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From the Mountains to the Sea ...

From the Region Director

It is hard to believe that it has already been 16 months since I became your Region Director. I remember the uncertainty I felt when I wondered if I could keep this Region going and if I would be able to meet the demands of the position.

As I look back on what we have done since June 2018, I am very pleased to note the following signs of progress: We have had 1 great seminar and 3 very successful retreats. We have seen slow but steady increases in the attendance at our Region events. We have learned that there is life after Ridgecrest and that moving to new locations can bring new opportunities.

We have been able to continue to provide the kinds of events and activities which you are used to having while also offering some new options that have enhanced your experiences.

We certainly could not have achieved any of the above signs of success without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Later in this issue you will find a thank-you note to those who have offered to serve the Region.

We had a wonderful Fall Retreat in Rock Hill at the beginning of October. Read the article that summarizes our event later in this issue.

At our Board of Directors meeting in Rock Hill, we elected members of the Executive Committee to serve a new three-year term. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the names of your new officers and some information to introduce you to two of them. Please note, however, that we were not able to elect an Assistant Region Director because we had no

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WANTED

Volunteers

to fill some important positions:

Assistant Region Director (3-year term)

Nominating Committee member (3-year term)

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CALENDAR	
2020	2021
May 22-24 — <i>Crossing the Carolinas</i> , CAR Seminar, Clemmons, NC	Spring — CAR Spring Retreat and Region Meeting: TBD
Sep 4-8 — <i>Boston Stitch Party</i> , EGA Seminar, Boston, MA	Sep 1-5 — <i>The Magnificent Stitch</i> , EGA Seminar, Chicago, IL
Oct 2-4 — CAR Fall Retreat and Region meeting, Rock Hill, SC	Fall — CAR Fall Retreat and Region Meeting, TBD

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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.

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Financial Reminders

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%)

ElectionResults

For the 2019 – 2022 term, your officers are:

- **Region Director:** Carole Overton
- **Assistant Region Director:** (this position is vacant)
- **Secretary:** Laura Smith
- **Treasurer:** Elizabeth Little
- **Education Coordinator:** Janice Wright

As planned, the Carolinas Region held elections at our Board of Directors meeting in Rock Hill on October 6, 2019, The Executive Committee (EC) consists of 5 officers who help to guide the Region and oversee its business.

You will notice that there are only 4 names in the above list. That is because we do not have anyone to fill the very important position of Assistant Region Director (ARD). The ARD should be a strong leader who enjoys working with team mem-

bers, planning activities, and meeting new people. Being detail-oriented and having good computer skills are helpful. In return, the ARD receives reimbursement for one-half of a room at the Spring Seminar and Fall Retreat, some money for transportation costs, and the satisfaction of knowing that she/he is furthering the goals of the Region. If you are interested in taking on this vital role, please contact Carole Overton for more information.

EGA Stitch in Public Days:

- 2020: Saturday, February 1
- 2021: Saturday, February 6

ELECTED OFFICERS

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Don't forget the Carolinas Region's upcoming events:

Spring Seminar 2020: 5/22 – 5/24/2020 in Clemmons, NC*

Fall Retreat 2020: 10/2 – 10/4/2020 in Rock Hill, SC

The Carolinas Fall Retreat 2020 will be held October 2 – 4, 2020, at the Fairfield Inn in Rock Hill, SC. Planning has just started, but we know you will want to mark this weekend on your calendar. Full details should be available in the spring.

* Brochure for Spring Seminar 2020 should be available in January.

CARegionChapters

Creating in the Carolinas

CAR chapters have had fun working on a variety of projects in the past few months. Here are the chapter reports:

AIKEN (Aiken, SC)

The Aiken Chapter, in conjunction with the local ANG chapter, held a needle arts display of their stitching at the Aiken County Historical Museum. The exhibit was held August 20 through September 15. Members used a variety of techniques and mediums including smalls, boxes, pillows, jewelry and framed pieces. Each entry artistically demonstrated the use of linen, canvas,

beading, cross stitch, surface embroidery or specialty stitches.

