

Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



March April 2021

Dear Chesapeake Treasures,

Spring is not far away now! Time to dig into your stitching stash and pull out bright colors and fun textures and threads for a fresh season of creations! I look forward to seeing your beautiful creations featured in an upcoming Show and Share issue!

Spring is also a time to try a new technique, whether embroidery, garment constructions, quilting or any number of fiber arts. I am working to master a new placket style for a bishop dress. While my first efforts did not go well, I ripped out a few seams, read as many instructions as I could find and am ready to try again with a fresh perspective!

Some quick updates – the March Sit and Stitch has been moved to March 26. As always, let Joyce Ross know if you are planning to attend so she can let you know if plans change.

At the last meeting, ideas for convention favors for the 2021 and 2022 conventions were presented. Chairpersons are lined up for each of these activities and will be sharing more information at the next meeting. If the chapter wishes to move forward with each of these activities, we will need volunteers to work on each. The 2021 convention in Oak Brook, Ill (Chicago) is scheduled for September 21, 2021 and the 2022 convention is scheduled for October 18 in Pittsburg, PA.

Be sure to check the Chesapeake Treasures for information about the upcoming programs. <http://www.chesapeaketreasures.org/> Kelli Fox will send out the program instructions for this week's program in advance of the meeting. She will be presenting a Wool Felt Needle minder. Those who requested a kit should have received it by now – Thank you Carolyn!

Looking forward to a few days with temps in the 60's! See you Thursday night!

Happy Stitching!

Lindsay



Chesapeake Treasures Co-Builder

These are the next 2 of our 8 scheduled Co-Builders. We have one final Co-Builder in May. That will complete our planned program. We hope you have enjoyed and will consider joining us next year.

Our **March 2021 Co-Builder** is:

“Dogwood Needle Cover ala boutis provençal” created by Marie Yolande.

A complete kit with fabric, yarn, needles, and directions for using the French embroidery technique called *boutis*. Donated by **Marlene Mehn**.

Delve into the past with “Mary Francis Sewing Book”, the girl’s story book which teaches sewing. A little girl is given a trunk of clothes, as well as the sewing materials. The *thimble people* teach her how to make a set of doll clothes using 15 basic hand sewing and embroidery stitches. There are instructions given for many sizes of dolls!!. This copy is in its original casing. Never opened!.

Then there is a set (15) of notecards depicting sewing pictures from the Mary Francis Sewing book. (Also in its original casing-never opened)

Our **April 2021 Co-Builder** is:

“Silk Ribbon Treasures” smocking and embroidery by Martha Campbell Pullen. Donated by **Peggy Hueston**.

“Colonial Inspirations” silk ribbon and lace designs by Beverly Sheldrick.

“The Rocking Horse Collection- Silk Ribbon Smocking” by Janet Andrews Balliett. See how you can smock with silk ribbon, just like you do floss!

50 + yards of assorted sizes and colors of 100% silk ribbon. A wonderful selection to work your magic with.

(More information about our next year’s plans will be in the next newsletter)
Mary Margaret and Joan, Co-Chairs

Wee Care/Pubic Service

We had a request from Prince George's Hospital in February for a large amount of gowns. Joyce was able to give them 32 gowns and 2 large blankets from what we didn't use last year.

Below is a list of those that still have gowns out. Please try to get them completed and turned in. May will be here before we know it!

Nancy B. - 2	Cheryl B. - 4	Lindsay - 2
Kathy F - 2	Megan B - 2	Lisa H - 2
Bonnie H - 1	Karen L - 4	Lyn Leet - 2
Jackie O - 4	Morganlee - 2	

Joyce has been working with our Wee Care Committee trying out some new ideas. Thank you to Melanie, Mitzi, Jackie, Barbara, Linda and Martha for working on gowns. They have made 27 gowns trying new patterns and fabrics. The hospitals are requesting some patterned gowns and blankets. They are not wanting as many white gowns as before. Some parents are wanting the gowns to not look like bereavement gowns. Prince George's Hospital is asking for 30" square blankets.

Programs for 2020/2021 (Check our website for pictures of projects)

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

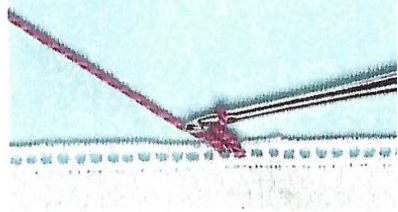
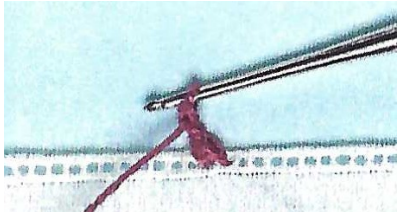
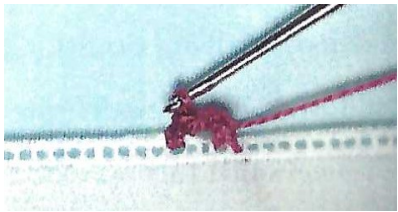
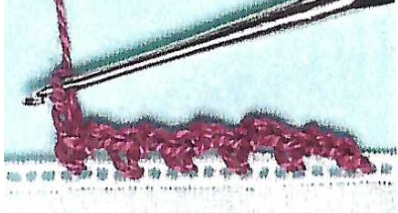
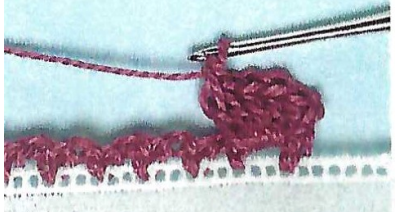


April 8, 2021 - Fabric Weights (presented by Marlene Mehn)

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.

