

Tennessee Valley Region

The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2004

Host: Iris Chapter

Nancy Bowers, Region Director, called the Tennessee Valley Region Board Meeting to order with 18 chapters present. **ABSENT:** Bay's Mountain, Cotton Valley, CyberStitchers, Georgia, Greater Memphis and Jubilee.

Nancy welcomed and introduced the following new chapter/acting representatives:

- Birmingham Chapter: Donna Bentley
(Alabama)
- Louisville Chapter: Pat Judice
(Kentucky)
- Cumberland Chapter: Kathy Stoker
(Clarksville, Tennessee)

MINUTES:

CORRECTIONS:

- _____ Chapter moved to increase the Region Director's per Diem. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Typos were corrected.

MOTION: Chattanooga Chapter moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION BETWEEN SESSIONS: The TVR's Standing Rules were changed as follows:

Section VI. REGION SEMINARS, R.1. the first sentence changed to read as follows: *"Early or pre-registration is a perk for TVR chapter members attending a SAS."*

Then, 2.a., in the same section, *"participant"* was changed to *"TVR chapter member."*

TREASURER: Pam Roberts, Treasurer, presented the following reports.

- Income/Expense, January 1 – December 31, 2003 (cash basis).
- Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2003 (cash basis)
- 2003 Budget Report, January 1 – December 31, 2003 Using Budget 2003
- Income/Expense, January 1 – March 15, 2004 (cash basis)
- Balance Sheet as of March 15, 2004 (cash basis)
- TVR Quarterly Membership Statistics. Pam noted that the actual membership loss for 2003 was 11% rather than the 14% loss projected in her last report. Pam reminded chapter reps that quarterly membership numbers must be reported EVERY quarter, even if there's been no change and the numbers reported are "0".

BYLAWS: Nancy Bowers, Bylaws Chairman, reminded those chapters not up-to-date that their bylaws were "past due." Those chapters are: Majestic Mountains and Cumberland. Those whose bylaws are coming up for review are: CyberStitchers, Iris, Jubilee and the TVR Region. They may submit the following statement if appropriate:

"We have reviewed our bylaws and there are no changes."

EDUCATION: Amy Robinson, Education Chairman, presented her report noting the following:

- NeedleArts*, EGA's website and the Petite Projects are great resources/tools for chapter education projects/programs.
- Golden Thread nominations are due May 1, 2004 (formerly, "Educator's Award of Excellence").
- Due to a lack of participation, the Bobbie Pilling Memorial Award will replace "Competing Needles, honoring the former national EGA president and financial supporter of EGA. This is not a monetary award.
- Amy thanked the Dixie and Tri-Area Needle Arts Chapters, who submitted programs for the Chapter Programming project. Chapters wishing to submit their projects for the June 2004 TVR Board Meeting should send them to Amy by June 1.
- "Time to Teach" grant money – \$100.00 – is available for programs that teach needlework to children.

- Posey Lough, a professional designer and member of the Western KY/TN Chapter, presented the six patterns she designed for the Chapter's outreach project, "Stitching the Past, Touching the Future: Teaching our Youth Using Heritage Sampler Stamped-on Cross-Stitch Kits." The kit for each pattern, which is available to EGA Chapters for \$4.00 each, contains floss, needle, color photo, stamped fabric, embroidery hoop and complete instructions. Western KY/TN Chapter receives \$1.00 of the \$4.00, which they are saving to hire a national teacher. Kits also include a 3-page lesson plan & a reproducible history of the sampler handout. Posey thanked RD Nancy Bowers and the region for their inspiration and support of the Western KY/TN Chapter, a new chapter in the region.
- Chapters interested in taking part in a pilot class for "New Kid on the Block" – reviewing old projects – should contact Pat Reynolds, the RD for Mid-Atlantic Region.
- Certificates were presented to the Alabama Chapter for "Candy Cane" and to Western KY/TN Chapter for "Stitching the Past, Touching the Future."
- Thanks to SAS XXIII, Education grants are available to each chapter for a teacher or a GCC.
- The TVR Board appropriated \$150.00 to each TVR chapter for educational purposes – a teacher or a GCC. To be reimbursed, chapters must provide receipts and show how the money was used.
- Two GCCs are currently offered online: "M'Lady's Tea Cloth" and "Crazy Patch Adventure." The next GCC to be offered is described on Page 40 of *NeedleArts*. Deadline is June 1, 2004. Four GCCs have been added since the 2004 Education Brochure was published: "17th Century English Style Band Sampler," "Mariposa," "I Do, I Do," and "Victorian Bouquet." Pictures are available on the EGA website.
- Amy distributed the ESP Handout. Deadline for registration for the next program is July 16, 2004. The class, which will be offered September 16-19, 2004, is "Basic Textile Conservation."
- Fred Lebow, an embroidery stabilizer guru who supports education, will send materials to chapters for that purpose. Contact Amy for details.

