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From the Region Director

Hello CAR stitchers. As you know, some mysteries in life are to remain a mystery - that is what I have learned over my few years on this earth. Why some people are grounded in who they are right from the gitgo, is a mystery. How writers' brains work or how painters see the world around them - that's a mystery to me. Then there is the conundrum of working with Fray Check and keeping the applicator opening free flowing - yes, that will continue to remain a mystery – for me. But I must add another one to my list - why some stitchers, who are able to, choose not to attend seminar.

Well, Crossing the Carolinas, Spring Seminar 2023 was an enjoyable experience. As most of us know, the

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road we travel on is not always smooth and even, no matter HOW much we would like it to be. It was the same for seminar - for those of you not there, there were a few

There's still time to register:

CAR Fall Retreat October 13-15 Hampton Inn and Suites Rock Hill, SC

Registration Closes September 1, 2023

(see brochure at: egacarolinas.org)

Join us for a fun-filled, friend-filled, stitch-filled weekend.

Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR

2023 – via ZOOM

Tue, Aug 15: Shop tour, 7 pm Sat, Aug 19: Stitch-in, 10 am Tue, Sept 12: Stitch-in, 2 pm Sat, Sept 16: Stitch-in, 10 am Tue, Oct 10: Stitch-in, 2 pm Sat, Oct 21: Stitch-in, 10 am bumps along the way – things that were not expected at all, just like real life. Do you remember all those articles about me counting 1-2? Well, at Saturday's lunch, we were short 2 seats! I guess it was to be expected. Then there was the Brown Bag drawings... just a little surprise name drawing that didn't quite turn out like I had envisioned. Lessons

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In Memoriam:

Margery Johler, member of Chicora Chapter, passed away on Friday 7 July 2023. She will be missed.

2023

Sept 1-5: *Boston Stitch Party*, **EGA** National Seminar, Boston, MA

Oct 13-15: *CAR Fall Retreat,* Hampton Inn and Suites, Rock Hill, SC

were learned and, with hope, remembered for future events.

But now, Spring Seminar 2023, Crossing the Carolinas, is in my rear-view mirror. Was the planning, building, and holding the event a bit of work? Yes it was! Did the committee get to know each other on a different level than just as stitchers? Yes, we did. Will I be involved in future events, after I have completed my RD time? Oh yes! Yes! YES! Getting to know more stitchers in this Region is something I am looking forward to, so much so that I added it to my 'To Do' list.

Have you looked at the size of the different regions on the National site? Go to Connect, then Region & Chapter Directory. Click on the EGA Region Directory and a color-coded map of the scope of EGA is shown. There are 3 regions, all along the eastern seaboard, that are small-ish in land size. They are Sun (Florida), CAR (NC, SC, bits of GA, bits of VA), Metropolitan (bits of CT, NJ, NY, & PA). The Mid-Eastern Region has dissolved. What I am pointing out is that in our region, there is a greater potential of us meeting in person than in the bigger regions. It is those person-to-person interactions that help each of us to build relationships between chapters.

In closing, I have not given up my stumping for an ARD or a Nominating Committee Chair. Each of you, in a leadership position, should reflect on who would fill your shoes should something happen to you, making it necessary for you to step back for a bit. It is the ARD



who would fill my position, should that happen. As ARD, you would experience the mind-blowing super stitchers whom I have been working with these past 9 months.

Does it involve work? Yes. Is the ARD job fun and rewarding? Yes! Could you handle it? Contact me at : regiondirector@egacarolinas.org and find out!

> Gail Smith, Carolinas Region RD

CAR Outreach

By Mildred Strobel, Outreach Chair

Chapters are encouraged to participate in charitable outreach. Doing a good thing is good!

Your outreach is a good way to advertise your passion for needlework, your chapter and the fellowship in your groups and contribute to an awareness of EGA and what we do. Be sure to include a card telling who you are when making donations so the organization receiving your generous gift will learn more about you.

Also, your outreach may be solely to promote your chapter and EGA. You may do this by having monthly sit and stitches in public places, such as libraries, cafes that allow this, (Panera Bread; Barnes & Noble; Whole Foods) and be sure to have materials about your chapter available. Some chapters have been able to do displays at their library. When reporting sit & stitch, I need times (1 a month) and members joining in.

Remember to let me know what your chapter is doing for outreach. When doing things like bookmarks for a library reading program, tell me how many items you completed (100 bookmarks) and how many members in the chapter participated in this (15 members). If you have made a monetary donation, then let me know how much (\$50.00) and the members involved with this. (12 members).

