

RMWS Chapter Meeting - February 2016

SYNOPSIS

Newsletter

- Free Patterns are again being offered in our newsletters again!
- 2016 article submission deadline dates: January 30, April 26, July 26 and October 25

Website – Becky Autry

- Guest Blogger: Year of the Stitch
 - Found as its own tab on the website
 - Published on website: 3rd weekend of each month
 - Looking for ideas for stitch types members would like Karen to explore. Please contact her with your suggestions.
- Our Photo Gallery – Show and Tell
 - We want to see your works-in-progress, chapter projects that you've done, needlework projects you just purchased to work on, etc! Let's share our fun stuff with each other!!
 - Please submit photos to Becky Autry
- Meet the Members:
 - Everyone needs to update existing bios or submit new ones!
 - Send to Becky Autry
- Area Monitors
 - If our website is not "healthy" (updated, timely, fresh), we are in trouble. But it is a huge job for one person to have to keep up with, so the Board has come up with the idea of Area Monitors (AM).
 - Board and Chapter members will be overseeing areas of the website and report back to our incredible webmaster, Becky Autry. AMs will be looking for out-of-date items, the need for updated information, mistakes, corrections and other things that assure that their area is alive and well.
 - The Board will be dividing up the site into the areas and then we will be putting out a plea for help from all of you. Watch for our request within the next month or so. Please consider volunteering. It could be a small but very vital job to help us help you and to bring new people into our chapter.

Education – Yvonne Hallock

- "Welcome!" to Yvonne Hallock as our new Education Chairman! She is looking for your input on future programs for the chapter. Please contact her with your ideas and thoughts!
- Gay Phillips Grant GCC – Needlework Toolcase
 - Barb Ing is coordinating this
 - Deadline for sign-up is February 29 (Click on sub-tab Group Correspondence Courses under Education)
 - 4 month class, starting mid-year 2016
- Chapter Meeting Project – February
 - From Karen Anthony:
 - I would appreciate any feedback from all of you concerning the new approach I took with this program. Would you like to see more of this? Can you give us (Yvonne and the rest of the Education Committee) some ideas about what types of things you would like to see for your Chapter Meeting Projects?
- Menagerie of Mystery – NEW, Year-long project
 - Conducted online – password protected; it will have its own tab
 - Begins March 1 with instructions
 - Subsequent installments: Monthly on every 3rd weekend
- President's Challenge #1
 - Drawing for \$100 check on March 8th
- Stitch-Alongs – Published monthly

- Find this as a sub-tab to Our Photo Gallery
- March – Virtual Stitch-in working on any project(s) from previous months
- April – Carole Lake’s “Santa Fe Steps”
- From Karen Anthony:
 - Have any of you done either our Chapter Meeting Project or any of the Valentine or heart patterns from last month? If so, please tell us about them and send photos to Becky for inclusion in February’s Show and Tell – even if it is a work in progress
- Play Date – Published quarterly
 - Find this as a sub-tab to Education
 - The topic for our next quarter (Feb-Apr) is “Adapting Patterns to create 3-D Objects (such as Biscornu, Humbug, Pyramid, etc)”. There are some wonderful patterns on the EGA website and Petite Projects that can be used with this.

Outreach

- We need someone to serve as Outreach Chairman. Please contact Connie Fudge if you are interested in volunteering.
- Speaking of Outreach, the official date for EGA’s National Stitch In Public Day is February 6th.
 - Since we are an online chapter, we can’t get together as a group but perhaps you can do this in pairs with members who might live near you. You can even do it individually!
 - When you go to an appointment (Doctor, Dentist, the car wash, an oil change/car repair, etc) bring a small stitching project and a willingness to speak with someone who might show interest in what you are up to! Perhaps you work with school children or Girl Scouts/Campfire Girls.
 - Please let us know about your experiences and we’ll pass them on to National.

Region Representative – Barb Ing

- Spring Region Board Meeting
 - April 29 and 30 in Lakewood, Colorado

GOOD STUFF TO KNOW!

- “I Love...” Lists – Charlotte Brooks
 - Each quarter we’ll ask a question or pose a topic and develop a list from your replies. We’ll share the results next quarter.
 - First question: What are your favorite websites (up to 3) for ordering needlework supplies over the internet? Contact Charlotte with your answers!
- 2016 Rocky Mountain Region Seminar – Becky Autry
 - Stitching in a Woodland Garden
 - August 25-27 in Colorado Springs, Colorado
 - Registration open until March 31
 - Brochure in mail (or go to RMR website: rmrega.org)
 - Are you going? We’d like to have a little RMWS get-together while we’re there! Let Connie Fudge or Barb Ing know!!
- 2016 RMWS Meetings Schedule:
 - Executive Board Meetings: April 14 – 19, July 14 – 19, October 13 – 18
 - Chapter Meetings: May 12-17, August 4 – 9, November 10-15
- Rocky Mountain Region Director – Patricia Toulouse:
 - “At the present time we still need to fill the Outreach Chairman and Historian [positions] on the RMR Executive Board. If you would like to be on the RMR Board or if you know of someone that would like to serve, let me know.”