EXHIBIT: Dorothy Graves, Exhibit Chairman, reported the following:

On view in the Margaret Parshall Gallery

- March 31 – May 31, 2004, "New England Region Exhibit"
- June 1 – July 31, 2004, "18th National Exhibit"
- August 2004, "Louisville Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild Exhibit"
- September 1, 2004, "Mid-Atlantic Region Exhibit"
- June 1 – September 30, 2005, "Youth Exhibit"

RD Nancy Bowers reminded chapter reps that exhibits at EGA National are videotaped and given to the region director. Nancy gave TVR's video to the Historian, Ardith Bryan. Chapters interested in checking out the video should contact Ardith.

HISTORIAN: Ardith Bryan, Historian, brought one of TVR's four scrapbooks to the meeting, and reviewed items added to TVR's scrapbook since the last meeting.

- The December issue of *NeedleArts* included an article about the Alabama Chapter and the American Needlepoint Guild in Huntsville, Alabama, and their donation of \$1,000 to Breast Cancer Research. The two chapters joined together, kitted a breast cancer beaded pin and sold the kits.
- Photos of the reception for Doris Hockenberry at which she was awarded the 2003 Educators' Award of Excellence.
- The article and photos of the 17th National Exhibit in Huntsville, Alabama
- Tri-Area Needle Arts photos of the Christmas ornaments for a tree displayed in the United National Bank and photos of their donations to the local shelter for victims of abuse; a project for the local nursing home; and teaching high school students to cross stitch.
- A few photos of the Charmed Heart Project on EGA's web site.

NEWSLETTER: Ellen Daniels, Newsletter Editor, presented her report.

- Currently, TVR's newsletter is distributed to 162 people, of which three are sent by "snail mail."

- The chapter newsletter competition will be continued. Ellen will contact all newsletter editors via e-mail re deadlines for submission and when judging will take place as soon as she receives the information. The new national newsletter reviewer will accept e-mailed copies of chapter newsletters.:
- Ellen should receive chapter reports for the newsletter by the board meetings, preferable prior to them via e-mail. She tries to send out her “begging” requests to chapter presidents, reps and editors at least two weeks prior to board meetings. Response has been somewhat better but still needs improvement. She suggested chapters consider designating one person to write the paragraph to alleviate any confusion as to who is going to write and submit it ... then she won't have to send out further “begging notes.”
- Chapters who have **not** submitted news/reports for the next issue of the TVR newsletter include: Bays Mountain, Bristol, Cotton Valley, Cumberland, Iris, Majestic Mountains, Plateau, and Southern Stitchers.
- Advertising in the TVR newsletter costs \$25.00 per year. We currently have three advertisers. Ellen would appreciate more to help defray the cost of producing the newsletter.
- Any items in the TVR newsletter may be used in chapter newsletters unless copyright-indicated. The inclusion of Seminar 2005 and Share-a-Stitch ads, information, etc., is a **must!** Please note the initial ad for Seminar 2005 had a typo in the name of the hotel. The correct name of the hotel is “Crowne Plaza Ravinia – note the ‘e’ at the end of “Crowne.”

REMINDERS for newsletter editors:

- Do not use the word “raffle” in chapter newsletters, per IRS regulations. “Teacup Auction” and “Opportunity Drawing” are acceptable terms.
- Include the TVR and national websites in each chapter newsletter: www.egatvr.com; www.egausa.org
- Chapter reps should inform Ellen as soon as possible if and when their chapters have a new newsletter editor. **PLEASE NOTIFY HER OF ANY E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES.** Each time she sends the newsletter, many are “bounced back” due to e-mail addresses that are no longer valid.

