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REGION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 2007

Officer elections. The following were elected to serve for the 2008-2009 term: Region Director – Katrina Lawrimore (Chicora Stitchers Chapter); Assistant Region Director – Michelle Burroughs (Augusta Chapter); and Treasurer – Diane Stavola (Blue Ridge Chapter). Their terms of office begin January 1, 2008. (See page 4 for contact information.)

2008 education grant. A grant of \$100 will be available to each Carolinas Region chapter for educational purposes. To apply, write incoming Region Director Katrina Lawrimore describing what the grant will be used for. Deadline for applying is December 31, 2008. (Only six chapters requested a 2007 grant!!)

Time to Teach grant. The Time to Teach grant will continue in 2008.

Region bylaws. The 2007 Region Bylaws were approved.

Donations. A \$300 donation to the EGA Annual Fund was approved. \$50 will be donated to the EGA General Fund in honor of outgoing Region Director Sandy Plain.

BYLAWS REVIEW DUE IN 2008 FROM CAROLINAS REGION CHAPTERS

Bylaws reviews by regions and chapters have been extended to 10 years, effective January 1, 2008. Carolinas Region is one of the two regions scheduled for review in 2008. See page 3 for additional information.

NEWS FLASH

- *Stitchin' on the Ridge 2008* – see page 2
- CRES Scholarship – see page 2
- EGA 50th anniversary challenges – see page 5
- Donating to the EGA Annual Fund – see page 5
- October 28, 2007, region meeting minutes – see page 6

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REGION DIGEST

MEMBERSHIP

Quoting Kathleen E. Weston, EGA Membership Chair, "Membership is everyone's responsibility, not a job for a select few." Check out her article on page 54 of the September 2007 issue of *Needle Arts* and let's put the ideas in her article in practice.

The Carolinas Region lost 2 chapters in the last year. Danville, in Danville VA, and Needle Gems in Franklin, NC. We are working to contact members and encourage them to join a chapter within reasonable travel distance. Maybe by car pooling they could get to most of their new chapter's functions

Congratulations to Augusta, Blue Ridge, Charlotte, Chicora Stitchers, Gifted Hands, Laurel, and Magnolia Chapters who together enrolled 18 new members through the third quarter of 2007. We need to keep on recruiting new members and retaining the ones we have. Chicora Stitches have 57 members, Laurel 61, and Blue Ridge 37. If they can do it so can the rest of us.

"The best marketing tool is word of mouth," again quoting Kathleen. None of us should have trouble with that. So keep sharing your good experiences and the fun you have learning and stitching with others.

Susanne Osterberg, Region Membership Chair

CAROLINAS REGION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (CRESS)

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

CRESS supplies \$200.00 towards the cost of a class for embroidery study (excluding EGA region and national seminars). It is available to any region member.

To apply, 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 describe what they learn in an article to *Regionews* or offer a workshop at a region meeting teaching others from the information they received.

The application deadline, with essay, is May 1, 2008. It should be sent to incoming assistant region director Michelle Burroughs – see pg 4 for contact information.

STITCHIN ON THE RIDGE 2008

Brochures will be mailed to region members during the last week of 2007. An extra supply will be sent to all chapter presidents. The brochure is also online in color at egacarolinas.org.

EDUCATION

Thanks to Sue Osterberg and Sydney Mace for teaching the "Out of the Box" Education Opportunity at the fall region meeting. I heard that it was a fun evening.

2008 Group Correspondence Courses. As of this writing we have 19 enrolled for the *Beaded Nutcrackers*; 10 for *Meadow Sweet*; 17 for *Swiss Sampler*. I'm thrilled with the response and I look forward to beginning these courses after the first part of January 2008.

Online and Needle Arts GCCs. Online and Needle Arts group correspondence courses can be done individually. Jan.-Feb.. 2008 online offerings are: Judith Gulick's "Winterspring" (hardangar), and Kay Stanis's "Silk and Metal Embroidery". The registration deadline is February 29, 2008. In the December 2007 issue, *Needle Arts* will be offering "Casalguidi and Lavender" by Barbara Kershaw, with a February 28, 2008, deadline.

