Keeping Track

Reflections
President’s Message

Many members had a great time at convention and we were all very excited to hear about their classes, their baskets, winnings and adventures in Anaheim.

I also had adventures in India and an opportunity to see beautiful silks, cottons, festive saris, needlework preserved for hundreds of years, elephants and camels pulling loads, snake charmers, ancient forts and palaces, and the splendid Taj Mahal. People live very differently from us on the other side of the world and it is always an adventure to get a peek at a different culture. India is a great example of the resilience of humanity. It is a third world country and the poverty is difficult to see, but at the same time it gives one pause for gratitude.

As we enter into the holiday season I am grateful for Thanksgiving being in the middle of the holiday season. I am thankful to be a woman at this time in history, and when I reflect on my life I am truly grateful. When I think upon the gifts I have been bestowed with, especially the use of needle and thread, I am truly grateful. When I think about the place where I was born and the life I know I am truly grateful. Visiting a third world country can quickly put you in a place of gratitude.

All this experience will make this holiday season even richer and wonderful, and all the sweet little “trick or treaters” will start the season. The shopping for the foods to be enjoyed on Thanksgiving will not be a chore. Coming together with the women in my family to make tamales will once again be a fun filled day of work. Stopping and having tea with Cable Car Cablers will be a nice respite. Cooking and sewing up to Christmas day will be done with love and sharing of self. What a perfect way to end another glorious year.

I recall 2011 as a very good year of sharing project, stitches, ideas, beautiful wee care gowns, productive and peaceful moments with Cable Car Cablers.

Happy Holidays to you and your families.

Gloria

Calendar
meetings start at 7:00 pm

November 15th, 2011
Meeting one week early
Sit & Stitch

December 4th, 2011
1 pm at Lois Murdoch’s

January 24th, 2012
More Floss Flowers

February 28th, 2012
Lattice Smocked Silk Heart

March 27th, 2012
Meeting
Christmas Tea

The annual Cable Car Cablers Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 4th 2011 at 1 o’clock in El Granada at the home of Lois Murdoch. Please let Lois know if you plan to attend and also if you plan to bring a guest.

This year we are going to try something new at our Christmas Tea. We are going to have a sewing themed RAFFLE BASKET. Please bring a gift for the basket and we will raffle it off among the attendees at the tea.

Bring one food item to share with the group. There will also be a cookie exchange, just bring however many you wish to take home.

Lois’ home is at 371 Santiago Avenue in El Granada. Her phone number is 650-726-9247. Please note that there are a few steps to go up to enter the house.

Directions to Lois’ House:
Take the Coronado traffic light off of highway 1 in Half Moon Bay, this is the one by the Wilkinson School across from the beach. From the north, it is a left turn and from the south, it is a right turn. Go up to the corner and turn right, going past the Wilkinson School and continue to 371 Santiago which is at the corner of Palma, across from El Granada School. There is plenty of parking at the school.

Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to Ingrid who celebrates on December 19!
Smocked Drum Ornament

We will continue working on our ornaments at the November meeting Sit & Stitch. Many thanks to Sue Kocienski for presenting her ornaments and guiding us through the techniques to complete them!

Needed for smocked drum ornament:

- Ribbon - 1 ½" wide by 30 inches long, pleated with half spaces
- Ribbon - 1/8" wide by 5 inches long for hanging
- Ribbon - 1/8" wide by 18 inches for trim if desired
- Threads textured threads work great.
  - Try Kreinik #4 or #8 braid, 2mm silk ribbon, rayon floss, ribbon floss. Check your stash
- Beads optional
- Paper towel tubing cut 1/4" shorter than ribbon width
- 3x6" piece of cardboard
- 5x10" piece of fabric for ends of drum

- Embroidery scissors
- Paper scissors
- Pencil
- Darner needle #7 (#11 if you will be using beads)
- Sewing thread - any color

WeeCare

Congratulations to Denise who won our Wee Care drawing for the third quarter. Thanks to all of you who returned gowns, bonnets, blankets and knitted caps this month--especially to our Pennsylvanian member Kathy P. who donated a dozen blankets. I will have some pleated bishop gown kits available in November to work on at our Sit and Stitch meeting. Please continue to support our Wee Care Program. This is a busy time of year, but the preemies and their families still need us. Don't forget the fourth quarter drawing at our December tea--last chance to win in 2011!

Thanks so much.

Loís
Convention 2011 Round Up

Stitching Upon A Star

From Ingrid Chan:
More than half of the Cable Car Cablers members went to the 2011 SAGA Anaheim Convention to smock and sew, be inspired, find a special item, win a raffle basket, visit old friends, make new friends, relax and have a vacation. Lois brought her friend, Lisa. Kathy from Pennsylvania met Lynn to drive to Anaheim. Frederica from Paris met Christie to drive to Anaheim.

Anaheim Down Under pre-day class(es) started on Monday, October 10th, with Judith Adams and Lyn Weeks. During lunch, Margaret, Cindy, Christine, Paula and I were entertained with Australian geography and travels around the Outback, fresh Australian Cookies, and Down Under language. Several members won raffle prizes. Our dinner, an Aussie barbecue, featured a 7 inch high Aussie burger with trimmings which included beets and grilled pineapple slices.

