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The mission of The Embroiderers' Guild of America is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage.

From the Mountains to the Sea ...

From the Region Director

As this very strange year comes to a close, I want to take a little time to review what the Carolinas Region has been able to accomplish in 2020 and to look for some happy memories to savor. You will find articles to expand on these events elsewhere in this newsletter:

We embarked on a CAR Shopping expedition which has offered virtual tours of 7 needlework shops in our region so far. We have one more scheduled for November.

We offered a lecture on using ZOOM in July. We will offer a lecture on Sashiko in November and are plan-

ning a presentation on Colcha embroidery in the new year.

We will offer a free ornament class in December. Be sure to read about

the details and conditions.

We were able to hold both our spring and fall Board of Directors meetings via ZOOM and were able to carry out all of our business, thanks to the participation of our Executive Committee members, chairs, Presidents, and Region Reps.

We held a virtual Fall Retreat in October with a Ukrainian Whitework ornament class and a very engaging stitch-in.

We have held 18 online region stitch-ins which have introduced us to new friends; shown us new stitching techniques, designers, and suppliers; and filled our sessions with laughter and rapport. Due to popu-

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Free Class!
Via ZOOM
For 20 lucky CAR members.
Apply by Nov. 30
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CALENDAR	
2020 –via ZOOM	2021
Nov 10 —Stitch-in, 2:00-4:00 PM	May 21-23 — <i>Crossing the Carolinas</i> , CAR Seminar, Clemmons, NC
Nov 12 —Sashiko lecture, 7:00 PM	Sep 1-5 — <i>The Magnificent Stitch</i> , EGA Seminar, Chicago, IL
Nov 24 —CAR shopping, 7:00 PM	Fall — CAR Fall Retreat and Region Meeting, TBD
Dec 8 —Stitch-in, 2:00-4:00 PM	
Dec 10 —Free Ornament class, 7:00 PM	

FreeClass

Enter the lottery by November 30th

We have come upon a wonderful opportunity for 20 lucky members of the Carolinas Region. A teacher in the Metropolitan Region of EGA, Vicky Witterschein, is working on her NAN certification and is trying to get some teaching experience. She has designed a lovely needlepoint ornament and is offering to teach it to some of our Region members for free on ZOOM. She works in a needlework shop, Edwardian Needle, which has donated the kits!

Vicky expects the class to last 1.5 to 2 hours. She adds, "Participants don't need to do any preparation. The piece is a small canvas and would probably be more difficult on stretch bars. I am planning on participants stitching as we go through the lesson. I don't think everyone will finish, but hopefully they will have a good start!"



The class will be held on ZOOM. We have scheduled it for Thursday, December 10, starting at 7 PM. Because we are limited to only 20 seats for this class, we are going to impose the following conditions:

- You must be a member of a Carolinas Region chapter to apply.
- You must attend the class via ZOOM at the scheduled time. (Remember, the purpose of the class is to give Vicky some teaching experience so you have to agree to be there.)
- There will be no cost to you.
- The cut-off for applying is November 30. No extensions will be allowed.
- The Region will mail the kits to the attendees on December 1.
- We have been given 10 kits with blue threads and 10 kits with green threads. We will ask you for your preference but may not be able to send you your desired color.

If more than 20 people apply, we will fill the seats by random-number lottery from those names. We will send an email to all applicants on December 1 to let them know whether or not they will be in the class and to give further information as needed.

You must apply for this class by midnight, November 30, 2020, in order to give us time to mail the kits to the participants.

To apply, please send **all** of the following information to Carole Overton (sjocdo1@gmail.com):

- Your name
- Your address
- Your phone number
- Your email address
- The name of your CAR chapter
- Your kit color preference: **blue, green, or either** (if you do not have a strong preference).

Diamond or Tree Ornament

These pretty ornaments are fun, quick and easy projects done on 18 count canvas. The designs are stitched using Elongated Smyrnas and a repeated Vertical Gobelin Pattern. The tree trunk is an Extended Van Dyke pattern. We have used 2mm ribbon, Kreinik® and pearls. Laying the 2mm ribbon with either a laying tool or finger laying would be advisable. The ornament can be creatively embellished by just adding different kinds of threads, more beads, charms, ribbon flowers or chains of beads couched down. The tree and diamond patterns can be extended down further to make a larger tree or diamond. A larger tree can be a stand up with decorations, chains and a star! The possibilities are endless. Be safe and stitch on!

