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From the Mountains to the Sea ...

## From the Region Director

The last weekend in October, we held our Workshop and Fall Retreat in Rock Hill. We had 2 classes (taught by Kurdy Biggs and Celeste Chalasani) and a make-it/take-it / teach-it project (taught by Margaret Wiesemann), and still had time to stitch, shop, and eat! We ended the event with our Region Board of Directors meeting on Sunday. I would like to thank all of you who attended and who helped to make the event successful!

I attended the National Board of Directors meeting in Louisville last month and learned a lot from the other Region Directors. Starting with this newsletter, you will see some new features as I try to convey

news from National EGA and to encourage you, our members, to share what you are doing at the local level.

### Congratulations, Janet Noble

From Carolinas Region RD to EGA National President!  
We are very proud of you!



I have been very intrigued by what I have read in the chapter newsletters you have sent me, and I think all of our Region members would be interested to see what you are doing. I am therefore asking each chapter to send me a paragraph about your activities, projects, classes, etc., on the following schedule: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. Include a photo if you can get permission from the designer and/or stitchers represented. (You will see my submission for my Aiken Stitchin' Belles later in this issue.) When you send me your paragraph, I will forward it to our *RegioNews* Editor and to EGA National for their website or blog, as well. We want everyone to know what we are up to in the Carolinas Region!

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### CALENDAR

#### 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

#### 2019

**Oct 30-Nov 3** — *Gateway to Stitching*, EGA Seminar, Saint Louis, MO

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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; CAR Newsletter Editor
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.

**Financial Reminders**

**CAR financial statements distributed as a separate attachments to the email distributing this newsletter.**

**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%)

# EducationReport

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

The CAR Workshop and Fall Retreat was a lot of fun! We had 45 people registered for the event.

Nineteen people signed up for Kurdy Biggs' *Crème de la Crème class*, a striking box or cube made out of canvas with many interesting specialty stitches and beads.

Ten people signed up for Celeste Chalasani's beautiful stumpwork piece, *Calla Lilies on North Bank Road*, which used hand-dyed fabrics and beautiful silk thread.

On Saturday night, 26 people learned how to make a very clever and useful project case as Margaret Wiesemann showed us how to decorate with duct tape! Who knew that the tape came in so many different colors and designs! This session provided a great chance to get to know each other as we definitely learned that it sometimes takes a village to measure and cut!

If you could not attend this Retreat, make every effort to join us the next time. We had a great time in Rock Hill! ■

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This issue will also provide some initial information about our upcoming Spring Retreat 2019. Our plans are still developing but I can share enough with you right now to whet your appetite. Be sure you save the dates for this event: May 31 – June 2, 2019.

I have reviewed the list of out-

reach activities that our chapters have reported for this year, and I am very impressed and very grateful for those efforts. I am heartened by the fact that our Region is giving back to our communities in so many meaningful ways. Thank you for helping others! Until we meet again, happy stitching!

*Carole*

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## **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/>

Brochure and registration will be released by January.

# BylawsReport

This is the year that our Region and all of our CAR chapters must review their bylaws.

We are very happy to report that our Region has completed its by-law review process, under the direction of Bylaws Chair Becky Buie and former Region Director Janet Noble. In addition, as of this writing 6 chapters have completed the

process as well: Aiken, Cardinal, Chicora, Golden Needle, Millwood, and The Laurel.

Five other chapters have just the final step left: Blue Ridge, Florence, Low Country, Magnolia, and Piedmont. Four chapters have recently begun the process but are going to work hard to try to complete their work by the end of the

year: Augusta, Charlotte, Star Stitchers, and Tryon. Congratulations, all, and thank you for your hard work! We appreciate what you have done.

CAR bylaws distributed as a separate attachment to the email distributing this newsletter. ■

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## What does EGA Do For Me?

Some people may question the need to be a member of EGA. After all, you can just stitch at home with a few friends for free. However, there are many benefits to belonging to EGA, and your dues will help to continue to provide them. This article will highlight just a few of reasons why EGA membership is important:

The EGA website ([egausa.org](https://egausa.org)) offers a number of free projects as well as a handbook of embroidery basics and instructions on how to colorwash your canvas. There are also patterns that you can buy from the “Designers Across America” series and from the National Outreach project. (Janet Noble, our new EGA President, has designated her focus as America’s wounded service members. Watch for an-

nouncements on the new projects that will support this effort.)

