



Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



Newsletter November/December 2022



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
 - Needlebook
 - 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

CONVENTION update from Kathy F.

Convention was wonderful! Everyone got many more steps than we planned! We had great teachers, and most classes were a bit smaller than years past. Design Show was very large this year with over 40 entries! The Designer's Challenge was definitely a hit and many ladies wore their hats to the banquet! Our guest speaker at the Annual Meeting Luncheon was Lexington, KY native Bob Haven who provided many beautiful tambour embroidered garments and accessories. At the banquet on Saturday evening, seven ladies were presented with their Artisan Awards. Seven ladies achieved Apprentice Level Awards and there was one Artisan Award this year. And we could never forget those always welcome baskets! Quite a few of them traveled home with members of our own Chapter! Now it is time to be thinking ahead to next year's convention in Charleston, SC!

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
October - Out – 0	In - 4

Please turn in your completed gowns/caps/bonnets by the November meeting. If our spreadsheet is accurate, there are quite a few gowns still out from January 2022. SAGA Wee Care Report will be due at the beginning of the year.

This summer we donated to St. Agnes (36 gowns, 6 blankets, 8 buntings), Anne Arundel Medical Center (28 gowns, 8 blankets, 7 buntings, 12 knitted caps) and Baltimore Washington Medical Center (24 gowns, 8 blankets, 8 buntings). We are not planning on a workshop until next summer. We still have completed gowns remaining that will be donated when needed.

After convention I received this information from Tawn Hunka. I asked her if she had any input from hospitals about their likes and dislikes for Wee Care Items. This is from a nurse at Baptist Health Hospital where the Wee Care sent to convention was donated.

She said for her hospital and nurses, they liked the open hem look as many families liked photos of the baby's feet showing; they liked pastel colors for the gowns, no prints; no smocking on the sleeves, but more open to make it easier for the nurses to get the tiny arms through; she personally like the simple hem treatments and cuff sleeve treatments that were done for boys; when she saw the bereavement envelopes, she asked what they were used for and I explained about insertion of the document, she LOVED the idea and receive all 4; she liked the stockinette beanies and loved that the raw edge was serged and as she explained the raw edges do seem to shed lint which the nursed don't like and the caps are used more in the NICU rather than for bereavement; she didn't want many smocked bonnets, just a few as not many parents use them; she liked the tiny blankets, but didn't need larger ones as there is a knitting group who does some blankets for them if I understood correctly; she liked the small buntings as well; she loved the blue knitted hat as it was tiny enough for early gestational babies (Sue Bidwell has just put her instructions on the Wee Care FB group

The Wee Care Committee is trying to get more information from the hospitals we donate to as to what they prefer.

Thanks to Everyone that helps us with our Wee Care. It is so much appreciated. If you are on Facebook, check out the SAGA Wee Care page. Beautiful pictures, lots of information and files are there

PROGRAMS FOR 2022/2023

Last month the program series “Embroidered Flowers” kicked off with the presentation of the coneflower by Sandy Suhrie and the bullion rose by Mitzi Mariella ! Thank you to both our talented and patient presenters.

Homework from the last meeting was to have the grid stitched out on your linen fabric. The square size was noted in the handout received last week - 2 1/8” horizontally and 2” vertically. There was a template of the grid included with your instruction packet. We will be doing a total of 9 flowers and one flower accessory (butterfly). One of the flowers, the hollyhock, will require 3 vertical squares which will be stitched in the center 3 horizontal squares. So for the flowers presented in the program you will need a total of 11 squares .

If you fully marked off squares on the linen fabric you received, you could have up to 49 squares. You need to decide what you want to do with your finished sampler and how many flowers you want to stitch. Many of you purchased Diane Lampe book with has a wide selection of flowers to select from.

You also have enough fabric to make a square or rectangular pillow or framed piece or to make 2 smaller pieces. The decision is yours.

In November, Marlene Mehn will present the cyclamen and Linda Ownby will present the Forget-me-knot.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like the thread kit sent, let me know as soon as possible and I will pop an envelope with the threads in the mail to you. The directions will come by email. Dawn Watson, Lori Barton, Terry Faber and Sandy Suhrie are currently on my list to receive the thread packets. Note 2 of the threads for the Forget-me-knot are being provided the night of the meeting, so will not be in in the packet I mail.

Looking ahead the flowers we will be stitching are:

January 12- Embroidered Stitches

Joyce –Grape Hyacinth

Carolyn – Hydrangea

February 9 – Embroidered Stitches

Meghan Buchanan – Lily of the Valley

Kathy Furth - Hollyhock

March 9– Embroidered Stitches

Barbara Meger – Jonquil

Kathy Furth –butterfly

Everyone should bring their hoop, embroidery scissors, as well as the rest of the kit with their muslin doodle cloth and needles! Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday evening!

Program notes – I found a great hint from Gail Doane on doing the running stitches for our squares. She recommended to machine stitch the lines with a 6.0mm stitch line. Then do your running stitch next to that – using the machine stitches as a guide to keep your running stitches the same length.

Traveling Through Italy

We took a trip to Italy in October and saw many wonderful historic places and art. On my travels I am always keeping my eye out for the latest fashions and stores with the wild, crazy, and gorgeous designs. Italy did not disappoint me!

Colorful designs in fabrics, and unique ideas down to the old bathroom sink handles and toilet handles on clothing and purses! I am not kidding!

I knew Italy was famous for their olive oils, and one of the biggest wine makers in the world but did not realize how important lemons were to the Italians. From Limoncello to hand towels to ladies tops and dresses, paired with the same color of blue as the bay coastlines. Very relaxed and yet elegant styles.

We were not in the Milan area, or I would have had more to report. I did not see any fabric stores, but I did see a man repairing fringed rugs in his shop.

The weather was sunny and beautiful temperatures in the mid 70's. The food and wine were all great and I even broke ranks and tried a cappuccino. It reminded me of a latte but with a coffee flavor. (I am a self-proclaimed Tea Snob. But when in Rome do as the Romans do.) 😎
Ciao for now! Joyce Ross



FOR SALE: CRICUT MAKER AND ACCESSORIES \$200

Selling my Cricut Maker machine and some accessories. This machine was taken out of the box to ensure it worked and tested the cutting once. I received it as a Christmas present and just don't have the work space or desire to learn a new machine. Asking \$200 for all. Call me if interested.

Joyce Ross 410-570-6901

It is a Champaign in color. It comes with the following:

5 Infusible in pens fine tip, .04mm

A box of assorted colors infusible in pens, .04mm point

1 Pink roll of vinyl 12" x 12"

1 Yellow roll of vinyl 12" x 12"

1 Pkg. of 6 pastel Vinyl 12" x 12"

1 small paper cutter

1 Art Bin to store it all in.



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

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!





November	3 – Terri Janvier
	7 – Sally Rifenburg
	27 – Lyn Leet
December	No birthdays for December

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](tel:410-222-7915) <https://www.aacpl.net/location/crofton>

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