

REGIONEWS

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NEWS FLASH

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While winter is rapidly coming to an end – at least here on the coast of South Carolina – there are still a few weeks of chilly evenings just made for snuggling into a favorite chair and "attacking" a few UFOs or perhaps a new project. Right now I'm feeling particularly virtuous (a feeling that won't last long) because I have just finished my class piece from last fall's National Seminar in Chicago. Now what to do next – something new perhaps from the ever-growing stash!

Our 2008 Stitchin' on the Ridge Region Seminar promises to be as wonderful as ever. What isn't there to love about it – a beautiful location, great classes, no cooking, time with friends, and the ever popular Merchandise Night and Bookstore, both guaranteed to help us add to our stashes. Registration is going well and I hope to see many of you at Ridgecrest in early June.

Speaking of seminars, I hope that many of you will be able to attend the 50th Anniversary Golden Gala Seminar in Louisville, Kentucky this fall. It should be spectacular.

While I attended the spring national board meeting last March as the Region's ARD, I will be attending my first "official" national board meeting this spring. I am looking forward to this. I'm sure I'll have lots of information for everyone when we all meet at Ridgecrest for our Region meeting.

Until then, grab every moment you can for stitching! Thank you for all you do for our EGA.

Katrina Lawrimore, Region Director

REGION MEETING

The Spring Region Board Meeting will be held on Friday, June 6, 2008, at the Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC, beginning at 3:30 PM. Sign-in and chapter sales will start at 3:00 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

The Region Board consists of the elected officers, standing committee chairs, and 2 representatives (president and region representative) from each chapter. Substitutes for the president or region representative may vote at a region meeting by providing written authorization signed by the chapter president. (A sample proxy form is available on the region website under "resources".)

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URGENT

Editor needed for *RegioNews*. See page 3

AROUND THE CAROLINAS REGION

Aiken Stitchin' Belles will continue making fingerless gloves and Kissing Pillows for outreach.

Augusta Chapter will be working on the "Mystery Sampler" from Needle Arts as its primary project in 2008.

Two members of the **Blue Ridge Chapter** accepted their President's Challenge and completed quilted wall hangings to commemorate Jamestown, VA's 400th anniversary last year.

Charlotte Chapter enjoyed a "Make It and Take It" evening of ort boxes, magnetic needle minders, and a "quick and easy" weight bag.

Gifted Hands Chapter will have a 2 part program on Biscornue taught by Margaret Wiesemann. (Ed. Note: what is "biscornue"? Prize to first correct answer - GIFTED HANDS MEMBERS NOT ELIGIBLE.)

Low Country Chapter's ongoing project for 2008 will be the "Mini Star Sampler" from Needle Arts.

Magnolia Chapter will have several lessons on a project entitled "All Year Square".

Piedmont Chapter plans to participate in a teaching seminar event in Greensboro, NC this year.

Tryon Chapter's auctioned 23 ornaments to raise funds to spend on national teachers.

Hemstitching projects are popular with several chapters this year, including **Cardinal**, **Laurel**, and **Up Country**.

Also, several chapters will have challenges of one type or another this year. Aiken Stitchin' Belles has an annual ornament challenge; this year the theme is "Tree". Chapters holding UFO challenges include Blue Ridge, Chicora Stitchers, and Magnolia.

REGION DIGEST

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.

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. (Also, see page 6 regarding the national 50th anniversary challenges.)

MEMBER NEWS

"Home Sweet Home", a design by **Diane Merlock** of the Chicora Stitchers, will be published in the May 2008 issue of *Cross Stitch and Needlework*.

Sue Osterberg of the Laurel Chapter won first place at the January 2008 Callaway School of Needlearts exhibit for her *Russian Leaf Pendant & Necklace*. The pendant was from a class taught by Karla Gee at last year's region seminar.

We congratulate Diane and Sue on their achievements.

NEW MEMBER CONSIDERATIONS

Examine how your chapter members react to new members and guests. Friends interacting only with each other appear "cliquey" and unwelcoming – reach out to new members and guests – don't make them struggle to be accepted.

Consider a familiarization plan to help new members feel welcome and included. This will help them understand better what is going on at meetings, and of the availability of other chapter events. Get new members involved with hospitality (aka refreshments) or other committees.

