



# Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



*Newsletter March/April 2023*



## IMPORTANT: CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

**DUE TO SCHEDULING AT THE LIBRARY, OUR MEETING IS CHANGED  
TO MARCH 16**

### *Chesapeake Treasures Co-Builder March 2023*

First some unusual fabrics from the NYC Garment Center!

- 3 yards fabric “Regency” by Printmakers International.
- 2 yards “Peter Rabbit Fabric by Frederick Warne, Co.

Then some out of print books that you should have in your collection.

Great References!

- *Mimi’s Heirloom Sewing, Book Two* by Mildred Turner. Super instruction for making heirloom garments for all generations. Donated by **Peggy Hueston** .
- *Martha’s Sewing Room* by Martha Pullen from her TV Series 100. Guide and instructions for dolls, crafts, pillows, lace shaping, crazy patch and more. You won’t run out of ideas!

Finally , and we never seem to have enough- DMC floss.

- DMC Collector Edition- 36 skeins Home Décor Colors.
- And a *Rosalina* ready-to-smock green gingham bishop dress size 4.

Margaret Kasulke and Joan Messinger, Co-Chairs

## Chesapeake Treasures Co-Builder April 2023

Have you been working on the Chapter “Projects” at our monthly meetings? A little addition for your creativity.

- 20 spools of shimmery thread—a sample of sparklers. Try your hand or machine at something you always wanted to try.
- Sewing Magnifier with LED lighting. Looking to check those stitches or find a thread to pull—this is a portable, light weight answer.
- *Satin and Silk Ribbon Embroidery* by Leslie Turpin-Delport of South Africa, signed by the author.

Donated by **Martha Sykora**

- 30 + yards of 100% silk ribbon. Assorted colors and widths.
- 3 packages (3yds each) DMC Memory Thread. Copper core, cotton/viscose covering- gold color. Great for embellishing, easy to couch. Check out the internet’s DMC Memory Thread video for great ideas.

Mary Margaret Kasulke and Joan Messinger, Co-Chairs

## Fabric Shopping in Istanbul, Turkey

Retail therapy has been sought out in many countries these past few years of retirement. In Istanbul, many would think of the Grand Bazaar and its maze-like streets that offer everything imaginable, from carpets to local spices. However, we chose to find a shop within the area of our hotel in Moda.

After arriving in Istanbul, and adjusting to the time change of eight hours, we ventured out in the area to find a fabric shop. It took us a while as we realized it was in an inside shopping mall. We turned around and crossed the busy street twice before David said it had to be in this office mall. {Never leave home without a good navigator and one who has good direction skills} 😊

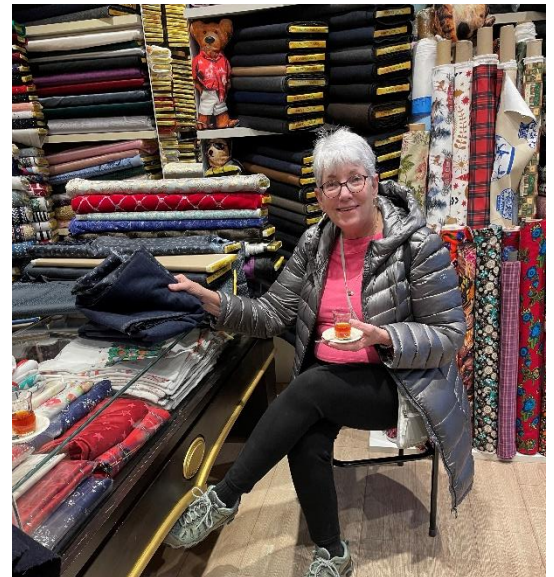
Upon entering the store called, Sixth Fabric Design, the gentleman asked how he might help us. I told him we are visitors to his country and would like to see Turkish made fabrics. He immediately showed me wool, (which comes from Izmir area) and silk. The next thing I knew there were bolts of wool being rolled out. Bolt after bolt of wool and it looked like an explosion of fabric. We picked one and then some dress fabric for a special occasion. After making our final decision the owner proceeded to ask if we would like to have tea. Most small business owners will offer you tea as a way to “close the deal” and build relationship with you. We did not pass up his offer and enjoyed our conversation. Wish we had this kind of service from our local shops in the U.S. It was just a pleasure to shop and enjoy each other’s company.