RegionStitch-Ins

New schedule starts January 2021

Our virtual Fall Retreat in October offered two great activities on ZOOM.

One was a Ukrainian Whitework class: Terri Bay taught her lovely “Hope” ornament to a dedicated group of students. The piece is lovely and included a lot of information to expand the students’ understanding of techniques and procedures.

The retreat also offered a region stitch-in. A total of eighteen people took part. We had a wonderful time with show-and-tell, discussions about current and past projects, exchanges of ideas on supplies and sources, sneak peeks at new and upcoming designs, and much more. Although there were a

number of familiar faces, we also had a chance to make some new friends.



In fact, the event was so much fun that we had several requests to hold more region stitch-ins and to hold some of them on the weekend so “working folks” could attend. (A great group of stitchers have already been attending virtual Region stitch-ins via ZOOM. We have met 18 times since May, but those sessions have been held during the week.)

After considering the request to expand, we are announcing a new Region stitch-in schedule. Because of the coming holidays, this change will take effect in January 2021.

We will offer two stitch-ins per month. Join us on the second Tuesday of each month (January 12, February 9, and March 9) from 2 PM to 4 PM and on the third Saturday of each month (January 16, February 20, and March 20) from 10 AM to noon.

Please mark your calendars so you don’t miss out. You are invited to attend either or both of these events each month.

If you have not already done so, please send a note to Carole Overton to ask to be put on the mailing list for the region stitch-ins. If you want to receive the invitations.

CARWebsite

In the works

The members of the Carolinas Region’s Executive Committee (EC) have been working since last year to update the website. We want to make it more user-friendly, easier to update, and more informative and enticing. Although our original plan was to use a Region member to help with this effort, we were unsuccessful in attracting a volunteer to serve in this capacity.

Therefore, we investigated other options. We studied the sites of the other Regions and asked their Region Directors what they did to produce those sites. We considered our observations and their suggestions and came up with a plan.

We realized that this job was bigger than any of us could tackle on our own, so at our Board of Directors meeting in October we requested, and received, permission to hire a professional webmaster. We have been in contact with our chosen webmaster and feel confident that he will consider our needs and wants as he develops our new site.

He has given us list of questions that we are trying to answer so that we can tell him exactly what we want and how we want the site to look. As soon as we can give him that information, he can start building our site. (He has already done a lot of background work to get an idea of what we currently have.)

You can help us in this effort in several important ways:

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Let's Go CAR-Shopping!

Expanding our route



We have had a wonderful time since July as we have explored 7 terrific needlework shops in our Region via ZOOM. These

virtual tours have shown us every nook and cranny of the shops and tempted us with lovely displays, interesting explanations, and clever items. The shop owners' warm and friendly personalities have made us forget for a short time that we are in isolation as they fed our need to shop. We have been very grateful to them all. These tours have been such fun!

Although we have contacted many stores in our Region about giving tours, we are running out of those that are interested. Therefore, we have plugged in our GPS ("Great

Programming System") and are seeking other events and activities to offer our members in an effort to keep the CAR Shopping experience alive.

Here are a few upcoming events to take us through the rest of this year:

Lecture on Sashiko embroidery with Jacqui Clarkson – November 12 (Thursday), starting at 7 PM

Virtual tour of Hobby House Needleworks, Pittsford, NY -- November 24 (Tuesday), starting at 7 PM (This is a brand-new store which supports cross stitch, needlepoint, punch needle, tatting, wool and felt applique, and more.)

Free ornament class -- December 10 (Thursday), starting at 7 PM (Note: This event has limited seating. Please see the article, photos, and details on p.2 this newsletter.)

We have some other events in the planning stages for the start of 2021:

In January we hope to have a presentation on **Colcha embroidery**, a technique still being used in the American Southwest.

We are also exploring other types of lectures, classes, and tours. In addition, we may expand our shop tours to include those outside of our region as time goes on. If you have ideas about any events that we might want to consider, feel free to send a note to Carole Overton.

