



The Sun News

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Can you believe it's summer already? Time flies when you have a needle in your hand! We had a terrific time at Stitcher's Celebration last weekend. As usual, it went by too fast. Everything was very nice. I especially loved getting up early to sit on the veranda with my coffee and just take in the sights and sounds of the early morning wild-life. Jenna's article will have all the details in case you missed it or had to leave early. My thanks go to the Stitcher's Celebration team for planning a terrific retreat / stitching marathon / gathering whatever you wanted it to be. The event turned out to be a very relaxing weekend where we could chat with old and new friends and shop, and maybe take some stitches in between sharing stories.

The next opportunity is the Region's first Stitch A-Long. For those who haven't participated in an on-line class or blog, this will be a new experience. We've chosen Marie Campbell's *Garden Path* nametag as the project. Patterns were ordered from National and kits could be ordered from Marie Campbell. There's a link to the Threads Blog on

the right side of the region's webpage, beneath the manatee. Threadbender has agreed to be our Pathfinder and has started her stitching. We are participating by writing questions and tips to the Blog so everyone can see them. Photos will be posted for everyone to see as well. This should be an interesting venture. Come on over to the blog and see what it's all about for future classes. Since the deadline to order patterns was May 31st, notice was distributed via your chapter's region rep. If you didn't hear about this opportunity, you might want to check with your rep.

The pieces for our *Viva Punt!* event in 2013 were unveiled to rave reviews. Early registration closes June 16 and classes are beginning to fill; so don't delay in registering. We will have photos and info on the Sun Region website so you can go there and see the pieces if you missed them at Celebration. There are 1/2-day, 1-day and 2 days classes to choose from in several techniques. Lynn will have a link from the Region's home page to the event information.

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2012 Calendar

May 18 – June 16	Viva Punt Early Registration
September 10	Deadline to make reservation for fall region meeting
October 13-14	Sun Region fall meeting
May 3 – 5, 2013	<i>Viva Punt!</i> ”

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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I'd like to close with a quote from the May/June issue of "Just Cross Stitch" magazine that is applicable to our stitching endeavors. "Summer colors are everywhere we look. As you ply every stitch, you are creating your needlework legacy. Savor each one and enjoy the beauty of the season."

Yours in stitches,

Jan



Late Breaking News!

Christine Kampmeyer, of the Indian River Chapter, is the 2012 winner of EGA's Gold Thread Award for Sun Region. I'd like to congratulate all the nominees for their dedication and hard work for the region. I congratulate their chapters for recognizing their hard work and thank them for submitting the nominations. We appreciate all that you do to make EGA and Sun Region a success.



ARD REPORT

Betty Baechle

Save the dates!! Graduation, wedding bells and thinking of summer travel plans are now floating through everyone's mind. While you are checking your calendar mark these dates down for October. The next Sun Region Board meeting is on Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14, 2012. The location is at the timeshare resort Hilton Grand Vacation Club on International Drive. It is near exit 68 off of I-4 in the Orlando area.

Accommodations are studio or one-bedroom suites. They each have kitchens, screened porch and king beds. One-bedroom suite also has a dining room, living room with sleeper sofa. Since it is a resort they have recreation programs for all ages so plan on bringing your family as they will have lots to do while you are in our meeting. You can arrive early and stay longer. It is adjacent to Orlando Premium Outlets and near Downtown Disney. More about the area and resort will be in the next newsletter.



Call [1-866-782-9442](tel:1-866-782-9442) and request the [Embroiderers Guild of America Board Meeting rate](#). Studio is \$109 and one-bedroom is \$139 plus tax. [Expiration of our room block is September 10](#). They will release the rooms in our block after that date so it is very important that you reserve your room. Reserve now before it's forgotten and you get it off your to do list.

