

# RegioNews

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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

### BLUE RIDGE RENDEZVOUS SEMINAR:

Well, we pulled it off! I have received several notes from others who attended the national Seminar in Asheville and all have been very complimentary.

Many, many thanks to everyone who made ort boxes (they were a big hit!), worked on table decorations, stitched name tags, counted beads, stuffed kits, donated skeins of floss, glued magnets to Blue Ridge Parkway coins, filled plastic pencil cases, and all the other myriad little jobs that added up to a wonderful experience for everyone who attended.

This was a project that started four years ago and culminated in a magical week we can be very proud of hosting. Planning a national seminar seems like an overwhelmingly complex job when looked at from the four-years-ago per-

spective; looking at it now from today's perspective, it was achievable because Julie Anderson and her hard-working Seminar Committee divided the multiple components into smaller jobs and so many people pitched in.

I believe the Carolinas Region came together as a much closer community of stitchers and friends as a result. Thank you to everyone!

### FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY BASKET FOR 2017 NATIONAL SEMINAR:

The Opportunity Basket (cell-phone charging wallet containing \$500 worth of gift cards) garnered \$364 in tickets and the 7 opportunity baskets we built using donated stash from CAR member Jo Richmond brought in an additional \$457 to make a grand total of \$821 raised for EGA. Many thanks to

everyone, especially to Jo, who contributed to our fund-raising efforts this year. Unfortunately, no one from our region won the all-expense paid trip to the 2018 Seminar in Louisville, KY, but there's always next year!

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### *Fall Retreat at Rock Hill - October 27-28*

*Make your room reservation ASAP*

*so you won't miss out!*

### CALENDAR

#### 2017

#### August 16 - September 15

21st "Through the Needle's Eye" national EGA exhibit, Brevard, NC

#### October 27-28

CAR Fall Retreat & Region Meeting, Rock Hill, SC

#### 2018

#### June 1 - 3

*Stitchin' on the Ridge*, CAR seminar and Region Meeting, Black Mountain, NC

#### Fall 2018

CAR Fall Retreat & Region Meeting, TBD

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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	At the same time you send membership info to National Office	Region Director
National dues and membership information	Renewals no later than May 31 annually. New members immediately upon joining	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; Editor, <i>RegioNews</i> ; Region Outreach Chair
EGA Chapter Officer Change List (EGA Form)	Within 2 weeks of election	Region Secretary, Region Director
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 Headquarters

## 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 Sydney Mace, treasurer of Carolinas Region.

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## Treasurer's Reminder

### NEW MEMBERS JOINING DURING THE YEAR

Please remember to report new members and remit dues payments immediately upon joining both to national EGA and to me for the region portion.

Blank reporting forms are available on the Carolinas Region website in Word format at <http://www.egacarolinas.org/documents.htm> (scroll down). A fillable PDF version is available at <http://www.egacarolinas.org/documents.htm>. Caution regarding the PDF version, you can fill it out online and print it, but saving it to your files may not retain the entries.

### Reminder:

CAR follows the same prorated dues schedule as is in place for national EGA, as follows:

Prorated Dues Schedule	
If Joining:	Region dues are:
April 1 - June 30	\$4.00 (100%)
July 1 - September 30	\$3.00 (75%)
October 1 - December 31	\$2.00 (50%)
January 1 - March 31	\$1.00 (25%)

# ARDReport

Karla Gee

**B**lue Ridge Rendezvous  
WOW! What a region we belong to. Amazing stitchers and hard workers. A seminar for the record books. Thanks to all the many hands that made light the work. The Seminar executive committee, my faculty team, the angels, the hospitality crew, our fearless leader and the many other volunteers that made the whole thing happen. Whew! We did it!

## PLEASE WELCOME ONBOARD:

Kim Sanders, CAR new assistant dean of faculty. She will be working closely with Janet Noble, our current dean of faculty for *Stitchin' on the Ridge 2018*. You have already received our preview hint of classes that we will be having (also, see page 7). Hard to believe that we are talking about 2018 already.

