



# The Sun News

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

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## RD's Letter

I can't believe how fast time is going this year. It's September already and time to start thinking about weekend football games, tennis championships as well as golf. What did you do that was fun this past summer? I'm sure there has been a lot of stitching fun being had by everyone. In the next issue of Needle Arts Sun received a lot of notice which is always great. I love seeing our chapters and members featured there. Great job.

We're gearing up for our next region meeting which will be in Crystal River. The location is very pretty. The colonial style building is located on a peninsula overlooking Crystal River. I'm told the manatee surface periodically, all along the seawall at the hotel which should be a sight. There's also a pontoon boat tour that might be fun to do – something different.

If your chapter hasn't taken advantage of the Education Grant this year, time is getting short. This is an opportunity for a chapter to receive \$100 reimbursement from the region for a GCC or program. Applications for reimbursement have to be filed with the Treasurer by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out. We will be doing this grant program again next year. Program chairmen might want to keep this in mind for your 2014 program planning.

I hope everyone is continuing to have fun with their stitching endeavors. Remember, it's good to learn a new technique or experience a different craft, or even view a museum exhibit for a different medium. You never know what you'll pick up and carry between the new medium and the embroidery world. Drop me a line and tell me about your new experiences.

Happy Summer Stitching, *Jan*



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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

September 26	Hotel reservation deadline
October 14	Lunch reservation deadline
December 1	Next <i>Sun News</i> deadline

### **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.

**ARD Report****Betty Baechle**

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, Florida 34429, for the October 26-27 meeting. A calm relaxing site. Manatees, live oak trees with hanging moss, a pretty gazebo to sit in and a great place to go on a pontoon boat to see a sunset. Ahhhhh! Crystal River is located off of Kings Bay and is one of the largest aquifers in the state and home of more than 400 West Indian manatees. Manatee tours, golf and fishing are available if you wish to bring along a spouse. Pontoon boats are available for rent.

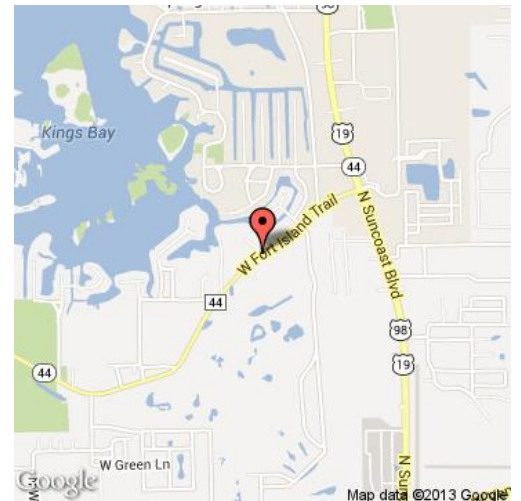
The room rate is \$109.00 or \$129.00 plus 9% tax; the \$129.00 rate is for a patio room. Call the Plantation at 800-632-6262 to make your reservation on or before September 26. Room block is for Embroiderers Guild of America Board Meeting. If you decide to extend your stay, this rate is available three days prior and following the dates of this meeting. We have complimentary Internet in the guest and meeting room. Also 20% off the AVEDA Spa menu. You must book appointment 30 days in advance. Our host chapter for favors is Gulfview and the program will be provided by Sand Dollar. Lunch coupon on page 18 and photo of program project on page 13.

From Tampa it is approximately 75 miles. FL - 589 Toll North to US 98 , West on US 98 to US / SR 55, North on SR 55 to Crystal River , left on Ft. Island Trail. Inn is on the right.

From Jacksonville I-10 west to US 301, exit South to SR 24, SR 24 to US 121, Southwest on US 121 to US 19, South on US 19 to SR 44 intersection in Crystal River. Continue US 19 south to 2nd traffic light, right onto West Ft. Island Trail. Inn is on the right.

From Orlando area FL Turnpike north to I-75, I-75 North to Exit 329 Wildwood, West on SR 44 to Crystal River, South on US 19 to 2nd traffic light , right onto West Ft. Island Trail. Inn is on the right.

