Keeping Track

Onward to the Holidays

President's Message

The serendipitous and easy summer feeling of summer is gone. There seems to be a huge list of things to be done for the upcoming holidays and so very few months in which to get everything done. With Halloween as the kick off for the Holiday Season, the time is now. I am resolved to keep it all in balance even with shorter daylight hours, and the end of Daylight Saving Time. Sewing, reading and gardening mixed in with all that needs to be done, should somehow help keep the stress level down. It is always a plus when accomplishing something with needle or earth gets an item eliminated off of the To Do List. I’m still at a lost as to how reading can help on the To Do List.

As a whole autumn has been more summer like this year in the South Bay and it is not easy getting into the holiday spirit. Enjoying the great weather while we have it seems to be more of a priority. Perhaps we’ll have more wet cool days ahead to help spur on the motivation to direct myself to the holidays.

As I think ahead of what we have planned as a guild my spirits are lifted. I look forward to the exhibit at Lacis, making a new floss flower at the next general meeting, a great afternoon of tea at Christie’s in early December. Oh, by the way notice the Executive decision to continue the Second Annual Holiday Basket at the Tea. Each beautiful donation made for a fabulous basket last year. The thought of Cindy Foose’s class in February carries me well into the New Year.

A joyous holiday season to all.

Gloria
Cindy Foose Workshop
February 9-10, 2013
  Saturday 9-4
  Sunday 10-5
  One hour break, bring your own lunch

Class Title: **Dotted Swiss Daydreaming: A Simple Smocked Dress**

**Class Fee:** $140 for members of the Cable Car Cablers and $152 for SAGA members who are non-CCC
  Fee includes kit fee as well as class fee. Payment deadline is December 2, 2012.
Description:
Simplicity always reigns supreme. So it is with this dainty little dress. The raised dots of the fabric guide in smocking the easy, quick design while at the same time cleverly creating the illusion of extra embellishment. Here’s the good news: no pleater is needed; no fancy sewing machine attachments or feet; nothing but a close relationship with your fabric! To add a touch of airiness, the bodices and cartridge-style pleated skirts are joined with fagoting; the collar and sleeves echo this theme with lace edging similarly applied. Tiny pearl buttons add richness along the front self-placket. With diligent attention to the tasks at hand, this charmer will be well on its way to completion at the end of the class sessions.

Kit:
Kit contains everything needed to complete the class project including 1.25 yards of imported pink dotted Swiss dress; voile lining fabric; 2.25 yards of white lace edging; seven #10 ligne pearl buttons; batiste interfacings; #60/8 sharp machine needle; #10 sharp, #8 sharp and #7 crewel hand needles; floche for smocking; #12 Perle cotton for the fagoting stitches; #70 weight 100% cotton thread for sewing; size 2 class dress and slip patterns; detailed, diagrammed instructional booklet; smocking design, and prepared materials for completing the class project. The class pattern comes in only one size to simplify the class activities, but the techniques can be applied to many easily available patterns in a wide range of sizes

Supplies Students Bring to Class:
Basic class supplies including scissors (fabric, embroidery, and paper), glass head or fine silk pins, fine line or ultra-fine line water-soluble marking pen or pencils, #2 pencil, tape measure, a clear 18” dressmaker ruler, and if needed, task lighting with extension cord and power strip and/or magnifying glasses or magnifier with extension cord. A sewing machine in good working order is required along with the all-purpose foot, the buttonhole foot and/or attachment, empty bobbins, and the machine’s manual. A seam roll will be very helpful with a couple of class techniques, so if you have one please bring it along.

On Saturday, the group will have a 5 pm dinner reservation at Romano’s Macaroni Grill in San Mateo. Please email Ingrid by January 22 if you want to join us and be included on the reservation list.
Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to Paula celebrating on December 9th, to Jill Efting celebrating on December 16th, and to Ingrid celebrating on December 19th!
Happy Birthday to Catherine celebrating just after New Year’s on January 9th!
Happy Birthday ladies!

Lacis Field Trip

On November 10th, 2012, we are having a field trip to Lacis to see their new exhibit, *Treasures of the Lacis Museum of Lace and Textiles*. The exhibit is downstairs in the exhibit space of the store. Jules Kliot is personally making arrangements for us to view this exhibit.

Denise Kelly has offered to host a brunch at her home in advance of going over to Lacis. We will have brunch at Denise’s home at 11am and proceed to Lacis so that we arrive about 12:30.

Please let Catherine or Denise know if you think that you will be able to attend so that Jules & Denise can plan accordingly.