Directions from Dawn to crochet the edges of blankets.

<p>Row 1. Working from the wrong side, bring thread to the front through the first hole. Work a double crochet into the next hole.</p>	
<p>Work two chain stitches.</p>	
<p>Skip two holes. Work a double crochet through the fifth hole.</p>	
<p>Continue working two chain, double crochet into every third hole.</p>	
<p>Row 2. Turn the work. Work five treble stitches into the previous 2 chain space.</p>	
<p>Work a double crochet into the next 2 chain space.</p>	
<p>Repeat steps of working five treble stitches into the 2-chain space and double into the next chain space until end.</p>	

Meet A Treasure – Marilyn (Lyn) Leet

Lyn was born in Bethesda, Maryland. She is married and is the mother of 4 children (2 boys and 2 girls) who have given her 8 grandchildren (4 boys and 4 girls) as well as one great grandson.

Lyn's mother started teaching her to sew when in elementary school. She continued that learning through a Home Economics courses in Junior and Senior High schools. During her first two years of college Lyn majored in Home Economics.



She found her way to smocking in the late 1970s taking classes in a small sewing store in the small Virginia town where she lived. Without a pleater in the shop, it was required that they send garments to another shop near Monticello to get them pleated. It was during this time that she started smocking for her daughters.

Lyn's education provided her with other sewing skills such as garment construction, general sewing, hand embroidery, and needlepoint. She also knows how to knit. She started a handmade quilt decades ago, the remains unfinished as other projects always seemed to take precedence leaving this one to wait until she had the time to finish the hand quilting. Many years ago, she did Ecclesiastical sewing for her church.

While perusing the SAGA website thinking about how she would like to smock again after so long a time, she decided to visit a local chapter and decided on Chesapeake Treasures. Her intent was to see if she could revive her skills while meeting and getting to know others who enjoyed sewing and needlework. Lyn would like to revive her smocking skills and is starting with Wee Care gowns. Lyn has many projects lined up to complete, one being a child's dress pattern once she feels more confident after reviving her sewing and smocking skills.

Lyn loves to spend time with family, as well as other outside interests. While the world is at a pause and we are waiting to spend more time with others, Lyn keeps herself busy with gardening, and cooking. Lyn was working until this past January when the pandemic stopped travel and her work stopped. She is hoping next year will be different and she can go back to work or perhaps find a new adventure. In the meantime, she has so many projects stacked up its hard to decide which one she should do to keep her hands and mind busy.

2021 Committee Chairmen and Members

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	MEMBERS	
Co-Builder Opportunities	Mary Margaret Kasulke Joan Messinger	Need 1 person when we have in person meetings	
Convention Basket	Lori Barton	Kathy Furth	
Convention Favors 2021	Carolyn Dalton	Looking for volunteers	
Convention Favors 2022	Lori Barton and Kathy Furth	Looking for volunteers	
Education	Kelli Fox	Joyce Ross Pat Conklin Lisa Hawkes Mitzi Mariella	Jan Tatum Melanie Uyttewaal
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Programs	Carolyn Dalton		
Publicity	OPEN		
Retreat 2022	Jo Shaw	Joan Messinger Mary Margaret Kasulke Lindsay Carroll Pat Conklin	
Show and Share	Marlene Mehn	Karen Lang	
Sit and Stitch	Joyce Ross		
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Look for "Chesapeake Treasures Smocking Guild" on **Facebook** and our website 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!

Birthdays

- March - 2 - Lauren Lyles
- 28 - Carolyn Dalton
- 30 - Kelli Fox

- April - 3 - Dawn Watson
- 4 - Peggy Hueston
- 9 - Megan Buchannon
- 13 - Barbara Meger
- 17 - Joan Messinger
- 24 - Sue Hoge and Karen Lang



MEETING DATES VIA ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- March 11, 2021
- April 8, 2021
- May 13, 2021
- June 10, 2021

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smocking and related needlework for future
generations, through education, communication,
and quality workmanship.”

www.smocking.org

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>

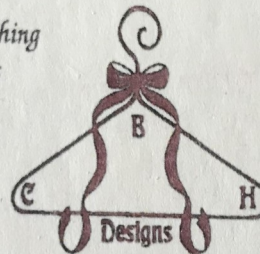
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