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REGION DIRECTOR NOTES MICHELLE BURROUGHS

I am excited to be your new Region Director and am looking forward to having a productive year. I hope you will all offer any help (and criticism) you can to make our Region the best we can and hopefully the best in the nation. Many changes are taking place at the National level that will affect the Regions and local chapters alike. Bear with us and feel free to ask questions and make suggestions to improve our organization at all levels.

Fall retreat at Rock Hill was a big success! About 50 members attended, with most of them taking one of the 2 offered classes. The comments I heard regarding the two classes were all very positive. Something new this year, on Friday evening Sue Osterburg and Diane Stavola both gave talks about the classes towards which their CRESS scholarship monies had gone. Both ladies did an excellent job with the presentations covering a great amount of information (new and useful) as well as interesting and we thank them for their time, preparation and delivery.

The Models for the classes to be offered at Ridgecrest in the spring were available for all to see and were met with great excitement. Be sure to register early so you will get your first choice class -- since there was a lot of talk about which classes the members present at Rock Hill plan to take! The selection includes a beading project, a canvas piece, a sampler, and a mixed media piece by Lynn Payette. There should be something for everyone!

The display at Ridgecrest this year will be old GCC's. Last year we had completed pieces from past Region Seminars, so look back and see what you can find. The pieces must be finished and ready for display to be included.

Don't forget our challenge -- How Does YOUR Garden Grow? I can't wait to see what everyone comes up with for this one! The pieces are always so original and so much fun, I hope to see even more participation this year.

Winter is coming on, so everyone keep war and keep stitching until we see you in June.

Michelle



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CRESS SCHOLARSHIP

Is there a great EGA type class that you would like to take next year? Could you use \$300 to apply toward the class, supplies, etc.?

Application for the CRESS 2010 opens January 1, 2010. Please find included a copy of the form you may use. Read the instructions carefully and note completed form/information must be to me on or before May 1, 2010. Please note the modified requirements. ALL region members are eligible to apply. See form for details.

Look forward to hearing from you!
Karla

CHALLENGE 2010

Challenge 2009 was a rousing success. We had more entries than any other year and the entries themselves were stunning.

For 2010, we hope to have even more entries!

If you weren't at seminar and missed the announcement, the challenge for 2010 is: "Mary, Mary, quite contrary how does **YOUR** garden grow?"

Several people commented that it was just a garden theme. Well, maybe yes, maybe no! If you are Mary and this is your garden, how does it grow? Let your imagination run wild.

A quick visit to Google came up with: Madison Square Garden, Zen Garden, Garden Jawa, Rock gardens, Font Garden, Lost Garden and on and on! Not all of these are of a botanical nature. Okay, enough hints! Get to work!

I do need to have you fill out the EGA insurance form that is appropriate for your entry. If you wish to be covered by EGA's insurance, fill out page one. If you waive the right to be covered by the insurance, fill out page three. The forms can be found at: http://www.egausa.org/login/secure_members/files/forms/insurance/Exhibit_Insurance_Forms.pdf

If you fill out form one, I must know by May 15 your name, the name of your piece and the appraisal value of the piece. This is sent to headquarters so that your work is covered. You may send this information by email to me at: dhs1836@cox.net.

Bring the filled out forms when you come to seminar. Any pieces without the appropriate forms can not be exhibited.

Happy Stitching!

Diane Stavola
Challenge Chairman

Carolinas Region Embroidery Study Scholarship (CRESS)

One scholarship in the amount of \$300 may be awarded annually.

The winner will be announced at the spring region meeting.

CRESS Application

Name: _____ EGA Membership #: _____
Chapter membership: Primary: _____ Plural, if applicable _____
Address _____
Telephone: _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email: _____

Class Information

Date: _____ Location: _____
Title: _____
Description: _____

In one paragraph, describe how you plan to apply what you learn from this class.

Eligibility

1. All members of the Carolinas Region are eligible except for members of the CRESS committee.
2. The applicant must be a Carolinas Region member at the time the scholarship is applied for and awarded.
3. The applicant may not have received a CRESS within the previous 5 years.

Application Requirements

- All information requested on the application form must be provided. A letter providing the same information is acceptable.
- Send the completed form to the education coordinator by mail postmarked on or before May 1, or by email dated no later than May 1.

Eligible Class

- Any class consistent with EGA learning except for a Carolinas Region seminar class.
- Must be held during the year the award is made.
- The award may be applied to the class fee and other expenses of attending the class.