Nancy Bowers reviewed the “Who-What-When” list and the importance of using it. She reviewed statistical sheets she distributed that show what she’s received from each chapter each month.

- Report forms to be copied are available online and in the chapter president’s notebook
- The Chattanooga Chapter is the most diligent in getting their minutes to her after every meeting (day & night groups).
- Sandy M^cIlrath can receive chapter outreach reports by e-mail or by fax. Contact information for both means of communications are added to the most current “Who-What-When” list.
- Nancy must receive copies of all nominations submitted.

NOMINATING: Winona Bays, Chairman, reported that it is an election year for TVR. Offices open for the 2005-2006 TVR Board are: Region Director, Assistant Region Director, Treasurer and Secretary. Anyone interested or having someone to recommend should contact Winona Bays, wb4960@ezwv.com; Ellen Daniels, EBDani@aol.com; or Grace Grunden, phone #931-484-2205, by May 1, 2004.

MEMBERSHIP: Nadine Alexander, Membership Chairman, presented her report and a copy of the Membership Report for Late-renewals, Non-renewals and New Members Form. She emphasized the slogan “Membership begins with ME!” and reminded reps that the 1980s EGA theme, “Each One Bring One” is as valid today as it was then. She offered suggestions for membership retention, including ideas to retain older members who no longer stitch. Nadine also reminded reps that we must find new members and funds are available from national headquarters for membership recruitment efforts. To combat the perception that all EGA members are expert stitchers, Nadine suggested an idea found in a Heartland Region newsletter – the inclusion of examples of less advanced needlework in our exhibits. She also suggested chapters have educational events suitable for beginners and fairly new stitchers, including projects from *New Kid on the Block*. Time for fellowship and food should also be provided. Finally, Nadine thanked the 13 chapters who sent her their membership reports – a record number of responses – and chastised the chapters who did not.

OUTREACH: RD Sandy M^cIlrath, Outreach Chairman, distributed her report, noting that at least 90% of chapters are sending in reports, most by e-mail. Projects should also be turned in to *NeedleArts Magazine*. National outreach projects focus on women’s heart health issues and collecting successful chapter projects – 27 of 33 Iris Chapter members have done the “Charmed Heart” Project. The chart for National’s new project, “Heart of My Heart,” was designed by Margaret Kinsey, but the chart is not yet available. First Lady Laura Bush is sponsoring a campaign for women’s heart health and EGA will work with her.

Chapter-by-chapter outreach activities:

- Alabama Chapter:** EGA’s 17th National Traveling Exhibit, *Through the Needle’s Eye*,” opened November 9, 2003, with a reception and gallery walk in the Education Gallery of the Huntsville Museum of Art. Alabama Chapter hosted the exhibit and opening reception, in keeping with EGA’s basic tenet of educating stitchers and others in the intricacies and

beauty of the art of embroidery. The project gave the chapter the opportunity to teach children visiting the exhibit. The chapter complemented the National Exhibit with an exhibit of pieces by chapter members. Opening day attendance was among the largest for the museum, and visitors' response was positive.

To enhance the viewer's experience when visiting the exhibit, chapter members decided to volunteer to be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate various needlework techniques while stitching their own pieces during related special events. EGA info and membership brochures were available. The response was wonderful and encouraging. Several TVR chapter groups visited during the exhibition.

Approximately 300 children viewed *Through the Needle's Eye*. They, as well as visiting adults, were encouraged to try their hand at basketweave by stitching on a large red and white candy cane on a painted green background the chapter mounted on stretcher bars. The response was outstanding, with most visitors enthusiastically learning to hold a needle and place the stitches. Following the exhibit's close, the candy cane is used as a teaching tool for other projects with children. Chapter members had a wonderful experience reaching out to fresh, young minds, planting the seeds of stitching. One fond memory is of a Family Day when a young mother came in with her six daughters, the youngest was three years of age, the eldest were thirteen-year-old twins. Each took a turn working on the special Amadeus heart that was available to stitch on that special event day, as well as on the candy cane. It was a joy to share our love of stitching with these eager, curious young girls who were interested in stitching, and to, perhaps, nurture an interest that will grow in the coming years. A few days later, the chapter received a thank you note from the mother and each of her girls – including the three-year-old. They taught us that education can be fun by giving us the opportunity to teach them the basics of stitching. We hope to see them again and share more of the art of embroidery.