## A NOTE FROM THE ARD:

Sometimes life has a way of getting in the way and makes one sit up and take notice. Well that's what has happened to me. About a month prior to national seminar I was hospitalized 3 days for a recurring digestive issue. I am extremely grateful that this is not a life threatening illness, but is one that demands my attention and care. It is because of this that I have tendered my resignation as ARD for Carolinas Region. Right now I need to focus on my health.

As many of you know I have retired from bead teaching and now have also chosen to retire from EGA. Please know that we have an outstanding candidate for the Assistant Region Director position that has been brought forward and will be presented at the Fall meeting. She will do a superb job and I know you will want to be there for her as you have for me.

I have so enjoyed our time together. Thank you so much for all your love and support. ●

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The Bylaws Review Committee is available to answer 'how-to' procedural questions from chapter members and officers. Please contact me if we can help. Rebecca E. Wardlaw, Director of Bylaws, rewardlaw76@gmail.com.



Fearless leader, Julie Anderson, addressing the fearless 2017 Seminar Committee.

## Blue Ridge Rendezvous:

Not *all* work, though there was plenty of *that!*



Karla Gee, Dean of Faculty, getting it all organized.

Some of us got to take classes, and do other fun things.

The camaraderie of working together and playing together made for a wonderful experience.

All in all, Seminar 2017 was great fun.



Chris Sloane, volunteer chair, enjoying her class.

# EducationReport

Margaret Wiesemann

The CAR Fall Retreat and Region Meeting will be October 27-28 in Rock Hill, SC at the Hampton Inn on Tabor Dr.

There is still time the register for the Make It, Take It class on making a Fold-It/Pin-It Ornament and Studio Time. Other events at the Fall Retreat include the Saturday afternoon Region meeting

(1:30 PM) and a group dinner opportunity Friday evening.

More information about the Retreat, the hotel, and the registration form, can be found on the CAR website:

[http://egacarolinas.org/calendar/calendar.htm#Fall\\_Retreat\\_&\\_Region\\_Meeting](http://egacarolinas.org/calendar/calendar.htm#Fall_Retreat_&_Region_Meeting).

Please note if you have already sent me a registration form/check, but have NOT received a confirmation email

from me, please call (919.795.4626) or email me (cwiesemann@nc.rr.com).

We will be choosing the Group Correspondence courses for 2018 at the Fall Retreat. All the courses offered can be seen on the EGA website:

<http://www.egausa.org/index.php/education/group-correspondence-courses>.

Let me know if you're interested in any and we will consider it for one of the offerings. ●

## CAR Fall Retreat

**Carolinas Region Fall Retreat**  
**October 27-28, 2017**  
**Hampton Inn, Rock Hill, SC**  
**(803) 325-1100**

**Mark your calendars now! Join us for an informative, and just plain fun, weekend of stitching and fellowship!**



**Friday, Oct 27, 6:00 pm–until...**

**BRR celebration dinner**

Restaurant (TBD); Pay your own way  
\*\*Be sure to mark on the registration form if you plan to attend the dinner.

After dinner

Stitch-In at hotel

**Saturday, Oct 28, 8:00 am**

**Registration opens**

9:00 am -12 pm

Ornament class (1/2 day)

9:00 am -12 pm

Stitch-In

1:00 pm

Chapter Sales open

1:30-3:30 pm

CAR Board of Directors meeting  
(all are encouraged to attend)

**Make-It/Take-It/Teach-It Class: Fold-It/Pin-It Ornament**

Any colors – Any season; Embellish or not! Kit cost = \$10

See Carolinas Region website:

[http://egacarolinas.org/calendar/calendar.htm#Fall\\_Retreat\\_&\\_Region\\_Meeting](http://egacarolinas.org/calendar/calendar.htm#Fall_Retreat_&_Region_Meeting)

**Make your room reservation ASAP so you won't miss out!**



# CRESS Scholarship Report

Lesley-Anne Read

I have to admit that I was really nervous! I have done RSN classes previously for my Certificate, but never at Hampton Court, although I had been there for a visit to the RSN workrooms and studios, so the nervousness was partly because of the stitching, and partly because of the environment

We arrived, about 20 of us, at the Barracks entrance and were met by an RSN staff member who gave us all badges and warned us to wear them AT ALL TIMES we were on the premises.

