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## REGION DIRECTOR NOTES

KATRINA LAWRIK

To anyone who missed the fall region meeting in Rock Hill last month, you missed a good time! Saturday and Sunday were filled with great classes (two of which were taught by members of the region), the region meeting, informal gatherings at lunch and dinner, and lots of talking, laughing, and stitching. Many, many thanks go to our region education coordinator, Karla Gee, Diane Stavola, and Jo Richmond for all their hard work in organizing this well-run event. Diane and Sherri Hagar taught two of the classes on Saturday at no cost to the region. We all greatly appreciate this contribution on their part. It was agreed upon by all present that this new, expanded format for the fall meeting was quite a success and that the location was as convenient as possible for the majority of the members. Therefore, make plans now to join us in late October, 2009 in Rock Hill, SC for another great weekend.

The region meeting on Sunday morning was well-attended and much business was accomplished. Among the most important items were the re-election of Sydney Mace as region secretary and Karla as region education coordinator. A by-laws change was passed that changes the length of term for region officers from two to three years. The \$100 chapter education grants will be continued for 2009. The Time-to-Teach grant of up to \$50 per chapter for the cost of materials used in a program to educate youth will also be continued. I urge all chapters to take advantage of these funding opportunities. As in the past, it was voted that 100% of the proceeds from the 2009 seminar opportunity baskets at region seminar be donated back to the submitting chapter.

Since our region meeting, the national board has had the final vote on the selection of the date for EGA's annual Stitch in Public day. Since February is National Embroidery Month, it has been voted that the **first** Saturday in February will be designated as Stitch in Public Day. I would ask you all to start planning public stitching activities for February 7, 2009.

I encourage everyone to consider attending the Region Seminar at Ridgecrest, near Asheville, NC in late May, 2009. Our national president, Carol Dam will be attending and will have many exciting things to share with us about EGA happenings. The classes look fabulous and cover many different techniques—canvas, beading, a band sampler, and Or Nué silk work—something for everyone!

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

Katrina



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## REGIONEWS

### 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.

If you are interested in entering the challenge, you may contact me, Diane Stavola, at [dhs1836@cox.net](mailto:dhs1836@cox.net) or at 1836 Greenwood Rd SW, Roanoke, VA 24015-2820. Let me know of your intent to enter the challenge and I will send you a copy of the required forms.

If you intend to apply for EGA insurance coverage, I must have the forms returned to me by May 15, 2009. Remember EGA has a \$250 deductible for the insurance.



#### **CAR Fall Mini Retreat '08**

KARLA GEE

I've heard wonderful things from many of you about our Mini Retreat in Rock Hill, SC this past month. I hope you had a great time. I know I did. The teachers were wonderful. A special thank you goes to Sherri Haggard and Diane Stavola for teaching, gratis. What quality teachers they and Elizabeth Talledo are! It was also great to catch up on some of our stitching at Stitch-in time and maybe you even finished a Holiday gift or two. An extra bonus was that with Sherri's class you have permission to teach it to your chapter.

Because of the response we are already planning for next year's Mini Retreat, Oct. 23 – 25 2009. Same format, classes on Sat. and Region Meeting Sun. AM and hopefully, same place (Hilton Garden Inn, Rock Hill, SC). Don't forget to mark your calendar!

Diane Stavola, mini-retreat seminar registrar will be having more news for us in the upcoming year regarding schedule, teachers, etc.

Thank You to everyone who participated  
Karla Gee, CAR Education Coordinator

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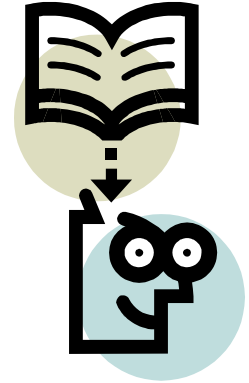
### REGION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (CRESS)

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*, offer a workshop at a region meeting teaching others from the information they received or be willing to informally present a display at the region meeting/ seminar.

The application deadline, with essay, is May 1, 2009. It should be sent to Assistant Region Director Michelle Burroughs – see pg 1 for contact information.



### REGION DUES PAYMENTS



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

Diane Stavola  
1836 Greenwood Rd., SW  
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Please ensure that your chapter treasurer and membership officer are aware of this information.

Dues are \$4.00 per member.

### **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
		<i>RegionNews</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

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Carolinas Region**

December 31, 2008	Education grant request deadline	May 1, 2009	Nomination deadline for Gold Thread Award
May 29-31, 2009	Region Seminar; Ridgecrest, NC		
June 3-6, 2010	Region Seminar; Ridgecrest, NC	May 31, 2009	Application deadline for EGA Research Fellowship Program
May 1, 2009	CRESS application deadline		

#### **National Seminar**

	<b>National Awards/Scholarships/Grants/Challenge</b>	Oct. 2-9, 2009	<i>Bridges to Stitching</i> , Pittsburgh, PA; Mid-Eastern Region, host.
Dec. 2008	Application deadline for Legacy Scholarship	Sept. 5-10, 2010	San Francisco, CA; Greater Pacific Region, host.
Feb. 15, 2009	Deadline for entries for Bobby Pilling Awards	Sept. 10-16, 2011	Naples, FL; Sun Region, host

#### **International Embroidery Conference**

April 1, 2009	Application deadline for Mary-Dick Digges Scholarship	Sept. 8-10, 2011	Naples, FL
April 2, 2009	Application deadline for Penny Evans Memorial Scholarship		
April 14, 2009	Application deadline for Marjorie Jones		

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### ANNUAL STITCH IN DAY SET

"To take advantage of February as National Embroidery Month, the board has designated the first Saturday in February as the annual Stitch in Public Day. Many members requested a weekend day so that more working members could participate. Of course, many of you stitch in public every day and that's wonderful, too! Word of this day will be spread to chapters through region representatives and an email blast, but I hope you all will spread the word, too.

