

# Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



Dear Chesapeake Treasures,

We are finally into the Fall season – chilly weather, fires in the fireplace and lots of leaves to rake! Our stitching thoughts have shifted to preparing for the holidays, no matter how different they may be this year. The November program will be a darling smocked ornament lead by Kelli Fox, the perfect addition to your holiday decorating. The meeting will be conducted over Zoom. Kits are available from Carolyn Dalton and Lindsay Carroll.

Reservations have been placed with the Maryland Center for History and Culture to tour the “Spectrum of Fashion” exhibit before it closes in December. Dates are Nov. 14 and Nov. 19. Please let me know by Nov. 3 if you are attending. Groups are limited to a socially distanced number of 10. [Lindsay21204@gmail.com](mailto:Lindsay21204@gmail.com)

In place of the December Pot Luck, we will be having a fun evening of getting to know our New Members! This program will compliment historian Dawn Watson’s new newsletter feature highlighting members of the chapter. The December Meeting will be conducted over Zoom.

Be sure to regularly check the Chesapeake Treasures website <http://www.chesapeaketreasures.org/> . Carolyn regularly updates the information – programs, officers, national events. Currently, the information for the Woodlawn 2021 Needlework Show is available there. She has included several Wee Care instruction handouts, forms for reimbursements, membership and show and share as well as the member handbook.

Looking forward to seeing your beautiful creations in the November Show and Share handout. Send a photo with description of your creations to Karen Lang [gklang99@gmail.com](mailto:gklang99@gmail.com) by the weekend before the Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.



Happy Stitching!

Lindsay

From our Treasurer - Karen Lang

I am relatively new to Chesapeake Treasures and I am so happy to serve as your treasurer. As we are all aware, this year is very different than the past years when we could just hand in dues by check at our monthly meetings. From that point, the officers deposit them and move the money around by other checks and mailings.

Since the beginning of September, I have been trying to make this process easier for members and volunteer officers by handling as much of the funds transfer electronically. Initially, we sent out old forms, then revised forms that may have caused confusion. Since our September meeting, with our bravest members, we have figured out our snags with PayPal invoicing.

It is important that we try to streamline this process to be sure our records are clear for auditing purposes. What I have learned since taking office is that electronic invoicing is really easy for me and the members seem to find the payment process easy, too. I can run reports in PayPal to document all payments and can follow the transfers through to BB&T. I am able to then communicate to Joan and Mary Margaret about co-builder deposits and to Sally for membership payments.

Although PayPal is easy for me, I want to assure you that I am not opposed to receiving written checks. I would recommend that Chesapeake Treasures DUES checks be sent directly to me for deposit as that eliminates Sally having to forward them to me. **As before, West River Retreat checks will continue to be sent to Jo Shaw.**

For national SAGA dues, the [www.smocking.org](http://www.smocking.org) website will have the payment button available in late November, and I encourage you to renew directly with them. For those who have sent checks to Sally and me for national SAGA dues, I have deposited them and will send a check to the national treasurer before the due date.

Until we can be together at meetings once again, please stay safe. Feel free to contact me with any questions!

Karen Lang  
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**Update: West River retreat February 2021.**

The camp is doing everything they can to offer retreats in fall 2020 and spring 2021. They have submitted a plan to the state to allow camping in small groups this fall. No more than two people will be allowed in a sleeping room and limited numbers in the main rooms. They will set out the sewing and cutting tables to meet with distancing requirements. The dining hall may not be open, meaning we may have to supply all meals.

The month before retreat, West River management will contact those registered to answer medical and residence questions. Individual attendees may be rejected right up until the retreat if coming from a HOT county or state or having virus symptoms.

At this time, we are hoping have our retreat with 20 people. As things are still up in the air as to state regulations and possible additional virus breakouts, we are moving ahead with limited registrations and positive thinking. Additional information will continue to come over the next few months.

Jo Shaw



## Wee Care Report

If you still have items out from last year (gown, caps, buntings, etc. ) please turn them in even if unfinished.

