

## From the Region Director

### January 2022 – the start of a new year, the end of an era.

As I write this message and contemplate the exciting things that this new year may bring, it is also with a tinge of sadness as I consider that fact that my term as your Region Director is coming to a close. I have had a wonderful experience although I have to admit that the past 4 years have not gone exactly according to plan! However, with your support, suggestions, and participation, I have had a lot to be thankful for.

This newsletter will touch on some of the issues that have kept me up at night. You will find more information

about these items elsewhere in this newsletter.

**If a nominating committee member calls to ask you to join our CAR management team.**

**Please say yes!**

(see page 2)



**We're stronger together!**

### Officers' terms of office

I have really enjoyed working with our current board of officers and am so grateful to them for their thoughts and efforts on behalf of the Region. Our next Executive Committee is being drawn up right now. We would love to have YOU join us. Become part of the team that will direct the Region's activities for the next few years. See details elsewhere in this issue.

### Keeping members involved

Our latest venture was the meeting we held on January 22 of this year. Members of the CAR worked together to address the problems facing all of the EGA regions and chapters: how to gain new members and keep current members involved in the organization.

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### CALENDAR

#### 2022 – via ZOOM

**Tue, February 8:** Stitch-in, 2 pm

~~**Sat, Feb 19:** Stitch-in, **Cancelled**~~

**Tue, March 8:** Stitch-in, 2 pm

**Sat, March 19:** Stitch-in, 10 am

**Tue, March 29:** CAR Shopping, 7 pm

#### 2022

**June 3-4:** CAR Spring Retreat (via ZOOM)

**Aug 24-28** — *Broadway Bound*, EGA National Seminar, New York City

**Fall (TBD):** CAR Fall Retreat (Tentatively Sept 2-4, in Rock Hill, SC)

**September 5-6:** ITT Class, Jane Nicholas, Rock Hill, SC (see p. 9)

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You can watch the recordings of the meeting (egacarolinas.org) to see what we learned.

### Happy Birthday!

On a happy note, this year is an important one for two of our chapters: Blue Ridge and Golden Needles are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!! Congratulations!!

### Successful Audit

We requested an outside audit of our financial records and came out with flying colors, thanks to the hard work of our Region Treasurer, Elizabeth Little.

### Retreats and Seminar, oh my!

We are in the midst of planning 2 retreats for 2022 and a seminar for 2023. As we are still waiting for contracts for all of these events, I can not tell you exactly when or where they will be held or what events they will offer. However, we do have some information to impart.

### International Teacher Tour

One exciting piece of news is that our Region was selected to host a class with Jane Nicholas on the 2022 International Teacher Tour! Although we are not yet ready to take registrations, you can find out more about this opportunity elsewhere in this newsletter.

### Virtual Shop Tours Resume

We have at least one new shop tour on our ZOOM calendar and I am hoping to confirm a second tour in the near future. We always keep the ZOOM Events Calendar up-to-date on the CAR website ([https://](https://www.egacarolinas.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Zoom-Events-Calendar.pdf)

[www.egacarolinas.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Zoom-Events-Calendar.pdf](https://www.egacarolinas.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Zoom-Events-Calendar.pdf)), so keep checking back to see what has been added.

### Visiting Local Shops

On a personal note, I have been trying to ward off the winter doldrums by venturing out to visit a few needle-work shops with some friends. So far, I have visited two shops in our region for the first time – it was a lot of fun to see what they had to offer.

### Letting Go of Stash

I have also been working my way through Laura Smith’s “Taming the Stash Monster” course. I feel very virtuous in that I have actually made the hard decisions to part ways with some old projects that just do not excite me any more. (Of course, while I have reduced my number of “on the immediate horizon” projects by a respectable number, I now can hear some others calling to me from the depths of my stash. I am trying to resist, but they sound so lonely . . .)

### Staying Connected

As always, of course, my connections with EGA, the region, and my chapter are the most important facets of my plan to chase away the winter blues. Thanks to all of you who have stitched and laughed with me, shared your stories, and helped me to keep a positive focus.

I look forward to this year and hope to see you at our region events.

