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THE CAROLINAS CALENDAR

2006

June 2 Carolinas Region Meeting
Ridgecrest Conference Center

June 2-4 Carolinas Region Seminar
Ridgecrest Conference Center

October 22-27 EGA National Seminar
Host: **Mid-Atlantic Region**
Richmond, VA

2007

June 1 Carolinas Region Meeting
Ridgecrest Conference Center

June 1-3 Carolinas Region Seminar
Ridgecrest Conference Center

September 2-8 EGA National Seminar
Host: **Great Lakes Region**
Chicago, IL

November ? Carolinas Region Annual Mtg
Myrtle Beach, SC

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The Carolinas Region, EGA, publishes *RegioNews* 3 times a year in Charlotte, North Carolina. The next publication deadline is **March 15, 2006** for the Spring issue. Rita Ulam will be the new editor.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

After four years, this is my last column for *RegioNews*-it's a bittersweet time, both sad and liberating!

When I look back over the last four years, I am amazed by the number of things that have happened in the Carolinas Region:

- We hosted one of the best National Seminars ever in Hilton Head in 2002. No, we didn't make a lot of money, but we definitely showed the world the best of Southern hospitality! Jeanette Lovensheimer and her wonderful committee made it happen.
- Thanks to the efforts of The Laurel Chapter, we hosted the National Touring Exhibit in our region.
- We had our own exhibit in the Margaret Parshall Gallery at EGA National Headquarters.

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*New/Chg'd info this issue

(From The Director's Chair, continued from p. 1)

- Our region, thanks to webmaster extraordinaire Sydney Mace, now has one of the most up-to-date, informative websites in the country.
- Our room at the Storr House is complete--this effort was spearheaded on the national level by Fran Alley, on the region level by Linda Eason--and it has drawn attention from other groups besides EGA
- Carolinas has found a home for a yearly regional seminar at Ridgecrest, and continues to keep the costs low to enable as many EGA members as possible to attend.
- The region has started sponsoring the tuition costs for two correspondence courses a year for our members, additionally enabling as many Carolinas members as possible the opportunity to expand their stitching horizons.
- Our chapters continue to be involved in outreach in their individual communities and to teach children, our future, to love embroidery as much as we do.

I did none of these things--they are all accomplishments that an extraordinary group of volunteers in our Carolinas region made happen. For this, I can only thank you for making this one of the most memorable periods of my life in EGA.

We still have obstacles to overcome--our population is aging overall, and our membership numbers continue to drop. However, I know that this region will continue to produce some of the most spectacular activities and experiences for our members to enjoy in their pursuit of fine stitchery.

There are many dynamic situations occurring on the national front as well. New membership categories, including a special children's membership, will allow us to spread the message to more embroiderers than ever. EGA is planning to move to a better headquarters situation in the coming year, one that will allow us more room and more exposure, while removing the problems of continuing leaks into our current offices at the Brown Hotel. New president Karen Wojahn plans to continue our support of the American Heart Association's research into women's heart health issues.

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(From The Director's Chair, continued from p. 2)

I will miss hearing from all of you on a regular basis through newsletters and emails (reading the newsletters has been one of the joys of this job!)--but I look forward to sitting on the back row with my embroidery again.

I'll see you at Ridgecrest!

Ann

**REMINDER
NEW NEWSLETTER READER**

Our chapter Newsletter Editors should have received an email from Joyce McCoig about the change in the national reader. This is now in **effect** so please send your printed newsletters to:

**Kathleen Rake
158 Maywood Way
San Rafael CA 94901-1135**

A new address has been set up for sending your newsletter electronically:

crnewsletters@egausa.org

This will be a permanent address, and will remain the same regardless of future changes in the reviewer position. You may begin using that now.

Please be sure to make these changes to your mailing & email addresses!

Lynn

REGION NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Since Katrina Lawrimore, our newest member of the region nominating committee, was elected to the ARD position, she must resign from the Nominating Committee. We will accept nominees from the floor at the next region meeting in June at Ridgecrest.