What a Celebration we had in Celebration!!!!!!!!!!!! Existing friendships were renewed and enriched plus new ones formed. There was lots of laughter, giggling, shopping, sharing ideas, and of course lots of stitching. Would you believe someone finished ten —yes ten — projects while in Celebration! Thanks to all of you we also had a resoundingly successful region fundraiser. WOW you all out-did yourselves. Thank you for helping make this event special. Keep on stitching, enjoy the summer and I'll see you in October. *Betty*

TREASURER'S REPORT*Pam Doffek***Income/Expense by Category - YTD****1/1/2012 through 6/2/2012**

INCOME

11. Contributions - Unrestricted	37,512.63	37,512.63
13. Other	242	242
2. Member dues	380.25	380.25
3. Interest	27.55	27.55
4. Educational Events	838.4	838.4
5. Seminar	1,304.14	1,304.14
7. Fund Raising Events	725	725
TOTAL INCOME	41,029.97	41,029.97

EXPENSES

17. Educational Events	100	100
18. Seminar	5,130.94	5,130.94
25. Officers' Travel	610.7	610.7
27. Other	18,829.81	18,829.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,671.45	24,671.45

OVERALL TOTAL

16,358.52 16,358.52

Account Balances - As of 6/2/2012

Compass-SR EGA Checking	2,166.35
Compass-SR EGA Money Market	35,081.37
Regions Money Market	18,000.00
Regions-SR EGA Checking	1,543.10
TOTAL Bank Accounts	56,790.82

OVERALL TOTAL

56,790.82

The National Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate for EGA 2012 - 2015:

President - Gwen Nelson (TVR)
 Vice President - Molly McLaughlin (GPR)
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Carole Rinard
 Chairman, Nominating Committee

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Janine Bangs
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 Kris Kyles

Committee Reports

BYLAWS

Jineen Kulczycky, chair

The following motion was made by Pam Doffek, Sun Region Treasurer, at the very end of the last region meeting. So that everyone is aware of it, here is the motion.

Sun Region Treasurer recommends the Sun Region Policies & Procedures include the following: The Embroiderers Guild of America, Chapter/Region Financial Guidelines be the guiding document for payment reporting forms to teachers/lecturers as independent contractors. Rationale: These guidelines supersede the former 1099-MISC instructions. This will to be added to Policies & Procedures, V. Fiscal Policies, A. General Policies, paragraph #8.

EDUCATION

Marge Holmes, chair

Sandhill Crane has announced their GCC Opportunity for *Liesel-Schwalm*. Have you checked this out on the EGA website or in your *Needle Arts* to see if you might be interested and would like to get in on this event with Sandhill's members?

Also, Neapolitan has announced their workshop with Diane Clements – did you check on this one? It is a lovely Sampler.

Keep up with the events and let me know as soon as you decide on a GCC and need additional chapter members to fill your class spots and I'll get it on the website ASAP. Our webmaster is quick to inform us of all opportunities available throughout the Sun Region.

EVENT 2013

Betty Baechle & Jan Clark co-chairs

Benvenute! We would like to invite you to join us for Sun Region's *Viva Puntì* Event in 2013 where we will be toasting "Long Live our Stitching" with our friends. The Sun Region Board will be hosting the event which is offering a mixture of techniques and classes. We are pleased to offer 1/2-day, 1-day and 2-day classes. This type of scheduling will enable our attendees to maximize their time at the resort while sampling different techniques and teachers at one event.

We are thrilled to be at the Hilton Grand Vacations Club on International Drive. The accommodations are lovely. All units have screened balconies so you can partake of the Tuscan influence while you're relaxing.

Early Registration is from May 18, 2012 – June 16, 2012. All forms must be postmarked within this time frame to be considered. A deposit of \$100 must be included with the registration form. Narratives, photos and class schedules are available at the Sun Region website: sunregionega.org or by writing to Debbie Sewell at: 2013Registrar@sunregionega.org.

Final plans are still forming for the event. Sign up at the Sun and Sea Embroideries on Facebook or at the Sun Region Threads blog (on the Sun Region website) to receive the latest information. Ciao!