The museum sponsored a reception for the community to meet the artists and chat about the two local stitching groups, items on display, the needle-work process, materials used and the projects currently in progress.

And, notably a journal piece about the

exhibit, our local EGA and ANG groups was published in the Aiken Standard. **Two new members joined following the exhibit!**

Chapter members were enthusiastic about the exhibit and agreed that this exhibit may have been our *best ever*, highlighting both the variety of needle arts and competence of the exhibitors!



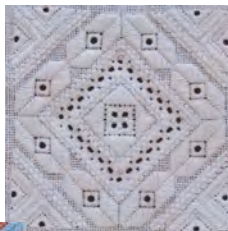
GOLDEN NEEDLES (Concord, NC)

The Golden Needles Chapter enjoyed a Halloween party for the October meeting. We dressed in hats, fascinators, or costumes and did a Halloween ornament trade. Members shared covered dishes and Halloween treats.

For outreach, we demonstrated embroidery on Saturday, October 19 at the Cabarrus Art Guild's Fall Festival.

AUGUSTA (Augusta, GA)

The Augusta chapter is planning on doing a group project starting in November. The piece is called "Summer Lace" by Terri Bay and is published in the September 2019 issue of *Needle Arts* magazine, page 30.



(Sand)

(White)



CHICORA STITCHERS (Myrtle Beach, SC)

In August and September, Anne Peacock helped Chicora members work on a Romanian Point Lace project, and in October Melanie Scott led them in finishing a small piece using a flat fold technique. Beautiful results for both projects.



THE LAUREL (Hendersonville, NC)

The Laurel Chapter's September-October program was under the guidance of member Barbara Dexter-Smith. We made lavender heart-shaped sachets using Victorian crazy quilt tech-



Several small projects have been chosen for the year 2020, and we are sure the results of working on them will continue to be lovely and a great learning experience.

niques. Twenty-eight eager students will participate in Gary Clarke's "Screech Owl" International Touring Teacher workshop which will be sponsored by our chapter in November.

TRYON (New Bern, NC)

One of our biggest and longest programs is for our local Hospice which is a non-profit organization. During the year our chapter receives the names of patients who have passed away. There are usually over 100 each year. Our members hand-embroider a Christmas ornament with the name of the loved one. Last month we had a visit from the Director and staff of Hospice at one of our workshops. They told us how much our orna-

ments meant to the families, how they are displayed during a memorial service and then hand-delivered to the family. The Director himself had a picture of an ornament from 1996 for his grandmother and one from 2002 for his grandfather that his family displays year-round in remembrance of them. This brought even more meaning to us, knowing how much the ornaments are appreciated. The lady sitting at the sewing machine in the photo is Chantal

Huestis who has done a great job for many, many years coordinating this program.



MAGNOLIA (Charleston, SC)

The Magnolia Chapter EGA has been working on Laura Perin's Christmas Wreath and in October we had a presentation by Beate Lies on ciphering --a method of writing, using one's initials in combination. It was very interesting to see how our initials could be

combined for our monograms. It can be a unique way to sign your projects. Our Christmas pot luck party will be combined with our Monday group. Hopefully, we will have many ornaments in our exchange. In the coming months, we will have classes by Susan O'Connor, Betsy Morgan, and Leslie Brady.

CARDINAL (Raleigh, NC) (PHOTOS)

In 2019 Cardinal Chapter used several EGA petite projects as monthly programs, including Summer's Glory, Crewel Wreath and Bead Embroidery Sampler, which allowed us to explore a variety of techniques. We also tried some blackwork, courtesy of the Mid-Atlantic Region's 2019 Take Home a Project: Blackwork Flags by Kaethe Pittman. We look forward to more fun programs in 2020 including a bargello heart on canvas and Betsy Hanson's Matte Board Boxes.

Martha Derbyshire had a great outreach idea recently... A group of EGA/ANG stitchers gather each Friday morning at the Cary Barnes and Noble to stitch for a few hours. We frequently have folks stop by to see what we're doing, and since a good number have expressed interest in learning we're going to put together a collection of small kits to give away. These kits will contain everything a beginning stitcher needs, as well as the contact information for both organizations. Folks will be welcome to sit a spell and get some instruction, or simply take

the kit home. We hope this encourages them to learn more, and perhaps join a chapter. We'll let y'all know how it works out!