Mark the date of January 15th as this is when I need your report so I may make my deadline of January 30. You may send me this information via the Region website or via my email <u>melstrobel@msn.com</u>.



National Nuggets Voting and Seminar on the horizon

Boston Bound!

Are you going to the National Seminar in Boston this year? It will be over Labor Day weekend, so that will be different for me. Labor Day is when I expect the humidity to stop bothering me, like it leaves the area. Then the days are hot but dry.

So, are you taking a class? Or 2? Or more? I am taking a 1-day class, the Knapweed Roundel, and a 2-day lecture on samplers. My class letter from both teachers arrived in my email In Box. Happily, the sampler lecture doesn't have a list of things to bring. Well, maybe I need to re-read it again The letter from the Knapweed Roundel was a bit different. I printed out the list so I could have a check-off sheet to make sure I had it all or had to go shopping for something. One thing I noticed was a few pairs of scissors that were needed for the class. I need 1). Small, sharppointed embroidery scissors; 2). Scissors for cutting felt & paper; 3). Wire cutters, old scissors, or nail cutters. I reviewed the TSA rules - **If packed in carry-on**, **they must be less than 4 inches from the pivot point**. Be sure you check how long your scissor blades are, so you know if you can carry them on or have to put them in your checked bag. So, for Scissor #2, I went to Staples & found scissors rated for 4 y/o & up. Those will go in my check bag. My #1 scissors, those sharp & pointy, will be in my carry-on bag, so I will double check the blade length, but I know they are shorter than 4" from pivot point. Check & double check your tools.

> See you in Boston. Gail

EGA Moves to One Member, One Vote

Answers to When, Where, and How to Vote

Voting for new EGA officers will open on July 17, 2023, and close on Aug. 21, 2023. All voting will be done online at <u>egausa.org</u>. Starting on July 17, 2023, once you are logged in, you will see a **VOTE HERE** button in the Members Only section of the navigation as well as in your Profile page. It will take you to the ballot.

To vote, click on the Members Only tab, and log in. If you haven't logged in before, but you do receive our emails, you may enter your email address under **Forgot Your Password** on the <u>Login Page</u>. You will then receive an email with your login information. In case email is missing a password, you may reply to that email or email <u>egahq@egausa.org</u> and let the team at EGA Headquarters know and they will assist you with your password.



What if you don't have an email address and never use the computer? Ask a chapter member or a friend or relative to help you. First, go to an email provider (Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, etc.) and create an email address. Then send an email to <u>egahq@egausa.org</u> notifying us of your new email address. We will connect your email address to your account and send you an email with your login information. Then you will be able to log in and click on the VOTE HERE button and be on your way. As a last resort, call EGA headquarters: The staff can help you vote.



WebsiteWramblings...

By Carole Overton, Website Coordinator

Meeting your needs

In response to some requests for improved navigation on our region's website:

(https://www.egacarolinas.org/), we have revised both the main menu across the top of the screen and the Quick Links menu on the right-hand side, to give easier access to the most commonly used topics. As you can see from this screen shot below, the top menu now gives immediate access to the Home page, the region's calendar, the upcoming region Event, and the chapter pages. Contact Us remains in place, as well, so that you can always send us a note.



HOME CALENDAR EVENTS REGION CHAPTERS CONTACT US

The Quick Links menu (at right) now provides a more detailed listing of the most commonly used pages on our website. Clicking on an item in the list will take you directly to that page.

We are always happy to hear from you, so send your suggestions for other ways in which the CAR website can help you meet your needs. Write to website@egacarolinas.org to let us know what else we can do to improve the website.

QUICK LINKS

- CAR Events Calendar
- CAR Fall Retreat 2023
- CAR Newsletter: RegioNews
- CAR Scholarships and Awards
- Documents and Forms
- Education
- Membership
- About Us (Meet the Officers)
- EGA National
- Outreach
- Videos
- Zoom Instructions

EGA National Website:

Needlework Newsletter

Did you know that EGA offers a free monthly newsletter that offers "helpful tips, exciting classes, fun patterns, and EGA updates" [quote taken from the EGA website]? Originally started as a way to interest nonmembers to join up, this publication was so interesting that many members now subscribe, as well. Recent editions have highlighted upcoming projects from EGA as well as providing insight about a wide range of needlework techniques from around the world. If you want to check it out, here is the link: https://egausa.org/newsletter-signup/



CARZoomHappenings Some mysteries in life remain a mystery

Long, long ago the world became an isolated & sad place for almost all of us. COVID-19 had us in a lockdown in our homes – away from friends, away from close family members, away from stitching buddies! ! ! Carole Overton, Region Director at the time, and other EGA members got together and did a deep dive into the

world of Zoom. (Insert sweet voices in your head making that 'ah ha! Moment' sound). Out of the darkness, came a connection with other stitchers!

