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The mission of The Embroiderers' Guild of America is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage.

From the Mountains to the Sea...

From the Region Director

Hi fellow stitchers,

I am so excited over the upcoming region events. The *Stitchin' on the Ridge* 2016 brochure has been released. I'm sure you've already drooled over the wonderful classes that will be offered. I hope to see a lot of you at Ridgecrest in June. The Seminar 2017 work party will be fun as we prepare items for Alexandria this fall. Don't let the "work" part of this scare you. Many hands will make it go quickly. I hope you consider popping in to help during lunch or after class.

Leslie Gagliardi, EGA president, will be joining us at Ridgecrest this year. I hope many of you join us to say hello to Leslie and thank her for serving as president. If anyone has any suggestions for anything at the national level, Leslie will welcome them.

The 20th national exhibit, *Through the Needles' Eye*, is currently on display at the Southern Highlands Folk Art Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville, NC. Several chapters are planning road trips to visit the exhibit and local needlework, bead, and fabric shops. I'm planning a visit in late April.

Who could forget Marie Campbell's *Soutache Braid & Bead* class in April? I'm fairly new to beading and haven't tried soutache yet. This class tempts me more each day. The neutral colors in the piece will go well with most outfits.

Don't forget the Chapter Program grant has been renewed for 2016. Under this program, the region will give each chapter \$125 to be used to help fund chapter education programs. Simply send me an email asking for this money. I will forward the approval to the

treasurer and she will send the money. A few chapters have already requested their grant. I'd like to see all the chapters receive their money this year.

Several other programs have dead-

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Stitch the winning Logo Contest, see page 7 (Deadline June 3, 2016)

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CALENDAR

2016

January 23-May 8

20th *Through the Needle's Eye* Exhibit, Asheville, NC (Folk Arts Center, on the Blue Ridge Parkway)

March 15

Group Correspondance Courses registration deadline

April 29-30 (March 29 registration deadline)

Marie Campbell - *Soutache Braid and Bead Class*, Rock Hill, SC

2016

June 3-5

CAR Seminar "*Stitchin' on the Ridge*," Black Mountain, NC;
June 3: deadline for Stitched Logo Contest

September 23-25

CAR Fall Retreat & Region Meeting, Rock Hill, SC

November 2-6

EGA National "*Star Spangled Seminar*" Arlington, VA

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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 or as needed	National Office
Region dues and membership information	Same time as sent to National	Region Treasurer
Chapter newsletters	When sent to members	Region Director; Assistant Region Director; EGA Newsletter Reviewer; Editor, RegioNews; Region 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
Budget	When finalized	EGA Budget Director

RegioNews

The Carolinas Region, EGA, publishes *RegioNews* quarterly. Standard practice is to distribute it to all chapter members in the Carolinas Region via email. It is also available free to all region members through the region website.

Chapter newsletter editors: Remember to share this newsletter with your members who do not receive email.

Advertising is accepted for 1-year (4 issues) intervals at \$10/year. Contact editor Cathie Barker for details. There is no cost for emailed newsletters. Subscriptions are available for \$6/year for four printed issues. Send requests to the *RegioNews* editor Cathie Barker and checks, payable to Carolinas Region EGA, to Becky Buie, treasurer of Carolinas Region.

Reprint information: All EGA chapters have permission to reprint any material found herein except items that are marked with a copyright notice.



A generous member, who wishes to remain anonymous, has issued a matching donation challenge in connection with the 21st *Through the Needle's Eye* which will be launched at the Transylvania Community Arts Council in Brevard, NC, August 16-September 15, 2017; hosted by Carolinas Region; Rosemary Kostansek, Chair.

The member will match donations

made to benefit this special event up to a total of \$150 for donations made in 2015 and up to a total of \$350 for donations made in 2016, or up to a total of \$500 from all donors.