☐ **Bays Mountain Chapter: No report submitted.**

☐ **Birmingham Needlearts Chapter:**

- Birmingham Chapter again had great success in collecting Toys for Tots. Toys for a variety of ages of both boys and girls were given, making for a Merry Christmas for many Birmingham children.
- Tabs from soda cans are being collected for the local Ronald M^cDonald House, which are redeemed and the proceeds are used for the upkeep of the house.

☐ **Bluegrass Chapter: Bristol TN/VA Chapter:**

- The chapter collected children's books at our birthday party and donated them to a local women's safe house.
- The chapter also donated Christmas ornaments to decorate a tree at the Children's Advocacy Center.
- Members continued their yearly project of decorating Christmas trees at two local banks.

☐ **Central Alabama Chapter: No report submitted.**

☐ **Chattanooga Chapter: No outreach activities to report**

☐ **Cheekwood Chapter:**

- Ellen Daniels donated her "Charmed Heart" piece to the heart wing of St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. Ellen has been a heart patient there and felt this was an appropriate place for this piece to hang.
- Cheekwood's summer workshop found three ladies working on the Komfort Kerchiefs for chemo patients. Six of these kerchiefs were completed that day. Approximately 20 of these have been distributed.
- Cheekwood Chapter members collect knitting yarn and embroidery kits, which they bring to Pat Embree at the Stitchin' Post in Nashville. She distributes the knitting yarn to inmates in the Tennessee State Prison, and sees that the kits are sent to our soldiers. Recently, Pat received an e-mail from one of the soldiers expressing her pleasure in having something to stitch during her tour of duty.

Cotton Valley Chapter: Cotton Valley made a donation to Meals on Wheels this year. One of their oldest members passed away December 23, and since she had used Meals on Wheels, the chapter thought that was an appropriate donation.

☐ **Cumberland Chapter:** The Cumberland Chapter made "binkies" for children removed from their homes and living in a shelter. Because decisions to escape a dangerous situation are made quickly, they usually must leave without any of their belongings; they are given the "binkies" to comfort them. Stitchers make them using their preferred method – knitting, crochet, quilting, stitching, etc.

☐ **CyberStitchers: No report submitted.**

- **Dixie Chapter:** The Dixie Chapter has several new outreach programs.
 - Members Pattie Davidson, Betty Richardson and Sydney Brooks are leading a group that stitches burial gowns for premature and stillborn babies since these babies are so tiny, no readymade gowns will fit. The gowns are donated to Columbus Regional Healthcare and Doctors Hospital.
 - Pam Reddy and Marilu Novy put together a program on samplers and sampler makers that they have presented to numerous garden clubs. Their fame is growing as their invitations to present this popular program increases.
 - Dixie Chapter members continue to make bookmarks for the PAWS reading program.
- **Dogwood Chapter:** The Dogwood Chapter is divided into 23 “stitch-ins” due to its large size. Each stitch-in has different outreach projects, which are ongoing yearly.
 - One stitch-in teaches hardanger at a Methodist Church for the benefit of a women’s group.
 - The Rome stitch-in made bookmarks to sell in the Floyd County Library gift shop, which brought the library \$145 for the purchase of books.
 - Two members of a North Atlanta stitch-in and another stitch-in teach members of a Girl Scout troop to embroider..
 - The Athens and Roswell stitch-ins made stuffed hangars for the Atlanta History Center’s restoration fabric and costume room.
- **Georgia Chapter:** No report submitted.
- **Greater Memphis Chapter:**
 - Greater Memphis Chapter’s donation of monetary prizes in several age categories for children’s embroidery at the Shelby County Fair is the chapter’s longest ongoing outreach project and has encouraged a growing number of participants each year.
 - The chapter contributes blankets and items to entertain children at St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and donates gift bags of toiletries to a local shelter.
 - The chapters latest outreach project is the Habitat for Humanity Sampler Project. Because most of their members work outside the home, the chapter chose to create the second, simpler version of the sampler.
- **Iris Chapter:**
 - The chapter assisted in the county fair and the annual quilt show, which included making entries, logging in entries in various categories and judging. Some members also assisted teachers in needlework classes taught during the quilt show.
 - The chapter maintained a needlework exhibit at the county library for four months.
 - The chapter decorated the Christmas tree at First Tennessee Bank with ornaments handmade by members. The theme for this year’s tree was hearts.
- **Jubilee Chapter:** Jubilee is continuing its program of making samplers for Habitat for Humanity Houses. The chapter also stitched and framed a sampler for the Habitat for Humanity office in Mobile, Alabama.
- **Knoxville Chapter:** For the 18th year, the Knoxville chapter participated in decorating a 7-foot Christmas tree at the “Fantasy of Trees” to benefit East Tennessee Children’s Hospital. This year, as in the past, members stitched and donated approximately 110 ornaments, which required approximately 1500 hours of members’ time. Much of the success of Knoxville Chapter’s Christmas trees is due to the efforts of Carol Warren. For many years, she coordinated the theme of the tree and decorating the tree, and found a tree topper, tree skirt and fillers, most of which are donated. Each year, the tree sells for around \$1000.00, which means that over the past 18 years, Knoxville Chapter has been instrumental in raising nearly \$20,000 for Children’s Hospital. “Not bad for a group of 150 stitchers!
- **Louisville Chapter:**
 - The Louisville Chapter donated a quilt to the benefit auction for Christian Church Homes of Kentucky, which serves older adults, troubled children and persons with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injury. Judi Smith machine embroidered the quilt’s designs and chose its fabrics Jane Bailey and Gay Hower pieced and finished the quilt.
 - The Louisville Chapter continues to make caps, gowns and blankets for the University of Louisville Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

