



# Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



November 2024

Dear Chesapeake Treasures,

Fall has gotten off to a beautiful start. The beautiful colors of the changing leaves are always a wonderful sight. The Fall calendar has been full for our stitchers with the 45<sup>th</sup> SAGA convention in Hampton! It was wonderful to see so many Treasures attending as well as participating on the board and supporting convention events.

Our September meeting started with the final installment of our bishop construction series "Hemming a Bishop". Thank you, Kathy Furth, for showing us how to do those beautiful tiny hem stitches. October was the instruction of the Smocked Bell ornament as featured in 2020 Fall issues of SAGA news (Issue 41, Page 19).

Preparation of the pleated bell and how to start smocking was covered. Thank you, Shannon Fraley, for organizing and preparing this wonderful new project! The You Tube recording for October can be found on the Chesapeake Treasures You Tube site <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXgseDf4BYU> Be sure to go to the link, hit the subscribe button and check out the other CT program videos.

The November meeting was a recap of the smocking and overview of the construction techniques. The recording will be uploaded to You Tube soon. Thank you Charrise!

Joyce Ross happily made lemonade out of lemons when the Tess Ellenwood workshop had to be cancelled. Instead, 10 – 12 members and 2 guests took advantage of a delightful Sit and Stitch Day. Many Thanks to Joyce, Carolyn Dalton, and Lyn Leet for arriving early and getting the room set up and bringing treats and drinks. Many Thanks to Mitzi for meeting Carolyn to provide the workshop hospitality items. Was so fun to see what folks were working on and to complete items before the holiday crazies start. It was such a success we hope to hold more such events in the future. We hope you will be able to join us!

Look forward to seeing you in December! Lindsay



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## WEE CARE REPORT

Please, if you have items out for Wee Care, turn them in to Joyce. We have given out kits to members to complete and completed items have not been turned in. We are hoping to have a workshop in the spring. We have some gowns and blankets. Bereavement Envelopes are needed.

Anything you have done and turned in, please let Sandy and Joyce know your totals and items. Our SAGA report will be due the end of January. This includes hearts, bereavement envelopes, blankets, buntings, bonnet kits for convention, etc.

### Sit n Stitch Dates

Dates to be planned later. Stay tuned!

Happy Stitching! Joyce R.

## **Birthdays – Happiest of Birthdays to our November Ladies**

3 Terri Javier

7 Sally Rifenburg

27 Lyn Lee



Sandy Suhrie joined the Stranded Smockers and Stitchers in Myrtle Beach. She was warmly welcomed and surprised to find that so many of the chapter also know members in Chesapeake Treasures. And some go to retreat in February as well.

## WOODLAWN Plantation Needlework Show

With a Personal Note by Barbara Meger

The fiftieth anniversary of the Woodlawn Plantation Needlework Show is happening this March! The Chesapeake Treasures have had a decent representation over the years, and we need to continue to inspire and to showcase our talents.

Registration for entry is November 9, 2024-February 2, 2025, and entry drop-off is January 31-February 2. For more information about mail-in entries and the show itself, visit

[www.woodlawnpopeleight.com/nwshow25](http://www.woodlawnpopeleight.com/nwshow25).

I first visited the show in its early days back in 1980 and was overwhelmed by what I saw—yet I was inspired by its creativity! In 1982 (in my before-smocking days!) I was honored to be awarded the Most Original in Show for a three-dimensional scene of the farm where I grew up. In those days the show was even featured in the Style section of The Washington Post! In the years since, I have come to equate

Woodlawn with spring—not only for the timing of the show—but because spring is when we are shown what is new and recently created!

So, finish up those projects fellow Treasures and please share them at Woodlawn! You just never know who may be inspired!





## Refreshment List for meetings

Month	Beverage	Sweet	Savory
December	<b>Dinner at Farmhouse restaurant in Waugh Chapel</b>		
January	Barbara		
February			Carolyn
March			
April	Joan Messinger	Mary Margaret	
May			Carolyn
June	<b>POT LUCK - TBD</b>		

## *Meeting Dates for 2024/2025*

### Upcoming meeting dates and locations (where confirmed):

December 12 5:30 pm Potluck Holiday Supper and 35<sup>th</sup> Chesapeake Treasures Anniversary

Location (NEW) : Carolyn Dalton's home

1507 Orchard Grass Court

Odenton, MD 21113

**Please contact Marina Rutkowski** to let her know what you will be bringing  
[rosamystica2011@protonmail.com](mailto:rosamystica2011@protonmail.com) Menu categories are : beverage,  
 salad/appetizer, veggie/side, main, dessert **RSVP yes or no to**  
[Lindsaystitiching@gmail.com](mailto:Lindsaystitiching@gmail.com)

January 9 7pm Business Meeting by zoom – All are invited.