SOURCE FOR ORT BOX PAPER

The paper used to make the cut and paste ort boxes at the Fall educational opportunity can be obtained from The New Art Store, Commercial Art Supply, 935 Erie Boulevard East, Syracuse, NY 13210; 315-474-1000.

REGION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (CRESS)

Please encourage your chapter members to apply for this scholarship which is available to any region member.

CRESS supplies \$200.00 towards the cost of a class for embroidery study (excluding EGA region and national seminars).

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 Assistant Region Director Michelle Burroughs – see pg 1 for contact information.

FALL 2008 RETREAT & REGION MEETING

A region retreat will be held from Friday, October 24 through the morning of Sunday, October 26, 2008, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 650 Tinsley Way, Rock Hill, SC.

In addition to the Region Meeting on Sunday morning, events for the weekend will include an educational opportunity, stitch-in time, and a class. Details are still being worked out.

Rock Hill, SC is on the I-77 corridor just 20 minutes south of Charlotte, NC and an hour north of Columbia, SC.

REGION DUES PAYMENTS

Region dues payments and membership information should be directed to the Carolinas Region treasurer:

Diane Stavola 1836 Greenwood Rd., SW Roanoke, VA 24015

Please ensure that your chapter treasurer and membership officer are aware of this information.

CHAPTER BYLAWS DUE IN 2008

The 12 Carolinas Region 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
- 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.

CAROLINAS REGION BYLAWS NOW ONLINE

The 2007 Region Bylaws have been signed by all parties, and a conformed copy is available on the Carolinas Region website in the "members only" section.

EDITOR NEEDED URGENTLY

Our current assistant editor, Sydney Mace, must step down due to the press of other EGA duties. This is her last issue.

A new editor is urgently needed so that future issues may be published on a timely basis.

The chapters in our region have been served by an outstanding group of newsletter editors, both past and present. We urge one of them to answer this call. Anyone without prior newsletter experience is also welcome to volunteer. Please contact Region Director Katrina Lawrimore to volunteer (contact information on pg 1).

STITCHING TREASURE OPPORTUNITY BASKET

This is the theme of the Carolinas Region opportunity basket to be submitted to the *Golden Gala* 2008 National Seminar in Louisville.

Please bring or send items for the basket to the June 2008 Region Meeting at Ridgecrest, NC, or send them to Region Director Katrina Lawrimore (address on pg 1).

In keeping with the theme of the basket and in honor of EGA's 50th anniversary, items might include a special stitching tool, something in gold or "EGA blue", or any chart, book, or other item you deem a stitching treasure.

EDUCATION

2008 Group Correspondence Courses. I'm happy to report that we had a good response for 2008. We have 5 groups in total enrolled in *Swiss Sampler, Meadowsweet*, and *Beaded Nut*.

Each GCC student should have received their text by now and having fun picking their materials and are getting ready to stitch.

ATTN: Chapter Presidents or Education Chairs:

Please check with your members to see if those that have signed up for CAR GCCs have received their texts. If they **have not** please have them contact me, Karla Gee, ASAP Minervaswears@aol.com.

Those participating in GCCs will want to note that EGA has a national yahoo group for the GCCs participants to discuss their progress and ask questions at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EGA_GCC/ . You must join the yahoo groups list to participate.

Fall 2008 Educational Opportunity. As we look forward to our Fall meeting I'm always looking for those who would like to teach an educational opportunity. Please contact me if you are interested.

EGA Scholarship Opportunities. Remember the following dates for Scholarships and Awards through EGA. I encourage those in our region to apply. We have had several in our region to win awards for the last two years. Go online or check your Education Catalog for additional details.

Mary-Dick Digges Scholarship – for the study of surface embroidery, defined as crewel embroidery, Japanese embroidery, and stumpwork. Due date is April 1, 2008.

Penny Evans Memorial Scholarship – 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. Due date is April 2, 2008.

Marjorie Jones Scholarship – will be awarded to benefit students of crewel embroidery taking a crewel class at EGA's national seminar in 2008. Due date is April 14, 2008.

