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## REGION DIRECTOR NOTES

Michelle Burroughs

I am certainly looking forward to the downtime afforded by our annual weekend of “Stitchin’ on the Ridge”. Always good to kick back with old and new friends and enjoy without the rigors of everyday life to face. So far 2013 has been plagued with illnesses, accidents and surgeries in my family. Hoping things will line out a little soon. What a great spring break! With 4 superlative teachers and classes and all the other regular activities our time at Ridgecrest should be full and enjoying.

Aside from our customary events there will be the additional activity of our nominating committee scurrying around looking for officers and committee chairs for the next term. Please help them anyway you can. Having a good executive committee with chairs to help with planning and making everything run smoothly is what enables us to have successful seminars and events throughout the rest of the year.

Also at Seminar this year we will be hearing about a special class on the International Teaching Tour by Gary Clarke. Gary is from Australia and as everyone knows, having teachers from “down under” and other parts of the world is not cheap. NeedleArts did a feature article on Gary and his work in the December 2012 issue. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to have him giving a 2 day class in our region this fall. Look for all the details.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the porch with a latte and my feet propped up in just a few weeks.

Michelle

## ARD Elizabeth Little

Once again, we’re heading into the last few weeks before seminar. All the final preparations are being made for yet another wonderful weekend. I always look forward to the few days in the mountains each spring.

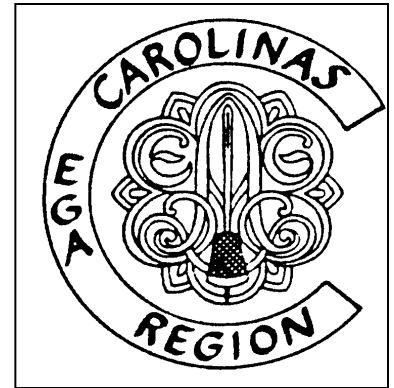
I hope you’re all busily stitching on your challenge entry. Or perhaps you’re already finished. I’m anxiously awaiting all the various interpretations of “Music, Sweet Music.” The creativity in the region amazes me every year.

Now that tax season has ended, I’ve started what I’ve dubbed “stitching season.” It’s the time where I make up for the lack of stitching during tax season. So far, I’ve put quite a bit of time into a few UFOs. I really need to jump back on the GCC that Golden Needles is working on as the deadline is looming.

Then there are all the new things I want to start. Well, it is spring and time for new starts after all. Mother Nature shouldn’t be the only one in that game. I’m trying to be disciplined enough to finish at least one piece before starting another. I’ll have to see how long that will power lasts. If I know me, it won’t be very long.

Until I see you at Ridgecrest in a few weeks, Happy Stitching!

Elizabeth



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**CAROLINAS REGION, EGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 10:00 AM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012**

## OUTREACH REPORT FOR CAROLINA'S REGION - JUNE 2013

CHAPTER	ACTIVITY	RECIPIENT
Aiken	60 Bookmarks Ornaments	Aiken County Library Festival of Lights
	Stitch In Public	Aiken Mall 39 Volunteer hours/10 Mem- bers Participated
Augusta	25 Bereavement Bags	Neonatal Inten- sive
	188 Receiving Blankets	Care Unit
	48 Premie Pouches 26 Gowns/Caps/Mittens	University Hospi- tal
Blue Ridge	School Box Top Coupons	Shoshone Idaho Public School
	Samplers	Habitat For Hu- manity
	Thread Painting Class	Bower Center Harvest Festival at Booker
	Needlework Demo	T. Washington Park
	Stitch In Public	Givens Book Store 3 members/75 Brochures Bedford Library handed out
	Kneelers	St. Paul's Episco- pol Church 500 Hours
	Kneelers Beading	St. John's Episco- pol Church 300 Hours General Public 1 time per month
Chicora	Samplers	Habitat For Hu- manity
	Bookmarks	
	Stitch in Public	Carolina Forest Library

Gifted Hands	Stitch In Public	Chambers of Arts	24 Volunteers Hours/8 Members: Beginner Cross Stitch Kits Given Out
Laurel	45 Bookmarks  Stitch In Public  Stitching Demo  Historic Johnson Farm Festival Food, Clothes, Money 190 Blankets Display	Literacy Programs  Hendersonville Visitors Center, Blackberry Mountain Café, Joann Fabrics and Panera Bread  Interfaith Assistance Ministry Linus Project Fletcher Library	64 Volunteer Hours/16 Members  Handouts; EGA Brochures, Recent Newsletters, Needle Arts Magazine-22 Volunteer Hours
Magnolia	Bookmarks Samplers Stitch In Public Exhibits & Stitch Ins	Libraries Habitat For Humanity Several Locations Coastal Carolina Fair	
Low Country	Stitch In Public	Bluffton Library	12 Members/36 Volunteer Hours; small cross stitch projects handed out
Tryon	Food Drive Display Display and Demo Kissing Pillows Dolls and Bears Cash Scarves, Hats, Sweaters, Mittens and Soft Toys (knitted) Classroom Supplies and Stuffed Animals Fundraiser	Salvation Army Craven-New Bern Regional Library Beaufort Historial Association Ft. Lewis-McCord, Washington State Salvation Army N.Y. and N.J. Sandy Victims  New Bern Civitan Club  Craven County Pre-School Program Relay for Giving-American Cancer Society	