So, moving forward a few months, CAR

began hosting a zoom stitch-in session each month. The first session is on the **2nd Tuesday** of the month at 2pm. Not long afterwards, the request came for those still working, to have a zoom session on Saturday. The **3rd Saturday** was chosen. Carole sent out the zoom links and the stitchers linked in, happy to see their friends and to meet other stitchers in the region.

Today there are over 90 names on the list of stitchers who want to be notified about the monthly zoom ses-

sions! That is absolutely marvelous. So many stitchers coming together for stitching, encouragement, sharing of successes, sharing of challenges and getting solutions that work! Catching up with the changes that come with life. So marvelous, don't you agree?

> Well then, I have a question for you. What could be the reason that there are only about 2 handfuls that attend the CAR monthly zoom sessions? Yes, our world has opened up again, but have you stopped stitching? Do you get your Stitchers Connection via your chapter

meetings and in person stitch-ins? I have to say it can be a bit lonely being just 1 of 3 on a zoom. So, the next time you get that CAR Zoom session reminder email, check your calendar and see if you can join us. It doesn't have to be for the full 2 hours. Pop in, join us for some chatting, and then pop back out into your day of reports, files, calls, meetings, connections, dishes, laundry, gardening, and cooking.

Until Next Time, Gail Smith, Region Director

CAR members offer videos on FlossTube

Sallie Folk and Angie Fittro from Florence Area chapter have started a flosstube (video on YouTube related to stitching). In the video, it is explained that they met through EGA and have been friends for more than 20 years since. Their channel is titled *August_1823_Stitchers*. <u>https://youtu.be/dWL3EXcbkYI</u>



Zoom Surface Embroidery and Crewel Stitch-ins Offered twice monthly

Interested in connecting with others who are passionate about surface embroidery via ZOOM once a month? EGA offers two perfect opportunities to do so - and its FREE! You are invited to attend one or both and bring a friend – all are welcome!

Surface Embroidery/Crewel Interest Groups:

- 1. Second Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m. EST (Wendy Lynn facilitates)
- 2. Third Saturday of each month from 2-4 p.m. EST (Leslie Brady facilitates)

Participation is easy! Just send an email to <u>wendylynnglr@gmail.com</u> and <u>lesliemehardbrady@gmail.com</u> and they will add you to the email distribution list. You can unsubscribe at any time. Happy Stitching!





Register in the CAR's New Email System and SIGN UP for a new "CAR SHOPPING" Virtual Shop Tour

Summary:

- Carolinas Region (CAR) is switching to a new email messaging system this month.
- To continue to receive newsletters and messages from CAR, you must sign up on our new, very simple, form (see url below).
- You should receive an email asking you to confirm, if you don't, check your spam folder.
- Please sign up as soon as you can, as we will discontinue using the current system.
- You can select the types of messages you would like to receive, including invitations to Zoom events.
- If you sign up by August 11th, and you select Virtual Shop Tours, you will receive an invitation to the Shop Tour scheduled for August 15th (See details below).

We urge you to sign up in our new messaging system so you won't miss out on the kinds of information you would like to receive from your Carolinas Region, EGA!

Dear Fellow Stitcher!

The Carolinas Region (CAR) has been working hard to find a better way of communicating with you and making sure you are receiving the information you are interested in getting. After trying a few different systems, we have found one that seems to be easy to use and will allow us to specify what emails you receive.

To that end, we are asking you to take a minute to fill in a short form. (If you do it now, you won't forget!). Submitting the basic contact information will automatically add you to our new mailing list so you will continue to receive the quarterly CAR newsletter, *RegioNews*, and other general announcements. However, you will also be able to specify what other kinds of emails you want to receive from us.

PLEASE NOTE that we are going to use ONLY this new email system going forward, so if you do not reply you will no longer be in our database. Please do not let that happen! We *do* want to communicate with you! The link appears at the very bottom of this message, above my signature.

Now, to sweeten the pot, we are proud to announce that a **brand-new cross-stitch store** has opened in Irmo, SC (just outside of Columbia)! We have arranged for a **VIRTUAL SHOP TOUR** of this new endeavor! Join us on ZOOM **Tuesday, August 15, at 7 PM Eastern** as we meet Rebecca Davis, the owner of The Stitchin' Kitten. **The ONLY way you will get on the list** for this tour is if you click on the link at the bottom of this message to sign up in our new email system and select the shop tour item. This means that even if you have previously received notice of our shop tours and other events, you <u>still</u> have to sign up in this new system and select which types of information you want to receive. (There are a few other options you can choose, as well.) It will take you less than a minute to sign up, but the benefits will last a lifetime!! (Is that too much? You know what I mean!)

