



The Sun News

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Here we are at the end of another busy year. I can't believe we're almost done with 2012. In thinking back over all our Region's accomplishments for the year, I am amazed at all the projects, programs, classes, outreach and sponsorships that our chapters have done. Its staggering. We are definitely an active region. I'm so proud of all the chapters and membership are doing. It's great. Keep it up.

Attending meetings and the Opening Banquet for National Seminar were very nice. It was hard to believe there were close to 750 people there as the hotel was so large. I was able to see several long time friends and meet some new folks as well. The Seminar was very nice. Despite only being there on one class day, it was still quite the experience. The host hotel was unique in that they had artwork by native and local artists on display everywhere you turned. The property itself was very pretty and done in an old style adobe home with lots of exposed wood beams and a laid stone floor in the common areas.



Just a quick reminder about the Region's webpage, blog and Facebook pages. Please sign up for posts. We are utilizing these media in distributing information about seminar and the resort. It's a quick way to reach so many of you with email addresses. For the Facebook page, use this link "<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sun-Sea-Embroiderers/333104789412>". And for the Sun Region Threads blog, use this link "<http://www.sunregionega.org/SunRegionThreads/>". Please enroll, Like or join a list so we can keep you up to date with the news as it happens.

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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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2013 Calendar

January 3	Viva Puntis Registration ends
March 1	Next <i>Sun News</i> deadline
March 21 2013	Cut off date for reservations Embassy Suites Jacksonville-Baymeadows
April 6 & 7, 2013	Spring Sun Region meeting at Embassy Suites Jacksonville-Baymeadows
May 3 – 5, 2013	<i>Viva Puntis!</i> HGVC Orlando

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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Have you started your Holiday preparations? It might be good to add a registration fee for Viva Punti 2013 to your **Wish Lists**. We have a great line up of teachers and classes. You won't want to miss out on any of the festivities for this event. And, it's right here in Orlando. You won't even have to go through a TSA pat down to attend. I hope to see lots of you there.

We have so much information inside this issue I don't want to take up any more of your time reading a recap. Dig in.

Keep stitching,

Jan

Jan Clark, Sun Region Director

Director's Report from National

Jan Clark

I saw several Sun Region members at Santa Fe Seminar (there were close to 40 of us there) and was proud of our Gold Thread Award winner, Christine Kampmeyer of Indian River Chapter, and Master Craftsman in Crewel, Linda Dean of Canopy Oaks Chapter, who were honored at the Opening Banquet. The resort was traditional adobe architecture and there was Indian Art everywhere you looked. At the National Board Meeting, former TVR Director, Gwen Nelson, was elected National President for the term 2013-2015 along with Molly McLaughlin, Vice President, Barbara Orend, Secretary, Pamela Harding, Treasurer, Sydney Mace, Bylaws, Sue Nelson, Marketing and Leslie Gagliardi, Education. In addition, Vera Grimley has agreed to serve as National Outreach Chairman while Janice Meyers, the current outreach chairman focuses on youth.

Gwen Nelson has selected the **Children's Alopecia Project, Inc.** for an EGA Outreach project during her Presidency. The mission of this organization is to help any child in need who is living with hair loss due to all forms of Alopecia.

NATIONAL BOARD ACTIONS: GOOD NEWS!

The law suit for 426 W. Jefferson has been dismissed without contentions. The dues increase scheduled for next year has been **reduced** to \$2 as a result of fine-tuning the budget and cost cutting measures.

LOUISVILLE NATIONAL SEMINAR

If you didn't pre-register for a class at Louisville National Seminar, Oct. 5-11, 2013, at the Galt Hotel, it's not too late. Registration opens in March, which will be for all the classes including one-day classes, tours and other activities that you could not early register for. Check out the Seminar 2013 merchandise on page 18.

ARD Report**Betty Baechle**

Here we are at the end of 2012 and now its time to plan for next year. I hope you have your new 2013 calendar purchased or have your phone or other electronic whatsit ready to enter the information for the region meeting next spring. At the same time be sure to enter the cut off date when you need to make the reservations. If your term as representative is ending be sure to share this information with them.



