



The Sun News

from The Sun Region of
The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

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RD's Letter

Welcome to The Sun News. We are the Sun Region of the Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA) and represent the approximately 650 members of the 16 chapters in the state of Florida and the country of Bermuda. To learn more, visit our website at www.sunregionega.org.

September is my busiest month of the year. It begins in San Francisco with the EGA board meetings, annual meeting, and seven days of seminar. I look forward to representing you at the board meetings and will also enjoy taking two classes at seminar. 33 Sun members will be attending seminar including Linda Anne Buehler and Pam Burke who will be hard at work with early registration for seminar 2011. At the end of the month, from September 24-26, we will hold our region board meeting at the beautiful Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa in Ponte Vedra Beach FL. Our calendar, call to meeting (CTM) and meeting packet will be available on Sun's website as each document is released.

I want to personally thank every member who completed our Sun Region survey. Almost 50% of our members (314) participated in this survey and the results will guide the marketing team and region board in providing effective programs and support to our chapters. We are basing the preliminary results on the tabulation sheets that chapters sent us earlier this year. With the exception of 3 chapters (listed in the CTM), all region representatives are responsible for bringing their individual survey sheets to the Sun board meeting.

Highlights of our upcoming region board meeting, in addition to our ongoing business, will include presentations of survey findings, a preview of our new guide for recruiting and retaining members, a tour of our newly remodeled website, and sharing our individual chapter's efforts to build our organization.

As the administrator of our region Facebook page "Sun and Sea Embroidery", I encourage all region members to participate in this effort to spread the word about EGA. To make it entertaining to members and outsiders, please send me pictures and copy of your current and upcoming chapter events. You can also be a real promoter of EGA by inviting your Facebook friends to visit this site. Instructions are included in this newsletter on page 5.

To all board members, please send me topics that you want included in the region board member agenda. The same applies to all non-board members. Your voice deserves to be heard. You may contact me directly as well as through your chapter's region representative. I also welcome questions or comments to take to the national board meetings that will be held on September 2-4.

Don't forget – early registration for seminar 2011 is Sept 1-15, 2010. International Embroidery Conference (IEC) registration begins on September 5. Information is available on the EGA website, www.egausa.org.

Keep cool, enjoy stitching and stay in touch!

Jenna McClooney, Sun Region Director rd@sunregionega.org

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

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

We are on the road again for our second Sun Region meeting of the year. Dates for the meeting are September 25-26, 2010. Location is Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa in Ponte Vedra. This resort is just south of Jacksonville Beach off of Florida SRA1A. Amenities are room coffee, daily newspaper, 24 hour access to health club, Cabana Club Beach access and hotel transportation to Cabana Beach Club, Golf and Sawgrass Shopping Village. There is free self parking.



The Biscayne Chapter has graciously agreed to host the Saturday evening program. You will need to bring your scissors and \$5.00.

Lunch reservations are due by September 15. Use the clip and mail from the previous newsletter or the Call To Meeting (CTM) when you send your check. Be sure to mark this form if you plan to participate in the Saturday evening workshop so that Biscayne Chapter can plan for the number of kits to bring.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Sawgrass.

Treasurer's Report

(as of Aug 1, 2010)

from Pam Burke

Cash Balance (June 1, 2010) \$41,213.47

Receipts:

Dues	\$1,932.00
Interest	\$18.84
Region Seminar 2010	\$1,926.21
Sales	\$828.12
<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>\$49.69</u>
Subtotal:	\$4,754.86

Disbursements:

Educational Events (SR GCC)	(\$150.00)
Admin	(\$60.00)
Newsletter	(\$9.80)
Licenses and Permits	(\$75.00)
<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>(\$183.36)</u>
Subtotal	(\$478.16)

Cash Balance (July 31, 2010) \$45,490.17

from our Committees

BYLAWS Chair Carol Tsoukalas notes:

As promised, Jenna Mc Clooney has revamped the Region Rep's notebook. The National Bylaws and Policies and Procedures will no longer be included in the region rep's notebook as they are available on the national website.

The Sun Region Bylaws and Policies and Procedures will be on the region website, but the region reps must keep a current printed copy in their region notebook.

