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REGION DIRECTOR NOTES

Michelle Burroughs

We are rapidly approaching the Seminar at Ridgecrest and the response has been great. The four classes offered have been received with enthusiasm. It is still not too late to join us. There will be a new item this year which should be of interest to the chapters: a Teacher's Showcase where teachers at all levels may display their talents, classes and availability. Teachers need not be nationally recognized, so this is a great opportunity for those who think they would like to teach to get a foot in the door. The tables are only \$5.00, and will provide a lot of exposure as well as giving the chapters some idea what is available out there (maybe not so far from home). Be sure to attend this opportunity – as a teacher or “looker”. The Challenge for this year is “Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How Does YOUR Garden Grow” and I have heard from several people about the wonderful spins they plan to use. It is not too late to get one of these ready to bring with you and let us see how your garden grows!!! Remember that ALL the proceeds from the Opportunity drawing is returned to the Chapters, so the better the item(s) the better the return on the investment.

Don't forget that this year Region is planning matching funds to help National. Chapters making a donation will have matching funds donated by Region. National is having a lot of trouble relocating their offices and finances are a big concern. Let's see if we can get a donation from every chapter to show our support during this difficult time for National.

I have just completed sending our Region Report to National and I was thrilled to see the tremendous amount of work in outreach being done by all of our chapters. The reports included hundreds of hours of work for hospitals, hospice, the military, community classes, nursing homes, scout troops, Habitat for Humanity, displays in libraries and festivals and many more. Outreach is a perfect way to get EGA exposure and attract new members.

The CRESS Scholarship is now at \$300.00 and everyone who attended the October meeting had the opportunity to see the two presentations presented by two previous winners, Sue Osterberg and Diane Stavola. This is an award that can be applied to any class, except EGA Region and National Seminar classes. For those of you wishing to further your studies this is a wonderful way to help defray the costs of that study. More information is available on the Region website. There were no takers last year – what a waste.

The Golden Thread Award recognizes individuals who, on a local or region level have given freely of their time and talents to promote the high standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery. This is a National award and may be given to one individual from each region. A nomination form can be found on the National website.

The Time to Teach Grant may be requested by any chapter in the region to help off set the cost of teaching youth and children in the needle arts. Receipts for supplies or other expenses can be submitted for reimbursement up to \$50.00.

Education Grants are available also. Each chapter may apply for this \$100.00 from Region to use toward an educational program for the chapter.

With the current economical upheaval in our country, none of these opportunities to gain financial help and support should be overlooked.

We will be electing officers at the fall meeting. All offices will need to be filled except region director and assistant director. If you are interested in holding an office check with LaDawna Wise at ldwise311@gmail.com and she will assist you.

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable winter with lots of stitching – hot chocolate and a fire in the fireplace -- makes for the best way to enjoy all that SNOW, SNOW, SNOW we have had this year.

Michelle



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REGIONEWS

Karla Gee: Education Coordinator

The Golden Needle Award – Nominate someone from your chapter today!

- The annual awards recognize outstanding individuals who have given freely of their time and talents, and best exemplify EGA's purpose.
- A total of 13 individuals may be acknowledged – one of each region, with a national recipient selected from among the region recipients.

[Online Nomination Form](#) and further information

Due Date: May 1, 2010

EGA Scholarships and Awards: There are many needlework scholarships and grants available to EGA members. Please check out the website for further details. http://www.egausa.org/html/scholarships_awards.html

CRESS – Carolinas Region Embroidery Study 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. One may also be found on the website at [http://www.egacarolinas.org/education/](http://www.egacarolinas.org/education/CRESS_application_form%2010-25-09.pdf)

[CRESS application form%2010-25-09.pdf](http://www.egacarolinas.org/education/CRESS_application_form%2010-25-09.pdf) 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

2010 Roxie Hodgkin Scholarship winner: Pamela Allen of the Cardinal Chapter. She will be taking *Lily* by Lynn Payette.

ARD Elizabeth Little

Warm winter greetings fellow stitchers.

It has certainly been a colder than normal winter here in the region. With this last storm on February 12, most of our region saw snow. The snow certainly was pretty around my house. It was definitely my kind of snow fall - falling one day and melting the next.