I've been making a concerted effort to share an interesting needlework picture or tidbit each day on our Facebook page. We've gotten messages from stitchers who are interested in coming to a meeting, and we're up to 113 "likes" from folks as far afield as New South Wales, Australia and Cali, Columbia!



Thanks To Our Volunteers!

In addition to thanking our Region officers, we would like to thank the following people (table at right) who took on some very important roles in our Region over the past year and/or who have volunteered to help during our upcoming events:

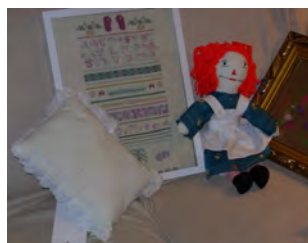
Ongoing Region Committees	
Nominating:	Sallie Folk, Amanda Pelon, Julia Tison (just rotated off)
Outreach:	Mildred Strobel
Spring Retreat 2019	
Registrar:	Connie Miller
Fall Retreat 2019	
Registrar:	Amanda Pelon
Dean of Faculty:	Sue Osterberg
Spring Seminar 2020	
Registrar:	Christine Haimann
Merchandise Night Coordinator:	Julie Anderson
Angel Coordinator:	Sue Osterberg
Commemorative Committee Chairs:	Rosemary Kostansek, Sue Osterberg
Volunteer Coordinator:	Chris Sloan
Fall Retreat 2020	
Registrar:	Becky Buie

There are also a few volunteers who helped in secret capacities (course selection committee, audit committee, etc.) and who cannot be named here, but they know who they are. In addition, a number of people stepped in to cover sign-in duties at the past few retreats and helped organize and supervise the activities at the Spring and Fall Retreats. There are probably some other people who helped that we don't even know about – but we did notice that the events moved along smoothly. We want you all to know that we appreciate what you did, as well.

Without your help, our Region would not be able to provide such great opportunities for its members. Wouldn't you love to see your name in the next list? Please consider volunteering your services to help us move ahead. Thank you!! ■

Volunteers
Are our greatest assets!

Please consider joining the team that keeps our Region running. We're looking for a new **ARD** and a new **Nominating Committee** member. Or consider being an **AARDvark**. Every little bit helps!



FLORENCE (Florence, SC)

Our chapter was proud to enter 25 entries and bring home 24 ribbons, 10 of them blue. Since we only have 7 active members, we were proud to have done so well. Pictured above are some of our members who took a class at Sandy's X-stitch on the Go this past quarter.



The picture with home sweet home is from the South Carolina State fair. The other two pictures are from the Eastern Carolina agricultural fair in Florence South Carolina.

AardvarkAlert

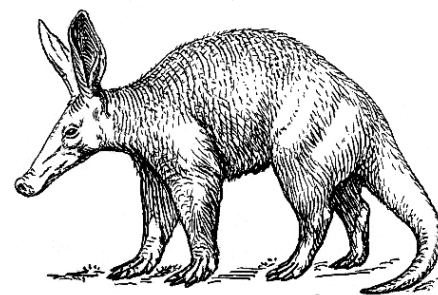
Are you an Aardvark?

At our Board of Directors meeting in October, we were able to hold elections to fill 4 of the 5 Region officer positions required by our bylaws. Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for the position of Assistant Region Director (ARD). This person is a critical member of the team as she/he is the person who plans and supervises the spring retreats and seminars and, perhaps more importantly, trains to take over as the Region Director at the end of the 3-year term.

During the ensuing discussion, as we tried to determine how we could proceed until we can find an ARD, the suggestion was made that we could use a system of "Assistant, Assistant Region Direc-

tors" to help carry out some of the tasks related to the seminars and retreats.