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please send an email to Carole Overton to ask to be put on the CAR Shopping invitation list.

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- We would like to have photos of handmade pieces (stitched, beaded, mixed media, etc.) to include on the website, so we are asking you to submit some. You must submit written permission from yourself as the stitcher and, if someone else designed the piece, you must also submit written permission from the designer.
- We need a Web Coordinator to serve as a liaison with the EC, the webmaster, and the chapters. This person would be trained so that she/he could update the website on a regular basis as new information comes from those entities. We are working on the new job description. If you are interested, please contact Cathie Barker for more information.

We are hoping that we will be able to present our new website to you in the early part of next year.

Chapters In Distress

Keeping the home fires burning

As our need for social isolation continues, I have heard from a number of chapters that they are having trouble keeping their members engaged. While some groups have taken to using ZOOM or other kinds of social media to stay in touch, they are concerned about those members who do not want to (or cannot) meet virtually. Apparently, many people have decided to stay at home and not get involved in any kind of chapter activ-

ities until it is safe to meet in person again.

This type of isolation is troubling to me, so I want to suggest some ways in which chapters might try to engage more members in their efforts.

A good source of ideas might be the chapter articles that appear in this newsletter. We have solicited articles from our chapters for more than a year to show others what they are doing. Reviewing the articles in this and past issues may give your group some ideas for a new approach or a different kind of project, many of which can be accomplished even with social isolation.

Find a “buddy chapter” to share some of your activities. For example, if only a few of your members want to participate in a ZOOM stitch-in, why not invite the members of another chapter to join you. Even if only a few of them are interested, your meeting will have more interaction, you will make new stitching friends, and both chapters will reap the benefits that come from being re-energized.

Invite your buddy chapter members to join you for a class, group project, lecture, etc. The more, the merrier!

Even though we have to self-isolate, we still have to include education in our plans. If you have



Find a Buddy Chapter

run out of ideas, try one of the following:

Use ZOOM to let your members give tours their collections (of fabrics, threads, charts, stitching accessories, framed and hung pieces, whatever they have) and explain why they have it and what they like about it. Ask them to discuss how they stitched something or tell about a favorite designer or stitching tool.

Have a “book club” day: Ask each member to share their 3 favorite stitching books. You will find out about some really good sources for future reference. If you have already done this with your own chapter, why not invite your “buddy chapter” to join you – you will all learn something new and make new friends in the process.

I am sure that you can think of many other ideas. The point is that we want to encourage you to keep trying to engage your members so that, whenever we can get back together, we still have chapters (and a Region) to get back to.



Education Programs: ZOOM Lectures

Recently, we disseminated to all of our chapter presidents an annotated list of lectures available from a number of teachers and designers. After receiving the list of names from EGA National, the Aiken Stitchin’ Belles contacted each of the individuals on the list to get more details about their lectures and then collated those replies. In this time of restriction, it is nice to know that our chapters have access to some very interesting topics that may help to provide interest, excitement, and educational opportunities to their members.

BoardOfDirectors

Meeting summary

The Carolinas Region boldly met the challenges imposed by the Covid restrictions and held its Fall Board of Directors meeting via ZOOM on Saturday, October 3, 2020. Thanks to the participation of delegates from every chapter (!), we were able to conduct our business effectively.

Here are some highlights of that meeting. You may find more information in related articles in this newsletter.

We were honored to have 2 special guests in the audience: Janet Noble, our current National President (and immediate-past CAR Region Director) and Leslie Gagliardi, the immediate past-President of EGA

National, both of whom were invited to address the group.

The Board approved the hiring of a professional webmaster.

The budget was presented and approved, as was the motion to extend the \$150 chapter education program grants for 2021. The CAR chapters may apply for this grant starting in January and must use the funds to support some kind of education program (a class, lecture, group correspondence course, supplies for a group project, etc.)

To apply for this grant, the chapter president should send an email to Carole Overton to request the

grant and should include the name and address of the chapter treasurer so that the check may be mailed in a timely fashion.

We reviewed the virtual events that the CAR has hosted and looked at the upcoming activities.