The EGA offers a lending library of more than 2000 books on needlework, and you may borrow books for just the cost of shipping and handling. EGA also has a reference section of rare or historic materials that do not circulate. In addition, your chapter can borrow “study boxes” on a wide variety of needlework topics. See the website for details: <https://egausa.org/library/>

One of the most popular recent benefits is the monthly online “stitch-along” project. A new project is introduced on the first day of every month. The directions are available for free as downloadable files including, if you

have missed them, directions for all previous stitch-along projects. Take a look and get involved. To get you started, here is the link for November’s project: <https://egausa.org/stitch-along-november-wessex/>. You do not have to belong to Facebook if you want to get the patterns; you will not be able to post any comments if you are not on Facebook, but in all other aspects you can access the projects.

Finally, EGA provides us with an instant group of friends who understand our passion for needlework and, as one stitcher wrote on her recent evaluation, provides “friends that understand [our] need to have more than one project on the go at a time.”

Aren’t you glad you belong? ■

# Spring Retreat 2019

## Reconnecting on the Ridge

Make plans to join us for our new event: a spring stitch retreat! This will be a relaxing stitch-in with additional optional activities. We will meet at the Mountain Lodge and Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC ([www.mountainlodgeflatrock.com](http://www.mountainlodgeflatrock.com)), from Friday, May 31 – Sunday, June 2, 2019. This venue is conveniently located just off exit 53 on I-26.

We are calling it “*Reconnecting on the Ridge*” because it will give us a chance to reconnect with the Blue Ridge area, where we have met for so many previous spring seminars. We can also reconnect with our EGA friends for some fun and lots of stitching time. Finally, and this is just a suggestion, we can use this weekend to reconnect with some of our previous EGA projects that we have been meaning to get back to.

Our plans are still evolving so we do not have a retreat cost yet, but we are going to keep the cost as low as we can. We will send out the retreat flyer and registration form as soon as we have finalized the agenda. In the meantime, we want to give you a brief overview of the weekend.

We will start with an outdoor reception (cash bar only) on Friday evening in a very scenic, secluded outdoor area with a waterfall. We will then gather in the ballroom to get acquainted and to start stitching. On Saturday, you will be able to stitch all day. However, we will offer some optional alternatives if you would like something more. For example, Kim Sanders has agreed to lead a make-it/take-it session to work on a beautiful counted ornament on Saturday morning. We are inviting a professional photographer to speak to us that afternoon about how to best photograph our needlework. That evening, Sandy Washington will share some ideas about how to make simple stitching accessories from items we have in the house. Then, Terri Bay will discuss the history of whitework. Interspersed among these activities we will have opportunity baskets, a silent auction, games, favors, door prizes and more. We will end with our Region Board of Directors meeting on Sunday morning.

In order to keep the costs down, we are not planning any group meals. However, the hotel offers a



free hot breakfast buffet every morning. In addition, each room in the hotel has a kitchenette with a full-size refrigerator, cooktop (a few units have a full oven), microwave, sink, and some basic kitchen supplies (dishes, glasses, silverware, pots and pans, etc.) so you if you like you will be able to make all of your meals in your room. On the other hand, if you do not want to bring in your groceries and eat all of your meals in the hotel, there are a number of wonderful restaurants in the vicinity.

If you need more incentive, we will be just 10 minutes from “Sandy’s X-Stitch on the go” in Hendersonville and just 45 minutes from “Sassy Jacks Stitchery” in Weaverville. There are also a number of interesting local attractions that might catch your interest.

Save the dates for what promises to be a fun-filled weekend: May



# ChapterChatter

## What's going on in your chapter?

The **AIKEN (SC) STITCHIN' BELLES** are excited about the new project we have started: the Stitcher's Parking Lot (designed by BJ Finch: [beejfinch@outlook.com](mailto:beejfinch@outlook.com)), a cute frame weight with spots for scissors, laying tools, needles, and other important tools.

We used our CAR Chapter Grant to purchase the kits (marked canvas, di-

rection packet, etc.). Before starting to stitch, five members took a fun-filled field trip to Rock Hill to buy our threads and enjoyed finding just the right color combinations. It is exciting to see how our color choices are working out.