Then we were divided into our classes—some doing crewel and some metalwork—and were escorted to the beautiful workrooms on the top floor of the William and Mary section of the palace with those magnificent oval windows.

I should explain that Hampton Court is actually 2 palaces rolled into one. Cardinal Wolsey built the original and it gave to Henry VIII to try and save his position (it didn't work!). Later, after the Glorious Revolution, William and Mary decided to pull down the Tudor palace and rebuild in a more modern style. Fortunately for us they ran out of money after just doing the rear of the building, so the front is still the original Tudor and the rear William and Mary.

To approach the workrooms one traverses the Tudor main courtyards—one with a massive fountain copied from the one at the Field of the Cloth of Gold when Henry VIII met King Francis of France—and passes through the original Tudor kitchens to the rear of the Royal Chapel.

Then there is the staircase.... After being asked if we wanted to do stairs or elevator for the 2 floors, many decided that 2 floors were fine. What they don't tell you is that there are very, very high ceilings and there are about 70 stairs just for those 2 floors! So we arrived, breathless and laughing.

At each place was a pretty little box which contained all the fabric and threads needed to make the little badger design, plus a tiny hoop for mounting when finished, all beautifully presented. As you can see from the photos, we mounted the fabric into lap stand hoops for working. These are very comfortable to work with and I can recommend the use of one if you haven't tried it before.

And we got down to work.



Mine! (early days, padding only)

It has been my experience at previous sessions with RSN tutors that they are wonderful. This class was no exception. Our tutor, Becky Hogg, was fantastic.

Each process in the embroidery—from felt and stitched padding, to the distance apart of couching stitches, and the process of 'chipping'—was carefully explained and demonstrated: Little things, like holding each end of the purl pearl with us to show how much tension is needed to get the correct amount of

stretch when it was pulled, and showing the correct way to couch a thread down so that it really laid well against the one before.

I felt, and I am sure the other students did as well, as though I had almost had a private class.

Apart from the experience of being in an RSN class, the experience of being in Hampton Court Palace wearing a special badge is spectacular.

At lunch time we dispersed, some to the RSN shop, some to the restaurants, and some to eat their own packed lunches in the gardens, but for all of us

to be able to walk around the palace as if we owned it was great. We got some slightly perplexed looks from tourists, and we could see them wondering who and what we were to wear a special tag like that.

Unfortunately 4 pm arrived all too soon and we had to pack up and take our work to finish at home. The group that left was a great

deal happier than the nervous, worried ladies who had waited outside the barracks only 6½ hours earlier, and not one of us wanted to leave. We could have gone on for hours!

My grateful thanks to the Carolinas Region for the CRESS Scholarship, which partly paid for this great experience. ●



Finished Badger

# BlueRidgeRendezvous

Our *Blue Ridge Rendezvous*, EGA seminar is now history, but what a story CAR has to tell. It all started four years ago at Stitchin' on the Ridge when Janet & Elizabeth started to put together the executive committee for the seminar to take place in 2017.

My deepest gratitude goes to all region members who took part in our seminar work bees. We spent a Fall

Retreat and two Stitchin' on the Ridge weekends counting and kitting beads, stapling needle books, cutting yarn & ladder ribbon, attaching sticky dots to origami folded napkins and assembling the opening banquet favors.

We wanted this to be your seminar and for you to have a part in making it a success. You made that happen and we "bonded" during those weekends and we are a stronger group of needle work-

ers because of it. It truly blows my mind how you paid to come to our work bees for no other reason than to support your region as seminar hostesses. I am truly grateful for all your help, which went way beyond what I had hoped for. You truly made a big difference in my responsibilities as Assistant Seminar Chair.

*Many thanks, Sue Osterberg*

## OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers from the Carolinas Region who helped before & during the seminar. Being at the volunteer table, I heard many positive comments. They loved our logo, our banquet favors, the great signage and how our region members were willing to step in & help.

