Keeping Track

President’s Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and all of their sewing was done on time.

I am looking forward to the new year and all of the exciting things that are planned for us. We have Reba's zippered pouch class on February 3, which is just 2 weeks away. I hope everyone will be able to make it to that. Does anyone have any special sewing planned for Spring?

Once again, I haven't been doing much sewing, other than on the quilt I mentioned in the last newsletter. I need to find a way to organize my projects, so that I always have projects in different stages to work on, depending on my mood. I will need to carve some time to make a figure skating dress. My cousin called and asked for me to recreate one for her daughter I did several years ago for her. It is based on Disney's Rapunzel, so lots of pattern pieces to draft for this one. I'm not sure if I will be adding the crystals or leaving it to them to do. I will find out more when I go back to St. Louis this weekend to help my mom and meet with them.

Don't forget about the San Mateo County Fair. There are several categories to enter into this year. I challenge each of you to enter at least one. I hope to do 3-a smocked garment, Wee Care, and the bag challenge. Now that I have put it out there, hold me to it.

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Programs

Introduction to Heirloom Sewing for Women

Lynn Conroy will be leading our program in January. Here is her description of her presentation.

We've all taken the classes and created beautiful garments for babies and children along with countless samples and techniques. Many of us used to sew for ourselves. This is a talk that will guide you back towards sewing for yourself at the same time incorporating a few heirloom techniques.

I will have a few samples with me and the topics covered will include:

1. versatility of a good pattern
2. fit considerations
3. materials and notions
4. books and resources

The talk will include an exercise in alterations.

Please bring paper scissors, Scotch tape, pencil and ruler.

For future programs – we are planning some stitching sessions – smocking for Wee Care and any follow up for Lynn’s presentation or Reba’s zippered bag. We’ll discuss possibilities at the January meeting.

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Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to

Catherine Ljungquist on January 9th and Lois Murdoch on February 5th.

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

If you would like to receive birthday greetings, please let Reba know the month and day of your birthday.

The San Mateo County Fair dates are June 9 – 17, 2018. Division 633 – Smocking, has 3 classes in it. Class 1 – Smocked Item, Class 2 – Smocked Wee Care Gown and Class 3 – Cable Car Cablers Smocked Tote Bag Challenge. Cable Car Cablers is sponsoring a monetary prize - $50 for “Best Smocked Item”.

Entry forms are due by midnight on Tuesday, May 8. This can be done online. Items need to be delivered to the fair on May 29 and May 30.
Zippered Pouch Bag Workshop

The workshop is scheduled for

Saturday, February 3rd
9:30 am to 3:30 pm – we have the room at 9 am, so you may come a bit early to set up
One of the Education Classrooms of the San Mateo Medical Center

In this workshop, we will be creating a zippered pouch bag. The commercial patterns that I know of are the “Sew Together Bag” from Sew Demented ($12 – 3 zippered pockets) and the “Bionic Gear Bag” from RipStitcher ($13 – 4 zippered pockets). They are sold at several sites, such as Craftsy and Etsy. If you have one of these patterns, please feel free to use it for your bag. The techniques are much the same.

I am making kits for a simplified version. It will have only 2 pockets. The kits will be made with Asian prints and cost $22 each and will include all the materials required (including matching thread!) except your sewing machine, with regular and zipper foot and standard sewing supplies. Microtex needles are suggested – size 80/12 and 90/14. If you want to bring your own kit, a cutting list will be available soon. Let me know if you would like one to prepare for class.

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Sew Together Bag

Bionic Gear Bag

Refreshments for our Meetings

2018
January 23 – Lucie Mates, February 27 – Sue Kocienski, March 27 – Maggie Harden,
April 24 – Irene Davidson Thomas, May 22 – Margaret Church-Ish, June 26 – Ingrid Chan
July 24 – Catherine Ljungquist, August 28 – Denise Kelly, September 25 – Christie Bilikam
October 23 – Lois Murdoch, November 27 – Reba Siero, December – Holiday Party

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Meeting Location

The Cable Car Cablers meet the 4th Tuesday of the month, except for November and December. Meetings start at 7 p.m.

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March 1, 2018 to Reba  
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Area Events

February 22 – 25  – Stitches West, Santa Clara  
February 26  – Nancy Brown speaks at East Bay Heritage Quilters meeting, 7:30 PM, Kensington  
March 17 – 18  – East Bay Heritage Quilters – Voices in Cloth 2018 – Extraordinary Quilts by the Bay – Craneway Pavilion, Richmond