Members wishing to participate in the challenge should send their donation to EGA headquarters and state that it is to be applied to the 21st *Through the Needle's Eye*. Checks should be made payable to EGA. ●

ARDReport

Janet Noble

Carolinas Region has so much going on this year: A special Domestic Teacher Class with Marie Campbell; Save-the-Date Ort boxes to make for the National Seminar in Virginia; CAR Seminar, *Stitchin' on the Ridge*, in Black Mountain, NC; *Blue Ridge Rendezvous* stitched logo contest; CAR Fall Retreat in September. Lots to do. Please, come join the fun!

Marie Campbell's Soutache Braid & Bead Class: We still have room for people to sign up for this special class which nationally known designer/teacher Marie Campbell created especially for members of the Carolinas Region.

• Dates: Fri/Sat, 29-30 Apr 2016.
Deadline for class registration: 29 Mar 2016

• Location: Wingate by Wyndham hotel in Rock Hill, SC (803)-324-9000, 760 Galleria Blvd, Rock Hill, SC, 29730; room rate \$109.00/night; deadline for special room rate is 29 Mar

2016; say you are with the Carolinas Region EGA)

• Registration Fee: \$0.00, zero, zilch, nada, absolutely free to CAR members only!!! (paid for as part of the Phillips Grant to be used for educational purposes)

• Kit Cost: \$84.00

To register, print/complete the registration form on page 4 and mail it with a check for \$84.00 (made out to Carolinas Region) to Janet Noble, 1391 Ridge Road, Hopkins, SC 29061. We can accommodate 24 students – first come, first registered.

Save-the-Date Ort Boxes: Several chapters have asked, “How long does it take to assemble a box?” Well, six members of the Millwood Chapter spent three hours assembling boxes this week, and we had 38 boxes cut, folded, taped, and packed at the end. Our goal is to make 100 boxes, so we figure we can easily meet our goal in two more sessions.

I have mailed or hand-delivered or

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ELECTED OFFICERS

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DuesReminder

Becky Buie

Chapter treasurers and/or membership chairmen are reminded that the Region membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. Please remember that chapter dues must be paid in order to vote at the region meeting the first week in June at Ridgecrest. The following was adopted at the 2012 fall meeting: “To be eligible to vote at the spring region meeting, chapter treasurers must send all dues in time for the

region treasurer to receive them no later than May 15 of that year; otherwise, they should hand-deliver the dues to the treasurer prior to the start of the spring meeting.”

Annual Region dues are \$4 per member. For new members joining during the year dues are prorated as follows: August 16-November 15, \$3; November 16-February 15, \$2; February 16-May 15, \$1. These dates are the same as the schedule for National dues. For all members as of June 1, 2016,

the amount of \$4 each is due for 2016. Please send your chapter dues check (made payable to Carolinas Region, EGA) to the following address:

Becky L. Buie, Treasurer
Carolinas Region, EGA
209 Jabay Drive
Columbia, SC 29229-4348 ●

See Financials page 8-9

Braid & Beads Pendant Necklace Marie Campbell, Designer

Essential Unnecessaries
P O Box 122, Calvin, PA 16622
Mariecampbell728@gmail.com
717-860-3640



Pendant with Necklace

Class Dates: Fri/Sat, 29-30 April 2016.

Deadline for class registration: 29 Mar 2016

Location: Wingate by Wyndham hotel in Rock Hill, SC

Room rate \$109.00/night;

Deadline for special room rate: 29 Mar 2016;
(say you are with the Carolinas Region EGA)

Registration Fee: \$0.00,

Kit Cost: \$84.00



Pendant

Braid & Beads Pendant Necklace – Registration Form

Name _____

EGA Chapter _____ Membership # _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Mail form and check for \$84.00 (made out to Carolinas Region, EGA) to:

Janet Noble
1391 Ridge Road
Hopkins, SC 29061

Please make room reservations directly with the hotel.

