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From the Mountains to the Sea ...

From the Region Director

CHAPTER BY-LAWS REVIEW.

Every chapter within the Carolinas Region must review and sign updated chapter by-laws during calendar year 2018. In a nutshell:

- get a copy of your existing by-laws,
- get a copy of the bylaws-template (email Becky Buie at blbuie@sc.rr.com),
- insert the updated information specific to your chapter into the template and save it,
- send it to all chapter members to read, discuss, ask questions, etc.,
- wait at least 30 days,
- vote at a chapter meeting to approve the draft bylaws,
- then ask Becky for the next step (it goes to the National Bylaws Committee for their review).

Meanwhile, the Region Executive Committee will be doing the same thing with our Region by-laws. We hope to send our draft to all of you no later than 30 April 2018 so we can (I hope!) approve our draft during the Region meeting at Ridgecrest on 3 June 2018. If your chapter has questions about any of this, contact Becky Buie (our region's Bylaws Chair).

FALL RETREAT/PHILLIPS ESTATE EDUCATIONAL GRANT.

The Carolinas Region still has \$1,377.63 remaining from the \$5,000 educational grant provided by the Gay Montague Phillips bequest to EGA. The Board has selected a teacher who will present a two-day class followed by a one-day class—details will follow as soon as

we finalize the contract. We are planning the two-day class to be taught on Thurs-Fri, 25-26 Oct 2018, and the one-day class to be taught on Sat, 27 Oct 2018 (as part of our Fall Retreat). You can choose to sign up for both, or for either one. As usual, you will be able to see both finished projects during *Stitchin' on the Ridge* in June.

Fall Retreat will feature a 3-hour Make-It, Take-It, Teach-It class from 6-9 pm Friday night, the option to take either the one-day class OR Sit 'n Stitch Saturday, a Mini-Merchandise Night Saturday night, and the Region meeting Sunday morning (ending at 12 noon).

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CALENDAR

2018

June 1-3 — *Stitchin' on the Ridge*
CAR seminar, Black Mountain, NC

June 21-24 — *Blooming Stitches*
TVR Seminar, Kingsport, TN

2018

October 3-7 — *Diamond Jubilee*
EGA National seminar, Louisville, KY

October 26-28 — CAR Fall retreat
and region meeting, Rock Hill, SC

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EGA Chapter Reporting Requirements		
<i>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.</i>		
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, RegioNews; 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.

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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BylawsReview

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.

ARDReport

Carole Overton

Registration is now open for the 2018 Stitchin' on the Ridge Seminar at Ridgecrest (June 1 - 3, 2018), sponsored by the Carolinas Region of EGA.

You have a choice of 4 classes:

- Flowers in the Snow by Terri Bay, a beautiful Hardanger piece;
- Color Play by Jennifer Riefenberg, a canvas piece designed to help you learn about color interactions;
- Batik to Stitch by Laura Smith, a project which will have you create your own piece of batik fabric and then embellish your design; or
- Leaf Twirl Hoop Earrings by Ameer Sweet-McNamara, a beautiful Soutache beaded project.



If you do not want to take one of these classes, you can sign up for either mentored Studio Time with Marilyn Scoular or Sit 'n Stitch (the more traditional, casual stitching time).

Early registration discounts for EGA members expire on March 1, 2018. Other activities include Merchandise Night, Chapter Sales, Region Meeting, Teachers' Showcase, and opportunity drawings. For details, visit the CAR website link to see the brochure: http://www.egacarolinas.org/events/seminar/2018/documents/2018_seminar_brochure.pdf

If you have any questions, please email Carole Overton, Seminar Chair, at sjocdo1@gmail.com, 803-599-9549 (cell), 319 Deep Run Road, Aiken SC 29803. We look forward to seeing you on the Ridge!

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Treasurer's Report

Sydney Mace

Carolinas Region ended the year with assets of \$22,699.28. The end of the year financial reports for the operating and seminar accounts, and the 2017 annual financial report to EGA are provided on pages 4-6 of this issue.