*Best wishes!*

*Carole Overton*

*Carolinas Region Director*



## Elections for CAR officers will be held at the Fall Retreat.

We need a full slate by July. Some of the positions are filled, but there are a couple slots still open. Please consider volunteering to round out our management team, the Executive Committee (EC)! It does involve work, but it is also rewarding. And, you get to make close friendships with your fellow team members! There are also open positions for Committee Chairs.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Elected positions):

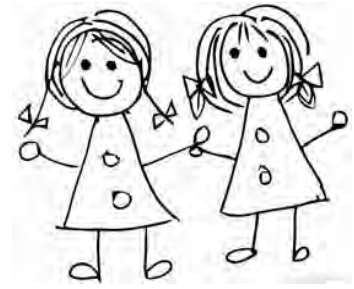
- RD – Gail Smith
- ARD –
- Secretary –
- Treasurer – Becky Buie
- Director of Education – Janet Noble

#### OTHER OPEN SLOTS (Appointed):

- Website Coordinator –
- Newsletter Editor –
- Seminar Director –
- Nominating Committee – 3 members
- Outreach –
- ZOOM Coordinator (not an official spot yet, it should be considered.)

# Together We Thrive

By Cathie Barker, Editor



I am a social creature. This is a recent discovery and comes as a big surprise, because I am also an introvert.

The introvert part of me has dominated most of my life. My hubby, Thurb, and I have a long-standing joke between us about the fact that I would go to work to focus on the work; he would go to work to interact with people. This doesn't mean that I didn't interact with people and Thurb didn't focus on the work. No, my colleagues were very important to me, and Thurb's work was important to him. The running joke just illustrates our dominant ways of being in our lives. I had trouble reaching out to people, and Thurb could talk to anyone about anything. He's never met a stranger.

When I became a mom, it turned out that the people I met were not strangers to me. They were my people, my tribe. First there were the other mothers. We became fast friends and depended on each other for adult conversation and help

navigating the shoals of raising children. Next came the members of my guilds (some of whom were the other mothers) and organizations: The Handweaver's Guild of Boulder (Boulder, CO), Theater by the Sea (Ventura, CA), Coconino Quilters' Guild (Flagstaff, AZ), and—when I moved to Hendersonville, NC—Fiber Arts Alliance (Asheville, NC), and the Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA.)

EGA has been the home of my heart, my people, my tribe for a long time now, and one thing I've learned is that the experience of being a guild member is so much richer because of my participation as a committee member and officer at the chapter and region levels. At the chapter level we work together to make sure that there are interesting, educational programs and that our new members feel welcome. We are excited to share our love of embroidery with like-minded people. At the region level, we work together to provide retreats and seminars with great national-level (and occasionally inter-

national-level) teachers. We enjoy stitch-ins together and make good friends across the region. The Executive Committee (EC) and Committee Chairs are like those young mothers who became fast friends and depended on each other for so much. And, we're lucky nowadays that we can meet each other across the miles on Zoom and at in-person events. We're lucky to have each other.

So, yes, I am a social creature, and the friendships and working relationships I enjoy as part of the management team have been a very fulfilling part of my membership in EGA, and a lifeline these past two years. It is my hope that some of you will join the team and discover how much richer your EGA experience can be.

I believe we are all social creatures, and together we thrive.

*Cathie Barker,  
Editor, RegioNews*

## Chapter Education Grants:

All CAR Chapters may apply for the \$125 Education grant by sending an email to Carole at [regiondirector@egacarolinas.org](mailto:regiondirector@egacarolinas.org).

## CRESS Award:

CAR members may apply for the CRESS Award by May 1st. Find the information at [www.egacarolinas.org/](http://www.egacarolinas.org/) under documents and forms.

## Chapter Reminders



### To all chapters: If you haven't already done so, please

- Send your Chapter Officers Update forms to: [regiondirector@egacarolinas.org](mailto:regiondirector@egacarolinas.org) and to [secretary@egacarolinas.org](mailto:secretary@egacarolinas.org).
- Send your annual report to ARD and EGA headquarters by February 15th
- Start thinking about whom you want to nominate for the Gold Thread Award (nominations are due by May 1st). Let's make sure our region is represented!

