Keeping Track

President’s Message

Hi All,

Well, Summer is well under way and I know that some of you have been traveling. Lynn has been to the lake in Canada, Denise rode her bike around Northern Italy, Margaret is spending time enjoying Sister’s Week, and Irene is currently in Zambia, Africa.

Traveling is certainly great fun, whether I am exploring a new to me local area or making my way far and wide. One of my favorite things about traveling is searching out fabric and yarn shops in a new town or city. They always have something new to see.

It’s always a special treat to see smocked items in a store front. The pieces that I have seen have mainly been items made for little girls: everyday dresses, party dresses, Holy Communion dresses, and Flower Girl dresses. I enjoy going into the shops and looking at the handwork of skilled sewists who employ the same skills that we use to sew the dresses that we make.

Whether you are traveling this summer or not, I hope that you are finding some time to enjoy some stitching or something that someone else has stitched.

Best wishes,

Catherine

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Calendar

July 25th, 2017
Meeting – Soutache Scissor Fob - part 1 - Sue Kocienski

August 4th - 6th, 2017
Sew Cal Gals workshop
Debbie Glenn
(see email attachment)

August 22nd, 2017
Meeting – Soutache Scissor Fob - part 2 - Sue Kocienski

September 26th, 2017
Meeting

October 12th - 15th, 2017
SAGA Retreat 2017
Catch the Stitching Spirit
St. Louis, MO
(see email attachment)

October 24th, 2017
Meeting
Refreshments for our Meetings

July – Catherine  
August – Jill  
September – Lois  
October – Margaret  
November – Vicki  
December - Holiday Party

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Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to Christie on September 5th, Cindy on September 7th and Maggie on September 15th.

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

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

Soutache Scissor Fob

At our July and August meetings we will be making a scissor fob with Soutache and beads. This fob is approximately 1" x 2"; it stitches up easily and is fun to do. Bring your embroidery scissors and a bead tray.

Below is a list of the materials needed. A kit will be available for $5.00. If you have a color preference, send an e-mail to Sue.

Soutache:   3 - 15" lengths of soutache (three different colors or three shades of the same color)  
            1 - 5 ½" length for the loop

Beads:      7 oval beads 6 x 4 mm  
            2 - 5 or 6 mm round beads  
            40 - #8 seed or 3 mm round beads  
            130 - #15 seed beads

Ultrasuede  2 x 4"

Nymo thread to match soutache

Needles:    #9 darning  
            #10 beading
Wee Care

Some baby hats and a blanket knitted by Ingrid’s co-worker’s mom

San Mateo County Fair

Thank you to all the Cable Car Cablers members who submitted entries into the San Mateo County Fair (SMCF) and for introducing the art of smocking with and without a pleater.

On June 11, 2017, Cable Car Cablers members: Sue, Irene, Reba, Vicki, Rosemary, Gladys, and Ingrid demonstrated smocking and chatted with fair visitors. We displayed our girl’s smocked dresses, and heirloom garments for people to admire.

WOW! Ten Wee Care gowns smocked from Irene, Elaine, Jill, Ingrid, Sue and Maggie were nicely displayed in one lighted display case, so fair visitors can easily see 3 sides of this display case. The Best of Show in Smocking and 1st place was awarded to Jill for her smocked Wee Care Gown. Jill’s gown was smocked and embroidered with flowers and had a blue scalloped hem. Maggie won 2nd place, and Irene won 3rd place. Maggie and Ingrid both received Honorable Mention Ribbons for their Wee Care Gowns. Since the Wee Care Gown Challenge was successful, the 2018 SMCF will have a Wee Care class in the Smocking Division.
Wee Care Gowns that won ribbons:

Jill - 1st & Best of Show
Maggie - 2nd
Irene - 3rd
Maggie - Honorable Mention
Ingrid - Honorable Mention

The Smocked Apparel and Non-Apparel entries were combined into one class, so these items were displayed in a jointing lighted display case. Denise won 1st place for her smocked paisley bishop with matching buttons. Ingrid won 2nd place for her smocked bishop with matching pink beads. Maggie won 3rd place for her smocked floral child’s dress with embroidery on the white collar. Ingrid received an Honorable Mention for her Victorian smocked teal bag.

CCC SMCF Entries:

**Jill**
1st Smocked Wee Care Gown – Best of Show in Smocking

**Denise**
1st Smocked child’s dress
- Child’s garment

**Sue**
H Snowflake
- Two Wee Care Gowns

**Elaine**
- Two Wee Care Gowns

**Maggie**
2nd Wee Care Gown
3rd Smocked Dress
H Wee Care Gown

**Irene**
3rd Doll Dress
3rd Wee Care Gown
For the Potpourri Challenge, only three entries were received, so they were not displayed. These entries maybe entered for the 2018 SMCF. Any thoughts for a new SMCF smocking challenge?

I hope to see more smocking entries at the 2018 San Mateo County Fair.

Ingrid
We enjoyed seeing all our fair entries in one place during our June 27th meeting.
Open House

Noon to 3pm
Bldg. 3, Rooms 255 & 253

Take a stroll through the classrooms and halls of the Cañada College Fashion Department, and learn more about the amazing work that goes on here:

- View intricate student garments.
- Meet program instructors and students.
- Learn about course offerings and certificate programs.
- Check out the specialized equipment and modern classroom facilities available in all Fashion Department courses.

Special Guest

12:00 to 3:00 pm, Bldg. 3, Rm 255

Sandra Betzina is a Vogue pattern designer and she is the “power” behind Power Sewing book series. She has lectured and taught throughout the country. Sandra has hosted her own sewing shows on HGTV and now has a regular online sewing show called Power Sewing TV.

Designer Sale and Showcase

10am to 4pm, Main quad area
Stylist Show in the quad Amphitheater,
11:00am

Unique hand-crafted jewelry. Artisan dyed, woven, painted, and felted textiles. Antique, vintage, and re-purposed fashions. Local, independent designers and artisans. Find them all at our annual designer sale.
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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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The article deadline for the September/October 2017 issue of Keeping Track is:

August 25, 2017 to Reba  
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Diablo Valley Quilters 2017 Quilt Show
September 16 & 17, 2017  
10 am to 5 pm, Sat; 10 am to 4 pm, Sun  
Tice Valley Community Gym  
2055 Tice Valley Blvd  
Walnut Creek, CA

Contact Reba for more information!