HISTORIAN

Karan Quintero chair

Ladies, I, Karan Quintero, am the new Historian for our great Sun Region. A little history....I have been serving on the local and region level since shortly after I joined in 1987 at the Biscayne Chapter here in Miami, but funny part is I have NEVER held a Historian position so this is new ground for me. Jan has some great ideas for my role here which I will try hard to bring to fruition. In the mean time, any historical information or material you wish me to review and bring to sharing light for our other chapters, please feel free to contact me at: historian@sunregionega.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Historic Tidbit: In the early part of 1977, Mr. Jon Ferguson, President of LeMoyne Chapter EGA, began the arduous task of gathering information regarding how to organize a seminar. With much correspondence from National and other national region chapters with experience in seminar organization and management, the deed was done! **The first Sun Region Seminar was held May 21-25, 1979, in the Orlando area.** Sun Region was composed of eight chapters at that time, with Central Florida Chapter hosting our maiden seminar. Martha Ellis, Faculty Coordinator, and her committee had a list of 87 national teachers inviting proposals of classes. Hotel costs were \$25/daily single occupancy, \$30/daily double occupancy and \$60/daily one bedroom suite. Correspondence reflects concern of slow registration sign-ups and suggesting members could reduce the costs by having four members to a room. No additional information regarding this seminar is in our archives. Any additional information will be gladly accepted

Many concerns remain the same after 33 years. What does not change is that once an embroiderer/beader/needleartist, always an embroiderer/beader/needleartist. **We love what we are!!** Any excuse affords us opportunity to do something old, something new or something challenging.

OUTREACH

JoyceAnne Stevens, chair

Based on reports I have received, 7 chapters stitched in public in the past few months. Canopy Oaks stitched at the public library in Tallahassee on the day their month long exhibit opened. DuClay and Gulfview also stitched at libraries. Sand Dollar stitched at Hobby Lobby and Sand Dunes stitched at Books-a-Million. Biscayne stitched at the Dade County Fair the latter part of March and will be stitching at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, Coral Gables Nov 9-11. Neapolitan stitched twice in February in the garden of Palm Cottage, an historic house in Naples. Later in Feb Neapolitan members stitched during their bi-annual needlework exhibit.

The comments from all were similar. Some locations had more visitors than others. Having the event in a local paper seemed to help bring people out to see the stitching and visitors showed interest in the stitching but almost no interest in actually stitching or joining EGA.

To paraphrase what one person wrote in her report: Stitching in public is fun. It provides an opportunity to show what we do. It is also an informal opportunity to answer needlework questions, show various types of needlework, explain stitches, and give information about EGA.

If your chapter stitched in public and you have ideas to add please send them to me and I will continue to compile the information.

Something to think about. A few days ago a fellow EGA member and I were discussing how we became aware of EGA. She said she was interested in learning to stitch and discovered there was an EGA chapter in the city where she was living. It happened that the EGA chapter was having an exhibit so my friend went to see it and was so overwhelmed by the beautiful pieces and what appeared to be very difficult work that she decided she wouldn't fit in and gave up the idea of EGA until a number of years later and a move to a different city. It made us both wonder if perhaps our exhibits and our stitching demos should include some elementary pieces with larger count fabric. As I said, something to consider.

NOMINATING*Jineen Kulczycky, chair***SUN REGION NEEDS YOU**

In less than 2 years,
SUN REGION will need
 to elect a new:
Region Director
Assistant Region Director
Secretary
Treasurer

This is an awesome task for the Nominating Committee.

So we need your HELP!!!!

Please print the Sun Region - Embroiderers' Guild of America, Member Profile For Region Service from the Representative's Notebook, Page IV-F-1. I handed many of these out at Celebration but have not yet received them. Either give this to your Sun Region Representative OR mail it to Jineen Kulczycky, SR Rep IRC

We on the Nominating Committee (Pat Carrington, Geni Dickenson, Linda Hansen, Jineen Kulczycky, Deby Talley) would really appreciate this so we do not have to resort to other means of persuasion!

THINKING OUTSIDE THE ORT BOX*Linda Dean*

At each Sun Region meeting, the hostess chapter traditionally prepares a needle arts program for attendees. Many past programs have included a short stitching project, often with already-prepared kits, that can usually be stitched in the one sitting. It is always a delight to stitch something new. You might say that attendees accumulate enough snipped threads to fill an Ort Box.

The Saturday evening program on April 14, 2012 was, however, a different and invigorating experience. Sun Region member Linda M. Dean, a recent recipient of EGA's Master Craftsman in Crewel Embroidery, presented a lecture entitled "17th Century Crewel Embroidery". While attendees stitched on their own needlework projects, Linda told about her research on the topic and the era. Did you know that what we call crewel wool thread today was first mass produced in the early 1600s? Some people consider crewel wool thread to be a 17th century invention. Linda also showed several of her stitched pieces that were submitted as part of the Master Craftsman; although, her Step 6 of 6, the "masterpiece" was not available at this program because it is currently on exhibit in Washington DC at the national headquarters of National Society Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century.



