



Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



Jan/Feb 2022

Letter from the President

Dear Chesapeake Treasures,

Wishing you all a very happy New Year! The quiet of the New Year is a great time to play out your goals for the coming year. This applies to your needlework goals and aspirations as well. It is also the time to sort through your sewing room; think about what works and what doesn't work. Is different storage needed to organize your supplies and make it easier to find or put them away. It is also a good time to weed out projects, patterns, books and magazine that you've lost enthusiasm for. There are many avenues to sell or give away these items – as the old adage goes – one man's trash is another man's treasure!

The chapter's monthly Show and Share program offer excellence inspiration with the benefit of being able to follow up with the maker if you have questions or needed clarification about a particular project. The monthly programs introduce members to new techniques or a way to apply old techniques. This Spring's programs will include smocking, equipment maintenance, creating smocking pin to aid in counting pleats and, finally, the construction of an ironing caddy. Thank you to all those leading a program.

The end of February holds a highlight of the many members, the annual West River Retreat! It is such a wonderful opportunity to be exposed to a fascinating array of needlework techniques and types. The retreat offers attendees the opportunity to become better acquainted as well as have to have dedicated stitching time (i.e. – no meal prep or laundry)! What could be better!

Lisa Hawkes, Chesapeake Treasures member and the owner of Pink Hollybush Designs, will be teaching a workshop on sewing with knits the end of April. For those wanting to learn about or increase their knowledge of sewing on knits, this workshop will be of interest to you.

Although we will meet virtually, I look forward to meeting in person soon again!

Happy Stitching !

Lindsay



Wee Care Public Service

Don't forget—If at all possible, please try to turn in your gowns at the January meeting because of our new report date for 2022. If you need gowns, see Joyce at the January meeting. Thanks for all you do to help with our Wee Care Service.

Wee Care Counts—

September—Out 34	In—0
October—Out 24	In—8
November—Out 3	In— 3
December—Out 2	In— 12

Programs for 2022 (Check our website for pictures of projects)

January 13 — Smocked heart pillow—Carolyn will be teaching this through Zoom at the meeting.

February 10— Pleater Maintenance

March 10—Smocking pins used to count pleats

April and May—constructing an iron caddy

June—pot luck dinner—Location to be announced (volunteers needed)

Chesapeake Treasures Co-Builder for January and February 2022

Since the month of January Chapter program is a **Red** smocked heart, Co-Builder is following with a **Redwork** co-builder. Included are:

2 books – *Red and White* – American **Redwork**, History and Patterns. These are true treasures!

A 31" X 45" - 9 oz. cotton Baby Blanket made in Portugal in true **red**!

3 yards of Marcus Brothers **Redwork** checkered print fabric.

1 yard floral, 1 yard sunbonnet, and 1 scant yard children's design

all **redwork** designed by Faye Liverman Burgos for Marcus Brothers.

1 yard white on white print --*P.S. I Love You*.

½ yard of $\square\square_{16}$ **red** check imperial batiste.

Red floss and floche, ribbon, totes, and DMC Tetra (perle cotton)

threads in white and **red**. Happy Early Valentines Day!

Our February chapter program will involve the pleater--- Every smocker's invaluable **tool**, so the Co-builder for February is a group of helpful **tools** for some of our stitching needs.

Included are:

A sewing magnifier with LED lighting.

A 3" X 6" oval Hoopla Hoop.

A Needlecraft Scissor and Tape Measure set.

Set of decorative pins from Pincushion Crazy.

Clover -- Hot Hemmer.

Metal box of Sewing Pin Clips.

Simplicity --SideWinder portable bobbin winder.

Singer-- Decorative Head Pins.

Bohin Mechanical Chalk Pencil with extra fine leads,
plus red and green refills.

John James Bodkin Set.

2¼ yds. of fabric *Measuring Twice* from Needles and Pins designs

DMC assorted Floss Enjoy!!

