

Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



May/June 2021

Dear Chesapeake Treasures,

Can you believe it has been a year since we last met in person? It has been wonderful seeing so many familiar faces each month at the chapter Zoom meeting. The monthly show and share creations have been beautiful and inspiring and the month programs have been engaging and informative.

The items we create are an expression of creativity and love. We are not alone in using needle and thread to express ourselves. Recently in my social media feeds, there have been many examples how others express themselves and support initiatives that are important to them. Recent examples are a boy who makes teddy bears for children undergoing cancer treatment, <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-05-30/campbell-project-365-sees-teddy-bears-made-for-charity/7458530> , another boy who makes bow ties for shelter dogs to dress them up for prospective families <https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2021/03/17/dog-bowtie-shelter/> and Inspirations magazine e-newsletter featured the 1000 Hearts project where tiny embroidered fabric “pockets” hearts to share to those in need of hope, comfort and support. <https://www.1000hearts.com.au/>

SAGA too offers its members ways to share their skills to support those who need hope, comfort and support with the Wee Care program https://www.smocking.org/weecare_program.php , Trees for Troops <https://www.pinkhollybushdesigns.com/post/2017/10/04/smocking-ornaments-for-trees-for-troops> and various chapter based initiatives such as making hats for chemo patients, refurbishing and dressing donated dolls to give to children in need at the holidays, making blankets and sleeping pads for animals housed in shelters to name a few. This year in particular, sewers around the country have dug into their fabric stashes and created thousands upon thousands of masks for hospitals, essential workers, loved ones, service workers and more.

Looking forward to seeing what beautiful things you have been making in recent weeks.
“See” you at our next meeting on May 13!

Fondly,
Lindsay



Chesapeake Treasures Co-Builder

This is the final drawing of our 8 scheduled Co-Builders. We hope you have enjoyed and will consider joining us next year. Please Read the separate article about the basic plan that is in this newsletter.

Our **May 2021 Co-Builder** is:

An Encore!! A set of 3 matching bags for those summer travels (we hope some of us will be able to do) and/or many stitching projects. Black and white floral design with a touch of blue trimming. All have zippers for security. Remember they are washable, too. The smallest one is slightly different than the previous models—it has external zipper compartments and a long sling-strap. The largest bag holds a sewing machine and the middle size, a tote, is large enough for notebooks as well as several projects. Our smallest can hold small scissors, needles, and/or small sewing tools. (Ask Dawn how useful they are!! She won a similar set 2 years ago).

Have a great summer; hopefully we will “see you” in the Fall!

Mary Margaret and Joan, Co-Chairs

Heads-Up On Your Co-Builder Opportunity For 2021-2022

If you have been out to purchase specialty threads, as well as the regular DMC threads you will know that they have been going up in price on a regular basis --- well, we are going to include additional floss and/or interesting fibers in our monthly drawing next year!

There will also be some fabric yardage each month to blend with the current or up- coming season. All this **plus** the regular Co-Builder items listed in the Chapter Newsletter we get.

Please come and join us this 2021-2022 Chapter year with a subscription for 8 drawings (October through May). The drawings will take place just as they did last year; the items are different though.

Our plan is similar to last year BUT, when we are able to have in-person meetings this year the drawings will be done **at** the meetings. Your subscription receipts will be added to the drawing basket each month whether you are in attendance or not!

Remember subscription receipts for your donation are as follows:

- 1 each month = \$8.00 donation
- 2 each month = \$16.00 donation
- 3 each month = \$24.00 donation
- 4 each month = \$32.00 donation
- 5 each month = \$40.00 donation.

Please try to have your subscription for the 2021-2022 Co-Builder Opportunity in to the Treasurer before October 1, 2021. If any subscriptions are received after that, the receipts for the donation will be transferred proportionately to the Chapter's Fall drawing of 2022.

December 1, 2021 is the final date for accepting the Co-Builder Opportunity 2021-2022 Subscriptions. You may add your choice when you send your regular Chesapeake Treasures dues to Karen, our Treasurer. Or, you may send a separate check or just notify Karen to add that number (amount) to your PayPal account.

We hope you **all** will support the chapter in this way this coming year. Remember – this Co-Builder donation goes to fulfilling the budget needs of our Chapter instead of having to conduct a fundraiser.

For those of you who participated last year, thank **you** again for helping make last year a successful year for the Chapter.