We requested chapter articles from 8 of the chapters to include in this newsletter. We want people to know that our Region is forging ahead despite the limitations imposed by the need for social isolation.

We also looked at some common concerns that chapters are facing and talked about ways to address these issues.

After bringing news from EGA National, the meeting was adjourned.

Hearts for Hospice



You may have seen the "Hearts for Hospice" entries on the EGA National website (the July Stitch-a-long Project). In short, the stitched 5-inch hearts are finished as ornaments for a hospice center. From the EGA website, "*When a resident passes away, a heart is placed on the door to remind passersby to be respectful of those mourning. The beautiful needlepoint heart is then given to a family member and becomes a cherished remembrance.*"

This project was started by the Greater KC Needlepoint Guild (<https://www.greaterkcneedlepointguild.com/hearts-for-hospice>)

If your chapter would like to participate in this effort, the above website provides two free patterns. GKCNG will finish the hearts, but if you want to finish your own, we have a wonderful set of directions we can share. Just email Carole Overton for a copy.

OUTREACH

Millwood Chapter, Columbia, SC

We met October 11 and decided that we would continue to do the cross stitch plaques for Habitat for Humanity. We also decided to create hearts for hospice and were given templates to work with and suggestions for patterns that might work well.

We decided that we will bring non-perishable foods to each meeting for our local food bank. We will do these things for the remainder of 2020 to be continued into 2021. Thanks for your work.

~ Angie Deysach

OpenPositions

Keeping the region going

We have made some progress by filling our new Seminar Director opening: Christine Haimann, a member of the Star Stitchers chapter, has taken on this enormous task and is already evaluating our plans for the Spring Seminar we hope to hold in 2021. Thank you, Christine, for volunteering for this important job!

However, we still have some open positions that are critical for the success of our Region. We are still seeking individuals to fill the following positions:

Assistant Region Director

(ARD): In October 2022, the terms of your current officers will end so now is the time to start thinking about what will happen. By that time, your current RD, Carole Overton, will have served more than 4 years in that position so we will need to have someone trained to take over. Now that we have separated the seminar director's tasks into a different position, the ARD will focus on helping the RD further the mission and activities of the Region while gradually learning how to serve as the RD.

Web Coordinator: As discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, we need a volunteer to take over as Web Coordinator and to serve as the liaison with the Executive Committee, chapters, and webmaster. The Coordinator would receive training to learn how to update the newly developed CAR website. If we find a coordinator soon, he/she person can also help us refine our plans as we develop the new site.

Nominating Committee – We now have 2 openings: We would like to thank Sallie Folk for having served on the Nominating Committee for the past 3 years. With the end of her term this last month, we now have 2 openings on this committee. These positions must be filled soon so that the committee can start searching for candidates for the offices which will become open in 2022.

We know that 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 these openings.

For more details about and job descriptions of these positions, please contact Carole Overton.

Help Wanted:

We need your help to fill these open positions:

- ◆ Assistant Region Director (ARD).
- ◆ Nominating Committee (2 positions).
- ◆ Website Coordinator.

For more information, contact Amanda Pelon (Nominating Committee) or Carole Overton (RD).



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!

EGANationalVideos

Exploring Needlework techniques

We have recently learned of two series of very interesting videos that were made during the 2014 National EGA Seminar in Phoenix. They are currently available on YouTube but there is a plan in the works to add them to the National website for easier access. We will let you know when that happens.

In the meantime, we highly recommend these videos:

Native Beads and Dance Regalia Showcase (5 parts)

Part 1:

<https://youtu.be/HvPmJPXZPMw>

Part 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCDKqAo6zy4>

Part 3:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn2QusSetxk>

Part 4:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54ufHNpvYRI>

Part 5:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqhy7i2tjbk>

Italian Needlework Treasures: Lecture by Vima de-Marchi Micheli (5 parts)

Part 1:

<https://youtu.be/EUeTv5x-PrM>

Part 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTZv18Ifw8U&feature=emb_rel_pause

Part 3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOKmrj4lPdY&feature=emb_rel_pause

Part 4: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqVqcW_NLKY

Part 5: Italian Needlework Treasures Demonstration:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sa1yVIqxxPM>

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!

