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# REGIO NEWS

*from the mountains to the sea*

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## NEWS FLASH

- Fall region retreat and Region meeting – see page 3
- 2008 education grant – see page 5
- Stitch N' Pitch\* denotes update or change

Once again we have had a wonderful region seminar at Ridgecrest, celebrating EGA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in great style. The "Go for the Gold" Challenge entries were spectacular. All of the entries certainly highlighted the tremendous creativity which exists among our members. The seminar committee is to be commended for all of their hard work in planning a great weekend for all of us.

There is so much to look forward to over the next few months in connection with EGA. Of course, the big event will be EGA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, celebrated at the Golden Gala National Seminar in Louisville in September. I've heard of several Carolinas Region members who will be attending. National Seminar is always fun—this one should be very special!

On a more local note, our fall region meeting and stitch-in in Rock Hill, SC in October should be fun and educational. Karla Gee, Diane Stavola, Jo Richmond, and Sydney Mace are to be commended for the excellent job they have done of planning the stitching opportunities connected with the fall meeting.

Several chapters have taken advantage of the \$100 educational grant program that the Region has. Any chapter may apply for this \$100 grant to help fund a special class or other educational opportunity for the members of the chapter. All that is necessary to apply is to send me a letter or email describing how the money will be used to the educational benefit of the chapter. Don't let this opportunity go by!

Don't forget that the Carolinas Region is creating an opportunity basket for the national seminar this fall. The theme is EGA's Golden Anniversary, so any and everything of a "golden" nature is appropriate. I will be taking the basket to Louisville in late August, so you still have six weeks to send items to me to be included. My address is listed on the front page of RegioNews.

As always, thanks for all you do for our EGA.

Katrina Lawrimore, Region Director

## REGION MEETING

The Fall Region Board\* meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Rock Hill, SC beginning at 10:00 am. Sign-in and chapter sales will start at 9:30 am. 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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## AROUND THE CAROLINAS REGION

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

**Augusta Chapter's** Michelle Burroughs has designed a Habitat for Humanity sampler. Free graphs are available. Contact Michelle for the pattern. It is copyright free to be used to create samplers for Habitat for Humanity.

**Gifted Hands Chapter** will be celebrating Christmas in July with a needlepoint Santa ornament.

**Florence Area Chapter** will be having a cabinet stash sale to increase their kitty. The stash was part of a former member's collection.

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

**2008 Region Challenge participant and winners:**

Candace Radcliffe: [Olympics](#) My Style: People's Choice

Susie Brown: Fabulous 50: Deborah Forney Award

Sue Osterberg: 50th Anniversary Bracelet: Denise Pratt Award

Diane Stavola: Champagne and Diamonds: Deanna Powell and Kay Stanis Awards

Kathryn Narron: X Marks the Spot

**Stitch N' Pitch**

TNNA is the trade organization for needlework retailers. They are a member of the International Council of Needlework Associations as is EGA. Our associations meet once a year to exchange ideas and support one another. TNNA sponsors the Stitch N' Pitch idea to promote public awareness of needlework. You would go to these events as a stitcher in general, not necessarily an EGA member (but you could certainly have an EGA brochure or two in your purse and wear your EGA T shirt). It is not a formal EGA event but a general event. Some chapters have organized groups to go together and purchase blocks of tickets together. Nothing about this is mandatory, of course. It's just fun and gets the word out that stitching is not just for people sitting in rocking chairs.

**REGION DIGEST****2009 REGION CHALLENGE**

The theme for our region challenge for 2009 is Wild n' Wacky. Every member of Carolinas Region is invited to enter the challenge.

You may use any technique(s) of your choice.

The design must be your own original design.

You do not have to be present to participate. You may send your entry with a friend who is attending seminar. You will have to complete the paperwork in advance and send it with your entry.

You are limited to a single entry. However, if your entry has more than one piece in it, that is acceptable. For example: a jewelry ensemble of earrings, necklace and bracelet. Or a wall hanging or stitched design that is made in the form of a triptych. All work is to be anonymous for voting purposes. Do not have your name prominently located on the front of the work.

