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*Mission: To stimulate appreciation for and celebrate the heritage of embroidery by advancing the highest standards of excellence in its practice through education, exhibition, preservation, collection, and research.*

## REGION DIRECTOR NOTES KATRINA LAWRIMORE

“Summertime and the living is easy” to quote from Porgy and Bess. While that may not be completely true all the time, for those of us who have just enjoyed “Stitching on the Ridge” in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, it was certainly true. Seventy-five enthusiastic stitchers enjoyed wonderful classes with great teachers, a well-stocked bookstore from Ruth Kern Books, the Wild and Wacky Challenge and, most importantly, the fun and friendship of being with fellow stitchers. A special guest was Carol Dam, EGA President. During the region meeting, Carol updated us on the latest activities at EGA Headquarters.

For the first time, an exhibit of pieces completed during past Stitching on the Ridge Seminars was held. Twenty-four pieces representing fifteen of the twenty-two classes offered at seminar from 2003-2008 were exhibited. If you have never joined us at Ridgecrest, please consider doing so for 2010. The dates for next year will be June 4-6. Make plans now to join us.

EGA, both regionally and nationally, has many scholarship opportunities available. The 2009-2010 Education Catalog has a listing of the many national scholarship offerings open to the membership. Encourage all members to consider applying for one of these as well as the region’s CRESS Scholarship.

After the tremendous success of our 2008 fall region event in Rock Hill, SC, we will meet again at the Hilton Garden Inn from October 23-25 for a weekend of stitching, conducting region business, classes and friendship. Carolinas Region’s own Diane Stavola and Laura Smith will be teaching. Check out pages two and three of this newsletter for all the details of the weekend. Register early as this event fills quickly.

I want to thank everyone for their help and support over the past several years. Serving as ARD and RD of the Carolinas Region has been a highlight of my stitching life. I know I can count on everyone giving my successor, Michelle Burroughs, all of the support and help possible. Thanks for all you do for our EGA.

Katrina



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Hear ye, hear ye: Carolinas Region will be hosting the 2017 National Seminar. Write it on your calendars now. More information will follow as we get closer to our year.

**REGIONEWS**

Carolinas Region Fall Retreat October 23-25, 2009  
Registration Form  
Hilton Garden Inn, ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Classes**

Please check the box(es) for the class(es) you wish to take.

**Registration Deadline: Postmark by August 15, 2009**

Due to space limitations, class sizes are limited. Sign up early to ensure a place in class.

Refunds can only be issued if a replacement is found for your space in class or in the event of an Emergency.

CRES Scholarship presentations by Sue Osterberg and Diane Stavola

Friday, 10/23, 8-9:30 PM Cost: None

Carolina Dogwood taught by Laura Smith

Saturday, 10/24, 8:30AM-4:30 PM Cost: \$30 includes kit. Skill level: All

Hugs and Kisses Beaded Bracelet taught by Diane Stavola

Saturday, 10/24, 8:30-11:30 AM Cost: \$15 includes kit. Skill level: All There are 5 color choices.

Select one from the following: Teal Olive Pink Coral Lavender Topaz

Stitch In

Saturday, 10/24, 12:30-4:30PM & 7 PM-? Cost: None

**Trunk Show Saturday 10/24 7 Pm**

Peggy Mock of **The Stitch and Frame Shop**, a local needlework shop, will be presenting a trunk show.

**Dutch Treat dinner**

As a convenience to retreat participants, arrangements will be made Saturday evening for us to dine together at Chili's. Depending on the number of people who wish to participate, we may not all be seated together, but we will have reservations for our group. This is totally optional. You are free to make your own arrangements for dinner.

If you are interested, please check the box below.

Chili's, Saturday, 10/24, 5:30 PM

**Region Meeting**

Carolinas Region meeting will be held Sunday, 10/25

Chapter sales: 9:30 AM

Region Meeting: 10AM-12Noon

**Cut here and keep the portion below for your information** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fall Retreat Room Reservations**

Fall Retreat will again be held at Hilton Garden Inn Rock Hill. Retreat is from Friday, October 23-25, 2009. The Inn is taking reservations now. Their reservation deadline is: September 23, 2009 to get the \$99 + tax room rate. You may call or make your reservations online. Be sure to use the code: EGA

Hilton Garden Inn Rock Hill  
650 Tinsley Way, Rock Hill, SC 29730  
Phone: 800-546-4167  
Web: <http://www.hiltongardeninn.com>

**REGIONEWS**

## Fall Retreat Class Descriptions October 23-25, 2009

### Carolina Dogwood

**Skill level: All**

**Saturday, Oct 24, 2009 8:30 AM-4:30 PM**

**Laura Smith, Instructor**

**Class size limited to 22**

This design is a tribute to the dogwood trees that bloom in spring all over the Carolinas region. Each petal of the dogwood blossom stands out in bas-relief from your t-shirt or similar knitted garment. The lacy counted thread border is done using waste canvas. Design size is 2.5" x 2.5" The design can be oriented as either a diamond or a square.