2018 Program Grant

The Program Grant has increased to \$150 per chapter. To assure receipt in 2018, the request for the grant must be submitted to Region Director Janet Noble by the chapter's president no later than December 15, 2018. Janet's contact information is provided above right on page 3.

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%)

The Embroiderers' Guild of America
Annual Financial Report: January 1 through December 31, 2017

1 Total cash on hand as of December 31, 2016 (as reported on last year's financial report) \$28,712.13 1

Revenue	Amount	Expenses	Amount
2 Member Dues	\$1,344.00	19 National Dues	
3 Interest		20 Region Dues	
4 Educational Events	3,480.00	21 Educational Events	8,863.93
5 Seminar*	0.00	22 Seminar*	886.73
6 Exhibit*		23 Exhibit*	
7 Fund Raising Events		24 Fund Raising Events	
8 Sales	119.86	25 Cost of Sales	
9 Advertising (list if over \$300)		26 Rent	
10 Community Outreach		27 Newsletter	
11 Contributions - Unrestricted		28 Administration	421.89
12 Contributions - Restricted		29 Officers' Travel	1,489.87
13 Parties/Meals		30 Community Outreach	
14 Retreats		31 Parties/Meals	
15 Contributions/Gifts	1,183.54	32 Retreat	
16 Printing		33 Contributions/Gifts	850.00
17 Other (list if over \$300)**		34 Printing	
Fund liquidation	9,384.86	35 Other (list if over \$300)	10,300.00
18 Total Revenue	\$6,127.40	36 Total Expenses	\$22,812.42
37 Total Revenue less Total Expenses (line 18 minus line 36)			(\$16,685.02) 37
38 Total Cash on Hand as of 12/31/17 (line 1 plus/minus line 37; must equal line 43)			<u>\$12,027.11</u> 38
39 Checkbook balance as December 31, 2017		\$11,682.01	39
40 Savings Account Balance as of December 31, 2017			40
41 Other Cash Assets/Investments as of December 31, 2017 (please list)			41
	Money Market Account	\$ 10,017.27	
	Seminar Checking	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$11,017.27</u>	
		<u>\$22,699.28</u>	
42 Restricted Contributions Balance			42
43 Total Cash on Hand as of 12/31/17 (sum of lines 39 thru 42 must equal line 43)			<u>\$22,699.28</u> 43

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The BIG CHANGE (but not by far) is we are NOT going to be in the Hampton Inn this year. Instead we have contracted with the two hotels next to the Hampton Inn. The Fairfield Inn & Suites will be the main hotel (btw, their big meeting room is also called the Catawba Room); they are holding 20 rooms for us there. The Towneplace Suites is right next

door (small parking lot in between) and we have blocked 10 rooms there. Both hotels offer hot breakfast on site at no extra charge. We will post hotel information (room rates, deadlines, contact information) on the CAR website next month.

CHAPTER OFFICERS: Many CAR chapters elect new officers effective January every year. Please

send me or Elizabeth Little (elizabethlittle@live.com) the names of your chapter officers (unless you have already done so – and thanks to you guys!).