### Free Patterns

"Many of you have also written to say how much you have enjoyed the free projects on the website. If you or somebody you know has an original project that they would like to share as a free project, please let me know. EGA is always looking for good ideas and new talent.

"Carol Dam"

### Chapter Renewal Schedule

Beginning in 2009 both EGA National and Carolinas Region will begin to transition the payment of dues so that by May 31, 2010 every member will be paying their membership dues in May each year. Chapter presidents should have received the notice of these changes with their paperwork from the Region meeting. It is up to each chapter to decide whether or not they will align the payment of their chapter dues with those of National and the Region. As your Region Treasurer, I would highly recommend that each chapter do exactly that. It will, in the long run, make the work of your membership chairman and treasurer much easier. I have already worked with my chapter to present the new plan and they voted on it today. Prior to the meeting, I worked up the payments for our chapter and combined them with those of national and region for the duration of the transition period. I will be glad to assist any chapter in doing the same for their chapter. The transition begins with the first quarter in 2009 so chapters must be prepared to collect and make the appropriate payments with the first quarter of 2009. If your chapter needs assistance with working out the numbers have the treasurer or membership chairman contact me at [dhs1836@cox.net](mailto:dhs1836@cox.net). The email should include a snail mail address to which I can send necessary forms as well as the amount of your **chapter** dues.

Trust me, Ladies, this is not as complicated as it first may appear.

Diane Stavola  
Carolinas Region Treasurer

## 2009 REGION SEMINAR

Plans are well underway for the 2009 Region Seminar to be held May 29-31, 2009 at Ridgecrest. Brochures will be going out in December 2008 with all of the particulars, as well as pictures of the pieces offered for classes. Attendees at the Fall Region Retreat were treated to a preview look at the actual pieces and the response was very good. I hope you will check your calendar and reserve this time in the spring to enjoy the beautiful mountains of North Carolina while having a great time with fellow stitchers and talented teachers. We will be offering studio time again for those stitchers wishing to just get away and work on some “UFO’s”.

The Seminar Challenge for this year is *Wild and Wacky* and I know the wheels are already turning in some of the heads out there to see just how wild and how wacky we can get away with!

We are making arrangements to have the sales of the tickets for the opportunity baskets begin at the local levels prior to Seminar. This will allow members unable to attend the meeting to still have a chance to win one of these baskets as well as generate more monies for the individual chapters. Remember ALL of the proceeds from the ticket sales will be returned to the contributing chapters.

Make your reservations for classes early and save! There will be a discounted rate for early registration this year. We expect the classes to fill quickly, so don't wait for the last minute.

Members are asked to contact Chris Sloan about a display we will be putting together for the Seminar. Any member may submit up to three completed piece from previous years Region Seminar classes at Ridgecrest. These pieces will be displayed in the studio time room for the duration of the Seminar. This is a good excuse to get out one of those pieces you really liked but never got back to and finish it to bring along for the display.

As you can see there will be several changes this year to make your Seminar even better than in the past. We hope to see all of you in the spring at Ridgecrest.

Michelle

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## Letter from the Treasurer

It has been an exhilarating first year as Region Treasurer. I have the greatest admiration for the women who went before me in this position. They have done an excellent and admirable job. Having said that, I also must report that I have run into a serious problem that I was asked to bring to the attention of Chapter presidents and treasurers.

In reviewing the third quarter Region Financial Report, you will note that we have accrued quite a bit of money from dues, seminars, and region classes. Some of the money has been put into investments in order to earn interest.

Earlier in the year, as Region Director and Treasurer, it was necessary for Katrina Lawrimore and me to have our names put onto all of the accounts. What I discovered was that for some of the accounts, the paperwork was in such disarray at the financial institution that we could not be put on the accounts. It took from February 2008 until October 2008 to get it straight-

ened out.

None of this was the fault of our previous Treasurers. It was totally a problem with the financial institutions with which they were dealing. In other words, they were not given the right documents to sign or sometimes they were given the wrong information.

Everything is now straightened out for the Region.

Having had this experience, I was asked to advise chapter Treasurers to be sure that they have complete access to any money that might be invested for their chapter. If you need to, can you take money out? If not, why not? It may take a lot of work, but get all of your accounts straightened out NOW. The longer it is allowed to go on, the more complicated a situation it becomes.

One thing I would highly recommend is that you go to your bank or investment institution and ask for a copy of the signature cards or paperwork. Keep this copy in with the account statements.

I would also recommend that for each account the treasurer write a summary that is

kept with the account statements.

It should include:

**Names of those who have access to the account.** They are the people who can write the checks and conduct business on the account, i.e. treasurer and president. Always have two people on the account.

**Account number**

**Pin number** – if any

**Explanation of what must be done to make money transfers**

**Explanation of how to get new people, i.e. new treasurer and president, on the account**

**Written summary of your yearly account audit.**

Yes, you must have the account audited annually for your own protection, if nothing else. Presidents, make sure it gets done and get a written copy for your files also.

If you have any questions or need more advice on how to make and keep your accounts safe, contact me, Diane Stavola, Region Treasurer, at [dhs1836@cox.net](mailto:dhs1836@cox.net). My contact information is also found in every issue of *RegioNews*.