



The Sun News

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Region Director's Report

from Jenna McClooney

Welcome to the first non-password edition of Sun News - newly designed to be shared! You are invited to forward this newsletter to fellow EGA members, friends, relatives, and colleagues. We are hoping to spread the word about our organization and the fascinating work that we do to our communities throughout the region and beyond via this newsletter.

Another positive way we can promote EGA is with our region Facebook page, "Sun & Sea Embroiderers'." See our ad, on page 6 of this newsletter, describing an effective method of inviting friends to visit this page. In addition, please forward information about your chapter, including pictures of events, stitching together, especially having fun, to me at jennalee@hotmail.com. I will post information and pictures on our Facebook page for everyone to see.

I wish to extend a very special thank you to our MayDay MayHem committee for putting on a terrific seminar April 30-May 2. The Mission Inn Resort at Howey-in-the-Hills is a beautiful property and a perfect atmosphere for relaxing, socializing and learning new stitching techniques. Every arrangement was made with an attention to detail – from the May Day baskets on the sleeping room doors to the banquet favors, reception area, and much more. The food was great, the teachers were exceptional and our committee members were gracious and always available to make our stay memorable.

Sun Region is really on the map now, and it's due to the success of one of our special members who, for an extended time, has made a very big contribution to EGA. Our EGA Vice President, Katrina Lawrimore, resigned last month due to a conflict with her work responsibilities. The national nominating committee went into action and found a highly qualified candidate that was recently approved by the board of directors. I am pleased to announce that our new Vice President is Barbara Harrison (Sand Dunes Chapter). She comes to this position with an extensive background of EGA service at the chapter, region and national level. But wait, there's more! Barbara was also selected as Sun Region Gold Thread Award winner and is the EGA National Gold Thread Award winner for 2010! We are all very proud of Barbara and very much appreciate her abilities and willingness to serve. I also want to recognize three ladies who were nominated by their chapters for this award. They are Jeanne Baum (Sarasota), Pamela Doffek, (Canopy Oaks) and Doreen Snyder (Indian River). Thank you all for your dedication and hard work.

In early May, I sent out a request for design submissions for a special EGA pin that recognizes chapter members for their success in helping us to recruit new members. As a reminder, please send suggestions to me at jennalee@hotmail.com. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, pictures of the works that were accepted for EGA's 2010 Fiber Forum are now posted on the EGA website. Go to http://www.egausa.org/html/fiber_forum_2010.html and you will find photographs of some very interesting and creative pieces.

Keep cool, enjoy stitching and stay in touch!

We are EGA. Our mission is "to stimulate appreciation for and celebrate the heritage of embroidery by advancing the highest standards of excellence in its practice through education, exhibition, preservation, collection and research."

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Note: If you don't have email, you may contact Region Director, Jenna McClooney, by calling 727-207-0420. She can provide you with further contact information for board members and committee chairs.

2010 Calendar

Sept 1	next Sun News deadline		
Sept 5 - 10	EGA National Seminar Stitching on the Barbary Coast	Marriott Marquis	San Francisco, CA
Sept 25 - 26	Sun Region meeting	Marriott Sawgrass Golf Resort & Spa	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Sun News publication schedule: 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.

Linda Anne Buehler, editor

ARD's Report*from Betty Baechle*

Its time to mark your calendars with some important dates. The next region meeting is **September 25, 26, 2010**. The meeting location is Marriott Sawgrass Golf Resort and Spa, 1000 PGA Tour Blvd, Ponte Vedra Beach. It is located near Jacksonville Beach and St Augustine. PGA Tour Blvd. is off of SR A1A. Reservations must be made by **August 27**. Call 800-457-GOLF (4653) or local number 904-285-7777. Be sure to mention EGA Sun Region meeting. Room rate is \$129 per night plus 10% state tax.

