy Goker as the leader, we will be starting the Undulations II GCC in September. We had a Summer Challenge to do the Beaded Sampler and beaded fringe Petite Projects. Those who finished it will show them off and the membership will their favorite. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Laura’s Beads.

In October we will be celebrating our chapter’s anniversary with dessert. Linda Hansen will get us started on a birthday plaid project—a frame weight.

The day after our October meeting there will be a Dawn Fisher class. Registration is closed September 1. In November Linda Hansen will demonstrate a stumpwork wire technique. We will continue on with the birthday plaid and Undulations II.

The chapter continues with a stitch-in in the West Hernando Public Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month.

### Sarasota

### Brenda Jameson

As summer comes to a close, Sarasota Chapter is finishing up our 100 days of Stitching Challenge. We had a number of stitchers participate this year and many of us have worked on or finished numerous great pieces. We take a break in July and August and when we get back together at our September meeting, we usually have a potluck lunch and social - Stitching too of course! This year we will have quite a display of 100 day projects. The Chapter is planning a field trip to the Ringling museum of Art to view the Fabric of India Exhibit after the lunch. It should be very interesting, if you are in Sarasota while its here, be sure to stop by.



## Chapter Reports (continued)

Many of you know that we are hosting International Touring Teacher Lorna Bateman here in Sarasota on October 24 & 25. But that's not all. October is a busy month for us, as Sally Criswell will bring her program on Crazy quilts to our chapter meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> and a crazy quilt project for our education piece. One more event, the DaySpring Retreat will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact me and I'll get you more information.



All during the fall, the chapter will be making plans for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sarasota Chapter. In November, member Eleanor Langlois will get us going on a commemorative name tag. Then of course we will have our usual Christmas Luncheon and ornament exchange in December. Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will kick off in January with a formal tea. The Chapter is looking forward to a year full of events which will include programs and projects that look back on the chapter's past.

### Sea Grape

### Roberta Pombo

On May 19th there was an article in the Fort Myers News Press about our chapter highlighting our outreach activities including clothing for stillborn infants made from deconstructed wedding gowns by one of our members. As a result, 17 people donated their gowns.

In June several of us attended a memorial service for Julie McCarter, a long time member and gifted stitcher. Her family arranged a display of her needlework following the service which made it a special tribute to her talent.

On July 30th, National Embroidery Day, several of our members stitched at the public library and distributed free book marks and information about our chapter and EGA. For a summer challenge several of our members committed to "100 days of stitching", from June 1st to September 8th. Any type of needlework for any length of time qualified and we expect to see a lot of show and tell at our fall meetings.

### Suwannee Stitchers

### Eileen Patterson



The Suwannee Stitchers have completed our White on White Crazy Quilt GCC project in July. We are taking a breather, albeit a short breather, before we embark on our next GCC project, the Enchanted Sumer by Linda Wyszynski. The project uses mixed embroidery techniques to create a lovely beaded and embroidered handbag. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Sally Criswell.

Upcoming events: September 14: Adrielle Hanes will give us a taste of Broder Anglaise.

October 14 Beginner's Hardangar with Betsy Harris.

November 9: Swedish Woven Heart Ornament

December 14: Christmas Party and gift exchange.

Additionally, the chapter will take part in the Thornebrook Art Festival on October 14. We will show off and sell tickets for our crazy quilt, offer embroidered items and kits for sale, and maybe even do a little stitching in public.

White on White Crazy Quilt  
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# Chapters' Events Calendar

\*\* for the chapter events on the following pages, 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](http://www.sunregionega.org)

## September

- 5 Sand Dollar - Guild meeting
- 6 Biscayne - Social 9:30am, Meeting 10am, Holiday Ornament program pt.1 or stitching 11am-2pm
- 7 duClay - General Meeting & Berry Finishing, Orange Park Masonic Lodge
- 8 Sand Dunes - Stitch-in, 1:30 Holy Name of Jesus Religious Education bldg, Niceville
- 10 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in, Port Orange Library  
Chain Stitchers - *Queen Stitch Pincushion Pt 1*
- 14 duClay - Stitch-in, Orange Park Library  
Canopy Oaks - Beginning of *Stitches of the Month*  
Sarasota - Stitch n Chat
- 19 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in, Port Orange Library
- 22 Sand Dunes - Program meeting - *Geometric Box of Stitches*
- 23 Sarasota - Welcome Back Social, Waldemere Fire Station, Sarasota
- 28 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in, Daytona Beach (City Island) Library

