



The Sun News

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RD's Message



I hope this note finds you looking forward to spring as much as I am. We have so many exciting things coming up, that there's something for every stitching taste.

I'd like to thank all the chapters for getting their Annual reports and financial statements submitted to National. Submitting these reports on time allows National to file their tax statement on time to continue our non-profit status.

Our First event for the year is the Stitcher's Celebration. The event plans are firmed up. Jenna and her team have some exciting things planned for us like a Silent Auction and many door prizes as well as a super Goodie Bag for each participant. If you haven't registered for the event, please do so soon so you don't miss out. Our hotel's room block at The Bohemian Celebration is almost full. If you want to save \$25 on your registration fee, you need to book your hotel reservation when you receive this newsletter. Once the room block is full, we can't expand it. I can't wait to see everyone and to visit the unique township of Celebration. The Columbia Restaurant is definitely calling me. I think you'll have a

great time at the event.

Second, there are several chapters commemorating special anniversary celebrations this year. It really makes me proud to see so many chapters that have a long legacy as well as our newer chapters celebrating their birthdays. Our membership numbers are up over the last quarter which is also something to celebrate.

Next, the new Education Grant guidelines are finished. Marge Holmes has the information in her article in this issue. Remember, if your chapter is small or has a light participation, solicit participation from other chapters. It's a great way to meet other EGA members and still participate in a GCC class or a workshop. Extend your

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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, Jan Clark, by calling 321- 639-2398. She can provide you with further contact information for board members and committee chairs.

2012 Calendar

March 9 - 10	Marion Scoular classes	Central FL Chapter - Orlando area
April 14 - 15	Sun Region meeting	Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs
May 18-20	Stitcher's Celebration	Bohemian Celebration Hotel, Celebration, Florida

The Sun News is published quarterly - March, June, September and December

Region officers, committee chairs and chapter representatives are reminded that the deadlines for submissions are: March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

Thanks to all of you who sent your articles for insertion in this newsletter in a timely manner. Remember, this newsletter is entirely dependent on you for content.

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hand across the aisle and say "Hi" to sister members. Case in point, I recently attended a class with the Central Florida Chapter where I met the Chairman from National Seminar 2009 and two other members from the New England area. Sharing classes with other chapters is a great opportunity to participate in the Education Grant program – Don't miss out.

Don't forget the Gold Thread and Bobby Pilling awards. These were mentioned in the previous EGA national broadcast from Sue Hacker Nelson. Both are due early May (May 1 and 5, respectively). Forms and details are on the EGA national web in the Members area.

In early March I will be attending the National Board meetings in Louisville, Kentucky. I will have a report for you all at the April Region Meeting. Speaking of the April Region Meeting, we'll be meeting at the Hilton – Orlando hotel in Altamonte Springs. Please take a minute to complete the Clip and Mail coupon for the luncheon and get it back to Betty Baechle. Canopy Oaks is our host chapter and will be presenting the Saturday evening program.

So get your needles ready to embark on new stitching opportunities. I look forward to seeing your pieces in the show and tell displays.

Jan Clark, Sun Region Director

ARD's Report

Betty Baechle

By the time we all get together this spring we will have celebrated Easter and Passover. Grandkids and college students have had spring break. Before all of that activity begins we have some planning for the region meeting to do. Here is the information you need so that you are ready for our region meeting. Note the important deadlines.

Date: Friday 04/13/2012 to 04/14/2012

Place: Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs

Phone number: 1-800-678-4380

Deadline for our room block: 03/16/2012

Room Rate: \$112.00 ++ Be sure to state you are with the Sun Region Embroiderers' Guild to get the discounted room rate.



Directions: from the east coast - I - 4 to exit 92, left onto SR 436 South, to 2nd traffic light, Northlake Blvd. right onto Northlake Blvd. From the Tampa area I - 4 to exit 92, right onto SR 436 South, to 1st traffic light, Northlake Blvd, right onto Northlake Blvd.