~ Janet Noble,
Carolinas Region Director

Operating Account
Carolinas Region EGA – 2017
January 1 through December 31 2017

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Opening Balance*	\$ 18,982.17	\$ 18,982.17	\$ 11,682.01
Receipts:			
Dues	1,500.00	1,344.00	1,500.00
Educational Events:			
GCCs		778.00	
Seminar	500.00	-	500.00
Fall Retreat	800.00	500.00	600.00
Workshop		-	1,500.00
Mini-classes		2,202.00	n/a
Blue Ridge Ransarvous		-	
Donations	500.00	833.54	
Natl Seminar Opp Basket Donations		350.00	
Region Sales	150.00	119.86	200.00
CRESS Transfer		300.00	300.00
CRESS Fund Liquidation (Drwyfus)	300.00	9,084.86	
Total Receipts	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 15,512.26	\$ 4,600.00
Expenses:			
Educational Events:			
GCCs	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,475.81	
Seminar		886.73	
Fall Retreat	1,500.00	450.59	\$ 1,500.00
Workshop		-	3,000.00
Mini-classes		4,712.53	n/a
Blue Ridge Ransarvous		150.00	
Grants & Awards			
CRESS	300.00	300.00	300.00
Chapter Program Grants	1,500.00	1,875.00	2,400.00
Time to Teach Grants	100.00	-	100.00
TNE 21 CAR Award		200.00	n/a
Newletter (4 issues)		-	
Website	300.00	395.64	
Outreach	100.00	-	100.00
Donations	400.00	500.00	
Opportunity Basket for National	100.00	350.00	100.00
Administrative:			
Postage	75.00	-	75.00
Supplies	75.00	22.25	75.00
Miscellaneous		4.00	
Region Board Meetings:			
Lodging	500.00	655.81	500.00
Travel	300.00	276.12	300.00
National Board Meetings (RD):			
Travel	1,000.00	417.94	1,000.00
Per Diem	200.00	140.00	140.00
Transfer to Money Market Account		10,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 22,812.42	\$ 9,590.00
Excess Receipts (Expense)	\$ (3,600.00)	\$ (7,300.16)	\$ (4,990.00)
Closing Balance*	\$ 15,382.17	\$ 11,682.01	\$ 6,692.01

*Restricted funds of \$1,377.63 included in balances; must be used in accordance with the terms of the EGA Phillips Grant.

Total Asset Summary		
Operating Account Balance from above	\$11,682.01	\$6,692.01
Seminar Account Balance (detail separately)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Money Market Balance**	10,017.27	10,100.00
CAR Total Balance	\$22,699.28	\$17,792.01
Less reserved amounts:		
Phillips Grant Balance	\$ (1,377.63)	\$ -
CRESS Fund Balance	(9,100.54)	(8,893.27)
	\$ (10,478.17)	\$ (8,893.27)
Net Available	\$ 12,221.11	\$ 8,898.74

Carolinas Region Seminar

	2016 Seminar	2017 Seminar
Beginning Balance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Receipts		
Class Fees	\$ 7,311.00	2,875.00
Kit Fees	2,599.00	-
Non-member Fees	0.00	-
Vendor Tables	150.00	125.00
Teachers' Showcase	5.00	5.00
Opportunity Baskets (net)	13.20	4.17
Miscellaneous		
Total Receipts	\$10,078.20	\$3,009.17
Expense		
Brochure	\$0.00	-
Faculty & Lecturer		
Teaching Fees	1,515.00	800.00
Travel & incidental	2,741.68	498.47
Lodging & meals	361.38	368.73
Kit Fee	2,599.00	-
Administrative Expenses		
Postage		-
Supplies	205.97	225.91
Hospitality		
Faculty	28.06	-
Seminar Pins	275.00	405.00
Other		-
Roxie Hodgkin Scholarship	75.00	50.00
Facility-Current Year		542.18
Facility-Next Year's Deposit	900.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	136.40	-
Total Expenses	\$8,837.49	\$3,890.29
Net Receipts (Expense)	\$1,240.71	(\$881.12)
Main Account Transfer (Subsidy) *	\$1,240.71	(\$881.12)
Ending Balance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

*2016 reflects reg. rec'ts deposited to operating a/c after \$945.71 was transferred.

12/31/17

**Carolinas Region, EGA – Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, September 25, 2016 – CORRECTED**

Call to Order. Region Director Elizabeth Little called the meeting to order at 10:?? on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2015, at Rock Hill, SC.

Quorum was 13 of 16 chapters which met necessary number.

Minutes from Ridgecrest 2016 approved.