Here is what is included for free during your stay: self-parking, 24 hour access to health club, Cabana Club Beach access, in room coffee, daily newspaper, and hotel transportation to Cabana Beach Club, Golf and Sawgrass Shopping Village. Be sure to go to the Marriott Sawgrass Hotel website to see other amenities at the resort. You maybe enticed to stay a little longer when you see what the resort has to offer in addition to other points of interest in the area.

The luncheon is a plated lunch for \$20. This includes service charge and tax. The cut off date for reservations is **September 15**. Complete the required information on the Clip 'N' Mail included in this newsletter (back page). Mail the form with your check, made out to Sun Region EGA, to me.

The Biscayne Chapter has graciously agreed to host this meeting. They have a program planned for us on Saturday evening. Be sure to attend. We always have a good time.

See all of you there.

Treasurer's Report*(as of June 1, 2010) from Pam Burke*

Cash Balance (Mar 1, 2010) \$40,243.52

Receipts:

Dues	\$214.25
Interest	\$27.20
Region 2010 (loan repayment)	\$2,000.00
Contributions (Unrestricted)	\$156.51
Fund Raising	\$68.00
Sales (W&Ms)	\$2,500.42
National Opp Drawing	\$250.00
RM Lunches	\$640.00
Sales Tax	\$150.04
Subtotal:	\$6,006.42

Disbursements:

Educational Events (SR GCC)	(\$900.00)
Cost of Sales (W&Ms)	(\$1,517.87)
Rent	(\$235.88)
Admin	(\$251.30)
Newsletter	(\$9.80)
Officer's Travel	(\$1,110.22)
EGA Annual Fund Campaign	(\$400.00)
RM Lunches	(\$600.03)
Sales Tax	(\$11.37)
Subtotal	(\$5,036.47)

Cash Balance (May 31, 2010) \$41,213.47

Committees

EDUCATION Chair *Cheri Hammer reminds you:*

I hope all of the chapters are finding time to take advantage of our region sponsored Group Correspondence Course. This is such a good deal! Here is a reminder of the rules:

GCC – Nuts & Bolts

There are just a few steps to starting your Sun Region GCC

1. Select a GCC.
2. Sign up all interested members in your chapter.
3. If you have 10 but less than 20 + the coordinator, contact Cheri Hammer at sledgetoo2@cox.net and she will advertise your GCC by adding it to the list on the website and sending an e-mail to each chapter.
4. After 2 months you may proceed with the registration process.
 - a. Mail "EGA Registration/Information Request Form" to Brad Cape at Headquarters (see P 33 in the 2009-2010 Education Catalog)
 - b. After receiving the registration and participant list forms from Brad, complete and mail to Pam Burke so that she can send the check to EGA.
 - c. Send a copy of the form in b., with a chapter check for the total amount for the texts to the teacher.
5. If you have less than 10 participants, consider working with another chapter. You may advertise your group for an unlimited amount of time but will need to reach the minimum 10 for the region to pay your fee.

Please allow 6 weeks for paperwork to be processed. Then enjoy your class!!!!

WAYS & MEANS Chair *Marge Holmes shares:*

After delivering 61 pounds of project bags at our Mayday Mayhem, I now have only a few bags left for sale:

- 2 each of 16 x 16
- 2 each of 12 x 13
- 2 each of 10 x 11
- 2 each of 6 x 8

There are no further plans to order more bags unless I receive a good size order from our members. This has been a really great project and I thank all of you for supporting these sale items.

Don't forget we still have Sun Region pins, license tag holders, luggage straps and Flip File folders. I'll have them all at the Region meeting in September.

Thank You!

to MayDay MayHem committee and Central Florida Chapter for a memorable seminar experience!



Chairman – Kathy Singleton	Assistant Chairman – Carol Raley
Treasurer – Gaby Hubbard	Registrar Chair – Deby Talley
Registrar Assistant – Marjorie Feland	Dean of Faculty – Margaret Kinsey
Bookstore – Carol Presley & Linda Ferguson	Angels – Ann Storey & Joan Warren
Name Tags – Sue Orth	Logo – Geni Dickinson
Boutique – Carol Raley	Student Booklet – Sherry Smith
Favors – Linda Ferguson	Baskets for Teachers – Ann Storey
Seminar Brochure – Deby Talley	Hospitality – Shirley Pettit
Goodie Bags Shirley Pettit & Vickie Chin	Pin – Claire Nardone May Baskets – Susan Hoke

Teacher's Gifts (stitched) – Vickie Chin

Well Done Ladies!



