



Chesapeake Treasures Chapter



January 2026

Dear Chesapeake Treasures,

Wishing you the Happiest of New Years! It is hard to believe 2026 is upon us! Did you make resolutions this year? I am keeping mine positive and achievable this year.

Now get out your new 2026 calendars and add these wonderful upcoming events!

Pat Conklin and the Education Committee have a wonderful workshop with Debbie Glenn for the weekend of **April 11-12 at the Edgewater Police Station**. These notebook classes will be “Salute to Scallops” on Saturday and “Cutwork Bow Envelope” on Sunday. A commitment of 15 registrants is needed for the workshop to move forward. Registration is limited to 20. Registration information was sent out in advance of the Potluck Supper and will be included with the January meeting reminders.

West River Retreat 2026 is scheduled for February 20-22/23. Currently this event is sold out. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, contact Lindsay Carroll.

Wishing you much sewing time and time spent with family and friends!

Lindsay

President, Chesapeake Treasures

Upcoming events

January Meetings

Business Meeting [NEW DATE](#) – Monday, January 5 at 7 pm via zoom

Program Meeting Thursday, January 8 at 5:30 pm in person and via zoom at the First Baptist Church of Crofton

February Meetings

Business Meeting Thursday, February 5 at 7 pm via zoom

Program Meeting Thursday, February 12 5:30 pm in person and via zoom

First Baptist Church of Crofton

West River Retreat - February 20-22/23 Currently sold out.

Sit N Stitch

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!

Jan. 28

Feb 27

Mar 19

Joyce Ross, Dcjoyce@yahoo.com, Cell: 410.570.6901

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

West River Retreat 2026

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



Silk Museum Lyon, France

Submitted by Joyce Ross

While we were in Lyon, France, David and I took a tour of a silk museum called, La Maison Des Canuts. This is the place to visit for understanding the silk industry in Lyon, France.

“La Maison des Canuts “translates to, The House of Silk Weavers”

A “Canut” was a master weaver. Becoming a Canut required 10 years of training, five years learning from a master weaver and another five years being mentored. The canut worked for a merchant, called a

“soyeux” in French. The merchant passed orders to the canut and provided silk threads and the patterns to weave.

The Jacquard loom was invented by 1804 which simplified the weaving of patterns. In an eight-hour workshop shift, a Canut can weave 35 cm of pattern. So, on average it takes three days to complete a meter.

When the fabric and pattern are complete, the canut delivers the product to the merchant who pays the canut based on the work that was done.

The canut works off commission alone, and his pay depends on the difficulty of the pattern, technique, number of colors, and agreement with the soyeux, and the presence of mistakes. The canut is paid by the soyeux at the time of delivery. The canut never meets the customer only the soyeux.

In the year 1536, King Francis 1st, granted the city, the privilege to weave “Noble” materials.

The canut workshop is the same place where they worked, lived, ate, and slept. The whole family worked and lived together in the workshop, along with any journeyman and apprentices.

Hand weaving is still practiced today, with two remaining workshops, still using Jacquard handlooms. They are in neighborhoods near the museum. They weave for cultural heritage, historical monuments, museums, and castles. They employ eight artisans, women and men between the ages of 30 to 60.

Cultural schedule and bookings:

www.maisondescanuts.fr

Kathy Furth, VP of Education, has a wonderful line up of **programs for the Spring**.

January and February programs are **White on White Hardanger Towels** being led by Jackie O'Neill.

March and April programs are **Smocked Baby Hanger Cover** lead by Barbara Meger.

May will be the kick off of the next multi month program on **Fine Machine Sewing**.

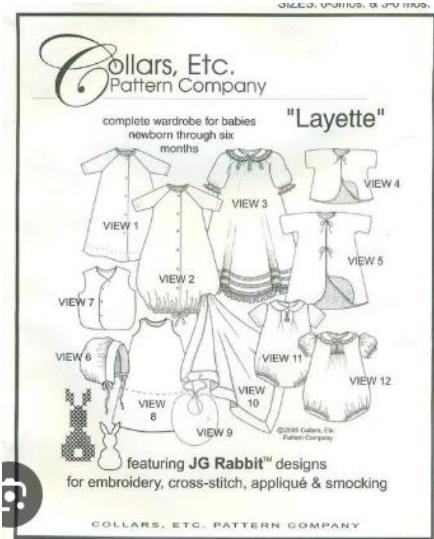
June – **Spring Potluck** before our summer break – a host is needed!

Kits for January – April have been distributed and supply lists have been emailed. Thank you to Kathy and all those who are teaching! If you are available to teach one of the Fine Machine Programs, please contact Kathy Furth.

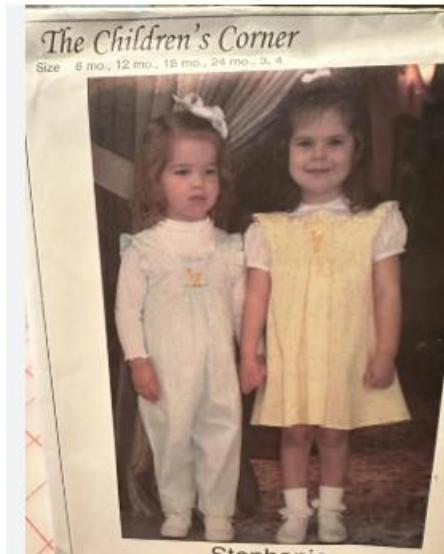
In Search Of

I am in search of 2 patterns for friends. If you have a copy, you would be willing to part with/sell or lend so I can trace, please let me know. Thank you , Lindsay Carroll

Collars, Etc "Layette" pattern



Stephanie romper and dress pattern by Children's Corner



Birthdays – Happiest of Birthdays to our Ladies

January: Lori Barton

Susan Learn

February: Brooke Palmer



KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS

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

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.

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Check out our website. If you have something to add please contact Carolyn Dalton.

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