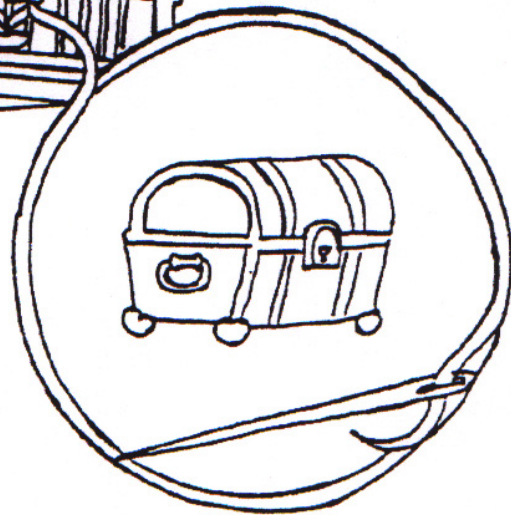


Chesapeake Treasure Membership Handbook

2020



*Chesapeake
Treasures
Chapter of
Smocking Arts Guild of
America*



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Welcome to Chesapeake Treasures chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America (SAGA). We are glad to have you join us. Chapter meetings are held in the Crofton Library 1681 Reidel Road, Crofton, MD, 21114. Location is subject to change so check the chapter website and Facebook page for updates. <https://www.aacpl.net/location/crofton>

The meetings are on the second Thursday of the month from September through June. Refreshments and social time start at 5:45 pm while we are gathering. Business meeting starts 6:10 pm, Show and Share at 6:45 pm and Co-Builder drawing before starting the program at 7:00 pm. December and June meetings are Pot Luck suppers hosted in a member's home. Each member enriches the chapter in some way and we are looking forward to sharing your ideas and interests.

Membership requirements in the chapter are simple. Each fully participating member is expected to serve on at least one committee throughout the year, participate in the community service projects, and take part in a fundraiser activity as established by the chapter. Concurrent membership in SAGA is required for all chapter members. This enables us to take full advantage of all programs and services that SAGA has to offer.

Chesapeake Treasures offers a variety of opportunities to increase the membership's skills and knowledge of smocking and related needle arts. In addition to the SAGA programs and correspondence courses available, the chapter has a library for the member's use. The chapter regularly sponsors weekend workshops featuring SAGA teachers from the national level.

With this in mind, some information concerning chapter and SAGA programs is included. We hope you find these items useful and informative. Please feel free to contact the chapter officers, committee chairpersons or any chapter member if you have any questions.

Again, welcome to the Chesapeake Treasures and *happy smocking!*

CHESAPEAKE TREASURES STANDING RULES

1. Membership
 - a. New members joining after July 1 will pay half of the yearly chapter and SAGA National dues membership dues directly to the chapter with full renewal of both due by the November meetings.
 - b. All members must pay local and national membership dues by the November meeting.
 - c. If renewal dues are not received at or before the November meeting the member will have to pay her national dues to SAGA national and her Chesapeake Treasures dues to the chapter to be a member.
2. Any potential member may attend any two meetings as a guest before being required to join.
3. All chapter members are expected to:
 - a. Serve on at least one committee each year.
 - b. Participate in the public service project as designated by the chapter for that year.
 - c. Participate in the fundraiser as designated by the chapter evaluated annually as deemed necessary for the treasury.
4. Class fees for chapter-sponsored workshops (tuition only) are waived for both Chesapeake Treasures President and Education Chairman during her term in office.
5. The nominating committee will be selected at the April meeting.

