

# WESTERN ID EGA

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## President's Letter

By Catherine Chertudi

Dear Fellow Needle Workers:

February is one of my favorite months. We have so many wonderful things to celebrate in February, starting with Groundhog's Day - who could have thought we would celebrate a rodent? Then we have Valentine's, President's and this year - Leap Year! It is also Heart Health Month - which is always a good reminder to take care of ourselves.

President's Day often seems lost in the excitement of the more fun holidays. I would like you to take a moment to remember Presidents Washington and Lincoln - they provided such a foundation for our society. Both men symbolized humility, courage, and respect for the fundamental values of our country. And, they remind me of the value of teamwork in accomplishing goals.

Teamwork fits the theme of our guild and all guilds - working together to support each other in meeting common goals. The energy and enthusiasm generated from teamwork can be so much fun and personally motivating that I look for opportunities to work with others on common projects.

The Western Idaho chapter members are a great team; learning from each other, supporting the goals of the group, encouraging each other's growth and skills in needlework, and maybe most importantly in sharing our skills, abilities and gifts. As you

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explore new needlework techniques and try your hand at stitching outside the box this year - also explore opportunities to be a part of our large needlework team - sharing and learning and supporting each other in our time together.

Thank you all for being a part of this great team this year.

Happy Stitching! Catherine

## February Meeting

Through the Eyes of a Judge: Kay Haley

### Supplies

Bring note pad and paper - we will have a wonderful presentation and discussion by Kay Haley.

Kay will also judge needlework items. Members are encouraged to bring an item for possible judging.

## Stitching Outside the Box

If you were not able to attend the January Meeting, boxes are still available for the 2008 Challenge Project! Please pick up your box at the February Meeting or call Catherine Chertudi at 343-5107. This is a fun and easy challenge to be completed by

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Group Correspondence Online

Registration deadline: February 29, 2008  
Your application must be postmarked by February 29<sup>th</sup>  
Courses: **Winterspring**.  
Teacher: Judith D. Gulick and **Silk and Metal Thread Embroidery**.  
Teacher: Kay Stanis.

### Boise Art Museum

Las Artes de Mexico, through February 24.  
Exhibit includes yarn painting.

**Faith Ringgold: Mama Can Sing, Papa Can Blow.** Internationally known African-American artist, writer and educator, Faith Ringgold will speak March 6 at the Egyptian Theatre. She began making quilts that combine storytelling, quiltmaking and genre painting to examine a broad range of social and political issues. Ringgold has written and illustrated fourteen children's books and has more than 30 awards, including the Caldecott Honor and the Coretta Scott King Award.

Her story quilts are currently on exhibit at the Boise Art Museum through March 23.

## Rocky Mountain Region News

The latest issue of Border to Border is available on the Rocky Mountain website, [www.rmrega.org](http://www.rmrega.org). Gloria Morgan is the new editor. Border to Border contains information about what is happening in the region. Photos of some of the chapter's activities are included in this issue. The newsletter is password protected; your *membership id* number is your password.

The seminar brochure for Colorado Collage was sent out in January. If you did not receive one, you can find information about the seminar at [www.rmrega.org](http://www.rmrega.org). 2008 RMR Seminar is July 10-12 in Denver, Colorado. Remember to register by April 15 to avoid late fees.

This year's Prospectors Exhibit theme is Colorado Collage. This exhibit is open to all members.

RMR spring board meeting will be held in Grand Junction, Colorado, April 18-19. All members are invited to attend.

RMR is hosting the National Seminar in 2012. If you are interested in being the Seminar Chairman, please send a resume to Jane Moses, Nominating Committee Chairman at PO Box 2836, Corrales, NM 87048 or [janestitch@aol.com](mailto:janestitch@aol.com) by March 15. Contact Jane if you are interested in being on a committee.

## Project Linus

10th Anniversary Celebration and National Project Linus Make a Blanket Day!

Karcher Mall, Nampa,

February 16, 10 am - 6 pm

Come for an hour or two, stay all day - we'd love to have you!

## Magazine Review - Michele Gardiner

### A Needle Pulling Thread

The cover of A Needle Pulling Thread magazine (Festive 2007 issue) features an exquisite art quilt that mimics a stain glass window design. The bright colors and clean lines of the quilt peaked my curiosity to look into the magazine further. A Needle Pulling Thread magazine is designed to promote Canadian needle arts. Interestingly, it receives financial support from the Canadian government through the Department of Canadian Heritage.

The Festive 2007 issue is nearly 100 pages and showcases a wide array of needle arts. The designer of a project frequently reflects on their upbringing or fond memories of their youth and the craft as an introduction to the technique or project. There are well written instructions for the projects shown and diagrams when needed. Each designer also offers tricks to successful completion of the project or tips on options to explore when starting the project (like changing yarn weight or using fusible web in appliqué). The diversity of projects in this issue is knitting, crochet, bead netting, felting, cross stitch, needle tatting and rug hooking.

The magazine is slightly oversized (10 3/4" x 9") with good color photography. The table of contents shows a picture of each project with the appropriate page number to easily find the project you are interested in reading. Also prominent is the name of the designer/contributor to the issue.

A Needle Pulling Thread magazine is issued five times a year. Subscription rate for the United States is 37.95. To view the magazine online, access [www.aneedlepullingthread.com](http://www.aneedlepullingthread.com). I purchased my copy at Barnes and Noble in Boise.

## 2008 Chapter Officers

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| President      | Catherine Chertudi |
| Vice President | Alice Tryon        |
| Secretary      | Rita Ascuaga       |
| Treasurer      | Betty Dippi        |

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| Regional Rep.         | Carol Herrmann   |
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| Yard Sale             | Nancy Valentine  |
| Region Seminar 2009 - | Myrna Cruz       |
| Past President        | Carla Bravo      |

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| Community Outreach     | Open |
| Correspondence Courses | Open |

### *Community Outreach February 2008*

*Help celebrate 10 Years of great work by Project Linus, providing blankets to children in crisis situations - bring One yard of youth oriented, 100% cotton fabric or \$5.00 to donate for quilt batting.*

### *January 2008*

*The Western Idaho EGA collected 45 washcloths for The Interfaith Sanctuary. Thank you!*

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## **WESTERN IDAHO EGA CHAPTER**

### **Next Meeting:**

**February 26, 2008**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Whitney United Methodist Church**  
**3315 West Overland Road, Boise**

**Mark your calendars for these future meetings:**

**March 25, 2008**

**April 22, 2008**

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