The proposed revisions to the Sun Region Bylaws and Policies and Procedures are in the call to meeting packet for the September 24-26th, 2010 Region meeting. It is important that everyone on the Sun Region Board of Directors review these recommendations to be voted on at the September Region meeting.

EDUCATION Chair Cheri Hammer reminds chapters:

There is still a little 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 tells us:

Bring cash or checks, and ensure that the Sun Region Ways & Means Chair has a lighter load to tote.

We have License Plates, Luggage Straps and just 6 Flip Folders in inventory.

Our project bags have been a great success, and as of the time of writing this report, they are sold out.

We also have Sun Region Pins – do you have yours?

Be proud of your region and help support our ongoing endeavors.

Look for me at the upcoming September Sun Region meeting, I'll be thrilled to take your money.

From Your Marketing Team!

We need your chapter's individual survey forms.

Region Representatives: Please collect the individual survey forms from the appropriate person in your chapter and bring them to the Sun Region board meeting Sept 25-26. These are the individual survey forms that were completed by your chapter's members.

Gulfview, Sand Hill Crane & Neapolitan are exempt – we already have yours!

Take your chapter membership to the next level!

The “3Rs” is coming soon.

“Reach Out, Recruit and Retain”

Sun Region Membership Resource Guide for promoting and growing your chapter.

Preview scheduled for the September board meeting.

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!

*From your Sun Region Marketing Team!
(Betty Baechele, , Ellen Bristol, Liz Burns, Margaret Kinsey & Jenna McClooney)*



Flamingo Fandango

SEMINAR 2011 Chair *Donna Christie announces:*

Seminar 2011 is only one year away! Pre-registration begins September 1 and runs through September 15. Class descriptions with photographs are posted on the EGA website (www.egausa.org). If you miss the opportunity to register early either online or in San Francisco, watch for the March edition of NeedleArts for the full seminar brochure and opening of regular registration.

We are looking forward to exciting classes and a lot of great things to do and see! Hotel reservations can be made starting September 20, 2010. Check the EGA website for any and all Seminar 2011 information and updates. Seminar updates and "teasers" can also be found on our region Facebook page "Sun and Sea Embroiderers." If you have a Facebook account, help promote our event by sharing this page with your "friends."

As your chapters prepare for upcoming events, please keep our seminar in mind. We realize that coming and participating the entire time may not be feasible for some members, so we invite you to come and just stay for the day or a couple of days. One days tours on Wednesday of seminar week will be offered, along with a great boutique and bookstore open all week for your shopping enjoyment. The International Embroidery Conference will be held just prior to the opening of Seminar 2011,

In the upcoming year, we will be selling seminar merchandise and ask all of our chapters to please support your Sun Region by promoting these items. As the Seminar 2011 hosts, we are working hard to make this seminar one of the best ever!

From the Region's Webmaster *(Lynn Abbey):*

We're making progress on the Sun Region website.

We've added a blog! Sun Region Threads (<http://www.sunregionega.org/SunRegionThreads/>) is designed to be a virtual meeting place not only for updates about region-based activities, but also for conversations about embroidery itself. Because, while it's important to know when a particular form has been revised, it's also important to share our excitement about embroidery itself. We will be demonstrating how the blog works at the September Region Meeting at the Sawgrass Marriott.

Earlier this summer I sent an email to each chapter's region representative to advise me about creating their chapters' spaces on the website. Four chapters have gotten back to me: Indian River, Central Florida, Neapolitan, and Chain Stitchers. Both Chain Stitchers and Indian River said that their chapters were already maintaining websites and asked only that I create a link from the region website to their chapters' sites. The Neapolitan chapter asked me to incorporate their chapter's information directly into the region website. The Central Florida chapter said that they'd been without an active website for almost a year. They asked me to help set up a new website and I was able to create Thimblefull Online (<http://centralflorida-ega.org>) for them. I would be glad to help other chapters create similar websites, which cost about \$15/year.

I hope that by the time we get to the Sawgrass Resort at the end of September, I will have been able to integrate several more chapters into the website and that we can start adventuring beyond the basics.



EGA presents:

Fifth International Embroidery Conference

“Embroidery of the Americas

and the Influence of Colonization.”

Featuring 8 speakers covering Native American, Spanish, English and French Influences.

