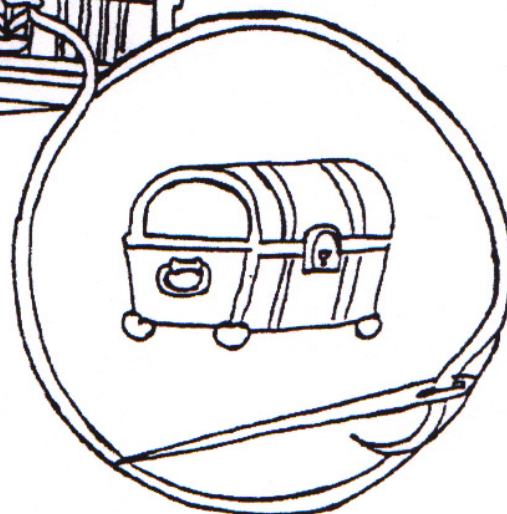


Chesapeake Treasure Membership Handbook



2022



*Chesapeake
Treasures
Chapter of
Smocking Arts Guild of
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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 6:00 pm while we are gathering. Business meeting starts 6:30 pm and include the Co-Builder drawing and Show and Share, all followed by the program at approximately 7:00 pm . December and June meetings are Pot Luck lunch or 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 encouraged 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!*

Sincerely,

*Lindsay Carroll
President, Chesapeake Treasures Smocking Guild
Crofton, Maryland*

CHESAPEAKE TREASURES STANDING RULES

Updated December 2021

1. Membership – the Chapter operates on a calendar year schedule (January – December)
 - a. Local and National dues are payable each year between September and November.
 - b. All members must pay local and national membership dues by the November meeting.
 - c. Local dues are payable to the Chapter Treasurer by electronic payment, check or cash or to the Chapter Vice President of Membership by check or cash.
 - c. National dues are payable directly to SAGA National by mailing a check to National or paying on the National Website via Paypal.
 - e. New members joining after July 1 will pay half of the yearly Chapter dues to the Chapter and pay SAGA National membership dues directly to the National with full renewal of both due by the November meeting.

2. Any potential member may attend any two meetings as a guest before being required to join.

3. All chapter members are strongly encouraged 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 Chapter fundraising activity as designated by the Chapter. The fundraising activity will be evaluated annually to determine treasury need.

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 ,rev 12-21

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Secretary	Mitzi Mariella mmariella@aol.com	410-256-1904

2021-2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	MEMBERS	
Co-Builder Opportunities	Mary Margaret Kasulke Joan Messinger		
Convention Basket	Lori Barton Kathy Furth	Meghan Buchanan	
Education	Kelli Fox	Joyce Ross Pat Conklin Mitzi Mariella Melanie Uyttewaal	Lisa Hawkes
Facilities	Martha Sykora – Interim Joyce Ross - Interim		
Historian			
Hospitality	Cheryl Brown	Kathy Furth Meghan Buchanan	
Librarian	Mitzi Mariella		
Library Display	Barbara Meger	Peggy Hueston, Joyce Ross, Lyn Leet	
Membership	Pat Conklin	Karen Lang	
Newsletter	Sandy Suhrie		
Programs	Kathy Furth	Meghan Buchanan	
Publicity			
Retreat	Jo Shaw	Joan Messinger Mary Margaret Kasulke Lindsay Carroll Pat Conklin	
Show and Share	Marlene Mehn	Karen Lang	
Sit and Stitch	Joyce Ross		
Website	Carolyn Dalton		
Wee Care Public Service	Joyce Ross Sandy Suhrie	Jackie O’Neil Mitzi Mariella Barbara Meger	Lyn Leet Carolyn Dalton

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: If chapter chooses to contribute a raffle basket at SAGA national convention, determine theme. 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 once a year. Confirm month library is available to host the display. Work with Public Relations chair to advertise annual library display to the local community.

Membership: Provide information to potential new members. Maintain a current listing of all members, SAGA membership numbers, Artisan number, contact information and birthdays. 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 and name tag kits, updating as needed. 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. Solicit members of chapter and other chapter lead a monthly meeting program. Plan and assist with the monthly programs, to include kit preparation, kit shipping, providing program support at the meeting.

Public Service: Determine possible public service projects for the chapter and help administer approved projects. Maintain records to document members’ participation for SAGA annual Report. Includes Wee Care. Act as contact to Anne Arundel County Fair to coordinate a demo session during the fair and coordinate the submission of a cash prize for one of the fair’s Needle Arts grand prizes. Follow up with Needle Arts chair to secure winner’s name and contact information for the chapter.

Publicity: Coordinate all information released to the community (print, telephone, email, online and other means) about meetings, upcoming programs, etc. Work with the Education and Membership committee to collect and distribute workshop brochures and chapter brochure so as to increase chapter exposure. Distribute chapter materials to sites, such as local fabric shops, libraries and other chapters.

Show and Share: Conduct *Show and Share* activity at monthly meetings. Generate a monthly brochure of member's creations with photos and descriptions and send out to membership in advance of the meeting. Procure items for the monthly drawing and coordinate the 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.

2021-22 MEETING DATES AND DATES TO SAVE

2021 Meetings

January 14	Hedebo Embroidery	Martha Sykora
February 11	SAGA Artisan and Design Show Programs	Carol Kick and Lori Barton
March 11	Wool Felt Needle Minder	Kelli Fox
April 4	Fabric Weights	Marlene Mehn
May 13	Embroidered Button Heart	Carolyn Dalton
June 10	no program	
June 12	Sit and Stitch and Lunch	Joyce Ross
September 9	Project Roll	Kathy Furth
October 14	Wee Care techniques	Joyce Ross and Sandy Suhrie
November 11	Smocked Christmas Tree	Carolyn Dalton
December 9	Holiday Pot Luck supper	Carolyn Dalton

2022 Meetings

January 13	Heart Pillow with Smocked insert	Carolyn Dalton
February 10	Pleater Maintenance	Barbara Meger
March 10	Counting Pins for Smocking	Kathy Furth
April 14	Ironing CaddyPart 1	Kelli Fox
May 12	Ironing CaddyPart 2	Kelli Fox
June 11	Potluck lunch (SATURDAY)	Mitzi Mariella
September 8	Spanish and Italian Smocking	Barbara Meger
October 13	TBD traditionally Wee Care	
November 10	TBD	
December 8	Holiday Pot Luck	TBA

Other Dates to Note for 2022

February 25 - 28	West River Retreat
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 23-24	Lisa Hawkes Knits Workshop, Edgewater Police Station, Kelli Fox
October 11-16	SAGA Convention – Louisville, Kentucky

2023 Save the Date West River Retreat – February 24 – 27, 2023

2022 REFRESHMENTS

Month	Sweet	Savory	Drinks and Ice
April	Cheryl Brown		
May			
June	Pot luck – Mitzi Mariella		
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. 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.

2022 SAGA CONTACTS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Association of Fine Needle Artists

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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 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

- 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
 - Tape Measure
- White Sewing Thread
- Assorted Needles
- Pen and Paper for Taking Notes
- Task Lighting
- Extension and Power Strip
- Magnifying Glasses or Magnifier

FOR CLASSES REQUIRING A SEWING MACHINE ALSO BRING

- Sewing Machine
- Sewing Machine Manual
- Foot Pedal
- Power Cable
- Extension Cord
- Power Strip

Please email membership handbook updates or corrections
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