YOU helped make this seminar a success. Now we can say, "WE DID IT"

*Thank you,*

*Chris Sloane, Volunteer Chair BRR 2017*



## BRR: Fun Time in Asheville!



## Photos by Marilyn Sears

See more Seminar photos on our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/EGA-Seminar-2017-Blue-Ridge-Rendezvous-1622000031429565/>

## THANK Y'ALL, THANK Y'ALL, THANK Y'ALL A BILLION TIMES OVER

*Julie Anderson—Your lucky-to-be-Seminar 2017 Chairman*

### THANKS, CAROLINAS REGION, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

“Dear Janet: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Carolinas Region for your generous donation to the fundraising activities at the Embroiderers’ Guild of America’s Seminar 2017 in Asheville, North Carolina.

The Carolinas Region not only did a spectacular job of hosting the seminar, but you really went above and beyond in your generous donations to the fundraising efforts! Please tell everyone how very grateful I am. The baskets were great fun, but also a lot of work, I know.

*Sincerely, Patty Smith-Gardner, EGA Fundraising Chairman 2017”*



### IT’S POWER LADY REPORTING IN.....

Many thanks to all the CAR stitchers who lent *Blue Ridge Rendezvous* seminar 3-way plugs, extension cords and power strips. Your generosity meant that we were able to supply our seminar classrooms with the power needed for all our stitchers. A feat beyond imagination! Those of you who were not able to pick up your loaned cords etc., can pick them up at Fall Retreat (I still have them). If you will not be attending Fall Retreat email me at [dmosbo@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmosbo@bellsouth.net) and I will mail them to you.

Once again CAR is the best region in EGA, full of very generous stitchers.

*The Power Lady, aka Sue Osterberg*



### **Thanks to all**

Even the smallest bits of help  
made a huge difference! .





## Board Meeting - Carolinas Region, EGA

June 2, 2017

**Call to Order.** Region Director Janet Noble called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 2, 2017 at Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC.

**Present.** Region Director Janet Noble, Assistant Region Director Karla Gee, Secretary Elizabeth Little, Treasurer Sydney Mace, Education Coordinator Margaret Wiesemann, Seminar 2017 Chair Julie Anderson, *Through the Needle's Eye* Chair Rosemary Kostansek, Bylaws Chair Becky Buie, Newsletter Editor/Website Coordinator Cathie Barker and Nominating Committee member Julia Tison.

Chapter delegates (members present): Aiken Stitchin' Belles-2 (4), Augusta-2 (2), Blue Ridge-0 (1), Cardinal -2 (2), Charlotte-2 (5), Chicora-0 (1), Florence-0 (2), Gifted Hands-0 (0), Golden Needles-2 (4), Low Country-2 (2), Magnolia-2 (3), Millwood-2 (3), Piedmont-2 (2), Star Stitchers-0 (0), Tar River-0 (0), The Laurel-2 (9), Tryon-0 (1).

**Quorum.** There being delegates from more than one-third (6) of member chapters present, a quorum was present.

**Minutes.** The minutes of September 25, 2016 were approved as submitted.

**Assistant Region Director.** Ms. Gee reported:

- I. Stitchin' Lite: 49 participants, 1 teacher, and 1 lecturer for Stitchin' Lite.
- II. Stitchin' on the Ridge 2018:
  - A. June 1-3, 2018 at Ridgecrest Conference Center.
  - B. Room rates: \$92 single/double; \$102 triple; \$112 quadruple.
  - C. Meal plan: \$70 for meals Friday dinner thru Sunday lunch; Friday breakfast & lunch \$21.
  - D. A new design is wanted for seminar pins. Suggestions are to be given to Ms. Gee or Ms. Noble.

**Treasurer's Report.** Ms. Mace briefed the financial reports and presented the auditor's report. There being no objections or corrections, the report stands approved as read.