Denise’s home is located in Oakland just off of highway 13 by Montclair and Piedmont at:

28 Masonic Place
Oakland CA 94618
Phone: 510-339-3758

Denise suggests:

Coming north on hwy 13, take the Thornhill exit. Turn left at the light just off the exit and keep going under the highway overpass and then up a small hill. Keep in the center at the top of this hill and you are on Moraga Ave. Take the second right (just after you get to the top of the hill) this is Masonic Ave. Masonic place is the first right on Masonic Ave. Come up to the top of the cul-de-sac and you are there.

If coming south on hwy 13 from hwy 24, you take the second exit which is to Piedmont. Once you come up the exit and you are on Moraga Ave and you follow the directions as noted above.
Annual Christmas Tea

This year’s Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 2nd at the home of Christie Bilikam starting at 1 pm.

This year we are going to continue with the tradition of 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 a tea food item to share with the group. There will also be a cookie exchange, just bring however many you wish to take home.

Christie is at:
783 Garland Drive
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From 101, exit Oregon Expressway, travel west to Ross Road (one block before Middlefield) and turn right. Christie’s house is at the intersection of Ross and Garland.

From 280, exit Page Mill, travel east. Page Mill becomes Oregon Expressway after El Camino. One block past Middlefield, turn left onto Ross Road. Christie’s house is at the intersection of Ross and Garland.

Wee Care

Congratulations to Sue who won our quarterly Wee Care raffle. Thanks to Denise and Gladys who turned in such beautiful blankets to Lynn at the October meeting and thanks to Lynn for getting the blankets to me. I hope to take a box of Wee Care items to the hospital before Christmas. I know it is a busy time, but let's try to finish a gown or two before our tea party and next raffle in December. We are making a difference in people's lives. Thanks.

Lois
Sandcastle’s Workshop in Southern California

In September Barbara Meger taught her Drawn Thread Bridal Bag and Swirls of Smocking at the Sandcastle chapter. We learned how to withdraw threads from the linen, and learned several stitches to embellish the Bridal Bag. The second day, we smocked on batiste with ThreadworX variegated overdyed floss. We also made special buttons to match our smocking.

Pictured here with Barbara Meger are Irene Thomas, Joanne Paine, Elaine Berry, and Ingrid Chan with our Swirls of Smocking class samples.

The second picture shows the color variations of ThreadworX as smocked on batiste and their matching buttons.

The third picture shows the smocked batiste stretched out into a circle. The circle can be inserted into the back of a hand mirror with the matching button in the center.
Convention 2012, Atlanta
Sarah Douglas Collection at Lacis
Catherine Ljungquist is spearheading the curating group for the Sarah Douglas Collection at Lacis. You can reach Catherine via email: eljungquist@yahoo.com or cell phone: 415-525-1915.

Stitching Serenity
The autumn Santa Barbara retreat will be a Sit & Sew November 11, 12 & 13. Winter Sit & Sew will be February 3, 4 & 5. Next summer’s class will be June 28, 29, 30 and July 1, please note that Monday has been added to give us 2 full days of stitching and companionship. Contact Vaune Pierce at vaune@vaune.com to sign up.

Sewing at the Beach
The Stranded Smockers & Stitchers in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina is hosting its 20th Anniversary Sewing at the Beach, January 14-19, 2013.
www.sewingatthebeach.com

SAGA's first Needle Arts Retreat
April 11-14, 2013
The SAGA Board of Directors has announced the details for SAGA’s first ever Needle Arts Retreat. Come be inspired by talented teachers and allow yourself time to retreat from the world and stitch with other needle artists. The area is beautiful, the classes are terrific, and all we need is YOU! Hope to see you in Pennsylvania in the Spring!

Region 1 members may register beginning November 3; members in other regions may register beginning November 10. Additional information can be found at: http://www.smocking.org/calendar.php

Beverley Sheldrick
We are pleased to announce that Beverley may be visiting mid February as she passes through San Francisco on her way home to New Zealand after teaching at Martha Pullen’s School of Art Fashion in Huntsville. She will not be teaching while here however, we are hoping to arrange a welcoming event such as a tea or other simple gathering. Further details to be announced as they become available.

National Smocking Month
February is National Smocking Month. Sunday, February 3rd, 2013 has been designated as Smock in Public Day. The idea is to foster public awareness of the art of smocking.

“The Raffle”
Beginning November 1, SAGA will be offering tickets for the raffle of a Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine and attachments. Tickets are $5 and limited in number to 500 tickets. The drawing will be held April 13th, 2013 at the Pennsylvania Needle Arts Retreat. See the SAGA website for further details.

Refreshments
November Lucie Mates
December CCC Tea
January Sue Kocienski
February Lynn Conroy
March Catherine Ljungquist

The 2013 refreshment list has been circulated by Jill Efting. If you would like make changes to your assignment or would like to be an alternate, please contact Jill.
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