**Gowns/Caps Sets out in Sept/Oct 2020**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Out Sept/Oct</b>	<b>In Sept/Oct</b>
Nancy B	2	
Lindsay C	2	
Cheryl B	4	
Meghan B	2	
Dawn W	4	
Kathy F	2	
Kelli F	4	4
Lisa H	2	
Bonnie H	4	
Karen L	4	
Lyn L	2	
Mitzi M	6	7
Barbara M	6	6
Melanie U	2	
Jackie O	4	
Joyce R	3	3
Sandy S	4	2
Jan T	4	
Morganlee	2	





Have you been to **[pinkhollybushdesigns.com](http://pinkhollybushdesigns.com)**? Lisa Hawks - one of our members - is the owner/designer of this website. Lisa has just published four new patterns that are just adorable. Her site has on-line classes, a shop, tutorials, blog, free projects, and more. Be sure to check her out!



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### Information on classes with Vaune Pierce

Texas Tote - being offered in November 2020  
Ladies that have taken the class gave it a good review.

<https://www.vaune.com/product/texas-tote-with-liberty-of-london-accent-november-7-14-21-2020/>

## Committees and Chairpersons for 2020/2021

COMMITTEE	CHAIR—updates
Budget	Karen Lang
Convention Basket	Lori Barton
Education	Lindsay Carroll
Facilities	
Historian	Dawn Watson
Hospitality	Cheryl Brown
Librarian	Mitzi Mariella
Library Display	Lizzette Smith
Co-Builder Opportunities	Mary Margaret Kasulke/Joan Messinger
Membership	Sally Rifenburg
Newsletter	Sandy Suhrie
Programs	Carolyn Dalton November
Publicity	Mary Beth Russell
Retreat	Jo Shaw
Show and Share	Marlene Mehn & Karen Lang (Karen does the document of items sent out before the meeting)
Sit and Stitch	Joyce Ross
Website	Carolyn Dalton
Wee Care Public Service	Joyce Ross and Sandy Suhrie

I like PinkHollybushDesigns.com for knit patterns and fabrics, Hawthorne Fabrics also has wonderful knits. And a friend has me addicted to ShabbyFabrics.com .... Such fun things! Kelli F.

Check a friend's stash! Martha S.

Two of my favorites are FarmhouseFabrics.com and weresewcreative.com. Both are excellent with shipping promptly and accurately. My favorite quilt shops are Tomorrow's Treasures in Crofton, Sew Suite Studio in Summerville, SC and Five Eighths Seams in Charleston, SC. I'm a traveling sewer! Sallie N.

Farmhouse Fabrics - Fabric and Buttons; Children's Corner - Patterns; Destash Face Book site - great buys for all sewing supplies and patterns; PinkHollybushDesigns.com - Patterns and Fabrics; Violette Fields Threads - Patterns; Peek-a-boo Patterns - Patterns for knits; Fabric.com - novelty fabrics; Nancy's Notions and Madam Sew for notion and organizers; Etsy shops - Novelty Fabrics. Karen L. (sewing addict!)

Farmhouse Fabrics and Chadwick Heirlooms. Both need a road trip! Or order online. Melanie U.

When inspiration strikes for a project, my primary resource is my stash! Items funnel their way into my stash from various source - well meaning friends, neighborhood ASG group, ASG annual meetings. My favorite source presents itself when we travel and happen upon a fabric store! Fabric is easy to pack and bring home as souvenir! I seldom have a purpose in mind because I know that piece of fabric will eventually talk to me and tell me what it wants to be. I'm currently working on an upcoming SAGA News article, and a piece of Peruvian cotton shirting I purchased 3 years ago called out the loudest to be used. Barbara M.

Farmhousefabrics.com, shabbyfabrics.com, and QuiltingBytheBay.com These are all good for on-line fabrics, kits and notions and are reliable shippers. Pat Horn

Like many of us I love to sew for little ones. I have a fun time exploring fabric stores when we travel and would have to say my number one store is Liberty of London's fabric department. Locally, I will go to Fabric Place Basement in Alexandria, VA and The Fabric Place in Baltimore area. I am often inspired by fabric and purchase it not always knowing what it will be when finished. So saying that I better get back to the cutting table! Joyce R.