For the ease of discussing this option, the positions were called "AARD's" and, eventually, "AARDvarks." We have gotten some volunteer Aardvarks already (refer to the list of volunteers for Seminar 2020 elsewhere in this newsletter), but we could use more help. If you are not able to take on the role of ARD, would you consider becoming an Aardvark to help us plan and carry out the activities for the upcoming Spring Seminar? If so, please let Carole Overton know as soon as possible (sjocdo1@gmail.com) so that she can put you in touch with others who might be working with you.



AARDvark

Although the seminar seems so far away right now, May 22 will be here before you know it and there is still a lot to do.

At the same time, it is crucial that we fill the position of ARD as soon as possible so that we are in compliance with our bylaws and so that the work of the Region can be continued without delay. If you are willing to pursue this position, please contact a member of the Region's Nominating Committee immediately. You will find their names and contact information in a sidebar on page 2 of this newsletter. ■

LOWCOUNTRY (Hilton Head, SC)

The Lowcountry Chapter has been quiet during the summer as a lot of our members travel north during the hot months. But we are back in full stitching mode now. We have gained 3 new members over the summer months. In October, Liz O'Hayer presented the "Chubby

Little" Fabric Bowl by Judy Jeroy and Nan Tyson Euler. A few members forged ahead and could present their bowls at the meeting. Next month we will be working on a Petite Project—Santa's Christmas Tree by Shay Pendray—which will be taught by Barbara Lynch. We have plans for next year that include a pilot

class for Terri Bay and also a class by Betsy Morgan. Our outreach continues to be Welcome signs for new Habitat home owners, donations for the Lowcountry Food Bank and we are also going to start doing Hospice hearts for the area.



MILLWOOD (Columbia, SC)

The Millwood Chapter meets each Wednesday to sit-n-stitch. We have been working on a Biscornu. One of our members found the pattern in a cross stitch magazine. We think the piece is lovely even though we used only the central part of the design.

At our November meeting we will assemble them, and in January we will learn how to make a Dorset Button for the middle.

NewsfromNational

New HQ space

By now you should have received the latest online issue of *EGA News* from National EGA which featured photos of the new Headquarters space in Louisville. After moving from a smaller office in the same building, the office became much more visible and accessible to both visitors and passers-by. The staff can now display more of the stitched pieces that have been in their collection and better arrange the lending library. The staff members at HQ invite you to stop by to see the new space when you are in the area. The new address is 1205

East Washington St., Suite 104, Louisville, KY 40206.

New Classes

Several new classes have been added to the National offerings. For example, "Hidden Trellises" is a colorful interpretation of a garden stitched on canvas and designed by Merrilyn Heazlewood. An "Oak Leaf Needlebook and an Acorn Fob" are the stitch-a-long projects for October and November. The National newsletter contains more information about classes and projects that may tempt you.



The EGA website (www.egausa.org) is also a good source for information about stitching techniques. For example, you can access the following techniques and specific stitches:

- **"Technique Basics: Counted Cross Stitch on Linen"** (<https://egausa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/protected-TB-Counted-Cross-Stitch-on-Linen-final.pdf>), a document which is entitled "An Introduction to Counted Cross Stitch on Linen."
- **chain stitch** (<https://egausa.org/chain-stitch-tips/>),
- **satin stitch** (<https://egausa.org/satin-stitch-tips/>),
- **blanket stitch** (<https://egausa.org/tips-blanket-stitch/>), and
- **French knots** (<https://egausa.org/tips-french-knot-stitch/>).
- You can also access **"The Beginner's Guide to Embroidery Floss"** (<https://egausa.org/beginners-guide-to-embroidery-floss/>), and a
- **"Glossary of Terms"** (https://egausa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ega_glossary_2016-1.pdf).

Spend a few minutes exploring the website. You are sure to find something to interest you! ■



As busy as she is, Janet Noble, National EGA President, finds time to stitch at the Carolinas Region Fall Retreat 2019. (photo by Laura Smith)

EGA National Seminars

A great way to enhance

- your stitching skills,
- your circle of stitching friends, and
- your stash!