What a fun experience we had in both learning about historical aspects of crewel embroidery and hearing how Linda worked through the Master Craftsman program, even after getting an "no-pass" on her first submission. We all continued to be engaged until we ran out of questions. Special congratulations go to Linda for her hard work and accomplishment and thanks for graciously sharing.

Chapter Reports

BERMUDA

Shina Lyons

Hello... We are coming to the end of another year of stitching here in Bermuda. And we had a very full year. We have had 4 workshops, a couple of speakers and every month one of the committee members has shown how to work a couple of stitches. Besides the meetings we have had two wonderful full days of stitching at a hotel and two weeks ago we had a twelve hour stitch-a-thon to raise money for a new charity here called "Scars" -saving children and reveling secrets. It is associated with darkness to light charity in the USA. There were about fifteen of us and we had a really fun day with good food, laughs and lots of stitching done. It was talked about doing it longer next year!!! Attached is a photo from the day.



Our Annual General Meeting is in two weeks and then we meet during the summer only to stitch. Have a great summer everyone and remember, if you are down this way, please come and see us... Shina

BISCAYNE

Marge Holmes

At the April meeting the ladies worked on the bookmarks to meet our goal this year. On May 23 we had our annual Stash to Stash sale and we began our Saturday stitch-ins at the church once a month. We have three GCCs (the registration paid for by the chapter as a gift to members) going at this time and the different groups are meeting separately at members' homes and then together at the Saturday stitch in at the church.

The outreach group has been busy so far this year, with 34 Habitat Samplers dedicated and given to the new homeowners, 44 embroidered hearts for the Soldier Family Kissing pillows sent off to various places, 50 cozy caps for the pediatric oncology patients and 90 embroidered bookmarks for reading accomplishments in four different schools. We delivered 15 pounds of pop-tops to Ronald McDonald House, 25 pounds of toiletries to Safe Space Shelter, Pennies to the Community Habilitation Center and coupons for education to Faith Fellowship Elementary School in Homestead.

One set of kissing pillows was done on a very personal basis. My grandson, Marine LCPL Steven A. Holmes, Jr. was home on leave in March prior to his deployment overseas and I stitched, personalized with his name and finished with much love and he posed (in good humor) with his mother and kissed his pillow and gave it to his Mom and she did the same, while the proud grandmother beamed. I had stitched 73 pillows while my shoulder healed and these two rounded it out to 75.

The June meeting is the last formal meeting until September, but we will continue to have the stitch-ins at the church at least once a month to stay in touch with each other. In September we will present the slate of officers for the election which will take place in November. Our program in September is a sweet bag (Petite Project), October is a Hardanger ornament and in November Judith Richardson will travel to Miami to teach a beaded bracelet.

Biscayne had seven members at the Celebration Stitch-In and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves, especially the old timers who socialized with their friends from chapters throughout the state. That part is really half the fun of going to these events. We enjoyed catching up with them and their projects both on-going and planned. On behalf of Biscayne members, my compliments to everyone who worked so hard to make this a great success.

CANOPY OAKS

Linda Dean

As a tribute to our season of stitching from September to May, the May meeting of Canopy Oaks Chapter is a “show-n-tell” and covered-dish luncheon. We all oohed and ahed as each member or guest showed some of her embroidery. Some showed their fine work on the GCC “Hummingbird and Honeysuckle – Stumpwork” and the “Folding Ort Box”. Others were thrilled at completing a long-time project. A new member showed some of her previous work and took close notice of the variety of types of our needlework: needle-weaving, gold-work, Japanese silk, ribbon embroidery, needle point, crewel, cross-stitch, quilting, and bead-work. Afterward, we shared a delicious lunch of home-made salads and desserts.

Summertime for Canopy Oaks this year will be a series of “sit-n-stitch” for June, July and August. Our New England Blue Crewel project will be rescheduled and held during the season. Also in August, members will gather at a local branch library for a stitch-in-public. Our Outreach Chairman, Jacque Clemens, arranges an exhibit of our needle art during that time.