EGANationalWebsite

Your Region Director recently attended a session led by Rand Duren, the EGA National Electronic Media Coordinator. He explored the EGA National website with us and showed us how to easily navigate the site. He pointed out a number of helpful features and answered our questions about how to locate desired information.

After that session, we put what we learned into a document so that we could share that information with you. You will find a copy attached to this newsletter.

We hope you find it helpful.

NotesFromNational

Meeting summary

Not only has the Carolinas Region been busy this year, but EGA National has also persevered in the face of the pandemic. Here are a few important items:

If you have not yet watched the EGA National annual meeting that took place on September 5, you should definitely make time to do so. It is available through the EGA website. (Click on the RESOURCES tab at the top of the screen and go down to EGA BLOG.)

The following markers will take you to some sections that are particularly helpful:

Topic	Starting Point
State of the EGA	Beginning
Voting Results	Minute 11:33
Education Update	Minute 18:30 AND Minute 60
Answers to members' questions	Minute 48:30

Please watch the 2 sections about the Education Update. You will get a very good idea about how the pieces of the education program fit together and support each other, and you may also come away with some ideas for your own chapter programming.

Although the National Seminar 2020 in Boston had to be postponed, Seminar 2021 in Chicago is still on as of this writing. There are many lovely class projects to choose from as well as tours, lectures, and other events.

Planning ahead, check the National website for more information about the next few National Seminars as the details become available:

2022 – New York City

2023 – Boston (rescheduled)

2024 – Tennessee Valley Region (just approved – no location yet)

2025 – South Central Region (no location yet)

Don't forget to look at the new merchandise now for sale on the National website: For example, there is a set of 10 postcards of adorable tape measures from the EGA collection.



You can also purchase a set of 3 mini notebooks with covers derived from items in the Asian Fusion exhibit of needlework that opened in March 2020 at EGA headquarters.



If you are looking for some small, pretty, and interesting projects, look at the sets of projects in support of American servicemen and women available on the EGA National website. You will be supporting the EGA national charity when you purchase these patterns.

CARChapters

Carolinas Region stitchers persevere despite pandemic

Aiken Stitchin' Belles (Aiken, SC)

The members of the **Aiken Stitchin' Belles** have faced the pandemic with plans and with stitching, if not with grace. As did many other chapters, they held off meeting for a few months in the hope that in-person meetings could resume. Once it became apparent that that would not be possible, a stalwart group started holding stitch-ins and meetings on ZOOM. Once they saw that such meetings could be fun and productive, they branched out.

Starting in July, some of the members took part in a multi-session crewel class taught via ZOOM by one of the Aiken members who is a Master Craftsman in crewel.

Using a free Petite Project on the EGA website, the class stitched the "Tudor Rose," a lovely design that has helped the members hone their surface embroidery skills. They have found that holding a class via ZOOM allows for demonstration, discussion, instruction, and a lot of fun and is a great way to continue their education programming.



In October, the chapter invited Kathy Andrews to give her fascinating lecture entitled, "Elizabethan Embroidery and the Trevelyon Miscellany of 1608." Using ZOOM, Kathy showed a series of beautiful slides to explain the development of Elizabethan embroidery and provided context for the various examples.

Although the chapter usually donates stitched and/or purchased items to local charities as part of the outreach program, this year the group decided that making monetary donations was safer. The group collected enough money to be able to make donations to three local charities.

Although the Aiken Stitchin' Belles are longing for the time when they can meet in person again, they are finding ways to stay in touch, share their show and tell projects, and expand their skills despite having to be socially isolated. They hope that the other EGA chapters are faring as well.

Star Stitchers (Roanoke, VA), Blacksburg group

Our group decided to try a GCC Lightning Round - Perfectly Counted Crosses. Our male member Bill Sydor completed and framed his version.

He did a wonderful job — Bill is a great stitcher and wonderful member of our stitching group; he always does great

work! Thanks Bill, from all of us, for the inspiration.



Millwood (Columbia, SC)

Last year, the members of the **Millwood Chapter** were inspired by a class Janet Noble took with Kim Sanders (the ivory pulled-thread model in the lower left of the photo) and focused on stitching and constructing biscornus (a French word meaning "odd shaped object").

