Keeping Track

Happy Spring!

President's Message

Wow! I'm feeling like I just wrote the introduction to the newsletter but, time marches on and here I am again. The longer daylight hours have me active longer and the hours are getting away from me. Trying to eat at 5:30 pm with husband is not working out well. I can't seem to get that coordinated, it just feels to much like mid day!

Happy post Mother's Day to all! Not everyone has children but everyone of us has had an influence on someone younger. My mother and my maternal grandmother were a tremendous influence on my love of sewing and crafting which still holds true today. How lucky for me? I know many of you craft and sew with the younger people in your lives. How lucky are they?

I've been madly sewing for Bunnyfest on May 22. Haven't even thought much about fair and still have my wool ball to put together for next meeting.

I really, really, need my clone! June is busy too. I'm signed up for a serger class and plan to try and get purses done for Africa. I have my Viking and my Elna serger in for tune ups as they have really had a workout! I've been quite adequately sewing with my Elna machine from 1964 and my Viking serger I got before which has never been really used. I bought it for cover stitch which it never really did well but, it does great service as 3 and 4 thread. In the mean time both yards have gone crazy with overgrown weeds and I haven't taken time to clean them up. I did however really cut back the plants at the front of Cayuga house. Finally, you can walk by and not have to snake yourself by the car.

I'm looking forward to our upcoming trunk show and tea at Jill's home on June 4. Please remember to bring your tea cup and share its story. Also food! Always fun to try out that tea recipe you've been staring at in the file! Please remember to RSVP to Jill. Always fun to be together and see trunk show items as well.

My April Seattle trip was fun. I got to see a wonderful quilt exhibit in La Connor at the local quilt museum. They have rotating exhibits. The current one was the works of Kathy McNeil. Check out her work at www.kathymcneilquilts.com. You will be amazed with her projects. If you are ever in the Seattle area it is well worth the visit. The town itself is charming plus there is great food. It was tulip time so, there were acres and acres of tulips on the way there and back. Yes, I heard a lot of Dutch being spoken. I got to visit with 2 friends as well as meet the leaders of my Zambia trip. Oh, and

Calendar

May 24th, 2016
Meeting

June 28th
Meeting

July 26th
Meeting

August 6th and 7th
Jane Brisco Workshop

August 23rd
Meeting
did some antiquing and of course fabric shopping! I just made the weight limit coming home. Good thing they did not weigh my carry on!

I'm continuing to get ready for my Africa trip. Dates finalized to July 8-22. We will be taking a side trip for a safari in Botswana. Then back to Livingstone, Zambia for our trip to Victoria Falls. We fly thru Dubai on Emirates air. I've heard good things about Emirates so the 16 hours to Dubai should be enjoyable. Then, 8 hours to Lusaka. 14 of the 16 people traveling are going on same flight from SFO so, I have new friends to meet and make on the flight. I have survived my vaccinations so, off I go. Trying to figure out what to pack beyond sun screen! If anyone has any great hints please pass them on.

Registration for Virginia SAGA convention opens soon. I think some of our members are attending. I have decided not to travel since my Africa trip is longer than originally scheduled. There are some great classes and side events that look interesting.

I hope you are continuing to work on Wee Care. Denise has kits she brings to each meeting making it easy to thread up and stitch on! Wee Care is our important community project that needs our continuing support.

It is that time in the CCC year we all need to start the plan for our next group of member leaders. The current group of officers will be moving on and we need new thoughts from our members to take over and keep our fun times going. We have fun, learn new techniques, and contribute to the community. All of these things need your contributions of time and expertise to continue so, think about how that can best occur and be ready to step up.

Lynn and I are trying to work out exactly how to get the next newsletter done. With both of us on travel, it will be interesting. Stay tuned for that experience. In the mean time contact Margaret to sign up for our August classes. This is a great opportunity to do and hopefully complete items from a class. They are small projects that hopefully will not be added to your UFO stash. There is hope.....

Have a joyful summer of fun, family and stitching. Every day is a gift worth sharing with those we know and love or those we have just met.

Cheers!

Irene
Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to Lucie who celebrates May 10th.
Happy Birthday to Lynn who celebrates on June 12th
and to Irene who celebrates on June 28th.
Happy Birthday ladies!

Wee Care

There is no current Wee Care Workshop scheduled, so please be working at home. At our next Cable Car Cablers meeting, we can discuss scheduling another workshop. Denise is looking into obtaining additional nice to smock fabric as our current inventory is getting low.

Denise has kitted the last workshop items and they are available for pick up to take home and smock. Denise brings them to our meetings for your convenience. Just a reminder, again, you can do any or all of the gown smocking and/or construction. If you only wish to smock, that’s okay. We have members who prefer to do construction and will finish off these gowns for you.

Officers for 2016-2017

It’s that time of year to think about volunteering for an officer position in the Cable Car Cablers. We need to publish our proposed slate of officers in our next newsletter, so the time to step forward is now. Please consider taking on a position this year as we have several people who have been performing duties for several years now and will be stepping down.
Margaret’s Report

May Meeting
Bring your completed challenge item to show the group and since fair items are not due until May 31/June 1, you can show and share and still have it be entered in the fair. The remainder of the meeting will be a sit & stitch. Think: smocked Wee Care.

