Keeping Track

President’s Message

Sorry for missing the February meeting. My mom passed away on Saturday, February 24, and I stayed in St. Louis to help with arrangements and for the funeral. I will be returning on March 2.

Easter is less than a month away. Is anyone working on Easter outfits? Unfortunately, I really don’t have anyone to sew for. Of course, my sister is pressing my niece for grandkids, so I instructed my sister that if Jessi has one, it must be a girl :). I miss the days of pretty pastel, and not so pastel smocked dresses. For me, I think in the past six months I’ve been better at starting projects than finishing them. I need to stop doing that and finish projects so I can start on my fair projects. I have several ideas in my head, now to just make them happen.

I know at the meeting Tuesday night they were looking for input on programs for the rest of the year. Please continue to think about what new skills you might like to try and if you have anything you are willing to share. I know personally I am thankful for anyone who is willing to get up and share with the group.

Hope to see everyone at the March Meeting.

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**Programs**

Eight Cable Car Cabler members registered for the zippered bag workshop taught by Reba. It was a fun day and felt so good to be working on a little project that was doable in a few hours.

Reba had lovely kits put together with a selection of beautiful Asian fabrics. She had much of the cutting and measuring work done for us, which was so helpful with construction time. Reba stayed a little extra to help out with bag sewing details. Some people were able to finish their bag in class or be at a point to finish quickly at home.

Special thanks to Reba for her prep work and class time. It was a great project and my first bag was a gift so I plan to work on another one for myself.

The program for March is Wee Care stitching. You may want to bring the Wee Care item you are working on currently. Irene and Gladys will bring some additional items to work on so please bring a selection of stitching tools and embroidery threads if you don’t have a kit at this time.

We are still looking for ideas for future meetings and classes so if you have something you would like to suggest, please send an email to Denise or bring it up at a meeting.

Happy Stitching,

**Denise**

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**Birthdays!**

Happy Birthday to

Gloria Barkis on April 4\(^{th}\), Denise Kelly on April 9\(^{th}\) and Kathy Pennock on April 30\(^{th}\)

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

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

Gladys and Irene are putting together details for a Wee Care sewing machine workshop day to be held on Saturday, April 14. Final confirmation of classroom 2 (our usual room) has been obtained so, starting at 9 am we can sew! Thank you to Vickie for working on the confirmation. Irene is on holiday and as soon as she returns, Gladys and she will work out details and further emails will be sent out. Please save the date!

January 23, 2018 CCC Meeting review

Introduction to Heirloom Sewing for Women

Thank you to Lynn for sharing her collection of Women’s Heirloom Clothing. Her favorite pattern is the Liberty shirt designed by Linda Lee. Once the shirt was fitted, Lynn made 5 different Liberty shirts using different fabrics, trims and heirloom techniques.


Lynn also recommended 3 classes to take at Canada College: Techniques of Fit, Flat Pattern, and Designer Techniques, and showed us a simple bodice alteration.

Ingrid

(Editor’s note: There will be more from Lynn in the next Keeping Track!)
CREATIVE HOME ARTS DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 8     Entry Forms Due by midnight
Tuesday, May 29    2-8 pm Entries Received - except collections
                - entrants must first check in at exhibits office
Wednesday, May 30  2-8 pm Entries Received - except collections
                - entrants must first check in at exhibits office
Monday, June 18    2-7 pm Entries Released - South East door of Expo Hall

Division 633, SMOCKING, has three classes. A maximum of two entries per class is allowed. Entry fee for each item is $3. SMCF info: https://sanmateocountyfair.com/creative-home-arts

1. Smocked Item
2. Smocked Wee Care Gown
3. Cable Car Cablers Smocked Tote Bag Challenge

A Wee Care Gown is a simple sewn & smocked gown intended for donation. Examples of Wee Care gowns are on the Smocking Arts Guild of America website: SAGA Wee Care Program

Cable Car Cablers is sponsoring a monetary prize - $50 for “Best Smocked Item”.

Cable Car Cablers members will be demonstrating smocking on Sunday, June 10, 2018, 12-5 PM in the EXPO Hall, where Creative Home Arts exhibit is located. Bring something to smock or a Wee Care gown to work on. Smocking volunteers include:

12-1 PM  Sue and Irene
1-2 PM    Maggie
2-3 PM    Reba
3-4 PM    Gloria
4-5 PM    Ingrid and Gladys

Let me know if you are interested in volunteering for 1 to 2 hours, email me at itch@juno.com

Since I'll be picking up the SMCF tickets and parking passes on May 29th, I will need a self-addressed envelope with postage at the May 22, 2018 CCC meeting.

Hope you are working on your smocking entries. Please bring your smocked tote bag challenges to the April CCC meeting so that we can all admire them!

Happy Smocking!

Ingrid
Refreshments for our Meetings

2018
March 27 – Maggie Harden, April 24 – Irene Davidson Thomas, May 22 – Margaret Church-Ish, June 26 – Ingrid Chan, July 24 – Catherine Ljungquist, August 28 – Denise Kelly, September 25 – Christie Bilikam, October 23 – Lois Murdoch, November 27 – Reba Siero, December – Holiday Party

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Area Events

April 7 & 8 – Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County Quilt Show, Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord. Featured Artist, Anelie Belden. Saturday, 10 to 5, Sunday, 10 to 4.

Through April 1, 2018, at the International Terminal at SFO – Departures – Level 3 – Pre-Security
https://www.flysfo.com/museum/exhibitions/empowering-threads

Jolom Mayaetik, which translates to “Women Who Weave” from Mayan Tzotzil, was founded in 1996 and is one of the most progressive weaving cooperatives in Chiapas. The organization promotes sustainable economic development for indigenous women, in a democratic structure run collectively by general assemblies and a popular vote.

2018 SAGA Annual Convention
Mark your calendar for this event, to be held at the Embassy Suites in Winston-Salem, NC, September 18-23, 2018
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Meeting Location
The Cable Car Cablers meet the 4th Tuesday of the month, except for December this year. Meetings start at 7 p.m.

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April 30, 2018 to Reba rebasiero@yahoo.com