We also visited a Turkish Rug maker in the city of Izmir. We had a home cooked lunch with them and then a show and demonstration of the ladies who make these rugs. The designs were beautiful, and the craftswoman was fast and skilled. All the rugs are priced by how many knots are tied in the rug. We saw rugs with 10,000 knots and more. The rugs are made of cotton, wool, or silk. The women making these rugs are part of cottage workers and usually only work on a rug for two to three hours a day. It is a way to support their families.

This was an educational trip in many ways as we also visited the Seven Churches mentioned in the Apostle John’s book of Revelations, chapters 1-3. This area was where the Christian faith was tested and prevailed for future generations.

Keep Traveling!

Joyce Ross



## Sit n Stitch

March 16 Thursday

April 25 Tuesday

May 31 Wednesday

Please drop me an email or text saying if you're coming so I can reserve the proper seating.

Happy stitching.

Joyce Ross

## Wee Care



Thanks to Everyone that helps us with our Wee Care Public Service. It is so much appreciated. If you are on Facebook, check out the SAGA Wee Care page. Beautiful pictures, lots of information and informational files are there.

## Program info for 2023

**March 16**– Embroidered Stitches

Barbara Meger – Jonquil

Kathy Furth –butterfly

Everyone should bring their hoop, embroidery scissors, as well as the rest of the kit with their muslin doodle cloth and needles! Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday evening!

## Hospitality Schedule

	Beverage	Sweet	Savory
March	Carolyn Dalton	Carolyn Dalton	Karen Lang
April	Mitzi Mariella	Terri Janvier	Joyce Ross
May	???????	Sandy Suhrie	Barbara Meger
		Mary Margaret	

June – Volunteer Needed to host the Spring PotLuck Meeting

## European Smocking Inspiration CHALLENGE

How's your project progressing for our chapter challenge due at the May meeting? As a reminder: At the September meeting Barbara Meger presented an overview from European smocking magazines as researched by Nellie Durand, an early SAGA teacher and founder. Your challenge is to take ONE thing you saw or learned from that presentation and to incorporate it into something of your own. There will be prizes. . . !!

## 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodlawn Needlework Show

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodlawn Needlework Show takes place March 1-31 at Woodlawn Plantation in Virginia. In years past the work of Chesapeake Treasures members has been honored with numerous awards. Registration information may be found at [www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org](http://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org). Entries will be accepted February 3-5.

## SAVE THE DATES!

Barbara Meger will be teaching 3 classes for us in April! The brochure has been emailed to all members (see email from Pat Conklin). The deadline for signing up is March 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a workshop for Chesapeake Treasures members only.

*April 22 – 23, 2023 (Saturday and Sunday)*

Edgewater Police Station Community Room

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Look for “Chesapeake Treasures Smocking Guild” on **Facebook** and our **website**. And we are now on **Instagram** under *Chesapeake Treasures Smocking Chapter*.

[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!



March	2 – Lauren Lyles
	28 – Carolyn Dalton
April	2 – Peggy Hueston      3 – Dawn Watson
	9 – Meghan Buchanan    13 – Barbara Meger
	17 – Joan Messinger
	24 – Karen Lang & Susan Hoge

**When and where we meet: Watch your email for any changes.**

The Chesapeake Treasures Chapter meets at 6:00 pm the 2nd Thursday of the month at  
**Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD**

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

Business meetings are by Zoom the Monday before the Membership meeting.

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