The Nominating Committee offered this slate for 2006 at the annual meeting in November and it was accepted unanimously with no nominations from the floor:

Region Director:	Sandy Plain
Assistant Region Director:	Katrina Lawrimore
Treasurer:	Mary Edens
Nominee for National Nominating Committee:	Ann Blalock

Jeanette Lovensheimer
Cissy Smith
Katrina Lawrimore

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STITCHIN' ON THE RIDGE 2006

We will be back at Ridgecrest June 2-4th, 2006. We will be in the same area as this past year. The Region meeting will be held again on Friday.

Check out the classes and project pictures on the region website to see which ones you want most. The printed brochure will go out within just a few weeks and your chapter will receive color photos too.

We are still in need of volunteers to handle the bookstore and the student notebook. If you can take on either of these jobs, please contact Sandy Plain.

Make plans now to come to the Mountains and enjoy the experience. Try to make plans to go up early and visit the area. There are plenty of shops for all kinds of needlework (beading included) and just shops for gifts and other items. If you are into hiking and other outdoor activities, there are plenty of opportunities for those also.

ARD NOTE

I want to thank everyone for the support of the Region Seminar for the past years! We have had great attendance and great teachers! The mountain location is a wonderful place. I look forward to seeing all of you in June. This year I will take a class!

The Committee that has helped me has made this Seminar. The Seminar would not be nearly as successful without their great work. This group has come up with so many good ideas to make this a success. Thank each of you so much. We do need some help with the Book Store for next year. Contact Katrina or myself to help out! I will volunteer to help out, but I am going to take a class this year!

I look forward to being RD for the next two years. Please feel free to ask me questions and give me suggestions. I would like to see more people come to Region Meetings.

What would you like to see at Region Meetings? I will be attending my first National Board Meeting in January, by myself. Look for a report in the next *RegioNews*.

Thanks to all,
Sandy Plain, 919-859-2404, splain@mindspring.com

CRESS SCHOLARSHIP 2006

The CRESS Scholarship supplies \$200.00 towards the cost of a class for embroidery study, not including EGA Region Seminars and the National EGA Seminar. The class can be an ESP or Individual Correspondence course.

CRESS Scholarships are available to any region member. To apply, you must write an essay including the title of the class chosen, why you would like to take the class, and the benefits you could share with other members of the region. Scholarship winners must provide either an article to *RegioNews* describing what they learned or must offer a workshop at a region meeting teaching others from the information they received.

The deadline is May 1, 2006. The winner will be announced at the Region Seminar/Region Meeting at Ridgecrest in June.

Please encourage your Chapter members to apply for this scholarship. It would be great to have a lot of applicants this year!

Send the essay to:
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REGION MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Presidents, it is your responsibility to send:

- A membership roster to the region director and membership chairman by Jan 15.
- An EGA Chapter Officer Change list of elected officers and appointed committee chairpersons to the national office, the region director, region membership, and RegioNews editor anytime during the year that you have changes occur in those positions.

If your officers have changed more than 2 weeks ago and you haven't sent in this list, we will forgive the oversight if you will send it now.

I've been the region membership person for a year and a half now and have received officer and committee updates from less than five chapters. Those of you who share your newsletter with me either online or by mail, I am able to update officers and committees from that, but I would really love to have it sent to me in a timely manner.

I have no idea what is happening concerning membership at the national level and who the employed membership person is, but I am sure that sometime after the first of the year, that information will be available. Membership is very important to EGA. In the meantime chapter membership still needs to be taken care of in the same manner in which it has always been done. Each chapter should be receiving a list of those members whose membership is due for renewal each quarter, from national. First quarter membership closes March 31, 2nd quarter closes June 30, 3rd quarter closes Sept.30, and 4th quarter closes Dec 31. As **membership person** you need to send the renewal, new members and withdrawals to national and to the region treasurer by the 15th of the next month. i.e. April 15, July 15, Oct.15 and Jan. 15. At the region level the treasurer processes the dues and then sends the renewals, new members, and withdrawals on to me. Remember that after Jan. 2006 the Carolinas Region will have a new treasurer, Mary Edens. Mary is a member of the Charlotte Chapter. Her address is: 5863 Wedgewood Dr. Charlotte, NC 28210 (704-523-0381)

Up to date and accurate membership is really important! Correct addresses and membership lists make a big difference especially when we are trying to

get in touch with members. In January 2006 we will be sending out the brochure for the June 2, 3, &4, 2006 'Stitchin On The Ridge, and I'd hate for someone not receive theirs because membership information was not up to date or correct.