From the south I-75 North to exit 301 toward Brooksville/Weeki Wachi left onto US 98/SR 50 Cortex, left onto E Jefferson St. Follow E Jefferson US98-SR700, turn right onto Ponce de Leon US98-SR70, right onto Suncoast Blvd US98-US19, left on Ft Island Trail. Inn is on the right.



**SAVE THE DATE!** Our spring meeting April 5-6, 2013 will be at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. We have been to this hotel before and per the requests I received we are now going back there. I need at this time to give you some information about this meeting site. First it has been difficult getting the meeting date. There is a large convention going on before us. I have been advised that if you need a room with special requirements you need to **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW**. Call [1-800-380-7724](tel:1-800-380-7724). Room block name is Embroiderers' Guild of America. Room rate is \$119.00 plus taxes. Actually all of you could make your reservations now and mark it off of your list to do. Should you encounter any problems email or call me and I will hopefully solve the problem.

I hope all of you have had a fun summer that has included family, friends and stitching. I'll be seeing you soon at the Plantation,  
*Betty*

*Treasurer's Report*

*Kathy Singleton*

Data from January 1 through August 15, 2013.

Category	Checking	MoneyMkt
Opening Balances (1/1/2013)	23,253.90	52,010.28
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	1,729.50	
Interest		6.56
Educ Event		
Seminar	2,564.35	
Exhibit		
Fund Raising	333.00	
Sales		
Contributions		
Meals		
Retreats	1,875.00	
Printing		
Other		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6,501.85</b>	<b>6.56</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Educ Event		
Seminar	16,899.37	
Exhibit		
Fund Raising	377.29	
Cost of Sales		
Rent		
Newsletter		
Administration	29.72	
Officers' Travel	70.53	
Meals	46.00	
Retreats	107.74	
Gifts		
Printing		
Other		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>17,530.65</b>	
Transfers		
from compass bank acct		
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>12,225.10</b>	<b>52,016.84</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCES (4/30/2013)</b>		
Regions Bank Accounts	12,295.63	52,016.84

Check #1026 is outstanding

## 2014 Educational Event

*Kathy Singleton*



Plans are in full swim for our event in 2014 and you're invited to swim along with us. Crystal River Stitching will be a retreat at the beautiful Plantation on Crystal River. The river in this part of Florida is known for its manatees so yes, that's the theme. They're so cute and you'll have your chance to swim with or "ride" one.

Here are the activities so far: welcome to Crystal River at the Heritage Village on Friday night, Saturday stitching with an included lunch and BBQ dinner, Sunday stitching, several wonderful make-and-takes throughout the weekend and our fundraiser is Manatee Downs. Yes, you can 'ride' a manatee to fortune in this fun, land based race. And, betting on the winner will improve your fortune too. A swim with the manatees in Crystal River is in the works and more will be coming on that.

Registration is open and the registration form is included in this newsletter on Pages 17-18. We currently have over 70 people registered for this event and the more the merrier. Name tag kits will be available at the October Sun Region meeting and thereafter until the event. It's so cute and yes, it's a manatee. Those who saw it at Viva Punti loved it.

The Plantation on Crystal River 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.

We hope that you'll join us for this fun and relaxing weekend with your fellow stitchers and the manatees. Meet some new friends and catch up with some old ones. Oops, I mean long time friends. A few small classes can give you a stitching break. So, bring your UFOs or start a new project but please come to Crystal River Stitching.

## 2015 Seminar

*Deby Talley*

I know this note seems so far in advance, but it is time to start planning our region Seminar for 2015.

I am in need of several committee members- including a co-chair, a treasurer, secretary, goodie bags, fund raising, table decorations for the banquet, brochure, student handbook, volunteer chairman and if there is anything else you would like to do please let me know.

We will be back in Orlando, at the same facility we were at for Viva Punti. We will be having classes and are working on getting notices sent out to teachers to apply. Please contact me with any questions, suggestions, ideas or, of course, to volunteer. Also we are looking for a theme and a name for the seminar as well.

Be sure to mention this to your chapter members who would like to get involved at the region level.