The hotel has been recently renovated so it will be nice and fresh for us. It has self parking and all the other usual amenities.

Remember to send your lunch reservations coupon from page 12 to me. The date on the coupon means that I need to have it in my hands by that date. Thanks for your cooperation with meeting this deadline.

The Saturday evening program will be a lecture. We will have the opportunity to fill our minds with stitching information. You will have a full description of the programs at the meeting. I know it will be one that you will not want to miss. There is no fee for this program. The host chapter is Canopy Oaks.

Don't forget that all our meetings are open so invite other chapter members to attend. It could turn into a fun stitching weekend. See you soon. Betty

Treasurer's Report

Pam Doffek

Income/Expense by Category

1/1/2012 through 2/29/2012

INCOME	
2. Member dues	\$3.00
3. Interest	\$9.09
5. Seminar	\$400.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$412.09
EXPENSES	
27. State Tax	\$6.90
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6.90
OVERALL TOTAL	\$405.19
Checking Acct Balance	\$5,774.58
Money market	\$35,062.91
Total Assets	\$40,837.49

Sun & Sea Embroiderers

Invite your Friends to Visit

Help spread the word about EGA and Sun Region chapters. All you need is a Facebook account to share this information with family and friends.



Make it Interesting and Fun!

We need to publish photographs and current information about chapter events, accomplishments, and other fun stuff.

From your personal Facebook page, type *Sun & Sea Embroiderers* in the search box and press enter. In the menu on the right, click on "Invite Friends". The response will be a box with the title "Suggest Sun & Sea Embroiderers to Friends". Select all of the individuals you wish to invite and click on "Send Invitations." In addition to your friends who enjoy needlework, invite other friends and family and introduce them to EGA.

Invitations will go out to each friend you selected. Hopefully they will visit our page and "friend" it. As we add events, photos and news, all Sun's friends will receive postings on our activities and interests. The word will continue to spread.

To maintain interest, news and photos must be added on a regular basis. Some examples include exhibits, anniversaries, workshops, GCC projects, outreach projects, public education and anything else that represents our collective love and promotion of the art of embroidery.

We can feature events in the future, recently past or events in progress. Send photos and event information (please include details) to me, your Social Media Coordinator, Jenna McClooney at socialmedia@sunregionega.org and I will upload it to *Sun & Sea Embroiderers*.

Let's work together to spread the word! Thank you to each member who supports our efforts.

Committee Reports

BYLAWS & NOMINATING *Jineen Kulczycky, chair*

The Nominating Committee and Bylaws Committee have nothing new to report at this time.

EDUCATION *Marge Holmes, chair*

Our new policy on GCC/Workshop grants is now available on the website and included in this newsletter on the next page. Be sure to make this information available to your chapter education chair.

Are you aware that on the National website you can sign-up to take part in a pilot program. Go to the Members Only section. Under Forms, Guides etc. Correspondence Course Docs, Pilot Application where you will find an application to fill in to let National know you are available to work on one of these. I was unaware of this myself until recently, And haven't tried it yet, but check it out and see if you or any of your members would be interested in doing a Pilot Class.

If your Chapter is having a special workshop or program, or doing a GCC, and you would like to have other chapter members participate, let me know and I will get the information on the website.

OUTREACH *JoyceAnne Stevens, chair*

What is "outreach"? For an interesting and perhaps enlightening read see the article at the EGA web site. You will need to login into the Members Only section. You will find some new ideas and I think you will be surprised to find that you may have been "reaching out" and didn't know it. There is also a list of links to charitable organizations, some free charts, and a couple of places to send donations of stitching materials. This is the location of the beautiful poster you can download and print for the "Stitch in Public" events.

Reminder: speaking of stitching in public, Janice Meyers the National Outreach Chairman wants to hear about your "Stitch in Public" activities. Please send your reports directly to her but please send a copy to me also. Our e-mail addresses are simple. Janice is outreach@egausa.org and I am outreach@sunregionega.org

Thanks to those who have sent their reports.