# Strengthening the Region:

## Report on CAR Virtual Meeting, 1/22/22

**On Saturday, January 22, 2022,** members of the Carolinas Region gathered via ZOOM to discuss some important issues facing our region and its chapters: how to engage current members, how to attract new members, and how to ensure the continued growth of EGA as an organization.

The meeting was very productive and was filled with information and suggestions. **We recorded the meeting in two parts. You can access both videos from the CAR website** (egacarolinas.org) by clicking on VIDEOS at the bottom of the QUICK LINKS menu on the right-hand side of any page. (Here is the direct link to the videos page: <https://www.egacarolinas.org/car-videos/>)

**Part 1** covers the presentation made by Marge Kelly, the National EGA Vice President. She reviewed

the demographic findings from the National EGA survey of members conducted last fall. Wendy Lynn, the EGA National Director of Membership and Marketing, also provided some helpful information during the question and answer session.

**Part 2** focused on a discussion of what our CAR chapters can do to take the first step. After the group developed a list of marketing activities that might be useful, Carole Overton, our Region Director, charged each CAR chapter to select one marketing activity and carry it out before May 1. Then, at our CAR Board of Directors meeting this spring, each chapter will be asked to report on what they did and how it went. Chapters should take photos of the activity in progress and send them to the RD so that she can share them with everyone during our meeting.

### **Activities for your Chapters:**

In the Part 2 video, you will see the list of activities that we came up with during the meeting. However, it is important to note that, although you may choose one of the activities listed below, you do not have to do so. Your chapter may come up with something else. Whatever you do, however, the idea is to try something different than what you have done in the past. This means that if, for example, you want to try the same type of activity you have done in the past, you should select a new location and try a different approach.

Above all, remember to smile and have fun!

Please contact [regiondirector@egacarolinas.org](mailto:regiondirector@egacarolinas.org) if you have any questions or concerns about this effort.

## Share your Chapter's happenings

The following Chapters:

Please send your *RegioNews* articles on or before April 25, 2022

Aiken • Blue Ridge

Charlotte • Florence

Lowcountry • Tryon

Including a few photos will add interest!

# Online Stitch-ins vs. Interest Groups:

## Is it Time for a Change?

During our meeting on January 22, we heard a suggestion from Wendy Lynn, the EGA National Director of Membership and Marketing. Wendy said that her Great Lakes Region (GLR) had recently started an online “affinity” group focused on surface embroidery, crewel, and goldwork. Stitchers who are interested in those types of techniques gather via ZOOM once a month. Wendy said this is not a chapter – it is just a group of members with a common interest. Although there is often no agenda, a range of topics may be discussed. (She invited members of our region to join the group. If you are interested, contact Wendy for more information at [marketing@egausa.org](mailto:marketing@egausa.org)).

If any of you have joined the CAR twice-monthly region stitch-ins, this description may sound familiar. Our stitch-ins have not been focused on any particular technique but in the course of the ses-

sion we also cover a lot of territory and rarely leave without learning something new.

Now that we are almost finished with our second year of monthly stitch-ins (can it really have been that long?), we are wondering if you are interested in trying something different. Would you be interested in attending a region-wide interest group via ZOOM? Some chapters have set up in-person interest groups so that people who like a particular technique can meet to work on their projects in that area. The online version would be similar.

The most familiar techniques seem to be counted, canvas, beading, goldwork, and mixed media, for example. Would you be interested in joining an online group in one of those areas? Do you want to suggest another area to consider?

While we would love to set up such groups if there is interest, we would need someone to volunteer to serve as the leader/host. If you are interested in joining or leading, or have any questions about this option, send your comments to [regiondirector@egacarolinas.org](mailto:regiondirector@egacarolinas.org).

In the meantime, until we see what our members would prefer, we will continue to hold our monthly stitch-ins where anyone and everyone is welcome, no matter what you are working (or not working) on. You can always find the updated calendar on our region website ([egacarolinas.org](http://egacarolinas.org)) by clicking on ZOOM Events Calendar on the Quick Links menu.