Meeting date: April 6 & 7, 2013

Place: Embassy Suites Jacksonville-Baymeadows

Rate: \$79.00 plus 13% tax

Reservations: 904-731-3555 Cut off date is March 21, 2013

Amenities: Complimentary full and cooked to order breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Complimentary beverages during Manager's Reception every evening at 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Each room has a refrigerator and microwave. Internet access is available for a small fee.

Directions to the hotel will be given in the next newsletter. The luncheon information and clip coupon will be included at the same time.

I hope all of you enjoy the holiday's and your time with family and friends.

Betty

Treasurer's Report**Pam Doffek**

Income:	\$1,642.00 (SR luncheon, W&M sales)
Expenses:	\$2486.77 (SR meeting, lunches and officer expenses, GCC reimbursement, W&M purchase reimbursement)
Checking account:	\$43,703.10 (includes \$16K from National Seminar 2011)
Money Market:	<u>\$19,077.33</u>
Total:	\$62,780.43

Committee Reports

Education

Marge Holmes

2013 Sun Region Grant to chapters: GCC or chapter workshop

Sun Region has authorized \$1500.00 for 2013. 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, after the GCC or workshop has been conducted.

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 a 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 "GCC 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 \$100.00. If for any reason the workshop is cancelled, the chapter has 60 days in which to return the grant money.
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!!!!

*Educational Events**Betty Baechle, Jan Clark & Debbie Sewell***Sun Region Event 2013 - *Viva Punt!* Registration Open**

Indulge. Relax. Repeat. Have you registered yet? Registration closes Jan. 3rd. Don't miss out on an opportunity to explore a new technique with a National Teacher. Several of the pieces are original, never been taught before, and designed just for our event. Students may register for 1/2, 1 and 2 day classes as well as Studio Time. Come over to the Sun Region website and check them out. The Viva Punt! web page address is <http://sunregionega.org/viva-punt/>.

If you preregistered, you have the class you registered for. The \$100 is deducted from your total. So if you signed up for a two- day class and don't want

any extras (i.e., wine and cheese), you would owe \$100. Kit fees will be later. Don't forget to fill out the official registration form. You can put a note on that you are preregistered. Notifications will go out soon.

BTW, if you don't remember what you signed up for, send Debbie Sewell, the registrar, an email at registrar2013@sunregionega.org.

Our host resort is beautiful and ooooooh so relaxing! There are rooming options too. Select from Studio, 1 or 2 bedroom suites. Each has a private balcony. I can feel those tension knots releasing already. Come celebrate "Long Live Your Stitches" - Viva Punt! style. The resort will transport you to Tuscany with the Italian-themed architecture and piazzas. The phone number for reservations is 866-782-9442 and use our Group Code EGA 513. For further information check the region's website sunregionega.org. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

There are plenty of things to do while you're there. Want to stitch? Visit with friends and maybe finish a project? Come join us. Needle Orts of Altamonte Springs will be our boutique Between the private wine tasting, boutique and book sale shopping and the ring tossing, I'm not sure you'll have time for stitching. We've been collecting some terrific prizes for the ring toss. At the October meeting an appeal went out to the chapters for a donation to this activity. The more prizes we get, the more fun you'll have.

And don't forget the 50/50 book sale. This is an opportunity to make some money. Chapters, as well as individuals, should be collecting their books and completing their Book Sale spreadsheet and tagging so their items are ready to go into the Book Sale when they arrive at the resort. This could be a great opportunity to buy those hard to find needlework books as well as moving books from a stash. We aren't accepting pamphlets, CDs or GCCs, just books.



Chapters, please don't forget to bring your goodie bag contribution to the April meeting in Jacksonville. This can be anything your chapter chooses to do. To help keep the size down, your chapter's item should fit in a sandwich baggie or smaller. We will have to let you know how many items to prepare once seminar registration ends. If you have questions or need suggestions, just contact Jan at (JanClark3089@aol.com) or Betty at (betbaechle@comcast.net).

See you there.



Sun Region Event 2014 - *Crystal River Stitching*

Don't you deserve a stitching break? The Region education event for 2014 will be a retreat at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River. If you'd like to help on the committee there are a few spots open. The preliminary plans would indicate that this will be a very relaxed stitch in with Make-It/Take-Its. I can see stitchers sitting in the gazebo along the water's edge, watching the manatees swim by, having a great time. Plans are still forming but it looks like we will have an evening event at the Heritage Village shopping area sponsored by the merchants there. How about a sunset cruise on the river?