Financial update: Per Becky Buie, Region Treasurer, 2016 Ridgecrest Seminar ended \$945 in the black, with \$1377.33 remaining in our share of the Phillips Estate to be used by December of 2018, as CAR's request for an extension to use the money was granted.

General Business: Per Janet Noble, Ridgecrest 2016 has 68 attendees of which 5 were first timers. Class participants were 35 with the remainder in studio time/work party time.

Fall Retreat had 43 participants with 9 taking the bracelet classes; 12, the scissors fob class; the remaining involved in studio time or working on projects for National Seminar.

New Business:

Because Ridgecrest 2017 and Fall Retreat 2017 are so close to National EGA meeting in Ashville, NC, it was decided to have studio time with a teacher there to help with projects at Ridgecrest and have a unique pin to cover this occasion. There will be more to come on the 2017 Fall Retreat. There is something special in the works for the Friday at Ridgecrest, so stay tuned.

At this point, Fall Retreat will be Fall Retreat Lite sometime in late October 2017. There will probably be something planned for Friday evening, a make it/take it class and the Fall business meeting Saturday afternoon.

Members are being asked to find projects that fit the category for Ridgecrest 2017 exhibit: ***Something I started at a National Seminar***, even if it's unfinished, especially if worked on during the last time our region hosted National Seminar in 2002 when the theme was ***Moonlight and Magnolias***.

There will opportunity baskets at Ridgecrest.

The fees for Ridgecrest 2017 will be \$50 if paid before February 28, 2017, and \$75 after that date until Ridgecrest to ensure that the numbers are there to keep CAR's place in the reservation line. Room and meal plans will go up some. CAR 's fees for Ridgecrest will return to usual levels for 2018.

Education Chair Margaret Wiesemann updated GCC's saying that 2 were ongoing at this time. Three new classes were introduced with various levels of expertise, costs and pre-working. The classes are Maharajah's Elephant, an intermediate offering for canvas work; Hardanger, a beginner level counted drawn thread offering; and Meadow Melody, an intermediate level offering in surface embroidery.

Outreach had 11 chapters participating per Elizabeth Little.

Elections were held for new officers to cover a 3-year term 2017-2020. The new officers are as follows; Janet Noble, Region Director; Karla Gee, Assistant Region Director; Elizabeth Little, Secretary; Treasurer, Sydney Mace; Education Coordinator, Margaret Wiesemann; new Nominating Committee member Julia Tison. Motion carried.

Old Business: CAR was asked to donate money to the ***21st Through the Needle's Eye***. Janet Noble made the motion by stating "I, Janet Noble, move that the CAR donate a minimum of \$1000 to EGA to support the launch of the 21st Through the Needle's Eye Exhibit; the individual chapters send their donation to the CAR Treasurer NLT 1 December 2016 and CAR will donate the difference NLT 15 December 2016. Motion seconded by Rosemary Kostansek. Vote called for and carried.

Other Business: Liz Baumgart was the recipient of the Roxy Hodgkin Award and Becky Buie, the recipient of the CRESS Award.

Congratulations to Sue Osterberg for completing the Master Craftsman in Beading. She is the first one in the Carolinas Region to finish. Also, congratulations to Elizabeth Little for finishing Step 2 in Counted Thread.

Pat Carson is asking for EGA chapters to help with donating a minimum of 500 handmade Christmas ornaments that will go to school children in Louisiana who lost everything due to flooding.

National Seminar 2017 Update:

Per Julie Anderson and Sue Osterberg, merchandise offered for sale at Fall Retreat and in Alexandria at 2016's National EGA Seminar. Profits from National Seminar are divided one half to region hosting seminar and one half to National EGA. Everyone who worked at Ridgecrest and Fall Retreat to help get things organized and going were thanked by Sue Osterberg.

Reminder that there will be usage fees such as facility fee so that there will be space to use at the Crown Plaza. Booking and reservations will open in first part of November.

