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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

Over the past 6 weeks since I became your Region Director, I have constantly been reminded of the many reasons why it is so important to belong to EGA, an organization that connects us with other stitchers, helps us learn new techniques, and creates friends for life.

These reminders started at Ridgecrest, my first "official" event, where I was able to spend time with a varied group of women from many different backgrounds and communi-

ties who nonetheless became instant friends and found ways to share their passion for stitching. Along the way, I picked up new ideas and techniques that have made my stitching more enjoyable, and I have already called on some of you for help and suggestions as I work on our plans for the future. Thank you to all of you who have offered your assistance and advice or answered my questions. I look forward to spending more time with you!

Since then, your Executive Committee has been working on plans for our next few events: our Fall Retreat in Rock Hill, SC, in October 2018, with two exciting classes being offered along with a "sit 'n stitch" option; and our new Spring Retreat 2019 in Hendersonville, NC, which will be held May 31- June 2. You will find more details about both of these events elsewhere in this newsletter.

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CAR Congratulates 2018 Gold Thread Award Winner

EGA's annual Gold Thread Award "recognizes outstanding individuals who have given freely of their time and talents, and best exemplify EGA's purpose" (from the EGA website). The members of CAR congratulate our region's 2018 Gold Thread Winner, **Julie Anderson** of the Low Country chapter. Julie has been a very active member of our Region and continues to offer her support to all of our endeavors. She is truly a gem and we are proud to recognize her efforts. Thank you, Julie, for all you do for the CAR and for EGA!

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CALENDAR

2018

- October 3-7** — *Diamond Jubilee*
EGA National seminar, Louisville, KY
- October 25-26**—Kurdy Biggs Workshop
Rock Hill, SC
- October 27-28** — CAR Fall retreat and
region meeting, Rock Hill, SC

2019

- May 31-Jun 2** — *Reconnecting on the Ridge*, CAR Spring Retreat and region meeting, Flat Rock, NC
- Fall 2019** — 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 Elizabeth Little, 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.

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.

CalendarProject

Carole Overton

CAR Calendar Project: Extension of Due Date for Photo Submissions

By now you should have received information about the calendar project that the Carolinas Region is planning as a fundraiser. We are seeking photographs of stitched projects and/or CAR stitchers to be included in the final calendar. Each chapter has been asked to submit photos and has been assigned a month in the calendar.

PLEASE NOTE: **The deadline for submission of photos has been extended to AUGUST 31** since the chapters will need to obtain written permission from the designers and stitchers whose work and/or photos are included in the calendar. The goal is to have these calendars ready for purchase at our Fall Retreat in Rock Hill this October. If you need more information, please contact Carole Overton (Region Director) at sjocdo1@gmail.com.

Web Coordinator—Help Wanted

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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Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Little

I would like to thank Sydney Mace for her help to ensure a smooth transition when I took over the position of treasurer for Carolinas Region in June.

My contact information is below:

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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%)

Spring Retreat 2019

Reconnecting on the Ridge

SAVE THE DATES! Carolinas Region will hold its first-ever *Spring Retreat* on May 31 – June 2, 2019, at the Mountain Lodge and Conference Center, 42 McMurray Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731. We are still working out the details of the event, but we can tell you a little about the venue (<https://mountainlodgeflatrock.com/>).

The Lodge is located at exit 53 on I-26. There is ample parking in a flat lot right outside the Lodge and there are only a few small steps to enter the building, so limited walking is required. All activities will take place in the lodge itself.

In the interest of offering a low-cost event, we will not provide any meals at this retreat. However, the

Lodge provides a free hot breakfast bar, and each room has a kitchenette with a full refrigerator, microwave, sink, and 2-burner cooktop (a few rooms even have a full stove with oven), so you may choose to bring your own food if you do not want to take advantage of the wonderful restaurants in the Hendersonville area.

The location is only 15 minutes or so from *Sandy's X-Stitch on the Go* and only about 40 minutes from *Sassy Jack's Stitchery*.

The retreat starts on Friday night with an outdoor reception with cash bar, in a secluded area with a lovely waterfall as the backdrop.

We are calling this retreat "*Reconnecting on the Ridge*" because we want to encourage you to reconnect with the Hendersonville area, with your CAR friends, and with your unfinished EGA projects (just a suggestion about what to bring to work on!). We hope to offer several optional events in addition to the chance to stitch with your friends and to buy tickets for our popular chapter opportunity baskets.

