Looking Ahead to Fall

Presidents Message

So, I have now lived a month without email and a computer. I don’t know whether to feel grateful for the time I don’t spend at the computer or ungrateful for all the crazy things I have needed to do to find out information and “compete” in the everyday world. I have had to call friends to have them look up information for me. My husband has been trying to get the “machine” up and functioning to no avail. It is interesting that what we so resist then becomes something we cannot live without. My cell phone was the same way. I resisted getting one until I got stuck with a dead car, in the rain, in the dark, in Marin. That sealed the deal and I got a cell phone! Cannot live without it! Now I am thinking some sort of lap top edition that I could travel along with! So here I am at Lynn’s doing the newsletter!

I notice driving here that the fields are already filled with pumpkins! I already have visions of pumpkin pie dancing in my head! Somehow I just cannot make pumpkin things the rest of the year … just does not feel right. Not to forget the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival is the weekend of October 17 and 18.

The shortening evenings will bring more stitching time. The long summer eves are going away and soon it will be back to our OttLites for stitching. I am working on a piece for my EGA correspondence course and hope to finish it by end of year. It has been a challenge to follow the instructions … and like we all do … I have created some on my own! I still want to finish up my reticule; I really don’t have that much left, but I never seem to sit long enough to get it finished up. Perhaps the end of October?? I will be heading south again to Santa Barbara for the Halloween weekend sit and sew. I hope others will be able to come along.

Jo Michael and I attended the Ohio State Fair when we were in Columbus. Sorry to say it was a disappointment as far as creative efforts. There were a few nice quilts, and nice knitting, but overall our county fair and our state fair out shine what we saw there. Nice work on our part! Congratulations to all the fair participants. We had a nice showing of creative projects. As a reminder to those who, like me, wait to...
get started until almost too late, the fair dates in 2010 will move to mid June. So, we need to pick a new theme soon and get working, well at least by May! Ha!

I actually finished a smocked baby gown! In the past I have reluctantly passed them along, as I really hated the neck thing to finish it off. My many thanks to Catherine for showing us the new ribbon method at the neck … so much easier and fun to stitch!

Cheers! and Happy Stitching!

Irene

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**Birthdays!**

Happy birthday to the big crowd who celebrate September and October birthdays! We have birthday twins Christie and Joann on September 5th and Cindy and Mary on September 7th, and then Joyce on September 27th.

In October we have birthday twins Vickie and Gladys on October 7th and then Margaret on October 25th. Happy birthday ladies!

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**Wee Care**

Save the date for the next Wee Care workshop which will be held Sunday, November 8th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at our regular meeting room at the hospital. We hope that members who have Saturday commitments can join us at this Sunday workshop. We will be making kits for two models: the new no bias band, ruffle neck bishop (for girls) and the Inverted Pleat Gown, with or without contrasting insert, for boys or girls.

Recently, Lois and Lucie delivered another well received box of Wee Care items to the Stanford NICU. Additional Wee Care items that we have on hand at the moment will be donated at Convention in Indianapolis.
The elected officers for the Cable Car Cablers for 2010 are as follows:

**President:** Irene Thomas  
**Vice President:** Kathy Pennock  
**Treasurer & Membership:** Cynthia Cohan  
**Secretary:** Mary Taylor  
**Librarians:** Mary Lyn Azar and Gloria Barkus  
**Wee Care:** Lucie Mates  
**Newsletter Editor:** Lynn Conroy  
**Bimonthly Raffle:** Irene Thomas  
**Hospitality:** Gloria Barkus

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**From the Editor**

A big thank you goes out to Gloria Barkus for her presentation of the delightful Candy Twist Bag at our August meeting. The Cable Car Cablers have a lot of sewing skills and knowledge and we are most appreciative of members who generously share them with us. Thank you Gloria!

A special thank you also goes out this month to Catherine Ljungquist for creating *Heirloom Sewers Answer the Question*, a new column for Keeping Track. Thank you Catherine!

Another newsletter finds me in the midst of another set of travel plans. This time I am headed to Toronto for a family party my brothers are putting together to celebrate our mom’s 75th birthday which is on September 22. In my family, this time of year has always been a blur of birthdays and anniversaries; we have six within a four week period. I hardly seem to able to catch my breath from one to the next.

Sadly, this editor won’t make to Convention this year but, I extend well wishes for everyone who has the good fortune to go to Indianapolis. I will be there in spirit! Enjoy the classes, the banquet, the baskets, and most of all, the camaraderie!

*Lynn*
Heirloom Sewers Answer the Question:
What is your favorite sewing or stitching tool?