**Education Coordinator.** Ms. Wiesemann reported:

- I. Twenty –five participants in 3 region-sponsored correspondence courses for 2017.
- II. GCCs 2018 – Executive Committee is looking at a different way to approach how the region provides educational opportunities. Any ideas are welcome. More information will be available at the Fall Retreat.
- III. Fall Retreat, October 27 and 28, 2017.
  - A. A make-it, take-it class offered on Saturday morning, along with a Sit and Stitch.
  - B. Group dinner/banquet at a local restaurant on Friday night, followed by a Stitch-in at the hotel's Catawba Room. More details to follow closer to Fall Retreat.
  - C. Board meeting Saturday at 1:30 PM.
  - D. Make-it, Take-it is "Fold-it, Pin-it, Embellish-it Ball Ornament" taught by Mary Finch of Millwood Chapter. No full day class due to shortened format in 2017.

**Bylaws.** Carolinas Region and all chapters are due for a bylaws review in 2018. Becky Buie is the contact. More details will be available in October.

**Newsletter.** Ms. Barker expressed her appreciation with the cooperation from members. At this time, the next issue is scheduled for early September 2017.

**Website.** Ms. Barker stated only maintenance is happening at this time.

**Seminar 2017.** Ms. Anderson reported that we're 10 weeks from seminar. Details are being fine tuned. More volunteers are needed.

**Unfinished Business.** Ms. Noble reminded the Board of Directors that \$1,377.63 remains from the Phillips' Grant. This must be used by December 31, 2018 for education open to all region members. Any suggestions for teachers should be given to Ms. Noble.

**New Business.** Ms Noble reported:

- I. She is still accepting checks/gift cards/cash for the Carolinas Region Basket for Blue Ridge Rendezvous.
- II. Opportunity Tickets are available for the All-Expense paid trip to Diamond Jubilee.
- III. Mini classes on Tuesday night before seminar are doing well.
- IV. Ms. Noble is compiling a list of region teachers.
- V. March 2017 national board meeting, Ms. Noble reported:
  - A. Sheey Marketing is assisting the national marketing committee. Possibilities exist for a new name, new logo and new image.
  - B. Expansion of recruiting target to include newly or about to retire demographic.
- VI. Carolinas Region Business, Ms. Noble reported:
  - A. 21st Through the Needle's Eye exhibit opens in Brevard on August 15. Carolinas Region has 11 entries accepted. The exhibit will only be open for one month.
  - B. One chapter visit has been completed and two more are scheduled. Ms. Noble received a great response at the chapter visited.
  - C. Ideas for new region promotional items are needed. Please let Ms. Noble know of any suggestions you have.

Ms. Mace reminded chapters that their chapter checks should bear the name of the chapter not "The Embroiderers' Guild of America." Ms. Mace is also researching how sales taxes apply by state in the region. EGA leaves it up to the individual chapter to determine.

Next meeting. The next meeting will be at 1:30PM on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at the Hampton Inn, Rock Hill, SC.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM, followed by announcements.

*Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth Little, Secretary*



# Stitchin' On The Ridge 2018

## NEAK PREVIEW!

Here are the classes that will be taught at next June's Stitchin' on the Ridge (1-3 June 2018).



### Batik to Stitch

by Laura Smith

**Technique:** Multi-Media

**Skill level:** All

**Kit cost:** \$75

- Wax batik dyeing with embroidery enhancement
- Choice of embroidery designs (turtle, butterfly, dragonfly, irises)



### Color Play

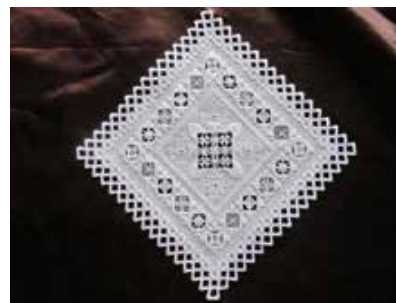
by Jennifer Riefenberg

**Technique:** Canvas

**Skill level:** Intermediate

**Kit cost:** \$110

18-ct canvas



### Flowers in the Snow

by Terry Bay

**Technique:** Hardanger

**Skill level:** Advanced

**Kit cost:** \$35

- 28-ct linen with 2 sizes pearl cotton
- 9" x 9" point-to-point



### Leaf-Twirl Hoop Earrings

By Ameer Sweet-McNamara

**Technique:** Beaded Embroidery, Soutache

**Skill level:** Basic-Intermediate

**Kit cost:** \$70

- Five color-ways
- Two different sizes
- Choice of post or ear-wire findings

## PLUS...

Your choice of Mentored Studio Time with Marion Scouler – OR – Sit n' Stitch option See these gorgeous pieces up close and personal during the Fall Retreat (27-28 Oct 2017)