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## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The Carolinas Region, EGA, publishes *RegioNews* quarterly. Standard practice is to distribute it to all chapter presidents, region representatives, and newsletter editors in the Carolinas Region. It is also available free to all region members

through the region website in the section "members only".

**Chapter newsletter editors:** Remember to share information from this newsletter with your members through your chapter newsletter.

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***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.

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
Minutes of board and general meetings (unless included in the chapter's newsletter)	Within the month	Region Director
Membership roster	By January 15	Region Director
National dues and membership information	May 31	National Office
Region dues and membership information	May 31	Region Treasurer
Chapter Newsletters	When sent to members	Region Director
		Assistant Region Director
		EGA Newsletter Reviewer
		<i>RegionNews</i> Editor
		Outreach Chair
EGA Chapter Officer Change list (EGA Form)	Within 2 weeks of election	Region Secretary
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 Treasurer

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Carolinas Region**

June 7-9, 2013      Stitch'n on the Ridge  
 Ridgecrest , North  
 Carolina

October 22-23, 2013      Fall retreat, RockHill



## REGIONEWS

### Education

#### RegionNews – from your Education Coordinator:

**1. October 2013 Fall Retreat – Triple Crown 2013 International Teaching Tour:** We got it! You now have an opportunity to take a fascinating class in a new technique from an internationally renowned designer/teacher at a tiny fraction of what it would normally cost!

Mr. Gary Clarke (from Tasmania) is touring the United States in conjunction with teaching at EGA's National Seminar; one of his stops will be in Rock Hill to teach his *Tulle & Organza Fantail* piece.

**Days:** 22-23 Oct 13

**Technique:** Organza embroidery

**Proficiency Level:** Intermediate/advanced

**Finished Size:** 12" x 12"

**Kit Cost:** \$60.00



**Kit Contents:** Instructions, photographs, tulle, organza, threads, needle, card leaf, stretcher bars, DVD.

**Description:** To create a wash of tone and texture, several layers of tulle will lay on a base of Japanese organza. The first layer is then overlaid with a second layer of organza, to which the final stitches are applied. Using similar techniques as water color this technique gives a light transparent appearance. The two layers of organza give the impression that the embroidery is worked on a translucent water wave taffeta.

This class will be held in the Hampton Inn in Rock Hill on 22-23 Oct (Tues-Wed); our Fall Retreat and Region Meeting will be 25-27 Oct (Fri-Sun) in the same hotel. For those of you attending both the class and the Retreat, we will have facilities available in the hotel to have a stitch-in on Thursday (24 Oct). Members who are incoming/outgoing officers will also be involved in Transition Meetings on Thursday.

**Registration for Gary Clarke's *Tulle & Organza Fantail* class will open at our Region Seminar (7-9 Jun) at Ridgecrest.** CAR members: you will only pay for your kit (\$60.00); the CAR is paying all the class fees! Where else will you get an opportunity to learn a new and fascinating technique like this at this price?

**2. Have you met Mary Corbet?** Anyone who has spent any time at all on the Internet knows there are thousands (probably more) of needlework blogs and sites available to us. My absolute favorite go-to site for my daily fix and whenever I have a needlework question is [www.needlenthread.com](http://www.needlenthread.com) by Mary Corbet. She primarily does surface embroidery, but even if you are a counted-thread stitcher exclusively, you will find tons of information that translate well to counted-thread techniques.

Her site is organized efficiently to make it easy to find specific topics in her archives. You can even find indexes on a specific topic or project so you can easily read every article she has written on that subject from beginning to the present. This is especially useful if you decide you just absolutely HAVE to stitch one of her projects.

Not exactly sure how to make a coral knot stitch? Consult her library of how-to videos. My friends and I were enjoying a stitch-in when this very question came up. Suddenly, I heard Mary's voice! I turned to look and there were three of my friends, needles in hands, watching that video on a smart-phone – it was almost as good as having Mary with us in person!

Mary will educate you, inspire you, intrigue you, provide you lots of free designs (and some projects you purchase), introduce you to new books and products you'll want to own, tell you why she doesn't like other books or products, and answer your questions. The only downside to her website? You can spend a LOT of time there.