Our annual “Summer Planning Session” will again be a half-day together. All members are invited to join the board on July 21 as the it reviews the past season and plans out the next season, including programs, GCC, stitch-in-public, budget, outreach, region participation, and such. There are always some changes in plans as the year progresses; but, we all take time to consider where we are headed for the year. The session will again meet at the home of Vice President, Evelyn Risk, and each will bring a dish-to-pass. We like planning and stitching and eating together!!!

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Deby Talley

It was wonderful seeing so many Sun Region members in our “backyard” for Stitcher’s Celebration. I have heard several shop owners raving about how good it was to have you here as well. Central Florida ended our year with a stash sale and pot luck luncheon. Many members walked out with lots of new treasures to replace the ones they donated. In April we had a choice of either doing a Bargello or Assisi Altoid tin cover. The colorways used by the members led to lots of oohing and aahing. In March we were lucky enough to have Marion Scoular with us teaching for two days.

We have continued our community outreach by manning a booth at the Central Florida Fair and participating in a craft fair at the Menello Folk Art Museum in Orlando. We have also been donating items to the local Ronald McDonald House as well as stitching on Habitat Samplers. We also had several members win ribbons in local fairs. Laura Norris won a ribbon at the Central Florida Fair and Carol Presley, Sue Butler and Deby Talley all won ribbons at the Lake County Fair.

Our summer event will be stitch ins with the exception of July when we celebrate Christmas in July and will learn to make a Hardanger ornament.

CHAIN STITCHERS

Geni Dickinson

Well, ladies, are you ready for summer? We at Chain Stitchers are! We had two lovely programs led by Lynn Abbey on stitching and finishing a Cindy Valentine needle book in March and April. In May we had High Tea for our 17th Anniversary party. Carol Newton and her helpers did a great job and Alice Woerner put on a great spread. In June, July, and August, we will not have business meetings but will be getting together at our regular meeting site for free stitching. Our Hardanger interest group will continue to meet during the summer months.

Several of our members attended the Sun Region Seminar in Celebration and thoroughly enjoyed seeing and meeting other members of Sun Region.

duCLAY*JoyceAnne Stevens*

In March we held a finishing class taught by Melody Bryan to follow the needlepoint classes we held during January and February. We had several guests and also several members who brought their own ornaments to finish so the class was quite a success.

On April 1st we installed our exhibit of needlework in the four glass cases at the Orange Park Library and it was on display for the entire month of April. It was a very impressive collection of needlework in many different techniques.

We will continue to meet during the summer months and are working on plans for the fall programs hoping to have another beginners class in a technique new to many of the members. At this time we are also looking at a visiting teacher for a canvaswork project. Our two stitch-ins per month will continue during the summer on the 1st

GULFVIEW*Judy DeMeglio*

As summer approaches, our plans are to have bi-monthly stitch-ins. We had a lovely indoor picnic last month and continued work on *Patches* by Dorothy Leshner. In September we will have a class on a Hardangar doily taught by Judy DeMeglio followed in October by a class in finishing and lacing our work for framing taught by Joyce Focht. We will also be starting a Sashiko project.

Our fundraising project – the candlewick quilt – should be ready for display and accept donations. We continue our Outreach involvement with Project Linus and donations of toilet articles to a program for abused girls.

INDIAN RIVER*Jineen Kulczycky*

On May 21, 2012, the Indian River Chapter celebrated their **35th Anniversary** with a Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Crowne Plaza. The Fashion Show featured clothing from Coldwater Creek and was modeled by IRC members: Annette Clark, JeanMarie Hearnshaw, Christine Kampmeyer, Carol Losnes, Carl Mallory, and Ethel Worrell. After a delicious lunch, we honored our charter members and Past Presidents. President Donna McFarland distributed the *Collection of Favorite Stitches* book which includes memories from each member relating their first experiences at beginning to stitch.



IRC had 15 members at the Sun Region Stitcher's Celebration. Annette Clark and Donna McFarland each won an Opportunity Basket. All of us had a most enjoyable time stitching and doing the Tips and Techniques offered. We mingled with everyone and just stitched till the needle dropped. Also it was a 'delicious' weekend. And did I tell you WE STITCHED a lot!!!!

