



Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



September 2025

Dear Chesapeake Treasures,

I don't know what happened to Summer. It seems to go by so fast! Does anyone else feel that way? I had hopes of smocking back to school dresses for my grand girls but at this point have decided to start working on dresses for next summer's family reunion. Sometimes that is just how it goes :)

Personally, Summer was busy with wonderful, memorable experiences – new babies, big birthdays, family reunion at the beach. Chesapeake Treasures members were providing stitching demos at the Annapolis Library (Thank you Martha Sykora, Joyce Ross and Lyn Leet), enjoying a delightful afternoon of stitching with friends at the Edgewater Police Station after the Annual Budget meeting, delivering a beautiful collection of Wee Care items to the GBMC Labor and Deliver Nurse Manager and the NICU/PICU Nurse Manager and planning a Spring workshop with Debbie Glenn (more info to come).

As we look forward to Fall, Kathy Furth has a delightful schedule of programs to take us to the completion of the lovely, embroidered ornaments and discussion is underway for another stitching afternoon. Convention in Charleston is right around the corner as well - October 14-20. There are open classes available if you decide you want to join the fun! I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings!

Lindsay

Annapolis Library Hobby Fair August 2, 2025



West River Retreat 2026

Dates for 2026 are Feb 20 – 22/23, 2026 – This retreat is now full! To be put on a waiting list in case someone cancels, notify Lindsay and she will add you to the list.



Birthdays – Happiest of Birthdays to our September and October Ladies

September – Nancy Bautro, Lindsay Carroll, Pat Conklin

October – Mary Margaret, Linda Ownby, Pat Horm



KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS

- All members who are facing health issues, either their own or those of their family.

Where to shop now that JoAnn's is gone:

New Stores coming to town

It was sad when Bears Paw Fabrics and Joanne Fabric went out of business. But as the saying goes, when one door closes another opens ! In this case, several new businesses have opened on the horizon.

Several shop recommendations were made during the August Stitching Day

Pink Peony Creations in Hagerstown [Pink Peony Fabric Shop](https://pinkpeonycreations.com/), - <https://pinkpeonycreations.com/>

- The Crabby Quilter in Annapolis, MD
- Black Market Bakers – delicious treats close to the West River Retreat
- Quilting Parlour – taking over Tomorrow's Treasures building. Transitioning after September 15.
- Domesticity – Towson – opening this fall in the space where Bear's Paw used to operate [Domesticity Fabric Shop & Bernina Studio | Domesticity Fabric Shop & Bernina Sewing Studio](#)
- Sew N' Sweep, Westminster, MD [Home | Sew 'N Sweep | Westminster, Maryland 21157](#)
- Cottonwood in the Park in Severna Park <https://cottonwoodinthepark.com/>
A creative community – fabrics, classes, antiques, arts, stitching events, machines

There are many places online to get supplies. Watch for the sales and free shipping.

Programs for 2025/2026

September/October/November – working on the Christmas ornament we started earlier this year. Be sure to bring your project and all your sewing supplies you are using to the next meeting. We will be working on the back of the ornament. If you have a light box, please bring it to trace the design. If you don't have one, someone else will have one to borrow.

December: Pot Luck – need a host

January/February – Jackie is doing "White on White Hardanger Towel, Parts 1 and 2"

March/April – Barbara is teaching a smocked baby hanger cover

May – Spring potluck - Will need a host – Last get together until September 2026

AACO Fair Demo

Volunteers helping at the AACO Fair on Saturday, September 13 – Sandy S will have your free passes to get into the fair at our meeting on Thursday. Please try to get to the fairgrounds early so you can park without having to walk a mile to the building. Bring some items to share with the public. We will be in the Exhibit Building in the sewing department area. Barbara is going to be pleating, we can work on our ornaments or do some smocking. It's a great opportunity to share with the community what we do.

Chapter members – please come by the AACO Fair in Crownsville, MD this week. Fair is September 10 – 15. Some of our members have entries. Come and see how they did.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

More information to come on Debbie Glenn Workshop April 10 – 13, 2026 at the September meeting this week.

The **WeeCare Committee** is meeting on September 9th to work on Wee Care Gown kits. We contributed to the Greater Baltimore Medical Center this year after Lindsay's premature granddaughter was born. They were very grateful for our donations and loved all the work we did. We are trying a new gown this year using flannel with no smocking. Lots of opportunities to dress these up using your sewing machine stitches and pintucks.



Erin and Paige Carroll, Meghan – Labor and Delivery and Kris – NICU/PICU

Thank you to all who participated in the creation and donation of these beautiful items !



From Silkworm to Sari: Sericulture in India

Did you see the latest SAGA Newsletter emailed September 4th.

Charisse will try to do this zoom presentation after our program at the September 11 meeting. See more info below.