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**Carolinas Region, EGA Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 AM, Sunday, October 7, 2012**

**Call to order.** Ms Michelle Burroughs called the meeting to order at 10:02am, Sunday, October 7, 2012 at the Hampton Inn, Rock Hill, SC.

**Present.** Region Director Michelle Burroughs, Assistant Region Director Elizabeth Little, Secretary Jeanette Gugler (d), Education Coordinator Janet Noble, Newsletter Editor Sallie Folk (d), Outreach Chair Linda Morrison (d), and Website Coordinator Cathie Barker,. (d indicates also a chapter delegate).

Chapter Delegates present: Aiken Stitchin' Belles (Debbie Vanous-p, Anne Phillips), Augusta (Lynn Tesch-p), Blue Ridge (Linda Morrison, Susan Hughes), Cardinal (Anne Hill), Charlotte (Chris Sloan), Florence Area (Sallie Folk, Julia Tison) Gifted Hands (Jeanette Gugler), Golden Needles (Evelyn Southards), The Laurel (Brenda Decker, Rosemary Kostansek), Magnolia (Nancy Gannon, Mildred Strobel-p), Millwood (Janet Noble), Piedmont (Rachel Whittington). Total 18 delegates from 12 chapters. Also present were eight non-delegates including a member-at-large.

Chapters **not represented** by a voting delegate; Chicora Stitchers, Low Country, Spartan Samplers, Star Stitchers, Tar River, Tryon. Not present: Treasurer Becky Buie and By-Laws Katheryn Farrago.

**Quorum.** There being delegates from more than one-third (6) of 18 member chapters present, a quorum was present.

**Minutes.** Ms Gugler presented the minutes of the June 1, 2012 General Meeting. Minutes were accepted without correction.

**Assistant Region Director.** Ms Elizabeth Little reported on the 2012 Spring Stitching on the Ridge seminar as a positive event. There were four nonmember attendees. The distribution of brochures via email apparently was successful and will be repeated again in 2013. Presidents will soon be contacted for updating the membership email list. Those with email are asked to once again buddy with those who have no email access.

The new fundraiser totes were presented. There had been 29 presold and another 28 sold before the meeting out of the original 100 ordered. She has hopes that the cost of shipping can be reduced before the totes are placed on the web site for wider dissemination. It will probably be \$4 or \$5, but may be less if appropriate packaging can be found; multiple bags can be sent together to reduce this cost. A second order for totes will probably be soon – Ms Little requested suggestions for color combinations. Ms Little also called attention to the Carolina Region Logo patch at \$1 each that could be stitched on the bag.

The 2013 Spring Seminar is set for June 7-9 at Ridgecrest. Fees will remain the same as 2012: \$150 class fee with \$15 discount; \$70 studio time with \$5 discount. There will remain a \$25 nonmember surcharge pending any changes from National. Meal tickets have risen to \$64 for plan and room charges are up \$1 to \$75.

The staff was announced: Dean of Faculty will be Chris Sloan. The Exhibit will be Designers Across America/Designers Around the World. The Challenge is "Music, Sweet Music".

Ms Little was also able to announce the 2014 Dean of Faculty as Connie Miller. Request for class proposals will soon be sent.

**Treasurer.** Ms Janet Noble presented the Proposed 2013 Budget for Ms Becky Buie who could not attend due to previous scheduled family event. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was VOTED that the 2013 budget be approved as printed. The 2012 Spring Seminar finances were also presented, with a small profit reported.

**Education Coordinator.** Ms Noble, reported that National is offering 4 Group Correspondence Courses to individuals without needing a group, at a cost of \$30 plus text and supplies. The selected courses are Angelina (Italian drawn thread), Spring Splendor (metals), Start Studed Samplings (black work) and Silk Ribbon Pond (silk ribbon). All can be viewed on the National web site under Education – Group Correspondence Courses. Registration must be received by November 30.

The National web site has changed the logon id to individual's membership number; however, the password remains the same as it was previously. Anyone having problems should contact the headquarters.

Ms Noble reminded everyone about the availability of the CRESS Scholarship, a regional study scholarship of \$300. There were no awards in 2012 as no one applied. The application is on the Carolinas web site with eligibility details. The scholarship cannot be used for National or Regional Seminar; however, many other studies are possible if they are needlecraft related and the applicant is a member of the Carolinas Region. The training must occur in 2013 with application to Janet Noble. As the deadline is in May 2013, the training may occur anytime from July 1, 2013 to June 30 of the next year.