In April, IRC participants began the hemstitching on Jenna McClooney's *Bookmarks Your Way* led by Annette Clark. In June Jenna and Donna Christie will join about thirty members to finish the bookmarks. *Christmas in July* will begin with a representative from "The Haven for Children" as our speaker. Each year we gather items and cash to donate to help the children in their charge. We will also be sharing threads to complete a Christmas ornament, *Sampler Tree* by Erica Michaels, in an assortment of green/red/metallic threads. In August we will finish our creation ready for the tree. Maybe we will do the Calla Lily edge? In September we will enjoy a discussion of *Framing* by Pam Kelly of Studio 3 Framing in Viera.

We also have done all our many outreach programs including Kissing Pillows, Habitat Samplers and presenting them to their new home owners, toiletries for the homeless, pop top tabs for Ronald McDonald House, labels for education and library displays. Our *Teaching Children to Stitch* at the Satellite Beach Library starts June 7. We look forward to the children that come back year after year as well as the new children.

NEAPOLITAN*Janet Kassing*

Our chapter's Spring Luncheon was held at the Country Club of Naples on April 18. Ann Smith hosted the luncheon, Luan Callery organized, and Bunny Sorchevich provided the favors. A great time was had by all.

It's time for our snow birds to head north – we wish them a safe journey. For those of us staying in Naples, this is a quiet time. There will be three stitch-ins each month – two of which will be at members' homes and the third at Moorings Park. The summer is a great time to catch up on our stitching and pull out those UFO's..

Several of our members attended Stitcher's Celebration. What a wonderful time was had by all and Ronald McDonald House was a well deserving charity.

While at Stitcher Celebration several Neapolitan members took advantage of early registration for Sun Region's "Viva Punti" which will be held May 3, 4, & 5, 2013, at the Hilton Grand Vacations Club in Orlando. There are several interesting classes from which to choose.

The following classes are scheduled for 2013:

- January 17 & 18 – *Lavendula* Class with Cindy Valentine
- March 22 & 23 – *Signs of Spring* with Diane Clements

Our bi-annual exhibit "The Art of Embroidery" will be on February 20, 21, & 22, 2014 at Moorings Park. It's not too early for members to start their projects to donate to the boutique.

In closing, I am sad to report the death of two Neapolitan members. Monica Cooper passed on April 9 in Ohio after a long illness. Carolyn Kluglein passed away on May 5 in Pittsburgh as a result of serious injuries suffered in an automobile accident on April 30. Both Monica and Carolyn had been very active plural members and will be greatly missed.

SAND DOLLAR*Kay Dune*

Sand Dollar has finished regular meetings for the summer. That doesn't mean we won't be busy.

June will find us stitching at the New Smyrna Library working on our Outreach project, stitching Christmas ornaments for the Atlantic Life Skills program at Atlantic High School in Daytona.

July is going to be a busy month with four stitch ins. One of those stitch ins will be a Cookie Exchange. Sand Dollar doesn't wait till Christmas for this because people are too busy, so why not have one in July? We all like goodies and this is the perfect time to bake. Yes, it is hot out, but gee the effort is well worth it. Last year we had 20 some members participate, it was great fun, we also stitch.

August there will be three stitch-ins at the New Smyrna and Port Orange Libraries and also the board meeting to get us ready for the coming year. So, Sand Dollar will be quite busy.

We also have a stitch-in at a members home hosted by Karen Stevens and Kathie Dougherty. At this stitch-n we will learn how to make fabric flowers taught by Margaret Markham. We also will have a Chart Swap. The Chart Swap is a new idea for us, it sounds like fun.

Happy stitching summer to one and all

SANDHILL CRANE

Linda Hansen

Our June program focuses on stitching butterflies for Holocaust Museum in Houston, Texas. The butterflies will be stitched on perforated paper using blending filament, stash threads and beads and represent the children lost during the Holocaust. We will be gathering for general stitch-ins until our group reconvenes in September.

SAND DUNES

Debbie Sewell

Eighteen members attended our annual May Luncheon at a local restaurant. There was a short business meeting, show and tell and an opportunity drawing. We also held our free membership for a year drawing. Throughout the year, members can add a ticket to the box for each completely stitched project. From those tickets, Cheri Hammer's name was drawn. A sneak-peak at one of the projects from our next program year was shown.

