

# WESTERN ID EGA

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Catherine Chertudi -- President

## President's Letter

Dear Friends:

Happy Spring!

Springtime seems to always inspire me. I feel more alive and ready to try new challenges and rev up my activities. Inspiration can come from many places, people, things, and experiences.

American Heritage Dictionary provides the following definition for inspiration: noun

1.
  - a. Stimulation of the mind or emotions to a high level of feeling or activity.
  - b. The condition of being so stimulated.
2. An agency, such as a person or work of art, that moves the intellect or emotions or prompts action or invention.
3. Something, such as a sudden creative act or idea, that is inspired.
4. The quality of inspiring or exalting: *a painting full of inspiration.*
5. Divine guidance or influence exerted directly on the mind and soul of humankind.
6. The act of drawing in, especially the inhalation of air into the lungs.

My personal needlework inspirations come from the color and texture of fibers, the beauty of an object or scene, or the

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challenge of learning a new technique.

I keep a notebook for sketches to record my random ideas and thoughts - hoping they will one day become a beautiful and well executed needlework design.

Nature can be a strong source of inspiration for many of us. I am also becoming more influenced and inspired by the parts of an object - how a brick wall looks on an old building, the patterns a leafless tree can make when the sun shines through, the dry stalks of grass on the hillside near my home, and the look of an industrial object.

During this month's meeting we will be inspired by a beautiful slide show Fiber Fantasy. Bring a friend to share the inspiring, creative and gorgeous needlework that will be displayed.

And, this month - enjoy the beauty of spring and the inspiration the new bulbs and flowers that seem to be appearing daily around our homes. Maybe, it will also inspire you to try something new in the wonderful world of needle arts - a new fiber, technique, or stitch! Keep stitching outside of the box -

Catherine

**April 2008 Program  
You Can Do This!  
Fiber Fantasy**

This month we will be presenting a slide show - you should bring pencil and paper for notes and sketches. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share needlework with your friends and family!

Fiber Fantasy features 78 slides demonstrating the creativity of the Fiber Forum members. The slide show was created from the 2002 exhibit.

Due to the length of the slide show, we will have a very short business meeting and move quickly to the slide show.

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Batik Workshop

Boise State University is offering a one week Batik Workshop this summer for 2 credits. You can check out the course at [www.boisestate.edu](http://www.boisestate.edu).

### Husband's Lament by MT Morrale 1852

Heaven preserve me from a wife  
With fancywork run wild  
Whose hands will never do ought else  
for Husband or for child.  
Our clothes are torn, our beds unmade  
The house is in disorder  
And all because my lady wife  
Has taken to embroider.

Shared by Pauline Keller

### *Community Outreach April 2008*

*Please bring full size bath soaps, body wash, or shampoos to the April meeting - we will distribute them to local women's shelters. Our goal is to collect 25 bottles of shampoo and 25 bath soaps or gels!*

### Spring Project Ideas

A Great free project is available from Kreinik at [www.kreinik.com](http://www.kreinik.com). Look for the Beaded Flower Pillow Project under the Freebies link.



**Beaded Flower Pillow**  
Designed by: Treasure It  
Skill Level: Intermediate

**Ornament Gift Tag, A Free Pattern from Lois Caron.** This is a fun and fast project that can be found at [www.caron-net.com](http://www.caron-net.com), select the tab For Kids.

Instructions for both projects will be available at the April meeting for those members that do not have internet access.

## Silent Auction

Are you busy stitching an item for the annual Christmas dinner and silent auction? Any item, large or small, stitching related is welcome at the table! And, the more the merrier.

Please give your items to Cherrie Newberry when you have them ready.

## Yard Sale

Collect your sewing and needlework extras for the Yard Sale in September! Price tags will be available at each meeting for you to place on your donations.

## 2008 Chapter Officers

President	Catherine Chertudi
Vice President	Alice Tryon
Secretary	Rita Ascuaga
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Regional Rep.	Carol Herrmann
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Share Table	Pauline Keller
Yard Sale	Nancy Valentine
Silent Auction	Cherrie Newberry
Region Seminar 2009	- Myrna Cruz
Past President	Carla Bravo

## Save these dates

**May 5** - EGA will be featured in the Antiques Roadshow program that airs at 7 pm MDT.

**June 28** - A very special Stitch-In hosted by Myrna Cruz

**December 2** - Christmas Dinner featuring the annual Silent Auction and Ornament Exchange.

## Rocky Mountain Region Prospector's Challenge

Don't forget: Submissions for the Prospector's challenge "Colorado Collage" are due to Dee Meek by June 1.

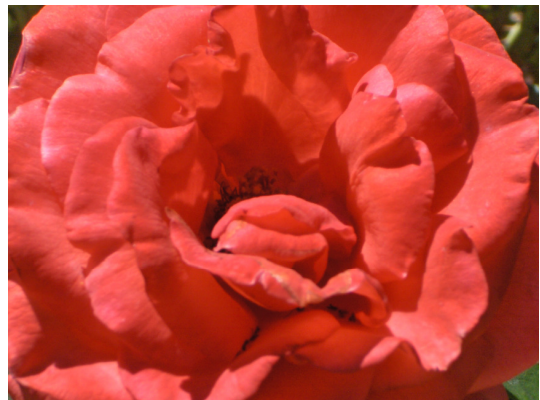
Western Idaho members and our challenge to Stitch Outside of the Box this year really is a nice match to the Prospector's Exhibit. It would be wonderful to have a large number of items submitted from our Chapter!

Let your creativity flow and let's have some exciting entries in the exhibit at the 2008 Rocky Mountain Regional Seminar.

If you need further information please contact your region rep or Dee at [dhmeek@frontiernet.net](mailto:dhmeek@frontiernet.net)

Dee Meek

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A Rose for Inspiration!

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## **WESTERN IDAHO EGA CHAPTER**

### **Next Meeting:**

April 22, 2008  
7:00 pm  
Whitney United Methodist Church  
3315 West Overland Road, Boise

Mark your calendars for these future meetings:

May 27, 2008  
June 24, 2008  
June 28, 2008 - Stitch-In

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