Ms Noble presented the chosen 2013 Region-sponsored GCCs. Variety of techniques, skill levels and costs were part of

of the selection criteria, as well as past history and popularity of techniques. Ms Noble asked if item offered in the past should be offered again. Chosen were Tamari 2, Summer Dream (a stump work technique) and Lisle Schwalm pillow cumberband (drawn and pulled threadwork). Pictures will be in the Region Newsletter. Applications should be sent to Janet Noble by January 13. Ms Noble indicated she would be available to help groups, especially those with little experience with Tamari.

The classes for the 2013 Spring Seminar were presented. They are "Kaleidoscope Dreams", blackwork and hardangar basket in two colorways by Cindy Valentine; "Knight Life", a geometric canvas work with glitters by Marti Ritter; "Almost Spring", a mixed media piece by Lynn Payette; and "A Thing of Beauty", a beaded necklace in two colorways by Jeanette Carmichael (with a student limit of 12).

The display seminar is to be any completed "Designers Across America" pieces published in Needle Arts.

**Outreach.** Ms Susan Hughes reported for the Outreach team, describing how the Laurel chapter and the Tryon chapter had been doing quite a bit of outreach. If activities of other chapters were not included, their report had not been received. All chapters should have copies of the reporting form. Alternatively, chapters can include information in their newsletters, but are asked to clearly mark activity as OUTREACH. All chapters are encouraged to participate as it benefits the local group as well as benefiting the National Organization.

**Newsletter.** Sallie Folk announced that the next newsletter will be out by the end of October as it had not been completed to the original schedule. She requested information be emailed to her Yahoo account by October 15. Deadlines for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter are January 15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter April 15, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter July 15 and generally 4<sup>th</sup> quarter on September 15.

**Website.** Chapters are reminded that any information or corrections are to be sent to Cathie Barker or to Michelle Burroughs with the other copied in the email.

**Regional Director.** Michelle Burroughs presented Region Rep pin for Linda Eason.

Ms Burroughs described how the National membership numbers have been dropping.

Ms Burroughs announced that with the officer elections at the October 2013 meeting, the Thursday preceding will be filled with transition meetings. All Executive Committee and Standing Chairs should plan to attend on Thursday for 1-on-1 meetings to learn of job descriptions, duties and common headaches. Officers leaving should make note of all the little problems that they have experienced. Region will pay for the rooms Thursday night.

**New Business.** Ms Burroughs introduced the problem of National dues deadlines being so close to the dates of Spring Seminar. Ms Noble read the motion from the Executive Committee that the bylaws of the CAR of the EGA be amended to read as follows: Article III membership, Section 2: Revise the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to read Annual Region dues shall be payable to the Region by the Chapter Treasurers in accordance with the Region's Policy and Procedures. Section 2. Delete the second sentence. Section 3. Delete Section Section 4. Renumber as Section 3." The membership was reminded that changing the Bylaws is a lengthy process and this was a vote to initiate the process to eliminate redundancy with the Policy and Procedures. With no further discussion, it was VOTED to be approved.

Ms Noble further presented the motion from the Executive Committee that "the Policy and Procedures of the Carolinas Region of the EGA be amended to read as follows: XIII Chapter responsibilities to the Region. H. Arrears. Add a second sentence to read "To be eligible to vote at the Spring Region Meeting, Chapter Treasurers must send all dues in time for the Region Treasurer to receive them no later than May 15 of that year; otherwise, they should hand-deliver the dues to the Region Treasurer prior to the start of the Spring Meeting." After a short discussion for clarification, it was VOTED unanimously to be approved.

Ms Burroughs apologized for the Executive Committee not recognizing the need for more clear description of the due dates and process for voting. A letter to chapters which had expressed concern was read, with a copy being later sent to them and to National.

**2013 EGA Donation.** After discussion and upon recommendation from the Executive Committee it was VOTED that a \$300 donation be made to the EGA Annual Fund in 2013 plus \$15 additional for each Carolinas Region chapter which donates at least \$15 to the EGA National General fund by November 30, 2013, to a maximum additional \$200 total.

**Region Seminar dates: June 7-9, 2013 at Ridge Crest.**

Sue Osterburg announced that Fran Alley, long time member of the region had died in January and that she had some small items by which individuals of the various chapters could remember her.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.

Respectfully submitted  
Jeanette Gugler



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First Class Mail

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DUES REMINDER –

Chapter treasurers and/or membership chairmen are reminded that it is time to pay Region dues for 2013. Our membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. Please remember that chapter dues must be paid in order to vote at the spring region meeting. The following was adopted at the 2012 fall meeting: “To be eligible to vote at the spring region meeting, chapter treasurers must send all dues in time for the region treasurer to receive them no later than May 15 of that year; otherwise, they should hand-deliver the dues to the treasurer prior to the start of the spring meeting.” Annual Region dues are \$4 per member. Please send your chapter dues check to me at the following address:

If your chapter still needs to pay 2013 dues, please send your check to me at the address listed inside.

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