Make note of the following dates and make plans to attend:

Seminar 2020: Boston,
September 4 - September 8, 2020

Seminar 2021 - Chicago,
September 1 - September 5, 2021

Fall Retreat 2019

Reflecting on the weekend

Once again, the Carolinas Region enjoyed a great weekend (October 4 – 6) at our Fall Retreat in Rock Hill. The Fairfield Inn provided a wonderful venue for us to gather, stitch, and learn in a comfortable, well-lit space with plenty of room to set up our nests and to wander about to see what everyone else was working on.

On Friday night

We learned a lot about the history of “Embroidery and the Arts and Crafts Movement” from a lecture by Kim Sanders, a nationally certified teacher who is also a member of our Region (The Laurel chapter). She provided a wealth of examples and visual aids which greatly aided our understanding. The time flew by as we listened to her explanations.

On Saturday

Some of us took a day-long class with Kim Sanders, who showed us how to make the “Illuminated Huswife,” a beautiful notebook-type holder for our stitching tools. The class covered a number of interesting stitches and reviewed the steps needed to finish the project at home.

On Saturday night

The meeting room was packed with people who wanted to learn how to make a matte board box from Betsy Hanson, another Region member (Blue Ridge chapter). Betsy provided lots of examples of what we could do with the techniques she was teaching us, and she gave us all a few extra goodies along with our basic kits.

The two hours flew by as we glued our fabric to the matte board and started to form our boxes. Some people were also able to start stitching the cute spider web for the top of the box.

On Sunday morning

We held our annual Board of Directors meeting and elected our new Executive Committee whose members will serve for the next three years. (Meet two of the EC members on page 11.)

All in all, a wonderful weekend was had by all. We had 59 registrants and 1 guest. If you were not there, make plans to attend the next event. We know it will be a lot of fun! ■

Whose hands are these?

At our Fall 2019 Retreat, Laura Smith, our new Carolinas Region Secretary, took some photos which she calls her “hands in the work” photos. You will find them scattered throughout this issue of *RegioNews*.

We invite you to guess whose hands are shown in each photo. While we cannot award any prizes for the people who correctly identify the most photos, we will publish their names in the next issue of *RegioNews*. Wouldn't you like to see your name in print? Send your guesses to Carole Overton at sjocdo1@gmail.com and keep your fingers crossed (when you are not stitching, of course!)

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nominees. This critical position must be filled, as per our bylaws, so please consider taking on this very important job.

Scattered throughout this newsletter are some tidbits of information and dates to help you plan ahead.

As I get ready to go to St. Louis to attend the EGA National Board Meetings, I am prepared to represent you and your concerns. In re-

turn, I will bring back to you the concerns and news from National so that, together, we can grow as a Region and meet your needs.

As the year end approaches, I want to wish each of you a happy, peaceful, and satisfying holiday season.

Happy stitching!
Carole Overton

Crossing the Carolinas

CAR Spring Seminar 2020

We are very pleased to announce the classes for our upcoming Spring Seminar to be held May 22 – May 24, 2020, at the Village Inn and Conference Center in Clemmons, NC. (Clemmons is very close to Winston-Salem, NC.) We are still working on the details of the weekend but hope to have the registration packets (with costs) ready for distribution before the end of this year. In the meantime, we can tell you what the classes will be:



*"Blue Bird of Happiness" by Joyce Houck
Thread painting (realistic silk shading);
Intermediate level*



*"Damselfly Cuff" by Barbara Ellis
Beading on Ultrasuede/leather;
Intermediate level*



*"Rose Sampler" by Sandie Cormaci-Boles
Counted Thread; Intermediate level.*

We will also have a sit-and-stitch option. We hope you will make plans to join us in Clemmons for a wonderful stitching weekend as we "Cross the Carolinas" in May 2020! Look for more information by the end of this year. ■



"Garden of Stars" by Peg Dunayer, Needlepoint, Basic/Intermediate level

NOTE: Students will have a choice of one of the three colorways shown here

Crossing the Carolinas

Meet your new Executive Committee 2019 – 2022

In this issue, we want to introduce you to two of your Executive Committee members. We will introduce the remaining members in our next issue.