I buy from, in no particular order, the following  
Pink Hollybush Designs <https://www.pinkhollybushdesigns.com/>  
Chadwick's Heirlooms <https://chadwickheirlooms.com/>  
Peanut Butter 'n Jelly Kids <https://www.peanutbutter-n-jellykids.com/shop/index.htm>  
Farmhouse Fabrics <https://farmhousefabrics.com/>  
Children's Corner <https://www.childrenscornerstore.com/>  
Delicate Stitches <https://delicatestitches.com/>  
Stitchin Post <https://www.stitchinpostinc.com/> Lindsay C.

I have sew many places that I love. First, my own company, Rebecca's Nanny. I do not sell fabric (except to friends at wholesale). I sell finished garments. Peanut Butter & Jelly for Kids, Farmhouse Fabrics, Chadwick's, Children's Corner, Sew What, Inc – DE Sally R.

I have quite a few favorite places to purchase fabric. Right now, when I can not go in and touch the fabrics, I have been purchasing from **Farmhouse Fabrics**. They have been very accommodating and I have received all of my packages very timely as they have said! And the fabrics are always packaged so nicely, tied up in a pretty bow! I recently placed a large order with many similar fabrics. Each was neatly folded with a description of the fabric attached! More than I expected!

I have also made several trips for curbside pick-up service at **A Fabric Place** on Falls Road in Baltimore County. Michael, Johnathon, Debbie and Sherrie are always eager to please and make sure you are happy with your choices! They were even mailing elastic to me when I was up to my ears in mask making!

I had one very unhappy experience this past Spring, when I placed an order online with **iFabric.com**. I will never purchase from them again and can say that while the prices were very low, their service was deplorable! After allowing 2 weeks for delivery, I began calling the number listed on their website, only to find that it had been disconnected! They never answered any of my emails and about 2 months later they sent me an email to let me know my fabric was on the way! There was no way to cancel the order. When the package arrived there was a print out with the list of fabrics that were sent. There were 2 pieces missing. The same day the order arrived so did an email letting me know that they had refunded my bank card for the missing fabrics. The only good thing is that I finally have the fabric to make costumes for a church play that has now been postponed indefinitely! Worst experience getting fabric ever! Kathy F.

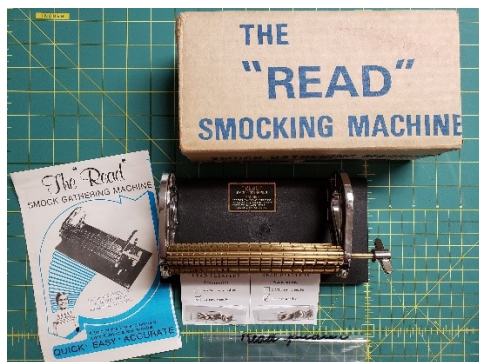
### *SEW IT'S FOR SALE BY MEMBERS*

#### 16 Row Read Pleater

Very good condition. In original box, includes instructions. Read Pleater has a heavy-duty stable base with anti-skid rubber feet, solid brass rollers, large side plate openings to hold pleating rod and fabric. Asking \$75

#### Read Pleater Needles

Two new 12 packages of Read needles, store sticker with price on reverse side is \$31.15. Asking \$45



If interested, please contact Peggy Hueston at (443) 472-6548



**November 12, 2020** - Smocked Thread Spool (presented by Fox)

Meeting will be on ZOOM. If you need a kit, contact Carolyn Dalton.



Kelli

**December 10, 2020** - Zoom Potluck - Getting to Know our Members  
Meeting will be on Zoom

January 14, 2021 - Hedebo Embroidery (presented by Martha Sykora)



**February 11, 2021** - SAGA Artisan Design Show (presented by Carol Kick/Lori Barton)

**March 11, 2021** - Wool Felt Needle minder (presented by Kelli Fox)

**April 8, 2021** - TBD (presented by Marlene Mehn)

**May 13, 2021** - Embroidery & Buttons (presented by Carolyn Dalton)

**June 10, 2021** - Pot Luck - host TBD

Keeping our fingers crossed for an in person meeting.

## November- December 2020 Co-Builder Opportunities

### November 2020 Drawing Items

*Elegant Stitches* by Judith Montano, a delightful, well-illustrated, instructional book on silk ribbon embroidery. A classic for all. 50+ yards of 100% Japanese silk ribbon in assorted colors and sizes—2mm, 4mm, and 7mm.

