



# Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



NEWSLETTER FOR September/October 2022

Dear Chesapeake Treasures,

Summer is coming to a close and Fall will be here before we know it. Although the temperatures are still warm, many of you are planning or working on projects for Thanksgiving and Christmas already!

The Chesapeake Treasures Committees have been planning and hard at working for the coming year's activities! Sandy Suhrie and Joyce Ross are looking for volunteers to participate in a demo session at the Anne Arundel Fair Grounds, Saturday, September 17 from 10-noon. They have tickets for free admission. The demo involves a display of smocking and heirloom items, working on smocked items as examples and pleating demos. The folks are mesmerized by how the pleater works! If you are interested, contact Sandy Suhrie, [fringes51@gmail.com](mailto:fringes51@gmail.com). After the demo session, enjoy the fair!

Programs start the year with Barbara Meger presenting a program inspired by Nellie Durand "European Smocking Inspiration".

Starting in October, the Programs Committee will be offering a multi part series of embroidered flowers. The aim of this series is to apply many of the stitches we are familiar to make a garden of beautiful flowers. Two flowers will be covered at each meeting with the program series culminating in the making of a project keeper which can be embellished with one or several of the flowers taught in our programs. Thank you to all of those who have volunteered to lead a flower program this coming year.

The ever-popular West River Retreat is scheduled for February 24 – 26 (or 27 if you are staying the extra day).

Registration opens to all in September 15. If you have not gotten your registration and check over to Jo Shaw, now is the time! Karen Lang and Morganlee Pazdur can assist with pay by PayPal if you prefer.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President these past 2 years! I look forward to continuing my involvement with the chapter working with the Programs, Hospitality and West River Retreat Committees and of course spending time with all you wonderful ladies!

Fondly! Lindsay



## Chesapeake Treasures Co-Builder October 2022

The first of a great new year. Yes, it takes time, but you will be happy to have this delightful new project!!

- “Carousel” a complete Kit and directions for embellishing a blanket designed by Jan Kerton.
- 2 ½ yards of 100% cotton Moda fabric “Good Times” for backing the blanket (and extra for a pillow if you want).
- Australian Cashmere Velour wool blanketing - 30 X 40 (crib size)
- Five assorted sewing tools (You can always use a second).
- Jump into Embroidery kit – “Narwal” includes hoop, needles, and 10 skeins of DMC embroidery floss
- A vintage Sewing Machine Music Box donated by Cindi Gallagher, former member

A great start to a new season. There are 7 more surprises to come!!

## Chesapeake Treasures Co-Builder November 2022

Another great surprise of the year! Looking to make a beautiful sewing notions kit for yourself or a special, special friend? Here it is and more---

- A complete “*Berryhill Heirlooms*” set to make:
  - A pincushion
  - Thimble Pip
  - Needle Book
  - Emery
  - Scissor Case
  - Notions RollKit includes: silk dupioni, embroidery floss, silk ribbon, beads, pattern, even white felt for the needle pages
- A book: *World of Embellishment* by Joan Hines.
- DMC Cotton Machine Embroidery Thread 6 spools –Bright colors.
- DMC Shimmering Etoile Embroidery Stranded Thread- 35 skeins!  
Same colors and number of strands as regular floss but with the new subtle sparkle in each strand.
- *Mimi’s Machine Heirloom Sewing*, a treasure for ideas and techniques by Mildred Turner (no longer published).  
donated by **Peggy Hueston**
- Old fashioned sewing machine vintage music box.  
donated by **Cindi Gallagher**, former member

Mary Margaret Kasulke and Joan Messinger, Co-Chairs

## **Wee Care Counts for Gowns/Bonnets/Caps**

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| September - Out 34  | In - 0  |
| October - Out 24    | In - 8  |
| November - Out 3    | In - 3  |
| December -Out 2     | In - 12 |
| January – Out 8     | In - 12 |
| February – Out 14   | In - 24 |
| March – Out 10      | In - 4  |
| April – Out 0       | In – 2  |
| May - Out - 0       | In – 7  |
| June – Out – 24     | In – 0  |
| July – Out – 0      | In – 4  |
| August – Out – 0    | In – 6  |
| September – Out – 0 | In - 4  |

Please turn in your completed gowns/caps/bonnets by the November meeting. SAGA Wee Care Report will be due at the beginning of the year. This summer we donated gowns to St. Agnes, Anne Arundel Medical Center and Baltimore Washington Medical Center. We are not planning on a workshop until next summer. We still have completed gowns remaining that will be donated when needed.

Thanks to Everyone that helps us with our Wee Care. It is so much appreciated.