Let's work together to have accurate membership information.

Sue Osterberg, Region Membership

[Editor's note: **See the address page of RegioNews for the list of what things need to go to whom and when.**]

REGION EDUCATION

Again this year, we had a large number of people to sign up for the two Group Correspondence courses. I look forward to receiving a lot of these pieces back by the end of June to send in for evaluation.

I got my new education book this week, and am thinking about next years classes. Please, if you have any preferences, e-mail me at lucystitch@earthlink.net. I will tally, and order the ones you seem to want the most.

Christmas is coming up fast, and I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday season,
Louise Henderson
Education Coordinator

EDITOR'S NOTE

Time has come for me to turn this assignment over to someone else. I have enjoyed being your newsletter editor over the last 5 years and seeing what things change and what things stay the same. I had this job in the mid-80's and the format was the same as now, but my technique was very different. Then I truly cut with scissors and pasted with tape. I typed things on a mainframe computer with no word-processing whatsoever, and printed out on continuous feed paper. Fortunately, my office also had a copier right there so I could make my copies, check them out, and then make copies to mail

We still have wonderful members and I love being able to communicate with all of you! See you at Ridgecrest.
Lynn

CAROLINAS REGION WEBSITE

www.egacarolinas.org

Updates have been posted throughout the website, and specifically:

Tennessee Valley Region will accept supply and monetary donations for hurricane relief until December 31. http://egacarolinas.org/Outreach/katrina_outreach.htm

Jackie Jacobs graciously granted permission to publish a picture of her final Master Craftsman step. <http://egacarolinas.org/regionbasics/mastercanvas.htm>

Region Seminar 2006 preview pictures are at <http://egacarolinas.org/Seminar2006/seminarpreviewpix.htm> Look at them now, even before you receive your brochure.

See more expanded information on opportunities offered by other chapters and referred to in this issue of *RegioNews*: <http://egacarolinas.org/regionbasics/chapevents.htm>

General internet hint:

If you go back to the page Augusta event page, and it is still showing 2005, click on the "refresh" button in your toolbar (it is the one with the circular green arrows). Or, go into "view" and click on "refresh".

This is something you may want to do every time you access the web, especially when returning to previously viewed pages. Why? A previously viewed page gets held in your cache (sounds slightly risqué, doesn't it?) so when you access it again, you see the earlier viewed version, and not the updated one. "Refresh" tells your computer to look for and show an updated page, if any.

Email Syd for ID & password to get into the "members-only section" to access more private areas of our website.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Part 1: National EGA is still identifying which chapters and areas are in the most need. Meanwhile, the Tennessee Valley Region (TVR) is collecting items to replenish the stash of EGA stitchers in the wake of hurricanes in the Gulf coast area.

Part 2: From TVR...Thanks to some wonderful individuals and chapters, we have accumulated quite a lot of items to go to stitchers affected by the hurricanes. At this point, we probably have more than enough for now. If you are in the process of gathering items, go ahead and send them to me, but don't start any new collecting. We will cut off donations at December 31.

If you would like to send money, we would gladly accept that and turn it into gift certificates from online stores for purchases of specific items which were not already donated or for stitchers to purchase what they need.

We cannot say thank you enough for all that has been donated. You truly have been generous and I know that your donations will be greatly appreciated. It just shows that stitchers in need have a huge "family" of other stitchers who will care for them in their hour of loss. I'm very proud to be part of this "family". Thanks to all of you.