Put your thinking caps on and fire up your designing juices as we're looking for a logo and nametag design. You've got 5 months to let your ideas perk. Design ideas would be due by the April meeting and revealed at the Viva Puntí event in May, 2013.

The Plantation Inn has undergone a renovation over the past 2 years. They've installed an elevator in the new wing where we've requested our room block. The room furnishings are all new along with the AC units. It's very nicely done and still captures that

Southern charm that is so appealing. Remember, they have a wonderful golf course and tennis courts and can arrange tee times at neighboring courses if requested. And, they've added Spa services that look inviting. Stay tuned for more information.

Sun Region Event 2015

I know, can you believe it—we're already looking for possible venues for 2015? Doesn't seem possible. Will it be a **cruise**? A traditional **hotel-based seminar**? Or **something totally different**?



Stand by for more information on this in April. Feel like you'd like to get involved in this event? Here's your chance to make it the educational event of **your** dreams. There are only a couple of positions open on the committee. Please contact either Betty or Jan.

*Historian**Karan Quintero*

SUN REGION SEMINAR SAGA: As you can see, we have a 1980 brochure for our "Region Seminar '80 Sun Coast Florida. Bayfront Concourse, St. Petersburg was our setting location during May 18-24, 1980. Seventeen, that's right, seventeen classes were being offered: 1) Silk & Metal Threads on Fabric by Elsa Cose, 2) Crewel Embroidery by Audrey Francini, 3) Color You by Jody Adams, 4) Hawaiian Quilting by Bobbie Brannin, 5) Back to Basic's by Derision Overbay, 6) Reversible Blackwork by Addie Busch, 7) White Work by Peg Lunt, 8) Pulled Thread Embroidery by Louise B. Downing, 9) Greek Embroidery by Maria Pantelis, 10) Multi-Media Canvaswork by Mary deJarnette, 11) Point Device & Shading by Rosemary Cornelius, 12) Early American Crewel by Peg Lunt, 13) Design-A Creative Experience by Jody Adams, 14) Crewel Point by Derision Overbay, 15) Hardanger by Addie Busch, 16) Trapunto by Bobbie Brannin and 17) Unconventional Canvas Work by Rosemary Cornelius. Classes were 4-day and 2-day with fee's ranging from \$6-\$35.



Mini-Workshops offered for one day were free with cost of only needed supplies. Sun Region members were offered 1) Potato Chip Quilting by Eugenia Burnwell, 2) Shadow Work by Dot Speech, 3) Stone Setting by JoAnn Murray, 4) Basic Silk & Metal Thread on Linen by Martha Ellis, 5) Smocking by Rosemary Cornelius, 6) Cross Stitch in Chinese Patterns by Peg Lunt, 7) Triangle-point by Dorothy Markley and finally, 8) Seminole Patchwork by Barbara Singleton. Registration fee's were \$125. Our region was full of tapable needart talent, yet by all the documentation I have found, this seminar was cancelled due to lack of sign-ups. Furthermore, plans for a 1981 Sun Region Seminar were also cancelled due to the 1) poor 1980 sign-ups and 2) an economic low. If you have more information regarding these two years to add to our historical records, please contact me personally or via my SR email address.

As I continue my review of our Historical records, I find we lack photos of pins, banners and chapter nametags. I would appreciate receiving photos and some creative history of these items to add to our files. If your chapter does not have any of these items, I still would appreciate the information to update our

*Nominating**Pat Carrington*

At the April meeting we will begin our interviews with prospective candidates for offices of the Sun Region Board. Members have been hesitant (bashful) about completing the profile form found in the Rep's notebook. We have so many competent, intelligent members, we know you are there and would be willing to serve the region if only asked. Okay, we are asking, please step forward, give any member of the nominating committee an e-mail or phone call and let us know you are interested.

The Fall of 2014 seems a distance, but think of it this way - we have a meeting in April and October of 2013 and the nominating committee must present its slate the Spring of 2014. Not much time.