Region Director:

Carole Overton was a learning disabilities teacher in a public high school for 11 years and the director and education specialist in a college tutoring center for 20 years. She has also worked as a resource teacher in a school for emotionally disturbed students, a computer trainer, a literacy program coordinator, and a test center proctor.

Carole learned how to stitch, sew, knit, crochet, and do needlepoint at a very young age, taught by both her grandmother (who was one of the first Home Economics teachers in New York City) and her mother (who was very skilled and creative in a wide range of crafts herself). Learning how to do counted cross stitch in the mid-1970's opened Carole's eyes and heart to the wonder of cross stitch. Although her

participation in EGA and ANG classes has expanded her interests into the field of canvas work, cross stitch remains her first love.

A member of EGA for approximately 13 years, Carole was the president of her chapter, the Aiken Stitchin' Belles (Aiken, SC), before being asked to take over as the Assistant Region Director in 2017. Shortly thereafter, when Janet Noble was nominated to become the new National EGA President, Carole took over as interim RD as per the bylaws. Now starting her own 3-year term, Carole is looking forward to meeting with each chapter and getting to know the members of the Carolinas Region.

Secretary:

Laura Smith comes to us from Charlotte and is a member of the Golden Needles Chapter in Con-

cord. She is a dedicated EGA volunteer who has held every chapter office and is currently president. She has been an EGA member since 1982 and a Life Member since 2006.

Laura began stitching Swedish weaving on huck as a child, progressed to counted thread techniques and counted canvaswork, and then jumped "off the grid" and started using mixed media in her embroidered designs in the early 2000s. She is a nationally known designer and teacher. Her work has been shown all over the U.S. She holds the Master Craftsman in Color from EGA and served as chair for the Master Craftsman Color Program from 2006 - 2018. She is past Chairman of EGA Fiber Forum from 2011 through 2015 and former director of an arts center. Her website is www.Stitch4Fun.com ■

Whose Hands Are These?

Stitchers at Fall Retreat in Rock Hill.

(See page 9 for details)

(Photos by Laura Smith)



Carolinas Region, EGA
Board of Directors Meeting
Fairfield Inn, Rock Hill, SC
Sunday October 6, 2019

Call to Order: Region Director Carole Overton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Present. Region Director Carole Overton, Assistant Region Director Cindi Lemkau, Treasurer Elizabeth Little, and Secretary Cathie Barker.

Also present. Bylaws Chair Becky Buie, EGA President Janet Noble, Seminar 2020 Dean of Faculty Nancy Gannon, Seminar 2020 Commemorative Committee members Rosemary Kostansek and Sue Osterberg.

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

Minutes. Minutes from the Spring Retreat, June 2, 2019 were approved as corrected. (see the following)

Corrections/Changes:

1. In Treasurer's Report: change the word "profit" to "surplus".
2. In 6th bullet under "Old Business" – Reword this item to read, "The Kissing Pillow project has been canceled by its founders."

Fall Retreat 2019: Ms. Overton – There were 56 attendees plus one guest.

1. 47 attended Ms. Sanders' lecture on Embroidery and the Arts and Crafts Movement.
2. 16 attended Ms. Sanders' *Illuminated Huswife* class
3. 32 attended Ms. Hanson's *Matte Board Box* class.

ARD Report: Ms. Lemkau – no report.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Little – copies of Operating Budget for 2019, budget for Spring Retreat 2019, and proposed budget for 2020 were included in packets.

1. There are still some chapters that have not requested the \$150 Education Grant for 2019. The grant may still be requested until mid-December.
2. The Executive Committee moved that "the 2020 proposed budget be accepted as printed." A VOTE was taken. The recommendation passed.
3. The Executive Committee moved that "the region continue the Chapter Program Grant for 2020 in the amount of \$150 per chapter for those requesting it." A VOTE was taken. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Ms. Barker – No report.

Education Coordinator's Report: Ms. Wiesemann reminded chapters to encourage their members to apply for CAR's grants—the CRESS Scholarship, and the Roxie Hodgkin grant.

Outreach Coordinator's Report: Ms. Strobel – copies of the report included in packets. Ms. Strobel reminded chapters to send her their newsletters or notices of the chap-

ters' various outreach programs.

