March Musings

President's Message
We are very fortunate to belong to an organization that encourages, supports, and cooperates to achieve both individually and as a group. The opportunity of putting this message together right after a regular meeting magnifies these characteristics of Cable Car Cablers. For various reasons many members could not attend February’s meeting and they were missed. Nonetheless, with only a small number of members in attendance, we were still fired up for the work ahead in maintaining the past, appreciating the present, and anticipating the future.

Chatting with two past presidents ideas for this message started to develop, and when the business meeting commenced thoughts were flying abound. The brain storming on what we need to direct ourselves as a guild brought the idea of a Dolly Daze. In addition an impressive list of volunteers for Fair was developed. Also, someone reminded us that we have not had a Stash Bash in quite some time, and let’s not forget about a Sit and Stitch. You’ll find this edition filled with all the details for these activities.

Along with all the brainstorming we observed lattice smocking and were encouraged with some simple tips on how to be successful in this lovely textured smocking technique. July’s meeting is the target date for completed Lattice Smocked Hearts. We would like to send a photo to Country Bumpkin in appreciation for allowing us to distribute the instructions to our membership for this charming project.

The current temperature is letting us know that winter is still here, and we can still have a cozy stitching day to complete that UFO or embark on a new project. No matter what the temperature is, when stitching is concerned, we will always find the time and place to thread our needle and take some stitches. It is one of the things that makes our days and fills our spirit. One of my most recent meditations from Gary Zukaf says, “Your heart is your home and all roads lead to home.” Each stitch that comes from the heart takes us to that peaceful quiet place of home. Let’s all enjoy these moments.

Gloria
SAGA Trunk Show Tea

Our SAGA Trunk Show Tea will be held Sunday, May 20th, 2012 at the home of member Denise Kelly who 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.
Lyn Weeks Workshop
This April the Cable Car Cablers will be hosting Lyn Weeks for a series of workshops in San Mateo, California. The cost for the weekend is $75 for Cable Car Cabler members and $95 for non-members. For registration, contact Ingrid Chan 650-878-5854 or itchan@juno.com

A Hanger to Personalize Every Outfit
(3 hrs, Fine Machine Sewing, Kit Fee $22).
Friday, April 13, 2012
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Frannie Cap-Sleeve Dress with Smocking
(12 hrs, Fine Machine Sewing/Smocking, Kit Fee varies $10 to $63)
Saturday, April 14, 2012
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 15, 2012
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

A Hanger To Personalize Every Outfit
What says 'couture' more than displaying your garments, from baby to adult, on their own matching padded hanger?

In this class each participant will proceed with a kit containing a wooden baby hanger, the prepared cover in fine cotton fabric with tucks and lace embellishment, complementary satin piping and ribbons, plus hand sewing threads and needles. Create beautiful hangers to match every outfit and learn how to alter your pattern to fit any size garment hanger – one padded hanger will be completed in class with inspiration being provided to create many more using this delightful pattern.

Kit Contents: The kit will contain the diagrammed instructions and pattern in three sizes, a wooden baby size hanger, prepared hanger cover in fine cotton fabric, complementary satin piping, ribbons and batting, plus hand sewing threads and needles.

Student Requirements: Participants will need to bring basic sewing supplies plus their sewing machine in good working order and with no tension problems, all machine feet including a foot for creating and inserting fine piping (I use the #3 basic buttonhole, #23 clear appliqu#32 five-groove pintuck foot on my Bernina). Also required will be a spool of white polyester coated cotton thread (e.g. Coats Dual Duty) and a matching bobbin. There is no pre-class preparation. Lighting and electric cord extension if needed.

The kits will be prepared using a variety of fabrics, trims, ribbons etc., similar to those mailed to Ingrid. Participants can either work on the prepared kit as a practice hanger, or provide their own pre-cut fabric (as per the sample) and trim to match their garment.
Frannie Cap-Sleeve Dress with Smocking Class

Brochure Description: This delightfully different dress can be gathered using bright, colorful fabric for a play dress, smocked for more impact or incorporate heirloom sewing for that special occasion. The ‘Frannie’ dress has a gently curved, piped yoke, a choice of collars and a sleeve-cap, which takes the place of a set-in sleeve – what could be easier?

Importance will be placed on collars to ensure they are constructed to fit correctly, meet at both centers and do not flip up. Curved pleating within the skirt width, blocking and smocking preparation form part of our program, however, the class will focus on perfecting the more-advanced garment construction skills.

