Keeping Track

Happy New Year!

President’s Message

Happy New Year to everyone! I can hardly believe 2016 has rolled in and, in fact, January is almost done. I don’t know why but, January always seems to sneak by and then February just arrives with all its hearts and red decorations. I did get my tree down and out to the curb for the recycle week, so I feel good as, at least, it got chopped for fill. Even with water, it was really dry by the time it left. Getting it out we commented how we had lugged the tree in and now it was barely heavy at all. Lessons learned after last year’s falling down, we tied the top to the door frames before disaster could strike! Of course my house still looks like Christmas as I leave much out and about all year. I just love it being around and it is so much work to undo.

We had such a fun time at Christmas Tea. The accommodations turned out to be quite nice. If truth be known, I did sweat a bit at times about all the arrangements. Worse than planning a wedding! Thanks to Margaret, Jill and Gloria for our charming favors. I hope you are also enjoying the bee’s wax. If it ever gets too “used” looking just bring it back and I can remold it to look all new! I know several of you had a great time exploring the downtown and especially Britex. Maggie made her maiden voyage to check it out and I hear she had fun!

It being the New Year, if you haven’t done so already, please send your dues to Cindy as well as going to the SAGA website and renewing your membership there. Yes, you must be a national member to be our member. Yes, it does get crosschecked by the Region 5 people to be sure you have paid for national. Cindy should have a new member list updated for us as soon as she gets all the member dues paid. We want you to continue to have fun with us!

I am continuing my last year’s mantra of “Hands on the fabric and off of the food”. The holidays were tough as it took me back to eating things I should not and now I’m finding it more difficult to stay away from all the goodies. A few pounds returned after the holidays and I need them to leave, so I can continue to loose new pounds and not the ones I already lost. What a conundrum this food thing is. In the mean time I have cleared up some of the mess I made at Cayuga during my Christmas ventures and I’m on to other

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things. I had my rabbit sewing Saturday last weekend. We are getting ready for Bunny Fest in May. I cut and did a first sew of numerous blankets and crate covers. We had time to turn some of them inside out and then top stitched them. The rest I brought home to finish up myself. Along with those, I have a crate of fabric that I will size, cut and sew. I hope to be done by early February as I would like to return them to their storage rather than mine! I also will be brainstorming boutique items to make for sale. I did an array of things last year that mostly are now sold so, back to the drawing board and sewing machine.

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Wee Care sew day. I really find it fun to sew with everyone. I understand why “quilting bees” held such charm for our foremothers. Denise does such a great job of rounding us up and motivating us. I feel I must step up my completions of my own Wee Care sewing. I’m slacking! I have bits and pieces of things done or started and really need to make an effort to get them rounded up and finished.

I know many of you already have travel plans for the year. I myself have several and depending on the classes for the SAGA convention in Virginia, that might make it to my list. Too far away for a machine class for me, so I’m hoping for new, fun hand class presentations. I do love to drive and would, except it takes me away from my piggies for too long. They get lonely and miss their mom. Actually, I’m not sure who misses whom the most.

Have a very productive 2016. Please be sure to work in some time for Wee Care participation and don’t forget County Fair will be here all too soon. I need someone to sleep for me so I can project 24\7. Do you know if that works? They need to put science to work on that one!

Cheers!

Irene

Birthdays!

Happy Belated Birthday to Catherine, who celebrated January 9th.
Happy Birthday Lois, who celebrates February 5th.
Happy Birthday Fran, who celebrates March 8th.
Happy Birthday ladies!
Wee Care

Thanks to all who attended our January Wee Care Workshop. We made good progress on blankets, including using up some of the bits and pieces leftover from previous projects.

Our next Wee Care workshop will be Saturday, March 19th. Hope to see you there.

Please catch me at a meeting if you would like to take home a kit. If you would like something special, email me ahead of time and I will try to accommodate you.

Denise
Margaret’s Report
Happy New Year!

2016 So many opportunities to try our new skills and improve our techniques as we create beautiful treasures to share with family and friends. What do you want to learn in 2016?

Our January meeting will allow time to explore that. What teachers? What area of focus? As we work on our current wee care items we can discuss various techniques and teachers. Please bring your class and/or teacher wish list so we can narrow down the available offerings.

February will be all about the much anticipated arrival of spring. Generously sharing your talent to help us all master a new stitch technique or fun project.

There will be a new member challenge unveiled at the March meeting to give us all the opportunity to create something fabulous in time for the San Mateo County Fair.

Thank you Gloria for sharing your technique for an easy scissor fob made from quick to make fabric beads.

Margaret
Christmas Tea

Lovely and Elegant
Spotted in Europe
You never know where you will find smocking! These are some lovely examples spotted by Ingrid last summer during her travels trough Europe.
SAGA Convention 2016
It’s time to plan ahead for next year’s SAGA Convention to be held in Hampton, Virginia. The dates are September 20-25, 2016.

Folsom Quilt Show
Folsom, CA
January 29-31, 2016
http://www.folsomquilt.org/index.html

Shearing Day
Meridian Jacobs Farm
Vacaville, CA
February 7, 2016
http://www.meridianjacobs.com

Stitches West
Santa Clara Convention Center
Santa Clara, CA
February 18-21, 2016
Please note: Market days are only Feb 19-21

Bay Area Quilt, Craft & Sewing Expo
San Mateo Event Center
San Mateo, CA
February 18-20, 2016
http://quiltcraftsew.com/san-mateo.html
free ticket at website

Hillsborough Antique Show
San Mateo Event Center
San Mateo, CA
February 26-28, 2016
http://winter.hillsboroughantiquesartdesign.com

Oscar de la Renta: The Retrospective
de Young Museum, San Francisco
March 12-May 30, 2016
http://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/oscar-de-la-renta-retrospective

Contra Costa Quilt Show
Concord, CA
April 2-3, 2016
http://www.gqccc.org/quilt-show/
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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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