September is national sewing month, and what could be a better way to celebrate than by holding our first official meeting of the Pagoda Pleaters! I am excited to be able to serve as president for the Pagoda Pleaters for this next year. We've had so much fun planning and preparing. Our upcoming meeting topics include smocked socks, a smocked Christmas ball, choosing the right color floss, smocking with beads, and more. Each month we will either provide a kit (for a nominal fee) for the project or a supply list in advance, or a combination of both. I am looking forward to a year of learning new techniques and enjoying time with my fellow smockers each month.

Hope you have a great day!

Connie
The meeting was held in the study room at Exeter Community Library. The meeting was called to order by Connie Bauder. Three members were present.

The ladies discussed the schedule of projects/programs for the upcoming year. Programs were selected and prioritized to include easier projects first to accommodate beginners who may join the group, and to make seasonal projects fall at the right time of year. Also, a charity project will be included during the summer months of 2012, after beginners have had a chance to learn the basics, and during the time when the group may not have regular business meetings, but will use the time to accomplish the charity goal.

The schedule for the 2011/2012 year is as follows:

- September: Smocked name tag - Leader: Nancy Proud
- October: Smocked socks - Leader: Connie Bauder
- November: Smocked ornament - Leader: Eileen Yeager
- December: Choosing the right color floss - Leader: TBD
- January: Using beads in smocking - Leader: Nancy Proud
- February: Smocked/beaded evening bag - Leader: Pat Lenhart
- March: Easter bonnet - Leader: Carol Kneale
- April: T-Shirt with smocked insert - Leader: Connie Bauder
- May: Tooth fairy pillow - Leader: Pat Lenhart
- June: Smocked hanger - Leader: Nancy Proud
- July and August: “Sew Giving” (Charity Project)

Discussion was held regarding the Pagoda Pleaters charity project. The ladies chose the name “Sew Giving”, and decided to make smocked jumpers to be donated to a local shelter for abused women and their children. Since women in abusive relationships often have to leave home without packing, our donated children’s clothing will help dress their children in emergency situations. Jumpers were selected because they have no sleeves or collars, so they are quicker and easier to construct, and because they are versatile. They can be worn alone in warmer weather, or with a shirt or sweater in cooler weather.

Connie presented the slate of officers who were nominated and/or volunteered, as follows:

- President: Connie Bauder
- Vice President: Eileen Yeager
- Secretary and Newsletter Editor: Nancy Proud
- Treasurer: Ann Ward
- Publicity Chairperson: Carol Kneale
- Charity Coordinators: Pat Lenhart and Ann Ward

Connie requested that the secretary cast the ballot, which was done. The slate of officers was accepted as presented.
There was discussion about snow or other bad weather cancellations of meetings. If the library is closed on a meeting date, the meeting is cancelled or an alternate date will be selected and members will be notified. This subject will be revisited at a future meeting to determine a more specific policy.

Connie is completing the appropriate SAGA paperwork to apply for Pagoda Pleaters to be officially accepted and recognized as a local SAGA chapter. At the meeting held in July the ladies approved a special assessment of $6.00 per person to cover the $35.00 SAGA fee. Connie has this money, and will submit the forms in time that Pagoda Pleaters will have their official Kick-Off at the September meeting.

The Exeter Community Library has graciously consented to permit Pagoda Pleaters use of the display case in the entrance area for the month of September. The group decided to meet at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 to arrange a display in the case. The display is intended to inform the public about SAGA and Pagoda Pleaters and to publicize Pagoda Pleaters in order to attract new members. There was discussion about what should be included, and each lady volunteered to supply a portion of the items needed.

Dues in the amount of $10 will be collected at the September meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Proud,

Secretary

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: SMOCKED NAME TAG

PROGRAM LEADER: NANCY PROUD

A kit will be available which will include: pleated fabric, plastic canvass, instructions and smocking plate, safety pin, foam board for blocking pleated fabric

Each participant should bring: Floss in your choice of color(s) plus white, black, and orange, scissors, #7 embroidery needle, #7 long darning (if you have one), glass head pins

Take a look in the display case in the library on your way into the meeting room. The sample name tag is there. While we will not be able to finish the name tag in our short meeting time, we should get a good start, and you will have directions for completing it on your own.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1. September 14, 2011: Pagoda Pleaters meeting
2. October 10—16, 2011: SAGA’s 32nd Annual Convention, Anaheim, California
3. October 12, 2011: Pagoda Pleaters meeting
4. November 5 and 6, 2011: Susie Gay workshop at Chesapeake Treasures
5. November 9, 2011: Pagoda Pleaters meeting
6. December 14, 2011: Pagoda Pleaters meeting
7. October 8—14, 2012: SAGA’s 33rd Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA
Note from the editor:

I appreciate this opportunity to keep you informed about Pagoda Pleaters. As we go forward together, please send me any information you would like to have included in the newsletter, as well as any pictures that will make our newsletter more interesting. Have you read an interesting book, tried a new pattern, learned a new stitch? Why not write a review or description and share it with your fellow smockers?

For this first issue, I would very much appreciate it if you would each proof read your own information below and let me know if I have made errors. I’d like to correct them so your information is correct for the future.

Happy Smocking!!

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