



**Carolinias Region EGA**  
**Spring Retreat 2019: Reconnecting on the Ridge**  
May 31 – June 2, 2019  
Flat Rock, North Carolina



Make plans to join us for our new event: a spring stitch retreat! This will be a relaxing stitch-in with additional optional activities. We will meet at the Mountain Lodge and Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC, from Friday, May 31 – Sunday, June 2, 2019. This venue is conveniently located right off exit 53 on I-26. To make reservations, please phone the hotel directly at 828-693-9910 and specify that you will be with the Carolinias Region EGA event to get the special room rate.

We are calling our retreat “Reconnecting on the Ridge” because it will give us a chance to reconnect with the Blue Ridge area, where we have met for so many previous spring seminars. We can also reconnect with our EGA friends for some fun and lots of stitching time. Finally, and this is just a suggestion, we can use this weekend to reconnect with some of our previous EGA projects that we have been meaning to get back to!

Your registration fee will include all of the following:

- We will start the event with an outdoor reception (cash-only bar) from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Friday evening, May 31, 2019, in a very scenic, secluded outdoor area with a waterfall.
- After the reception, we will gather in the ballroom to get acquainted and to start stitching.
- On Saturday, you will be able to stitch all day if you would like. However, if you want to do more, we have some options listed in the next section.
- At 6:30 on Saturday evening, Sandy Washington, from “Sandy’s X-Stitch on the go,” will give a talk and demonstration entitled “Don’t Throw That Away!” She will give us pointers about how to make useful stitching accessories from objects we have laying around the house.
- Following that presentation, Terri Bay will discuss the history of whitework starting at 7:30 PM. She has included time to analyze some of our own pieces of whitework and encourages participants to bring some samples so we can try to identify the type of whitework used.
- Interspersed among these activities will be opportunity baskets, a silent auction (with proceeds split between the donating chapter and the Region), games, favors, door prizes and more.
- Each registrant will receive a needle minder with the “Reconnecting on the Ridge” logo seen at the top of this page.
- We will end the weekend with our CAR Region Board of Directors meeting on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. All are invited to attend this meeting.

In addition, for those of you who want more, we will have a few optional activities:

- Kim Sanders, a nationally-known EGA-certified teacher, has agreed to lead a Make-It/Take-It session to work on a beautiful counted ornament called “Snowflake” on Saturday morning from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM. This lovely piece combines pulled thread with embroidered beading on easy-to-see 25-count linen. The cost for this class will be only the \$10.00 kit fee. Class size will be limited to the first 24 registrants paid by April 30, 2019.
- We are inviting a professional photographer to speak to us from 2:00 to 3:00 on Saturday afternoon about how to best photograph our needlework. The cost to attend this lecture will be \$10.00.

In order to keep the costs down, we are not planning any group meals. However, the hotel offers a free hot breakfast buffet every morning. In addition, each room in the hotel has a kitchenette with a full-size



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refrigerator, cooktop (a few units have a full oven), microwave, sink, and some basic kitchen supplies (dishes, glasses, silverware, pots and pans, etc.), so if you like you will be able to make all of your meals in your room. If you do not want to bring in your groceries and eat all of your meals in the hotel, on the other hand, there are a number of great restaurants in the vicinity.

If you need more incentive to attend this retreat, you can also visit two wonderful needlework shops in the area: We will be just 10 minutes from “Sandy’s X-Stitch on the go” in Hendersonville and just 45 minutes from “Sassy Jacks Stitchery” in Weaverville. There are also a number of interesting local attractions that might catch your interest, so we will give participants a gift pack of information when you arrive to help you plan your visit.

If you have any questions, please contact Carole Overton, Carolinas Region Director, at [sjocdo1@gmail.com](mailto:sjocdo1@gmail.com) or 803-599-9549.

Make plans to join us for what promises to be a fun-filled weekend: May 31 – June 2, 2019. We hope to see you there!



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<b>Name</b> _____	<b>HOME Phone</b> _____
<b>Address</b> _____	<b>CELL Phone</b> _____
<b>City</b> _____	<b>Email</b> _____
<b>State</b> _____	<b>Chapter</b> _____
<b>Zip</b> _____	<b>EGA Member #</b> _____

**Registration Deadline: Early Registration and checks must be postmarked/received by March 1, 2019. All other registration forms/checks must be postmarked/received by April 30, 2019.** Refunds can be issued only in the event of an emergency. **Cancellation with refund deadline is May 15, 2019.**

Spring Retreat Registration Fee: <b>EARLY REGISTRATION if postmarked or received by March 1, 2019: \$50.00</b>	
Spring Retreat Registration Fee <b>if postmarked or received after March 1, 2019: \$60.00</b>	
<b>Commuter Fee:</b> If you are NOT going to stay at the Mountain Lodge and Conference Center (the event venue): <b>\$25.00</b>	
<b>Optional:</b> Make-It/Take-It class: "Snowflake" with Kim Sanders, Saturday morning 8:30 – 11:30 AM – <b>Kit fee: \$10.00</b>	
<b>Optional:</b> How to Photograph Your Needlework, Saturday afternoon 1:00 – 3:00 PM – <b>Lecture fee: \$10.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE WITH REGISTRATION FORM</b>	<b>\$</b>

<b>To help us better plan this event, please answer all of the following questions:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
1. Will you be attending the Outdoor Reception on Friday evening (5 – 7 PM)? (attendance is included in retreat registration fee but there will be a cash-only bar)	_____	_____
2. Are you willing to volunteer any time during this weekend event? (If yes, we will work with you to set up a schedule when you sign in at the event.)	_____	_____
3. Is this the first Carolinas Region event that you have attended?	_____	_____
4. Will you be bringing any items for the silent auction?	_____	_____
5. Will you be staying at the Mountain Lodge and Conference Center?	_____	_____

**REGION MEETING:** The Carolinas Region Meeting will start promptly at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 2, 2019.

**Mail Registration Form and Check To:**  
**Connie Miller**  
 5101 Mintridge Road  
 Mint Hill, NC 28227-9205  
 conniestnt@mindspring.com  
 704-573-2987

**Spring Retreat 2019 Room Reservations:**  
 Mountain Lodge and Conference Center  
 755 Upward Road  
 Flat Rock, NC 28731

**CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: 828-693-9910**  
 Specify that you are with the Carolinas Region EGA  
 to get the special rate of \$129 + tax/night

**Make Checks Payable To:** Carolinas Region EGA