## October

- 3 Sand Dollar - Guild meeting
- 4 Biscayne - Social 9:30am, Meeting 10am, White work program or stitching 11am-2pm
- 5 duClay - General Meeting & Lecture with Cissy Bailey Smith, Orange Park Masonic Lodge
- 6 duClay - Class Cissy Bailey Smith
- 8 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in, New Smyrna Beach Library  
Chain Stitchers - *Queen Stitch Pincushion Pt 2*
- 12 Canopy Oaks - Dorset Buttons
- 13 Sand Dunes - Stitch-in, 1:30 Holy Name of Jesus Religious Education bldg, Niceville
- 14 Sarasota - Stitch -in, Jacaranda Library
- 17 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in, Port Orange Library
- 21 Sarasota - Stitch n Chat, Sarasota
- 21-22 Indian River - 9am-4pm - International Touring Teacher Lorna Bateman - location TBD in Melbourne
- 24-24 Sarasota - International Touring Teacher Lorna Bateman
- 26 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in, Daytona Beach (City Island) Library
- 27 Sand Dunes - Program meeting - Diamond in the Rough
- 28 Sarasota - Chapter meeting

## November

- 1 Biscayne - Social 9:30am, Meeting 10am, Holiday Ornament program pt.2 or stitching 11am-2pm
- 2 duClay - General Meeting, Orange Park Masonic Lodge
- 7 Sand Dollar - Guild meeting
- 8 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in, New Smyrna Beach Library
- 9 Canopy Oaks - "Flowers for Dimensional Effect"
- 10 Sand Dunes - Stitch-in, 1:30 Holy Name of Jesus Religious Education bldg, Niceville
- 11 Sarasota - Stitch n Chat
- 12 Chain Stitchers - String-art Christmas Card
- 14 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in, Port Orange Library
- 23 Sand Dollar - Stitch-in, Daytona Beach (City Island) Library

- 24 Sand Dunes - Program meeting - Beaded Bracelet
- 25 Sarasota - Chapter meeting

**December**

- 6 Biscayne - Social 9:30am, Meeting 10am, Holiday Celebration 11am-2pm
- 7 duClay - General Meeting, Orange Park Library
- 9 Sarasota - Stitch-in, Jacaranda Library
- 10 Chain Stitchers - Christmas Party
- 12 Sarasota - Chapter Holiday Luncheon
- 14 Canopy Oaks - Cookie and Gift Exchange  
duClay - Holiday Party, Ted's Montana Grill, Orange Park, FL

**2020 Upcoming activities****January**

- 11 Canopy Oaks - Danish Whitework or Pulled Thread Cushion Petit Project from EGA website
- 14 Chain Stitchers - *A Taste of Ayrshire*

**February**

- 8 Canopy Oaks - Stitch in Public Day at the LeRoy Collins Library. Pieces on display in library display cases for the entire month.
- 11 Chain Stitchers - *Sterling Silver NeedleMinder* in precious metal clay

**March**

- 10 Chain Stitchers - Mini Purse Ornament pt 1
- 14 Canopy Oaks - Silk Ribbon Embroidery Petit Project from the EGA website

**April**

- 11 Canopy Oaks - "Map Conversions" presentation by multi-media artist Valerie Goodwin
- 14 Chain Stitchers - Mini Purse Ornament pt 2
- Through June - Canopy Oaks display at Westminster Oaks Dining Room Gallery

**May**

- 9 Canopy Oaks - Salad Lunch, "Challenge to Finish" Reveal and drawing
- 12 Chain Stitchers - Anniversary Dinner