The weekend will end with our Board of Directors meeting on Sunday morning.

Look for more details about our spring retreat as we get our plans finalized. We hope you will enjoy "*Reconnecting on the Ridge*" with us in 2019!

Reconnecting on the Ridge 2019

CAR Spring Retreat and Meeting

May 31-June 2, 2019

Mountain Lodge and Conference Center
42 McMurray Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731

<https://mountainlodgeflatrock.com/>

Details will be presented at the 2018 fall retreat!
Brochure and registration will be released by January.

EducationReport

CAR Workshop/Fall Retreat, October 2018 in Rock Hill, SC

Time is running out! The Carolinas Region is sponsoring two back-to-back events at the end of October in Rock Hill, SC. On October 25-26, Kurdy Biggs will teach her beautiful canvas box, *Crème de la Crème*, for our 2-day fall workshop. There is no registration fee for this class, but there is a kit fee of \$130.

The CAR Fall Retreat will run from Friday evening, October 26, to Sunday, October 28, with a “sit and stitch” format. In addition, on Saturday, Celeste Chalasani will teach her stunning stumpwork piece, *Calla Lilies on North Bank Road*. There is a \$50 class fee and a \$40 kit fee for this class.

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations must be postmarked or emailed by **August 1, 2018**. Due to space limitations, class sizes are limited for both of the above classes. We will therefore use a lottery system if the registration exceeds class limits. We will notify registrants as to whether or not they will be in the class after that date.

On Saturday night, Margaret Wiesemann, our Education Coordinator, will teach an optional “Make It, Take It, Teach It” class for a \$5 kit fee. Bring your favorite duct tape to personalize your “Project Safe” that you will learn how to make specifically to fit one of your own projects.

The retreat will end, as usual, on Sunday morning with our Board of Directors meeting.

Make your reservations now. The main hotel is the Fairfield Inn, 578 Galleria Blvd., Rock Hill, SC (\$119/night). The secondary hotel is just steps away across the parking lot: Towneplace Suites, 2135 Tabor Drive (\$99/night).

Please see the Retreat Flyer and Registration Form (pages 8-10) for more information.

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/>

Carolinas Region, EGA – Board of Directors Meeting
Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC,
Friday, June 1, 2018

Call to Order. Region Director Janet Noble called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM at the Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC.

Present. Region Director Janet Noble, Assistant Region Director Carole Overton, Secretary Elizabeth Little, and Education Coordinator Margaret Wiesemann.

Also present. Assistant Region Director nominee Cindi Lemkau, Secretary nominee Cathie Baker, and Bylaws Chair Becky Buie.

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

Minutes. Without objection, the minutes of October 27, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Assistant Region Director. Ms. Overton reported:

1. Stitchin' on the Ridge 2018
 - A. Fifty-seven attendees
 - B. First Timers will have a rhinestone sticker added to their nametag
2. Stitchin' on the Ridge 2019
 - A. Executive Committee has opted to go to odd year retreats and even year seminar, effective 2019.
 - B. Site visits were made to several venues this weekend. Based on the visit, Mountain Lodge seems to fit our needs best. Plans are to pursue a contract for this venue.
 - C. No pins will be made for retreat years. Send any objections to the Executive Committee for reconsideration.
3. Seminar 2020
 - A. Working with HelmsBriscoe to secure a location tentatively between Winston-Salem, NC and Raleigh, NC
 - B. Based on a show of hands, Memorial Day weekend is to be added as a possible weekend
 - C. New seminar pin design will be needed once location and name are known

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Little reported

1. The financial statements for calendar 2018.
2. The 2017 audit report. After discussion and without objection, the audit report was accepted as presented.
3. Not all chapters have requested the 2018 Chapter Program Grant. There are still funds available. Send request to the Region Director for approval.

Education Coordinator. Ms. Wiesemann reported

1. Fall Workshop, October 25 & 26, 2018
 - A. Crème de la Crème box, Kurdy Biggs, teacher
 - B. \$130 kit fee. Phillips' grant will pay teaching and travel fees
2. Fall Retreat, October 26-28, 2018
 - A. Calla Lillies on the North Bank Road, Celeste Chalasani, teacher
 - B. \$50 teaching fee, \$40 kit fee, and \$10 registration fee for this class
 - C. Sit and Stitch will be \$10 registration fee.
 - D. Margaret Wiesemann will teach Project Carrying Cases as the make-it/take-it/teach-it class. \$5 kit fee. Participants will supply their own duct tape for the construction.
 - E. Sunday Morning – Chapter Sales 9:30 AM, Board meeting at 10:00 AM

Both classes will employ a lottery if filled by August 1, 2018. If fees aren't paid by September 1, 2018, your place will be forfeited and offered to the next person on the waiting list.