Two linen hemstitched tea towels. Use them to try your hand at making flowers and designs in silk ribbon!

Tapestry and Chenille needles ( the long eye is often best for silk ribbon work).

\*\*\* a surprise unlisted item \*\*\*

### December 2020 Drawing Items

*Needle Painting: Low Country Egret Tea Towel*, a complete kit developed by Laura Jenkins Thompson. It includes a tea towel, floss, needles, and directions.

Kit donated by **Marlene Mehn.**

Anchor Vintage linen embroidery thread from Belgium- 24 colors!

Set of “Sewing Kit Cookie Cutters” -really unique. You can enjoy making your **baked** sewing supplies!! (We have even included a decorating kit).

Two linen tea towels with hemstitched bands of red and green granitos. All in Keeping with Christmas!

+++ a surprise unlisted item+++

We look forward to 5 more drawings during the year in 2021. If you haven't subscribed, it is not too late. Just contact Karen about the payment before December 1, 2020. Again, we thank everyone who is participating. Our best wishes to all.

Mary Margaret Kasulke and Joan Messinger

## Meet A Treasure - Joan S. Messinger

Joan is originally from New York. She has two sons by her first marriage and during her second marriage gained a large family by extending her heart to a family with six girls. All the children call her GG or GG Joan.

Her maternal grandmother was a professional seamstress. She taught Joan to hand sew and embroider but she had to wait until high school to use a sewing machine in a home economics class. Her father bought her mother, sister and her a Singer Feather Weight machine for Christmas in 1945. Making a skirt was the beginning of her machine sewing odyssey.

Joan learned to smock 40 years ago when her first two granddaughters were born. Purchasing a "Polly Flinders" was prohibitive, as it was the cost of a month's salary. In the fall of 1980, when the community college smocking class she enrolled in was cancelled, she found out who was to teach the class and contacted her. The teacher (Judy Gravitts) agreed to teach 8 people at her home.

This class was the beginning of Joan's career in smocking. Halfway through the course she purchased her 16 Needle Read pleater. Once she found out there were teachers of smocking who came to the fabric store in Clinton to teach, she was able to take classes with Elizabeth Travis Johnson and Florence Roberson. Both were Master Teachers for SAGA. The classes also taught construction of garments with smocked inserts, as well as bishop construction by machine, both before and after smocking.

Joan found her way to SAGA through a shop in Crofton where Barbara Meger taught smocking. Ironically, there was a new group started, which just happened to be Chesapeake Treasures, and Joan found her way there in September 1989.

Joan enjoys doing Shadow Work embroidery and has had 2 sets of her directions accepted as SAGA Stitches Programs. You can find them on the National SAGA Website.

She learned to do machine embroidery on her Viking SE. For the last 10 years she has made our Annual Chesapeake Treasures totes for the West River Retreat.

Joan has taken cooking and baking classes from Wilton making wedding and birthday cakes for family and neighbors. She took classes in England at the Royal School of Needlework. She has gone to 27 SAGA National Conventions and 9 SAGA National Seminars, as well as 21 Sewing at the Beach Workshops.

If Joan had a free day to do whatever she wanted, she would take a trip. She might travel to England, or swim in Hawaii or just visit her oldest friend who is no longer able to walk.

I'll leave you with a word of wisdom from Joan, " You are never too old to learn. Keep your eyes and hands in good condition. Listen, look and try something new."

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Look for "Chesapeake Treasures Smocking Guild" on **Facebook** and our website [www.chesapeaketreasures.org](http://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!

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### Birthdays

Nov - Sally Rifenburg and Lyn Leet

Dec - Nancy Hoyt-Hamasaki and Jan Tatum



### **Meeting Dates - via Zoom until further notice**

December 10, 2020  
January 14, 2021  
February 11, 2021  
March 11, 2021  
April 8, 2021  
May 13, 2021  
June 10, 2021

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**When and Where we meet: Until the Pandemic is over, we will have meetings via ZOOM.**

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

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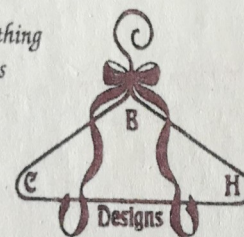
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