All entrants are encouraged to send an artist's statement along with their entry. If you have never written an artist's statement, it is fairly easy. For this challenge, all you need to do is describe in 50 words or less what your entry is about. Explain how it is Wild n' Wacky. Do not include your name on the statement, but do include the name of your piece.

It is not too early to begin designing your challenge entry. 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary challenges.)

**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.

**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.

The classes for the retreat are as follows:

1. Button Lanyard taught by Sherri Hagar
2. Holiday Tree Ornament taught by Diane Stavola
3. Finishing Class taught by Elizabeth Talledo

Details and photographs of each class are included in this mailing.

The Fall Region meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Fall Retreat which begins with arrival on Friday, October 24. Participants may choose from and educational opportunity, 2 classes, or a stitch-in (studio time) on Saturday, October 25. See enclosures for additional information.

Hilton Garden Inn is located at 650 Tinsley Way, Rock Hill, SC (right at exit 79 off I-77). Group rate of \$99 per room per night is available for reservations made by September 24, or until the group block is filled if earlier. Call 1-803-325-2800: Group Code is EGA. Reserve online at <http://www.hiltongardeninn.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhonc=RKHRHGI>

**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 11 Carolinas Region chapters scheduled to review and update their bylaws in 2008 are:

- **Augusta**
- **Cardinal**
- **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.

**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 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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**

**2009 Group Correspondence Courses**

The votes have been cast, the ballots have been counted and tallied and the GCC's that will be offered by the Carolinas Region in 2009 are: My Favorite Bracelet, Hummingbird and Honeysuckle-Stumpwork, and Morning Glories.

Karla Gee, Education Chairman, will organize the GCC's and provide more details about registering for the classes.

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/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EGA_GCC/) . You must join the yahoo groups list to participate.

**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.

**CALENDAR**

**Carolinas Region**

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

**National Awards/Scholarships/Grants/Challenge**

Dec. 2008	Application deadline for Legacy Scholarship
Feb. 15, 2009	Deadline for entries for Bobby Pilling Awards
April 1, 2009	Application deadline for Mary-Dick Digges Scholarship
April 2, 2009	Application deadline for Penny Evans Memorial Scholarship
April 14, 2009	Application deadline for Marjorie Jones Scholarship
May 1, 2009	Nomination deadline for Gold Thread Award
May 31, 2009	Application deadline for EGA Research Fellowship Program

**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

**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* editor Sallie Folk (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.

**The purpose of this organization shall be to foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery through an active program of education and study and to preserve the heritage of the art of embroidery.**

## NATIONAL NOTES

### 50<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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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Members Login Information:

User Name: MembersLogin

Password: WEareEGA

The following Regions have donated “baskets” for the National Seminar Opportunity drawings:

1. Smocking Arts Guild of America – basket of goodies.
2. Sun Region – Longaberger basket with “Historic Meets New” theme containing a variety of just released versions of needlework tools & chotchkies along with a few neat antique items. Also includes some hand-made items that represent the Golden Gala theme of gold & blue.
3. Mid-Atlantic Region – A Vera Bradley “Miller” bag (very large tote bag) in the new “Yellow Bird” pattern – a sophisticated design in yellow & white on a black background and including several smaller coordinating items in the same fabric. The tote will be filled with all things gold – threads, fabrics, embellishments and much more.
4. Rocky Mtn Region – A black evening bag with a removable silk ribbon broach (Helen Gibb design) filled with 50 golden pieces – threads, charms, tools, etc. Picture attached.
5. Pacific Southwestern Region – A “basket” of supplies around the Pulled Thread Workbook by Mary Fry. It will include supplies relative to pulled thread and more.
6. Mid-Eastern Region – An ICC and book on Gold Work.
7. Heartland Region – A blue and gold basket/bag filled with goodies.
8. South Central Region – A DMC Limited Edition Keepsake Chest filled with threads, accessories, charts and fabric. Picture attached.
9. Metropolitan Region – A charm bracelet with gold hearts and stitching charms in a small Longaberger basket.
10. Tennessee Valley Region - \$350 in gift certificates for stitching related items from vendors who bought ads for Seminar.
11. New England Region – A \$100 American Express gift check.
12. Carolinas Region – A themed basket – “Stitching in the Garden”.
13. Carolinas Region – A themed basket – “Stitching Treasure”.

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**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 <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