Also, being worked on are short classes to be held on the Tuesday August 15, 2017, before everything officially begins.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tison

Secretary, Carolinas Region

Board Meeting – Carolinas Region, EGA

October 27, 2017

Call to Order. Region Director Janet Noble called the meeting to order at 1:00PM on Friday, October 27, 2017 at Hampton Inn, Rock Hill, SC.

Present. Region Director Janet Noble, Secretary Elizabeth Little, Treasurer Sydney Mace, Education Coordinator Margaret Wiesemann, Bylaws Chair Becky Buie, and Carole Overton, Assistant Region Director nominee.

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

Minutes. The minutes of June 4, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Assistant Region Director. In Ms. Gee's absence, Ms. Noble reported:

1. Ms. Gee has resigned for health reasons.
2. Janine Bangs, nominating committee chair, presented Carole Overton to fill the ARD opening. After discussion and without objection, Ms. Overton was elected.
3. Stitchin' on the Ridge 2018:
 - A. June 1-3, 2018 at Ridgecrest Conference Center.
 - B. 4 classes, Studio Time, and Sit 'n Stitch offered
 - i) Terri Bay - *Flowers in the Snow*
 - ii) Jennifer Riefenberg – *Color Play*
 - iii) Laura Smith – *Batik to Stitch*
 - iv) Ameer Sweet-McNamara – *Leaf Twirl Hoop Earrings*
 - v) Marion Scoular – *Studio Time*
 - C. Registration numbers will be evaluated and classes may be cancelled due to low participation numbers
 - D. Fees
 - i) Classes/Studio Time: \$165, with \$15 discount for early registration
 - ii) Sit 'n Stitch: \$75, no discount
 - iii) Merchandise night/Teacher showcase tables: \$25 per table
 - iv) Chapters/Region members have preference for merchandise tables thru end of registration, then open to anyone
 - v) Early registration ends February 28, 2018
 - E. We will continue with the Stitchin' on the Ridge lapel pins. Ideas for a new logo design should be given to Ms. Noble or Ms. Overton. We will also be changing vendors.

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Mace:

1. Briefed the financial reports. Stitchin'Lite had a loss but it was expected due to the change in format. The mini classes held in conjunction with Seminar 2017 reported a gain. The two region events netted a profit for the region.
2. All 16 active chapters have paid their region dues.
3. 5 chapters have not requested the program grant to date. Request must be to Janet by December 15, 2017.
4. Chapter match portion of EGA General Fund donation – copy of acknowledgement from EGA must be received by Ms. Mace by December 15, 2017.
5. The Executive Committee recommends investing the remaining Phillips Fund Grant in a money market account, currently earning 1% interest. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried.

Education Coordinator. Ms. Wiesemann reported:

1. Fall Retreat, October 27 and 28, 2017.
 - B. 36 Registrations as:
 - i) Make it/Take it/Teach it: 14
 - ii) Sit 'n Stitch: 25

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2. 2018 Fall Retreat
 - A. Back to regular format: Friday night lecture; Saturday Make it/Take it/Teach it ½ day class, and an all-day class with a teacher; Sunday morning board meeting. More details will be available at Ridgecrest
3. Twenty–five participants in three 2017 region- sponsored correspondence courses.
 - A. Beginning Hardanger – 9
 - B. Maharajah’s Elephant – 5
 - C. Meadow Medley – 11

Outreach. Ms. Little presented report. Additions are: Millwood – 8 Habitat Samplers and Beginning Embroidery at the Museum of Art; Low Country – Habitat Samplers.

Newsletter. Ms. Barker would like items for the newsletter to be sent to her by November 10, 2017.

Unfinished Business.

Ms. Noble reminded the Board of Directors that \$1,377.63 remains from the Phillips’ Grant. The Executive Committee has suggested using these funds for a two day class in conjunction with Fall Retreat 2018. Requests for proposals will be sent. If anyone has a specific teacher they would like to receive a request, please send it to Ms. Noble or Ms. Wiesemann.