Committee Chairs please be prepared to report on your committees 😊

January 16 time and location to be confirmed- Program Meeting

Program and presenter to be confirmed

February 6 - 7pm Business Meeting by zoom – All are invited

Committee Chairs please be prepared to report on your committees 😊

February 13 time and location to be confirmed- Program Meeting

Program and presenter to be confirmed

March 6 7pm Business Meeting by zoom – All are invited

Committee Chairs please be prepared to report on your committees 😊

March 13 time and location to be confirmed- Program Meeting

Program and presenter to be confirmed

April 3 7pm Business Meeting by zoom – All are invited

Committee Chairs please be prepared to report on your committees 😊

Nominating Committee formed

April 10 time and location to be confirmed- Program Meeting

Program and presenter to be confirmed

May 1 7pm Business Meeting by zoom – All are invited

Committee Chairs please be prepared to report on your committees 😊

Presentation of Slate of Officers

May 8 time and location to be confirmed- Program Meeting

Program and presenter to be confirmed

June 5 - 7pm Business Meeting by zoom – All are invited

Committee Chairs please be prepared to report on your committees ☺

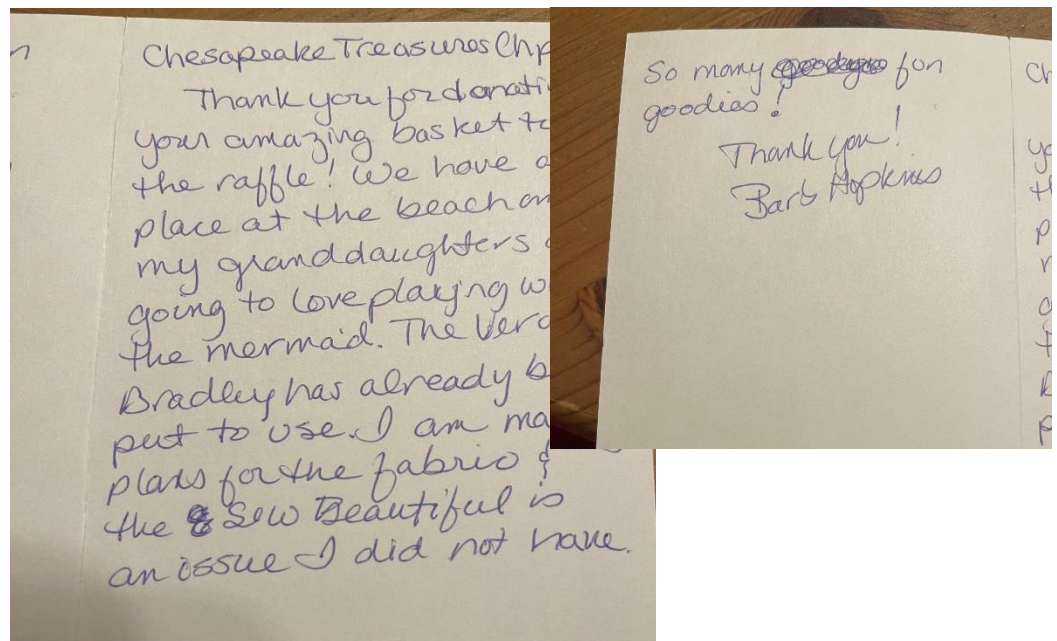
Vote on Slate of Officers

June 12 – Spring/Summer Potluck dinner

Alternate day may be selected if group prefers to do lunch

Please let Lindsay know if you would like to host ☺

This is the Thank You note from the winner of our convention basket



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Just letting the Chapter know that my doll clothes business will be shutting down for good at the end of the year. I appreciate all the business I have gotten from our members over the last 30 years when Barbara Dietrich and I first started CBH Designs. If anyone needs anything for Christmas, they need to contact me as soon as possible. I will also be selling some of my display screens as well. Thank you to all who have encouraged me and supported me over the years.. Cheryl Brown

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## Program request – program ideas and volunteers

Many Thanks to Shannon Fraley for coordinating and preparing a season of wonderful programs as well as to all who volunteered to lead the programs. We are so grateful for the sharing of your talents and enthusiasm!