We have finished the back of the project and are now working on the smaller designs on the front. ■



# CARegionRumblings

## What's going on in your region?

If you attended the Board of Directors meeting at Ridgecrest at the end of our Spring Seminar this year, you witnessed the juggling of CAR officers as we shifted jobs to fill the open positions left by several resignations. Since all of your current officers are just filling out the terms of their predecessors, we will have to hold new elec-

tions next fall to fill all slots. Now is the time for all CAR members to start thinking about how you can help your Region continue to operate. In our next issue of *RegioNews*, we will provide summaries of what each position entails and more details about how to apply, but for now here are the jobs that will need to be filled:

The current members of our Region Nominating Committee are Julia Tison, Sallie Folk, and Amanda Pelon. (Thank you, Amanda, for volunteering to fill this year's open slot on the committee!) The contact information for these members appears on page 2 of this issue. Please let one of them know if you are interested in finding out more about these positions. Remember: The Carolinas Region will need your help to continue serving its members. ■

Elected	Not Elected
Region Director	Website Coordinator
Assistant Region Director	<i>RegioNews</i> Editor
Secretary	Nominating Committee Member*
Treasurer	
Education Coordinator	

\* Every year, one member of the Nominating Committee rotates off and needs to be replaced.

# NewsfromNational

## BAN ON CORDED LIGHTS

Perhaps the announcement that will have the most impact on all of you is that National EGA has decided to prohibit the use of corded lights and other corded devices in the classrooms at National Seminars from now on. The reason for this is that hotels have started charging exorbitant rates for using electric cords, and that cost would have to be added to your seminar fees.

This ban takes effect immediately and includes all corded devices (lights, irons, thread straighteners, phones, iPads, etc.). If a teacher needs to use a corded electric device as part of classroom instruction, EGA will negotiate with the hotel on a case-by-case basis.

From now on, you should plan to use a battery-powered or rechargeable light in the classroom, and remember that you will not be able to charge your other appliances in the classroom if you have to use cords during class. Many people find that having a power bank that can charge their light solves their problem. We know that this change causes some distress for you, but it is the best solution if we are to keep your costs down.

## EGA MUSEUM PODCAST

The museum at our National EGA headquarters was the subject of a very interesting podcast recently. To access the podcast, you can go to <https://madeinmuseums.com>, scroll down to episode MiM 005

(Embroidery Museum in Louisville, Kentucky) and hit play. If you want to go directly to the episode or want a link to use in any social media posts, use this address: <https://madeinmuseums.com/embroide>.

## NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR AWARD

Is there someone in your chapter who has “given freely of their time and talents” to help further the goals of your chapter or region and who “best [exemplifies] EGA’s purpose?” (from the EGA website). If so, you (as an individual or a chapter) can nominate them for the Gold Thread Award by submitting a form and resume for them. The deadline is May 1. To access the form, go to <https://egausa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Gold-Thread-Award.pdf>. Remember

that this award is open to anyone in an EGA chapter and that each Region will select one winner from those nominated by its chapters.

## NEW EGA CHAPTER FORMED

In this time of decreasing membership that many chapters and regions are experiencing, it was very nice to hear that a new EGA chapter was just chartered in Southern Illinois.

## UPCOMING SEMINARS

If you like to plan ahead, you can look forward to the following National EGA Seminars:

**St. Louis:** 10/30 – 11/3/2019  
**Boston:** 9/4 – 9/8/2020  
**Chicago:** 9/1 – 9/5/2021 ■

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## Invitation from TVR



**Tennessee Valley Region**  
Embroiderers' Guild of America  
SAS XXXIX  
**Country Rhodes**  
June 27 - 30, 2019  
Charleston Marriott Town Center  
Charleston, WV

**Faculty**  
Terri Bay • Sandie Cormaci-Boles  
Jennifer Riefenberg • Debbie Rowley  
Mary Alice Sinton • Marion Scouler  
Catherine Theron • Lois Threlkeld

Registration information found on [www.egatvr.com](http://www.egatvr.com)

**Carolinas Region, EGA – Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Fairfield Inn by Marriott, Rock Hill, SC**  
**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

**Call to Order.** Region Director Carole Overton called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM at the Fairfield Inn, Rock Hill, SC.

**Present.** Region Director Carole Overton; Assistant Region Director Cindi Lemkau; Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Website Coordinator Cathie Barker; Treasurer Elizabeth Little; and Education Coordinator Margaret Wiesemann.

**Also present.** EGA President Janet Noble, past President Leslie Gagliardi, and Bylaws Chair Becky Buie.

**Quorum.** There being delegates from more than one-third (5) chapters present, a quorum was present.

**Minutes.** Without objection, the minutes of June 1, 2018 were approved as submitted.

**Recognitions.** Ms. Noble was recognized for her election as EGA President; Julie Anderson was recognized for winning the Gold Thread Award for Carolinas Region.

**EGA President's remarks.** Ms. Noble reported:

1. As of 2019, only battery-operated lights will be allowed in the classrooms for national seminars
2. The new national outreach project is for America's Wounded Service Members. Three project designs will be released at a given time, the first to be released next week, for a total of 18 projects throughout Ms. Noble's term. Each set of three designs, with downloadable instructions, costs \$30. All monies collected will go to the Wounded Service Members project.
3. Julie Anderson is now on the national Nominating Committee.