We had nine members attended the Celebration stitch-in. Fun was had by all and much stitching was accomplished. What a rare occasion it was to have so much time to devote to stitching. Several of our members took the opportunity to visit two of the needlework stores in the area. Quite the treat since we no longer have a shop within a three-hour radius!

The *Cleopatra Cat GCC* group continues to meet once a month. It has been very interesting to see all of the animals emerging and the color variations. Everyone seems to be on track for a September 30 turn in date.

We just had our second meeting of the "Fifth Wednesday Patches Group". We are stitching *Patches* by Susan Kerndt. Everyone has chosen to use the original thread colors listed in the pattern. The big difference is that everyone has chosen a different batik fabric for the patches. The colors in the batik fabrics really influence the overall look and color of the piece. We will meet again on the last Wednesday in August.

There are no regular meeting held during the summer months. However, we do hold a stitch-in each month during the regular meeting time of the night meeting.

SARASOTA

Bonnie Hearl

I can hardly believe it has already been three months since I submitted my first report as region representative for Sarasota. I want to start out by giving a huge THANKS to all those who were responsible for what I considered to be a very successful seminar in Celebration, Florida. I had a wonderful time, with lots of stitching, and socializing with our fellow EGA members. The different venue with no real schedule to speak of was totally relaxing and gave us lots of time to meet new people, stitch, and shop, relax, etc. etc... What a fabulous job you did raising money for the Ronald MacDonald House!!! Again thank you.

Our Sarasota Chapter has been busy with all the project and classes mentioned in the last news letter. We seem to continue to add to our stash, as I am sure you all do. We are now going into our summer months where things slow down a little and hopefully we can play catch up. We do, however, keep a pretty full schedule as far as meetings and stitch ins go, the only change is no chapter meetings in July and August.

In June we have our Annual Pot Luck Picnic, which is always lots of fun. Our Bead Group is participating in the Garden Path, which was featured in the March *Needle Arts*. Their kits have arrived and they are starting their project in June. Our first class for the fall will be a small Hardanger class in September.

Hope you all have a great summer and have lots of time to stitch.

STITCHER'S CELEBRATION*Jenna McClooney & Betty Baechle*

If you missed "Stitcher's
Celebration" ...
...you missed a lot of fun!

May 18-20 in Celebration FL



76 EGA members attended Sun Region's 3-day stitching marathon to socialize, support a worthy outreach recipient and celebrate hosting EGA Seminar 2011. The location was the Bohemian Hotel Celebration next to Celebration town center and Lake Rianhard.

Stitching, in our large room with a view, ran non-stop from 12:00 noon Friday until 12:00 noon Sunday. To add an element of education, "Tricks & Techniques" workshops were held with attendance that exceeded all expectations. We enjoyed a box lunch on the patio with a beautiful view of the lake.

The results of our fundraising for Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Florida (RMHCCF) also exceeded our expectations with a total of \$4,000.00 raised by our very generous chapters and individuals.

The weather was perfect (just one evening shower), the company exceptional - It was a great weekend!



Molly McLaughlin with Geni Dickinson & Eleanor Langlois.

Sun Education Event 2013 Scholarship Winner & Alternate

(Picture, left to right) Molly McLaughlin, EGA VP elect from San Francisco Calif. (Greater Pacific Region), drew the names. Geni Dickinson (Chain Stitches Chapter) won the scholarship and Eleanor Langlois (Sarasota Chapter) is the alternate. The scholarship covers the registration fee for the 2013 Sun Region Education Event.



Teri Heim (Indian River) & Lori Welker, EGA President.

...and They Came From Afar!

In addition to Molly coming from the west coast, we also had the pleasure of entertaining Lori Welker, (current EGA president) from Shrewsbury, MA, Kate Festo from New Canaan CT and Kathy Faries from Bermuda.



Kate Festo & Kathy Faries

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“Tricks & Techniques” Workshops: Lynn Abbey held 3 workshops; Calla-Lilly edging, how to create your own designer thread, and loop manipulation. Pam Doffek shared the crochet technique for making a Romanian Bracelet. This activity resulted in approximately \$80.00 in cash donations and a large number of completed bracelets to RMHCCF.



Kathy Faries, Lynn Abbey, Mary Gacel, Abbie Kaverek & Shirley Petit.



