

From the Region Director

A year 12 months 52 weeks 365 days – In the past, we probably did not pay too much attention to this regular passing of time, but in the past year we have focused on it a lot.

How did you spend your time? Did you accomplish any long-needed tasks? Did you reorganize your stash or work on some long-forgotten projects? Did you take time to reflect on the new opportunities that you have had? Were you able to pause and reflect on the positives, even if you had to search deeply to find any? Have you learned something new from deal-

ing with the restrictions?

I am extremely grateful that we have the use of ZOOM so that we can continue to gather and support

each other while at the same time learning new things.

I have greatly enjoyed our Region stitch-ins and have made many new friends as a result. To all of you who have participated so far, thank you for brightening up my days! Even days or weeks after each session, I find myself reflecting on something we said, heard, or saw and realize that I might be physically isolated but I am definitely not alone because I am connected to many others who share my love of needlework.

Our virtual shop tours have rekindled my excitement in searching for new projects. The shop owners have been gracious and friendly, the

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CRESS Scholarship
Time is running out for you to apply
See details in Education Opportunities article, page 3

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CALENDAR

2021 –via ZOOM	Save the Dates
<p>Tue, Feb 9—Stitch-in, 2-4 PM</p> <p>Sat, Feb 20—Stitch-in, 10:00 AM</p> <p>Tue, Feb 23—CAR Chat: Kim Sanders, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Tue, Mar 9—Stitch-in, 2:00-4:00 PM</p> <p>Sat, Mar 20—Stitch-in, 10:00 AM</p>	<p>May 21-22 — CAR Virtual Retreat, Via Zoom.</p> <p>Sep 1-5 — <i>The Magnificent Stitch</i>, EGA Seminar, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Sep 24-26 — <i>Crossing the Carolinas</i>, CAR Seminar, Clemmons, NC</p>

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displays have been beautiful, and the ability to share it all with you has made the sessions a lot of fun.

We just held our first CAR Chat session, featuring Terri Bay, a designer and teacher who lives in our Region. Terri showed us her wealth of beautiful designs, gave us some insight on how she determines what level a design is geared for, and inspired us to explore the worlds of Ukrainian whitework, blackwork, and Hardanger embroidery. We look forward to our future CAR Chat sessions with great anticipation.

We have also sponsored 2 lectures and 2 ornament classes. Participants came away from all of them with new ideas, new skills, and a new appreciation for needlework and technology.

In terms of Region business, your Executive Committee members used the past year to focus on developing our new website. Thanks to the hard work of Cathie Barker, our Web Coordinator, we finalized our ideas about content and design and have just sent our documents to the webmaster so he can develop a prototype of our new site. When you finally see the results, you will agree that it was time well spent.

I know that this past year has taken a terrible toll on everyone, and to all of you I send my heartfelt wishes for health, peace, and happiness in the coming months. I share your sense of loss on many levels and hope that we can gather in person before the end of the year to celebrate our friendship, strengthen our ties, and once again focus on the beauty and endurance of needlework. I am grateful for its ability to sustain us through times of strife.

Happy stitching!
Carole Overton



Treasurer's Report

Get your dues in early



Deadline: May 15th
Dues received by this date allows your chapter to vote
In the Spring Board of Directors Meeting

Hi all,

It's hard to believe dues collection time is upon us again. With so many of us still meeting virtually, it may be a good idea to start the reminders earlier this year. As a convenience, include the mailing information for the person collecting the dues, usually the membership chair or treasurer. For those members that may struggle with email, perhaps a phone call or mailed note would help. An idea Golden Needles used last year was to enclose a stamped, addressed envelope in the note.

Although May 31 is the deadline for submitting annual dues to both national and region, remember that your chapter will not be able to vote at our Region Board of Directors meeting on the weekend of May 21- 23 if we do not receive your dues by **May 15**. Prompt payment

to both keeps memberships active. Late payments by chapters of region dues will suspend the chapter's voting rights at region meetings until the dues are remitted.

Also along financial lines: chapter treasurers, don't forget to submit your chapter financial report by February 15, 2021, for 2020 activities. Even though the chapter may have had limited activity in 2020, those still must be reported.

If you have questions about dues or other financial matters, please don't hesitate to let me know.