Carolinas Region Gold Thread Award This annual awards recognize those individuals who, on a local and/or regional level, have given freely of their time and talents to best exemplify the purpose of this organization: "to foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery through an active program of education and study.

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. Use the enclosed form, or the online nomination form available at www.egausa.org in the forms section under "Enrollment".

Karla Gee, Region Education Coordinator

CHAPTER WORKSHOPS

The following workshops are being held by Carolinas Region chapters.

March 28-20. "Aubergine Butterfly", a pilot class taught by Margaret Kinsey; beginning silk and metal embroidery. Hosted by the **Augusta Chapter** at the Fellowship Hall, First Alliance Church. May be opened to non-members. Contact Karen Britton at 706-738-1000 or at kbbritton@bellsouth.net.

April 12 & 13. "Beading Workshop with Karla Gee". Off-loom bead weaving and jewelry techniques using Karla's "Basic Black" necklace design. Hosted by **Florence Area Chapter** at Francis Marion University, Florence, SC. Cost to non-chapter members is \$135, with a \$60 deposit due by March 11. Fee includes instructions and all materials. Contact Sherri Hagar at 843-330-2822 or at calvincat6@delphia.net.

April 23-24. "Anasazi Dream" taught by Carole Lake. Canvas; 6-8 hours of pre-work. Hosted by the **Laurel Chapter**, Cummings Memorial Methodist Church, Hendersonville, NC. Class fee for non-members is \$60, plus \$70 kit fee. Contact Lisa Hamilton, 828-687-3710 or at lisathamilton@earthlink.net.

CALENDAR Carolinas Region

May 1, 2008 CRESS application deadline Region Meeting; Ridgecrest, NC June 6, 2008 June 6-8, 2008 Region Seminar; Ridgecrest, NC Oct. 24-25, 2008 Region Retreat; Rock Hill, SC Region Meeting; Rock Hill, SC Oct. 26, 2008 December 31, 2008 Education grant request deadline May 29-31, 2009 Region Seminar; Ridgecrest, NC June 3-6, 2010 Region Seminar; Ridgecrest, NC

Chapter Workshops (see page 4 for details).

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Mar. 28-29, 2008		Augusta Chapter	
April 12-13, 2008		Florence Area Cha	pter
April 23-24, 2008		Laurel Chapter	

National Awards/Scholarships/Grants/Challenge

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Feb. 15, 2008	Deadline for entries for Bobby
	Pilling Awards
Mar. 23, 2008	Entry deadlines for 19 th 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

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

Scholarship

International Embroidery Conference

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

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.

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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2008 CHAPTER EDUCATION GRANT

The Carolinas Region has established an education grant of \$100 per chapter for 2008.

To obtain the grant, each chapter need only write or call Region Director Katrina Lawrimore (contact information on pg. 1) explaining what the grant will be used for.

For example: the grant can be used for the cost of supplies, a teacher, or any other expense of a chapter program(s) or workshop(s) during 2008.

The request must be made in 2008. The grant will expire on December 31, 2008.

Only 6 chapters asked for and received the 2007 grant.

We urge you to apply soon.

There is no guarantee that an education grant will be available in future years.

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/fundraising/auction item for seminar week. For the last few years we have had a wonderful selection of needleart on display and for sale at seminar through both live and silent auctions.

Challenge #2 Participate in National Stitch in Public Day, Wednesday, September 3. This date was chosen so that as many seminar participants as possible could stitch and demonstrate in the downtown Louisville area. Chapters and MALs can get the stitch vibe going along side seminar participants by doing the same in your local area. Stitch on your lunch break at the office or at school, stitch in libraries or book stores, stitch in you local parks or other downtown public areas. Elise Lampton, Ruth Whalen, and Mary Julia Kuhn will chair the event and work with staff members Laura Olah and Brad Cape to combine challenges 2 and 3. The committee will share ideas for your participation.