Sandy McIlrath, Director
Tennessee Valley Region

SPECIAL OUTREACH PROJECT Ribbon of Remembrance

Blue Ridge Chapter is offering a beaded remembrance pin (designed by Karla Gee) in support of Katrina Outreach. Learn all about it at their chapter website: <http://www.hometown.aol.com/bregausa/index.html>

Karla Gee is Blue Ridge Chapter's VP, Outreach Chairperson & Web Coordinator. She also is the 2005 recipient of Carolinas Region's CRESS Scholarship that she used for beading classes. We will probably see her soon for one of our Education Opportunities at a region meeting.

For an outreach project, she has created a gorgeous beaded Ribbon of Remembrance for victims of Hurricane Katrina. I've seen the pin and it is simply beautiful! Karla's wonderful endeavor needs to reach all the members of the Carolinas Region.

Brenda Hedge, Newsletter Editor, Nimble Needle News, Blue Ridge Chapter

[Ed. Note: It could also apply to Hurricane Rita which hit the same general area not long after.]

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

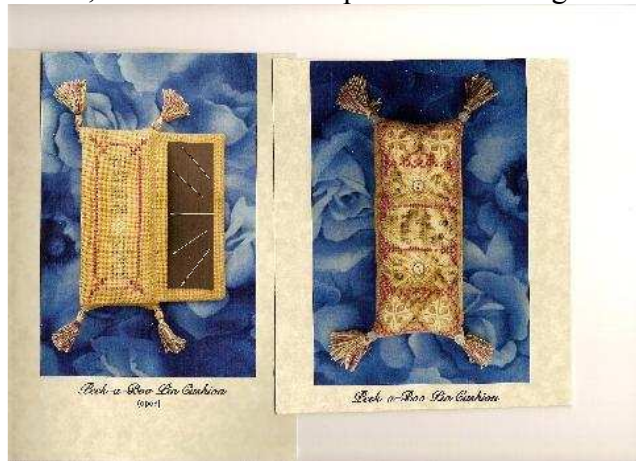
PIEDMONT CHAPTER WORKSHOP OPEN INVITATION

Piedmont Chapter welcomes Catherine Strickler of Indigo Rose teaching two of her pieces on the evenings of Jan. 13 and 14, 2006. There are a few spaces left that they are offering to the rest of our region. Check out this link for more information.

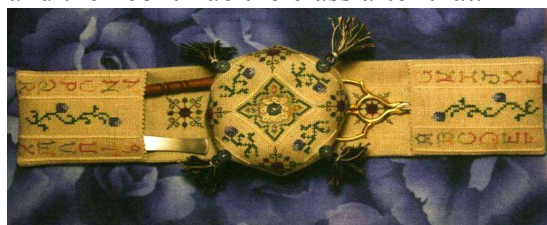
<http://egacarolinas.org/regionbasics/piedmontevent.htm>

Catherine will be teaching two lovely pieces. The classes will take place on Friday, January 13, 2006 from 4:00 – 9:00 pm and Saturday, January 14, 2006 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The location is Parkway Baptist Church, 1411 Benjamin Parkway, Greensboro, NC. Signs will indicate the room location.

The Friday evening class will be Peek-a-boo Pincushion, as shown in the following pair of photos. The Piedmont Chapter members will provide salads, drinks, and desserts for a quick meal during the class.



Then on Saturday, she will be teaching Catherine's Arm Chair Pin Keep, as shown below. Saturday we will break for a box lunch from Honey Baked Hams and then continue the class after that.



These are complete kits with all fabric/threads/beads and finishing supplies. Catherine will teach all the stitches as well as the finishing techniques. Please join us for this exciting venture with Catherine Strickler.

Class cost including kit fees

Friday Class Cost	\$39.50 + \$10.00 regis.
Saturday Class Cost	\$50.00 + \$10.00 regis.
Lunch Cost	\$ 7.35

Registration cut-off December 15, 2005, so please respond as soon as possible to insure your place in the workshops. If questions, please contact Joan Cudworth at 336-288-8477 or j_cudworth@yahoo.com. This issue of RegioNews is after this December date, but they may still have room for you.

AUGUSTA CHAPTER WORKSHOP OPEN INVITATION

Lynn Payette will be teaching her "Cricket", hosted by the Augusta Chapter, Augusta, GA Thursday and Friday, January 26-27, 2006.