Wingate by Wyndham
803-324-9000
760 Galleria Blvd, Rock Hill, SC 29730

EducationReport

Special Class Offered: *Braid & Beads Pendant Necklace* - April 29-30, 2016

Marie Campbell, Designer

The *Braid & Beads Pendant Necklace* class presents an opportunity to try your hand at soutache embroidery.

We begin by attaching one, two, then three soutache braids to the mounted focal stone. We proceed to techniques for holding and sewing soutache, for beginning and ending braids, and for incorporating pearls in different sizes. The pendant is completed with a pinback with bail, an edge stitch of 11° seed beads, and a pearl tassel at center bottom. Two small pearl and soutache elements nestle in a chain of double St. Petersburg chain fastened with a gold finish box closure.

The palette ranges from silver, beige, gold, white, to black.

Level: Beginner for soutache embroidery, some beading experience useful.

Bio: Retiring after thirty years teaching American culture and literature, Marie has since focused on creating fiber and bead art and is a Fiber Forum member. A beader for twenty-five years, Marie has taught national, region and chapter groups. Her beading classes provide a path to use as a springboard for the student's inspirations.

Pin or Pendant soutache braid and beads design: wear it with its St. Petersburg double chain necklace with more braid and pearl elements, or pin it on your lapel or hat. Design is 2 ¼" w x 1 ¾" l. The necklace with pin/pendant is 23"

Materials provided: Braids, pearls, mounted teardrop crystal. Super Duos, Triangles, seed beads, silver 15° charlottes, 3' Fireline, crystal GP box closure, ball & socket closures, Nymo thread Size B, needles, Peltex, Ultrasuede®.

Materials Cost \$84

Supplies to bring: Scissors, beading pad, stitching light, magnifier if needed, beeswax or microcrystalline wax. E6000 adhesive

Have you taken a class from the Royal School of Needlework (RSN), either at Hampton Palace or in the United States? If so, please contact me at cwiesemann@nc.rr.com. I am looking for someone who would like to share their RSN experience with the attendees at the Fall Retreat in Rock Hill.

2016 Group Correspondance Courses:

Each year the Carolinas Region sponsors three Group Correspondance courses for its members. The region will pay teaching fees (\$175 per group) and certain postage costs associated with the courses; participants will be responsible for the cost of the instruction booklet and their own supplies. There must be a minimum of five students (from Carolinas Region) and the maximum number of students is 20. Enrollment is on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

The courses for 2016 are as follows:

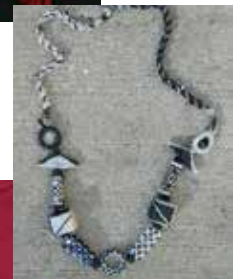
- ***Beginning Teneriffe Lace***; Teacher Jonalene Gutwein,
- ***Keeping in Shape***, a beaded necklace by Gwen Nelson, and
- ***Thank Goodness it's Finished***, by Kim Sanders.

The deadline for receipt of registration and check is March 15, 2016. We expect to receive the class documentation for the courses about 6 weeks after submitting the forms and checks to National. More information about the courses offered and the registration form are available at <http://www.egacarolinas.org/education/correspondance.htm>.

I look forward to working with the participants of the classes, and please contact me with any questions you may have.

-Margaret Wiesemann

See GCC registration form page 12





NOW HERE!

Through the Needle's Eye, the 20th National Exhibit, is now on view at the Folk Art Center of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, at milepost 382 (just northeast of Asheville, NC) on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Over 70 pieces of needle art, including beading, are on display through May 8th.

The Folk Art Center is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm (to 6 pm starting in April), and includes the Allanstand Craft Shop and a permanent collection of historical crafts of southern Appalachia.

As sponsors of this exhibit, The Laurel Chapter and Carolinas Region invite you to see for yourself this selection of the best in artistic and technical works done using a needle with an eye. Have you planned your field trip?

