

# Channel Islands Chapter Report

Prepared for the 2019 SPRING Region Meeting

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Our chapter has done the following since the last region meeting:

## 1) Programs

- \* In January we celebrated our 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a beautiful cake made by Ellen Ansok, and a wonderful slide show by Michelle Baylis.
- \* In February we started a "UFO" challenge; participants paid the chapter \$5 and showed an unfinished project, to be finished by January 2020 or the chapter keeps the \$5.
- \* In March, the chapter band sampler continued. We also learned huckweaving so that volunteers can teach it at the upcoming Scandinavian Days, a cultural festival held at California Lutheran University.

## 2) Workshops

- \* In February a 2-day silk embroidery workshop was enjoyed by 13 members. The design is called "A Garden View", taught by Deborah Mitek.

## 3) Outreach

- \* New Beginnings received 31 hats, 61 toiletry bags, 25 afghans, 5 bibs, 5 sweaters and 1 quilt.
- \* Members donated 36 complete stitching kits to Needle in a Haystack to be distributed to victims of the wildfires who lost all their stitching supplies.
- \* 17 stitching kits were sent to the group collecting them to give them to veterans.
- \* Members demonstrated and taught Swedish huckweaving at Scandinavian Days, a cultural festival at Cal Lutheran University, on April 6 and 7.
- \* A local sewing machine store, Kingdom Sewing, had an open house on April 6; 3 members demonstrated.

## 4) Other activities of interest to other chapters

- \* In December we had a Holiday lunch featuring an ornament exchange and an opportunity drawing for a wall tree with stitched ornaments.
- \* 2 members reached 25 Year status: Sharon Shimohara (26) and Lillian Merrill (25).
- \* We welcomed 3 new members for a current total of 46. One found us by our new website.
- \* 9 members enjoyed a 2-day stitching retreat at the Lighthouse Suites resort in Avila Beach.
- \* Due to a decline in mini-group attendance, the 3 mini-groups have consolidated into one group.
- \* The chapter library was closed out, members purchased most of the remaining books.

## 5) Future event(s) of interest to other chapters:

- \* A Spring Tea is planned for our April meeting.
- \* Upcoming programs include: a flat fold finishing technique in May, a patriotic beaded bracelet in June and an Or Nue goldwork piece in September.
- \* There will be an opportunity drawing in June for a basket of stitched items with a 4<sup>th</sup> of July theme.
- \* Members will be demonstrating stitching at the Ventura County Fair in August.