September 8, 9, 10, 2011 at the

Naples Grande Resort, Naples, FL

Registration begins September 5, 2010 at Seminar 2010 in San Francisco.

Online registration will be available at www.egausa.org.

To All Sun Region members

Good news! Jo-Ann's has extended the 10% discount for EGA members.

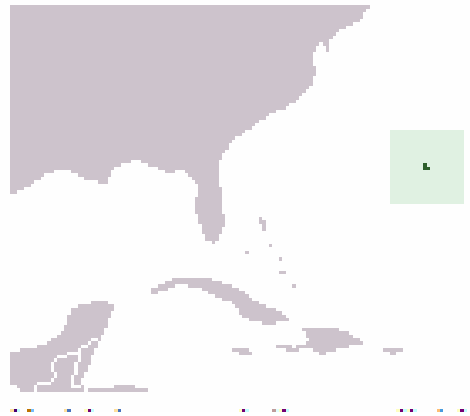
Here are the instructions for ordering your card:

In your web browser go to www.egausa.org
 Scroll down and on the right you will see a box
 "Be a Jo-Ann VIP - save 10% on every purchase."

Click on this box and click on "Enroll". Members are qualified to enroll in the "VIP Discount Card." Your card should arrive in the mail in 4-6 weeks. Note the requirements needed to activate your card.



Comi ng soon ...
map of chapters



Chapter Reports

BERMUDA

Kathy Faries

We ended our year with our Annual General Meeting in June which we held on a Saturday. We had our show of work for the year open to the public in the morning and then we enjoyed a pot luck lunch where we gave out a variety of awards for the various categories of needlework. We had a good attendance from the public.

We have had informal stitch ins during the summer and at the last one, with the help of our talented member, Kathryn Garcia, we experimented with cyanotype fabric where we laid items of choice on the fabric and left it in the sun. This created interesting patterns which we can embellish. What fun!



We start up our new year with a stitch-in luncheon in September and then we will be gearing up to do our PALS sale and tea in October. PALS is a local charity that helps cancer patients. We have a show of work, serve tea and goodies, and each member stitches something to sell. All proceeds go to PALS. It is a fun and worthwhile event.

BISCAYNE

Marge Holmes

On May 27th, we held a membership tea for some of our newest members. Although it was during the summer hiatus, it was well received and extremely informative with many excellent suggestions for increasing membership and making the meetings more interesting. We continued with our outreach stitching day on the 3rd Friday of the month during the summer months, knitting caps, stitching pillows and habitat samplers and putting names on samplers due to be dedicated.

We're been asked to participate at the ramble held at Fairchild Tropical Gardens in November and we look forward to presenting Biscayne Chapter EGA to the public at this well-attended affair. We're working on the plans already.

Our first meeting of the year is in September where we will complete our table favors for the Region luncheon and prepare our program for the Saturday evening education event, which is our Scissor Fob designed by Susan Kurtz (now deceased) for Biscayne Chapter.

In October, Adrienne Meyer will be teaching us how to finish a canvas ornament, and in November our election of officers followed in December by our annual Holiday party and Installation of those officers. We will also have a showing of our "white bag" challenge issued in June following our programs on color play. Last year's challenge was wonderful and we are anxious to see what marvelous wonders our members come up with this year.

Biscayne has received a large supply of knitting yard and we would like to share with the other chapters who are stitching items for their outreach projects. Please let me know if you would like some yarn and I will bring it to the September Sun Region meeting.



CENTRAL FLORIDA*Deby Tally*

We have been stitching up a storm over the summer- anything to stay out of the heat. Our summer school programs kept us busy. In June we learned how to do a picot edging on a small sachet bag. In July, Margaret Kinsey taught us a 4 inch geometric design in Christmas colors- perfect for Christmas in July. In August we learned how to make our Christmas piece into a small stand up- it was amazing to see the same piece finished and looking so different based on the fabric that was chosen and the ribbons that were used.



We are now gearing up for a fantastic fall - our chapter will celebrate our birthday with a cake at our September meeting, and we will be learning how to cover boxes at the same meeting, In October, we will be finishing up the landscape petite project series with the Winter piece. We have a few members heading off to seminar and as soon as they are back we look forward to getting our chapter webpage up and running.