The officers shall consist of:

 - President
 - 1st Vice President of Operations (programs)
 - 2nd Vice President of Membership
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

The slate will be voted on at the June meeting.
6. The newly elected president, as of the September meeting:
 - a) Is empowered to appoint chairpersons and begin planning so that all committees formed will be ready to assume their duties at the October meeting.
 - b) Should carry out any plans already scheduled and is encouraged to do advance planning into the year following her term.
7. When there is a change of Treasurer, the out-going President will appoint 2 members to audit the books. The outgoing Treasurer will deliver audited records to her successor within fifteen (15) days of her term of office.
8. The Annual Meeting of the Board, also known as the Budget and Planning Meeting, of the chapter is to be held in August, but no later than September. It should be attended by both the current and newly elected officers and appointed chairs. All chapter members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Updates to Standing Rules - bbm/1-06; rev.1-07; rev.1-09; rev.1-10; rev.1-11; rev.04-12; rev. 09-13; rev.04-17; rev 09-19

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2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	MEMBERS	
Co-Builder Opportunities	Mary Margaret Kasulke Joan Messinger		
Convention Basket	Sally Rifenburg	Lori Barton Missy Marshall	
Education	Lindsay Carroll	Joyce Ross Pat Conklin Mitzi Mariella Jan Tatum	Barbara Johnson Melanie Uyttewaal
Facilities		Martha Sykora	
Finance	Kelli Fox	Lisa Hawkes Sally Rifenburg	
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Hospitality	Cheryl Brown	Kathy Furth Meghan Buchanan	
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Library Display	Lizzette Garcia Smith	Peggy Hueston	
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Newsletter	Sandy Suhrie		
Programs	Carolyn Dalton	Nancy Hoyt Hamasaki	
Publicity			
Retreat	Jo Shaw	Joan Messinger Mary Margaret Kasulke Barbara Johnson Lindsay Carroll Pat Conklin	
Sew and Share	Marlene Mehn		
Sit and Stitch	Joyce Ross		
Website	Carolyn Dalton		

Wee Care Public Service	Joyce Ross Sandy Suhrie	Jackie O'Neil Nancy Hoyt Hamasaki Mitzi Mariella Barbara Meger	Lyn Leet Linda Cook
UNASSIGNED – Please call to assist with your committee needs		Jean Andres Terry Faber Sue Hoge Bonnie Holland Susan Learn	Lauren Lyles Pat Newman-Horm Sallie Nold Mary Beth Russell Martha Sykora

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Co-Builder Opportunities: Procure items for donation prizes to be held at chapter meetings. Conduct donation collection, prize drawing and remit proceeds to treasurer.

Convention Basket: Determine theme if chapter chooses to contribute a raffle basket at SAGA national convention. Determine level of participation by chapter members and procure “basket” and its contents. Arrange for its transportation to convention and maintain contact with national chairperson.

Education: Further the education of chapter members through workshops. Collect data on types of classes available. Survey the membership to determine the classes desired. Handle registration and set-ups for chapter workshops.

Facilities: Explore and secure monthly meeting place for chapter. Open and close of meeting facility.

Historian: Work with the secretary and membership chairman to maintain all records of the chapter, including newspaper articles, newsletters, promotional materials, and the chapter scrapbook.

Hospitality: Welcome new members and guests. Arrange for refreshments for meetings and other chapter functions. Make calls or email, to remind designated contributors.

Librarian: Maintain chapter library for the use of all chapter members. Bring the library to monthly meetings or as requested by members. Maintain inventory and checkout records, and ensure timely return of borrowed materials. Submit interim updates to the newsletter. Provide for every member a complete biannual update following the January inventory.

Library Display: Secure items made by members and set up display in local library. Library Display is a sub-committee of Publicity.

Membership: Provide information to potential new members. Maintain a current listing of all members, their SAGA membership numbers, and their Artisan numbers. Provide chapter membership cards. Collect new member’s dues and annual Chesapeake Treasures dues. Maintain membership information sheets and send names and other information about new members to the newsletter. Provide a sign-in sheet at each meeting. Maintain a supply of new member packets, updated as needed, as well as name tag kits. Send welcome cards and follow-up notes to visitors.

Newsletter: Compile and prepare for publication and distribution periodic newsletters (six times a year) for members and other chapters. Solicit articles and advertising for publication.

Programs: Further the education of chapter members at monthly meetings. Plan and assist with the monthly programs.