## *Jenna McClooney Named Sun Region Gold Thread Winner*

EGA is an organization which depends on volunteers at all levels in order to remain viable. Members are encouraged to “recognize outstanding individuals who give freely of their time and talents and best exemplify EGA’s purpose” by nominating a member for the annual Gold Thread Award. Based on the nominations received, a committee selects one nominee from each region to receive this award. From the region Gold Thread recipients, a national recipient is then selected. All Gold Thread recipients are recognized at the opening banquet at the EGA seminar and presented a beautiful pin. The national recipient is also announced at this banquet.

I nominated Jenna McClooney for the Gold Thread Award because, since she joined EGA in 2004, she has given freely of her time and talents for the betterment of EGA. Jenna was chosen as this year’s Sun Region winner.



Jenna has held several offices and committee positions at the chapter level. She designed and implemented the “Stitching Series,” an outreach and membership recruiting educational program. She also developed and implemented the “3Rs, Reach out, Recruit & Retain,” a chapter marketing and membership program. Both of these programs have been given to EGA and are available to all members on the EGA website.

From 2008-2011, Jenna served as Sun Region’s director and developed a Facebook presence for the region marketing team. While region director, she worked on the national level Restructure and “Buy a Membership” (BAM) committees and served as secretary of the Finance Committee.

Currently, Jenna is the dean of faculty and co-chair of the EGA 2013 seminar. As dean of faculty, she has organized and expanded the International Touring Teacher (ITT) program.

Jenna continues to volunteer for EGA as the 2012 - 2015 EGA fundraising chair and Education Catalog editor and as registrar for the 2015 International Embroidery Conference (IEC). She is Sun Region’s Social Media Coordinator.

Congratulations Jenna!

Submitted by Barbara Harrison

# Committee Reports

## BYLAWS

*Jineen Kulczycky*

No report.

## EDUCATION

*Cheri Hammer*

Nothing new to report.

## Historian

*Karan Quintero*

After the successful 1982 Mini-Seminar there seems to have been a lively correspondence with several hotels. Reservations had to be made individually at the Countryside Motel (\$24+ tax double room), the Comfort Motel (\$20+ tax double room or the Days Inn (\$32.88+ tax double room). The final location chosen, the North Dunedin Baptist Church, on May 16-17, 1983.

Registration was \$30 which included class fee, lunch and dinner (Chef Charley's) on Monday with kits not exceeding \$20.00. All registration forms, listing three choices, had to be post-marked by April 1, with an enclosed self-addressed envelope. Registration opened at 8:30am requiring the kit fee monies ready for payment. Monday classes 9-4pm with a lunch break and Tuesday Classes 8:30-11:30am.

Twelve classes were offered:

1. Tray Cloth in Drawn Thread Work With Hemstitching by Ritva Bowman-\$9,
2. Star and Flowers by LeE Brady-\$20,
3. Silk and Metal Surface by Martha Ellis-\$18
4. Angel In Silver Metallic Threads by Rena Gordan-\$6,
5. Beginning Hardanger Embroidery by Jonalene T. Gutwein-\$12
6. Medieval Ladies by Marcia E. Hardin-\$11

There were 136 participants lead by ten teachers. By the end of the second day many of the classes showed a great deal of progress on their individual projects. The Gulfview and Sun Coast Chapters had provided two breakfasts of coffee and donuts and a nice salad lunch. Surprise entertainment at Chef Charles was a skit on Pantomine written by Reader and Martha Ellis, performed by Leona Brady and Martha Pearly Vogt. Who knew we had such creative writers and performers to compete with those Hollywood types of the time!!

*Outreach**JoyceAnne Stevens & Melody Bryant*

Summer is a relaxed quiet time of stitching for Sun Region members but Outreach continues. Biscayne Chapter completed and mailed 33 Patriotic Hearts, completed and presented 11 samplers to new homeowners thru Habitat for Humanity (Sept) and distributed 50 knitted and crocheted caps for children undergoing chemotherapy treatment. During August, duClay Chapter displayed needlework in the display cases and in September will be showing larger pieces in the gallery of the Orange Park Library. Indian River Chapter also had a library exhibit at Satellite Beach Library. They collected and sent boxes of embroidery supplies to 2 military hospitals and so far this year have stitched 6 samplers for Habitat for Humanity. They conducted a very successful Teaching Children program this summer working with 8 children over 3 sessions. Their Toiletries for Homeless program is closing in on their goal of 2000 items. As of July 15 they had reach 59% of the goal. Also in July they hosted a speaker from "The Haven", an organization that provides safe homes for children and presented items for use at The Haven as well as monetary donations.