Pat Carrington, Genie Dickinson, Deby Talley and Linda Hansen

*Outreach**JoyceAnne Stevens*

Thank you to everyone for their "end of the year" reports. "Stitch in Public Day" will be February 2, 2013. It was exciting to read the outreach reports and see that a lot of chapters "stitch in public" various times throughout the year.

The National Outreach Chairman forwarded to me information on the Soldier's Kissing Pillow Program as designed by Geraldine Trappey. It includes stitching instructions, finishing instructions, charts, list of materials, etc. If any chapter is interested in participating in this program, please contact me (JoyceAnne Stevens, jasteve@bellsouth.net) and I will get the information to you.

*Oh by the Way.....**Jan Clark*

As some of you are out and about visiting quilt shows and exhibits of other organizations over the coming months, please keep in mind that these venues may be a good opportunity to "Get the Word out" about EGA. Earlier this year, I contacted the Quilt Fest - Jacksonville organizers to see if we would be able to get a booth at their event. I learned we could have. And, we could have gotten an ad in their bulletin which would have also rolled to their website. They need the ad copy 6 weeks before the event so it's ready for their printer.

As we go into the holiday season many book stores have groups come in to wrap packages for their customers. This might be another way to "Get the Word Out". If your chapter does do this, please let us know. And, please be sure to take information about your chapter and hand it to them with an invitation to Come Visit. You never know that visitor may become your next new member.

I recently handed out 150 EGA brochures and EGA tape measures from EGA Headquarters. on a cruise sponsored by a local shop and a yarn company. It was a great conversation starter. Some of the participants were EGA members and some had never heard of us. But by the end of the weekend cruise, they all had heard. There were 160 people from across the US, on the trip. That's a lot of potential members. It was easy and fun.

A couple of year end reminders.....

- Send in your chapter Outreach report to JoyceAnne Stevens (jasteve@bellsouth.net). We want to brag a bit on what we're accomplishing with our Outreach efforts.
- Send in your Change of Chapter Officer forms to me (rd@sunregionega.org) and to Kathy Singleton (roster@sunregionega.org) for the Region's Roster. Updating the roster helps us stay in touch with you all.
- New Education Guidelines are out in this issue for 2013. Your chapter will want to take advantage of this opportunity to **get a \$100 rebate** on their educational events and classes.

Ways & Means*Bonnie Hearl*

What a very exciting and busy first six months I have had as Chairman of Ways and Means. After deciding to go to my first National Seminar in Santa Fe in October, we also decided to have a merchandise table for Merchants' Night at the seminar and take items from Sun Region's Boutique along with one new item the Handy Caddy (which you will see featured on the in-the-works boutique page) and items that were left over from National Seminar in Naples. We had what I thought was a good show. We did close to \$1000 by the time the week was over, so I was satisfied. It was a very good learning experience for me and I am going to write a report of my thoughts, just in case in the future some other Ways and Means chair would want to take merchandise to a seminar.

Take a look at our new boutique page for Sun Region on the next page. It's a little different from the last one. I do not have an order form. I think it is just as easy for you to email me or call me with your order and I will get a price for you including shipping, and you can send me a check. I think this is a simple way of handling it. If this doesn't work we can always change it.

I am planning on trying to attend some of your chapter meetings and bring the boutique to you. Of course I probably will not make all the chapters, as I am planning on one a month. If you are really anxious for me to come visit your chapter, let me know.

I am planning on bringing the boutique to our Region Seminar in May, so that will give you a chance to purchase items then.

Coming Soon!

The 20th National Exhibit Call to Stitchers

From the EGA National Exhibits Manual:

“The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. acknowledges the value of needlework in art and history. Its national exhibit, Through the Needle's Eye, is a representative selection of the best in artistic and technical works, embracing both traditional and contemporary needlework while expanding the perception of embroidery as an art form.”

This is your opportunity, because you always said

“Someday I will....”