Public Service: Determine possible public service projects for the chapter and help administer approved projects. Maintain records to document members' participation, to include Wee Care.

Publicity: Coordinate all information released to the community via print, telephone and other means about meetings, upcoming programs, etc. Work with the Education and Programs committees on workshop brochures and appropriate distribution, such as local fabric shops and other chapters. Relate information to the public concerning the county library display, as determined by the chapter. Coordinate a public library display case as designated by the chapter.

Show and Share: Conduct *Show and Share* activity at monthly meetings. Procure items for the monthly drawing.

Sit and Stitch: Organize regular opportunities for member to gather to stitch publically.

Web Site: Maintain the accuracy of the web site by posting information relevant to our chapter, to include officers, meeting information, programs, special workshops, photos and links to our advertisers.

West River Retreat: Coordinate all aspects of the retreat, including lodging, registration, and food.

Ways and Means: Plan and organize a fundraiser as determined by the chapter.

2020 MEETING DATES AND DATES TO SAVE

2020 Meetings

January 9	Favorite Sewing Items show and share
February 13	UFO – bring an unfinished project to work on
March 12	Felt Easter Eggs with Embroidery – Carolyn Dalton
April 9	Mini Pressing Rods – Joyce Ross
May 14	Wool Felt Needle Minder – Kelli Fox
June 11	End of Year Potluck Supper – location TBD
September	Pleater Maintenance – Barbara Meger
October	Wee Care
November	TBD
December	Chapter Holiday Party – home or location TBD

Other Dates to Note

February 21 – 24	West River Retreat
March 19	Field Trip to Woodlawn's Needlework Exhibit, Joyce Ross
April 12	Easter Sunday
April 24-26	Vaune Pierce Workshop, Edgewater Police Station, Lindsay Carroll
May 7	Spectrum of Fashion tour at Maryland Historical Society, Barbara Meger
October 6-11	SAGA Convention – Pittsburg, PA

REFRESHMENTS

Month	Sweet	Savory	Drinks and Ice
January	Joyce Ross	Melanie Uyttewaal	
February	Mitzi Mariella	Bonnie Holland	
March	Lindsay Carroll	Pat Conklin	
April	Lauren Lyles	Lauren Lyles	
May	Mary Margaret Kasulke	Jo Shaw Linda Ownby	Mary Margaret Jo Shaw Linda Ownby
June	Pot luck – Location TBD		
September			
October			
November			
December	Pot Luck – Location TBD		

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Chesapeake Treasures Chapter Library: Chesapeake Treasures has a library that currently holds many books, patterns, and smocking plates. In addition, the chapter has issues of *Inspirations*, *Australian Smocking & Embroidery* and *Classic Sewing Magazine*. Copies of the SAGA Artisan Handbook and SAGA Programs are available as well as. Members are permitted to check out material for one month free of charge. Members desiring to see or obtain specific items should contact the chapter librarian prior to regular chapter meetings.

SAGA Correspondence Courses: SAGA correspondence courses are designed for the student who is not able to participate in SAGA's conventions. They are also a means of education for those who do not have classes available locally. These classes will enrich the student's knowledge of techniques while working at her own pace.

SAGA offers correspondence courses to groups as well as to individuals. Each group may consist of a maximum of 10 students and a group leader. Those students enrolled in the Artisan program can earn artisan points upon completion of correspondence courses. (See Artisan program)

A complete listing of current correspondence courses and a brief description is found on the SAGA website, www.smocking.org. You can register online for individual courses.

SAGA Programs: SAGA Programs are designed to share the resources of SAGA members by providing chapters with preplanned programs that they can adapt for their chapter meetings. The goal of each program may be for education, chapter growth and development, or just plain fun. Participants who are members of the Artisan program earn one artisan point for each program.

Retail Discounts: Membership in the Chesapeake Treasures and SAGA has another advantage. Jo-Ann Fabrics nationwide and Tomorrow's Treasures on Priest Bridge Road in Crofton offer 10% discounts on non-sale items to SAGA members. Chadwick's Heirloom in Richmond offers 10% discount to SAGA members for phone or in shop orders, not online. Classic Creations in Crofton offers the same discount to Chesapeake Treasures members only.