CHAIN STITCHERS*Geni Dickinson*

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and, knock on wood, no hurricanes so far this year. Chain Stitchers chapter has been very busy over the summer and we have a full fall planned. The GCC Ikebana group has been meeting the third Thursday of the month at A Stitcher's Dream to work on the project. It is progressing nicely and Karen, the coordinator, should be sending back the projects very soon. Marge, our Hospice Outreach chairman, handed out opportunity slips to sell for our Hospice Outreach project in November. This year the opportunity premium will be a \$250 "no strings" Visa-type gift card instead of a tree. In June, we worked on Habitat samplers or anything we wanted to work on as we suspend business meetings and programs during the summer. It is interesting to see what everyone is working on at the meetings. It was Christmas in July and we worked on some ornaments but also had interesting show and tell with projects from Mayday Mayhem that had been finished. In August anything goes and we had 20 ladies working away on various projects: Ikebana, Christmas ornaments, samplers, etc.

In September it will be back to business meeting and programs and we have a nice selection of programs in the fall. In September, Linda will give a demonstration of Beading 101. Dolores will also have a September workshop on Personal Plaid. In addition, there will be National Seminar in San Francisco that I am planning on going to as well as the Region Meeting at Pointe Verde at the end of September. In October, the program will be given by Susan and will be a Hardanger Needlebook that she promises will be finished that evening. November's meeting will be Tips and Tools by the Chain Stitchers Board. The 3rd Annual Chapter Retreat at Florida Carriage Museum will also be in November as well as Lynn's annual Holiday Ornament Workshop. This year it is Sherri Jones "Noel Cushion." Lynn always does such a good job in teaching these ornament classes. In December we will have our Annual Holiday Party at which ornaments are exchanged. It is always so interesting to see the variety in these ornaments. All of this, and we have elections this year, so our new officers will be installed at the December meeting.

duCLAY*JoyceAnne Stevens*

This month(August) will see duClay back to their regular meeting place-the Orange Park Library. For the first four months of 2010 we met at various restaurants. Then we were able to use a meeting room at Joann's for the past three months. The meeting rooms at Joann's were very nice, well lighted, and shopping was close by. However, I believe everyone is looking forward to being back "home". Members are stitching on "Crazy Dreams" which is turning out to be a very enjoyable project. Everyone is picking their own threads and colors and the results are amazing.

At our July meeting one of our members brought in her finished GCC project which she took through National (Morning Glories by Ilse Altherr). Currently we have two members working on the GCC, Cleopatra's Cat, through National. We also have one member looking forward to attending the National Seminar in San Francisco.

At our July meeting we had a guest who joined EGA which makes a total of 2 new members and 1 plural member who have joined so far this year. We continue our 1st and 2nd Saturday Stitch-ins and have been having a really good attendance.

GULFVIEW

Judy deMeglio

We have had a pleasant summer with many members traveling or being snowbirds. Those of us who remained behind met bi-monthly for informal stitch-ins. We worked on several different mini-projects including refurbishing our Christmas ornament collection for our chapter tree, two different bookmark projects, a tyvek pin and a folded ribbon ornament.

TYVEK PIN MAKING:



forming ...



painting ...



Painted!

Our Outreach Chair attended a Habitat for Humanity dedication with a chapter-made sampler for the new owner. Another dedication will be held this Fall. We have made some afghans for babies and cancer patients, as well as many, many Kissing Pillows for our troops.

We are planning to start a round of Stitch-of-the-Month in September. In October, we will be learning how to make embroidered greeting cards from Julie Johnson from Sandhill Crane Chapter. In November, Ginny Smith is coming down to teach her Sunset design. Our Hospitality Chair is scouting places for our Christmas party. We have been invited to teach the Stitching Series at the New Port Richey Library starting in January.

INDIAN RIVER

Carol Tsoukalas

Indian River Chapter is busy preparing for our "Stitching Series for Adults". The teachers are selected and many of our members have signed up to assist the teachers during the program. This series was created by the Gulfview Chapter and edited for use by our chapter. It is going to be held at the Suntree Public Library, starting on Sept. 20th. We are getting free publicity as it was just advertised in one of our local community papers. The program lasts for 6 weeks and is limited to 12 students. We are hoping to get some prospective members as a result of the program. In conjunction with the program, we will also have our needlework on display in the library's showcase.