ROSTER *Debbie Sewell, chair*

The Sun Region roster for 2012 has been sent to all the chapter presidents, representatives and committee chairmen. I would like to thank everyone who provided me with information for the roster.

I would like to remind all of our reps to check the current roster on a regular basis to be sure that the information hasn't changed for anyone. Please pay close attention to the phone numbers and email addresses. It is very important that the region director and other members of the board can contact people in a timely manner and that isn't possible if the information is incorrect. "Pencil in" updates will be emailed out as necessary. Thank you for your help.

2012 Sun Region Grant to chapters: GCC or chapter workshop

Sun Region has authorized \$1000.00 for 2012. The minimum number of students is 10. If by the Fall Sun Region meeting all funds have not been spoken for, chapters can request a second grant. All grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Process:

1. Decide which GCC or workshop your chapter wants to offer to its membership.
2. Collect registration commitments within your chapter. If you have 20 registrants for a workshop or 21 registrants for a GCC (20 + 1 group leader) follow either procedure a) or b), below, depending on whether your chapter is offering a workshop or GCC to its members
 - a. For GCCs: Send for, and complete, the paperwork from National. Please read registration process instructions carefully. These instructions can be found on the EGA website or in the Education catalog. The completed "EGA Registration Request Form" in the Education catalog should be sent to National headquarters. National headquarters will return a separate Registration form which will include additional instructions. The chapter must submit a copy of a complete Registration (not the EGA Registration Request) form to the region treasurer, Pam Doffek, to receive a grant check for \$100.00. (This grant process is completely separate from the GCC registration process. *The chapter remains responsible for all required communications with the teacher and National headquarters.*)
 - b. For workshops: Submit a copy of the signed teacher contract to the region treasurer, Pam Doffek, to receive a grant check for \$100
3. If in step 2 your chapter does not get the required number of registrants, then notify the Region Education Chairman at education@sunregionega.org who will see that your workshop or GCC is advertised on the region website and elsewhere for two months. Please provide a contact email address for the advertisement. (If your chapter is offering a GCC and you have at least 10 registrants, it's appropriate to begin your National headquarters paperwork process when the advertising period begins.)
4. At the end of two months or when registration reaches 21 (whichever happens first), follow the appropriate procedure in Step 2, above.

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

Please allow 6 weeks for paperwork to be processed.

Enjoy your class!!!!

WEBSITE *Lynn Abbey, chair*

There's a new look at the Sun Region website!

Everything you wanted to know about Sun Region can be found at our redesigned website, <http://sunregionega.org> ... and if it isn't, let me know.

We've got seminar updates, education events, calendars, meeting agendas, the Region Representative's notebook in digital form, and the region boutique and we've got it in a new layout that will—your webmistress hopes---be easier to navigate. Across the top of the every page, you'll find tabs and sub-tabs that can guide you to specific information within the site; or click on a topic in the "Keyword Search" area of the right sidebar to see a list of all the places on the site where that keyword is mentioned.

Every chapter now has a page within the region website. If a chapter maintains its own website, then there's a link to the chapter website on the region's page. Chapters that do not have their own websites can add information to their region page in one of two ways:

- If they're lucky enough to have a technologically curious member, I can give that member a quick tutorial and turn the page over to her/him
- Or the chapter can designate a member to send me emails with specific information for their page.

You may ask, but what about *embroidery*? What about having *fun* with embroidery and sharing our passion? Well, <http://sunregionega.org> has a daughter-site, <http://sunregionega.org/SunRegionThreads>, where embroidery rules and conversations about embroidery are encouraged. Right now I'm looking for a few volunteers to get the conversations rolling, so if you're interested in learning how to "blog" about embroidery (or if you already know), email me, and we'll get this party started!