There were no entries for CRESS this year.

There have been no notifications of Master Craftsman steps completed.

Region Director. Ms. Noble reported

1. Paraclete. Donations are still being accepted by this organization. Ms. Noble will send the contact information to any chapter if needed.
2. President's Project. Leslie Gagliardi's goal of \$15,000 for Alzheimer's research over her three year term has been met.
3. Longest Day Stitch-in. Stitch in Public Day, on or around June 21, 2018. This is to raise Alzheimer's awareness and possibly additional donations for research. This is not an EGA sponsored activity.

Unfinished Business. Phillips' Grant money will be fully used after the Fall Workshop. Final report will be sent to national at that time to show compliance.

New Business.

Change in Officers. After discussion and upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, it was **VOTED**: that the board of directors authorize Sydney Mace to continue as a signatory on all bank accounts and the money market account until such time as new documents can be executed at the banks.

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Volunteers are still needed for the Newsletter and/or Website.

Bylaws. Ms. Buie reported

1. Process has begun.
2. Clause for "removing officer for cause". After discussion, it was decided to include this in the by-law revision
3. Number of voting members at the Board meeting (2 versus 1).
 - A. After discussion and upon recommendation from the Bylaws Committee, it was VOTED that region representatives be elected by their chapter.
 - B. After discussion and upon recommendation from the Bylaws Committee, it was VOTED that Carolinas Region chapter presidents and Region Representatives have voting privileges.
4. These changes will be incorporated into the draft and sent to Becky Autry, national bylaws review committee chair for review.
5. Chapters must also complete the bylaw review in 2018.

Ms. Overton shared ideas for fundraising items. She has various project boxes that could have a decal added for a nominal investment cost. She also shared the idea of a

calendar featuring stitching from region members. Based on feedback this weekend, Ms. Overton will follow up to determine costs, etc.

Designs are needed for both the ¼ page region ad in the Diamond Jubilee Handbook as well as a new CAR pin based on the new EGA logo.

Election of Interim Officers.

Ms. Noble stated, "For the record, I, Janet Noble, will be resigning as region director, which resignation will take effect immediately after adjournment of this meeting. As provided in Article IV Officers, Section 4 of the Carolinas Region Bylaws, Assistant Region Director Carole Overton will automatically become region director."

Ms. Katrina Lawrimore, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the officer candidates. Cindi Lemkau, Assistant Region Director, Cathie Barker, Secretary, and Elizabeth Little, Treasurer. There being no objection, the slate was elected to serve until the Fall 2019 Board Meeting. Ms. Noble then installed the new officers.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be in Rock Hill, SC on October 28, 2018.

Adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Little, Secretary

Our CAR calendar project is underway, with each chapter being asked to submit photos for an assigned month. We are extending the deadline for these submissions (see article later in this newsletter). I am looking forward to seeing the photos and know I will be impressed with the stitched pieces displayed in them!

Your Region can function only with your help. We are currently looking for people to fill a few important positions: Region Webmaster, *RegioNews* Editor, and Nominating Committee member. If you can consider taking on one of these jobs, we can give you more information. Please contact me so we can talk about what the jobs entail.

I am very happy to report that the CAR Region bylaws have been revised and accepted by National EGA! Many thanks to all who participated in the review process and to Becky Buie, who spearheaded the effort. All of the CAR chapters also have to review their bylaws this year. Congratulations to the Aiken Stitchin' Belles and the Millwood chapter for completing the process. I look forward to hearing that our other chapters have completed their bylaws review in the next few months, as well.

I am glad to see that more than half of our chapters have applied for their educational program grants. For those chapters that have not yet done so, remember that you can apply for the \$150 grant to go toward your chapter programs. Applying is

easy: Just send me an email asking for the grant. Remember, too, that I would love to see what you end up using the grant for, so please feel free to send me a photo of the finished projects!