Create an original design

SUN REGION EGA BOUTIQUE



HANDY CADDY For all your stitching supplies \$15 (white only)



Fold-up easel for your stitching directions with forty pages of storage space. When you are done just fold it up and off you go. You can even use it in the kitchen for following recipes. \$15



Tervis Tumbler, everyone's favorite in Florida. 12 oz. \$10



Sun Region Pin \$5



Tote bag with seven pockets, great project bag at a great price\$. 12



Hand dyed and painted silk scarf only. \$15



Celebration Charm \$5

PRICES SUBJECT TO SHIPPING, PLEASE EMAIL TO PLACE AN ORDER bonniehearl@aol.com or check the roster for my phone number. Bonnie Hearl, Ways and Means Chairman

Chapter Reports

Biscayne

Marge Holmes

Our ladies enjoyed the October program of Hardanger, taught by Janet Edgar. Many of the ladies not only finished the one in the kit, but continued on to make several to use as ornaments for their own use, or to give as gifts. Janet was thrilled to have this response. At the November meeting Judith Richardson a long time member came down to visit and was in full teacher mode as she taught some of the gals how to make a twisted bracelet and also gave them a lesson in counting. One a teacher, always a teacher. Those taking the class seemed to enjoy the class and it was great to see Judith again.

Some of our ladies went directly to the Fairchild Ramble to the booth we shared with Royal Palm Chapter ANG. Eileen Hoffman spearheaded this endeavor, and the ladies said that there was a lot of activity and that they have at least 125 names to contact with information on Biscayne EGA. A number of the ladies stitched in public for the three days with delightful weather. They displayed some of their embroidery and the items done for Outreach. We have completed 88 Habitat Sampler and sent off 125 Kissing Pillow Hearts during the year.

In December, Jan Clark will install our new executive board, and sample the cooking skills of our group as we have our Pot-Luck Luncheon and annual Holiday Party. We will also have the un-veiling of the "Chop Suey" challenge and see how creative our members are using the 6 items received in their little box last September.

The new executive board and committee chairs will meet December 17th to formulate the plans for the first 6 months of the coming year and we continue our efforts towards education and outreach.

I've enjoyed my 4 years as a Region Rep and will now again take up the challenge of being the Chapter President. I'll continue going to Region meetings and enjoy the friendships with my fellow members of EGA.

Canopy Oaks

Linda M. Dean

Our September season-opener was held at a local library and included a business meeting portion where there was a rousing round of applause for 5 chapter members who won one or more blue ribbons for their embroidery entries at the Leon County Fair. Then, our meeting became a stitch-in-public session and we welcomed two new members afterward.

November was our annual meeting, held at our usual location of St. Peter's Anglican Church, where we elected new officers for two-year terms, including Anne Wright as President. Plans are underway to offer a GCC in silk and gold-work. Stitching time at this meeting provided us with an opportunity to see the many different projects that members have in-progress.

Upcoming events include a December meeting of installing officers and some holiday sharing of cookies at our annual Cookie Exchange and Gift Exchange. January and March programs will be learning to stitch the historic Blue and White projects offered in the EGA book by Judy Jeroy. February will be a very special workshop by nationally-renown teacher Catherine Jordan.

Chain Stitchers

Geni Dickinson

Chain Stitchers is heading for the end of the year with a bang. We have a lovely dinner planned for the 11th of December with an ornament exchange and an installation of new officers. The new officers for 2013-14 are President Karen Cicero, Vice President Judi Wynnes, Secretary Annette McDonald, Treasurer Anita Ezell, and Sun Region Representative Claire Nar-done. We are also looking forward to new programs in 2013: January will be Carol Kniepkamp discussing Judging at the Lake County Fair, February - Your Favorite Stitch or Tool with the Board/member participation, and March - Linda Ferguson presenting a Beaded Bracelet. This is my last blurb for Sun News as Chain Stitcher's Region Representative and I have enjoyed my time here.

duClay

JoyceAnne Stevens

duClay is finishing up this year in a whirlwind of activities and making plans for an exciting new year. We have just gained 2 new members, held a beginning pulled thread program on the second Saturday of November with a second part to be held on the second Saturday in December, and we are having our annual Christmas luncheon on December 15 followed by an afternoon of stitching.

We have selected a SAL project for 2013 and have over half of the chapter participating. The project is Toccata 1 by Drawn Thread. We are especially excited about an upcoming visit (second Saturday in January) by three of our plural members from Central Florida who are bringing some show and tell and will also be leading us in a project on finishing a stitched piece. We are busy making plans and table favors for the April Sun Region meeting to be held in Jacksonville. And most exciting of all is a class planned for Sept 2013 with Jane Timmers of Fancy Work. She will be teaching an Elizabethan sweet bag in a two- day class.