Augusta Chapter has issued an open invitation to the event. The cost of the workshop is \$74.50 per person, a bargain compared to attending a seminar to take this class. The teaching fee of \$25.00 is non-refundable and is due by December 5, 2005. Kit fee is \$49.50 and may be paid by January 2, 2006.

If you are interested in attending this workshop contact Lynn Tesch at 706-869-0103 or e-mail lynnyn@comcast.net. For more information, check the region website at <http://egacarolinas.org/regionbasics/chapevents.htm> This issue of RegioNews is after this December date, but they may still have room for you.

Cricket Description:

Cricket is a non-charted design mixing fabrics, fibers, stitches, beading, stumpwork techniques, and random pattern darning (background). Each "Cricket" will be an individual! Over-embellishing layers of manipulated bonded sheer fabrics, padding, layering and stuffing for stumpwork, beading (using a variety of different colors and types of beads, stitches and techniques), creating Crickets legs using a wrapped wire armature, and creating 'cast shadows' and dimension with stitches, techniques, color placement, and padding will be taught.

TECHNIQUE: Mixed Media

PROFICIENCY: Basic - intermediate

PREWORK: none

DESIGN AREA: 4 1/4 x 8 1/2

KIT CONTENTS: Pre-drawn design on Congress cloth, fibers, threads, beads, fabrics for finishing, wire, felt, stuffing cotton

**Carolinas Region, EGA
Region Meeting
November 12, 2005
Myrtle Beach, SC**

Meeting was called to order by Region Director, Ann Blalock. There were 36 members in attendance. The following chapters were represented.

Aiken Stitchin' Bells	0	Augusta	6	Blue Ridge	2
Cardinal	3	Charlotte	5	Chicora Stitchers	5
Danville	0	Draper's Meadow	0	Florence Area	1
Gifted Hands	2	Golden Needles	0	Low Country	0
Magnolia	3	Millwood	0	Needle Gems	0
Piedmont	2	Scotch Bonnet	0	Spartan Samplers	0
Star Stitchers	0	Tar River	2	The Laurel	4
Tryon	1	Up Country	0		

Quorum was reached and the following business was conducted.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer, Sherrie Gillespie made the following report:

Checking Balance \$20,748.01

Time Deposit \$7,397.36

Dreyfus Balance \$8,332.12

Complete report on file.

Proposed budget for 2006 was presented. Discussion was invited with no response. The vote to accept the budget was unanimous.

Merchandise Sales: Sales at EGA National Seminar Merchandise Night were good primarily because of the sweet baskets and the new chart to fit them. Thanks to Cissy Smith & Louise Henderson for the design.

Executive Committee Recommendation, Ann Blalock:

The sweetgrass baskets are still sellable. We still have T-shirts & soaps that are not selling even after reducing the price last year. After discussing the option of bringing these 2 items to this meeting for the attendees to take the ones they want and to give the rest to charity, a vote was taken. The results were Yes by all but one No.

Education Coordinator, Louise Henderson:

GCC's: 47 signed up for To the Acorn and 19 signed up for Grrcia for a total of 66. We will offer 2 at a time next year too.

Today's "Make-It-Take-It" is a Bodkin holder (designed by Louise). The students are urged to take the project, copy the directions, and teach it to their chapters.

Assistant Region Director, Sandy Plain:

The CRESS Scholarship is coming up. Please apply for it.

Region Seminar 2005 follow-up is almost all finished. It looks like we will clear almost \$2700.

Region Seminar 2006 (June 2-4, 2006 at Ridgecrest) class project pictures were handed out. We need volunteers for various jobs like student notebook & bookstore. Jo Richmond volunteered to do Teacher Favors.

Membership, Sue Osterberg:

The June, 2005 *NeedleArts* has a great article about Membership but the national contact has changed.

Don't send Region Membership money to Sue, send it to the Region Treasurer.

She needs the right information about our members and chapter officers for sending out the Region Seminar brochure.

Remember that Sue is not in the area for half of June, July, & August. Her address for those months is in the RegioNews contact information column.

Webmistress, Syd Mace:

The site has been up a little over a year & has had many visitors.