While many of us may complain about the snow, it is a good thing. It provides ammonia for the ground, which in turn gives us lovely blooms in the spring. I am anxiously awaiting those spring blossoms. I dearly love to see the first buttercups (daffodils to some) peek their little noses out. To me, that's the sign that spring is just around the corner.

Speaking of lovely blooms, I hope there are a lot of gardens growing with needle and thread for the 2010 region challenge. I can hardly wait to see everyone's interpretation of this theme. Do I get any credit for the one growing in my head?

I am planning on finishing a few items for the region exhibit. This year's exhibit is past group correspondence courses that you have completed. It can be any piece, not only those completed thru the region offering. This is definitely motivating me dig thru the box of completed pieces and finish them for display. The hard part is limiting it to three.

Stitchin on the Ridge is always a wonderful getaway. The faculty committee has selected an outstanding slate of teachers. There is studio time for those not taking a class but love to fellowship with other stitchers and work on a piece of your choosing. It's also a good place to get help if you're stuck on a stitch or just need another opinion.

Stay warm and safe. See you at Ridgecrest in June.

Happy Stitching!

Elizabeth

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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



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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.

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rates. Contact editor Sallie Folk for details. Subscriptions are \$6.00 a year. Send requests to the *RegioNews* editor Sallie Folk and checks, payable to **Carolinas Region EGA**, to Dianne Stavola, treasurer of Carolinas Region

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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

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



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From the Treasurer

We are fast approaching the end of the first Quarter and will begin collecting annual dues at one time during the year. From now on, Region Dues will be due by the end of May. You may begin collecting them from April 1 on. The dues remain \$4 for the year. All members must pay and I must receive the dues by the end of May.

For new members the following schedule of payments applies:

April 1-June 30 the dues are 100% = \$4

July 1 - September 30 the dues are 75% = \$3

October 1 - December 31 the dues are 50% = \$2

January1 - March 31 the dues are 25% = \$1



This will remain in effect until the Executive committee and the Board of the Carolinas Region implements any changes in the dues structure or payment timeline. So print this out and keep it with your Treasurer and Membership files. Please pass it along to your new Treasurers and Membership Chairmen when they are elected.

REMINDER: Your chapter's annual financial report was due on February 15. This report is NOT sent to the Region. It is sent to Headquarters. The form can be found in the Members only section of the National EGA website.

For the Region, I printed off a copy as a work sheet. I then saved the form to my computer. Once I had all my numbers together, I entered them into the Adobe document. I went back to the website and opened the appropriate area for sending the form. I filled in the email section and attached the completed Adobe document. Shortly after that I received an email to the effect that the Region's report had been received by Headquarters.

The process is a relatively simple and painless one. If you haven't done it yet, please get it done quickly so that we don't cause any headaches for our EGA Treasurer.

Diane Stavola
Carolinas Region 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 if corrections should be made.

Community Outreach

Hello Fellow Stitchers,

Chapters of the Carolinas Region continue to be actively providing services and promoting needlework in their respective communities. The Augusta Chapter held a successful outreach work day completing gowns, breavement bags and blankets for a local Neonatal ICU. Ladies in the Blue Ridge Chapter continue to support our troops with Kissing Pillows. Chicora stitchers from the Myrtle Beach area are stitching more Habitat for Humanity Samplers for new home owners. Over in Florence Baby Burping Pads were made for the Crisis Center in Hartsville, SC. The Florence Chapter has also established as a goal for 2010 to hold a work day once a quarter related to giving back to the community. The Piedmont Chapter is holding a monthly public stitching day at a local bookstore. Stitchers with the Tryon Chapter continue with their program of Hospice Doves.

Keep up the good work ladies. I apologize if any chapter was overlooked. Please let me know if I did not report something related to your chapter.

Happy Stitching,
Janine Bangs
Community Outreach Chair
Carolinas Region

EGA WEBSITE - MEMBERS ONLY LOGIN

Are your chapter members having trouble logging on to the "Members Only" area 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 to obtain the label template.

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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 Buroughs, 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.