Gulfview

Judy DeMeglio

We held our election at our November meeting: Vice President Judy DeMeglio, Region Representative Ann Ashley, Secretary Henia Grimm. We will be installed at our Holiday party on December 13. We have contributed fifteen handmade blankets to Project Linus and several loads of toiletries to a shelter for abused women. At our November meeting we started (and hopefully will finish) "That Darned Tree." We also put up our tree at the Lakeside Clubhouse where we hold our meetings. We will be hearing a talk on the Canadian Embroiderers' Guild in January. The Regency Park Library in New Port Richey has invited us to put up a display, have a Stitch-in-Public day and teach a six week course of the Stitchery Series starting in January. Planned for February are two pretty little projects - a Blended Butterfly and Burst Your Buttonhole. We will be holding our anniversary party in March. Ginny Smith will be teaching a pilot class of her Run for the Roses scissor case in April and we have planned a pulled thread needlecase, too.

IndianRiver*Jineen Kulczycky*

Indian River Chapter is finishing 2012 with a Holiday Luncheon at Tuscany Grill. We will install our new officers, exchange ornaments, win door prizes and generally have a delicious time. Then we start 2013 with our Stash Sale in January. We take all our holiday leftover cash and exchange it for more STASH!!!!

We had a wonderful November Super Show & Tell, where we revisited the programs we did in 2012. These included a Rhodes Shamrock, Jenna McClooney's Bookmark, and a Crazy Holiday Tree [photo to right]. In September Christine Kampmeyer spoke to us about framing our own pieces and some tricks for framing. In October we had our Annual Book Sale later in the year to give us time to finish everything else up for November.



In groups members completed the "Beginning Hardanger" by Marion Scoular and the "Orchid Butterfly" from Needlearts. Annette Clark, our Education Chair, has handed out the booklets but stitching "Moonlight Sonata" by Cindy Valentine will begin in January. This year our Sampler Sleuths attacked a Pansy Sampler with much success. Next year our experienced sampler sleuths are doing the "Heirloom Whitework Sampler" by Linda Driskell. But to encourage new sampler sleuths, a Birthday Bellpull by Victoria Sampler will be completed by the investigator trainees. Other members have picked their own pattern to complete. Small group sessions were held in Blackwork and Ribbon Embroidery by Annette Clark and Hardanger by Ginny Gilbertson to review/teach these techniques. Small groups are perfect to learn and improve our techniques, and are fantastic for building the guild as a larger group.

Our members don't just stay home to stitch. A group of our members went to Sun Region's Celebration this year and had a wonderful time with the rest of Sun Region. After seeing the pieces for the May Viva Puntini!, we signed up to travel again in May. IRC also had our own one-day retreat here in Brevard County which is always a fun, delicious day.

Doreen Snyder also continues to collect toiletries for the homeless. We had Christmas in July with the Haven, collected box tops for kids school equipment, pull tops, and stamps for various charities. Marcia Barrere handles our Kissing Pillows and Christine Kampmeyer takes care of our Habitat Samplers and Dedications. We held our 10th Teaching Children to Stitch session and had many one-month library exhibits.

No American woman, let her speak all the tongues, and play on all the instruments invented, can be said to be educated, if she is not a good needle-woman.—Catharine Maria Sedgewick 1839

*Neapolitan**Janet Kassing*

After the October general meeting a dozen of us headed to Audrey's tea room and resale shop. The shop is filled with vintage clothing and accessories from decades past including beaded and hand embroidered pieces. When we were seated for lunch, the owner's daughter showed us several special pieces—beaded purses, a beautiful net scarf with golf metalwork, and a 20's flapper dress made for her by her grandmother (the original Audrey). Our luncheon table was set with lace tablecloths and fine china and the chandeliers were decorated with fine china tea cups. Lunch choices included finger sandwiches, scones, assorted sweets, and many choices of tea.

Many thanks to Luan Callery for arranging this very special outing

At the November 21 meeting, Joan Thomasson conducted a workshop program for a pulled-thread angel named Krista.