Sand Dollar Chapter has also been busy stitching for others. They completed 40 ornaments for the Life Skills program at Atlantic High School, 3 shrugs and 10 walker pockets for various nursing homes, 3 samplers for Habitat for Humanity and 22 baby blankets, 13 baby sets (hats and booties) for drug dependent mothers at the Stewart Matchum.

Sand Dunes Chapter presented a sampler for a new Habitat for Humanity house and in August will be collecting the blankets they have been working on this year to be given to the Children in Crisis Center.

Sandhill Crane Chapter is another chapter stitching samplers for Habitat for Humanity and works with 2 counties. In September they will their present 79<sup>th</sup> sampler since 2003. Sandhill Crane Chapter has also been working with the Rotary Club and donated supplies for "Dresses Without Borders" for Haiti and continues to support Mid Florida Community Services with donations that go mainly for Senior Citizens.

Sea Grape Chapter has been making baby caps and Chemo caps. In July 39 caps were delivered to Gulf Coast Hospital and so far this year Sea Grape has given 427 baby caps and 35 chemo caps for a total of 1,430 volunteer hours.

*Social Media**Jenna McClooney**Sun & Sea Embroiderers'*

facebook page is ramping up for a memorable Seminar 2013 (October 5-11 in Louisville KY)! We have created a "Winner by a Stitch" event and look forward to seeing some lively exchanges about travel plans, classes, and other activities that you are looking forward to. Please feel free to start dialogues, post photographs and respond to posting from other people.

If you need assistance with posting information or photos, please contact Jenna McClooney, Social Media Coordinator at [socialmedia@sunregionega.org](mailto:socialmedia@sunregionega.org).

*Ways & Means*

This position is now vacant. If you would like to volunteer to fill the Ways and means chair for the remainder of Jan's term, please contact her.



# Chapter Reports

## *Bermuda*

*Lucy Martin*

The Bermuda Guild of Stitchery takes a break from our structured meetings during the summer months, that is July, August and September. We will be starting off our new guild year with an all day stitch in and luncheon on September 21st. This event is open to all members and their guests and will be held at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. This venue has spectacular views of the waterfront, and at times, some of us can be found staring out the window at the beautiful turquoise colored sea.

During this guild year we will be taking advantage of the local talent that Bermuda has to offer; we will hold a couple of work shops, have marathon Stitch Ins and a local guest speaker. The guild will also continue to hold two meetings a month on the same day, one in the morning and one in the evening, to give people the choice to come when it fits their schedule best.

This year the President's challenge for our guild will be to make a pin cushion using any fabric, fibre or stitch and it can be any shape or size.

## *Biscayne*

*Karan Quintero*

No report.

## *Canopy Oaks*

*Linda Dean*

Summer 2012, for the 23 members of Canopy Oaks in Tallahassee, was filled with stitching and making plans for more. The chapter held two public stitching sessions, in June and August, at a public library. Members stitched their individual projects, a GCC or pre-work for a class at the National Seminar and several potential new members were welcomed.

Our annual "Summer Planning Session" was held on July 13 at the home of President Anne Wright. We made plans for the 2013-2014 season and then were nourished with a lunch of delicious dishes brought by members.

Embroidery projects of present and future include the following and many fun stitching times ahead!!!

- Current GCC includes eight members working on Kay Stanis' "Spring Splendors"
- Christmon stitching project. These ornaments will be given to the church that has hosted our chapter meetings since its inception in 2007
- Art Quilt Trunk Show Talk by member Jennifer Bailey on September 15
- GCC for 2014 is Needlework Took Case by Mary Long will be coordinated by member Carole Fiore
- Introduction to needlepoint chapter program November 9, 2013
- Chapter meeting December includes gift exchange and cookie swap

## *Central Florida*

*Deby Talley*

Central Florida chapter had a quiet summer. We learned some new stitches in June to use in our July project. In July we had Christmas in July as Margaret Kinsey taught us a cookie cutter Santa. In August we worked on habitat for humanity samplers. We are looking forward to our 35th anniversary tea in September.