We are working very hard to encourage people to join EGA. Our membership recruiting committee has given each member new business cards to hand out to people with our chapter's information on them. They are so much easier to carry than bookmarks.

Our "Teaching the Children" program was a huge success. We had a total of 27 students: 8 beginners and 19 "experienced" or returning students. Ginny Gilbertson and her committee worked very hard on this.

Doreen Snyder has reported that she has collected 84% of her goal of 1500 toiletries for the homeless. Donna McFarland has 2 big boxes of stitching items ready to be sent out to the Brooke Medical Center in Texas and one is waiting to be sent to the Haley VA Center in Tampa, FL. Christine Kampmeyer just attended the 245th Habitat dedication. Our members are encouraged to keep on stitching the samplers so our supply doesn't run out. We are still stitching "kissing pillows" for Patrick Air Force Base. We also continue to collect postage stamps, pop tabs, and labels for education.

We do manage to stitch and have fun. In July, we celebrated "Christmas in July" by collecting items for a local children's haven and then we had fun making an adorable roly poly Santa Christmas ornament. We had our annual August book sale on Aug. 16th. In September, Thea Rusch, Collections Director from the Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts in Melbourne, will be speaking to us about the new exhibit: "Textiles of Latin America". In October, Annette Clark will teach our chapter the Comanche Stitch in beading.

Those of us who have finished Dee Meek's Petite Project, "My Mini Sampler", are looking forward to September when our president, Jineen Kulczycky, has promised to give us a gold needle to attach to our sampler.

NEAPOLITAN

Janet Kassing

Our chapter is deeply saddened by the passing of Jennifer Ashley Taylor on July 12th. We will remember her not only for her exquisite Japanese embroidery, but for her friendship, generosity, and smiling face.

Our summer stitch-ins and get-togethers during the summer months have been well attended considering so many of our members are snowbirds. In addition to stitch-ins at Harborside West arranged by Pauline Pulvirenti and at Moorings Park, we have met at members homes. Many thanks to Luan Callery, Betsy Newman, Ann Smith, Betty Baechle and Harriet Viohl for hostessing stitch-ins in their homes.

On July 21st we enjoyed attending "A Stitch in Time: Fiber Art in the 21st Century." This exhibit featured fiber art, quilts, mixed media textile art, and needlepoint by seven local artists. Then to McCormick & Schmick at the Mercato Center for lunch.

Our October meeting will be an ornament workshop conducted by Lilianne Rivera. Brazilian Embroidery has been selected as our group correspondence course. Upcoming classes include:

Margaret Kinsey's workshop "At Water's Edge" on January 17th & 18th

Rose Ford's beaded piece on February 17th & 18th

To our members attending EGA Seminar 2010 "Stitching on the Barbary Coast" in San Francisco, we wish you a safe and wonderful trip and look forward to you sharing your experiences with the rest of us.

SAND DOLLAR

Kay Dune

We start the 2010 -2011 year with our first meeting on Sept. 2. It will be great to see everyone again. There are a lot of interesting things planned for the coming year, so we should be very productive. Our Education program for the September meeting will be a biscornu taught by our member Helen Jennings. It sounds like a delightful project. There will not a speaker for this meeting, but our Vice President, Claire Kelly does have some interesting speakers lined up for future meetings.

During the summer, those of us that are not snowbirds met at the local libraries and stitched Christmas ornaments for our Outreach project for the Atlantic Life Skill program at one of the local high schools. Also, the ladies doing the GCC on the Blackwork Rose have been meeting monthly and doing a fantastic job on this beautiful project; some of pieces are finished and ready to be handed in.

SAND DUNES

Cheri Hammer

Summer is a relatively quiet time for the Sand Dunes chapter. We take a rest period from our monthly projects, breathe a big sigh of relief, and simply spend the summer stitching on whatever we want! We do keep in touch, though, through monthly stitch-ins. This summer we continued to work on our region-sponsored Group Correspondence Course, "Swiss Sampler", and our group project "In My Wildest Dreams". Both of these projects give everyone an opportunity to let their creative juices flow, challenging us with thread, color, and stitch selection – lots of fun!