Carolinas Region will host the 21st National Exhibit

“Through the Needle’s Eye”

at Transylvania Community Arts Council, Brevard NC

August 16-September 15, 2017

The Embroiderers’ Guild of America acknowledges the value of needlework in art and history. The national exhibit is a representative selection of the best in artistic and technical works. It is through the needle’s eye that EGA embraces both traditional and contemporary needlework while expanding the perception of embroidery as an art form.

The 21st *Through the Needle’s Eye* will be launched at the Transylvania Community Arts Council in Brevard, NC, August 16 - September 15, 2017. It is hosted by the Carolinas Region; Rosemary Kostansek, Chair.

The Call for Entries will be available early in 2016. Please consider entering your own pieces of embroidered art. ●

Volunteers are still needed. See job descriptions below

Advertising Chair: Works with exhibit Executive Committee (EC) to determine adv. rates, sizes, and art requirements. Solicits Ads. Receives payment and forwards to catalog editor.

Awards Chair: works with graphics chair to determine type, style, and color of certificates. Works with exhibit EC to determine award ribbons.

Hostesses/Docents/Demos Chair: determines needs and duties of hostesses/docents/demonstrators. Seeks these volunteers. Works with graphics for ID ribbons. Develops schedules.

Graphics Chair: develops certificates, hostess ribbons. Works with publicity to design posters, flyers and announcements. Works with reception to design invitations, with installation chair to design labels and miscellaneous signs. Organizes the printing of above.

Reception Chair: formulates plan with exhibit EC. Creates guest list. Coordinates plans with exhibit facility. Develops hostess needs, issues invitations. Arranges for equipment/decorations. Writes thank you notes for all solicited merchandise and acknowledgments in catalog and/or Needle Arts.

Installation Chair: determines installer, acquires props as needed, draws up a master plan, confers with graphics chair, determines guest book, peoples’ choice.

Receiving/Returning Chair: Jurying will be done electronically. This chair will be receiving for photography, then returning at the close of exhibit. The notebook will come from the registrar. Items are unwrapped, tagged, sorted. Provides supplies for handling and shipping. All items go to EGA at the close of exhibit.

Chairman, Rosemary Kostansek 828-298-4017 TNE21chair@gmail.com

Registrar, Peggy O’Connor; Secretary, Carol Foster; Treasurer, Sydney Mace; Juror Chair, Patricia Goaley;

Publicity, Janet Stewart; Catalog Editor, Brad Cape. All chairmen work with the exhibit executive committee.

BlueRidgeRendezvousSeminar2017



Want your work to be on the cover of *NeedleArts*?

Stitch the winning logo!

A Region-wide contest to render the Blue Ridge Rendezvous logo in embroidery is being announced by the Seminar 2017 committee. The winning stitched piece will appear on the cover of the seminar brochure - the March 2017 issue of *NeedleArts* magazine.

The guidelines are simple:

- The logo can be stitched in any technique on any ground;
- Shape can be a square or rectangle - approximately 5"x7", 6"x6", but no larger than 8"x8";
- There are 6 main colors (a shaded orange, four blues, and white), but because of the color printing process, there are more colors represented by DMC numbers to use as reference:
 - Salmon sky - 608, 3340, 3779, 3855, 744
 - Blue mountains - 825, 824, 3761, 519, 828

NOTE: Shiny metallic colors/thread should be avoided because these do not photograph well.

Deadline for submission is June 3, 2016 (Carolinas Region Seminar - Ridgecrest).

The winner will be chosen by members of the seminar committee. The stitched logo, along with all copyrights, becomes the property of the Carolinas Region until the conclusion of EGA Seminar 2017, at which time the stitched logo will be returned to its stitcher.

Questions about the contest? Contact Julie Anderson: Juliesurgi@gmail.com

2017 National Seminar Logo Contest:

We are hoping to get many entries for our Region's contest to stitch our *Blue Ridge Rendezvous* logo - the winning entry will be published on the March 2017 cover of *NeedleArts* magazine as well as on many Seminar publications!