EGA Scholarship Opportunities. Refer to page 5 of the newsletter for a calendar of scholarship opportunities. For more information, consult the December 2007 *Needle Arts*, and the EGA website.

EGA Challenge Program 2008: *Flight*. "Challenge with a Twist" is for the needleworker who wants to try for the first time something other than predesigned projects, or the needleworker who has attempted an original project or two but would like some direction from a consultant. Kay Stanis will be the 2008 consultant; the theme is "Flight". Registration runs January 1-April 1, 2008. See the December 2007 *Needle Arts* for more information.

Carolinas Region Gold Thread Award

We encourage each of you to go back to your chapters and nominate a deserving member for 2008. Do it now. Don't wait until the May 1, 2008, deadline.

Karla Gee, Region Education Coordinator

2008 REGION CHALLENGE

The topic for the 2008 Region Challenge is *Go for the Gold*, in keeping with EGA's 50th anniversary. This should be an original design that must be inspired by or relate to the theme. It can be of any size, and in any medium that uses a threaded needle. (Also, see page 5 regarding a national 50th anniversary challenge.)

Limit of one per person and one per group (group members may each enter one individual project).

Completed pieces will be exhibited at the seminar, and ribbons will be presented for Teachers' Choices and Viewers' Choice.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

It was wonderful at the Fall Region Meeting to hear about all that is being done for community outreach. From samplers for Habitat homes to pillows for soldiers, Community Outreach provides a means for service as well as exposure for EGA. I have enjoyed receiving all of your newsletters.

Unfortunately my computer had a bug, and I lost all my email that was sent prior to November 1, 2007. If you sent me something before then, I would appreciate it if you would send it to me again. Keep up the good work.

Outreach is any time a member or group of members go into the community and do "something" in the name of EGA, such as supporting a local charity, stitching at the local mall, and exhibiting at the local library.

To notify Janine about your completed outreach, you can use the EGA "Outreach Project Sharing Form" found at www.egausa.org/html/outreach.html, or your chapter's newsletter.

Janine Bangs, Region Community Outreach Chair

REGION NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

Regretfully your assistant editor must pass on this responsibility to someone new beginning with the issue for the 2nd quarter of 2008. Anyone interested in accepting one of the most fascinating and exciting of the region job should contact incoming Region Director Katrina Lawrimore to volunteer (see page 1 for contact information).

ATTENTION NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Remember to update your sharing list to delete Kathleen Rake and add the new EGA Newsletter Reviewer, Suzanne Kaye, 275 Puffin Court, Foster City, CA 94404-1318, ega.reviewer@gmail.com. Suzanne will accept newsletters via email.

REGION BYLAWS APPROVED

The 2007 Region Bylaws were approved by national as amended at the Fall Carolinas Region Meeting. A copy of the final document will be sent to all chapter presidents as soon as it is returned from national.

CHAPTER BYLAWS REVIEWS DUE IN 2008

The 12 chapters scheduled to review and update their bylaws in 2008 are: **Augusta, Cardinal, Charlotte, Florence Area, Golden Needles, Low Country, Magnolia, Millwood, Spartan Samplers, Star Stitchers, Tar River, and Tryon.**

Once updated in 2008, the next review year for the Carolinas Region and its chapters is 2018.

Carolinas Region chapters who renewed their bylaws in 2004 or later, are grandfathered in until 2018.

Attn Chapter President: A separate sheet detailing the review procedure is enclosed with your copy of this newsletter. Contact 2008 Region Bylaws Chair Sydney Mace if you have questions (see page 1 under "secretary" for contact information)

AROUND THE CAROLINAS REGION

Augusta Chapter had a yard sale.

Blue Ridge Chapter is learning how to make Battenberg lace.

Charlotte Chapter had an introductory program on needle lace.

Chicora Stitchers's last stop around-the-world is Tunisia for a class in ribbon embroidery.