Don't miss out on the best stitching retreat you will ever attend!

Shopping	Activities	Stitching
<p>Visit needlework and bead shops en route to the event or plan an outing during the event. There's also shopping in Celebration Town Center, just steps from the hotel.</p>	<p>Make & Take clinics, silent auction, opportunity drawings, door prizes, fabulous goodie bag, box lunch by the lake, party with friends and more!</p>	<p>The spacious & well-lit stitching room will be open 24 hours – stitch till you drop! Relax and make your own schedule to eat, sleep and enjoy.</p>

Stitcher's Celebration
May 18-20, 2012
Celebration Florida

Location: Bohemian Hotel Celebration in Celebration FL. Make your room reservations now as space is limited. Call 1-888-249-4007 and state you are with EGA. The room rate is \$160.00 plus tax. Information for alternate hotels can be found at www.sunregionega.org.

Register: The registration form was recently e-mailed to Sun members or you can find it at www.sunregionega.org. Include your check for \$25.00 if you are staying at the Bohemian Hotel Celebration, or \$50.00 if commuting or staying at an alternate hotel. Complete information can be found on the registration form.

**Everyone Can Participate in Fundraising for
Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Florida**

Chapters can raise funds in various ways such as proceeds from a special table sale, opportunity drawings, cash donations or other creative activities. Individuals can collect from family, friends and neighbors, arrange for sponsors or make cash donations. How about payback for all the times you donated to your kids' and grandkids' school and team activities? Stitcher's Celebration attendees will have the opportunity to participate in fundraising during the event such as opportunity drawings, and a silent auction. For information about fundraising, please go to Sun's website www.sunregionega.org or directly to RMHCCF www.rmhccf.org for details about this worthy organization.



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Chapter Reports

BERMUDA

Shina Lyons

Hello from sunny Bermuda. Our guild has been very busy this year. Since my last letter we had a UFO day and sold \$104.00 which will be donated to the MS Society here since one of our members is affected.

In February meeting we had rug hookers here and they came to our meeting. They were interested in the work we were doing and the Stitchers were interested in the hooking. One lady was using stockings to hook with so the rug could be washed if needed. We also were given homework to do before March meeting when we start a small tampanto work shop taught by one of our members.

Two groups are doing correspondence courses this year And these should be on the way soon.

This weekend is our marathon stitch day at a hotel here, we have a big group this year,38 of us so should be enjoyed by all.

All in all the Bermuda group are keeping our fingers Stitching...

BISCAYNE

Marge Holmes

Our December meeting was our annual Holiday Party with excellent food prepared by our members, tables decorated, game played and a stitching surprise gift for everyone. We also had our annual food drive for the pantry at the Riviera Presbyterian Church where we meet.

In January, a beautiful Sampler program was presented by Carol Ann Kirkpatrick, which left our members drooling over her beautiful samplers and the history of samplers. In February Schelley Iman-Loch gave us a detailed program on how our library is now arranged and a detailed report on each of the five new books purchased for our library this past year. This was a very informative and lively program which was enjoyed by the members.

In March we will have a short business meeting due to the fact that our normal large meeting area is not available this month our annual stash sale will not be held until May when the space will be available. Instead, there will be a hands on project presented to all the members by Carol Ann Kirkpatrick. At this time we will be collecting donations for the Ronald McDonald House in conjunction with the Stitcher's Celebration this coming May.

Normally in March we stitch in public at the Dade County Fair, but this year we have been informed that the space for our "hangings" has been pre-empted and there is no other space available for us to sit and stitch and demonstrate and talk to possible new members.

In April we're asking our members to be prepared to stitch a bookmark for the annual Literacy Program for Children. Last year we distributed to four classrooms over 120 bookmarks and hope to do as well or better next year. We are hoping that the GCCs gift to our chapter members will be received from National in time to begin our stitching and to work on them at our Saturday Stitch-ins at the Church as well as our get-togethers at Members' homes.