In this time of social distancing uncertainty, it has been very reassuring and comforting to meet with others online. Give it a try!

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## Outside Audit Completed:

With high commendation for our Treasurer, Elizabeth Little

Last year, EGA National asked all of its regions to request outside audits to make sure that their financial records were accurate and to find out if there were any changes in procedures that would improve the operation of the region.

We are very pleased to report that the CAR submitted its records to the outside auditor recommended by EGA and have just received the report. Not only did

the auditor find no areas of concern, but she also did not have any suggestions for improvement. Instead, she highly commended our region Treasurer, Elizabeth Little, on her excellent documentation and recordkeeping. We knew we had a gem in Elizabeth – now others do, too!

**Thank you, Elizabeth, for your hard work on behalf of the region!**

# CARChapterHappenings

## Golden Needles, a hit at Quilting & Fiber Art Extravaganza!

Golden Needles members had a wonderful time recruiting new members at the *Statesville Quilting and Fiber Art Extravaganza* on Friday, January 28. This annual vendor show for quilters takes place on the last weekend in January on Friday and Saturday. It's hosted by Quilter's Gallery



([www.quiltersgallery.net](http://www.quiltersgallery.net)), an online quilt shop. When we mentioned to the Quilter's Gallery that we were a non-profit organization, they graciously offered us a free booth!

We received a total of 33 contact forms from the visitors:

- 23 for Golden Needles (Concord, NC)
- 4 for Piedmont (Greensboro, NC)
- 4 for Charlotte
- 1 for Cardinal (Raleigh, NC)
- 1 for the Laurel (Hendersonville, NC)

Our volunteer team included Patty Schmid (co-organizer), Evelyn Southards (our president), Joyce Baker (a new member who found us through the Raleigh Quilt Expo), Marilynn Helms, Gail Hicks, Cindy Jones (our secretary), and Mitzi Malcolm. Thank you volunteers!

About 230 people attended the show. We set up our booth at 7:30 a.m. on Friday. Carole Overton, our Region Director, loaned us the CAR festival kit. Details about this won-

derful kit are available from Carole (email: [regiondirector@egacarolinas.org](mailto:regiondirector@egacarolinas.org)). Visitors to our booth were very interested in the smalls in the large clear container from the kit (see photos). We used the metal display shelf to show some embroidery and added a bulletin board of our own. A mannequin loaned by Patty Schmid displayed a shirt that had surface embroidery. We felt it was important to display examples of both surface embroidery and counted thread embroidery and to show designs that required a full range of ability, including beginner-level pieces. The laminated maps in the CAR festival kit were helpful to determine what chapter was nearest for each visitor.

### Our Approach to Visitors

Our goals were to introduce visitors to EGA and convince them to complete our contact form. Our approach was to ask, "Do you do any hand stitching?" If they answered "yes" or looked interested in our displays, we said, "We are the Embroiderers' Guild of America

and we specialize in hand stitching of all kinds." Then, we asked if they liked surface embroidery or counted type work such as counted cross stitch. We gave them the brochure from EGA National and our chapter's flyer. If they seemed ready, we asked for their contact information. When they completed the form, we gave them our free gifts (see below).

If they seemed doubtful or needed more information, we showed them our chapter's program plan for the year, including photos of some examples and also the current Education Catalog from EGA that includes correspondence courses, online offerings, and more.



Not everyone needed all of this information to become comfortable giving us their contact information. We learned to stop talking and let them complete the contact form as soon as they seemed comfortable

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# CARChapter Happenings (Continued)

## Golden Needles, a hit at Quilting & Fiber Art Extravaganza!

doing that. In the context of a quilt show, many people are only interested in machine stitching. We let those move past the booth with a smile and focused our efforts on the hand stitchers.

### Handouts

Our handouts included our chapter's one-page flyer and the EGA National tri-fold brochure. Those who gave us their contact information received free charts, fabric, and DMC stranded cotton. Gail Smith, our Assistant Region Director (email: [asstregiondirector@egacarolinas.org](mailto:asstregiondirector@egacarolinas.org)), loaned us a large notebook filled with page protectors that contained donated free charts, DMC, and aida cloth to cut. In addition, we photocopied two Valentine-related designs, placed them in page protectors and added the DMC and fabric.