Gifted Hands Chapter continues "A Year in Christmas" with a macrame ornament.

Golden Needles Chapter will be participating in C.O.L.E. quilt project (C.O.L.E. = Creations of Love Etc. for providing cross stitch quilts of love to children with spinal muscular atrophy).

Florence Area Chapter is stitching a small project using stash items, in preparation for a mystery finishing technique in January.

Low Country Chapter took the "Diminutive Sewing Set" taught by Merry Cox; the kit included a cherry wood carrier.

Magnolia Chapter is practicing stitches on silk dupioni in preparation for creating a Betsy Morgan design.

Tryon Chapter's October program was a guided tour of the Beaufort, NC Old Burying Ground, followed by a demonstration stitch-in at the Beaufort Historical Building. The burying ground is one of the top 52 sites to see in North Carolina.

Up Country Chapter is looking forward to several programs featuring blackwork designs.

Holiday events. All our chapters plan to celebrate the season with a holiday lunch or dinner and/or ornament exchanges and/or outreach activities.

EGA's DONATION FUNDS

Many of EGA's donations are in restricted funds, which can be used only for the designated purpose.

General Contributed Funds

Funds contributed without restrictions.

Annual Fund Campaign

Support our Annual Giving Fund! We rely on contributions to sustain and increase our ability to provide our wide range of resources and services. Annual Fund donations are deposited to General Contributed Funds.

Capital Assets Fund

Replaces existing equipment and purchases other needed capital assets.

Collection Fund

Used for collection acquisitions and other related items.

Designated Scholarship Fund

Established to support a variety of designated scholarships.

Diana Grossman Memorial Award Fund

Established to honor the late Diana Grossman for National Exhibit awards.

Education Fund

Supports education initiatives.

Endowment Fund

Established in 1963, this fund is EGA's permanent capital financial base. Only the interest may be used.

Evergreen Endowment Fund

Established in 2001 with an initial gift from Leslie Durst of the Evergreen Chapter in Washington State. Funds are to be used for professional photography for EGA's publications.

Fiber Forum Fund

Established by an initial gift to the National Advanced Study Group (changed to Fiber Forum) and monies realized from the initial exhibit and subsequent judging.

Genny Morrow Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by Mary Clubb and Doris Tomlinson in honor of canvas teacher Genny Morrow. Provides tuition scholarship for a canvas technique class at EGA National Seminar.

LEGACY Scholarship Fund

Established by the board of directors and funded with an initial gift from the Estate of Mary-Dick Digges to provide scholarships for EGA members to study the art of embroidery and the preservation of the heritage of the art of embroidery.

Library Fund

For purchase of books or library equipment.

Mary-Dick Digges Scholarship Fund

Fund annual scholarships for EGA members to study surface embroidery.

National Exhibit Fund

Supports National and Traveling Exhibits.

Penny Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Penny Evans to fund scholarships for EGA members for an embroidery related class, study project, or similar education offering by EGA, the Royal School of Needlework, or the City and Guilds of London Institute, in the U.S. or the U.K.

Research Fellowship Grant Fund

Supports and promotes research in the field of embroidery and allied textile arts. Grants of up to \$1,000 are awarded annually.

Virginia Miller Memorial Award Fund

Funds the Virginia Miller Contemporary Needlework Award, a cash award, for EGA National Exhibits.

Youth Education Fund

Established by the Estate of Marlene Boldt for the education of children.

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NATIONAL NOTES

50th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGES

EGA invites all members to participate in our 50th Anniversary Stitching Challenges

Challenge #1: Stitch a 50th anniversary piece of your own design. Use the number 50, EGA blue and gold, 50 symbols, 50 threads or whatever you would like, to creatively celebrate our anniversary through stitches.

Send it in as a special gift/fund-raising/auction item for seminar week. For the last few years we have had a wonderful selection of needle art on display and for sale at seminar through both live and silent auctions.

Carol Dam, President, EGA

(Additional challenges will appear in the next issue of *RegioNews*.)

