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Ways/Means – Myldred

Richardson

Workshops – Barbara Lewis

Break Out Group

Beading – Carol Karrle

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We've been having some summertime type weather lately and that is always great stitching weather! So good, that I wrote a song about it:

(To the tune of Summertime)

Summertime.....And the stichin' is easy

The temps are climbing

And the AC is fine

Your stash is rich

But it's so much fun looking

And the project you choose, is the last one you buy

Member dues are due by the end of the month; please send your check to Harriet as soon as possible. Although National dues are increasing this year, our chapter will be absorbing that expense. We are able to do this because of the great success of our yard sale in March. Plans are already underway for our 2012 yard sale!

Our hosting of the PSR meeting went very well. Our chapter members made the group feel very welcome. The facilities were very nice, the food was good and most importantly the hospitality was great! The women attending loved our favors and did a great deal of shopping at our book sale and opportunity baskets. A big thanks to everyone who worked on favors, lent items for display, donated items for baskets and came to the meeting. Judy Beckman created the needle cases almost single-handedly, Pat Bowers arranged a wonderful exhibit, Harriet Padilla, Barbara Lewis, Mary Williams and Nancy Eide contributed complete baskets for our opportunity drawing. And Myldred Richardson did a super job handing the sales.

Happy Stitching!

Linda

Designers Across America: There is now a subscription available for the Designers Across America that is featured in NeedleArts Magazine. Please see page 16 of the March issue for details.

Thanks to Charlotte Komar for the wonderful books that were donated to the PSR meeting and our Chapter meetings. They went like hotcakes. Myldred

WORKSHOPS.....BARBARA LEWIS

I am going to try and get Linda Germaine for a kumihimo workshop in either September or October. Can't be more specific as she is gone to a class on Whidbey Island, Washington, for the week. I will keep you posted!

REGION REPRESENTATIVE.....PAT BOWERS

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION
SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
APRIL 9,2011

Agenda:

PSR Officer Reports:

Secretary Joyce Lifschin: Reading of minutes of previous meetings was deferred.

Treasurer - Kathy Kirby- Reported a bank balance to date of \$26,162

Assist Region Director: Ina Gibson--Working on providing "training sessions" for new chapter officers to be scheduled several times during the year. Not finalized

Regional Director:

1. Members are now responsible for making changes to their personal information, address, phone, email, directly to the national headquarters and to region.
2. Many chapters reported successful " Stitch In Public Days".
3. Scholarships are available--check EGA national website if interested
4. Gold Thread Award - Nominations are due by 1 May. One winner per region.

Report from EGA Board of Directors Meeting in Louisville. .

*EGA has proposed a settlement of the lawsuit to recover moving and other costs relating to the flood damage of the former headquarters building.

*Approved to move Youth Program from Education department to outreach program

*Granted variances to 11 chapters and dissolved 9 chapters

*Scholarship amts: 1. Legacy Scholarship up to \$1000; 2. \$500 for Mary-Dicke Diggs Scholarship; 3. Genny Morrow Memorial Scholarship, \$450 for one 4day or two 2-day or \$225 for one 2-day, 2012 EGA national seminar class up a canvas technique.

Name to be drawn at the 2011 EGA seminar in Naples, Florida

*EGA will make a donation of \$500 in 2011 to American Heart Association.

**PLEASE NOTE: Full minutes of the March 5, 2011 EGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting are available on the EGA website through the "Enter Members Area".

Standing Committee Reports

*Bylaws--Betty Hamilton--Continue to review policies & procedures

*Finance--Karin Eakin-- \$1045 Profit from cookbook sales, Need new fundraising ideas

*Community Outreach: Debbie Flittner-- Important for chapters to submit reports before regional meetings to share information and patterns etc. between chapters

*Education- Georgette Brownlee--Study boxes are now available at Region Meetings

*Historian- Send historian files at region meetings Send chapter activity info with photos to put in files.

*Membership-Bonnie Marshall- The Region has 650 Reg & plural members

*Newsletter- Coni Canino

*Webmaster - Debbie Bryza - Website : psrega.org

User name: psrega - Password: stitchers

*2011 Region Seminar: May 13-15 2011 Registration complete

TALKING POINTS

PSR will host the National Seminar in 2014--Pat Correz is chair and in the process of finding the perfect hotel. Contact Pat: egangcorre@aol.com if you have ideas or want to volunteer to help with this project.

NATIONAL Newsletter Reviewer--Julia Harvey --Please send your chapter newsletter to juliaharvey0158@att.net.

SEND chapter minutes and chapter newsletters to RD Judy Dymond jdymond4@gmail.com

SEND individual information changes (address, email, phone, etc) to EGA -Tonya Parks typarks@egausa.org and also to RD Judy Dymond jdymond4@gmail.com

Opportunity Drawings- Federal Tax law permits these drawings if:

1. They are on an infrequent basis
2. The items are donated or produced by volunteer labor
3. Chapter/region volunteers sell tickets and conduct the drawings

PROPOSAL for acquiring Jan Jellins collection of thread painting needlework by PSR from her close friend Nancy Burnet. Nancy was given the collection in the 1990s after the death of Jan. The collection is in a humidity and temperature controlled storage area in Hemet CA. The owner has contacted PSR over many years about acquiring the collection, as a donation. Recently, the owner has made a firm decision to donate the collection to PSR or to another organization that would be willing to care for it. Pat Correz and Judy Dymond viewed the collection to determine if PSR would be willing and able to acquire it. They met with the owner and viewed and photographed the items. The owner made a proposal to have PSR have an appraisal to be used for tax purposes, agree to safeguard and maintain the collection and give her written credit for the donation at any exhibit of it in the future.