2020 SAGA CONTACTS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SAGA CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Correspondence courses are designed to bring a variety of classes to all members of SAGA regardless of their geographic location. These courses are designed to enrich students' knowledge of techniques while working at their own pace.

SAGA Correspondence Courses meet the standards put forward by the SAGA Education Committee for SAGA approved classes. SAGA encourages teachers to submit proposals for inclusion in this educational program. Students are required to complete each course in one year, starting from the student's receipt of the first lesson of the course. Any exceptions to this policy must have prior approval from the Correspondence Course Chairman and the Teacher. Artisan Points are awarded for completion of the entire course only.

If the student fails to complete the course within one year, fails to notify the teacher, and fails to request an extension, it will be assumed that the student has dropped the course. There will be no refund of fees for uncompleted course work.

Occasionally, a particular group course will reach the maximum number of students who may be enrolled at one time. In this event, the Education Committee Chairman will maintain a waiting list and notify students as openings become available.

Correspondence Course Questions? Contact the Correspondence Course Chair at correspondencecourse@smocking.org . To view available correspondence courses and to sign up for individual courses go to the SAGA website, www.smocking.org .

SAGA ARTISAN PROGRAM

What are you missing? Did you know that approximately half of the SAGA membership belongs to the Artisan Program? Isn't it time that you joined and tested your abilities?

What is the Artisan Program?

- A personal enrichment program designed to challenge the participant and her stitching abilities
- Program consists of four areas of study: smocking, embroidery, fine hand sewing, and fine machine sewing
- Each area of study has three levels of increasing difficulty: Apprentice (Level I) Artisan (Level II), and Master (Level III).

Why should I join?

- You want to challenge your stitching abilities through education
- You want to demonstrate your stitching proficiency
- You want recognition for your stitching accomplishments

How do I join?

- You must be a current member of SAGA
- Enroll in person at convention
- Enroll online at SAGA's website – www.smocking.org
- Enroll by phone – call the SAGA number 817-350-4883 to pay by credit card
- Enroll by mail – send your check with your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and SAGA number to:

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Artisan Registration Fees:

- Level I - \$35 (\$40 non-resident),
- Level II - \$60 (\$70 non-resident),
- Level III - \$85 (\$95 non-resident)

What is next after joining?

- You will receive a Artisan Handbook, card and pin
- Accrue Artisan points by taking on educational experiences: classes, courses, publishing, Design Show, etc.
- Apprentice Level requires the accumulation of 25 points; the Artisan Level requires 30 points; and the Master Level requires 40 points and a research paper
- There is no time limit to complete a level of study

How do I record points?

- Record points on your Artisan card or Temporary Artisan card and attach supporting documents when necessary
- There is a thirty-day grace period for points accumulated before enrollment into the program

What is next after accumulating points?

- Send a copy of your Artisan card to the Chair for verification of points
- Information on how to prepare your submissions will be sent to you
- Stitch up your submissions
- Send them to the Chair for a competency evaluation by 3 evaluators
- After successful completion, enroll in your next level or area of study

For information or questions contact the Artisan Chair - Carol Kick at artisan@smocking.org

BASIC SEWING SUPPLIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embroidery Scissors • Fabric Scissors • Paper Scissors • Glass Head Pins or Fine Silk Pins • Fine Line Water Soluble Marking Pen • Ultra-Fine Water Soluble Marking Pen • #2 Pencil and Sharpener <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tape Measure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Sewing Thread • Assorted Needles • Pen and Paper for Taking Notes • Task Lighting • Extension and Power Strip • Magnifying Glasses or Magnifier |
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FOR CLASSES REQUIRING A SEWING MACHINE ALSO BRING

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewing Machine • Sewing Machine Manual • Foot Pedal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power Cable • Extension Cord • Power Strip |
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