



# Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



## September 2024

Our upcoming meeting is this week! Thursday, Sept 12. Room opens at 4:30 and meeting begins at 5:00

We will meet at the Crofton Library. Check your email for more info from Lyn. The 2024/2025 budget will be voted on.



## WEE CARE REPORT

Please, if you have items out for Wee Care, turn them in to Joyce. We have given out kits to members to complete and they have not been turned in. Joyce and Sandy made donations to BWMC and St. Agnes Hospitals this past weekend. We delivered gowns, blankets for the NICU, flannel hearts for the mothers, and Bereavement Envelopes.

### Sit n Stitch Dates

October 1

November 15

None in December

Jan – May TBD

Meetings are at Panera Bread in Waugh Chapel

12:00 - ?? whenever we decide to go home

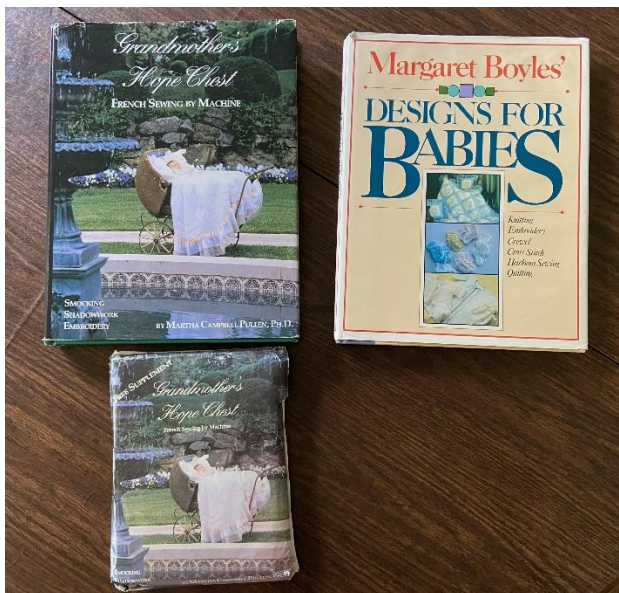
Happy Stitching! Joyce R.

The Anne Arundel County Fair is this week. On Saturday, a few members of Chesapeake Treasures will be in the Exhibit Building, 10:00am – 12:00pm to demonstrate smocking and share our love for needlework. Hope to see you strolling through looking at all the wonderful exhibits.

## FOR SALE

Contact Martha Sykora if interested:

I am happy to pass these on to someone who would enjoy using them in exchange for whatever donation the new owner would care to make to the CT treasury. They can contact me at [mnsykora399@gmail.com](mailto:mnsykora399@gmail.com) to coordinate pickup or possibly delivery details.



## Chesapeake Treasures Origins

### Barbara Meger

Thirty-five years ago, 30 September 1989, our Chesapeake Treasures Chapter was chartered by the Smocking Arts Guild of America. Its first officers were: Barbara Meger, president; Cindi Gallagher, vice president; Taryn Faulkner, secretary; Julie Hesenperger, treasurer. The first newsletter hit members' mailboxes that November. The chapter's 1990-91 roster lists twenty-eight members, of whom Barbara Meger, Joan Messenger and Carolyn Ridgley/Dalton are current members. Chapter meetings were held the first year at the old Crofton Library location, followed by many years at the then Crofton Junior High School. Before returning to the new Crofton Library location, the chapter also met at St. Stephens Episcopal Church and at Tomorrow's Treasures.

Over the years the chapter has reaped the efforts of its true TREASURES: its members! So many have been willing to pitch in with educational opportunities, Public Service contributions, field trips, newsletter articles, holiday hostings, National board service, etc., etc. Because of everyone's hard work and dedication, the Chesapeake Treasures will continue to thrive and be an integral part of SAGA.

## How Old Is That Needle?

Barbara Meger

For how long do you think eyed needles have been around? Traditionally the answer has been 40,000 years, but an article in the current (Sept/Oct 2024) issue of *Archaeology* doubles that number to 80,000 years ago! Why did people pierce eyes into bone awls to make more fitted garments? Archaeologists think weather is the answer. The first needles appeared in Siberia at that time when the weather quickly shifted from warm and wet to cold and dry—sort of a reverse global warming! People needed the warmth of added layers of clothing. “It basically comes down to making underwear,” says the article. It wasn’t until much later, 40,000 years, that needles were used to attach decorative beads or shells to garments. Since bodies had become more covered with clothing, people could no longer decorate their skin and resorted to applied embellishments.

I like to seek out examples of early sewing implements when I travel. I haven’t seen anything as old as the above but thought you might find interesting those pictured below. At left is a trio of needles found in the Altamira Cave region of northern Spain dating back to at least 30,000 years ago. On the right are much more recent examples found in western Sicily dating from the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC.

And to think, today we take needles for granted!



**FOR SALE**

**Sandy Suhrie – 443-618-4913**

**Cutting Table - \$100 – Hand made, very sturdy. Pick up in Severn**



**SAGA—The Smocking Arts Guild of America** - “Our purpose is to preserve and foster the art of smocking and related needlework for future generations, through education, communication, and quality workmanship.”

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We are on **Instagram** under [Chesapeake Treasures SmockingChapter](#) – Brooke Palmer

Contact Carolyn Dalton if you want to add something to the website

[www.chesapeaketreasures.org](http://www.chesapeaketreasures.org). Carolyn has lots of information on our website. Be sure to check it out!

***When and where we meet: Watch your email for any changes.***

The Chesapeake Treasures Chapter meets at 5:00 pm the 2nd Thursday of the month at

**Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD**

At each meeting there is a show and share, a program or demonstration.

Business meetings are held at the beginning of our regular membership meeting.

**Should there be inclement weather, please check the library site to see if they are open or call [410-222-7915](tel:410-222-7915) <https://www.aacpl.net/location/crofton>**