Thursday, Sept. 11, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time

[Zoom link Sept., 11, 2025](#)

From Silkworm to Sari: Sericulture in India. This lecture explains the process of producing silk in India. Presenter Celeste Chalasani uses a PowerPoint presentation with photos taken on site in Southern India to first show how the silk cocoons are sorted and the various processes involved with reeling the silk to produce a silk thread suitable for weaving. She also runs a video that shows how hand weaving is still done in the village of Mangalageeri, Andhra Pradesh. She concludes the lecture with photos of saris that she owns from different regions of India.

About the Presenter

Celeste Chalasani is passionate about sharing what she knows, and approaches teaching from the understanding that different people learn in different ways. She is a graduate of the National Academy of Needlearts Teacher' Certification Program, specializing in Stumpwork. She has taught extensively both in person and virtually for the Embroiderers' Guild of America at chapter workshops, regional and national seminars; for the National Academy of Needlearts; and for other regional guilds. She also teaches an online class for Craftsby. She is a member of the National Embroidery Teachers Association.

You'll receive another reminder on the day of the presentation with the Zoom link.

Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Embroidery + Book Arts. In this lecture, Celeste describes her journey as she explored combining embroidery with book art techniques for the National Academy of Needle Arts Teacher Cum Laude program. She'll show you six different book binding methods she learned and how she has been able to use embroidery in her art practice. You'll also see the tools and materials needed, as well as what worked and what didn't.

Sit N Stitch



Ladies, Hope you had an enjoyable summer a Fall is on the way. We will have our first sit and stitch on September 16. It's a Tuesday. Hope you can make it. Please drop me a line if you can. See you at noon. It's a great time to invite a friend to join us!

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Sept. 16, 2025

Oct. 17, 2025

Nov. 20 2025

Dec. 8, 2025

All meet ups will be at Panera in Waugh Chaple

Meeting time: 12 pm – Don't forget to let me know if you are coming

Where We Meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month

We are in the First Baptist Church of Crofton, in the large central hall which will be partially set up for us each month. Depending on attendance we might need to put up an extra table or two and add more chairs. There is a large TV/monitor available for Charrise and our Zoom members.

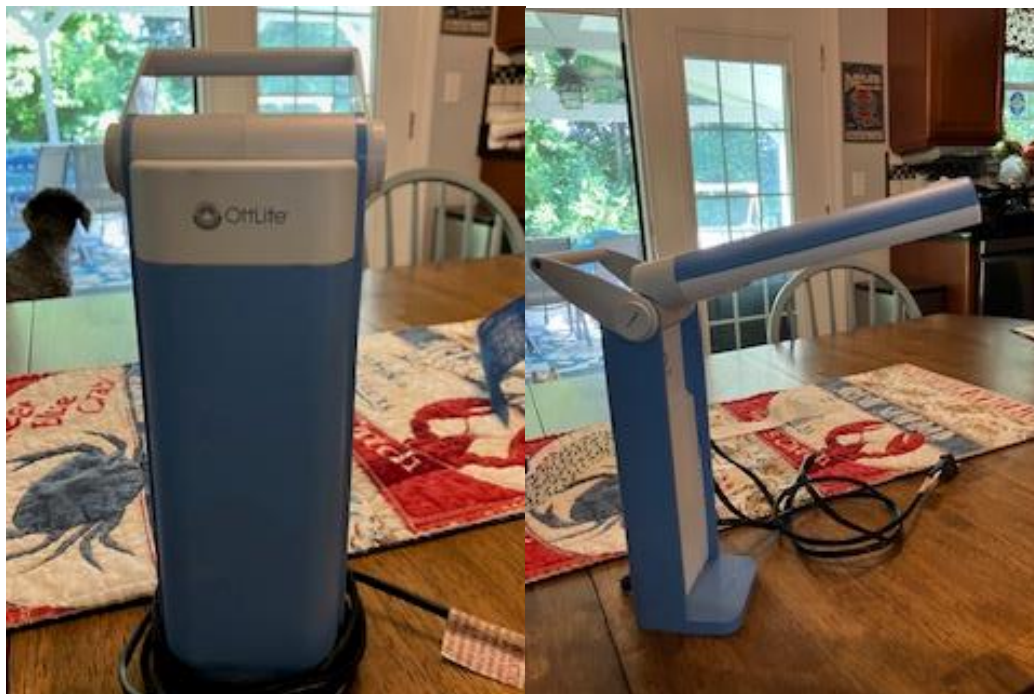
The church is located at 1690 Crofton Pkwy, Crofton, Maryland 21114. It is conveniently located just off the Crofton Parkway and is easily accessible from Route 3 as well as 450 and Davidsonville Road. For some of you, it may even be within walking distance!

The parking lot is located just outside the entrance to the meeting space. It is a level lot.

We have the room from 5 pm – 8:45 pm each month - Jan – May, Sept, -Nov.

Lightly used Ott light for sale \$20.

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