Mary Taylor
My favorite sewing tool is a seam ripper that I gave to my Mom for her birthday when I was six years old. I still have it. BTW I didn’t have to use it to knit the catnip filled mouse that I am holding.

Fran Forsythe
A pair of stork scissors that my son brought to me from Germany.

Gloria Barkis
Needles! You can’t do much without them. While in Mexico City I saw a man demonstrate how the indigenous peoples used the needles from a cactus plant to sew. I still have that cactus needle.
San Mateo County Fair

Thanks to everyone who had entries in the 2009 fair and congratulations to our winners!

It was a big year for Ingrid who, in addition to all her ribbons, won a special award for Home Art Exhibitor of the Year. Her ribbons are:

- Italian Casalguidi Embroidery Scissor Case, first
- Five Little Duckies Embroidered Wool Blanket, second
- Italian Smocking Sampler, second
- Stumpwork Berry Desk Weight, second
- Italian Casalguidi Scissor Fob, third
- White Seahorse, honorable mention

Lois also had an impressive showing at the fair. Her entries included:

- Smocked child's dress, first
- Apron, first
- Preemie gown, second
- Preemie gown, third
- Two pairs of huck towels, no award, but at least they are finished!
- 21 awards for jams and preserved foods

Irene received Best of Show for her Lady Bug Doll Dress!

If you entered something in the fair this year and your name does not appear above, please let Lynn know for inclusion in a future issue of Keeping Track. Lynn wishes to thank those who provided photos for this issue.

Next year’s San Mateo County Fair will be held in June, which is 6 weeks earlier than this year.
Lace Museum Sale
The Lace Museum, a non-profit, volunteer organization, is holding its Semi-Annual Sale September 18-19, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You will find the following:
Vintage Tablecloths, placemats, napkins
Vintage Lace for art projects in clay, collage, painting
Vintage Hankies for making a hanky quilt, an apron, hanky dolls, doll clothes
Vintage Lace for quilting, crafting, Christmas ornaments, Easter eggs
Vintage Pillow cases, sheets, bedspreads
Vintage Lace for embroidery, costuming, knitting, decorating clothes
Vintage Jewelry, needle point canvases, adult & baby clothes
Vintage Lace for card making, wrapping gifts, making jewelry
Plus fine laces for dolls and fabrics for sewing and quilting
Find it all and more at the sale!

****Check out their discount corner for great bargains****

For directions or information about Museum exhibits, classes, sales, and events; please check their web site at www.thelacemuseum.org, or call The Lace Museum (408) 730-4695. The Museum will be closed September 17th. There will be no tours during the sale. Cash or checks only.

The Lace Museum
552 South Murphy Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
Debbie Glenn Workshop
The Cable Car Cablers will be hosting Debbie Glenn for a workshop the weekend of February 27th and 28th, 2010. We will be choosing classes in the coming months. Please take a moment to look at Debbie’s class offerings and contact Kathy Pennock with your preferences. Debbie’s website is:
http://www.loveandstitches.com

Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival
September 17, 18, 19, 2009 at the San Mateo Event Center. Please note this runs from Thursday through Saturday; there are no Sunday hours. This is a new promotor for this event. See the event center’s website for more information:
http://www.smeventcenter.com/

Santa Barbara
A Sit and Sew will be held in Santa Barbara on Halloween weekend, cost approximately $150 to $175. Please contact Irene for more details.

FabMo.org
FabrixandMore.org is a volunteer effort rescuing discontinued high quality designer fabric samples from the waste stream. The fabric is made available at no cost (though donations are always welcome) to artisans and craftspeople. Please visit their website to learn more about where and when you can participate:
http://www.fabmo.org/fabmo/Home.html

Artistry in Fashion
On Saturday, September 26, 2009, the Cañada College Fashion Department will host Artistry in Fashion, Professional Designer Sale from 10 am to 5 pm. New this year will be a trunk show by top pattern designers Loes Hinse Designs, Decades of Style, and Patterns by La Fred. There will also be a Fashion Department open house. See the department’s website for more information:
http://www.canadacollege.edu/fashion/

West Coast Sewing Extravaganza
Martha Pullen’s West Coast Sewing Extravaganza will be held in Pasadena from November 12 to 15, 2009. For registration information, see the Martha Pullen website:
http://www.marthapullen.com/extravaganzas/pasadena09/index.html

Refreshments
September Lois Murdoch
October Fran Forsythe
November Catherine Ljungquist

Convention 2009
SAGA's 30th Annual Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Indianapolis from September 30th to October 4th, 2009. The countdown is on!
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