- **Deadline for submission is 3 June 2016** (if hand-delivered) or postmarked (if you mail it) no later than 28 May 2016.
- **The winner will be chosen** during the 2016 *Stitchin' on the Ridge* Seminar at Ridgecrest.
- **Please PRINT or TYPE** your name on a small slip of paper, fold it over so your name **CAN-NOT BE READ**, and safety-pin this label to the back of your piece.

If you are planning to attend the Region Seminar, you may bring your entry with you and give it to Brenda Decker; if you will NOT be able to attend the Region Seminar, you should mail your entry to:

**Brenda Decker,
108 Kenwood Dr.,
Hendersonville, NC, 28739,**

postmarked no later than 28 May 2016, or you can give it to someone else to hand-deliver it to Brenda.

The stitched logo, along with all copyrights, becomes the property of the Carolinas Region until the conclusion of EGA Seminar 2017, at which time the stitched logo will be returned to its stitcher. ●.

National Happenings

Star Spangled Seminar November 2-6, 2016 Alexandria, Virginia

Open registration will begin on March 15, 2016.

For more complete information concerning the *Star Spangled Seminar*, check out the EGA website at:

<http://www.egausa.org/index.php/events/national-seminars/national-seminar-2016>

If you have not attended a national seminar, think about going to Alexandria in 2016; it's close enough that Carolinas Region members could easily drive there.



Carolinas Region EGA -- 2015 Seminar January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

	Actual 2014	2015 CURRENT
Income		
Class Fees	7,850.00	8,920.00
Kit Fees	2,965.00	2,456.00
Non-member Fees	50.00	25.00
(Registration Refunds)	(475.00)	(810.00)
Vendor Tables	80.00	300.00
Teacher's Showcase	0.00	0.00
Opportunity Baskets	592.00	1,070.00
Ruth Kern Book Sales	250.46	0.00
Total Income	\$11,312.46	\$11,961.00
Expense		
Registrar		
Brochure Printing	0.00	54.92
Registration Supplies	99.03	265.85
Dean of Faculty		
Postage & Supplies	226.42	7.74
Seminar Chair		
Supplies	106.92	140.72
Faculty		
Room & Board	816.20	493.60
Teaching Fees & Kits	5,290.00	4,827.00
Goody Bags	15.62	28.77
Travel	2,487.86	3,169.56
Miscellaneous	129.24	87.29
Ridgecrest Deposit for Next Year	700.00	900.00
Pins	338.00	283.00
Roxie Hodgkin Scholarship	165.00	205.00
Opportunity Baskets	523.50	1,018.31
10% of Book Sales to Ridgecrest	25.05	0.00
Total Expense	\$10,922.84	\$11,481.76
Profit/Loss	\$389.62	\$479.24
Opening Checkbook Balance		\$ 1,000.00
Transfer 2015 Profit to Operating Account		(\$479.24)
Present Checkbook Balance		\$1,000.00

Operating Account
Carolinas Region EGA -- 2015
January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

	BUDGET	CURRENT
Income:		
Dues	1,500	1,466.00
Educational Events:		
GCC's	700	1,016.00
Seminar	1,000	479.24
Fall Retreat	700	1,311.00
National Exhibit 2016		960.66
For Opportunity Basket at National		260.00
Region Sales	200	110.00
From CRESS Account	300	300.00
Total Income	\$4,400	\$5,902.90
Expenses:		
Educational Events:		
GCC's	1,100	1,454.50
Time to Teach Grants	100	0.00
Education Grants	1,500	1,250.00
Fall Retreat	1,500	2,116.16
Newsletter (4 issues)	25	0.00
Website	300	15.99
Outreach	100	0.00
Cress Scholarship	300	300.00
EGA Annual Fund Donation	400	345.00
National Exhibit 2016		750.00
Opportunity Basket for National	100	260.00
Administrative:		
Postage	100	38.15
Supplies	100	24.14
Region Board Meetings:		
Lodging	1,000	0.00
Travel	700	0.00
National Board Meetings (RD):		
Travel	1,000	351.70
Per Diem	350	0.00
Total Expenses	\$8,675	\$6,905.64
Ending Balance	(\$4,275)	(\$1,002.74)
Opening Balance		\$5,292.26
Checkbook Balance		\$4,289.52

Note:

The difference of \$4,275 between anticipated receipts and expenditures will be made up by taking funds from reserves as needed.