The ♥ of the committee: Kathy Singleton, Deby Talley and Carol Raley



Our fearless leaders: RD Jenna McClooney and ARD Betty Baechle



Happy stitchers!



Wine-ing a bit!



What a crew!

*From your **MARKETING TEAM** Betty Baechle, Ellen Bristol, Liz Burns,
Margaret Kinsey & Jenna McClooney:*

Help Us Spread the Word through our Facebook Page!

Invite your friends to visit [Sun & Sea Embroiderers](#)

It's simple, & here's how.....

From your personal Facebook page, enter **Sun & Sea Embroiderers** in the search box and press the enter key. Click on the Sun & Sea Embroiderers' logo and you will enter our region page.

Under the Sun Region logo, click on "Suggest to Friends."

Locate specific individuals by either typing the individual's name in the box, or page through your friends by clicking on "next" at the bottom.

Click on the individuals that you wish to invite.

Click on "Send Invitations."

Invitations will go out to each friend that you selected. Hopefully each individual will visit our page and "like" it. As we add events, photos, and news, these individuals will receive a notice and the word on our activities and interests will continue to spread.

We wish to thank each member who is supporting this effort. Please keep up the good work!

NEWSLETTER Editor *Linda Anne Buehler wants to know what you think:*

Reader poll

1. What's the one technique you would love to master but are too afraid to try?
 - A. Appliqué
 - B. Beading
 - C. Crewel work
 - D. Goldwork
 - E. Hardanger
 - F. Lace making

2. Where would you rather take a class with a national teacher?
 - A. At a national seminar
 - B. At a region seminar
 - C. At a chapter/guild workshop
 - D. At a local needlework shop

Send your answers to SunStitcher6@aol.com. Results will be announced in next newsletter.

WEBSITE *"geek" Lynn Abbey has some tips:***What do you see when you visit the Sun Region's website?**

It's come to my attention that not everyone is seeing the same website when they visit <http://www.sunregionega.org>.

Some people are still seeing the old website, which hasn't been updated in a year or more.

How can you tell if you're seeing the current website? Well, the current website has an embroidered manatee at the top of the page, the information is displayed on a solid, light-blue background, and there's a darker blue border beyond the light blue.

If you don't see the manatee, then you're not seeing Sun Region's current website!

Do I hear someone muttering, "Great...I don't see a manatee. What do I do now?"

There are a couple of possible solutions. Starting with the easiest:

1. Do a search for "sun region ega" and let Google (or Yahoo or Bing!) take you to the website.
2. Type <http://www.sunregionega.org> into the URL-locator box near the top of your browser.
3. "Refresh" your browser -- (there are two ways to do this...

3a. at the top of the browser window, somewhere around the box that says <http://sunregionega.org>, you should see a pair of curving arrows, one pointing up and the other pointing down. Click on the arrows. (The paired, curving arrows appear in Internet Explorer...if you're using a different browser, you might see a semi-circle with an arrowhead at one end.)

3b. right-click anywhere on the white background of the old Sun Region page. A context menu should appear on your screen. Toward the bottom of that menu, you should see the word "Refresh;" click that word.

If none of those work and you're still seeing the plain-white background display of the old site, then you're going to have to purge your cache.

Do I hear more muttering?

Here's how to purge your cache if you use Microsoft's Internet Explorer...

A. Near the top of the browser window you should see a line containing the words "File Edit View Favorites Tools and Help." Park your mouse cursor over the word "Tools" and click the mouse. A menu will appear.

B. Slide the mouse cursor down the menu options to the one that says "Internet Options," then click the mouse. A new, smaller window will open. (It should open with the General tab information displayed, if it doesn't, then click on the General tab near the top of the window.)