In May, we will have an important business meeting and our annual stash sale.

CANOPY OAKS

Linda Dean

The December meeting for Canopy Oaks chapter was an exception this year as we had a baby shower for member Christine Thompson. We also had our annual Cookie Swap and Gift Exchange. Each member brought 3 dozen cookies to give away and a container to take from the selections that others brought. Yummm! For the Gift Exchange, those who wanted to participate brought a wrapped gift. Each person then selected in turn. Several gift items were original art work, such as embroidery or hand-woven basket. Afterward, we all shared a dish-to-pass brunch and then left with smiles.

January program was a spinning demonstration by a local artist who creates threads for embroidery and yarn for knitting. Afterward, members stitched or helped each other on the Hummingbird and Honeysuckle GCC. This GCC will be complete in May 2012 and coordinator Pam Doffek will send them to the instructor.

“Stitch-In-Public Day” was coordinated by Outreach Chairman, Jacque Clemens, and involved a full-day of members stitching at the Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library as well as a month-long exhibit of needlework that filled two display cases.

At the February chapter meeting, members began to stitch a needlepoint project called “Folding Ort Box” designed by Marilyn Owen and taught by member Anne Wright. This charming piece has 12 members engrossed in counting and stitching.

In the near future, Canopy Oaks will serve as hostess at the April 14-15 Sun Region meeting. Upcoming chapter programs include a beaded scissors fob in March.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

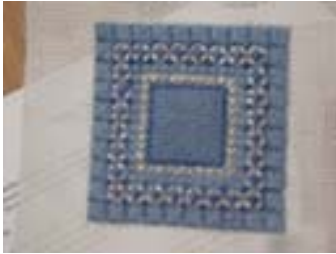
Deby Talley

Spring is here in Central Florida and the pollen is out, so what a wonderful excuse to stay in and stitch! We have had a very good stitching year at the chapter level. Our January project was doing a petite project and doing a nametag with Hedebo edging. In Feb, Margaret Kinsey led us in a canvas heart project and in March we will be hosting Marion Scoular for 2 days of class. Our Wednesday group continues to work on the Romanian lace with great success. I have seen at least one finished bird and was beautiful. We are hoping to see many of our stitching sisters here in May for the Sun Region Stitcher’s Celebration.

CHAIN STITCHERS

Geni Dickinson

Chain Stitchers has had a busy time since December 2011 and has plans for a busy spring! At the Christmas dinner, it was announced that we had donated \$1,012 to Cornerstone Hospice. Judy Ramker and her team worked very hard with pledges and stash sales to make this money for one of our Outreach projects. Sadly, we lost a member, Jane Jones, who died unexpectedly in January. She will be missed. In January, I gave a program on the history of samplers. In February, Carol Kniepkamp gave a demonstration project on ribbon embroidery. Several of our members have been busy working on Moonlight Sonata, Cindy Valentine’s GCC. It is amazing all the beautiful color variations our members have used on this piece. In March and April, Lynn Abbey will lead us in two programs on Cindy Valentine’s Autumn Splendor. These are a needlebook and scissors fob. In May, we will celebrate our 17th Anniversary Dinner – Tea with ... catered by Alice Woerner. In June, July, and August, we have informal meetings with members working on Community Outreach projects or any stitching we wish to do. We have several members who are planning to attend the Sun Region Seminar in Celebration, FL and are looking forward to meeting and seeing stitching friends from the state there.

duCLAY*JoyceAnne Stevens*

The duClay Chapter started off the new year with a beginners class in canvaswork. We held it during our Second Saturday Stitch-in so that more members would be able to attend and participate. We used a free chart from Rainbow Gallery called very simply "Quilt Square" by Ruth Dilts. It was chosen because it used 6 different stitches and included 2 versions of the tent stitch—continental and basketweave. The chapter provided the canvas and stitchers provided thread in their choice of colors. We had 7 beginner needlepointers who were enthusiastic and quick stitchers. We were able to stitch half the ornament at the first meeting and almost everyone completed the rest before the next meeting with the exception of the basketweave which was taught at the February

stitch-in. At our March Second Saturday Stitch-in we will have a lesson on finishing the ornament. We are planning another beginner's class in a different technique later in the year. For the next few months we are encouraging and mentoring our new needlepointers as they choose a new projects on their own.