CONSIDER DONATING TO THE ANNUAL FUND

Many of us think of our membership in EGA as a recreation expense. However, EGA's "mission is to serve not only our membership, but also to spread the love of embroidery throughout the . . . global community."

EGA inspires people across the country about the fine art of needlework through exhibits, classes and other educational resources. Annual dues have never covered operating expenses, and many donated funds are restricted (see page 4).

We can't do it without your help! Consider a personal donation of \$3, \$5, or \$10, or a chapter donation of \$30 – to honor someone, to remember someone, or just to give thanks for all the pleasure that our EGA membership brings to us. Encourage your members to contribute as well.

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CALENDAR

Carolinas Region

- May 1, 2008 CRESS application deadline
- June 6, 2008 Region Meeting; Ridgecrest, NC
- June 6-8, 2008 Region Seminar; Ridgecrest, NC
- May 29-31, 2009 Region Seminar
- June 3-6, 2010 Region Seminar

International Embroidery Conference

- Aug. 28-30, 2008 Louisville, KY
- Sept. 8-10, 2011 Naples, FL

National Awards/Scholarships/Grants/Challenge

- Feb. 15, 2008 Deadline for entries for Bobby Pilling Awards
- Mar. 23, 2008 Entry deadlines for 19th National EGA Exhibit
- April 1, 2008 Application deadline for Mary-Dick Digges Scholarship
- April 1, 2008 Registration deadline for Challenge/Challenge with a Twist
- April 2, 2008 Application deadline for Penny Evans Memorial Scholarship
- April 14, 2008 Application deadline for Marjorie Jones Scholarship
- May 1, 2008 Nomination deadline for Gold Thread Award
- May 31, 2008 Application deadline for EGA Research Fellowship Program
- Dec. 2008 Application deadline for Legacy Scholarship

National Seminar

- Aug. 31- Sept. 5, 2008 *Golden Gala*, Louisville, KY
- Oct. 2-9, 2009 *Bridges to Stitching*, Pittsburgh, PA; Mid-Eastern Region, host.
- Sept. 5-10, 2010 San Francisco, CA; Greater Pacific Region, host.
- Sept. 10-16, 2011 Naples, FL; Sun Region, host

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The Carolinas Region, EGA, publishes *RegioNews* quarterly. Standard practice is to distribute it to all chapter presidents, region representatives, and newsletter editors in the Carolinas Region. It is also available free to all region members through the region website in the section "members only".

Chapter newsletter editors: Remember to share information from this newsletter with your members through your chapter newsletter.

The next publication deadline is **January 31, 2008.**

Advertising is accepted for 1-year (4 issues) intervals at various rates. Contact assistant editor Sydney Mace for details (see page 1 for contact information).

Subscriptions are \$6.00 a year. Send requests and checks, payable to **Carolinas Region EGA**, to the *RegioNews* assistant editor Sydney Mace (see page 1 for address).

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Carolinas Region EGA Board

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2007

Opening. Region Director Sandy Plain called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 AM on Sunday, October 28, 2007, at The Breakers, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Present. Region Director Sandy Plain, Assistant RD Katrina Lawrimore, Treasurer Mary Edens, Secretary/Website Coordinator Sydney Mace, Membership Chair Susanne Osterberg, and Outreach Chair Janine Bangs.

Chapter delegates (members) present: Aiken Stitches-1 (1), Augusta-2 (4), Blue Ridge-2 (2), Cardinal-2 (2), Charlotte-1 (2), Chicora Stitches-1 (2), Florence Area-2 (2), Gifted Hands-1 (3), Laurel-2 (3), Millwood-1 (1), Piedmont-1 (1), and Tryon-2 (2).

Chapters not represented: Draper's Meadow, Golden Needles, Low Country, Magnolia, Scotch Bonnet, Spartan Samplers, Star Stitches, Tar River, and Up Country.

Quorum. There being delegates from more than one-third (7) of the chapters in attendance, a quorum was present.

Minutes. Upon motion made by Ms. Osterberg, and seconded, the minutes of June 1, 2007, were approved.