C. In the middle of the Internet Options / General window, you should see the words "Browsing History" and, a bit below that, the word "Delete..." on a clickable button. Click the "Delete..." button. The "Delete Browsing History" window should open.

D. Click the little box to the left of the words "Temporary Internet Files" to place a check in that box, then click the "Delete" button at the bottom of the window. Close, then reopen your browser and try 1. or 2. above.

If you're still seeing the white-background version of the site, then you've got the old website tagged as a "Favorite" and things are going to be a little more complicated. If you don't have a resident geek who can guide you through a "Favorites" update, send me an email (lynn@lynnabbey.com) and I'll try to guide you through the process.

SEMINAR 2011 Chair *Donna Christie... announces:*



SEMINAR 2011 FACULTY

TANJA BERLIN	CAROLE LAKE	MARION SCULAR
MARIE CAMPBELL	DOROTHY LESHER	GAIL SIRNA
GARY CLARKE	JANICE LOVE	KAY STANIS
NAN EULER	SYLVIA MURARIU	CAROL LYNN STRATTON
JETTE ROY FINLAY-HEATH	JANE NICHOLAS	ELIZABETH ANN TALLEDO
MARSHA PAPAY GOMOLA	LYNN PAYETTE	JOAN THOMASSON
SUSAN GOODMAN	BARBARA RAKOSNIK	DEBORAH TIRICO
JUDY JEROY	JEANETTE REES	GALE WASHINGTON
CATHERINE JORDAN	MARNIE RITTER	CAROLYN STANDING WEBB
MARGARET KINSEY	MICHELE ROBERTS	SHIRLEY KAY WOLFERSPERGER
	KIM SANDERS	

Important dates:

Early Registration **Sept 1 - 15, 2010 (also at Seminar 2010 in San Francisco)**

“first day” Registration begins **March 1, 2011**

2011 Seminar in Naples **Sept 11-16, 2011**

Chapter Reports

BERMUDA

Kathy Faries

At our April meeting we had a thimble tassel workshop which all enjoyed. We used thimbles, wool, floss, metallic thread and got experience using the corder to make the tassels. Some of our members have gone to town making them for our upcoming tea and sale that we hold every other year in October. The proceeds go to PALS, a charity organization that helps cancer patients. Our meeting in May was dedicated to just stitching up items to sell at this event.

This past Saturday we had a show of work open to the public in the morning, pot luck lunch and then held our AGM. We have always had our AGM in the evening in the middle of the week which some found very hectic. So, we decided to go with a new format and have it on Saturday. We had lots of people view our work, had a great lunch and gave out prizes for several categories. We even had some time to stitch. It was a great day!

BISCAYNE

Marge Holmes

Biscayne will have a membership tea for both new and almost new members on June 27th at Pat Carrington's home. We are preparing welcoming booklets with details of the programs offered during each year to our members. We will have current and past GCC's and workshop items on display as well as details of our ABC (A Basic Course) that is being held starting in May. Cross Stitch, Blackwork, Hardanger, Pulled Thread, and Drawn Thread are the first courses available.

Currently some members are working on the GCC Circle of Flowers, and we intend to start Cleopatra's Cat in September. Our Education chair has challenged us to another Brown Bag challenge to continue our ongoing program of Color Play. We've had the rice stitch, and in June we will have a video on color. Our members will work on their challenge over the summer, then show them off in December.

September will have us getting prepared to host the Sun Region meeting at the end of the month. In October, Adrienne Meyer will be teaching a canvas finishing class. November is a stash to stash sale and election of new leaders, bringing us to our December installation of the new officers and our Holiday Party.

Our Outreach group will continue to stitch on Habitat Samplers, Chemo Caps and our kissing pillows, while enjoying each others' company.

CANOPY OAKS

Pam Doffek

We've closed our active stitching year with a potluck and show and tell during our May meeting. It was quite a year for completing projects. Ten of us are working fervently on our GCC-Silk Ribbon Pond, which is due in October.