*Chain Stitchers**Claire Nardone*

Chain Stitchers has been pretty quiet this summer. Our outreach chair, Lynn Abbey, attended 3 Habitat for Humanity dedications and 4 members are working on their Angel Face pilot class project.

We're looking forward to an exciting fall.

*duClay**JoyceAnne Stevens & Melody Bryan*

Things have been HOT HOT HOT for duClay this summer. No lazy summer for this group.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> we started what is hopefully to be an annual event. We had our first Summer Stitch-In which was hosted by member Cathe Gordon who lives at the Westminster Woods retirement community on SR 13 in St Johns Co. We had 12 members in attendance and 1 guest. We had a great informal exhibit and lunch was served. There was plenty of time for stitching, chatting and catching up with our plural members from the CF Chapter.



We are still having fun with our "taste of" mini workshop series. In August we had friend Denise Harkins show us the basics of wool appliqué. We had 16 members attend and 3 guests. A full kit was provided including wools, templates and even a needle and Valdani perle cotton for the whopping price of \$5 of which over half of the money was graciously donated back to the chapter. Ironing stations were set up around the room and Denise aptly worked the room to make sure everyone was on the right track and many went home with a finished scissor sheath.



August has been a busy month for duClay. We staged another exhibit at the Orange Park Library. The location of our monthly meeting and 2 monthly stitch-ins. The exhibit was beautifully presented by members JoyceAnne Stevens and Ruth Cook. We had so many gorgeous submissions this year and even had exhibits mailed to us from out of area members. The exhibit is only up thru the end of August but please visit our chapter blog and take a look at the wonderful blog post by member Jackie Kahrs. All photography in this article was also by Jackie. Our blog is: <http://duclayega.blogspot.com/>

We have much to look forward to this fall as hopefully cooler temps come to NE Florida. In September the chapter will be displaying larger framed needlework on the gallery walls at the Orange Park Library. We are very fortunate to have this great venue to meet and to display our works annually. Also in September we have our class with Jane Timmers of Fancy Work from Marietta Ga. We have 11 in attendance for class including two Chain Stitchers members and several plurals from out of the area. This is a 2 day class on her lovely Shakespeare's Garden Sweet Bag.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2013 we are devoting the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Stitch in every month to "Finish those Ornaments". We are collecting trims, fabrics and ideas and putting them in our magic box so that on October 5<sup>th</sup> those chapter members who are interested can get together and support each other with knowledge and ideas.

We have already begun to plan our big Christmas celebration to be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have a catered luncheon

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at the historic Bensel House on the St Johns River. We will have our “2013 Challenge reveal”, show off our 2013 SAL pieces, exchange gifts and most certainly find time for a few stitches and some great conversation.

We are so pleased that duClay is continuing to grow. We had 3 plural members join us recently. Kathy Singleton from CF Chapter, Linda Meyer from Dixie EGA in GA and the owner of the Inspired Needle in Illinois Cathy Roginela.

## *Gulfview*

*Ann Ashley*

Gulfview Chapter members enjoy stitching. All summer those spending their time in Florida gathered at members' homes to practice their craft. Now, with Labor Day, the emphasis changes to learning something new. In September Judy De-Meglio will be the leader for “Beaded Tenerife Lace Flower” and then in October the group will hone in on using memory thread from DMC in creating a pumpkin. Looking to November some in our chapter will admit to not finishing UFO's, although some will actually have completed their declared unfinished items. At the November meeting we will also undertake stitching a tree that can be made into an ornament.

The main effort by the Gulfview chapter will be on being ready for the Sun Region meeting in Crystal River. Our members have been working on the luncheon favors and many are planning to attend the lunch to act as hostesses. We hope that there will be a large showing for this lovely resort area.

## *Indian River*

*Jineen Kulczycky*

As usual, our chapter has been busy. A group finished their Moonlight Sonata GCC led by Ginny Gilbertson and mailed them in to be critiqued. It turned out to be a very intense time for those doing it. A group will start Cleopatra's Cat in September—some may even do it as a cat! Our Sampler Sleuths are finishing up their Birthday Samplers (beginners) or Linda Driscoll's Heirloom White Work Sampler. A few of our Sleuths did a different sampler. We really challenged ourselves this year. Annette Clark had helped many of our newer members with small groups doing Ribbon Embroidery, peyote beading and others on a more individual basis.