- Members also make chemo caps for The Kentuckiana Cancer Institute. The caps are given to adult cancer patients who have lost their hair.
- Members collect personal care products, toys and small gift items plus a monetary donation for The Center for Women and Families in Louisville this past Christmas.
- **Majestic Mountains Chapter:** Majestic Mountains Needle Arts Chapter's outreach activities continue to be Habitat for Humanity Samplers, donations of toiletry articles, etc., to their local women's shelter and donations of food containers to a local church that serves lunch. The food containers are needed to pack leftovers so they can be taken home after lunch.
- **Plateau Chapter:** Plateau Chapter is working on pictures for Habitat and trying to keep ahead of the building. They are hanging in there but have not done any classes or small projects, although they are considering them.
- **Southern Stitches Chapter:** No outreach activities to report.
- **Stones River Chapter:**
 - Stones River Chapter will again be filling a large glass-enclosed cabinet with completed stitching projects for the community to see at their local library for April 2004. The theme will be "Americana."
 - At the chapter's annual Christmas luncheon, which was held at the beautiful home of member Sue Smith, items for use at homeless shelters or for women's help groups were collected. Items collected included the small shampoos, conditioners, lotions and soaps given to hotel guests. Their donations were gratefully accepted.
- **Tri-Area Needle Arts (TANA) Chapter:** The chapter has been busy since its last report.
 - Presented Habitat Samplers to the Browning Family (a Jubilee House) and the Jackson family.
 - Donated paper supplies to the Ramsdell House, an historic structure in Ceredo that the chapter uses for stitch-ins.
 - Donated baby afghans to Lucy's Attic, a YWCA program for indigent new mothers.
 - Decorated two Christmas trees for United Bank of Ceredo with handmade ornaments – one tree with poinsettias and one tree with Santas.
 - Donated toiletries to Branches, a safe house for abused spouses.
 - Donated pop tabs to St. Mary's Hospital Hospitality House
 - Donate lap quilts to Mariner's Nursing Home (11).
 - Donated General Mills "Box Tops for Education" coupons to Cabell County School System.
- **Western KY/TN Stitches Chapter:** The chapter has been very active since their last report.
 - Due to the enthusiasm of the students, the chapter presented a follow-up program at Hester Hall, Murray State University. They taught two cross-stitch designs – Murray State's mascot, the hedgehog; and Murray State's famous horse, Racer One. The kits and designs were donated by The Posy Collection. Student response for this class was as enthusiastic as it was for the class previously taught. One of the male students, who made many of his Christmas gifts, was quoted as saying, "Stitching is better than playing video games because you have so much more to show for your time!"
 - Samplers for the seven Habitat for Humanity homeowners in Murray have been completed and framed, and will be presented in the near future at a potluck dinner for the homeowners and their families. The members who stitched the 8" x 10" samplers will be part of this celebration.
 - The chapter kicked off a "History of Kentucky" social studies unit with fourth grade students at Murray Middle School in Murray by making samplers. Members taught the students about samplers and then helped them stitch a sampler for themselves. The Posy Collection donated two designs for this project – 1.) the alphabet and home; and 2.) the alphabet and bison. Two teams of five members taught students to prepare the thread and hoop, thread a needle and begin to stitch the design. The project was received with great enthusiasm. The chapter is developing a teaching module of the project to be offered for sale to other EGA chapters. The module for "Making Samplers" would include student kits and a lesson plan for the instructor that would be appropriate for use in elementary school classrooms, home schools, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, etc. Details later!
 - Nineteen stitchers volunteered to stitch 26 ornaments as part of the American Horticultural Society's (AHS) River Farm Christmas tree display. The tree's theme was "Patriotic Christmas Tree" the ornaments were red-white-and-blue-themed designs donated by member Posy Lough's company, The Posy Collection. AHS national headquarters