For the summer we are taking it easy. June 12th is allocated for a stitch-in and St Peter's has provided their basement meeting room for our convenience (and great lighting). In early August the board, and any chapter member who is interested, will have our annual strategic planning and programming meeting. Board member Evelyn Risk has invited us to her historic home for brunch.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Deby Tally

The members of the Central Florida wish to thank all of the region members who attended MayDay MayHem. We had a fun time putting it on. We also appreciate all those who brought items for the silent auction and the opportunity baskets. We would also like to thank all of those who volunteered their time and energy to make this a success.

Our chapter had a busy spring along with the seminar. We had our end of year luncheon in May and with that we had a kumihino class. This proved to be very popular with our members.

We are looking forward to our summer stitching sessions - only stitchers get excited about attending summer school! We will be learning a picot edging, having Christmas in July and then in August finishing up our July project by making it into a cubit.

We will also be starting our GCC this summer, the Beaded Nutcracker.

CHAIN STITCHERS *Geni Dickinson*

Chain Stitchers has had a busy spring! In March, Lynn Abbey taught us "The Dragonfly", a stumpwork design by Luan Callery. All the ladies seemed very pleased with this class.

In April Dolores Mirolsky presented a class in Quilted Balls. There were lots of interesting balls made that evening. In addition, several of us went to the Sun Region Seminar at Howey-in-the-Hills Mission Inn Resort. Several of our members are plurals with Central Florida and worked in the Seminar. A marvelous time was had by all attendees at the Seminar.

In May, our meeting was our anniversary party. We had a potluck (loads of delicious food), the Brown Bag unveiling (so clever) and the White Elephant Sale. On May 15, Sandra Besel gave a class for the Bethlehem beaded ornament.

May was our last business meeting until September. Our June, July, and August meetings are basically sit and stitch. However, one will be for Christmas ornaments, one for Habitat samplers, and the third will be finishing any classes that weren't finished already. So, happy summer every one!

duCLAY *JoyceAnne Stevens*

It has been an interesting Spring for duClay. Without a meeting room, we decided to meet for dinner instead on our regular meeting nights. We have tried out various eating places and had almost 100% attendance, conducting business while eating. We were informed in April that the library would not be available until August so we began to seriously look for an alternate meeting room. Our local Joann's ETC was happy to oblige and we held our May meeting in one of their classrooms. It was great being able to bring in our stitching and "show and tell".

We selected a chapter project for the coming months. The project is "Crazy Dreams" by Carolyn Mitchell. Every member purchased a copy of the chart and is participating in the SAL. Several members have started stitching and everyone has at least begun selecting threads and colors. This project will serve as our program for the coming months.

May was an especially good month for duClay. Two of our members attended and enjoyed the May Day May-Hem. A new member attended our May meeting as a visitor who plans to join.

We continue to have our 1st and 2nd Saturday of the month stitch-ins at the Orange Park library. The quilt shop where we were meeting has gone out of business and we were able to reserve a 2nd Saturday with the library. For the coming months, until August, our stitch-ins are in a small conference room which is limited to 8 people.

GULFVIEW *Judy deMeglio*

We will be celebrating the summer with a "picnic" potluck luncheon at our June meeting. After lunch we will become acquainted with an old technique that many of us have never seen - chicken scratch.

Our greatly esteemed and very hard working Education chair, Donna Christie, has retired from that job because she is Chair of National Seminar 2011. She is being replaced with five volunteers who will be hard-pressed to keep up with her. The Education Committee has planned several little projects to keep us busy during the summer stitch-ins which we have scheduled for July and August including a blackwork bookmark, a ribbon ornament and a return to "Stitch of the Month".

In September we will have a guest speaker to show her magnificent collection of saris. We are planning a Battenburg lace project to start in November and a class on November 17-18 with Ginny Smith to do her

"Sunset" crewel project.

Our outreach efforts continue with the kissing pillows and Habitat for Humanity samplers. We have also been busily knitting Linus blankets and we have made contact with several cancer care centers to supply laprobes for chemo patients.

