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From the Mountains to the Sea ...

## From the Region Director

### BIG CHANGES HAPPENING IN CAROLINAS REGION:

You might want to fix a fresh cup of coffee (or tea) and sit down to read this *NewsBlast* – it's a doozy with lots of major changes coming to the Carolinas Region! Please share this information with any members who do not have email access, and please let us know if we need to add, delete, or correct addresses.

**The FIRST BIG CHANGE** is that I will resign as Region Director effective the end of the Board of Directors meeting on Friday, 1 June 2018 (at Ridgecrest) and Carole Overton (Aiken Stitchin' Belles) will assume the role of Region Director for the remainder of my term in October 2019.

I will miss being your RD after that date, but it's for a very exciting reason: I will be on the slate of new

national EGA officers – as President – up for election at the annual meeting on Thursday, 4 October 2018 (during the national Seminar in Louisville, KY). And, just like you can't remain a Senator if you're elected President, I can't remain a Region Director. Carole and I have been working for several weeks to ensure we have a smooth transition of responsibilities and we decided it would be better to make the switch sooner rather than at the last mi-

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### Dues Reminder

Annual region membership dues of \$4.00 per person are due by May 31, 2018. All chapters should send their checks to CAR Treasurer Sydney Mace, 1075 Maplewood Court, Hendersonville, NC 28791. Please alert her by email that your check is on the way: 9kidlyivy2@gmail.com.

Please remember that chapter dues must be paid in order for chapters to be able to vote at the region board meeting on June 1 at Ridgecrest.

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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

It is hard to believe that in just a few short weeks we will be at Ridgecrest for the Carolinas Region's 2018 *Stitchin' on the Ridge* seminar! The event runs from June 1 – 3, 2018. We will be hosting 4 wonderful teachers:

- Terri Bay will teach a beautiful Hardanger piece;
- Jennifer Riefenberg will use a canvas piece to explain color interactions;
- Laura Smith will help students create their own piece of batik fabric and then embellish their design; and
- Ameer Sweet-McNamara will show participants how to make Soutache beaded earrings. In addition,
- Marion Scoular will be available for some mentored studio time, and as always, there will be a room for those who want to just “sit ‘n stitch.”

Other activities include Merchandise Night, Chapter Sales, Region Meeting, Teacher's Showcase, and opportunity drawings.

As in previous years, we invite all participants to join us for a “Meet the Teachers” dinner on Thursday, May 31, at a nearby restaurant. Details about this dinner will be sent to all seminar registrants in May.

In the meantime, visit the CAR website link to see the brochure: [http://www.egacarolinas.org/events/seminar/2018/documents/2018 seminar brochure.pdf](http://www.egacarolinas.org/events/seminar/2018/documents/2018%20seminar%20brochure.pdf)

Or contact Carole Overton, Seminar Chair, at [sjocdo1@gmail.com](mailto:sjocdo1@gmail.com) or 803-599-9549 (cell), if you have any questions.

We look forward to stitching with you on the Ridge!

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# Treasurer's Report

Sydney Mace

Please disregard the 2017 financial report to EGA and the main account year-end report which were included in the 1st quarter *RegioNews*. Corrected and revised reports are attached separately; the treasurer apologizes for the errors. The reports for the first quarter of 2018 are also attached separately.

## Audit of 2017 Financials

The audit committee's report (favorable) will be presented at the upcoming region board meeting. Our thanks to Cathie Barker, Lauren Cross, and Rosemary Kostansek for serving as the audit committee, and to Susan Albers who assisted with tabulations. All are members of The Laurel Chapter.

## 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%)

## Web Coordinator

Anybody out there have experience with Word Press?  
Contact me; I'd like to talk. 828-692-7891 or cathiebeads@gmail.com.

Thanks,  
Cathie Barker, CAR Web Coordinator

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nute. I will always be a phone call/ email away any time there is a question or a need for background information.

Replacing the Region Director with the Assistant Region Director does not require an election; our region bylaws mandates this as an automatic action. However, we need to elect a replacement for Carole as ARD to fill her remaining term (also until October 2019).