~ Elizabeth Little, Treasurer

Upcoming CAR Events

Join us for some fun, informative events



Currently, there are several Region events on the schedule:

Date	Starting Time	Event (on ZOOM)
Tuesday, February 9	2 PM	CAR Region Stitch-in
Saturday, February 20	10 AM	CAR Region Stitch-in
Tuesday, February 23	7 PM	CAR Chat with Kim Sanders, teacher and designer
Tuesday, March 9	2 PM	CAR Region Stitch-in
Saturday, March 20	10 AM	CAR Region Stitch-in

We will continue to add new events as they become available. To receive an invitation if you are not already on the distribution lists, send an email to Carole Overton, Region Director. sjocdo1@gmail.com

Join us whenever you can!

Region Meetings 2021

One virtual, one in person (fingers crossed)

Spring Virtual Retreat: May 21-22, 2021



Save the Date for another virtual Retreat and Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting this Spring. In addition to the meeting, we have scheduled a Friday evening lecture and, for Saturday afternoon, a half-day class and sit 'n' stitch time.

- Friday evening lecture: *7 Ways of Color Contrast*, by Laura Smith.
- Saturday morning BoD meeting
- Saturday afternoon:
 - * a half-day class on silk ribbon embroidery by Deborah Mitek, or
 - * Sit 'n' Stitch.

Information will be sent to all chapters when finalized.

Fall Seminar 2021: Update



Well, it is a go right now and we are excitedly planning for our in-person seminar **September 24-26, 2021** at the Village Inn in Clemmons, NC. We hope you can all attend as we are all itching to get out of our houses and meet stitching friends and socialize. Our teachers also are eager to get back to teaching in person again and look forward to meeting everyone.

The complete registration brochure is attached in this newsletter along with the separate registration form. We will keep you informed of any major changes regarding this seminar but as of right now..... See you in September!

Christine Haimann, Seminar Director

Education Opportunities

Seminar, classes, lectures, stitch-a-long

It is an honor to serve as the Education Coordinator for the Carolinas Region EGA. 2020 has certainly been challenging as we have all had to pivot and become creative in new ways to gather. Although Zoom has been around for quite some time, many of us had not heard of Zoom until the pandemic hit. Many of us are quite accustomed to Zoom by now, some of us are even Zoomed out, but we are resilient and will continue to meet virtually until it is a bit safer to meet in person.

The Carolinas Region Fall Retreat has been moved to the Spring in hopes that the Region Seminar will be able to meet in person later in the year. The Region Retreat will take place virtually May 21 & 22, 2021. More details to come as the Region continues to plan for the Spring Retreat.

EGA Opportunities:

National EGA provides many virtual classes. Visit the website at EGAUSA.org to view all of the opportunities.

- EGA National Seminar 2021—*The Magnificent Stitch*
 - * September 1 – 5, 2021
 - * Chicago Marriott Downtown, Magnificent Mile
 - * Registration opens March 13, 2021
- Group Correspondence Courses (GCC's)
 - * Low-cost courses to groups of 20 or less, plus coordinator
 - * Over 30 GCC's offered
- Individual Correspondence Courses (ICC's)
 - * Intense study, 1:1 class
 - * 10 classes offered

- Lightning Rounds (GCC which are opened to individuals). 3 – 4 classes are offered quarterly. Registration for each round lasts 3 months. Current classes will only be available until March 1, 2021. New classes will be offered
 1. March – May
 2. June – August
 3. September – November
 4. December – February
- Virtual Lecture Series
- EGA Stitch A-Long – Facebook Page

CRESS Applications

Each year, Carolinas Region will award a \$300 scholarship to one applicant for an embroidery class. The funds can't be used towards a Carolinas Region Seminar class or class offered during the Carolinas Region Fall Seminar. To date, (1) one application has been received. If you are interested in applying for the CRESS, please email me @ jmawright@gmail.com

Roxie Hodgkin Scholarship

All members of the Carolinas Region are eligible. The Scholarship covers the registration fee and kit costs for the annual Region Seminar. The recipient is guaranteed her or his first choice class. The drawing is held one month before seminar registration closes to allow the recipient time to make plans to attend. Registration for the seminar is not a requirement for entering the drawing but is required to receive the award (that is, the winner must actually register for a class and attend the seminar in order to receive the scholarship).

~ Janice Wright,
Carolinas Region Education Coordinator

Save the dates: CAR Retreat, Seminar and Board of Directors Meetings

Spring Virtual Retreat—May 21-22, 2021

Including a Friday evening lecture, Saturday morning Board of Directors meeting, and Saturday afternoon Class and Sit 'N' Stitch. Plan to join the fun!