## **September Program - European Smocking Inspiration**

Barbara Meger will share with us ideas from European smocking magazines as researched by Nellie Durand, an early SAGA teacher and founder. You don't want to miss this presentation because it is the springboard for a chapter smocking CHALLENGE (due next May)!

## **SAGA CONVENTION in October**

To all those heading to Convention – have a wonderful time. Don't forget to write something for the next newsletter – your experience, the classes, the shopping – so much to write about!

## NEEDLES TRIVIA from Joan M.

Did you know this about Needles??

- In the Medieval period of History women of higher rank wore gold needle-cases that hung from their waists like jewelry on a belt. Ownership of a “good” needle was of great importance – women were even buried wearing a case with needles as early as the 6<sup>th</sup> century.
- In the 11<sup>th</sup> century the first publications of printed advertising and trademark usage was for a needle maker in the Song Dynasty in China. Then in the 16<sup>th</sup> century Leonardo da Vinci designed a machine to make points on sewing needles.
- The 17<sup>th</sup> century brought us a single needle’s eye that was hammered flat, then punched on an anvil and smoothed with files. Although bronze needles from the Roman era were made in much the same way, they had multiple eyes to prevent thread from slipping out.
- Rounding out the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Victorian Era introduced “penny packets” of needles in wrappers and ornamental brass figured needle-cases that women could use for storing them. These needle-cases, when worn, became socially acceptable for evening sewing activities!
- And just 70 years ago the German Engineers, from the Schmetz Needle Company, rebuilt da Vinci’s machine from his original drawings to make “improved” points on needles for electric sewing machines.

Info. from Access Commodities

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SAGA – New Stitch Along.  
Check it out on Facebook-  
SAGA Smock Along

Facebook page.



Fine Machine Sewing Artisan Master **Kim Gimblette** will be hosting a **members-only Stitch Along** to make a **travel Jewelry Bag**.

The introductory lesson will be posted on the Members' page of the website beginning on Tuesday, August 30 (no sign up necessary!). Lesson One will be posted on September 6 and Lesson Two will be available on September 20. You may post questions or comments or progress photos in the Facebook Smock Along group. Kim will regularly monitor for questions until September 30. In order to earn two Artisan points for participation, post a photo of your finished project in the FB Smock Along group, or send it to Kim OR stop by Hospitality at the Convention with your finished project. The deadline for providing proof of completion is October 15.

## PROGRAMS FOR September-October-November

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

September 8, 2022 – European Smocking – Inspiration by Nellie Durand

October 6, 2022 – **NOTE** – OUR MEETING IS ONE WEEK EARLY IN THE MONTH BECAUSE OF CONVENTION THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

### Program for October

We will begin our 2022/2023 year with a special presentation. Barbara Meger will share with us, European Smocking Inspiration by Nellie Durrand. There may even be a Challenge issued! We will then be trying a new format for our Chapter. Lindsey Carroll has agreed to lead us in a multi month series of stitching based on Diana Lampe's *Embroidery for all Seasons*. We will be doing a round robin type presentation at each meeting with individual members teaching us 2 new flowers a month! October will find us with Mitzi Mariella presenting bullion roses and rosebuds, and Sandy Suhrie presenting the coneflower. Thank you, Lindsey, Mitzi and Sandy. All these flowers will be stitched on linen which will be included in the provided kit with all of the needles and threads you will need to build upon. Please bring your small hoop, with the inner ring bound, and embroidery scissors. A more complete list will be provided at the September meeting and in the email reminder of the meeting!

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Look for “Chesapeake Treasures Smocking Guild” on **Facebook** and our website

**[www.chesapeaketreasures.org](http://www.chesapeaketreasures.org)** Contact Carolyn Dalton if you want to add something to the website. Carolyn has lots of information on our website. Be sure to check it out!



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| September | 7 – Nancy Bautro           |
|           | 10 – Lindsay Carroll       |
|           | 20 – Lisa Hawkes           |
|           | 23 – Pat Conklin           |
|           | 28 – Pat Horm              |
| October   | 12 – Mary Margaret Kasulke |
|           | 27 - Linda Ownby           |

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BROOKE PALMER ON HER RECENT ENGAGEMENT!**

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

The Chesapeake Treasures Chapter meets at 6:00 pm 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 by Zoom the Monday before the Membership meeting.

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

**SAGA—The Smocking Arts Guild of America - “Our purpose is to preserve and foster the art of smocking and related needlework for future generations, through education, communication, and quality workmanship.”**

**[www.smocking.org](http://www.smocking.org)**

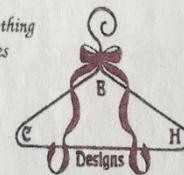
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