June Meeting:
Bring your fair items for show and share, so we can admire them up close and personal.

Future Meetings:
If you know of a new technique, please consider sharing it with our members at a future meeting. Contact me and we can work out the details of a presentation.

Margaret Jane Briscoe Workshop
August 6th and 7th

Cable Car Cablers has been fortunate to receive a SAGA grant to help fund a workshop with Jane Briscoe on August 6th and 7th this year.

We are offering two 6 hour classes, Italian Smocked Pin Cushion and Mock Crazy Patch Pincushion. They will advance our aptitude in both smocking and embroidery while we learn fine points working on small, personal sewing items. A sewing machine is not required for either class but will be needed for finishing at home.

Class maximum is 25 people. The cost is $75 per person for 2 days and includes the kits and class fees. This workshop is open to chapter members only. Sign up will begin at our April meeting.

Class projects with pictures can be found on Jane’s website:
http://www.janebriscoeheirlooms.com/italian_smocked_pincushion_sm.jpg
http://www.janebriscoeheirlooms.com/mock_crazy_patch_pincushion.htm

Margaret is taking reservations and checks. Please contact her to sign up.
Spring Time Tea

We will be gathering at Jill’s beautiful home and garden for our annual Tea and SAGA Trunk Show on Saturday, June 4th at 1 o’clock in the afternoon. Jill asks that you bring your favorite teacup and be prepared to share why you brought that cup. As usual please bring food for the tea. Please RSVP to Jill and contact her if you need directions.
Lace Museum

Bridal Exhibit 2016

On exhibit January 15 through June 25, 2016, at The Lace Museum, 552 S. Murphy Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA

“From This Day Forward” features wedding gowns and accessories from 1905 to 1985. Handmade bobbin lace, needle lace and modern machine laces are used for lingerie, fans, gloves, bags, gowns and veils. Open 10-4, Tues-Sat. and 7-9 on Second Fridays. For details visit: www.thelacemuseum.org or call (408) 730-4695

From This Day Forward: A look at 20th Century Brides

Some twentieth century brides selected spectacular gowns for a once-in-a-lifetime moment. Others, like their practical Victorian grandmothers, chose a best dress: a day suit or cocktail dress that could be worn again and again. Examples of both are featured at a new exhibit at The Lace Museum in Sunnyvale through May, 2016. Exquisite hand made and machine made lace is featured on the gowns, veils, gloves, shoes, handkerchiefs and other accessories that made up a proper wedding trousseau.

A special case features lace accessories made as gifts for modern brides by members of the Lace Museum Guild.

Visitors are encouraged to bring or send a photo of their own wedding gown (or of other family members’ gowns) for inclusion in a book of gowns to be on display throughout the exhibit. Photocopies or printouts are OK. Do not bring originals as the photos will not be returned. Include the date and place of the wedding.

Our gift shop features many lace-related items and books. For information on classes and other events, visit www.thelacemuseum.org.

San Mateo County Fair

Cable Car Cablers will host an information table at the San Mateo County Fair on Sunday, June 12th. Christie has the sign up list and will be distributing tickets. You must give her a self addressed stamped envelope, so that she can mail you your ticket and parking pass. Please bring display items for the time you are at the booth. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the annual event at a perfect price – free.

 Volunteer List

12-1 pm Sue and Margaret
1-2 pm Denise
2-3 pm Christie and Rosemary
3-4 pm Carol and Irene
4-5 pm Ingrid and Gladys

Direct any question you may have about the fair to Christie.
SAGA Convention 2016
Convention this year will be held in Hampton, Virginia September 20-25, 2016. Schedule and registration information are in the February issue of SAGAnews and online. Registration opens on May 15th.

San Mateo County Fair
June 11-19, 2016
San Mateo Event Center

Important Dates
Tuesday May 10, entry forms due by midnight
Tuesday May 31 2-8 pm entries received
Wednesday June 1 2-8 pm entries received
Monday June 20 2-7 pm pick up your entries

California State Fair
Cal Expo, Sacramento, California
July 8-24, 2016

Antiques & Collectibles Fair
Main St, Pleasanton, California
May 29, 2016, 8am-4pm
www.pleasontonantiquefair.com

Wine Country Quilt Show
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
Santa Rose, California
June 4-5, 2016
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-4pm
www.MOSC.org

Spring Plant Sale Extravaganza
San Francisco County Fair Building
Golden Gate Park, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way
San Francisco, California
June 11, 2016, 9am-5pm
www.SFSpringPlantSaleExtravaganza.org

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

SFO Museum
Various Terminals
San Francisco International Airport
The museum exhibits at SFO change out on a regular basis. There are currently a couple of very nice installations in the Main Hall of the International Terminal.

The Allure of Art Nouveau over by the G concourse runs through August 14, 2016. Over by the A concourse,

http://www.flysfo.com/museum/exhibitions

Refreshments
May    Sue
June   Solly
July   Catherine
August Christie
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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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