Fall Seminar—September 24-26, 2021

In-person Seminar in Clemmons, NC. Includes classes, luncheon buffet, Board of Directors meeting, and more. See the brochure accompanying this newsletter.

Meet **The Executive Committee**

Working hard for you

In previous issues, we introduced you to the current members of your Executive Committee. This month, I would like you to meet Christine Haimann, who recently joined us as the CAR Seminar Director. Some of you might remember Christine because she served as our Registrar for the 2020 – no, make that 2021 Spring – no, actually it is now the 2021 Fall Seminar. (It's hard to keep track!)

When we asked Christine to tell us about herself, this is what she wrote:

Christine Haimann grew up in the north of England, a Geordie from Tyneside. She moved to Blacksburg, VA, in 1995 with her family from Ontario, Canada. Christine is now retired but worked at Virginia Tech for many years and was involved in the planning and execution of many events, seminars, workshops, and conferences for the University.

Christine has twin daughters and is a twin herself. Christine and her husband now enjoy visiting their four grandchildren in Charlotte, North Carolina, when they can and spend a lot of time traveling to visit family and friends in Canada and overseas.

Welcome, Christine, and thank you for volunteering to serve as our Seminar Director!

Region **Opportunities**

Help keep our region going strong

The Carolinas Region invites you to become involved. We are still trying to fill some very important positions:

- Assistant Region Director (ARD)
- Web Coordinator
- Nominating Committee (as of this fall, we will have 3 openings when our last member rotates off)
- National Nominating Committee – In conjunction with the inauguration of a new EGA National President, each Region is asked to nominate a member to serve on the EGA National Nominating Committee. From this pool of nominees, 7 members are selected to serve for a 3-year term.



Their focus is to meet and evaluate people to fill the roles of the National Officers and Directors for the next term. If you would like to be considered to be the CAR Nominee for this role, please send an email to Carole Overton, Region Director. (For more information, refer to Section 2.5 of the EGA Policies and Procedures.)

You may be feeling overwhelmed by the current state of affairs and may not think that our Region needs your help right now, but we DO need your input and involvement now more than ever. Please consider volunteering for one of the above openings.



Secretary's Musings

Pursuing excellence in the Carolinas Region

It is such a pleasure to observe and record the creative energy and ideas of the Carolinas Region EGA Executive Committee and Board of Directors. To know these women as friends and stitch with them is even more fun. In 2020, we have been limited to Zoom stitch events and it has been a special treat to be able to visit stitchers in their homes and to see their stitching spaces.

The secretary's job is to take minutes at meetings. The Executive Committee meets about once per month on an as needed basis. As we approach an event such as a retreat or seminar, we prepare carefully. Putting all our heads together helps greatly with planning so that activities can flow smoothly, whether we are live or Zooming.

A special shout-out to our terrific Region Director,

Carole Overton – Carole has worked very hard to make the transition to virtual events during the pandemic. She studied how to create events, set up the region Zoom account (which is also available for chapters to use for meetings), and then started hosting region stitch-ins, attending meetings with the EGA National Board, and gaining many creative ideas from them. I believe that Carole has led everyone in our region to higher participation, despite isolation time.

I invite each of you to consider joining us as we pursue excellence in the Carolinas Region. We offer a unique understanding of embroidery and embroiderers that you can't find in any other organization PLUS we are a loving, friendly group of stitchers. We welcome your talents and creative ideas.

~ Laura Smith
Secretary

Carolinas Region, EGA Board of Directors Meeting Zoom Virtual Meeting Saturday, October 3, 2020

Call to Order: Region Director Carole Overton called the virtual meeting to order at 10 a.m. using the Zoom app due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Present: Region Director Carole Overton, Treasurer Elizabeth Little, Education Coordinator Janice Wright, Secretary Laura Smith, Seminar Registrar Christine Haimann, Bylaws Chair Becky Buie; Outreach Chairman Millie Strobel, Website/Newsletter Chair Cathie Barker, and Nominating Committee Chair Sallie Folk.

Chapter Delegates present: Aiken Stitchin' Belles (Yvette McCord-P, Belinda Ebert-RR); Augusta (Diana Parfitt-RR), Blue Ridge (Gisela O'Connor-P, Pat Parke-RR); Cardinal (Kirin Wylie-P, Martha Derbyshire-proxy for RR), Charlotte (Evelyn Southards-P; Connie Miller-RR); Chicora (Anne Peacock-P; Molly Lane-RR); Florence (Sallie Folk-RR); Golden Needles (Barbara Horne-

Stead-proxy for P, Patty Schmid-RR); Lowcountry (Kate Wendorf-P; Julie Anderson-RR); Magnolia (Nancy Gannon-RR); The Laurel (Sue Osterberg-O, Rosemary Kostansek-RR); Tryon (Marilyn Van Slyke-P)

Guests present: Janet Noble, National EGA President; Leslie Gagliardi, past National EGA President; Jane Wiggins, Augusta Chapter member; Diane Stromsky, Laurel Chapter member.