News from National: Ms. Overton will attend the Region Directors' meetings and other meetings in St. Louis later this month and will report back to the CAR membership.

1. EGA National requested donations of stitched holiday ornaments for the Christmas tree at HQ. Please contact HQ if you have ornaments to donate.
2. Ms. Overton thanked chapters for sending chapter articles and photos for *RegioNews*. These articles also have a prominent spot on EGA National website and other posts. Send your next article before the end of this month.

Ms. Noble, national EGA President, was invited to speak.

1. Outreach projects: 3 sets are now available with set #4 due out in January and set #5 due out this summer.
2. A new exhibition opportunity will be announced in December *NeedleArts* titled "*Golden Needles Exhibition*". The details will be explained in the December issue of *NeedleArts*. Members are invited to send in pieces based on the theme of each particular year's National Seminar theme. Awards will be given in several categories.
3. The next EGA education catalog should be distributed next year (It is updated and issued every 3 years).

Old Business: Ms. Overton reported the following:

1. The revised CAR logo is nearly approved. National required minor tweaks, and we are in the process of making the changes.
2. Bylaws update: The region and all CAR chapters have completed their bylaws which have been approved by national.
3. Website review: Ms. Barker reported that pages of the CAR website are being revised by the CAR Executive Committee.
 - 1) The Welcome Statement, Membership page, and the About pages have been updated and uploaded so far.
 - 2) After updating content, the website design will be tackled.
 - 3) A member of The Laurel Chapter has expressed interest in helping with the website.
4. *RegioNews*: Ms. Barker reported that the deadline for articles for the next issue is October 31st.
5. Awards and Scholarships
 - 1) Janet Stewart (The Laurel Chapter): Awarded the CRESS Scholarship.
 - 2) Linda Morrison (Blue Ridge Chapter): Awarded the Gold Thread Award.

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6. Spring 2019 Retreat, Follow-up:
 - 1) Missing items—table decorations, such as rocking chairs, pillows, and signs. Most have been returned. Please check to see if you may have inadvertently ended up with one, and contact Ms. Overton to get it back to its home.
 - 2) Survey Results:
 - a. Results showed overwhelming success of the retreat in Flat Rock this past June.
 - b. Many suggestions and comments were given which will be considered when we plan our next Spring Retreat.
7. Chapter Contacts
 - 1) Our new policy of using Chapter Contact to help us disseminate Region information to all members is working well.
 - 2) Ms. Overton asked for updated contact from the following chapters: Blue Ridge, Cardinal, Florence, Lowcountry, and Piedmont.
8. Chapter Membership Updates
 - 1) EGA National requested that we review the chapter membership lists and send any updates to Tonya at HQ. Ms. Overton has sent a request to each chapter's membership chair and has had responses from approximately half of the chapters.
 - 2) Please remind your chapter membership person to reply if they have not already done so.
9. There was no other old business

New Business: Ms. Overton reported that so far, CAR has not received information that any of our members has suffered losses due to the active hurricanes this season.

Upcoming Region Activities: Ms. Overton reported the following:

1. Spring Seminar 2020: *Crossing the Carolinas*
 - 1) Dates: May 22-24, 2020
 - 2) Location: Village Inn and Conference Center in Clemmons, NC.
 - 3) Registration packet will be released in January.
 - 4) Classes offered: Ms. Gannon displayed class models this weekend in Rock Hill:
 - a. *Rose Sampler* by Sandy Cormaci-Boles (counted thread)—kit fee \$89
 - b. *Damselfly Cuff* by Barbara Ellis (bead embroidery)—kit fee \$85
 - c. *Garden of Stars* by Peg Dunayer (canvas)—kit fee \$85

- d. *Bluebird of Happiness* by Jo C. Houck (thread painting)—kit fee \$100
 - 5) Piedmont chapter offered to supply favors.
 - 6) Ms. Overton thanked Ms. Kostansek and Ms. Osterberg for spearheading the effort to find a good commemorative item for this retreat.
2. Fall Retreat 2020: Ms. Overton will work with the Fairfield Inn, Rock Hill, SC, to develop a contract for next October.
 3. Spring Retreat 2021: proposed for the Mountain Lodge, Flat Rock, NC. Ms. Overton will work with the hotel this spring to develop a contract.