### Costs

The printing for the contact forms, giveaway charts, and our flyers was about \$40. The brochures from EGA National were free. We ordered them from Tonya Parks (email: [typarks@egausa.org](mailto:typarks@egausa.org)) at headquarters. Each volunteer paid \$5 admission and will be reimbursed. There was no charge for parking. Mileage can be reimbursed at the \$.14 per mile IRS rate for volunteers upon request. Some of this cost can be reimbursed by National or the region. At a previous meeting, our chapter voted to cover any additional costs

for this quilt show.

### Lessons Learned

Our free booth was size 6x6 and had no pipe and drape, so we were not able to hang the large Carolinas Region banner. Regular vendor booths were \$390 and size 10 x 14. We decided it might be worth paying for pipe and drape next year so we could display the large CAR banner. Another option is to make a smaller, lightweight banner for our chapter.



We were offered the booth only for Friday. At the end of the show, the organizer said that we could have it for Saturday, too, but we had not recruited volunteers and snow was due on Friday night. Next year, we will consider planning for both days.

### Follow Up

The next day, we emailed the twenty-three contacts for our chapter and invited them to our meeting on Tuesday, February 1. The email included information about EGA National, our region, and our chap-

ter with the chapter flyer and program schedule attached. We also attached a photo of our chapter having fun at our Halloween party. We will send each contact an email reminder inviting them to our meetings for the next several months. Marketing research shows that people often need to see the information several times to respond. We will follow up with a phone call to each contact – some people respond well to phone contact, but ignore emails.

We will pass contact information for the other ten contacts to the appropriate chapters. We are happy to answer questions about the process or provide copies of our forms and the emails sent to visitors for other chapters to use as templates. We hope that other chapters will join us in spreading the word about EGA and recruiting new members.

Golden Needles members had a great time meeting other embroiderers. We especially enjoyed seeing the delight when they saw our embroidery and spoke to us with the enthusiasm that shows they are already members of our hand embroidery tribe. It is a pure joy to welcome them to EGA.

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# Celebrating Our Chapters

This is a very exciting year for two CAR Chapters:

Both Blue Ridge and Golden Needles are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!!

Congratulations to both groups!



Chapter	Charter Year	Years in Existence
Magnolia	1975	47
Millwood	1975	47
Piedmont	1977	45
Charlotte	1979	43
Cardinal	1981	41
Lowcountry	1981	41
<b>Blue Ridge</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>40</b>

Chapter	Charter Year	Years in Existence
<b>Golden Needles</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>40</b>
Florence	1989	33
Tryon	1989	33
The Laurel	1990	32
Chicora	1993	29
Star Stitchers	1993	29
Aiken	2001	21

### When will your chapter meet a milestone?

You should celebrate your anniversary every year.

After all, continuing the legacy of EGA is always something to cheer about!

## EmergencyLocatorForm:

Do you know where your chapter's assets are?

Over the years, your chapters have accumulated an assortment of assets, both electronic records and physical materials. It is important to keep track of where all of these materials are stored so that they may be located when needed.

It is especially important to know exactly where things are in case of emergency if the officer responsible for the items is suddenly unable to continue in her/his role. Will someone else be able to get those items in order to continue to conduct the chapter's business?

Sadly, in recent years EGA has heard of several very important examples of the need to keep track of files. (Specifics are purposely omitted.) For example, in one instance a website was in the control of only one person; when that person became incapacitated, no one else knew the administrator passwords so the website could no longer be updated. The group in question had to build a new website from scratch.

Imagine what difficulties your chapter might face if the person who has the chapter's records was unable to fulfill her/his role. Would someone else be able to easily locate and access those records? Would someone know exactly what items belong to the chapter and be able to collect them?

