November, 2009

Dear SAGA Family,

I hope all of you are doing well! Did you make it to the 2009 Indianapolis Convention? Wasn’t it a wonderful time? From meeting new friends, taking classes, enjoying the meals provided, taking part in the planned events, it was all good! Seeing the SAGA Historical Collection and hearing Joan Messinger give a presentation on the history of SAGA started the week off by building anticipation of what would come next. Regina Walters continued with this historical theme in her presentation on Christening Gowns. Beautiful! We learned more about the Artisan Program and met some of this year’s Artisan Achievers. We were inspired by the gorgeous work displayed at Design Show and Show and Share. SAGA teachers showcased their work and the classes they teach, enticing us to plan workshops in our chapters and regions. The Pearls, Perles, Purls contest had entries that showed a lot of creativity! And of course, we all enjoyed the Market and the Banquet with the wonderful Raffle Baskets donated by chapters, members, and friends of SAGA.

Thank you to all who had a part in making the Convention as successful and meaningful as it was! My thanks especially go to Cheryl Cox and her Hospitality Crew, Terry Campbell, and our great teachers for their part in making it a success!

Plans for the 2010 “Tidewater Treasures” Convention are already underway! Mark your calendars for September 22-26, 2010. It will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott in Norfolk, Virginia. Watch SAGANews and the website for more details.

Whether you attended Convention or not, if you are like me, you have some unfinished projects waiting in your sewing room. If you attended, did you win a door prize or a raffle basket? What do you have planned for any patterns or fabrics you won? Why not get out one of those unfinished projects and finish it, or make up that fabric you won! Maybe it could be part of Show and Share, in Norfolk…

Call for Stitchers

SAGA is looking for a few more people to help sew the items we sell as kits. This is a paid position. For more information, please contact Sharon Whitfield at sales@smocking.org or
(757) 622-3589. To have your sewing evaluated for this position, contact Carol Kick at cskick@cox.net or (479) 751-7112.

Nominations for Board Positions

It is already time to think about nominations for Board positions for next year! More information will be coming, but if you have ever wondered about serving SAGA on the Board, now is the time to step up and let your intentions be known! If you have questions or know of someone who would be interested in serving, including yourself, please contact our Nominating Chairperson, Cathy Reinhardt, at nominating@smocking.org.

SAGA RENEWALS are GOING GREEN!!!!
From Kathie Ettinger, President

SAGA Members will now receive their renewal letters via email. The letter will direct a member to the website and to her information. If it’s correct, you can then renew through PayPal immediately, or mail a check to the Registrar. If the information is not correct, please correct it, and then proceed to renew.

Renewal information will be sent out by the registrar, via email, and you will be able to print out your membership card, and other documentation. This will happen early December and about every 2 weeks thereafter.

Remember, if you renewal is processed before December 31, 2009, you will be entered into the Regional Drawings for a free day of classes.
SAGA Members without email access need not worry. Your renewals will be sent using the US Postal Service.
This change will save SAGA a great deal of money. Thank you for your cooperation.

SAGANews Submissions

Do you have an idea for a project you would like to share? Has your chapter done something unusual? Has your chapter been in your local news? Let SAGANews know!
Remember, we have people who will help you write something up if that is the only thing holding you back! Send your submissions to Julie Stilwell at saganews@smocking.org.

Who are Members At Large?

If a SAGA member is not a member of a local chapter, she is a Member at Large. We encourage all Members at Large to stay in touch with SAGA through SAGANews and these RR Letters. Sometimes, several Members at Large in one area will get together and even form a new chapter. If any Members at Large are looking for a chapter to join, contact me for help. You might consider the online chapter, WEBsmockers. It is important that everyone keep their e-mail and postal addresses updated so you will be sure to receive SAGANews and the RR Letters.
Correct e-mail addresses help us “Go Green.”

Using SAGA addresses for advertising

Some chapters have recently been contacted with an ad for an online store offering a discount to SAGA members. We want you to know that this was not approved by SAGA. Our policy is to honor our member’s privacy by not selling any address lists. Contact information that anyone can see and use on the website is there for the purpose of finding out information about SAGA or an individual chapter, not for solicitations. Our Business Members honor that policy,
and in turn have opportunities to advertise in SAGANews. Once a year, members receive a Directory of our Business Members in SAGANews with their contact information included. They may also be reached from the directory on the SAGA website.

Are You Moving?

If you are moving, contact me to let me know! I can help you get in touch with a chapter in your new area, and can update your information on the SAGA website for you.

The Yankee Chapter hosted Debbie Glenn on October 24 & 25th. I was fortunate to attend and had a wonderful time. We worked on the techniques for the award winning dress that Debbie displayed at Indianapolis, Le Petit Fleur. The chapter had a wonderful location and I thank you all for making myself and my friend welcome at your event. Looking forward to attending your next workshop.

Hoping you all have a wonderful Holiday season, I am thankful for your help and support. I look forward to another year as your Region Rep. Hope all will plan on attending our TIDEWATER TREASURE Convention in Norfolk! [Maybe a holiday gift?]

Sincerely yours, and always….keep stitching!!

Karin Eveland

Regional News

You may see more detailed information about the following events on the SAGA website. Go to www.smocking.org. Click on “SAGA Calendar” under “News and Events.”

Region I


February 2010: Judith Adams will be in New Jersey for classes. Princeton Pleaters will host on the weekend of the 27-28th Contact Linda Neilson email: neilson14@comcast.net; Judith will also be at The little Sewing Shoppe the 25th & 26th. www.littlesewingshoppe.com

April 2010: Gail Doane being hosted by Bewitching Stitchers, Massachusetts; information coming. Cindy Foose will be teaching at Diamond State Stitchers.

May 2010: Claudia Newton will be teaching at the Charles River Smocking.

Region II

November 5-6, 2009: The Pine Needlers of Davidson, NC are sponsoring Mirella Arroyo. She will teach her class, “Marcello,” a study in drawn thread. Contact Barbara McNamara at 704-947-8372 or tom1barb@bellsouth.net for more information.
March 12-13, 2010: The Sew Many Things Chapter will host Cindy Foose in Franklin, TN for three classes. Cindy will teach, “Details Count, Advanced Smocking Technique…” and “Enchanting Embellishments.” For more information, contact Kathy Rieuf at gandkrieuf@bellsouth.net.

Region III

January 11-16, 2010: The Stranded Smockers and Stitchers are hosting their Sewing at the Beach seminar in Myrtle Beach, SC with several teachers to choose from. View their website at www.sewingatthebeach.com, or write to LindaBRuss@aol.com for more information.

Region IV

November 6-7, 2009: The Ozark Foothills Chapter is hosting Cindy Foose at their Stitchin’ in the Foothills XII event in Springdale, AR. Cindy will teach, “Collars and Sleeves,” and “Hems: Favorites for Focus and Function.” For more information, contact Tawana West at 479-521-7424.