We have (this is the **SECOND BIG CHANGE**) other region officers who are resigning or changing positions and their replacements must also be elected by the Board of Directors. Sydney Mace is resigning as region Treasurer and Elizabeth Little has volunteered to move into that job. Since Elizabeth is imminently qualified to be the Treasurer, this is beneficial to all; however, it leaves the region Secretary's job vacant. Cathie Barker has agreed to fill the Secretary position for the rest of Elizabeth's term, but she will need to be replaced as the region Newsletter/ Website Chair position.

Therefore, at the Board meeting on 1 June 2018, we will vote to approve:

- Elizabeth Little as the new Treasurer and
- Cathie Barker as the new Secretary.

The region Nominating Committee is now looking for two volunteers to fill the remaining terms for:

- Assistant Region Director (requires Board of Directors approval)
- Newsletter/Website Chair (does NOT require Board of Directors approval)

If interested, please contact Katrina Lawrimore ([klawrimore@hotmail.com](mailto:klawrimore@hotmail.com), Julia Tison ([juliatison@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliatison@bellsouth.net)) or Sallie Folk ([Salstitcher823@yahoo.com](mailto:Salstitcher823@yahoo.com)) of the Nominating Committee.

**The THIRD BIG CHANGE** concerns our Region Seminar. As long as most of us can remember, we have held *Stitchin' on the Ridge* at the Ridgecrest Conference Center just east of Asheville. This year's Seminar, however, is the last time we can have it at this location, so we are actively seeking a completely new location (or locations) to hold our future Seminars. And, no, it's not because of anything we have done; it is because the leadership of Ridgecrest has decided to limit bookings to faith-based organizations, and The Embroiderers' Guild of America does not meet that requirement.

We are working with Karen Andreassen, the Helms-Briscoe event planner who helped with our 2017

National Seminar, to find one or more different sites that can meet our needs. In response to those of you who have asked for the region seminar to move to a new location within the region, we are considering facilities across North and South Carolina; we are also considering rotating the seminar location.

The bad news is we are going to experience serious "sticker shock" since the prices of commercial hotels and facilities are considerably higher than we are used to paying at Ridgecrest, and this will necessitate higher registration fees for you. To counteract that, we have decided to hold a formal seminar, with nationally recognized teachers and classes, on even-numbered years (starting in 2020) alternating with a stitching retreat organized for the odd-numbered years (starting in 2019). A retreat would enable us to hold a general meeting and come together to stitch and socialize but require a minimal registration fee.

Therefore, if you have never experienced the magic of Ridgecrest, this June's seminar is your last chance. There is still time to register, but you must act quickly. I hope to see you there!

~ Janet Noble,  
Carolinas Region Director

**Carolinas Region, EGA – Board of Directors Meeting  
Sunday, September 25, 2016 – CORRECTED (in red)**

**Call to Order.** Region Director Elizabeth Little called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 Mag-nolias***.

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.

**After discussion and with no objection, the region approves offering a set of 4 mini classes in conjunction with Seminar 2017.**

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Tison

Secretary, Carolinas Region



# EducationReport

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 1<sup>st</sup> to me.

**The Roxie Hodgkin Scholarship** covers the registration fee and kit cost for the annual Region Seminar in the spring. You only need be a member of the Carolinas Region and to check off the necessary box on your seminar registration.

**The Chapter Program Grant** is available annually to each chapter in the Carolinas region. Obtaining the \$150 grant is as easy as emailing the Region Director with the request. Why not try that interesting GCC or Lightning Round being offered? Put it toward a teacher or an interesting speaker.

We have many wonderful teach-

ers residing in the Carolinas Region. Why not use The Chapter Program Grant towards having a class? If you need assistance contacting an instructor or need an idea for a class, please reach out. I would love to help.

I 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.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our 2018 Region Seminar, *Stitchin' at the Ridge*. There are exciting events coming up for our Fall Retreat 2018 in Rock Hill, SC. Details will be released at “the Ridge” and on our website shown below:

[http://www.egacarolinas.org/calendar/calendar\\_fall\\_retreat.htm#calendar/calendar.htm#2018\\_Fall\\_Retreat\\_&\\_Region\\_Meeting](http://www.egacarolinas.org/calendar/calendar_fall_retreat.htm#calendar/calendar.htm#2018_Fall_Retreat_&_Region_Meeting)

## 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/>