Joan and Mary Margaret

An email was sent to a few that still have gowns out. Please try to get them completed and turned in. May will be here before we know it!

You can drop them off at the next Sit n Stitch on May 28th at Panera Bread. If you plan to come, please let Joyce Ross know.

We are trying to schedule some workshops this summer if all goes well. If you are on the Wee Care Committee you will be contacted to help out.



Programs for 2020/2021 (Check our website for pictures of projects)

May 13, 2021 - Embroidery & Buttons (presented by Carolyn Dalton)

June 12, 2021 (Saturday)-- Host Joyce Ross - Time - 12:00pm - 3:00 pm - Joyce is working on something to have the food catered (box lunches) and have some stitching time after we eat. Weather permitting this will be outside.

No meetings in July and August. Meetings will resume in September. Location is yet to be determined.

September 9, 2021

October 14, 2021

November 11, 2021

December 9, 2021

SMOCKING.ORG - Have you seen the new member project available for free? Log in with your member id and there will be a link to a free class - SAGA Stitches Embroidery Series, [Cutwork Flower](#), by Terry Faber.

Meet A Treasure – Joyce Ross

Joyce was a Navy brat that was born in Great Lakes, Illinois. She is married with two grown daughters who together provided Joyce with 5 grandchildren (Chase, Violet, Owen, Gabriel, and Ben).

Joyce's first attempt designing and sewing was when as a child she would cut up fabric to make dresses for her dolls. She learned to sew in Junior and Senior High school in Home Economics classes. She learned to smock in 1983 because her mother-in-law wanted to take a smocking class and did not drive. After the class she made 12 Christmas balls and swore she would never make another, but as time passed, she took on new challenges in smocking. She is now introducing her granddaughter to smocking by teaching her to smock a Christmas ball as a class for a school requirement.



Her introduction to SAGA started with the Christmas ball class and lasted for approximately six years as a member of the Black-Eyed Susan Chapter. After many years not smocking and the birth of her first granddaughter, she wanted a refresher course in smocking and found Chesapeake Treasures in 2005.

Joyce makes clothing of all types from costumes to bridal wear. Her most challenging garment made was a party dress for her granddaughter when she was 2. It was a Jeannie Baumeister pattern constructed from Italian organza and lots of lace, feather stitching and bullions galore. Needless to say, Joyce was delighted to see Violet's face when she was shown the dress, expressing "it's my Princess Dress!"

Joyce still plans to fill requests from her children and grandchildren for PJ's to Easter suits. She is looking forward to becoming more comfortable and doing more with her embroidery machine.

Joyce is retired from Anne Arundel County Public Schools after 24 years of service. She sometime sews for profit for friends who need items sewn or mended, otherwise she mostly enjoys meeting with friends and catching up on life. Having a business is out of the question as she would much rather contribute to other businesses by buying their goods.

Joyce hopes to travel in the fall of 2021 taking a river cruise to see Amsterdam, Germany, Vienna, and Budapest. She is currently researching her interests to find places to get sewing supplies and for her husband to find those food/beer/wine tours.

If Joyce had a free day to do what every she wanted, it would be lounging at the beach, looking at the ocean, and listening to an audio book while smocking on her next project. She is enjoying the good life God has given her.

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Birthdays

May 3- Terry Faber
 4- Kathy Furth
 9 – Sallie Nold
 16 – Marlene Mehn

June 2 – Bonnie Holland
 4 - Sandy Suhrie
 11 – Martha Sykora
 19 - Jo Shaw
 22 – Joyce Ross



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generations, through education, communication,
and quality workmanship.”

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When and Where we meet: Until the Pandemic is over, we will
have meetings via ZOOM.

The Chesapeake Treasures Chapter meets at 6:00 pm (business meeting precedes the general meeting) on the 2nd Thursday of the month at

Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD

At each meeting there is a show and share, business meeting, a program or demonstration and always refreshments.

Should there be inclement weather, please check the library site to see if they are open or call [410-222-7915](tel:410-222-7915) <https://www.aacpl.net/location/crofton>

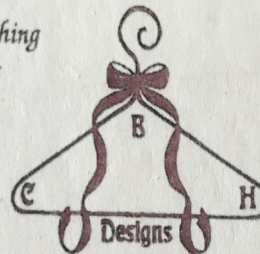
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