Our Outreach groups are continuing—collecting toiletries for the homeless, box tops for schools, Habitat Samplers and Dedications, kissing pillows and military outreach. 1181 toiletries have been collected this year—59% of our goal. We have completed and dedicated 20 Habitat houses and many new houses are in progress. Patrick Air Force Base has not deployed troops lately but has let us know that some are leaving soon, so we will deliver Kissing Pillows to them. Kay Cantrell from The Haven, a safe home for children, visited in July. We made it Christmas in July for them with donations of both money and items on their wish list.

Our two evening groups are doing their own stitching and planning for the holidays. We have continued exhibits in our Brevard libraries - one exhibit put together by Ginny Gilbertson and another upcoming by Irene Dunne.



In June Doreen Snyder led a program to make a monogrammed sachet or ornament. Jineen Kulczycky designed an alphabet including a heart on each letter. Many finished these at the meeting.

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Along with The Haven visit at our meeting, our members stitched a Christmas in July tree ornament, "I love Christmas" designed by Sandy Crow, as shown in the December 2011 issue of EGA's *Needle Arts* magazine. But the **highlight** of July was our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual One-Day Retreat. We hung out with 30+ of our BFF's! Ate too much, stitched until we needed to stand up and take a break. Attendees brought a picture from long ago or far away—or both. With this we learned a little more about our friends. Door prizes were given during the day as well as for the oldest picture and the long distance traveler. We had three people riding camels or elephants. All of us stitched on our new nametag, continuing on the activities of our "IRC stitcher." Fun day was had by all.

Our group had over 50% attendance in August. We each brought our favorite tools and antique items. Each got up to explain what it was, what it is used for, where to get it, why it is their favorite. Everyone walked away with thought of tools they now need in their own stash. *Is there a shopping trip needed?*

Our own JeanMarie Hearnshaw is teaching a tree pattern made using Huck Embroidery at our September meeting. We are excited to learn this surface stitching technique.



While we are all finishing our yearly projects and getting ready for the end-of-year holidays, we will hold our annual Book Sale in October. This is followed in November by our always popular Super Show & Tell. We get to see the results of our combined efforts from the year. And in December we will PARTY!

All photos by Doreen Snyder.

## Neapolitan

## Joan Thomasson

With most of our members up North for the summer, we have enjoyed small stitchins once a month at the smaller community meeting room at Moorings Park, as well as two stitchins a month at the homes of members- always a fun chance to see lots of finished needlework being enjoyed in different settings. Many of us are working on projects to be displayed at our Biennial Exhibit and Sale in February or items to sell at the show's Boutique. One group project, Tilly the Turtle, is being stitched by many members and will be a major piece for the Teacup Auction.

The Chapter members were delighted when Luan Callery, our workshop head, gave us the opportunity to sign up for one of two projects, "Sweet Treats" by Terry Dryden or "Lattice Jungle" by Mary Corbett. The guild paid for the instructions and thread lists, and each participant provides their own threads. What a fun way to cull your stash or try a different color or thread combination than the original. Twenty eight members are involved in the two projects, and some really terrific combinations are already appearing. Thanks to Luan for arranging all this.

We will move back to our larger meeting room and regular programs in October as more of our members return to the sunny(?) South.

## Sand Dollar

## Kay Dune

Sand Dollar had its first Board meeting of 2013-2014. We are going to be so busy this year, but it will be fun. The Education projects for the fall are; Sept. Tenneriffe, Oct. Beaded Angel and Nov. Stumpwork.

December will be our annual Christmas luncheon. The theme this year is "Fashionista." The luncheon committee is hoping everyone will dress up in something they have made or embellished for a fashion show. The committee has many surprises in store for those attending.

In addition to the education projects to be taught, the Market Place will be open. The Market Place is where we bring stitching things: patterns, books or other items for a donation.

This year we as a club have started the UFO challenge. Pictures are being taken of each item entered and again when the item is finished. All items need to be finished by the March meeting. A year's membership will be awarded to one of our members at the April luncheon for her finished work.