INDIAN RIVER

Carol Tsoukalas

Indian River Chapter has been busy, busy, busy since our March SR meeting. Jineen Kulczycky, our chapter president, and myself were really psyched after the last meeting.

Our "Membership Recruitment Committee" has been working on ways to reach potential members. They are in the process of designing new business cards to hand out and we are revamping our literature that we hand out. We are definitely going to take advantage of the EGA marketing grant that is available. They are also making contacts to set up a needlework exhibit.

We have had several magnificent needlework displays at our local libraries. Our members are encouraged to sit and stitch near the displays and answer any questions and tell the public about our "hidden secret organization." We have also decided that on the fifth Tuesday of the month, since they don't have a place to meet, our Tuesday night stitchers should patronize places such as Books-A-Million, Barnes & Noble, and Panera Bread and do some stitching in between drinking their favorite beverage or snacking.

We are still working on Dee Meek's Petite Project, "My Mini Sampler" and should finish this month and will display them at our November "Show & Tell Extravaganza".

The ladies are finishing up their GCC "Beading Color Play" and will be sending their lovely bracelets off to Peggy Wright to be evaluated. We plan to start another GCC in September. So far, I believe we have 22 people that have signed up for Marion Scoular's Finishing With Flair which is a notebook class.

We celebrated our 33rd anniversary in May. We had an anniversary cake and we made paper boxes, so we could have something for ourselves as a souvenir of our anniversary.

We just started our 8th annual "Teaching Children to Stitch Program". There were 18 returning students and 4 new ones. Unfortunately, due to library cutbacks, the program will only run for three weeks this year.



Pictured here: Ginny Gilbertson, program leader, and Donna McFarland, registrar, signing in the children. Photo courtesy of Doreen Snyder.

We continue to stitch kissing pillows for Patrick Air Force Base. They are put into a goody bag that is given to the men and women when they are deployed. Doreen Snyder has announced that as of May 22, we have collected 814 toiletries for the homeless which is 54 % of our goal for 2010. Way to go! We still continue to stitch Habitat Samplers. We just had our 242nd dedication and have 3 more coming up in July. Donna Mc Farland has been busy collecting stitching items and will be sending out 5 boxes to Brooke Medical Center in Texas and to Haley VA Center in Tampa, FL. We still continue to collect postage stamps, pop tabs, and soup labels.

NEAPOLITAN

Janet Kassing

Even though many of our snowbird members have left for the north, our schedule of activities hasn't slowed down.

Our Spring Luncheon was well attended on April 21 at Wildcat Run Country Club. The "show and tell" table was loaded with already completed pieces from Lynn Payette's Beautiful Birches class which was held March 15 & 16. Many thanks to Karen Rockenbach for planning the luncheon at her club.

Many members are busy stitching and framing samplers for "Habitat for Humanity". We have to keep going in order to produce 100 samplers each year. Ann Smith and Sherri Rampton have done a great job heading this ongoing project.

Since we don't have business meetings during the summer months, another stitch-in day is added to make a total of three each month. Some of the summer stitch-ins are hosted by members in their homes.

On May 19 we attended "Princess Diana: Dresses of Inspiration" at The von Liebig Art Center. What a thrill to see in person these beautiful dresses we had previously admired in pictures. In July we are going to an embroidery exhibit being held at Physicians Regional Hospital. Thanks to Luan Callery for making arrangements for these events. Of course we go to lunch after these outings--the same as we do after our meetings and stitch-ins.

The excitement and enthusiasm for our 2012 embroidery exhibit is building. Moorings Park has been reserved again--thanks to Jennifer Ashley-Taylor. Committee chairs are in place and ideas are mushrooming.

SAND DOLLAR

Kay Dune

The Sand Dollar Chapter is slowing down for the summer. We are still meeting at the libraries in New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange, working on Christmas ornaments for one of our outreach projects and doing the GCC. That's really it for the summer.