Optional Sharing

Scholarship recipients are encouraged, but not required, to share their class experience with members by making a presentation at a region meeting, writing an article for the region newsletter, or teaching a class at a region or chapter educational event.

Send your completed form on or before May 1 to:

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Additional pages may be attached if necessary.

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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".

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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>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 Seminar

Sept. 5-10, 2010 San Francisco, CA;
Greater Pacific Re-
gion, host.
Sept. 10-16, 2011 Naples, FL; Sun Re-
gion, host

International Embroidery Conference

Sept. 8-10, 2011 Naples, FL

EGA NEWS

The slate as presented by the nominating committee was elected at the Annual Meeting. Your new EGA officers are:

Lorie Welker, President
Katrina Lawrimore, Vice President
Sydney Mace, Secretary
Kathy Singleton, Treasurer
Wanda Anderson, Director of Education
Julie Anderson, Director of Bylaws
Lea Peacock, Director of Marketing

ATTENTION: Newsletter Editors

Julia Harvey has succeeded Suzanne Kaye as the EGA newsletter reviewer. Please make sure that your chapter newsletter is now sent to Julia at 30 Byron Drive, Avon, CT 06001-4507, or juliaharvey0158@att.net.

ATTENTION: Outreach Chairs The new EGA outreach chair is Janice Meyers succeeding Valorie Perkins Rice. Please direct your outreach reports and/or newsletters to to Janice at 11 Fela Dr., Old Bridge, NJ 08857-3534, grayceedm@aol.com.

CAROLINAS REGION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The new Policies & Procedures were approved at the region meeting on October 25, 2009. The new document can be found on the Carolinas Region website at: <http://egacarolinas.org/membersonly/memberindex.htm>

ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTOR

The appointment of Elizabeth Little of the Golden Needles Chapter to assistant region director of the Carolinas Region was approved at the October region meeting. Elizabeth succeeds Michelle Burroughs.

REGION NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Another appointment approved at the October region meeting was that of Kathryn Narron to the region nominating committee. Other members of the committee are LaDawnna Wise and Brenda Decker.

ARD Elizabeth Little

Greetings Fellow Stitchers!

Fall Retreat 2009 was a delight. For those of you unable to attend, you missed a great weekend away. Laura Smith and Diane Stavola taught wonderful classes. I heard quite a few compliments on both. Many used the studio time to work on projects or just to catch up with old friends. Some of us were even lucky enough to get a bit of “retail therapy” at either the Stitch ‘n Frame or Two’s Company Needlepoint. Some even managed both.

Stitchin’ on the Ridge 2010 planning is well underway. I hope many of you are making plans to attend. It will be held at Ridgecrest on June 4-6. The classes were unveiled at the Fall Retreat in Rock Hill. The selection committee has selected four outstanding teachers with a wide variety of techniques to be taught. Studio time will also be offered for some quality time with a WIP (or UFO). From the buzz in Rock Hill, I strongly suggest you register early to get your first choice of classes.

Registering early has a few other advantages as well. There will be a discount on class fees. Also, you’re eligible for the Roxie Hodgkin scholarship. You must apply for this so look for the information in the brochure. Brochures should be out around the first of the year.

The opportunity baskets, seminar challenge, and seminar display are also returning this year. Once again, all the proceeds from the opportunity baskets will be returned to the contributing chapter.

The seminar challenge this year is “Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How does YOUR garden grow?” I can hardly wait to see what creativity is shown in this year’s pieces.

The seminar display this year will be any GCC you have completed. Any member can submit up to three pieces for display. The pieces must be finished for display. I know I’ll have to dig thru my box of pieces that I’ve completed but not finished and get busy before seminar. Hopefully, I’m the only one in that category.

I hope to see all of you at Stitchin’ on the Ridge 2010.

Happy Stitching!

Elizabeth Little

FROM THE TREASURER

The end of the year is fast approaching. Before we know it, we treasurers will be pulling our year end data together and filling out the end of year report that must be sent to Headquarters.

The task will be a relatively easy one, if we have been creating quarterly financial statements for our chapters. As Region treasurer, I work on the Carolinas region books almost every week. I maintain a spread sheet of our income and expenses on a monthly basis. As the end of each quarter rolls around, I just pull my numbers for the quarterly financial statements from the spread sheet. This goes a long way to making the reporting process less of a drudgery.

Anyone who knows me or has taken a class with me knows that I am just not a counted kind of person. So I am not terribly fond of numbers. That’s why I like to keep my records orderly and as simple as possible and also why I work on them weekly when possible.