The "Members only" section is up and functioning well with about 50 people requesting & issued the ID and password for it.

RegioNews, achievements reached, and list of chapter officers have been added in this section.

Our web server has increased our space and bandwidth with no additional charge.

There are plenty of places available for each chapter to have an email address on this server. Your chapter may want to think about this if you don't have one or wish to change. Seminar 2006 pictures have been added. Please send any information and pictures to be included for achievements and classes being shared by any chapter to the rest of the membership.

Community Outreach, Mary Mahaffey: No report.

Bylaws, Cissy Smith: No report.

RegioNews editor, Lynn Todd:

Thanksgiving is the next deadline. This will be Lynn's last issue so we are looking for a volunteer.

Nominating Committee, presented by Ann Blalock:

Region Director: Sandy Plain
Assistant Region Director: Katrina Lawrimore
Treasurer: Mary Edens
Nominee – National Nominating Committee Ann Blalock

The slate was unanimously accepted as presented. They will take office January 1, 2006.

Region Director, Ann Blalock:

Staff changes have occurred at National; new Education coordinator will come in December 1, and new Membership coordinator will arrive January 1.

Because of serious difficulties with maintenance, headquarters will move from the Brown Hotel. The new site, still in Louisville, is closer to the downtown arts area. A ground level gallery will be open and a second level space will be available for classrooms. A sign will hang outside the building. The rent is lower than previously & a private donor is giving money towards the move.

We have new membership categories: Corporate membership for companies; Institutional and Magazine-only memberships to only receive *NeedleArts*; and a Youth membership that will not be through the chapter but web-based at \$10/year for ages 8-18 and with projects for different ages and skill levels.

Our region had no nominees for the Golden Thread Award this year. Please look at you chapter to see who you think should receive this award, and nominate them for next year.

National Outreach 2006 will be The American Heart Association. They are looking for a 2007 project.

National Seminar '06 will be in Richmond, VA. The project pictures are already on the website.

Currently in the Margaret Parshall Gallery is the Audrey Francini exhibit. These pictures will not be put on the website according to her wishes. You can get a catalog from HQ for \$25+\$5 S&H. It will be there through year end.

Laura Smith of Golden Needles was awarded her Master Craftsman in Color and Design.

Time To Teach Certificates were awarded to Aiken Stitchin' Belles and Blue Ridge Chapters. Gifted Hands has worked with the Girl Scouts and has put together a booklet for students and a patch. They have a copy at the meeting for other chapters to look at.

A grant for \$200 is available to chapters who do the Time to Teach. Please fill out the form, include receipts, and send it in for reimbursement.

Over the last 4 years the Carolinas Region has:

2002: Hosted the National Seminar

2005: Hosted the Traveling exhibit

Presented an outstanding website

Been commended on *RegioNews*

Brought together an exhibit at the Margaret Parshall Gallery

Continued Outreach

Completed a room in the Storr House

Put on another successful annual Region Seminar. These seminars seem to have a permanent location at Ridgecrest with an attendance of about 80 people (instead of the "faithful 40" of years past). We have a contract through 2007.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting for Rita Ulam, Region Secretary

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Chapter Presidents, Region Reps, and Editors, it is your responsibility to be sure your Membership Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers know when and where to send these requirements!

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Minutes of board and general meetings (unless included in the chapter's newsletter)	Within the month	Region Director
Membership roster	By January 15	Region Director
		Membership Chairman
National dues and membership information	Quarterly or as needed	National Office
Region dues and membership info	Same time as sent to National	Region Treasurer
Chapter Newsletters	When sent to members	Region Director
		Assistant Region Director
		EGA Newsletter Reviewer
		<i>RegioNews</i> Editor
		Outreach Chairman
EGA Chapter Officer Change list (EGA Form)	Within 2 weeks of election	National Office
		Region Director
		Membership Chairman
		<i>RegioNews</i> Editor
Education questions/info		Education Coordinator
Annual chapter report	By December 15	Region Director
Annual financial report	By February 15	Region Director
		EGA Treasurer
Budget	When finalized	EGA Budget Director