We hate to consider these situations but it is important to be prepared for all eventualities. Therefore, we are asking all of our chapters to take some time to fill out a "Document/Files Emergency Location Form." Here is the link to the form on the EGA National website: ([https://egausa.org/app/uploads/2018/12/Anc\\_1.5.1.7-Documents-Files-Emergency-Location-Form.pdf](https://egausa.org/app/uploads/2018/12/Anc_1.5.1.7-Documents-Files-Emergency-Location-Form.pdf)). You must log in to the website before you can access the form. If you cannot use the link, look under Policies and Procedures: Ancillary Documents. It is designated as Ancillary Document 1.5.1.7.

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# CAR Upcoming Events

## Two Retreats, a Seminar, and an ITT Special Event!

### **RETREATS: Save the Dates!**

Many people have been asking for the details about our upcoming retreats. As with many organizations during the past two years, we are still struggling to secure contracts so we cannot give you specific details right now. However, we can whet your whistle!

#### **CAR Spring Retreat 2022: June 3 – 4 via Zoom**

This retreat will be virtual on ZOOM. We are hoping to have a lecture Friday night and a class Saturday afternoon. In addition, we will once again offer a region stitch-in Saturday afternoon for those who do not want to take the class. We will also hold our Spring Board of Directors meeting on Saturday morning.

We promise to announce the specific details as soon as we can finalize the necessary contracts.

#### **CAR Fall Retreat 2022: Tentatively set for September 2 – 4 in Rock Hill, SC**

We are hoping to meet in person for this event and are still waiting to secure a contract with a venue. We are aiming to meet in Rock Hill, as we usually do for our fall retreats.

For this event, we will offer a very interesting lecture on Friday night and a very attractive class project all day on Saturday. For those who do not take the class, we will have facilities for an all-day stitch-in. We are also hoping to offer a cute make-it/take-it project Saturday night. We will end the weekend with our Fall Board of Directors meeting. You will definitely want to attend because we will be installing our new Region officers at this time.

### **SPECIAL EVENT: Save The Date**

#### **ITT Tour: Jane Nicholas September 5-6, 2022**

We are very fortunate that we have been selected as one of the stops on the 2022 International Teacher Tour! Jane Nicholas from Australia, will teach a two-day stumpwork and surface embroidery class called “*Corncockle and Dragonfly*” (photo at left) on September 5 – 6, 2022. This class will be held in Rock Hill immediately following the EGA Fall Retreat discussed above. Although we have secured the class we have not yet secured the venue or received the information needed to determine class fees. Therefore, we are not yet able to open the registration for the class. We will make announcements when we are ready to do so.

In the meantime, you can find out the details about this class on the EGA National website: <https://egausa.org/jane-nicholas-2022-international-teacher-tour/>



#### **CAR Spring Seminar 2023**

We are still waiting for a contract for our venue for our 2023 Spring Seminar. Once we have secured the contract, we will be able to start planning in earnest. We are looking for dates in May or June 2023 and hope to be able to give you more information soon. Please know that your CAR Seminar Committee is as eager as you are to enjoy a wonderful in-person event. They are chomping at the bit to get started!



# NewsFromNational

## 2021 member survey findings and more

EGA National has published some of the findings from the 2021 member survey on its website. To view, click on this link: <https://egausa.org/survey-results-demographics-2021/>

If you are interested in helping to shape EGA’s efforts to “secure the future” of the organization, volunteer to serve on one of the committees now being formed. For more information, send a message to

[dei@egausa.org](mailto:dei@egausa.org) to find out how you can get involved.

The EGA National Board of Directors meetings will take place virtually on March 2 – 5, 2022. At the end of those sessions, the Board will record a mid-year report that will be made available on the EGA website soon thereafter. They will let you know when you will be able to watch it to find out what is going on in EGA.

## ReportsFromOtherRegions

**When planning** your stitching events for the year, we, of course, want you to include all of our wonderful CAR activities. However, after putting those on your calendars you will still have room for some other events.

**Don’t forget** to look at the EVENTS pages on the EGA National website to see what other regions have

planned. You might find just the thing to fill in those empty spots.