Within the opening balance of \$5,292.26 are the following "designated" funds:

\$405 for the 2016 National Exhibit, \$2,960.66 from the Phillips Grant.

Total Asset Summary

Operating Account Balance from above	\$4,289.52
Operating Account CD (matures 11/25/2016)	8,009.44
Operating Account CD (matures 12/16/2016)	6,103.03
Seminar Account Balance (detail separately)	1,000.00
CRESS Scholarship Balance 12/31/2015 (Dreyfus-FMV)	8,546.31
Carolinas Region Total Assets	\$27,948.30

Scholarships/Awards

EGA offers scholarships and awards to encourage study and excellence in needlework. Amounts awarded may vary each year. Carolinas Region, EGA, offers scholarships and awards to its members, as well.

For those new to EGA and/or to the Carolinas Region, descriptions of the various scholarships and awards are included on this page.

CRESSAward

The acronym, **CRESS**, stands for **Carolin**as **R**egion **E**mbroidery **S**tudy **S**cholarship. The Region offers a \$300 scholarship annually to a member for the purpose of embroidery study.

Applicants must be members of the Carolinas Region, and may apply the award to almost any embroidery class, including an EGA Extended Study Program or Individual Correspondence Course. The award may not be applied to EGA Region Seminar and national EGA Seminar classes. Submit your completed application to the Education Coordinator, by May 1. ●

Carolinas Region:

- CRESS Award
- Roxie Hodgkin Scholarship
- Group Correspondence Courses

EGA National:

- Judith and Susan Richardson Initial Steps Toward Teaching Certification Scholarship
- Mary-Dick Digges Scholarship
- Legacy Scholarship
- Genny Morrow Memorial Scholarship
- Penny Evans Memorial Scholarship
- Marjorie Jones Scholarship
- Research Fellowship Grant Award
- Bobbie Pilling Memorial Award
- Gold Thread Award

For more information on the national scholarships/awards, visit the EGA website at: <http://www.egausa.org/>

RoxieHodgkinScholarship

This Carolinas Region scholarship was established to honor the memory of a former treasurer of the Carolinas Region, Roxie Hodgkin, late of the Golden Needles Chapter.

All members of the Carolinas Region are eligible. The scholarship covers the registration fee and kit cost for the annual Region Seminar, *Stitchin' on the Ridge*. The recipient is guaranteed her or his first choice class. The drawing is held one month before seminar registration closes to allow the recipient time to make plans to attend. Registration for the seminar is not a requirement for entering the drawing. It was awarded for the first time in 2005.

To apply, simply check off the appropriate box on the Region Seminar registration form. ●

...this organization will only work when all members help out. Please don't sit back hoping someone else will step up, or assume you are not "qualified".

Even the smallest bit of help can make a huge difference!

Opportunities to help:

- Seminar 2017
- 21st *Through the Needle's Eye* (2017)

All offers to help are greatly appreciated: Please don't sit back hoping someone else will step up, or assume you are not "qualified".

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Volunteer Opportunities

Join the fun

Make new friends

Help make Carolinas Region, EGA

Awesome!

Gold Thread Award

The Gold Thread Award is bestowed annually on outstanding individuals who, on a local and/or regional level, have given freely of their time and talents to best exemplify the purpose of this organization: “to foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery through an active program of education and study.” A total of thirteen individuals may be acknowledged – one from each of EGA’s regions, with the national recipient selected from among the region recipients. **Now is the time to nominate someone from your chapter:**

Nominations can either be emailed or mailed, and May 1st is the postmark deadline for nominations.