Students will learn the Pekingese stitch, stem stitch, back-stitch, Casalguidi stem stitch, Misbehaving French knots and beading attachment. Techniques for easy removal of waste canvas will also be covered.

Laura Smith seeks to produce innovative designs using embroidery techniques and color concepts. She teaches hand embroidery, mixed media and art process classes nationally. In 2005 she earned EGA's Master Craftsman in Color and has chaired the Master Craftsman in Color program since 2006. Her website is: <http://Stitch4Fun.com>

### Hugs and Kisses Bracelet

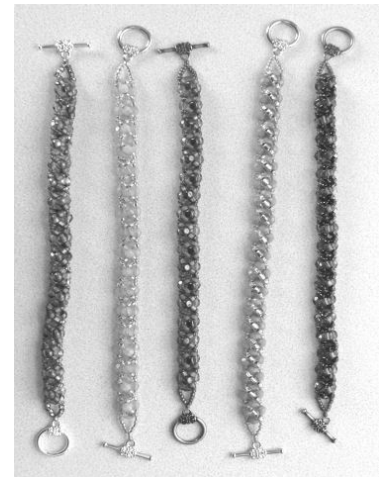
**Skill level: All**

**Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 8:30-11:30 AM**

**Diane Stavola, Instructor**

Hugs and Kisses is a quick and easy introduction to off loom bead weaving. It is the perfect gift for young and old. Students will be introduced to the Right Angle Weave and Cross Weave beading stitches. Most students will be able to complete their bracelets in class.

There are five color choices available: Teal, Pink Coral, Peacock, Olive, Lavender, and Topaz.



Diane Stavola has taught needlework since the late 1980's when she owned a quilt shop. She has taught locally and regionally for EGA and continues to teach for shops throughout Virginia.

She is currently working toward her Master Craftsman in Design. You can see some of her work on her website: [www.dianestavola.com](http://www.dianestavola.com)

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## 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

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### **Reprint information:**

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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
		<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**

June 3-6, 2010      Region Seminar;  
Ridgecrest, NC

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

#### **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

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## REGIONEWS

### Correspondences Courses and Independent Study

Education Coordinator: Karla Gee

#### Correspondence Courses 2009 Update

I wanted to catch everyone up on the progress of our Correspondence Course for this year.

**My Favorite Bracelet:** Evaluation deadline – Must be postmarked no later than 6/12/09 to Karla

You will note that the evaluation deadline has been extend

**Enrollment:** 11 students

**Morning Glories:** Evaluation deadline- Must be postmarked no later than 6/29/09 to Karla

**Enrollment:** 19 students

**Humming Bird & Honeysuckle:** Evaluation deadline - Must be postmarked no later than 7/13/09 to Karla

**Enrollment:** 33 students

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will submit for evaluation.

## From the Treasurer

Chapter Presidents please pass this information on to your membership chairwomen and treasurers.

Ladies,

With but a few small glitches we are well on our way to implementing the new dues structure. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for how smoothly this has worked and to remind you that the dues payments for the next several quarters will be as follows:

Second quarter: \$4

Third quarter: \$3

Fourth quarter: \$2

First quarter 2010: \$1 if the member did not pay the \$5 in the first quarter of 2009.



These payments will bring everyone up to May 2010 when all members will be paying region dues of \$4. Thank you!

Diane Stavola  
CAR Treasurer

## CHAPTER OFFICERS DIRECTORY

The presidents, region representatives, and newsletter editors of the Carolina Region chapters are listed in a directory that has been posted to the region website in the members area. Please contact Sydney Mace at [sydneymace@yahoo.com](mailto:sydneymace@yahoo.com) if corrections should be made.

## Community Outreach

As usual the EGA members of the Carolina Region have been busy with various community outreach projects. These outreach projects are a vital part of our EGA mission.

The Aiken Stitchin' Belles continue to make lap robes and fingerless gloves for area nursing home clients. The Belles also completed 49 "Cuddle Buddies" which are fleece blankets with an animal head attached. These "Cuddle Buddies" are donated to the child Advocacy Center and Helping Hands, agencies that assist and house abused and neglected children. The Aiken ladies continue with stitching "Kissing Pillows" for military personnel and families having completed and sent 220 pillows to the Yellow Rose Chapter in Houston, Texas for distribution. Way to go Stitchin' Belles! Laurel Chapter members continue to make blankets for the Linus Project. In February the Laurel Chapter held a stitching demonstration at their local library to coincide with National Stitch in Public Day EGA. The chapter had a very nice write up in the local newspaper. The Laurel members also held a stitching demonstration at Johnson Farms Heritage Day. A display of 50 pieces of stitchery were on display for the month of February at the Henderson County Public Library. Now that is just two chapters there is more. The Charlotte held a program teaching stitch techniques to the local Girl Scouts. In Florence a display was set up for National Public Stitch Day. Chicora Stitchers have been furnishing stitching kits to two local hospitals. The Tyron Chapter members continue their stitching of "Hospice Angels" which are given to family members who have lost a loved one who then have a keepsake with the loved ones name. In Augusta the chapter continues to supply gown sets, blankets and bereavement bags to a local Neonatal ICU. Classes are also held at local libraries for adults and children. Augusta members continue to stitch samplers for Habitat for Humanity Homes.