Mary Margaret Kasulke and Joan Messinger, Co-Chairs

CORN CASSEROLE—from Brooke

Ingredients:

1/2 c. unsalted butter melted

1 8 oz. container Sour cream—room temperature

2 large eggs—room temperature

2 T. granulated sugar

1 - 15oz. Can sweet corn drained and 1 -15 oz can creamed corn

1 - 8.5box box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix (you can use different jiffy mix flavors like Mexican if you want a little spice. I used the honey mix flavor for the one I made in December)

1/2 tsp. Salt

Instructions:

1. Preheat Oven to 350 degrees and grease a glass 9x13" baking pan with cooking spray. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together butter, sour cream and eggs until well combined.
3. Stir in sugar, cream style corn, sweet corn, corn muffin mix and salt.
4. Pour mixture into the prepared pan
5. Bake for 20-35 minutes or until the mixture has set. It may still be *slightly* "jiggly" but that's okay.

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Ladies,

This past Fall, we were blessed to be able to travel to many areas in Europe. On our adventure we found fabric stores in remote city locations, like alleys and hidden streets. We only had a day or two to visit many cities in Germany, Austria and Budapest. Among my favorite was one in Germany where I found ribbons and buttons, but I also enjoyed looking at their fabrics. Since fabric takes up a lot of space in a suitcase, I passed on any purchases. My best find was a set of Dovo scissors in a gold-plated finish. They are not sold in fabric shops as you might think, but in cutlery stores.

In Vienna we were able to visit a Christmas market and I saw some very beautiful embroidered Christmas balls. The vendor allowed me to take a picture of them which is below.

In Budapest I found some metallic floss by Madeira at a shop as we walked back to the ship. I was able to gift it to the Pot Luck Christmas exchange. The recipient was Barbara Meger, so I know she will make something awesome to show us in the future.

It is never disappointing and always exciting to discover new shops along our path in life.

Happy Sewing New Year! 2022!

Joyce





**Tips from Cheryl**—I bought 8—7 shelf bookcases for my cutting room and a large ceiling light. I added small shelving units to fill in the gaps to put my small storage bins on with my notions, ribbon, trims, etc. Now my fabrics are organized by type and color so I can more easily find what I need. The smaller storage bins are also labeled. My cutting table is in the middle of the room, so everything I need is close at hand. The only problem is that I have too much of EVERYTHING!

**Sandy**—This 6 drawer “Alex” chest from Ikea is perfect for my threads. Small spools are in the skinnier drawers and large spools are in the deeper drawers.



**Tips from Brooke**—I saw the email to send in sewing space organization tips, which is a coincidence because I just organized my sewing space! Below are my tips

I got the Billy bookcase from Ikea, it's tall but not very wide and ended up being the perfect dimensions for fabric storage, I got the glass door to see everything. I also got some cube shelves and little glass jars from Ikea which have been useful. Another tip is I use pill containers for storage of buttons and snaps, then it's easy to toss the whole thing in my bag for on the go. Also I have started using toilet paper rolls to roll my piping and trim on to keep it neat, then I store them all in a clear plastic storage bin.



January 2022 Program— You have 3 choices to choose from. White Cotton Fabric, Black Cotton Fabric or Red Satin. **Please let me know your choice ASAP by responding to Carolyn's email.** I know some will need it mailed to them – please let me know, and I hope you receive it in time for the meeting.

**The kits will contain the following:**

Pre-pleated insert  
 DMC floss  
 2 pieces of 8"X8" fabric  
 1/2 yard of fabric and cording for piping (if making satin pillow) or already piped piece (if making cotton pillow)  
 27" of lace trim  
 #7 Darnier Needle  
 Complete instructions for smocking and assembly

**You will need to provide the following to complete the project:**

2 pieces of 8"X8" Baby interfacing (if making satin pillow)  
 Thread  
 Stuffing or filler beads

I used poly-fil bean bag filler in the black heart.



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### Birthdays

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| January  | Happy Birthday to anyone in January  |
| February | Happy Birthday to anyone in February |



Meeting Dates: Please check email each month for meeting location.

March 10, 2022  
April 14, 2022  
May 12, 2022

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**and quality workmanship.”**

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**When and Where we meet: Watch your email for any changes.**

The Chesapeake Treasures Chapter meets at 6:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month at

**Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD**

At each meeting there is a show and share, a program or demonstration. Business meetings are held by Zoom on the Monday before the meeting.

**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>**

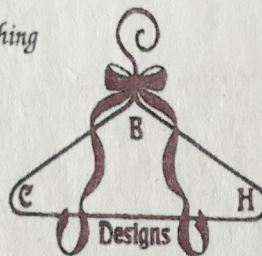
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