Quorum. There being more than one-third of the delegates present (29 of 37), a quorum was declared.

Minutes. Minutes from the Spring Virtual Meeting June 26, 2020 were approved as previously emailed.

CAR Website Revision: Motion 3 (going in order of motions sent in original agenda)

The members of the Executive Committee move that the Carolinas Region hire an outside webmaster for up to \$ 3000 to redesign our region website in order to make it meet our current and future needs. Rationale: Since we have been unable to secure the help of a volunteer from the Region to take over as webmaster, we need to look for a professional source in order to make the needed upgrades to our Region's website. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Elizabeth Little

The Operating Account/Budget for 2021 and Seminar 2020 Account/Budget were provided in previous email. There were no questions. The balance for Seminar 2020 will be carried forward. Ten refunds have been completed and 52 people are registered for Seminar 2021.

Region Dues have been received from all chapters.

Note that chapters must pay region dues BEFORE spring seminar in order for their delegates to vote at the meeting.

Nine chapters have requested and received the \$150 Education Grant for 2020. The grant may still be requested until December 1. Please email the request to Carole Overton and provide the name and address of your chapter's treasurer in the email so that the check may be sent.

The audit for the 2019 region books will be performed during Golden Needles' chapter meeting on October 6.

Motion 1: Approve Education Grants for 2021

The members of the Executive Committee move that the Carolinas Region offer the \$150 education program grant to each chapter in the region for 2021. Rationale: The chapters will use this grant to provide educational programs for their members. The Region's Board must approve a motion to renew this grant program each year. Discussion: This grant seems especially important as our chapters struggle to find ways to keep members involved and connected while maintaining

safe procedures in light of the pandemic. The chapters can use this grant money to help present activities such as classes and/or lectures which will continue their education programming. Motion 1 was approved unanimously.

Motion 2: Approve Budget for 2021

The members of the Executive Committee move that the 2021 budget proposed by Elizabeth Little, the Region Treasurer, be approved as presented. Rationale: The budget has been prepared using sound fiscal procedures and keeping the Region's needs in mind. Motion 2 was approved unanimously.

Education Coordinator's Report: Janice Wright reminded chapters to encourage their members to apply for the CRESS Scholarship. There have been no applications this year. She discussed EGA classes, projects, and other educational opportunities including Group Correspondence Courses, Individual Correspondence Courses, and the EGA Stitch Along on Facebook.

Fall Retreat Report: Becky Buie, Fall Retreat Registrar 29 people registered for Fall Retreat with four enrolled in Terri Bay's *Hope* class. 18 people attended afternoon activities.

Newsletter Deadline: Cathie Barker

(cathiebeads@gmail.com)

November 1 is the deadline for the 4th quarter RegionNews. Please send items for the newsletter to Cathie Barker (cathiebeads@gmail.com)

There was a 10 minute recess from 11:11 to 11:21.

CAR Spring Seminar Report: Christine Haimann

(ButtonsH51@gmail.com)

The spring seminar is scheduled for May 2021 at the Village Inn in Clemmons, NC. 52 people are registered. Originally 62 people registered. 10 have requested and received refunds. Registration will re-open soon.

Outreach Chairman's Report: Mildred Strobel

(melstrobel@msn.com)

The current circumstances have curtailed chapters' outreach within their communities. The following chapters have reported outreach activities they have

undertaken to date. Aiken Chapter has made monetary donations to the Salvation Army, Red Cross and Ronald McDonald House. Cardinal, Charlotte, and Golden Needles were able to do a Stitch in Public Day in February. Chicora Chapter did a Food Drive-Helping Hands to collect much needed food items to be distributed in the local community. Laurel Chapter has continued their Project Linus Blankets; made bookmarks for their local Library's Reading Program; and sponsored the Art Scape Banner again this year. Lowcountry Chapter is continuing their work on Habitat Home Plaques; Hearts for Hospice as well as donations of food for the local Food Bank. Magnolia Chapter is working on Hearts for Hospice and made monetary donations to the Charleston Food Bank and Camp St. Christopher, a local facility on Seabrook Island where members join with Charleston ANG Chapter and Charleston Sampler Guild members for a fall Stitchers' Weekend. Please contact Mildred Strobel (melstrobel@msn.com) to highlight your chapter's outreach activities.