Our Holiday Luncheon is scheduled on Wednesday, December 12, at the Bonita Bay Country Club. As usual there will be a Show and Tell table to display members' stitched items. Members are asked to bring unwrapped toys for distribution through an appropriate charity. Also the following officers for the 2013-2014 term will be installed:

- .President Janet Kassing
- 1stVice President Luan Callery
- 2nd Vice President Pat Russell
- Secretary Karen Rockenbach
- Treasurer Dottie Dopkins
- Region Representative Joan Thomasson

The following two classes are scheduled in 2013:

- January 17-18 "Lavendula" Class with Cindy Valentine
- February 22-23 "Signs of Spring" Class with Diane Clements

Members are making good progress on stitching Mathilda or better known as "Tillie the Tortoise" for our 2014 Exhibit. She is absolutely gorgeous with her floral shell that she could win any beauty pageant. They are also getting excited about attending Viva Puntì. Neapolitan will be making the centerpieces for the Saturday evening banquet.

Many, many thanks to our outgoing officers—especially to Lilianne Rivera for being such a great president for the past four years.

*Sand Dollar**Kay Dune*

Sand Dollar Chapter has had a very busy fall season. Regular meetings started September 6th. Our first meeting was open to members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church where we hold our meetings. This was special as it was a presentation to the church.

A year and a half ago a very nice lady from the Daytona area who could no longer stitch donated all her stitching supplies and stash to us. Among the unfinished projects was a three-panel nativity scene. Our board felt this would be a fitting gift to finish for the church as a "Thank You" for letting us use such a nice facility.

The presentation of the finished nativity was given and our newly established Speakers Bureau gave a slide show and history of Sand Dollar including samples of our stitching and outreach projects.

In October the education project was a mini cross stitch pumpkin embellished with DMC memory thread. November was a Hardanger Christmas ornament. Both classes were taught by members. Some of our members also are doing Petite Project from national, the Assisi Poinsettia.

*Sand Dunes**Debbie Sewell*

The Cleopatra's Cat GCC canvases were turned in at the end of September. All but one was entirely stitched and all were turned in for evaluation. We had them back in our hands by the end of October. We are in the process of choosing another group project to work on.

The "Seasons of Stitching" program continued with members busily stitching on the October Angel by Joan Thomasson. The angel finished up at the November meetings with long and short stitch hair and leaf stitch wings. We are looking forward to Frosty Spring sampler by Barbara Rakosnik which begins in January and continues through March.

December brings our annual Holiday Party on Saturday the eighth. We hold our celebration at a local restaurant. We will hold elections of the President, Vice-President and Region Rep. The much anticipated stitched Christmas ornament exchange will be the highlight of the event. We will also have show and tell. Participants of the Sand Dunes stitching challenge will be in the drawing for the Ginger embroidery scissors.

With this I will say "so long" and turn the Region Rep job over to the very capable hands of Linda Anne Buehler.

*Sandhill Crane**Linda Hansen*

Our chapter is hosting its Christmas party on Wednesday, December 5th. As is the custom, the board has contributed a favor for each guest. This year we decided to purchase wooden needle cases and fill them with a variety of tapestry and sharp needles. We also decided to extend this idea further by offering a class at our February meeting to bead a needle case cover and top in whatever colors each individual chooses. Ginny Smith, our new Sun Region representative, beaded a sample for display to whet everyone's interest. Hopefully, we will have many pictures to include in our next report.

Sea Grape*Chris Zogus*

Much of our important news was in our newsletter mailed out early this month, so to as to not waste space and energy I will be reporting only the updates to that news.

Our members have been busy with our outreach program. To date they have knitted 864 baby caps and 56 chemo caps. Hours to date for this wonderful effort have been 2709. We added 2 new members (Mary and Alice) this month. They found us through the meeting notices our President, Antoinette Sabatka, placed in our local newspapers. We plan to continue the monthly announcements of our meeting and place an ad during season.

Our education chair, Muriel Kreeger, is in the process of finalizing our Har-danger class. The class will be the first weekend in April. Our program chair, Elle Sloane, announced additional programs for us. So in addition to the Christmas lunch and beading lecture, there will be our annual closet sale in April. And last, but not least, Elle and Jocelyn Paterson worked out the details for our February/March program. A picture of Jocelyn's Sanibel design is included as it looks amazing.



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