A complete nomination shall include the following:

1. A brief cover letter not to exceed one page, explaining why the individual has been nominated.
2. A résumé, listing the nature and extent of service during the nominee’s entire EGA membership.
3. A completed nomination form.

Go to <http://www.egausa.org/index.php/education/ega-scholarships-and-awards> for more information.

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Several other programs have deadlines that are quickly approaching. CRESS Scholarship (May 1), Gold Thread (May 1) and Region sponsored GCCs (March 15) come to mind first. Several scholarships at the national level are available with varying deadlines between April 1 and June 1. I encourage all members to take advantage of the education and recognition programs

available thru EGA

There are quite a few volunteer positions open right now. We’d love to have you join us. Julie Anderson is looking for quite a few volunteers for various positions with Seminar 2017. Rosemary Kostansek is looking for a few volunteers to help with the 21st National Exhibit that opens in conjunction with Seminar 2017. Julie and Rosemary

would love to have you join their respective teams.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope to see you at one of the region events soon.

Happy Stitching, Elizabeth

ARD Report: continued from Pg 2...

promised card stock to make 565 boxes to seven chapters as well as two individuals – a great big THANK YOU to Piedmont, Florence, Charlotte, Aiken Stitchin’ Belles, Golden Needles, Magnolia, and Millwood and to Marjorie Sink and Sue Gross! This leaves 135 boxes to go to make our grand total of 700 boxes ready to hand out at the *Star Spangled Seminar* in Alexandria, VA, 2-6 November 2016.

If your chapter can volunteer to assemble boxes, please email Janet Noble (RNOBLE@SC.RR.COM) to make arrangements – I can either snail-mail the supplies to you OR I can come to your chapter meeting, if you prefer, to help

get you started; in this case, I will bring the supplies with me.

Stitchin’ on the Ridge – June 2016:

On 2 March 2016, registration for classes opens up to non-CAR members, non-CAR Members-at-Large, and non-EGA members. Furthermore, the Registration Fee for everyone increases from \$150 to \$165 if you take a class, and from \$75 to \$80 if you select Studio Time and/or Seminar Work Party.

HINT: If you want to stay in the same building as the cafeteria and classrooms, reserve your room with the Ridgcrest office by 29 Feb 2016 – we may drop rooms from our reserved block if we

haven’t filled them by that date.

If you haven’t already read the Registration Brochure for this June’s Region Seminar, you can find it – and the Registration Form – at http://www.egacarolinas.org/events/seminar/2016/documents/2016_Seminar_Brochure.pdf.

Stitched Logo Contest: see page 7
Deadline: June 3, 2016.

Fall Retreat: It’s early days yet, but mark your calendars for Fall Retreat 23-25 September 2016 at the Hampton Inn in Rock Hill. Details will follow.

Janet

INDIVIDUAL (or Chapter) REGISTRATION FORM

Carolinas Region 2016 Group Correspondence Courses

(Carolinas Region will pay the teachers' fees, & some postage; students responsible for the text fees)

Deadline for receipt of registration and check: **March 15, 2016**

Suggested MAILING deadline: March 11, 2016

- Beginning Teneriffe Lace with Jonalene Gutwein (\$8 text)
- Keeping in Shape with Gwen Nelson (\$25 text)
- Thank Goodness It's Finished with Kim Sanders (\$30 text)

Name _____

Address _____

Chapter _____ EGA # _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Additional participants from this chapter taking the same class?

Save time and paper - add them to this form. All texts will be mailed to the address above.

Name	EGA # (required)

EGA number must be included for each participant - state if new member.

Total participants this form

Total payment included \$

Mail checks payable to **Carolinas Region EGA** to:

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