Old Business: Carole Overton

Our new Seminar Director is Christine Haimann (ButtonsH51@gmail.com). We thank her for volunteering for this position and for her ongoing work as Registrar for Seminar 2021.

Open Positions

Assistant Region Director – only two years left on the term to train for serving as Region Director. Term ends in Oct 2022.

Website Liaison/Website Coordinator – job description is in revision to reflect changes to the website.

Nominating Committee has two openings. We thank Sallie Folk for her service as she completes her term. Amanda Pelon remains on the committee.

Please contact Carole Overton if you want to know more about any of the positions.

Virtual Activities

Zoom provides the best chance to get together with stitching friends and continue EGA's missions. There was a lecture by Celeste Chalasani on how to use Zoom.

There have been 18 region stitch ins: Approximately every other week on Zoom, region members and members-at-large are invited to show projects, discuss techniques, share sources of materials, and more. Send an email to Carole Overton (sjocdo1@gmail.com) to enroll.

The region has used ZOOM to hold 12 Executive Committee meetings, two Board of Directors meetings, two practice meetings, a number of chapter meetings. Chapters who wish to try Zoom can contact Carole Overton for training to learn how, hosting, and tips for providing educational programs. There have been five virtual needlework shop tours (CAR Shopping). The next one will be Needlepoint Lane in Spartanburg on October 10 at 2 p.m. We are looking for more shops. If you know of one, please contact Carole Overton. It is helpful if you can intercede. Jacqui Clarkson will give a lecture on sashiko embroidery on Thursday, November 12 at 7 p.m.

The Original Sewing and Quilting Show has been rescheduled to February 18-20, 2021 at the Raleigh Convention Center. A sign up link to volunteer for the show will be in RegioNews. We need projects to display, brochures for each chapter, and volunteers to set up the booth, greet attendees, demonstrate embroidery, and take down the booth.

Chapter articles are due October 15 for the following chapters: Augusta, Cardinal, Chicora, Magnolia, Millwood, Piedmont, Star Stitchers, and The Laurel. All other chapters' articles will be due April 15, 2021.

There was no other old business.

New Business: Carole Overton

Updates were given on chapter concerns with staying connected during the pandemic. Using Zoom or Facebook groups, including members who don't use Zoom, creating buddy chapters, and sharing ideas are ongoing strategies.

Spring Seminar 2021: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Spring Seminar 2020 was cancelled and rescheduled for May 21 – 23, 2021 at the Village Inn in Clem-

mons, NC. The teachers were available and their contracts have been revised to provide the same classes except for the *Rose Sampler* class which was cancelled due to low registration. Christine Haimann, Seminar Registrar, reported that the 62 registrants were offered the option of retaining their registrations for the rescheduled seminar. 52 remain registered and 10 cancelled and received refunds. Net income is \$15,118.00 less \$2,415 refunded, leaving \$12,703. Seminar volunteers were thanked: Christine Haimann, Seminar Chair and Registrar; Nancy Gannon, Dean of Faculty; Elizabeth Little, Seminar Treasurer; Chris Sloane, Volunteer Coordinator; Sue Osterberg, Angel Chair; Julie Anderson, Merchandise Night/Teacher Showcase; Julia Tison, Faculty Amenities; Rosemary Kostansek and Sue Osterberg, Commemorative Committee; and Piedmont Chapter, Luncheon Favors. If you would like to volunteer at the seminar, please contact Chris Sloane (kikikro9@gmail.com).

CAR Shopping on Zoom series of programs, shop owners in our region offer tours of their stores. Five virtual needlework shop tours have been held. The next one will be a tour of Needlepoint Lane in Spartanburg, SC, on Saturday, October 10 at 2 p.m.

The EGA National website (EGAUSA.org) includes extensive educational opportunities. There are many free guides and booklets about embroidery, free projects including more than 70 petite projects, and links to videos. New items have been added to the EGA store: a set of postcards with photos of tape measures from the EGA collection and a set of three mini-notebooks with covers that depict pieces from the Asian Fusion exhibition.

National is revising the youth embroidery program and having a youth exhibit in 2022 at headquarters. Diversity planning and new member kits are in progress. Our region thanks Janet Noble for her service as EGA National President and is grateful to all national volunteers.