is a farm once owned by George Washington that overlooks the Potomac River near Washington, D. C.

- o AHS returned the ornaments made for the chapter's Patriotic Christmas Tree, which the chapter will use in a display during the Freedom Fest Celebration around Fourth of July activities in Murray. The patriotic tree will be in a local frame shop's display window along with other examples of stitching to promote the Murray EGA chapter and new membership possibilities.
- o The Western KY/TN Stitchers Chapter joined the Kalamazoo Chapter in a joint outreach project called "Columbia Memorial." Two stitched pieces were done for NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, as part of their anniversary service recognizing those who lost their lives in the Columbia Space Shuttle Disaster, February 1, 2003. The stitched pieces are part of an exhibit at the Visitor's Center, which has cards, letters and other memorabilia received following the disaster. Western KY/TN Stitchers Chapter member Posy Lough's company, The Posy Collection, donated the design, "Heroes All," which was adapted with permission from Barry Shelton's cartoon. Member Marcia Maxwell stitched the design, which included the names of the crew. Kalamazoo Chapter member Elizabeth Barker designed and helped stitch the "Columbia Mission Patch STS-107," which also included the names of the crew. Other chapter members who worked on stitching the design were Sandy Bogema, Ellen Coulston and Terri Hale. Posy Lough donated framing for the two projects. Monica Price, spokesperson for the Office of Public Affairs, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, said having these stitched pieces as part of the exhibit made it very special. The "Heroes All" chart is available free at www.posycollection.com. The Columbia Mission Patch chart is available by e-mailing Elizabeth Barker at ebarker@kvcc.edu.

EGA POSTAGE STAMP: Pam Roberts, Postage Stamp Committee Chairman, reported that TVR's completed petition was sent to National. Four designs for stamps will be selected (based upon EGA's collection) and members will be asked to contact their congressmen to support EGA's petition.

WEBSITE: RD Nancy Bowers reported for Tink Boord-Dill, Webmaster, that chapters must check TVR's and EGA National's websites quarterly to make certain chapter information included on them is correct. Website guidelines are available online. Corrections should be sent to Nancy. Sandy M^cIlrath, Assistant RD, checks TVR's website. Chapter websites are linked to TVR's website. Contact e-mail addresses found at EGA's website are available to anyone unless an objection is raised. When contacting someone through those e-mail addresses, the sender should include enough identifying information in the "subject" line so the recipient knows the message is not spam and doesn't, therefore, erase it before opening it. Personal e-mails should be opened on your server's website to reduce spam.

SAS XXIV: Jo Rita M^cMurray, Chairman, presented her report, noting that 187 people have registered for SAS XXIV and 135 have registered for the ice cream social, at which sugar-free and fat-free selections will be available. Three classes are full – "Exotic Beauty Cool," "Seasons Necklace" and "Dyeing for the Antique Sampler Look." One class was cancelled due to low registration – "China Air." It is not too late to register for SAS XXIV. MeadowView does have rooms available, including rooms with double beds. At this time, the committee was able to repay TVR for their loan. The SAS XXIV e-mail address is: SASXXIV@yahoo.com.