**The Heartland Region/Santa Fe Trail chapter is selling patterns** for a very cute series of strawberries. If you are looking for some small projects, you might want to check these out! (See page 13)

**We will elect a new Executive Committee (EC) this fall:**

**Please consider volunteering for one of the two unfilled positions:**

- ◆ Assistant Region Director
- ◆ Secretary



### Volunteers

**Are our greatest assets!**

The appointed Committee Chairs are vital to the smooth running of our Region. Please contact Carole: [regiondirector@egacarolinas.org](mailto:regiondirector@egacarolinas.org) if you can fill one of these slots (p2). **Every little bit helps!**

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Remember that you need to consider all of your forms, documents, and assets, whether electronic or physical in nature.

Work with your chapter members to fill out this form. Feel free to add pages as needed. Designate where this form will be stored. For example, should your chapter president and secretary keep copies in their files? Should each of your chapter officers have a copy?

Then make sure the form is always kept up-to-date. Remember to update locations and pass the forms along when your officers change.

It may take a little time to record all of this information the first time around, but it will be well worth it should your chapter ever find itself in the type of difficult situation described earlier in this article. Let’s follow the Boy Scout motto: Be prepared!

## 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/website Coord.
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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# Upcoming CAREvents

Join us for some fun, informative events

As of this writing, there are a number of Region events on the schedule:

February - March, 2022		
Date	Starting Time	Event (on ZOOM)
Tuesday, February 8	2 PM	CAR Region Stitch-in
<del>Saturday, February 19</del>	<del>10 am</del>	<del>CAR Region Stitch-in</del> -- <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tuesday, March 8	2 PM	CAR Region Stitch-in
Saturday, March 19	10 am	CAR Region Stitch-in
Tuesday, March 29	7PM	Let's go CAR Shopping: Barefoot Needleart (Myrtle Beach, SC) See what they bring back from Market!

We are in the process of setting up additional events. We will announce those dates as soon as plans are finalized. 10 AM CAR Region Stitch-in

If you are not yet on our ZOOM events distribution list, send a request to [regiondirector@egacarolinas.org](mailto:regiondirector@egacarolinas.org) to be added to the invitation list.

## Chapter Reminders

**To all chapters: If you haven't already done so, please**

- Send your Chapter Officers Update forms to: [regiondirector@egacarolinas.org](mailto:regiondirector@egacarolinas.org) and to [secretary@egacarolinas.org](mailto:secretary@egacarolinas.org).
- Send your annual report to ARD and EGA headquarters by February 15th
- Start thinking about whom you want to nominate for the Gold Thread Award (nominations are due by May 1st). Let's make sure our region is represented!

## Financial Reminders

**Reminder:**

CAR follows the same prorated dues schedule as is in place for national EGA, shown at right:

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.

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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# Sharon's Strawberrys

*A series of Strawberry Patterns designed by Sharon Maxwell*

Sharon Maxwell has been a member of the Heartland Region/Santa Fe Trail chapter for over 25 years. For many years she designed, and taught, a strawberry class for her guild as a fund raiser. There have always been requests for her previous strawberry patterns and in 2019 Sharon allowed the Santa Fe Trail chapter to print, and sell, the patterns for the benefit of the chapter.

Below are pictures of the patterns currently available (quantities are limited). To place an order please use the order form at the bottom of the page and send to the address given. A complimentary PDF finishing guide, with photo instructions for finishing a cloth strawberry, will be emailed with confirmation of receipt of your order. The finishing guide is not available in hardcopy.

BEES	GARDEN GIRL	HALLOWEEN	PATRIOTIC
			
ROSE TRELLIS	SANTA'S SLEIGH	STITCHERS	WILLOW TREE
			

*Sharon's Strawberrys* Order Form. Check pattern to order.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	GARDEN GIRL	<input type="checkbox"/>	PATRIOTIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	SANTA'S SLEIGH	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILLOW TREE

[Total # ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_ ] + [postage \_\_\_\_\_ ] = \_\_\_\_\_ total due

*(Postage: up to 4 patterns + \$3/First Class. 5 - 8 +\$8/Priority Mail)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to **Santa Fe Trail EGA** and mail to:  
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