President’s Message

Kirby and I traveled to London during the month of July. We were seeking a venue for an upcoming meeting to be held in the UK during September 2013. We were able to arrive and depart London prior to the major thrust of athletes and spectators arrivals for the 2012 Olympics.

Knowing I would be in London for five days, I planned to coerce, beg, plead with Kirby to give me free time so I could visit Liberty of London. I have wanted to visit this store for over 50 years. Yes 50 years. And I finally got there. And I must admit that it was everything I expected. I could not resist the temptation to add to my stash. Bare in mind the currency exchange between the dollar and the pound. Our dollar doesn’t buy as much as the pound.

I came away with two meters of fabric, both were on clearance, some hand painted wooden buttons and a thimble.
President Becky Hickey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm after a delicious potluck salad dinner. Thanks were expressed to Patty Neiles and Jean Bednarski for organizing and bringing it to fruition. There were 14 members and three guests present.

Carollanne Houck and Mary Ann Wolpert of Womens and Babies Hospital expressed thanks from the staff for our Wee Care contributions that enable them to take care of grieving families. Carollanne gave a report from Lori Roscoe concerning Women’s Expressions which is a fundraising arm of WBH that funds programs and projects to promote women’s health as well as showcase women’s artistic abilities.

On display were the doll given to the chapter by Pat Tilton along with the layette, cradle, and other accessories which are to be presented to Women’s Expression in memory of Pat Tilton for their auction. Proceeds from the sale of our gift are to be designated to the Butterfly Fund, that part of WBH that supports the bereavement team. It will be used for staff education that takes place for two days, twice a year, involving 20-30 staff and for other needed items. The doll and accessories will be on display prior to the sale. Lynn Dohne, Laura Martin, and Patty will write a paragraph in memory of Pat to accompany the display.

Minutes and Treasurer’s Report accepted as printed in newsletter.

Committee Reports:
Fall Workshop: Paulette Battenfelder encouraged registration asap. 20-30 people needed for each class. The classes will be offered first to CS members then to non-CS members. Payment in full at time of registration. Saturday class: evening bag; Sunday class: ‘pulled thread’ covered box. See brochure for details.

Of interest: Lynn Dohne’s bonnet and pillow were featured in the May issue of SAGA News. Lynn and Kristi Elkner won prizes for their entries in the Woodlawn Juried Needlework Show. Congratulations ladies!

Old Business:
Election of Officers for 2012-2013: Slate: President: Paulette Battenfelder; Vice-president: Patty Neiles; Secretary: Laura Martin; Treasurer: Mary Ann McElhany. Unanimous vote. New treasurer must be noted on official document for SAGA and bank.
Summer Sit and Smock: Format changed. Lynn will host both a potluck luncheon and an evening dessert August 8, to teach the fly and feather stitches. In addition, spontaneous summer get-togethers are encouraged.

New Business:
Library: Karen Zutell reported addition of Martha Pullen book, “Sewing with Whimsey” to the library.
Field Trip possibility for July: Sweitzer Fiber Mill & Yarn Shop. Becky will handle details.
Meeting for planning next year’s program: July 17, 6:00 pm, Isaac’s on Manhiem Pike. Suggestions for next year’s programs encouraged and welcomed.
Convention Basket Patterns: Original set to be kept by historian, Lynn. Duplicate set to be placed in library for circulation. Doll patterns to be given to Karen for library.
Noted: Kristi has the key to Chiques United Methodist Church

Announcements:
Lynn reminded us to bring canned goods to the church for the Mt. Joy Food Bank. A reminder to be placed in newsletter. Threads Needlework embroidery shop opening at the Village Commons Business Center, Route 72, East Petersburg.

Show and Share:
Becky expressed thanks for all who have served the chapter in many and varied ways during the past two years. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann McElhany, Secretary
Hello Ladies, Wednesday, August 8 at 11:30 AM there will be lunch and a Sit and Smock on the Fly and Feather stitch. In the evening of August 8 at 6:00 PM we will meet for dessert and the same program as the lunch group. If you haven't signed up for either one there is still time to do so. Please email or call 581-0203. Please bring scissors and Lynn will provide thread and material.

Kid’s Korner

The next Kid’s Korner is planned for Sunday, Sept 23. We will be covering buttons to make a fall bracelet. You will need to bring along a button cover kit for size 24 (5/8” button) and size 30 (3/4” button) with at least 4 buttons each size. We will provide the fabric for covering the buttons, embroidery floss for embellishment and the bracelet fixings. Please contact either Kristi (426-1594, kelkner03@gmail.com) or Carole (426-1867, catgrosh3@earthlink.net) to let us know that you will be coming. Cost is $5 per child. The deadline to sign up to come is September 6th so that we have time to prepare the kits. Remember to bring scissors!
10th Anniversary Celebration

Thank you for making Conestoga Stitchers a great chapter. Ending our 10th anniversary and sharing all the beautiful layette items, accessories, cradle, and other pieces was very inspiring. I look forward to working with all of you next year as VP. Thank you Jean for all your help with this anniversary year.

Patty

Dates to Remember

**August 8th:** Summer Sit 'n Smock, @ Lynn Dohne's,

**September 1:** Conestoga Stitchers Newsletter Deadline

**September 7 - 8:** Knitter’s Day Out

**September 18:** Conestoga Stitchers 2012-2013 Kick-off Meeting

**September 23rd:** Kids Korner

**SAGA’s 33rd Annual Convention:** Atlanta, Georgia, October 9-14, 2012 at the Westin Peachtree

**October 19 to 21:** Jane Briscoe workshop at Conestoga Stitchers. More details to come.

**SAGA’s 34th Annual Convention:** The SAGA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that SAGA’s 34th annual convention will be held October 23-27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, Frisco Texas.
Hi ladies,

As a separate attachment to this newsletter, you will find the workshop registration paperwork for our workshop this fall with Jane Briscoe.

Hopefully you will be able to attend one or both of the sessions…we are very excited about having Jane come and teach us, she is a talented and neat lady. Karen Zutell and I met her when we were at convention in Winston-Salem a few years back.

We will be opening this workshop to other outside stitchers, so if you are interested in coming, the sooner you sign up the better! We will be giving our members first chance at spots and we would love to have a full class in each day, which is why we want to encourage outside stitchers to join us…Due to Jane teaching at convention this year, she is requesting that our class registrations be complete by September 1 so that she has time to put together all the kits.

If you have any questions, you can certainly contact myself, Paulette or Karen Zutell…

Thanks!
Kristi

Jane Briscoe Workshop
October 20 and 21, 2012

Saturday Workshop
Midnight Elegance Evening Purse
9 am – 4 pm
Cost: $80  *includes kit

Sunday Workshop
Thread Replacement Bebe Box
1 pm – 4 pm
Cost: $35  *includes kit
2012-2013 Planning Committee Report

Our members will be very excited about each month’s program the committee has planned. There is something for everyone from learning about different threads to making an ornament.

Certainly looking forward to another great year - our 11th.

Below is the Refreshment Door Prize Sign-up list for 2012-2013. June is the only month yet to be designated for refreshments and door prize. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered. Please contact Becky Hickey to volunteer to fill the vacancies for June. Thank you.

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Newsletter Deadline

Please note all items to be published in the upcoming September newsletter must be submitted to Becky Hickey, beccagrace44@comcast, no later than September 1, 2012.

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Hopefully you have been reading all the latest news from Smocking Arts Guild of America. If not go to this link so you can stay current. www.smocking.org

You will find information about upcoming ByLaw changes, national Board meetings, Chapter news.

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