Convention began on Wednesday, October 12th, with a 6 hrs class. Region meetings were held during lunch that day and our region, region V, was quite a large crowd. Our Region V rep, Tawn Hunka, conducted the meeting. Congratulations to Cindy Cohan on her election to represent Region V on the SAGA Nominating Committee!

That evening, some of us visited the Pope at Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant with a few of our friends. Dinner included the special fall Butternut Squash Ravioli, Mozzarella Garlic Bread, Apple Gorgonzola Salad, and Chicken Limone and a silent blessing from the Pope.

Lucie, Fran, Mary Taylor and I were among the group learning how to crochet at the Wednesday night WeeCare Stitch In. Crochet hooks, thread, and blankets with pre-stitched holes were provided. The single crochet around the blanket was easy for most of us. The second row involved more crochet stitches which gave a lacy edging.
Next day, we had a 6 hour class, voted in our in coming SAGA board, and enjoyed the Design Show & Show and Share heirloom garments and smocked items. Catherine and I talked with potential SAGA teachers and have a few in mine for next year.

Friday was a short 3 hour class, so a few of us went to Downtown Disneyland via the Hyatt shuttle. The shuttle dropped us off in front of Disneyland Entrance. A short walk thru Disneyland and California Adventure lead us to Downtown Disney. Bought some Disney memorabilia and ate at a Mexican restaurant. We returned to the Hyatt just in time for the SAGA’s Vendor Market. Between us all, there were many bags of sewing items purchased.

Saturday was a challenge for some of us. 6 hours class. Lucie, Fran, Mary Taylor, Lois, Lisa and I learned the Schwalm Heart from Claudia Newton. The first three hours of embroidering the shape of the heart was simple enough. Pulling threads the second three hours was challenging. That evening, we all looked forward to Banquet. Cable Car Cabler’s Wool Pincushions Banquet favors were enjoyed and treasured. Wendy and her mother both achieved Apprentice, Embroidery Many of us won raffle baskets. Lucie, first time attendee won two baskets. Lisa, Paula, Jill, Margaret, Irene, Mary Taylor and I each won a basket. What happen to Lois?

Sunday, we had a 3 hour class. Time for Good-byes, and get ready for 2012 SAGA Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, October 9-14, 2012. Special thanks to SAGA Convention Volunteers, Margaret Church-Ish, Lisa Shepherd, Terry Faber, Kaye Wreay, Cheryl Cox, Kate Westlake, and Maggie Bunch.

Hope you finish your projects and bring them to CCC Share and Share!

Ingrid
From Jill Efting:
Dear CCC members, our raffle basket "Vera Bradley tote" was a big hit. Thanks to Catherine for shopping for fabric and for everyone who contributed items to make the basket stuffed with goodies for the lucky recipient. Each item was greatly appreciated to enhance the quality of the basket.

Raffle tickets purchased by SAGA members comes back to us in the form of teacher grants, which even if you can not go to convention, it will come full circle next year to bring us wonderful classes and expert teachers to our area.
Warmly,

Jill

From the Editors:
A big thank you to Margaret for spearheading the effort for our table favors for Convention! Thank you to Catherine for transporting them to Anaheim for us. The pincushions were well received and looked very festive on the Saturday night banquet tables. All of our remaining pincushions and Ella bags were sold on Sunday at the conclusion of Convention.

Another big thank you goes to Jill Efting for her efforts in putting together our raffle basket. Lots of time was spent in selecting the theme, gathering up all the items and presenting them on behalf of the group. Thanks Jill!

Congratulations to Wendy Stacy on her Artisan award in Fine Hand Sewing! Wendy and her Mom Mary both had Artisan recognition this year, we believe this is the first mother-daughter Artisan achievement.

Our very own Cindy has stepped up and been elected to serve a term as the Region 5 rep for the SAGA Nominating Committee

Finally, if you attended Convention, you should have received an email for an online survey. Please complete the survey online as directed. Once your survey is received, your name will be entered into a drawing for early registration for Atlanta.

Irene and Lynn
New Members
A hearty hello and warm welcome to our new members Elaine Berry and Joanne Paine of Southern California and to returning member Paula Sager.

Upcoming Workshops
At our October meeting, we discussed possible teachers for classes to be held in 2012. Watch your email for a survey on class choices. Ingrid and Catherine are coordinating this effort and hope to make some decisions shortly.

Paperweight Source
For those of you who admired Denise’s stumpwork paperweight, her source for the paperweight itself is:

http://www.photoweights.com/
Glass_Paperweight_Kits_s/43.htm

Look for the heirloom dome paperweight. Denise cautions that this is a magnifying glass and as such should not be left in the sun as it may cause the contents to burn.

Birthdays
If you are a member of the Cable Car Cablers and do not see birthday greetings in your birthday month, or do not see them in the correct month, you can notify either Irene or Lynn and provide them with your month and day. We don’t need the year!

Santa Barbara Sit ‘n’ Stitch
January 8, 9, 10 2012
This is a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
See Irene for details.

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