

Starlight Stitchers Newsletter Light

Starlight Stitchers 20th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars for January 14, 2008, 7 p.m. at the Pyle Center - Starlight Stitchers will celebrate its 20th anniversary as a chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. Starlight Stitchers' purpose has been, and continues to be, to foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery. We do this through an active program of education and study and to preserve the heritage of the art of embroidery. This chapter is made up of a wonderful group of women who share our knowledge and assist one another in many embroidery techniques and enjoy the company of each other in doing so. It is time to celebrate our accomplishments and friendship as well as welcome a new board to lead us into the next decade for Starlight Stitchers. Refreshments will be provided by the outgoing board members and all members will receive an anniversary gift!!

Election of officers was held at the November meeting. The following were elected as officers of Starlight Stitchers for the 2008-2009 term:

President: Merrilee Toliver
Vice President-Operations: Barb Zimmerman
Vice President-Membership: Natalie Harbeke
Secretary: Bernice Honig
Treasurer: Margie Ginnaty
Region Representative: Carol Wilson

In addition to the election, the following committee chairpersons were named:

Newsletter: Helene Ossipov
Webmaster: Charli Hendrickson
Education: Gloria Zanella
Historian: Jan Weatherbee
Community Liaison: Linda Fries
Ways & Means: Barb Zimmerman

Membership:

Although EGA has increased dues by \$3 beginning January 1, 2008, the dues for Starlight Stitcher members will not be raised, but will remain at \$50 for primary members and \$20 for plural members. The following owe 1st Quarter dues, which must be paid by March 31, 2008:

Pat Barrett
Ann Bergman (Plural)
Shirley Burson
Jean Doig
Debbie Flittner (Plural)
Natalie Harbeke
Delores Jenisch
Barbara Kammerzell (Plural)
Bonnie Marshall (Plural)
Sandra Stirnweis
Marianne Teubner (Plural)
Merilee Toliver
Trisha Winter (Plural)
Barbara Zimmerman

Please send the completed membership form and dues check to: Natalie Harbeke, Membership Chair, 5440 E. Main Street #103, Mesa, AZ 85205

Phoenix Needlework Show

The 22nd Biennial Phoenix Needlework Show has been set for March 1-21, 2008 at the Shemer Art Center & Museum. Registration forms have been distributed to the local needlework shops and will be available on the website: www.members.cox.net/phsneedleworkshow . Registration deadline is January 10, 2008 and the entry fee is \$10 per piece. Entry fees are waived for youth registrations. Please plan to exhibit your needlework - it is a wonderful opportunity showcase your work. If you don't have anything to enter, make sure you attend the show during its run to see the beautiful work done by the many talented stitchers - and there will also be opportunity drawings at the close of the show! There will also be opportunities to volunteer for entry day, "white glovers" or hosting the opening tea - your assistance is needed! Contact Gloria Zanella, Registrar, for more information: glozany@cox.net or phone 480-832-6415.

Pacific Southwestern Region's Exhibit at EGA

from chapter members are needed immediately. Please send recipes to Gloria Zanella at glozany@cox.net - e-mail is preferred but not required. You may mail them to 441 S. Maple #45, Mesa, AZ 85206. Please be sure to include your name on the recipes so credit will be given to you! The deadline for recipes from Starlight Stitches members is January 15, 2008.
Community Liaison

For Christmas Starlight Stitches Chapter collected \$5 gift cards from the members to donate to the women at My Sister's Place which is the abused women's shelter that Starlight Stitches supports for a Community Outreach project. The response was overwhelming and we all should be proud because I was able to deliver 37 gift cards all together to Target, Wal-Mart, Safeway, Bashas and Fry's. Thank you all for well deserved wonderful donation. These women often leave their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs and I am sure the cards helped them to have a better Christmas. Thank you for all the support I received while I was in office. I thoroughly enjoyed doing it. June Card