As our Region prepares for our Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 Retreats, I will keep in mind my goal of providing exciting, interesting, inspiring, and fun-filled events that will connect us more closely with each other as we explore and indulge in our shared passion for needlework. It will be an honor serving as your Region Director for the next year.

*Until we meet again,
happy stitching! Carole*

Carolinas Region Workshop and Fall Retreat 2018

Workshop October 25-26 • Fall Retreat October 27-28

Main Hotel: Fairfield Inn, Rock Hill, SC

Secondary Hotel: Towneplace Suites, Rock Hill, SC

Kurdy Biggs Workshop

Thursday, Oct 25

9am-4:30pm Workshop with Kurdy Biggs
Crème de la Crème (day 1)

Friday, Oct 26

9am-4:30pm Workshop with Kurdy Biggs
Crème de la Crème (day 2)
6pm-9pm Sit 'n Stitch

Fall Retreat

Saturday, Oct 27

9am-4:30pm Class with Celeste Chalasani:
Calla Lilies on North Bank Rd
9am-4:30pm Sit 'n Stitch
6pm-9pm Project Safe class with Margaret
Wiesemann
6pm-9pm Sit 'n Stitch

Sunday, Oct 28

9:30am-10am Chapter Sales open
10am-12pm CAR Board of Directors meeting
(all are encouraged to attend)

Crème de la Crème Box

Designed by Kurdy Biggs
Two-day course in Geometric Stitching and
Embellishment
Kit Fee \$130



Calla Lilies on North Bank Road

A Stumpwork Project
by Celeste Chalasani

Kit fee: \$40

Project Safe

Fall Retreat Make-It/
Take-It/Teach-It Class

Kit fee = \$5



**Bring the 2" duct tape of your choice and the project or stretcher bars
you want to make the safe for.**

Carolinas Region EGA
Workshop and Fall Retreat 2018 Registration Form
Workshop: October 25-26 Fall Retreat: October 27-28
Rock Hill, SC

Name _____	Phone _____
Address _____	Email _____
City _____	Chapter _____
State, Zip _____	Member # _____

Registration Deadline: Postmark/email class registration by August 1, 2018. Checks must be received by September 1, 2018. Due to space limitations, class sizes are limited, and we will use a lottery system if the registration exceeds class limits. Refunds can only be issued if a replacement is found for your space or in the event of an emergency. **Cancellation with refund deadline is October 1, 2018.**

Classes/Presentations: Please check beside the class(es) you wish to take.

2-day Workshop: <i>Crème de la Crème</i> with Kurdy Biggs (No Class Registration Fee, Kit fee \$130) **Kit fee will be due by Sept.1	
Fall Retreat Registration Fee - \$10.00 for all Fall Retreat attendees	
1-day class: <i>Calla Lilies on North Bank Road</i> with Celeste Chalasani (Class registration fee \$50, Kit fee \$40) **Class and Kit fee will be due by Sept.1	
Stitch-In - no added fee (Friday night and Saturday)	0
Make it, Take it, Teach it (EdOpp) Class: \$5 kit fee (Saturday evening) <i>Margaret Wiesemann teaches a Project safe class</i>	
TOTAL FEES DUE WITH REGISTRATION FORM:	\$

Region Meeting

Carolinas Region meeting will be held Sunday, October 28, 2018
 Chapter sales: 9:30am; Region Meeting starts promptly at 10am.

<u>Mail Registration form/check to:</u> Margaret Wiesemann 6011 Coronado Ln Durham, NC 27713 cwiesemann@nc.rr.com	<u>Make Checks Payable to:</u> Carolinas Region EGA		
<u>Fall Retreat Room Reservations:</u> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Main Hotel: \$119 Fairfield Inn 578 Galleria Blvd Rock Hill, SC 29730 803-325-2700 </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Secondary Hotel: \$99 Towneplace Suites 2135 Tabor Dr Rock Hill, SC 29730 855-516-1090 </td> </tr> </table>	Main Hotel: \$119 Fairfield Inn 578 Galleria Blvd Rock Hill, SC 29730 803-325-2700	Secondary Hotel: \$99 Towneplace Suites 2135 Tabor Dr Rock Hill, SC 29730 855-516-1090	Specify you are with the Carolinas Region EGA when making your room reservation. The deadline for reserving a <u>reduced-rate room</u> at the listed hotels is September 24, 2018, or when the block of reserved rooms runs out!
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