Treasurer, Mary Edens. After discussion and upon motion made by Ms. Osterberg, and seconded, it was voted to accept the treasurer's report as follows: Checking account: January 1, 2007, beginning balance was \$24,077.69, plus receipts of \$3,955.72, less disbursements of \$4,051.31, results in October 28 balance \$23,982.10. Other assets as of October 28: CRESS Fund (Dreyfus investments) \$17,057.93, Time Deposit \$7,663.97. Total assets at October 28 of \$41,040.03.

2008 budget. Upon motion duly made by Ms. Bangs, and seconded, it was voted to approve the 2008 budget as presented.

Membership, Susanne Osterberg. Danville and Needle Gems Chapters have dissolved. Region membership stands at about 625 through the second quarter of 2007.

Seminar, Katrina Lawrimore. The 2007 seminar was profitable. Color previews of the 2008 classes are in each chapter folder. The 2008 brochure will be mailed to all members during the last week of 2007.

After discussion, and upon motion duly made by Ms. Mace, and seconded, it was voted to donate 100% of the proceeds from 2008 seminar opportunity baskets back to the submitting chapters.

EGA Annual Fund. After discussion, and upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was voted to donate \$300 to the EGA Annual Fund.

Annual dues increase. Ms. Plain noted that as previously reported, national dues will increase by \$3.00 per member effective January 1, 2008.

Education Grant. After discussion and upon recommendation of the executive committee, it was voted a grant in 2008 in the amount of \$100 per chapter for educational purposes, to be obtained by written request to the region director stating the purpose.

Time to Teach Grant. After discussion and upon motion made by Susanne Osterberg, and seconded, it was voted without opposition to amend the Carolinas Region Time to Teach Grant to remove the annual \$200 limit for 2008 and to provide a grant in 2008 of up to \$50 per chapter for reimbursement of materials used in a program to educate youth in embroidery arts.

Bylaws. After discussion, and upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, it was voted that:

- A. The proposed 2007 Carolinas Region Bylaws be approved, subject to revising appropriate provisions to reflect: (1) the Board of Directors will include chairs of the standing committees and two voting representatives from each chapter, namely the president and region representative; (2) staggered terms for the nominating committee as approved September 2002; and (3) permit officers of the Carolinas Region to hold concurrent terms as national officer, chapter president, or chapter representative.
- B. Members of the executive committee be appointed to the Bylaws Committee to negotiate the changes with national.
- C. When national approves the changes, the 2007 Carolinas Region Bylaws stand approved and may be signed by the Region Director.

Ms. Plain appointed Ms. Lawrimore and Ms. Mace to serve as the Bylaws Committee.

Slate of Officers 2008-2009. Ms. Plain read the Nominating Committee's report that Katrina Lawrimore, Michelle Burroughs, and Diane Stavola respectively consented to serve as region director, assistant region director, and treasurer for 2008-2009. There being no nominations from the floor, and upon motion duly made by Sallie Folk, and seconded, it was voted to approve the slate officers as presented.

Chapter news. Chapter members described recent program, outreach, and other events of their respective chapters.

In honor of Sandy Plain. Ms. Lawrimore reported that \$50 will be donated to the EGA General Fund in honor of outgoing Carolinas Region Director Sandy Plain.

Next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 7, 2008, at the Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC.

Adjournment. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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EGA Chapter Reporting Requirements

ATTN: Chapter presidents, region reps, and editors: it is your responsibility to be sure your membership officer, secretary and treasurer know when and where to send these items.

| WHAT | WHEN | WHERE |
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| 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 Region Membership Chair |
| National dues and membership information, quarterly | By January 15, April 15, July 15, October 15 | National Office |
| Region dues and membership information, quarterly | 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 Chair |
| EGA Chapter Officer Change list (EGA Form) | Within 2 weeks of election | Region Secretary |
| Education questions/information | As needed | Region Education Coordinator |
| Annual chapter report | By December 15 | Region Director |
| Annual financial report | By February 15 | Region Director EGA Treasurer |