Remember: Even if you do NOT want to receive information about our ZOOM events, we still need to have you register so we can keep you in our general database. In addition, if you decide at a later date that you want to change your selections, just send a request to <u>website@egacarolinas.org</u>. Thank you so much for your help in updating our processes. I will send out the shop tour link a few days before the tour only to those who have requested links to the shop tour in this new system.

To sign up for the CAR's new communication system, click the **Opt-in** url below: <u>https://carolinas-region-ega.ck.page/486b809989</u>

Best Wishes! Carole Overton CAR Website Coordinator and ZOOM Coordinator Best Wishes! If you do not receive a welcome email, please check your spam folder. And, if necessary, tell your email provider to allow our emails!

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Carolinas Region, EGA Board of Directors Meeting Clemmons, NC, June 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Gail Smith (RD) with a few announcements. If anyone gets sick upon getting home or shortly thereafter, please email or call her.

Everyone was welcomed and the First Timers were rewelcomed.

Everyone was reminded about the Opportunity Baskets and the Silent Auction pieces.

Secretary (Marguerite Ewing) Called the role and declared there was a quorum present. The minutes of the September 4, 2022, meetings were accepted by consent.

The following reports were given:

ARD-The position of Assistant Region Director and Nominating Committee chair are still vacant. Emphasis was placed on filling these positions.

Secretary (Marguerite Ewing) Reminded Chapters to keep RD informed of any changes in address, email, or telephone numbers.

Treasurer (Elizabeth Little) Presented and explained the treasurers report included in the chapter packets. There were no questions, and the report was accepted by consent. Spoke about the possibility of individual chapters opening a money market CD. The interest rates are good and if the chapter can afford to invest \$1,000 in a CD for 12 months, this would result in more money for the chapter.

Education Director (Janet Noble) Talked about the next Retreat in Rock Hill, October 13-15. Registration will open June 15th. During this retreat, Kurdy Biggs will be having a one-day class. "Santa Gnome" is the project and information will be included in the registration packet. There will be 2 evening presentations. One evening, members who have completed the Master Craftsman Certification will speak on their experience and display their work. The other evening, Carole Overton will give a presentation on the virtual Through the Needles Eye exhibit. There will be an open house at 2's Company in Rock Hill.

Everyone present was reminded of the Lightening Round opportunities available every quarter along with Group Correspondence courses. There are two available, Taming the Stash Monster and Cosmos.

Standing in for Seminar Chair, Janet Noble reported that there were 74 people registered and attending this seminar. 22 of those participants are First Timers. This is the largest attendance in recent years.

The Spring 2024 Seminar will be more of a Retreat, the Fall 2024 Retreat may not feature a class, but just stitching with friends. This is because the National Seminar in 2024 will be in Atlanta from August 14-18. Members were urged to save their money and attend the National Seminar.

There is a new certification program available to all members. A Certification of Technical Excellence in counted thread is up. The first section is available for free. There is a \$50 fee to join and to have our work judged. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn different stitching techniques.

Outreach (Millie Strobel) Reminded all to make reports of outreach activities. These reports are due in December of each year.

Region News (Cathie Barker) Reminded Chapters to submit their news in a timely manner.

Website Coordinator (Carole Overton) Stressed that we may see some changes on the Region website in the near future. We need to make sure our records are up to date

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as far as addresses and emails. Chapters should follow the chain of command when reporting any changes; spoke on the Virtual Exhibit for TNE. She will be giving a presentation at the Fall Retreat.

There will be Zoom Stitch-ins on the second Tuesdays of each month from 2-4 and on the third Saturday of each month from 10-2. The Tour of Shops may continue as well as having National Lectures available.

New Business (Gail Smith) Explained the new increase in dues and how they will be paid. Each member will send their dues directly to National. National will dispense funds to individual chapters. This will result in a change of due dates for members. The month you send in your dues, that will be your due date. There is no more prorating of dues; all are due at one time. National Dues have risen to \$55.00 yearly. Several questions arose about the possibility of making it an automatic draft and reminders being sent out. Gail will bring up these questions at the Region Meeting and report back. The Chicora Chapter had a list of questions that were given to Gail to take to Region Meetings.

