

Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



Jan/Feb 2020

Letter from our President

Again, I am wishing each and everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. I hope you had good times celebrating the holidays with family and friends.

Thanks are extended to Carolyn Dalton for hosting the Christmas Potluck, especially with the party so soon after the loss of her mother. Her home was beautifully decorated and decorations were fantastic with many inherited or made by her mother.

With the holiday behind us, it is time to look forward to upcoming activities. Our first scheduled event is February's Retreat. It is a time to visit with friends we have not seen throughout the year. Also, a time to not only complete some of the unfinished projects we put away to do at a later time, but also a time to see all the wonderful items being created by others.

Later in the spring we have classes scheduled with Vaune Pierce. Efforts are in process to provide a tour to see the Spectrum of Fashion Exhibition at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore. I hope that everyone will be able to attend that outing. (See New Business in December Minutes)

Dawn Watson, President



MEETING DATES FOR 2020

JANUARY 9, 2020

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

MARCH 12, 2020

APRIL 9, 2020

MAY 14, 2020

JUNE 11–End of year Pot/Luck–Location TBD

57th Annual Woodlawn Needlework Show and Sale

Open from March 1-31, 2020

Chesapeake Treasures will make a visit to this year's show on March 19, 2020. The artistic abilities of our own members and many other friends in our sewing circles will be on display along with varying live demonstrations of needle arts.

If you are interested in going or have never gone it a wonderful day out, please send me an email at (dc1joyce@yahoo.com), and I will include you in the day's events.

We will leave from the parking lot of the Dollar Tree and Home Store parking lot, Rt 3 & Davidsonville Rd., in Crofton, at 9 a.m. The entrance fee for the show, if you did not enter an item, is \$15. We will stay for the luncheon that is served at Nelly's Café in the Woodlawn estate. The cost is approximately \$20, which includes a salad plate, or sandwich/quiche plate with your drink, dessert and tip. All proceeds from Nelly's Café support Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey House.

Upon our trip home we will stop at In Stitches, (a needle and yarn store) and or, Fabric Place Basement store. There is always a "most have" at either shop. We will aim to be back in Crofton by 3 p.m. Browse the show in this beautiful estate of Eleanor "Nelly" Custis who was the granddaughter of our first president, George Washington. Check out the site for more information on this National Trust and Historical Preservation. www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org

Submitted by: Joyce Ross

Cranberry Cake

3 eggs

2 cups sugar

 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups butter, softened

1 teaspoon almond extract

2 cups flour

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups frozen cranberries, thawed $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sliced almonds

In a large mixing bowl, cream eggs and sugar. Add butter and extract; beat until well blended. Stir in flour until just combined. Fold in cranberries and almonds. Spread evenly in a greased 13"x9"x2" baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until wooden tooth pick inserted near the center comes out clean. Yields 16 to 20 servings. Peggy Hueston

Committees and Chairpersons for 2020

New Committee Chairmen for October 2019 through September 2020

COMMITTEE	CHAIR—updates
Budget	Kelli Fox
Convention Basket	
Education	Lindsay Carroll Vaune Pierce Workshop— workshop brochure and registration form for the April 24 – 26, 2020 emailed to members
Facilities	
Historian	
Hospitality	Cheryl Brown (January—Joyce R./Melanie U.)
Librarian	Mitzi Mariella
Library Display	Lizzette Smith
Co-Builder Opportunities	Mary Margaret Kasulke/Joan Messinger (see page 4)
Membership	Lindsay Carroll
Newsletter	Sandy Suhrie—next newsletter will go out March 1—please send articles/committee updates to Sandy by Feb 27th
Programs	Carolyn Dalton - see Page 4 for details
Publicity	Mary Beth Russell
Retreat	Jo Shaw
Show and Share	Marlene Mehn
Sit and Stitch	Joyce Ross
Website	Carolyn Dalton
Wee Care Public Service	Joyce Ross and Sandy Suhrie—(see Page 5)

January— Members are encouraged to bring 2 of their favorite sewing items and say why they are their favorite

February—UFOs

March—Felt Easter Egg with Embroidery

April—Mini Pressing Rods (Joyce Ross)

June— End of year Pot Luck

September—Pleater Maintenance (Barbara Meger)

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**January and February 2020 Co-Builder Opportunities**

As we enter a new calendar year we have a fine selection of surprises. All the items are a great addition to your smocking and/or heirloom sewing collection. Remember any donation for the monthly opportunity display, goes to the educational programs offered by the Chapter.

**January 2020 Co-Builder Opportunity:**

What better than 1½ yards of soft, fine, white-aqua dotted fabric for a bishop or your choice of another garment.

Donated by **Dawn Watson.**

*A Sew Beautiful* pin – pink dress.

Donated by **Martha Sykora.**

A spool of 50 weight Presentia sewing thread.

A box of Ultra-fine blue glass-head pins.

**February 2020 Co-Builder Opportunity**

*Wistful Wysteria*, an Organdy Insert Kit by Wendy Schoen.

The kit contains white linen handkerchief fabric, organdy, lace, ribbons, Floche, needles, patterns and directions. What a great project for these winter nights!

Kit donated by **Marlene Mehn.**

*Wisteria Floche* Sampler – to try your hand with an assortment of colors.

For beginners to advanced stitchers, a delightful book-

*Stunning Stitches* by Primrose Sully. This book can warm your heart—if not your fingers—on these cold winter days!!.

Mary Margaret Kasulke and Joan Messinger

**Wee Care Committee**

Dear C. T. members, we still have several gowns to be smocked along with bonnets and caps. If you need any, I will have them at the regular meetings as well, if you call, text, or email me I'd be happy to arrange to get gowns to you. If you plan to go to the Retreat in February, I will have gowns there too.