Sand Dollar will present the Saturday night program at the October Sun Region meeting. It's fall, so the evening project will be a pumpkin done with DMC Memory Thread. Sand Dollar will provide the entire kit. The pumpkin can be made into a pin or magnet. Anyone wishing to do this project should bring your regular sewing kit.



## Sand Dunes

## LindaAnne Buehler

Like many others, Sand Dunes chapter suspends program meetings during the summer and simply holds stitch-ins instead. Our final summer stitch-in on Aug 22 was featured (with photo!) in a local paper after we were visited by a member of their staff at one of the two locations at which we stitched at that night. We were sorry to have such a small group in the photo, but excited to have a new member join at the other stitching location.

We also had a new member join us at our annual August membership coffee and program year kickoff on Aug 10. We brought in over \$100 from "white elephants", shared show and tell, and munched on yummy snacks.



In September, we begin our new stitching year in earnest. Our program, as developed by our VP Cindy Hardesty, is themed "Yours Truly: Pretty and Personalized." We'll start off with tea- or coffee-dyeing a piece of fabric to be used for a "Stitcher's Bou-TEA-que" accessory set. The set - consisting of a tea (or coffee) wallet, glasses case, beaded glasses chain and travel tissue holder - will be stitched, personalized, embellished and finished over the next several months.



## *Sandhill Crane*

*Ginny Smith*

We are beginning to gear up for the next season of stitching. Our snowbird members are starting to flock back and are getting ready for our September meeting. New for this year is the Angelina Group Correspondence course lead by Linda Hansen and Cathy Weber. At our September meeting we will be doing a round robin session demonstrating various knots found in different stitching techniques. In October we will be hosting Linda Mucha for an ornament class. This is also our anniversary meeting as we celebrate 21 years of great stitching and good friends.

Our outreach has touched senior citizens through donations to the Mid Florida Community Services, toiletries and clothing are examples of items donated. New for us this year is assisting the Rotary Club with their Haiti Dresses Without Borders project. Donations were made of fabric, bias bindings and ribbons to make simple dresses for girls, shorts for boys and even some dresses for women. Our continuing project of stitching samplers for Habitat for Humanity new home owners is still well received. We congratulate Citrus County for beginning their 100th Habitat built home. While we weren't there in the beginning we have been providing samplers for over 10 years.

At our September 2013 chapter meeting we were informed that our chapter had been awarded a plaque from Habitat for Humanity. It is for our continuing support for the Habitat families through the presentation of samplers. It was given in appreciation for our work in the past and for the future.

## *Sea Grape*

*Chris Zogus*

Since our newsletter was written and distributed earlier this month, there is not much to add to the region newsletter.

There were only a couple of items of interest mentioned at our August meeting.

- Our speaker for our annual luncheon will be Margaret Kinsey. The luncheon will be held at Gulf Harbor.
- Helen Crombe sorted through all the yarn donations and put together "baggies" of yarn for our continuing baby and chemo cap outreach programs.
- Show and tell from our August meeting is at the right. Stitchers top to bottom are Chris Zogus, Julie McCarter and Julie McCarter.



## *Stitching Gators*

*Betsy Harris*

We continued to meet during the summer to hold business meetings and stitch on various projects. We are working on our chapter project "Birds of a Feather". Some members have completed the project, some have been creative and are working on an interpretation of the design, and I have not even started mine! (One of the summer projects that I never got to.) We do not hold an August meeting but since our September meeting always falls on Labor Day, we had the September meeting on the last Monday in August. Marion Jones taught us how to make a beautiful beaded bracelet using 3 sizes of beads. It goes very quickly. I love my red, white, and blue bracelet and plan to make more as Christmas gifts.

We are planning to gather in September to make pillowcases for "Conquer Cancer". It will be fun to see the fabrics everyone picks out for this project. I know we will get lots of pillowcases made. I hope I will have some good pictures of our assembly-line production and fellowship as we work together on this outreach project.

## Education opportunity in Sarasota Florida – October 28-30

Don't miss this rare opportunity!