To Date:

Cindy Gershin will appraise the collection and provide a written appraisal. PSR would accept the donation as a "gift". No remuneration to Nancy Burnet. PSR would agree to include the "donation" credit at any time the collection was viewed exhibited, advertised, or cataloged. PSR would pay for the storage at the present location at the rental fee until arrangements can be made for another location. PSR will include an exhibit of the collection at the EGA national seminar in 2014 requesting donations to support to the donation

to EGA HQ. A committee will be appointed to explore other sources of income to cover the cost of storage and future donation to the EGA textile collection in Louisville.
THIS PROPOSAL WAS PUT TO A VOTE BY THE PSR MEMBERS PRESENT AND APPROVED.

PROGRAMS.....MARGO KORN

JUNE: "WHO HAS THE OLDEST UFO?" Show and tell your oldest unfinished objects. Should be a lot of fun and a few laughs.

SEPTEMBER: Potluck Luncheon. "WHAT I DID THIS SUMMER" Needlework wise.

If anyone has ideas for the programs please contact Margo Korn. I am the new vp in charge of programs.

EDUCATION.....BARBARA EW BANK

FOR EGA NEWSLETTER

We are looking at the possibility of a correspondence course for our EGA chapter. There seems to be some interest in a surface embroidery (crewel) class.

One possibility is a class called "Hummingbird and Honeysuckle" with Luan Callery. This class includes some stumpwork. The cost of the class is \$175 divided among those taking the class. The text for this class \$30 per student and the materials are approximately \$20 if using cotton floss. The class is six months long with 5 working sessions.

A second choice is "Shading Techniques" with Judy Jeroy. The cost of each course is \$175 with that cost divided among those taking the class. The text is \$35 per student and \$45-\$55 per student for supplies. The class is five months with 3 lessons.

Because of the time requirements for registering for a correspondence course and submitting the money, we probably would not begin the class until January 2012.

You can find pictures of these projects on pages 30 and 31 of the current EGA Education Catalog.

Please let me know (platoaz@gmail.com) if you wish to register for either of these classes. You may sign up at our meeting or email me with your interest.



Stitched by Luan B. Callery

HUMMINGBIRD AND HONEYSUCKLE

TEACHER: LUAN B. CALLERY

Stitchers at all levels will enjoy creating this lifelike design, while learning the basic techniques of stumpwork. The honeysuckle vine is worked with whipped chain, dimensional buds, and padded and wired flowers, with a smattering of wired leaves. The ruby-throated hummingbird is worked on a slip, then attached to the linen and filled with stuffing. His wing is wired to give the illusion of hovering at the source of the honeysuckle nectar and floats on the surface.

Stitches include buttonhole variations, whipped stitches, chain variations, padded satin and shading. The padded and wired elements establish dimension for the raised flowers, and the stuffed body sculpts a lifelike hummingbird. Techniques for framing up are included. The designer frequently enjoys seeing this little bird in her Florida garden. Colors can be chosen to resemble the hummingbirds in your area.

Project: Framed picture

Size: 7½" round or square mat or 8" framed without a mat

Fabric: Linen twill and chiffon

Threads: Cotton or silk floss and gold metallic

Colors: Red, green and grey or student's choice

Skill Level: All levels

Prerequisites: Knowledge of basic stitches is helpful

Time: Six months, five working sessions

Fee: ~~\$100~~ per group 175.00

Text: \$30 per student—two-pocket folder with detailed color pictures and embroidery stitch diagrams

Supplies (approximate): \$20 using cotton floss, stretcher bars or hoop



Stitched by Judy Jeroy

SHADING STITCHES

TEACHER: JUDY JEROY

Shading Stitches, a basic course in surface embroidery, introduces the student to nine stitches useful in shading, defining *shade* to mean "vary the transition of a color hue from light to dark." Stitches are chain, coral knot, burden, fly, outline/stem, raised outline/stem, crescent spider, French knots, and long and short.

Designed for crewel wool lovers AND for those allergic to wool or who would prefer to use a different thread, one sample shown is in stranded cottons, silks, and rayons, using only one or two plies; another is done completely in one-strand crewel wools. The student may do one or both options in their own choice of colors. Whatever they submit will be evaluated.

History of the technique is given in some detail: how this form of needlework moved from Europe to America and how it was adapted to fit the conditions of the colonial world. Why not step into the World of Shading Stitches, make some choices, and take some chances!

Project: Picture

Size: 8" x 5" design

Color: Student's choice

Supplies: Linen twill; Appleton® crewel wools or stranded silks/cotton/rayons

Skill Level: Beginner

Prerequisites: None

Time: Five months, three lessons

Fee: ~~\$100~~ per group 175.00

Text: \$35 per student, for 32-page booklet (10 color pages)

Supplies (approximate): \$45-\$55 plus scissors, needles, hoop, or stretcher bars

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2	Stitch-In held at Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center 10:00 to 3:00 – Meeting begins at 12:30 9:30 Board Meeting
June 9	Beading Interest Group Meeting held in Senior Room – Program not announced 9:30 to 1:00
July – August	Beading Interest Group Meeting held in Senior Room – Program not announced 9:30 to 1:00

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