## Road Trip Anyone?

*Through the Needle's Eye*

The 21st TNE exhibit will remain at the Transylvania Community Arts Council (349 South Caldwell Street, Brevard, NC) until 15 September 2017.

For many of us, Brevard is as close as any of us will be to the Exhibit during its three-year travels, so consider taking advantage of this opportunity to experience it while it is in our Region.

# Scholarships/Awards

**E**GA 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.

## Carolinas Region:

- **CRESS Award:** Carolinas Region Embroidery Study Scholarship. The Region offers a \$300 scholarship annually to a member for embroidery study.
- **Roxie Hodgkin Scholarship:** All members of the Carolinas Region (CAR) are eligible. The scholarship covers the registration fee and kit cost for the annual Region Seminar, *Stitchin' on the Ridge*.
- **Group Correspondence Courses:** Each year, CAR offers three Group Correspondence Courses for its members. The region pays teaching fees (\$175 per group) and certain postage costs associated with the 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

## More information:

For National scholarships/awards, go to: <http://www.egausa.org/>

For CAR scholarships, go to: <http://egacarolinas.org/education/education.htm>

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### THROUGH THE NEEDLE'S EYE TRAVELING EXHIBIT:

Yet another group of volunteers, spearheaded by Rosemary Kostansek of The Laurel Chapter, planned and executed the 21st national traveling exhibit, *Through the Needle's Eye*, which debuted in Brevard, NC, during the week of the national Seminar. Laura Smith, of the Golden Needles chapter, won the Carolinas Region ribbon with her glorious piece, Bright Angel Canyon II.

This exhibit will remain at the Transylvania Community Arts Center (349 S. Caldwell St, Brevard, NC 28712; go to <http://tcarts.org/> for more information) through 15 Sep 2017, then will travel to museums and galleries across the country. Several contracts are being negotiated currently and dates and locations will be posted on [www.egausa.org/index.php/events/national-exhibit](http://www.egausa.org/index.php/events/national-exhibit) as they are finalized. If you are interested in bringing *Through the Needle's Eye* to your area, please contact Brad Cape at EGA Headquarters.

### SO NOW WHAT???

Yes, there is life after Seminar and the CAR Executive Committee has many plans for "now what"! Some ideas we want to explore are:

- developing a new line of region fund-raising items (thanks to the regions who have already provided some interesting suggestions; we welcome as many ideas as we can get),
- researching potential (i.e., different) locations for our Region Seminar and Fall Retreat (might not change anything but at least we will know our options),
- conducting our every-10-year-review of region and chapter bylaws (more to come at the Fall Retreat, 27-28 Oct 2017, Hampton Inn, Rock Hill, SC), and
- implementing the national organization's new-and-revised fresh image and marketing plans for The Embroiderers' Guild of America (ask me about this during a chapter visit!).

### EDUCATION GRANT:

You still have time... Remember, each chapter can request a \$125 Education Grant from the Region to help fund a class. All you have to do is send me an email requesting the Grant.

### CHAPTER VISITS:

Please let me know when I can visit your chapter for a regular meeting – I would love to put faces to names, answer any questions you may have about what's happening at the region and national levels, and find out what your issues are. You can call (803-429-1060) or email (RNOBLE@SC.RR.COM) me to make arrangements. You do NOT have to host me for the night or a meal...I am quite self-sufficient and I would love to come visit!

### HOPE TO SEE YOU AT FALL RETREAT!

- Janet Noble