We are putting together a display of needlework for the month of April at the Orange Park Library where we meet.

GULFVIEW*Judy DeMeglio*

We had a class in Hardanger taught by Judy DeMeglio in January which was continued in February. We began an Outreach project – the Stitching Series six week program at the Regency Park Library in New Port Richey with nine students and successfully completed it in February. Another Outreach effort was donating six blankets to the Linus Project. We also had a "Stitch-in-Public" day at the Regency Park Library with sixteen members participating. See photo at right. We had quite a bit of interest shown by the patrons. We have begun a fund-raising project of a candlewick quilt which our members will be stitching, with a projected completion date of September. We will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary on March 14. In April we will begin a canvas class "Patches" by Dorothy Leshner. At the present time we have 52 members.

**INDIAN RIVER***Jineen Kulczycky*

November's Super Show & Tell was an "eye candy" exhibit of the pieces completed by Indian River members in 2011 as both programs at our meetings as well as outside group projects. We then ended 2011 with a December luncheon at the Crowne Plaza in Indialantic and our annual ornament exchange.

Now on to 2012. Indian River Chapter is busy as usual. Our members are now working on the Beginning Hardanger GCC, continuing to stitch Habitat for Humanity samplers, stitching Kissing Pillows and enjoying our Satellite Groups and other stitching groups. We are presently showing our "Hearts" during the month of February at the Fee Avenue Library in Melbourne. The members completed a Rhodes Shamrock kit at our February meeting with Adrienne Meyer, our 2012 Program Chairman. Now we are gathering our beads for March when Judith Richardson will teach us "The Twist"—an Ndebele bracelet or necklace.



The members are also looking forward to celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Indian River Chapter with a luncheon in May. At this time we will distribute our "IRC Stitch Book" which includes a selected stitch from each member.

A number of IRC members are excited they will be attending the Sun Region Stitcher's Celebration in May. At our January Stash Sale, we put some of our proceeds aside to donate to the chosen partner charity—The Ronald McDonald House.

NEAPOLITAN*Janet Kassing*

Our exhibit "The Art of Embroidery" held on February 16-18 in the Moorings Park auditorium was a big success and very well attended. In addition to displaying 115 pieces stitched by our members, the exhibit included:

- a boutique which was again this year a very important part of our exhibit with countless items donated by members and friends
- a tea cup auction with three items stitched and donated by members, Hardanger hand towels, stumpwork clock, and an adorable needlepoint bunny named Lisbeth Lop
- an area where members demonstrated different stitching and beading techniques.
- a table "Remembering Jennifer Ashley-Taylor" displayed pieces stitched by her along with several awards won by her.

A new addition this year was a "Learn to Stitch" sign-up sheet for free beginning class in counted cross stitch, crewel, or needlepoint. Six interested individuals are scheduled to participate in these classes



Melba Kelly's "Floral Melody" beaded purse won the Members' Choice Award. Accepting in Melba's behalf, Bunny Sorchevich is shown holding the purse [on left] The Members' Choice Award was won by Rose Ford's "Good Enough to Eat", a box of ribbon chocolates shown with Rose [right].



Our sincere appreciation and thanks goes to our members who worked so long and hard and also to our friends and other EGA chapter members who traveled far to visit our exhibit. The donations received support our community outreach and our EGA education programs.