For class and kit descriptions please follow this link: <http://www.egausa.org/index.php/itt2013info/itt2013clarketour>

Innovative needlework designer and artist, Gary Clarke of Tasmania, Australia, will be teaching two classes in Sarasota, Florida at the Sarasota Chapter EGA. Gary will be teaching a two-day class titled, "Tulle and Organza Fantail," and a one-day class named, "Black Cockatoo." This is an opportunity to experience a seminar-level teacher without leaving Florida.



Black Cockatoo, October 30

For more information, please contact

Jenna McClooney

at [SocialMedia@sunregionega.org](mailto:SocialMedia@sunregionega.org)



### Gary Clarke

Gary lives in Launceston, in the north of the state of Tasmania, Australia.

Gary's specialties are organza embroidery, needlelace, and corded whitework.

*Show Your Winning Colors With These Great Winner by a Stitch Accessories!*



Whether you are traveling or relaxed in your favorite chair to stitch, this blanket will make you feel like a winner. The 2013 EGA national seminar logo is stamped on the outside pocket and embroidered on the blanket. The blanket opens up to 48" x 60" and zips down to a handy 14" x 10" (perfect for carrying on trips!)

While snuggled in your blanket, the ornament will be fun to cross stitch. The ornament is available with or without the EGA gold charm.



The beaded 2013 seminar pin identifies you as a "Winner by a Stitch" every time you wear it. The kit has been a hot item ever since it was introduced at the 2011 National Seminar. Get yours now while they are still available!

Travel Blanket.....	\$25.00
Cross Stitch Ornament, complete kit with charm.....	\$15.00
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Beaded Logo Pin, complete kit with charm.....	\$20.00

To order contact Jenna McClooney at [SocialMedia@sunregionega.org](mailto:SocialMedia@sunregionega.org)

**And don't miss the 2013 EGA National Seminar in Louisville, Kentucky from October 5-11, 2013!**



## Sun Region EGA Event 2014

## CRYSTAL RIVER STITCHING

May 2-4, 2014

Registration begins September 1, 2013 and ends on December 1, 2013. All registrations need to be paid in full and postmarked by December 1, 2013. Non-EGA members must pay an additional \$50 registration fee.

Please print or type all the info on this form. Be sure and fill it out completely. There are 2 sides. Please contact the registrar if you have any questions.

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(ALTERNATE) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EGA MEMBER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ (ALTERNATE) \_\_\_\_\_

May be publish your address/phone/email in the participant handbook? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a roommate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first Sun Region Event? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a life-time EGA member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Sun Region Event 2014 cannot be responsible for meals that do not meet dietary needs. I agree to release The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., and The Sun Region from any liability for theft, property damage, or personal injury while participating in or attending any or all of the functions and meetings of the Sun Region Event 2014. I understand that cancellation must be made in writing to the Registrar by March 1, 2014. Please observe the cancellation policy.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Total cost is \$125** which includes a \$25 nonrefundable fee. The cost includes both a box lunch on Saturday and a Southern Cookout Buffet on Saturday night. Please check one of the box lunch choices below (both include chips, cookie and water).

Grilled Chicken Wrap

Roasted Portobello Wrap

**Crystal River Stitching Event fee:** \$125 (includes \$25 nonrefundable fee)

**Preregistration deposit, if applicable:** -\$25

**Non-EGA Member:** +\$50

**Total remitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail **your check made payable to Sun Region EGA**, and the completed registration form to:

Debbie Sewell, Registrar

Send email to Debbie asking for mailing address to send your registration.

[2014Registrar@sunregionega.org](mailto:2014Registrar@sunregionega.org)

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_



**Sun Region Meeting - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Reservations , Plantation on Crystal River, October 26-27, 2013**

**Dietary Restrictions?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clip and mail your reservation and check for \$22.00 (payable to Sun Region EGA) to be received by October 14, 2013.**

**Betty Baechle, ARD Sun Region**

**ard@sunregionega.org**

**Send email to Betty for her mailing address.**

**Luncheon selections. Please check one.**

**Seared Sea Scallop Spinach Salad**  **OR**

**Macadamia Nut Crusted Chicken**

**I will be participating in the Saturday evening program hosted by Sun Region Board. Circle one below.**

**Yes**

**No**