SAS XXV: Ardith Bryan, presented her report, noting that the TVR Board's Birthday Party – SAS XXV – will be held the week of Seminar 2005, September 4-9, 2005. A pre-registration form will be included with packets handed out at SAS XXIV. The party will be open to members of any TVR chapter. In lieu of the regular SAS format, the committee will send out an explanation of the SAS Birthday Party. A nametag contest will be open to all who register for the TVR Board's Birthday Party – those who are registered for SAS XXV and make a nametag. Mailing labels will not be needed for SAS XXV. Sandy M^cIlrath, Assistant RD, will provide lists instead. Ardith emphasized to chapter reps that SAS XXV is a private party and that no information about it will be included in Seminar 2005 information.

MOTION: Alabama Chapter moved to accept the SAS Advisory Committee recommendation that TVR fund a registration fee for SAS XXVI as a prize for the first place winner of the SAS XXV Birthday Party Nametag Contest. The motion was seconded and passed.

2005 NATIONAL SEMINAR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Donna Smith, Chairman, presented her report, noting that two committee meetings have been held, one in Atlanta and one in Cookeville. She unveiled the stitched logo piece. The list of teachers will be published in the September 2004 issue of *NeedleArts*. From the 288 pieces sent in for the committee's consideration, 67 teachers were selected. Rolling tote bags will be embroidered rather than silk-screened as originally planned. Therefore they will be \$45 each instead of \$40 each. Donna asked reps to be sure their newsletter editors have updated Seminar 2005 reports and include them in their newsletters. The Volunteer Committee Chairman will contact TVR chapters later this year or early next year for volunteer help. The student handbook advertising will be presented at the fall TVR meeting.

Sandy M^cIlrath, Assistant RD, passed around a prototype for the Seminar 2005 charm, a TVR fundraising project. The charms are \$125 for 14K gold and \$50 for sterling silver. Your check is your order and they should be ordered ASAP. Orders will be taken at SAS XXIV.

MOTION: Dixie Chapter moved that TVR should purchase up to 100 rolling tote bags from Seminar 2005 for \$45 each. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: Bristol TN/VA Chapter moved that TVR sell gold charms for \$125 and silver charms for \$50, including tax and shipping, as a TVR fundraiser. The motion was seconded and passed.

TAPESTRY: Druscilla Defalque, Chairman, explained the project, which is a work-in-progress, distributed a progress report and photo of stitchers-in-progress, and reported that TVR is part of Panel 2. Judy Jeroy heads the project. The canvas is painted 24-count congress cloth and is being stitched by member volunteers. Thread has been donated by Anchor and Kreinik. As of the March 2004 TVR Board Meeting, 20 Birmingham Needlearts Chapter stitchers put in over 250 hours of stitching and thread stripping, and homemade pie and chocolate pound cake eating, including a King's Cake for Mardi Gras. Ten appliqués have been attached in three different manners. Stitching is scheduled to begin again in May. Since no instructions have been given, much is left to the interpretation of the volunteer stitchers. As each "slip" of the panel is received, it affects the rest of the pieces. The goal is to have it completed by Seminar 2006 in Richmond, Virginia.

The following reports were presented by RD Nancy Bowers

□ OLD BUSINESS:

- EGA National has a video available for use by those with embroidered textile collections.
- The following information in the National Digest List Report, which was distributed to chapter reps, should be included in chapter newsletters:
 - Guidelines for Appraisal Program Scholarship Participation
 - "Charmed Heart" Mailing Instructions
 - Instructions for the EGA List Online

□ NEW BUSINESS:

- Bluegrass Chapter has dissolved.
- Revised Standing Rules will be included with pre-registration at Share-A-Stitch.

□ SAS XXVII:

MOTION: Knoxville Chapter moved that the Tennessee Valley Region accepts the Knoxville Chapter's invitation to come to Knoxville in June 2007 for SAS XXVII. The motion was seconded and passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mary Zena of the Louisville Chapter was awarded the TVR Award for the 18th National Exhibit. The TVR venue for the exhibit is the Custom House in Clarksville, Tennessee, which opens October 9, 2004.
- Past Chapter President's pin is available.
- The 16th Annual Quilt Festival takes place October 15-16, 2004, in Algood, Tennessee.
- Schedule of Meetings at SAS XXIV:
 - 2:00 p.m. TVR Board Meeting
 - 8:00 p.m. SAS Advisory Committee Meeting
 - 9:00 p.m. Seminar 2005 Meeting
- The latest roster was updated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnajeanne M. Etkin, Secretary