Basic Kit Contents: Pre-shrunk German iron-on interfacing and additional pattern notes. $10.00

Optional Kit and Cost:
(a) ‘Frannie’ pattern by Lyn Weeks available from www.lynweeks.com or Martha Pullen Company – pattern will need to be traced and garment cut prior to class.
(b) A pre-cut kit of in your choice of Swiss Piqué, printed Sea Island Lawn or dotted voile, matching sewing thread, contrasting collar fabric and piping/trim is available – Sizes 1-2 $58.00 and Sizes 3-4 $63.00, which includes all elements of the basic $10.00 Kit. See Lyn Weeks website, www.lynweeks.com, for colors. The Frannie kit contains fabric cut out per the required size. The garment is precut with additional 2" hem. Applying the pre-shrunk German interfacing is part of the class lesson.

Student Requirements:
Participants will need to bring basic sewing supplies plus their sewing machine in good working order and with no tension problems, all machine feet (including a ¼" foot, an edge-joining foot with centre bar, a foot for creating fine piping (I use the #3 basic buttonhole, #23 clear appliqué or #32 five-groove pintuck foot on my Bernina), and two empty bobbins. Also required will be the ‘Frannie’ pattern by Lyn Weeks (traced in the required size and allowing an addition 2” for the hem) fabric cut out for the ‘smocked’ version with fine cotton sewing thread to match (Mettler 60/2 or DMC 50) and one packet of mini piping. A smocking pleater with 12 needles, ½" dowel and two spools of quilting thread (orange and blue are good) are also required.

Specific and detailed instructions relating to the pattern, fabric and trim choices, pleating and blocking preparation will be supplied prior to class by emailing Lyn at lynbrian@me.com at your earliest convenience after registration.

Please bring your own lunch for both Saturday and Sunday. The group is hoping to
Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to Fran who celebrates on March 8! Happy Birthday to Gloria who celebrates on April 4th and Denise on April 9th! Happy Birthday ladies!

Wee Care
Please continue working on and finish up any outstanding kits and gowns you may have. Our quarterly incentive drawing will resume at the March meeting.

Dolly Daze
Come work on dolly dresses at Irene’s 1745 Cayuga Street house in San Francisco March 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Sarah Douglas Collection at Lacis
The Sarah Douglas Collection group meets at the offices of Lacis which are at 3163 Adeline in Berkeley (next to the Post Office). Our next meeting will be on March 19th at 10am. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please let Catherine Ljungquist know if you are coming so that she can watch out for you. You can reach Catherine via email: cljungquist@yahoo.com or cell phone: 415-525-1915.

Stash Bash!!!!!
Once again it’s time to clean out your sewing room and move out that unused, unwanted fabric. Measure and note yardage of your fabric, set a price for each piece and bring it to our April 24th to the meeting to sell.

Button Show
The California State Button Society’s 2012 Button Show will be held in San Mateo on May 17th-20th, with the 19th&20th open to the public http://www.cabuttonsociety.org/2012-button-show

New Members
A big welcome goes out to new members Atheline deVeney and Vivian Costello who joined us at our February meeting. Welcome ladies! We look forward to many happy hours of stitching and getting to know you in the coming years.
San Mateo County Fair
This year’s San Mateo County Fair will run from June 9th through 17th. Deadline for fair entries is May 9th, 2012.
https://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/

Australian Smocking & Embroidery
Country Bumpkin have announced that the final issue of Australian Smocking & Embroidery Magazine will be Issue 100. Subscriber options can be found on the Country Bumpkin website: http://www.countrybumpkin.com.au/article_info.php?tPath=1&articles_id=691

SAGA Convention
SAGA’s 33rd Annual Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from October 9-14, 2012 at the Westin Peachtree. The full convention brochure will be online starting March 1. Hotel reservations can be booked by calling the Westin Peachtree at 1-800-937-8461. http://www.smocking.org/convention_info.php

Out & About
We have a new needlework store over on the coast. Elizabeth’s Yarn Shop is now open at the Strawflower Shopping Center in Half Moon Bay. The proprietor is Atheline deVeney and we look forward to having her join us as a member of the Cable Car Cabelers.
Elizabeth’s Yarn Shop
Cabrillo Highway
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
650-712-9276

Check it Out!
A feast for the eyes! This is a collection of dolly dresses you cannot believe:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/keepersdollyduds/

Another noteworthy website to check out is Ravelry, an online community for knitters:
http://www.ravelry.com/about

Stitching Serenity
The summer Santa Barbara retreat will be a Sit & Sew June 29th to July 2nd. 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.

Refreshments
March                                                  Fran Forsythe
April                                                  Irene Thomas
May                                                    Margaret Church-Ish
June                                                   Mary Taylor
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