Several members extracted part of a larger cross stitch pattern found in a magazine to make theirs and others used a variety of other cross-stitch patterns. While we used different even-weave fabrics and different threads-per-inch counts, all turned out beautiful!



CAR Chapters

Carolinas Region stitchers persevere despite pandemic

Chicora Stitchers (Myrtle Beach, SC) has been doing a great job of keeping its members informed and interested. Marge Johler is one of the members who used to host a stitch-in on Tuesday evenings: now she hosts a Zoom meeting instead, which is actually very convenient for those members who are uncomfortable driving at night or live far away.

Melanie Scott continues to provide us with a newsletter once a month, but in addition sends us all a weekly update with information about all kinds of projects we can consider and programs and podcasts to in-

spire us. And she includes a virtual show and tell section so we can see what everyone is working on.

Anne Peacock conducts the board meetings by conference call, which works out very well. She put together a short survey so that we would know the membership's opinions on where and when meetings might happen, and find out if there is anything they need that we can help with.

I suggested that we could work on Hearts for Hospice

and several members are working on one or more. I plan to collect them at the end of the month, but here are a couple of photographs of some contributions. ~ Jane Toll



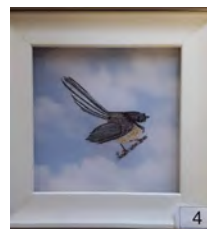
The Laurel (Hendersonville, NC)

We celebrated **The Laurel Chapter's** 30th birthday with luncheon and cake at our March meeting. We just squeaked through as the US shut down the very next week! Finally in August we had our first chapter and stitch-in meetings in person, heavily modified.

Last year, VP Kim Sanders issued a challenge to members (*Anything that flies*) to bring to the April 2020 meeting. It could be a work in progress (to encourage finishing) or one of the provided designs. Needless to

say that April meeting never happened.

We finally saw the results of the challenge at our September meeting. All seven entries were WIPs in a variety of techniques. Sue Osterberg and Barbara Dexter Smith won the viewers' choice vote—a cross stitch village of bird houses and a Japanese Sashiko butterfly wall hanging.



Some of you may recognize Gary Clarke's piece that he taught for CAR, stitched by Rosemary Kostansek.

There was a lovely butterfly piece stitched by Kathryn Harrell, a x-stitch Ink Circles piece by Mary Ann Wyatt, a x-stitch bell pull by Marcia Harrison, and an original

design, *Crows in the field* by Peggy O'Connor.

November is our annual meeting with installation in December for Pres Kim Sanders, VP Barbara Dexter Smith and CAR rep Sue Osterberg.



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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 membership info to National Office	Region Director; CAR Newsletter Editor
National dues and membership information	Renewals no later than May 31 annually. New members immediately upon joining	National Office
Region dues and membership information	Same time as sent to National	Region Treasurer
Chapter newsletters	When sent to members	Region Director; Assistant Region Director; Editor, RegioNews; Region Outreach Chair
EGA Chapter Officer Change List (EGA Form)	Within 2 weeks of election	Region Secretary; Region Director
Education questions/information	As needed	Region Education Coordinator
Annual chapter report	By December 15	Region Director
Annual financial report	By February 15	Region Director; EGA Headquarters

RegioNews

The Carolinas Region, EGA, publishes *RegioNews* quarterly. Standard practice is to distribute it to all chapter members in the Carolinas Region via email.

Chapter newsletter editors: Remember to share this newsletter with your members who do not receive email.

Advertising is accepted for 1-year (4 issues) intervals at \$10/year. Contact editor Cathie Barker for details. There is no cost for emailed

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Financial Reminders

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

Prorated Dues Schedule	
If Joining:	Region dues are:
April 1 - June 30	\$4.00 (100%)
July 1 - September 30	\$3.00 (75%)
October 1 - December 31	\$2.00 (50%)
January 1 - March 31	\$1.00 (25%)

Spring Seminar 2021

Status report

Your Region Director, Carole Overton, and Seminar Director, Christine Haimann, met on October 30 at the Village Inn in Clemmons, the planned site of our Seminar 2021. We toured the meeting rooms and talked with the events coordinator to find out what their Covid policies were and to see if we would still be able to meet there.