Challenge #3 Participate in a public installation of fiber art. EGA will join with other groups in the Louisville area in a public installation of fiber art. We hope to entice local and international groups to stitch and bond with us. To participate in this event, send a 12 inch by 12 inch two dimensional embroidery to EGA headquarters by July 20, 2008. The ground fabric edges must be flat finished in some way (bound or hemmed) and no piece should be framed. These items will not be returned to you, but will become part of a permanent collection. This will be an excellent way to expose the public to our celebration in stitches in an outdoor setting. We invite you to send both basic and unusual pieces as an expression of different ideas and techniques to show the varied expertise of EGA members. EGA will sponsor a "people's choice award" and give a year's membership to the top three winners.

Challenge #4 EGA challenges you to share your unique ideas for celebrating our Golden Anniversary! Send them to President Carol Dam at presega@egausa.org.

MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

The "Stitching Series" created by the Gulfview Chapter as a membership and outreach program is now available for download on www.egausa.org in the "members only" section under "Manuals & Guides". A limited number of CDs are also available. The program was featured in the December 2007 issue of *Needle Arts*.

NATIONAL SEMINAR 2008, GOLDEN GALA

Look for the seminar brochure which will be published with the March 2008 issue of Needle Arts.

Add to your seminar charm collection! The *Golden Gala* charm is available in gold or silver. The reverse side of the charm reads: GOLDEN GALA 2008 - National Seminar - Louisville, Kentucky and exhibits the fleur de lis, to honor the city of Louisville, the home of our EGA headquarters.

Order online. Transactions are secure and the craftsmanship is superior. Own this exact reproduction of the logo for Seminar 2008 - celebration of EGA's golden anniversary. EGA will receive a small percentage for each charm sold and you can wear it with pride.

2008 INTERNATIONAL EMBROIDERY CONFERENCE

Don't forget to register for the International Embroidery Conference which will be held just prior to the National Seminar in *Louisville*. A fantastic program will be presented, including *The Rise & Fall of the Female Bosom* and *Tomorrow's Talent – A Preview of Embroidery's Future* EGA (see calendar).

Conference fee of \$210 includes admission to the above lectures, a dessert reception, 2 continental breakfasts, and 1 lunch. Register through the EGA website, or by contacting Cathy Trostmann at IECregistrar08@aol.com.

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THE EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA, INC. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: January 1 through December 31, 2007

Carolinas Region

\$ 45,927.49

1. Total cash on hand as of December 31, 2006 (as reported on last year's financial report

Amount	\$ 3,610.32 1,500.00	528.00 16.34	300.86 891.15 1,735.76	350.00	\$ 8,932.43	(<u>\$ 1,347.67)</u> \$39,579.82	\$39,579.82
Expenses	15. Educational Events16. Seminar17. Exhibit	18. Fund Raising Events19. Cost of Sales20. Rent	21. Newsletter 22. Administration 23. Officers' Travel 24. Community Outreach	25. Other (List if over \$300)	26. Total Expenses		17,048.05
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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
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 RegioNews 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

GOLD THREAD AWARD

The Education Department invites nominations for the 2007 and 2008 Gold Thread awards. The annual awards recognize those outstanding individuals who, on a local and/or region level, have given freely of their time and talents to best exemplify the purpose of this organization: "to foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery through an active program of education and study." A total of 13 individuals may be acknowledged – one from each of EGA's 13 regions, with the national recipient selected from among the region recipients.

Recipients receive a pin and certificate of recognition and, if present at the EGA national seminar, have the option of receiving these at the Education Awards Presentation at the opening banquet.

The criteria for determining the awards include the following:

- 1. The contributions to growth of embroidery education at a local and/or region level.
- 2. The nature and extent of service at a local and/or region level.

GOLD THREAD AWARD NOMINATION FORM 2008 POSTMARK DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2008

A complete nomination shall include the following:

- 1. A brief cover letter **not to exceed one page**, explaining why the individual has been placed in nomination.
- 2. A résumé, listing the nature and extent of service during the nominee's entire EGA membership.
- 3. The official nomination form, completed in full.

Nominee: Name:	
Address:	
City:	
Daytime Telephone:	
Chapter Affiliation:	Region:
EGA Membership No.:	
E-mail (if applicable):	
APPLICATION FOR : 2008	
Nominator: Name:	
Address:	
City:	
Daytime Telephone:	
Chapter Affiliation:	 Region:
EGA Membership No.:	
E-mail (if applicable):	
Signature:	

Gold Thread Award Submit to:

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