Ms. Noble also reported the Phillips’ Estate has been settled. EGA has received half of the settlement in cash with the other half in a promissory note.

New Business. Ms. Noble reported:

1. The Executive Committee recommends increasing the program grant from \$125 to \$150 effective for 2018. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried.
2. There will be no region sponsored group correspondence courses in 2018.
3. Janine Bangs is rotating off the nominating committee. Sallie Folk is nominated to fill the vacancy. After discussion and without objection, Ms. Folk was elected.
4. Bylaws for the Carolinas Region and all its chapters are due for review/approval in 2018. Becky Buie, By-laws chair, is the contact/liason for the chapters and region.
5. August 2017 national board meeting, Ms. Noble reported:
 - A. Sheey Marketing proposed a new EGA logo that has been accepted. The original logo will be renamed “The Legacy Logo.” The organization name will remain the same. The new logo will be issued in conjunction with a new website.
6. Outreach ideas.
 - A. Ms. Noble reminded the group that kissing pillows aren’t an EGA sponsored program. The region can’t sponsor them but individual chapters or members are welcome to participate.
 - B. Paraclete is an Arizona group that collects cross stitching supplies. They are repackaged and sent to Third World countries, shelters, schools in poverty areas, etc. If anyone has supplies they would like to donate, bring them to Ridgecrest and the region will ship them to Paraclete.
 - C. Fundraising ideas submitted to date include: hard plastic hinged project cases in 3 sizes and project labels. Other ideas are welcome. Please submit them to Ms. Noble or Ms. Overton.
7. Ms. Noble has enjoyed her chapter visits to date. She encourages any chapter she has not visited to contact her to schedule a visit.
8. A committee to research a possible new venue for Stitchin’ on the Ridge is requested. Please let Ms. Noble know if interested in serving.

Ms. Mace presented the 2018 budget. After discussion and without objection, the budget was accepted as printed.

Next meeting. The next meeting will be at 3:00PM, June 1, 2018 at Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Little, Secretary

Education Report

Margaret Wiesemann

We each learn in different ways and for our own reasons. I personally was drawn to EGA early in my stitching career by the opportunity to learn and commune with other stitchers. I yearned to increase my knowledge and was curious to figure out "how did they do that?". No matter what brings you to the table, whether it is to learn a new technique, follow your favorite designer/teacher, or just to have an excuse to spend more time stitching with your friends, EGA has an educational opportunity for you.

Creating the opportunity to take a class can be as simple as filling out an application or sending an email.

The CRESS Award is a \$300 scholarship that is awarded annually and is good for ANY embroidery class.

You only need be a member of the Carolinas Region and submit the application by May 1st to me.

The Roxie Hodgkin Scholarship covers the registration fee and kit cost for the annual Region Seminar, *Stitchin' on the Ridge*. You only need be a member of the Carolinas Region and to check off the necessary box on your Ridgecrest registration form by Feb 20th. Lastly, you can make your own class or have a multi month program.

The Chapter Program Grant is available annually to each chapter in the Carolinas region. Obtaining the \$150 grant is as easy as emailing Janet Noble (RNOBLE@sc.rr.com) with the request. Why not try that interesting GCC or Lightning Round being of-

fered? Put it toward a teacher or an interesting speaker.

Class opportunities can also pop up in another chapter. Information about the Salem Scenes class being offered by the Piedmont chapter was sent out by email a couple days ago. The class will be presented by Cissy Smith of Gentle Pursuits Designs. Thank you to the Piedmont chapter for sharing this information and good luck with the class.

I would like to encourage you all to apply for the different opportunities listed above. Take that class, learn that technique, and stitch what makes you happy. And when you do....send me an email, show me the pics, and share your love for what you stitch.

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.

Carolinas Region:

- CRESS Award
- Roxie Hodgkin Scholarship
- Chapter Program Grant

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. Nominate someone from your chapter!

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/>