If you have not been doing quarterly financial statements for your chapter, I would highly recommend that you do so. These statements are an invaluable tool for keeping track of where the chapter stands financially. They, along with the annual budget, are also very, very important for future planning.

Another end of year task is housecleaning. We do not need to keep every bit of paper forever. Page 20 of the Chapter/Region Financial Guidelines, which can be found on the EGA website, tells us what records to keep and for how long.

Read over those guidelines and then purge, purge, PURGE! If you have inherited a huge volume of paperwork from your predecessor, PURGE! Get rid of the unnecessary! But do so with care!

Once you have determined what you are going to get rid of, please shred those documents and papers of a confidential nature: copies of canceled checks, anything with identifying information, anything that has a bank account number or social security number on it. SHRED!!! If you don’t personally own a shredder, get one. You should be shredding your own personal documents.

You don’t want to become a victim of identity theft and you don’t want to cause anyone else to become such a victim. SHRED!!!

Also, there is no reason why a chapter should be collecting anyone’s social security number. Teachers must fill out W-9’s and send them to headquarters when they begin teaching for EGA. So chapters and regions don’t need that information. If you find documents with that information on them black out those numbers until you can take them to the shredder. You may have to hold onto the document for a few years, but you can still protect your membership by making sure no one gets hold of that sensitive information. SHRED!!!

Are you getting the subliminal message (SHRED!!!!) here? SHRED!!!!

Confused? Read your guidelines and feel free to get in touch with me. I’ll try to help or find someone who can!

Happy Whatever! And Happy New Year!

Diane Stavola

Region Treasurer

Dhs1836@cox.net (Remember email can get lost! If I don’t respond within a week, send it again! The cyber monkeys have probably eaten it!)

Community Outreach

Once again the stitchers of the Carolina Region have come through with some great outreach projects. The Chicora Stitchers have been collecting kits for the VA Hospital. They also send needlework supplies to a women's correctional institution in Ohio. The Chicora Chapter received a wonderful thank letter from the director of this program. The Aiken Stitchin Belles continue making Cuddle Buddies for the Child Advocacy Center and Kissing Pillows for the troops. The Tryon chapter had a food drive for the Salvation Army and continue with their Hospice Dove program. Habitat for Humanity Samplers are an ongoing program for the Charlotte Chapter. The Blue Ridge chapter has been making Kissing Pillows as well. In Augusta the chapter continues to support a local NICU with gowns, breavement bags and blankets and has held classes for young people at a local library.

I am sure there are other outreach projects chapters are involved in so send me the news. Please note that our new Region Director Michelle Burroughs has requested that all chapters send their reports to me using the Community Outreach Report Form that can be found on the Carolina Region website. If you have any questions concerning this form please contact me. Of course I would still enjoy receiving your chapter newsletters.

Keep up the good work! Community Outreach is vital to the mission of EGA.

Happy Stitching,
Janine Bangs

Through the Needle's Eye Exhibit, Fall 2011

The Tar River Chapter of EGA and the Rocky Mount Arts Center are collaborating to bring the national exhibit, *Through the Needle's Eye*, to Rocky Mount, North Carolina in fall 2011. Rocky Mount is located in eastern North Carolina at the intersection of NC 64 and I-95, one hour east of the state capital Raleigh and two hours south of Richmond, Virginia. The intersection of I-40 and I-95 is less than an hour's drive from Rocky Mount. Members of the Tar River Chapter hope that embroiderers and friends in surrounding states will visit Rocky Mount to see this wonderful exhibit.

To raise funds to support this event, members of the Tar River Chapter made a Victorian crazy patch quilt. While we were hopeful that the quilt would sell on Ebay, we were not successful in acquiring a bid to meet our reserve price. We are currently selling raffle tickets for the quilt and the drawing will be on February 13, 2009, just in time for a perfect Valentine's Day surprise.

If you or a chapter representative attended the fall meeting of the Carolinas Region, then you have seen this lovely quilt. For those of you who were unable to see the quilt, a few photos are shown below.



The Tar River Chapter would appreciate the support of other chapters in bringing this exhibit to North Carolina. The Tryon Chapter and a few individuals have already made contributions to help fund this event. We hope that others will give their support as well. If you have questions about the upcoming exhibit, please contact Henrietta Barbour, President of the Tar River Chapter, at smithbarbour@fastmail.fm. If you would like to send a donation, please mail one to Gail Stafford, Treasurer of the Tar River Chapter, 1109 Waterloo Court, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. Raffle tickets will be available from any Tar River Chapter member. President Henrietta Barbour will happily supply details.

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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 Michelle Burroughs, 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..