The voting process has changed. Each member is allowed one vote per IPS address. To cast a vote, the member would sign on to the website and go to MY PROFILE. You need an account to vote (which is your member number). Right now, only National has one vote per person. There is a vote coming up 7/17/23 for new people to fill positions at National. All members are encouraged to read and vote on these positions. Voting will not change for the Region nor for chapters for now. There was a discussion covering the difference between a One Person One Vote system and the current Representative Government system. The chapter decides on voting issue, in the Region. That Chapter Representative will vote how the chapters wants, no matter what the personal feelings of the Representative might be. The Chapter Representative represents the will of the chapter members.

The Class Code of Conduct is a fairly new item. Each member taking a class will need to read and sign this code before the class begins. This code is to ensure positive interaction with teacher and other students as well as maintaining order during the class.

Region Director, Gail Smith requested that newsletters and chapter news reports be sent to her also. News of attendance and activities are helpful when promoting EGA.

Marjorie Sink, RD from the Tennessee Valley Region was recognized.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 Submitted by Marguerite Ewing

What do baskets of flowers, baby bunnies, daffodils, and young green leaves on the trees mean to you? For those of you who like to gather things, you might want to consider the phrase

'Hoppertunity baskets' ...

Oh My! What could that phrase mean to the Carolínas Region stitchers?



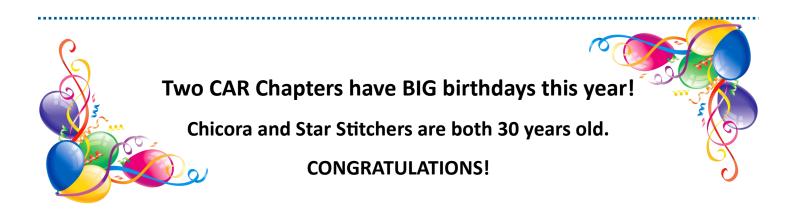
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New for 2024's National Seminar



Exciting changes are coming for the EGA national seminar in Atlanta in August 2024! Instead of having one boutique shop and merchandise night, there will be pop-up shops within the hotel space all throughout the seminar week for you to shop at your leisure. We are currently compiling a list of potential shops to invite to join us in Atlanta that might have interest, including brick and mortar shops as well as Etsy or other online shops.

If you know of someone who has a shop that might be interested in participating, please send their contact information including name, phone, email and website to Jenny Janes at <u>jenny.janes@outlook.com</u>. Once we have all the details ironed out, each shop on our list will receive an invitation and application form. So, if you have a favorite beading, cross stitch, needlepoint or other needlework-related shop, please let Jenny know.



Share your Chapter's happenings

Now that most of us are meeting in person again, your chapters must be doing some fun and interesting things!

Won't you please share your happenings with others in our region so everyone can enjoy and learn from your chapter's experiences? Including a few photos will add interest!

Please send your articles for the next *RegioNews* on or before October 25, 2023. Email articles and photos to regionews@egacarolinas.org



CARUpcomingEvents

Zoom and In-Person Events

FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA

August - October, 2023 **700M** Events

Date	Starting Time	Event (on ZOOM)		
Tuesday, Aug. 15	7 pm	CAR Virtual Shop tour: Stitchin' Kitten, Irmo, SC (outside of Columbia), Rebecca Davis, owner; <u>thestitchinkitten.sc@gmail.com</u>		
Saturday, Aug. 19	10 am	CAR Region Stitch-in		
Tuesday, Sept. 12	2 pm	CAR Region Stitch-in		
Saturday, Sept. 16	10 am	CAR Region Stitch-in		
Tuesday, Oct. 10	2 pm	CAR Region Stitch-in		
Saturday, Oct. 21	10 am	CAR Region Stitch-in		
Tuesday, Nov. 14	2 pm	CAR Region Stitch-in		
Saturday, Nov. 18	10 am	CAR Region Stitch-in		

If you are not yet on our ZOOM events invitation list, send a request to website@egacarolinas.org to be added to the invitation list.

	In-Person Events—Planning Ahead			
Aug. 31-Sep. 5, 2023	Boston Stitch Party, EGA National Seminar, Boston, MA			
Oct. 13 - 15, 2023	CAR Fall Retreat, Hampton Inn and Suites, Rock Hill, SC. Brochure available on our web- site: https://www.egacarolinas.org/			

Volunteers Are our greatest assets!

We have crucial positions that need to be filled to keep Carolinas Region a vital part of our lives.

Please don't sit back hoping someone else will step up, or assume you are not "qualified."

Every little bit helps!

RegioNews

The Carolinas Region, EGA, publishes *RegioNews* guarterly. 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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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 mem- bership 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 immedi- ately 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 Director of Education
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						
Nominating	Vacant (-2023)		nominatingchair@egacarolinas.org			
Nominating 2	Vacant (-2024)					
Nominating 3	Vacant (-2025)					