Editor: my apologies to Kay Dune for incorrectly attributing her article in the previous Sun News to her predecessor, Abbie Kverek

SAND DUNES

Cheri Hammer

Sand Dunes finished up our year of "Her Majesty's Accoutrements" in style, with a Tent Stitch Emery in April. What a fabulous stitching year it was, and now we have an entire ensemble of stitching accessories and a lovely bag to hold them in. (Actually, some of us have the "opportunity" to have an ensemble as soon as we finish them!) It was a very interesting year with lots of opportunities to explore different stitches and threads, and the resulting tools are to die for.

In May, ten of our members attended Mayday Mayhem and I'm happy to say that we all survived the "mayhem". In fact, we all walked away smarter and richer – some of us now know how to paint ultrasuede to look like rocks, others pounded and smeared flowers on their canvases, and many of our members also won some of those amazing opportunity baskets! We really enjoyed the resort, and can't wait for another chance to spend a weekend with people with similar interests doing what we love to do.

We had a luncheon to end our stitching year, capped off with our own opportunity. Everyone who finishes a project and displays it at a meeting gets to put their name in "the box". At the luncheon we draw a name and that person wins a free membership to EGA for the following year. This year Cindy Hardesty, our vice president, finished eleven projects and her name was drawn as the grand winner.

Even though we don't have official meetings over the summer, we won't be resting! We just started two new projects – our region-sponsored GCC "Swiss Sampler" and stash-buster canvas piece called "In My Wildest Dreams". We will meet one evening a month to see everyone's progress and help/comiserate. Then in August we start all over again with another new stitching year revealed. Happy summer everyone!!!

SANDHILL CRANE

Carol Harrison

We have had a very busy and exciting year. This year, we have a three member program committee, which is really working out great. We have had some really good programs at our meetings lately and have all the programs for next year already decided.

At our April meeting, Jan Mazourek taught us how to make a simple tassel using one skein of DMC floss. At this time we also brought in our UFO's. We have also started on the Temari Balls CC. We are having a lot of fun with this and it's so interesting to see the color selections and how they work up.

In May, we had our yearly pot luck. The food was out of the world this year - just a great selection. For our program, Lynn Pittenger taught us the Buttonhole Tassel, which is a unique way of finishing the tassel. We also selected a pattern to make a Christmas ornament to exchange at our Christmas party in December.

At our June meeting, we started our Scissor Fob which, after stitching, will be put on a Button Cover. We will do the finishing at our July Stitch In. At the July Stitch In we will also be working on the name tags for the 2011 National Seminar. Our August Stitch In will be held at the Brooksville Library.

SARASOTA

Eleanor Langlois

Sarasota Chapter members have had a busy spring. Our basic counted thread class was completed in March, and we now have 12 more enthusiastic and confident stitchers. Jane Bell designed and taught a beautiful small hemstitching sampler that could be finished as a candle wrap or name tag, and our creative members have come up with some interesting variations. In May we had our annual Neo-metal workshop, creating gowns for Sarasota Memorial Hospital newborns.

Our Beading group created elaborate cuff bracelets, made elegant headed tassels, and beaded and embellished wooden beads.

Programs included steps to becoming a Master Beader, "Very Stiff" about DMC floss, and Framing by Robin, discussing how our work should be framed. Robin gives a 15% discount to EGA members, and does a wonderful job for us.

Our upcoming June picnic promises to be a day filled with fun. To carry out our theme of "Sandals in the Sand" we will be wearing decorated sandals. This is always a great wrap-up of our stitching year.

We continue our stitch-ins during the summer, and will be preparing for fall classes by stitching 2 pieces for a biscornu, two each for a rectangular pillow and a triangular scissors fob, and a stand-up figure. All will be completed during classes this fall.

Our Chapter is preparing for another beautiful exhibit to be held in January and February, 2011, at the North Port Arts Center from 10 to 2. Please plan chapter trips to come and see what our members have been doing during the last three years.

SEA GRAPE

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September 25, 2010
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Name _____ Chapter _____

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Y _____ N _____ I will be participating in the Sat evening program