In addition to our Exhibit and our regular meetings and stitch-ins, we had other events during early 2011

- "Stumpwork Iris" class with Michele Roberts
- Michele Roberts crewel PowerPoint presentation on Jacobean embroidery
- two stitch-in public days at Palm Cottage

Looking ahead, in addition to our regular meetings and stitch-ins, we have the following scheduled on our calendar:

March 22, 23 & 26	Pilot class "Rose of Shannon" with Joan Thomasson
April 16 & 17	Passion Potion Bottle Necklace pilot class with Barbara Ellis
April 18	Spring Luncheon at The Country Club of Naples hosted by Ann Smith.
April 30	Pilot class "Bead-witched & Bewildered" necklace with Barbara Ellis
May 18-20	Sun Region's "Stitcher's Celebration"

SAND DOLLAR*Kay Dune*

Sand Dollar has been very busy the last few months. We had a very successful Stitch in Public at Hobby Lobby in Daytona. A lot of foot traffic and a couple of interested ladies.

One of the new strategies we are going to try is a Speakers Bureau. Last December Sand Dollar received a request to put on a 15 minute program for a local church group. Our then president, Mary Burkholder and newsletter editor, Brenda Akarjalian put together a slide show of our work and outreach program with a script. Also on hand to help out and answer questions were two other members. The program was such a big hit the ladies are going to do the program for our members at the March meeting. We are all looking forward to it.

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The March education project will be stitching a needlepoint eye glass case designed by member Joyce McGanka.

February we had our annual Stitch Away at the Halifax Yacht Club in Daytona. Four classes were offered and a lovely luncheon was had by all. That about sums it up for Sand Dollar.

SAND DUNES

Debbie Sewell

The Cleopatra Cat GCC group continues to meet once a month. We have 10 members participating. Six are stitching the original cat shape, with several changing the colors to reflect their favorite cats. We also have participants stitching an alligator, a Basset Hound, a turtle and a goldfish. All of these are in various colors.

We held our annual Stitch-in-Public day on Saturday, February 4. We met at the Books-a-Million store in Destin from 10am until 4pm. We had 9 members in attendance and had 10 visitors. Many were interested in our upcoming exhibit and one expressed interest in coming to a meeting to "check us out."

We held our bi-annual needlework exhibit from February 17 through February 19. "Needleart in the Atrium II" was held at the Westwood Retirement Resort in Fort Walton Beach. This year, a category for pieces that were stitched 20 or more years ago was added. It was very interesting to see how much stitching has changed during the years.

In March, our Basic Training program continues with "Haircuts". We will learn the turkeywork stitch and explore other threads and stitches that can be used for hair and fur.

In April, we will have "Graduation". Members will bring in a painted canvas from their stashes and we will help suggest stitches and threads to use on it. Originally, we planned on a fieldtrip to our local needlework store to pick out threads but sadly our shop closed its doors in October. Instead, we will be encouraged to use threads from our stash.

We will finish up our program year with our annual May Luncheon at a local restaurant.

SANDHILL CRANE

Linda Hansen

Our chapter has started a small but industrious group that has pledged to stitch one ornament a month. The group plans to display their accomplishments at the annual Christmas party. The chapter also arranged to stitch-in-public once a month at a local library branch in hopes of attracting new members and reintroducing patrons to embroidery. We are continuing in-house programs each month and finishing the "Hummingbird and Honey-suckle" GCC

SARASOTA

Bonnie Hearl

December, January and March have been very busy times for the Sarasota Chapter of EGA. We started out in December with our annual Christmas Luncheon and Ornament swap party. We incorporated our installation of new officers into this day, picked our winner of our UFO contest, and had lots of raffle drawings. Our Programs Chair, Mary Lou Victor put together a fun-filled party.

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We have a very busy Chapter in Sarasota with one or two meetings going on just about every week. In addition to our Chapter meeting, we have a Sarasota stitch-in at the Senior Friendship Center in Sarasota, a Venice stitch-in at the Jacaranda Library in, a stitch and chat that is hosted by one of our members, a sampler group gathering which is hosted by a member, and a bead group. Then of course we have the girls that just get together for the sake of stitching.