The Village Inn is following all state and local protocols. They have hand-sanitizing stations throughout the building, are taking extra care with cleaning, and are observing social distancing rules.

We asked if we would still be able to hold our classes in the designated rooms. We were assured that our numbers would easily allow us to set up as we would like and still maintain proper distancing. Our planned buffet lunch is also still feasible.

There are so many positive aspects to this venue that we are still working on the assumption that we will be able to meet in person in May. We know you will like the fact that the property is flat (no hills in sight!); all of the meeting rooms are located on one hallway (no long walks from classrooms to group meeting rooms) with 2 sets of rest rooms in the same hallway; and the guest rooms are comfortable.

Although the guest rooms are on 2 floors and there is no elevator, if you reserve early enough you can request a room on the first floor. You have to walk down a long hallway from the guest rooms to the meeting rooms, but once you get to the meeting rooms you will be able to stay in that hallway all day if you do not want to walk back to your room.

We were told that the Village Inn has just become a Wyndham property, so if you have a Wyndham membership you can earn points for your visit.

Your Seminar Committee and Executive Committee will continue to monitor the situation as we get into the new year. While we are going to hold out hope that we will be able to meet in person, we will also work on an alternate plan in case we agree that it will not be safe to do so. Your health and safety will guide our decision-making process.

With optimism at this point, you will find the revised registration brochure for the CAR Seminar 2021 attached to this newsletter. Please note that registration will re-open on December 15.

If you previously registered for the Seminar 2020 that we had to postpone and you did not request a refund, you are still registered for the same programs and classes you requested earlier. You do not need to register again. Your place in

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your desired class is assured. You will receive a confirmation email in February or March.

However, if you did request a refund or if you have never registered for this event, you should review the brochure and plan to register starting on December 15. Please refer to the brochure for details. The registration form is included at the end of the brochure.

Using Zoom

For Chapter Education

Lecture by Celeste Chalasani – July 7, 2020

Celeste Chalasani, the Director of Education for EGA National, started the evening by explaining many of the basic features of ZOOM that would help us use the system effectively. Her slide show was extremely helpful because she used screen captures to show us exactly how to access those features.

Celeste demonstrated how we could incorporate live demonstrations, pre-recorded lessons, videos, white-board lessons, and other types of presentations into our chapter programs. Her explanations were clear and her demonstrations were very well planned.



A video of this lecture is available for CAR chapters and members. We can easily see showing this video to your entire chapter as you try to plan out your upcoming programs.

If you would like to get the link to Celeste's presentation, please send a request to Carole Overton. sjocdo1@gmail.com.

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lar request, we will expand our region stitch-in schedule in 2021.

We received approval from our Board of Directors to hire a professional webmaster to help us revise and update the Region website.

We revised the job description for the Assistant Region Director (ARD) and created the new position of Seminar Director. We now have a new Seminar Director in place.

We have continued to plan for our 2021 Spring Seminar, although we realize that we may have to alter those plans in the face of health concerns.

Among my happy memories of this year are reading reports of the creative ways in which many of our chapters have managed to keep in

contact with their members in an attempt to keep people involved.

I have happily been able to work through my stash, as have most of you, during this time of isolation. I do not understand why my stitch closet is still overflowing, but at least I can see that I have made inroads!

I have missed joining my stitching friends at our meetings but have happily discovered that seeing them on ZOOM has helped to ease my loneliness, so I am grateful that we have that technology available.

Although I have much to be thankful for, I worry about our members and the strength of our Region. I understand that chapters are finding it difficult to carry on so I appreciate everything you are doing to keep your chapter alive. I hope that we can continue to work together, share ideas, and support each other. Please let me know if

there is some way in which I can help you.

As the year winds down, I wish each of you continued health, peace, and comfort. Thank you for all that you have done for EGA, for the Carolinas Region, and for your chapter. Thank you, too, for your feedback and kind words of support over the past year.

Along with you, I look forward to the day when we can meet in person, share hugs and laughter, and see everyone's projects first-hand. Until that time, know that you are always on my mind and in my heart.

I hope you find comfort in your families, your friends, and your stitching.

Best wishes to all of you.
Carole Overton
Carolinas Region Director