More of National's news is covered in the video of the National Meeting from September 5, 2020. Everyone is encouraged to watch. It is found on the EGA website at this link: <https://egausa.org/annual-meeting-2021-join-us-this-saturday>

Early registration for EGA National Seminar in Chicago September 1-5, 2021 is open until October 31, 2020. Classes that do not have enough students at the end of early registration will be cancelled. Seminar information is found at this link: <https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2021>

In Conclusion

In light of the recent pandemic, Carole Overton stated, "You are not alone! We are all in this together. Please ask if you need help."

There was no other new business.

Carole Overton adjourned the meeting at 11:57 am.

Submitted by Laura Smith,
Secretary

Now is a good time to VOLUNTEER to help Carolinas Region be our best.

Every little bit helps.

Join the team; it's a great way to make new friends,

learn more about your needlework passion, and have a lot of fun!

NewsFromNational

New education opportunities

If you saw the Annual Meeting last fall that was recorded via ZOOM and later made available via YouTube, you know the value of being kept informed by EGA National. That meeting was so well received that EGA is going to hold a “Semi-Annual” meeting in March at the end of the National Board Meeting cycle. Currently scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2021, at 6:00 PM, the meeting will provide an update of EGA business. Watch for more details to come from EGA.

EGA National has been busy over the past few months. In addition to revising and updating the Policies and Procedures, they have developed some new education opportunities for us:

Virtual Lecture Series featuring “culturally diverse embroidery techniques and textile traditions [including] the history, the symbolism, the purpose, the practicality of how this embroidery has passed down through generations.” (quote taken from the EGA website: <https://egausa.org/virtual-lecture-series/>).

Slideshows and presentations that chapters and individuals can view to gain an understanding and appreciation of a variety of topics and collections.

(<https://egausa.org/slideshows-and-presentations/>)

In addition to the slideshows referenced above, there are several **videos** that are worth watching:

Native Beads and Dance Regalia Showcase <http://egausa.org/videos-native-beads-and-dance-regalia-showcase>

Italian Needlework Treasures <http://egausa.org/videos-italian-needlework-treasures>

Creative Living video series featuring interviews with Catherine Jordan (<https://egausa.org/videos-catherine-jordan-creative-living/>) and Kim Sanders (<https://egausa.org/videos-kim-sanders-creative-living/>). Kim is a designer and teacher who lives in our Region. These videos offer these two designers a chance to discuss various needlework techniques.

Finally, do not forget to look at the events being sponsored by other EGA Regions. You will find a number of wonderful opportunities to take classes and enjoy other experiences, many from the comfort of your own home.

GoldThreadAward

Nominate someone for this Award!

It is not too early to start thinking about who to nominate for the Gold Thread Award. “These awards recognize those 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’ [taken from the EGA website].

Consider nominating one or more members of your chapter or Region who exemplify the ideal noted above. EGA National will select one winner from each Region. The deadline for nominations for this year’s award is May 1. For more information and the nomination form, visit the EGA website: <https://egausa.org/app/uploads/2020/02/Gold-Thread-Award-2020.pdf>

EGA Chapter Reporting Requirements

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.

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

Carolinas Region Executive Committee

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Nominating Committee

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Nominating 2	Vacant (-2022)		
Nominating 3	Vacant (-2023)		

CAR Reminders

Awards, Scholarships, Spring Retreat, Fall Seminar

Carolinas Region Virtual Spring Retreat and Board of Directors meeting. May 21-22, 2021.

Plans are currently in the works; we will let you know the specifics as soon as we have finalized a plan. In the meantime, please mark your calendars so you can join us for the meeting and for whatever other activities we come up with.

Gold Thread Award:

Nominate someone in the Carolinas Region that you know to have been an inspiration and a positive role model. Someone who gives freely of their time and talents to best exemplify the purpose of EGA.

CAR Chapter Presidents:

Request the 2021 Education Program Grant (\$150) from Carolinas Region to help your chapter cover the costs of education programs. Send an email to Carole Overton asking for the grant. Please include the name and address of your Chapter Treasurer so the check can be mailed directly to her/him. We would also like to know how you plan to use the grant.

Fall Seminar 2021—*Crossing the Carolinas*

September 24-26
Village Inn, Clemmons, NC
See brochure and registration form attached to this newsletter.

CRESS Scholarship

Time is running out to apply for the CAR CRESS Scholarship. See the details in the article by Janice Wright, the CAR Education Coordinator, page 4.

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%)

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.

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