Every August we have a Membership Coffee, where everyone is encouraged to bring someone (or more than one) along in to experience what our group has to offer. This year we had two guests sign up as new members – I think that might be some kind of record for us! And, one of them encouraged her daughter to join within the week.



One of the main focuses of the Membership Coffee is to reveal the programs for the coming year. This year we will be exploring techniques, designs, and patterns of needlework that are attributed to different areas of the world with our very own 2010-2011 Sand Dunes World Tour! In September we will start with "It's a Small World", a shining, celestial beaded scissors fob which is a small reminder that our love of needlework is shared with those from all parts of the planet. We will go on to stitch many other world-themed projects such as "Color My World", a tribute to autumn colors, and "Joy to the World", a celebration of the holiday season.

Our chapter provides a lot of help at the region and national level too, with many members serving on the region board and chairing several national seminar committees. We are looking forward to the 2010 National Seminar in San Francisco and our region meeting at the end of September. See you there!

SANDHILL CRANE *Carol Harrison*

Our chapter has informal stitch-ins over the summer months. In July, we met at Lynn Pittenger's house and in August, we met at the Brooksville library. Over the summer, we have been working on the Flamingo Name tags for the 2011 National Seminar.

In September and October, we will be working on the beaded Poinsettia pin that is in Needle Arts. Also, for the girls not doing the Poinsettia, we will be having a class in Hardanger, taught by Carol Riddler.

SARASOTA *Eleanor Langlois*

Sarasota Chapter finished our meeting year with our annual potluck picnic. Mary Lou Victor, Program Chair, arranged for a fun-filled program based on the theme "Sand in Our Sandals". There were prizes for the best decorated sandals, quiz games, and more. Table favors were tiny beaded sandals made by Sharon Kleinhardt and Marty Measel. I won a prize by wearing the only blue one!

Although we are not officially meeting in the summer, our stitch-ins continue and are very popular. We have had more than 20 stitching at each of our last three in-homes events. We also stitch at Jacaranda Library, Waldemere Fire Station and Sarasota's Senior Center.

We continue work on neo-natal and Habitat projects during the summer months. These keep our fingers flying. This summer, we also have assignments from Barbara Kaylor, Education. In July we stitched 2 pieces for a biscornu; in August, 2 small stitched pieces for a triangular scissors fob and a mini pillow, and in September we are to stitch fabric for a stand-up figure. These will be completed in our fall classes.

Our September meeting promises to be a hoot. We are to bring our most pathetic, ugly or pitiful piece of stitching to compete for a "P-U Hold Your Nose" award. Sounds like Fun!

SEA GRAPE *Charlotte Nelson, president*

Sea Grape Chapter began the summer with our annual Salad Luncheon in July, and in August Rae Rubin presented a wonderful program on the history of Judiac Needlework. Roseline Young will present a program on Fiber Art in September.

Several of our members have been working on the GCC - Moonlight Sonata. Our summer project has been to work on stitched items for the boutique at our up coming exhibit in February.



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Deliver to:

SEA GRAPE chapter news (cont.)

Sea Grape continues to support our outreach programs - bookmarks for the Literacy Guild of Lee County, caps for newborns at Lee Memorial Hospital and, of course, we save aluminium can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

On the fourth Saturday of each month, we participate in a stitching demonstration at the Edison Ford Estates. When weather permits, we stitch on the porch of Mr. Edison's home overlooking the Caloosahatchee River; otherwise, we are in the caretaker's cottage.

From your SUN NEWS editor Linda Anne Buehler:

Unfortunately our Reader poll was not very successful - we only had 2 responses. Here are the results:

1. What's the one technique you would love to master but are too afraid to try?
one person said D. Goldwork --- one person said "none"
2. Where would you rather take a class with a national teacher?
one person said B. At a region seminar --- one person said C. At a chapter/guild workshop

So, here's my question - should I try this again?

- A. Yes - and I have poll question suggestions
- B. Yes - but, I don't have any suggestions
- C. No - abandon it

Send your response to either SunStitcher6@aol.com or sunnews@sunregionega.org.
If you answered A., please send along your suggestions!!