That is all I have for this issue. I realize that many chapters do the Habitat Samplers, Kissing Pillows and other ongoing regular projects that may not have been mentioned. Please use the Carolinas Region EGA Chapter Community Outreach Form when possible to report your chapter outreach activities. It would be beneficial if I could receive your reports at the first part of May and the first part of October allowing me time to prepare a report before the Region meetings. The form can be found on the Carolina Region Website. I still get a lot of information from your news letters that are sent to me. It is really fun to read the newsletters to find out not only about outreach but what else is happening with your chapters. Please feel free to send any information you think I need to have at any time. Region News is published four times a year so I will do my best to see that your chapter is represented in the newsletter.

Keep up the good work! As I already stated Community Outreach is a vital part of our EGA mission. Not only do Outreach projects help us maintain our tax free status but more importantly your chapter is fostering a continuing demonstration of the needlearts as a viable art form to the public. Thanks for all you do.

Happy Stitching,  
Janine Bangs

## EGA WEBSITE - MEMBERS ONLY LOGIN

Are your chapter members having trouble logging on to the "Members Only" are of the EGA website? Here's an idea that might help. Print out the login information on 2"x4" address labels. Affix the labels to brightly colored 3"x5" index cards. Give a card to your members to keep handy by their computers. Contact Sydney Mace at [sydneymace@yahoo.com](mailto:sydneymace@yahoo.com) to obtain the label template.

## Assistant Region Director

### SEMINAR 2009

Seminar 2009 has come to a close and we have carried our weary bodies back home to resume life among the “under privileged”.

Many, many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and behind the scenes workers who made this seminar such a terrific success! You all deserve a sincere pat on the back and well done. Our class participants sang praises to their teachers and classes; studio time attendees busily stitched away on their UFO's; the bookstore was filled with great materials (at least at the beginning. Our members showed great appreciation for the wonderful selection provided by Ruth Kern Books by buying most of them); merchandise night was filled with shopping and lusting by all; best of all the weather was super! As usual, the opportunity baskets made the day during merchandise night with contributions from many chapters. Remember, ALL the proceeds from the baskets are returned to the chapters submitting the baskets. The people choice challenge pieces were most interesting, giving our members a chance to express their more creative sides with original ideas and pieces.

Faculty selection for next year is underway, so keep a sharp eye out for info on registering and sign up early so you can share in a great weekend - June 4-6, 2010 - with us. The topic for next year's challenge is “Mary, Mary, quite contrary. How does YOUR garden grow?” Should be great fun to see how our members handle this controversial topic! Don't forget all of the wonderful education incentives available to members (CRESS and Roxie Hodgkins Scholarships) and grants for the chapters for teaching and outreach.

All of the information for the fall retreat is now available on the website and in the newsletter. Sign up early as the classes are limited and last year we were unable to accommodate everyone. Rock Hill is a beautiful location, surrounded by a shoppers' paradise (it's REALLY close to Mary Jo's for quilters or anyone else who needs any kind of fabric for any kind of project at unbelievably low prices).

Now that we are all back home we can share our enjoyment with all who were unable to attend and, of course, KEEP STITCHING!!

Michelle



## Wild and Wacky Region Challenge

The 2009 Seminar committee wants to thank all of the participants of the Wild n Wacky challenge. The exhibit was impressive and garnered many rave reviews from seminar participants, faculty, and EGA President Carol Dam. The 2009 participants were:

Sallie Folk  
Kathryn Narron  
Karla Gee  
Glenda Herman  
Dottie Vester  
Pamela Allen  
Sue Osterberg  
Julia Tison  
LaDawanna Wise

The challenge winners were:

Kathryn Narron won the Deborah Forney Award for her entry, *Had Matter*, a needlepoint hat.

Karla Gee won both the Carol Dam Award and John Waddell Award for her piece, *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*. Using recycled materials she created a series of purses.

Glenda Herman won the Cindy Valentine Award for her beaded necklace, *Peyote Tango-From Mountains to Sea*.

Pamela Allen won both the Jeannette Carmichael and People's Choice Awards for her beaded birdhouse, *Beady House for Petite Birds*.

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First Class Mail

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**Carolinas Region, EGA**

## **MEMBER PROFILE FOR SERVICE FORM**

Please complete a member profile for service form found in the President's folder at the last Region meeting. Please return to Katrina Lawrimore, RD. The nominating committee uses the form to help them decide candidates for the Region Officers. Please consider one of the region offices and complete the form. Elections for ARD and treasurer will be held at the October Region Meeting. Please consider volunteering for one of these offices.

## **National Nominating Committee Nominee**

Congratulations to Janine Bangs for volunteering to be the National Nominating Committee Candidate from the Carolinas Region.