The hospitals really appreciate all the gowns, and items given to them and I know it is a great comfort to the families who receive them.

As of December 1, 49 Sets have been given out and 14 Sets returned.

Thank you for your assistance in this community project.

Joyce Ross and Sandy Suhrie

Co-Chairman

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## **Caps for the “Wee Ones”      A Newborn Knitted Stocking Cap**

Use four-ply yarn, or if fine baby yarn, use it doubled. Size 10 needles, if you knit loosely, a Size 8 would be better.

Cast on 44 stitches. Knit 2, purl 2 for 26 rows, or until work is 7-9 inches long.

On next row knit 2 together, purl 2 together, then knit two together for final row.

Do not cast off, but thread needle and draw through all stitches—pull them up tight and fasten off.

Sew seam from bottom up to top. (This prevents the caps from raveling and coming apart.)

I received the above pattern from the hospital staff. However, I use an 11” circular needle and it eliminates the bulky seam. Also, I use a soft sports weight yarn but cast on 48 stitches. I tend to knit loosely.

Try your own variations, and let me know if you find something else that works.

-Naomi Hamilton

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## **Slip Making from Yoke Dress**

Take the yoke dress pattern and cut a bodice front and back with 5/8” cut out of the armholes and neckline. Construct as you would the dress, without sleeves. You can cut two fronts and two backs to have a lined slip. Finish the armhole and neck edges with a machine or handmade shell stitch.

You can attach the bodices to the skirt\* using a Swiss embroidery with entredeux edges. If you use one with beading holes, a pretty ribbon may be inserted into holes.

(from Memphis Area Smocking Guild, Spring 1997, via Pleated Pleasures, Sep 97 and Cactus Cablers Spring 98)

\*(Ed. Note: The writer neglected to specify the need to cut our skirt pattern pieces above along with the bodice pieces. If the pattern calls for a very full skirt, decrease the width a few inches so the slip would be a little less full, as well as perhaps to reduce some of the length since you won't necessarily want a deep hem in the slip. Dawn Watson



## Spectrum of Fashion Tour

On **Thursday, May 7**, Chesapeake Treasures members will have the opportunity to tour the *Spectrum of Fashion* exhibition currently on view at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore. Our own Barbara Meger, a volunteer curatorial assistant at MdHS, is excited to be able to share with us a few of the secrets she learned about some of its 100 garments as she helped to prepare them for exhibition. The tour is scheduled to begin promptly at **10:00 AM**, followed by free time to explore other parts of the museum (and gift shop) and maybe a peek behind-the-scenes in the workroom. The fee is \$10.00, payable upon entrance. Afterward, we will walk a couple of blocks around the corner to the Mt. Vernon Food Court for lunch. Limited on-site free parking is available (201 West Monument St.), however it is strongly recommended that we carpool. Please let Barbara know (megerstch@aol.com) by **April 26** if you plan to attend so that she can coordinate with MdHS tour staff (not to worry, there will be more reminders as time draws closer).

*Spectrum of Fashion* tells a social history that is rooted in Maryland but encompasses a broader American narrative. The clothing has connections to presidents and to the formerly enslaved, to the internationally famous, and to everyday Marylanders, all of whom have important stories to tell.

Barbara's tasks in preparation were as varied as reinforcing hooks and eyes on the Duchess of Windsor's *Monkey Dress* by Givenchy (MdHS Fashion Archives 1961.85.1) to replacing thread loss on an early 19<sup>th</sup> C embroidered vest (MdHS Fashion Archives 1956.75.23) and the corded piping in the seams of an 1830's gown (MdHS Fashion Archives 1949.4.1).

For more information on the *Spectrum of Fashion* exhibition and related events, visit the website: <https://www.mdhs.org/exhibitions/spectrum-fashion-celebrating-maryland%E2%80%99s-style>



MdHS Fashion Archives  
1949.4.1; gift of Mrs. Addison F. Worthington.



MdHS Fashion Archives  
1956.75.23, gift of Mrs. Lawrence R. Carton.



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1961.85.1, gift of Her Grace the Duchess of Windsor through Mrs. Clarence W. Miles.

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Look for "Chesapeake Treasures Smocking Guild" on **Facebook** and our new website  
[www.chesapeaketreasures.org](http://www.chesapeaketreasures.org) Contact Carolyn Dalton if you want to add something to the website.

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Meeting Location is at Crofton Library  
1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD

Business Meetings precede the General Meeting, starting at 5:45.

There are no meetings during July and August. Meetings resume in September.

### Birthdays

January 11 – Susan Learn  
13 - Lori Barton  
14 – Linda Cook

February—9 – Naomi Hamilton



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Thank you to all that donated articles for the newsletter. Remember, when sending articles for the newsletter, please do your submissions in Microsoft Word. When you send info in an email it has to be retyped. In your email to Sandy, fringes51@gmail.com, please put Chesapeake Treasures Newsletter in the subject line. The next newsletter will go out about March 1, 2020. Plan to have any submissions to Sandy by February 27, 2020.





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

#### When and Where we meet:

The Chesapeake Treasures Chapter meets at 5:45pm (business meeting precedes the general meeting) on the 2nd Thursday of the month at

**Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD**

At each meeting there is a show and share, business meeting, a program or demonstration and always refreshments.

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>

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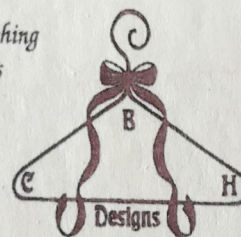
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