**EGA past President's remarks.** Ms. Gagliardi made a plea for individuals and chapters to nominate a Gold Thread Award recipient. Every Region should have a Gold Thread Award Winner each year.

**Education Coordinator's report.** Ms. Wiesemann reported:

1. **Fall Retreat 2018:** Forty-three total attendees: Kurdy Biggs's *Crème de la Crème* Class – 19, Celeste Chalasani's *Calla Lilies* Class – 10, and Margaret Wiesemann's *Project Safe* Class – 26.
2. **GCCs:** In lieu of sponsoring GCCs, last year CAR opted to up the Education Grant for the region's chapters to \$150.
3. **Master Craftsman:** CAR chapter members who are participating in any Master Craftsman program are requested to keep the Education Director informed of your progress.
  - a. Janet Noble finished step 5 for Counted Thread

- b. Elizabeth Little is working on step 3 for Counted Thread
- c. Cindi Lemkau is working on step 2 for Crewel

4. **CRESS Scholarship:** No applications for this \$300 scholarship were made last year. Encourage your members to apply. (see application on CAR website).

**Treasurer's Report.** Ms. Little reported

1. The Phillips Grant has been fully expended as of this weekend. Paperwork will be sent to National.
2. The financial statements for calendar 2018.
  - a. Executive Committee recommends the Financial Statement be approved. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.
  - b. Executive Committee recommends that the region approve the chapter program grant in the amount of \$150, upon request, for 2019. Seconded. After discussion and without objection, the motion passed.
  - c. Executive Committee recommends the budget be approved. Seconded. Without objection, the motion passed.
3. Not all chapters have requested the 2018 Chapter Program Grant. There are still funds available. Send request to the Region Director for approval.

**News from National.** Ms. Overton reported

1. Our ad for the national seminar handbook was presented, along with the revised CAR logo.
2. After the 2019 Spring Retreat in Flat Rock, NC, no plug-in lights will be allowed in the classroom for CAR Seminars and Retreats. Only battery-powered lights will be allowed.
3. There will be no sales of chances to attend national seminar this year.
4. Upcoming national seminars:
  - a. 2019 – St. Louis; October 30 – November 3
  - b. 2020 – Boston; September 4 – 8
  - c. 2021 – Chicago; September 1 – 5
5. President Noble will form a committee to study what the most effective organization of EGA would be.
6. Ms. Gagliardi recommended members check out the Stitch-along on the EGA Facebook page. These projects may be used as chapter programs. You do not have to have a Facebook account to check, and you can then find the projects archived on the EGA website. New project the first of every month. Projects are free.

*(MINUTES, Continued on page 9)*



### Old Business

1. **Spring 2019 Retreat: Reconnecting on the Ridge** – reconnect with the Blue Ridge, with EGA, and EGA projects.
2. Logo designed by Connie Miller and daughter.
3. Dates: May 31 – June 2, 2019; reserve room by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Location: Mountain Lodge, Flat Rock, NC. (Near Hendersonville at exit 53 on I-26).
  - b. Opportunity baskets
  - c. Silent auction
  - d. Chapter sales
  - e. “Reallocate your stash”\Presentation on photographing your needle work, by photographer Richard Babb

### Bylaws Update.

Ms. Buie reported

1. The region’s Bylaws have been completed and approved.
2. CAR chapters’ bylaws status is as follows:
  - a. Six chapters fully complete and approved
  - b. Five chapters have one step to finish (approval from national)
  - c. Three chapters have started the process
  - d. One chapter has not responded. Ms. Buie will follow up.

**Tar River** chapter has officially dissolved.

**Kissing pillows:** Do not send pillows until further notice from Region Director. The people who are distributing them are re-organizing.

**The region’s calendar project** has been terminated. Ms. Overton will look into project boxes again.

**Region Newsletter:** Chapters are asked to send an article or paragraph about chapter news to the Region Director. If pictures are included, there must be permission from designers of piece(s), and from recognizable people in the photos. Deadlines for articles are as follows: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

### New Business.

Volunteers are still needed for the Newsletter and/or Website. Volunteer needed for CAR nominating committee for a 3-year term.

Fall Retreat 2019: no date or location has been set. Elections of officers will be held at that meeting.

Spring Seminar 2020: no date or location has been set. News to come later.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be in Flat Rock, NC on June 2, 2019.

Adjourned at 11:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathie Barker, Secretary

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# 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/>