Kate Festo & Lynn Abbey



Donna Christie, Betty Baechle & Kathy Singleton

.....and they stitched and socialized from early morning to late evening!



Mary Gacel

RMHCCF Fundraising

Ten Sun Region chapters raised cash donations prior to the event.

(Biscayne, Canopy Oaks, Chain Stitchers, Gulfview, Indian River, Neapolitan, Sand Dollar, Sarasota, Sea Grape, & Sand Hill Crane.)

During the event we held silent auctions and opportunity drawing & received additional donations. Mary Gacel from Central FL chapter represented RMHCCF and received our check for \$4000.00.



Donation presentation to Mary Gacel; Jenna McClooney, Pam Doffek, Pam Burke, Lynn Abbey, Betty Baechle & Lilianne Rivera.

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Our Celebration Nametag Challenge Winner!

Our judges awarded the "Most Creative Celebration Nametag" prize to **Betty Baechle**. Betty won a one-year subscription to Needlepoint Now Magazine.

19 attendees participated in the Celebration Nametag Challenge.



Betty Baechle at the opportunity drawing table.



The winning nametag!

Thank you all for your support of this event from your "Stitcher's Celebration" committee:

Registrar & Treasurer, Pam Burke; Activities & Website & Logo Design & "Tricks & Techniques, Lynn Abbey; Region Director & "Trail of Shops Map & Info, Jan Clark; Box Lunch Coordinator Janet Kassing & assistant Julia Nikolich; RMHCCF Liaison Lilianne Rivera; Charms, Kate Festo; Chapter Fundraising, Linda Hansen; Romanian Bracelet Facilitator, Pam Doffek; Bag Tag Favors, Sand Dollar Chapter; Registration check-in, Marge Holmes & Pat Carrington; Restaurant Guide Research, Geni Dickinson & Deby Talley; Co-Chair & Hotel & Welcome Bags, Betty Baechle & Co-Chair & Advertising & Event Fundraising, Jenna McClooney.

Thank You for individual cash donations, door prizes, silent auction & opportunity drawing items.

DMC, Kreinik, Laura's Bead Shop (Hudson FL), Lucia's needle Arts (Mansfield, PA), Needlepoint Now Magazine (Elmira OR) & Needle Point in Paradise (Naples FL),

Biscayne, Sand Dunes & Stitching, Gators chapters

Joan Thomasson, Judith Griffin, Linda Edwards, Robin Geis, Barbara Harrison, Marge Holmes, Pat Carrington, Carol Parry, Claire Nardone, Antoinette Sabatka, Donna Christie, Lynn Abbey, Donna Christie, Jan Clark, Betty Baechle & Jenna McClooney.



Class pieces for Education Event 2013.

Registration for Sun Education Event 2013 opened at Celebration – Viva-Punti!

(Long Live the Stitches)



EE 2013 set up a display of the pieces that will be taught at this event.

More information is available on our webpage <http://sunregionega.org/viva-punti/>

More photographs from Stitcher's Celebration can be found on Sun Region's facebook page "Sun & Sea Embroiderers".



EGASEMINAR 2012
SANTA FE
ENCHANTMENT
October 28 – November 2, 2012

Focus on Special Events

Santa Fe Enchantment is offering too many special events to list here, but one of the notable highlights is the Rocky Mountain Region Prospectors Exhibit. This exhibit, unique to the RMR seminars, showcases original, creative, and adventurous stitching based on a theme. The theme for this year is Visions of Santa Fe. And as a bonus, this year will include an Encore of past Prospectors entries! You will certainly need to make time to see each piece.

Another not-to-be-missed special event is the President's Farewell Exhibit of Helenn Rumpel's "Embroidery Enlightenment: an Artist's Concept". This event will reveal Helenn's unique fiber art and what it is that leads her to incorporate diversified techniques into her brightly hued and gem-like interpretive works. Her stitchery and innovative framing of embroidery enhance her compositions of beauty, and show how teaching renews the artistic experience.

Then, you must remember to be first to arrive at The Trading Post! This merchandise event has our experts combing the New Mexico area for distinctive items unique to the South West. Look for kits, beads, tools, materials, accessories and trinkets. Will you find that exceptional and rare handmade item you need?



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