Election of Officers for 2020-2023: The nominating committee presented the current slate of officers (candidates for Region Director, Treasurer, and Education Coordinator.) A nomination from the floor added a candidate for Secretary.

1. The final slate was put to a vote and approved as follows:
 - 1) Region Director, Carole Overton;
 - 2) Secretary, Laura Smith;
 - 3) Treasurer, Elizabeth Little; and
 - 4) Education Coordinator, Janice Wright.
2. There was no candidate for Assistant Region Director (ARD). Discussion ensued about the responsibilities of this position (in connection with supervising spring seminars), and possible helpers: "Assistant, Assistant Region Directors" (AARDs" or "AARDvarks" for clarity). Ms. Overton requested that people to consider serving in one of these capacities.
3. There are two open positions that must be filled: ARD and 1 Nominating Committee member.
4. Two volunteers stepped forward to do the following: Chris Sloan as Volunteer Coordinator for Spring Seminar 2020, and Becky Buie as Registrar for Fall 2020 Retreat.

RD Visits: Ms. Overton plans to visit each CAR chapter starting in the new year. She requested that members start thinking about when they would like to schedule a visit.

Region Representative pins: No Region Rep pins were given out.

There was no other new business.

Ms. Overton adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

Submitted by Cathie Barker, Secretary

LastWord

My Wish List – Carole Overton

As a former teacher, I usually think of things in terms of school and students. Therefore, it will not be surprising to hear that when I first became your ARD and then your Region Director, I felt like I was about to go to a new school where I did not know anyone and was sure that everyone would be watching me closely. Would the other kids ever like me? Would I do something stupid that would cause them to make fun of me? Would I interrupt their normal routine, or would they let me join in their activities? Would I ever learn how to play their games? Would I be able to help them have a good time or would I just make things worse? Would my ideas work out or would everything turn out poorly?

After spending the past 2 years as your ARD and then RD, I can tell you that my fears were unfounded. I have truly enjoyed the chance to get to know the members of our Region and have been very grateful for the friendships I have made and the support you have given me. I am so pleased that we have been able to present 1 seminar and 3

retreats that have turned out to be a lot of fun and so happy to hear that you have enjoyed them, as well.

As I look ahead to the next 3 years, I have a wish list that I would like to share with you:

I want to visit every chapter in our Region so that I can get to know you better. I would like to find out what is important to you, what suggestions you have to improve our Region, and what I can do to help you move ahead.

I want to continue to plan and provide retreats and seminars that will attract you to them, will stimulate your love of stitching, and will enable you to expand your circle of “stitching sisters,” enhance your skills, and maybe even expand (or at least revise) your stash.

I would like to attract more members to our chapters and our Region and to do what I can to help your chapters meet your own goals.

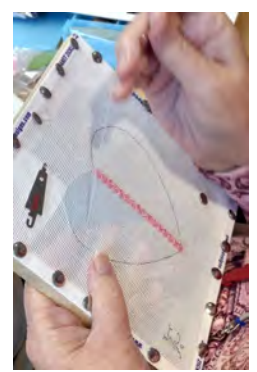
I would like to be able to proudly report at our National EGA Board meetings that the Carolinas Region is one of the premier regions and can hold its own against all others. (I feel that we are already doing very well in this area, but I know there are ways in which we can be even better.)

I would like to encourage our chapters to continue to provide the support and enticement to their members that keep stitchers involved and engaged in the chapter and Region.

I would like to continue to support the goals of EGA National and to be a good representative of our Region.

In short, I would like to help the Carolinas Region and National EGA meet your needs and support your love of stitching by finding new ways to accomplish our goals together.

Santa, are you listening? ■



Whose Hands Are These?

Stitchers at Fall Retreat in Rock Hill.
(See page 9 for details)

(Photos by Laura Smith)