Kathy Furth has assumed the role of VP of Programs and is looking for volunteers to lead programs. Ideas that have been discussed are Chicken Scratch (also known as Amish Lace), Hardanger, Huck toweling (Swedish Weaving), Fine Handsewing, and Fine Machine sewing .

Please contact Kathy if you have ideas or are willing to lead/co-lead a program.

[kfurth59@hotmail.com](mailto:kfurth59@hotmail.com)

### **New Library Subscription**

Mitzi is retiring as Librarian. Please let me know if you would be interested in taking on this committee role. Meanwhile Mitzi has secured for the chapter an email subscription to the weekly Inspirations Newsletter. Informative information regarding various needlework and needlework events. I will forward to you.

**Many Thanks to Joyce for her demonstrations at the November Sit and Stitch Day on the Wee care patchwork blankets and Bereavement/Memory envelopes.**



## Bereavement/Memory Envelope



You Tube video to the memory envelope can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6uUCKthBd8>

Below are a few adjustments Joyce made to the YouTube demo

1. Quilting the outer fabric is optional.
2. All seams are 1/4 "
3. Ignore making the pocket on lining fabric. Skip to 9:34 time on video.
4. After 14:51,(time on video) topstitch should be no more than 1/8".
5. If you have snaps you can put them on or leave them off. I will attach when returned.

That's all there is to these easy envelopes.

## Wee Care Patchwork Blankets – from Joyce

One of the hospitals needed small blankets 18" x 18" or 30" square. They do not recommend bright colors for the blankets that would be used for NICU and live babies. I have been making the smaller size, using 5" squares (also called charm squares). I sew 4 of them across and 4 down. I put a backing on it – right sides together and sew around leaving an opening to turn. I like to use flannel – it's so soft and easy to work with. After I turn it right side out, I give it a quick press and then stitch around the edges and down and across the seams. You do not need to use batting with these little blankets.

You can make a larger blanket/quilt about 30" square. I've seen them done with two pieces of flannel sewn together and quilted in the same style as the small ones. You can crochet around the edges of the flannel blankets, bind the edges or serge the edges.

You can also knit or crochet baby blankets. There are lots of ideas out on YouTube and Pinterest.

<https://www.knotsoflove.org/nicu-blanket-patterns> This is a link for knitted and crocheted patterns.

<https://www.instructables.com/id/NICU-Blankets/> This site has a nice tutorial on making blankets for the hospitals.

### Information for the Momma/Baby flannel hearts from Sandy



Flannel hearts for NICU moms and babies. Sandy made this on the embroidery machine in a matter of minutes. If you would like the design and instructions let Sandy know ([fringes51@gmail.com](mailto:fringes51@gmail.com)) . She will need your machine embroidery format. This is her digitized design so there are no copyright issues. The finished heart design is 3.25" wide. She embroidered it in her Bernina 4"x5" hoop.

**Etsy Decals – There has been some interest in the decals I have on my car and sewing machine and that Charrise used on her water bottle and plastic zip project pouch. Information can be found below**

Sewing machine – Crazy Machine Heartbeat Lifeline \$3.99 by CrazyFamilyDesigns



Monograms – Sheet of assorted monogram vinyl decals \$12.20 by BrickroomDesigns



## **Recipe for Peanut Butter Temptations from Pam Anthony (Lindsay Carroll's cousin)**

½ cup smooth peanut butter

½ cup butter softened (1 stick)

½ cup sugar

½ cup light brown sugar

1 egg

½ teaspoon vanilla

1 ¼ cup flour

¾ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

Candy options – mini Reeses Cups

Hersey Kisses, mini Snickers Bars

Cream butter and peanut butter; gradually add sugars and mix till light and fluffy.

Add egg and vanilla and mix well.

Add flour, baking soda and salt and mix.

Form dough into large ball, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour or more.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease mini muffin tins.

Shape dough into 1" balls and place in mini muffin tins

Bake 12 -13 minutes; remove from oven and immediately press candy into baked cookie dough.

Cool completely before removing from muffin pan.

Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

We usually double this recipe. ENJOY!

**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.”

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We are on **Instagram** under *Chesapeake Treasures SmockingChapter* – Brooke Palmer

Contact Carolyn Dalton if you want to add something to the website

**www.chesapeaketreasures.org**. Carolyn has lots of information on our website. Be sure to check it out!

Don't forget to pay your Chapter dues by November meeting. The dues form is in Lindsay's email. SAGA dues are due now, payable on the SAGA site.