In January we had a wonderful showing of our work at the Jacaranda Library in Venice. It is a wonderful venue and they have invited us back again next year. Hopefully we will get one or two members as a result of the show.

We had a Tamari Ball class in January that was taught by our own Jean Orcutt. Those who took the class seemed to really enjoy it. Since the class there have been many pretty tamari balls popping up everywhere.

In February a visiting teacher, Carolyn Mitchell, taught a two-day canvas class titled "Florentine Dream". It is an exquisite piece and we had some very excited stitchers taking the class.

In March we are very excited about one of our own members, Cathy Lyons, teaching us a class in Romanian Point Lace. By the chatter going on I think this is a new technique for most of us, and we are very thrilled that she is willing to teach. The nice thing about having a member teach a class is she is always there when you get in trouble.

In April we are having a class taught by Grace Glass on card making using just a needle, thread and cardboard. In May we are having a class taught by Clemmie Rounds on how to make an Orts container from heavy fabric and a 4' hoop. They both sound fun and interesting.

Our outreach programs are going along very well. As one of our outreach programs is the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, we had a nurse come and speak to us at a chapter meeting to make suggestions on what was needed most and to thank us for all we had done so far for the babies and families, she also showed us a video of the babies and how tiny they can be. It was a wonderful session and just what we needed to get us going. Our other outreach program Bethesda House is always ongoing with members bringing in supplies monthly. Our Kissing Pillows program has been a huge success with a total of 78 pillows to date.

I am always excited about EGA, and am pleased to be the new Regional Representative. I hope I can be as productive as the people who preceded me.



April 14, 2012 Sun Region Meeting - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Reservations, Altamonte Springs Hilton
Dietary Restrictions? _____

Name _____ Chapter _____

E-Mail _____ Phone: _____

Mail your reservation and check for \$22.00 (payable to Sun Region EGA) to be received by March 21, 2012 to:

Betty Baechle - ARD Sun Region
10716 Mirasol Drive #602
Miromar Lakes, FL 33913

I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Canopy Oaks. Circle one: Y N



Stitcher's Celebration Hotel Reservation and Event Registration Instructions

1. Reserve your hotel

- Contact the Bohemian Hotel Celebration at 1-888-249-4007 and state you are with EGA. Most attendees will check-in on Friday May 18 and check out Sunday May 20.
- *The hotel is located at 700 Bloom St, Celebration FL, 34747*
- The cut off date for booking the hotel at our special rate is April 18, 2012 – Please keep in mind, our room block may be sold out prior to that time, so you are encouraged to book NOW.
- You also have the option of staying at a nearby hotel (see www.sunregionega.org for alternate hotel information under the *Stitcher's Celebration* tab.)

2. Register to attend Stitcher's Celebration

Complete the registration form and mail it along with your check to Pam Burke (see address below). We need your help – **please register now** so your committee has time to can make all of the advance arrangements necessary for a successful event!

Stitcher's Celebration Registration Form	
Name: _____	EGA Membership #: _____
Chapter: _____	
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____
Emergency Contact: _____	Phone: _____
Staying at Celebration Hotel? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Registration fee: \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> No Registration fee: \$50	
Confirmation # must be provided to qualify for the \$25 rate. Make checks out to Sun Region EGA.	
If Yes, Confirmation #: _____ Roommate: _____	
Indicate nights at Celebration Hotel <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 5/18 <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 5/19	
To register, fill out this form and mail it with a check for the appropriate registration fee to: Pam Burke 118 Dana Pointe Niceville, FL 32578 Pam.burke@cox.net	For Questions, contact: Jenna McClooney (727) 207-0420 jennalee@hotmail.com or Betty Baechle (239)-405-2553 betbaechle@comcast.net
Confirmation of registration will be sent by email. If USPS is preferred, include a SASE with your registration	