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Dear SAGA Friends,

Chapters around the country are busy with workshops and teaching smocking classes. May this find you excited about your own projects and anticipating doing something new or finishing one of those UFOs! There is a lot of news, so brew yourself a cup of tea, sit down, relax, and read all about what SAGA members are up to!

***SAGA Phone Receptionist Needed***

SAGA receptionist, Lisa Reidland, is looking to pass her responsibilities answering the phone and e-mails along to another dedicated volunteer. Do you have a few hours each week you could help answer phones and e-mails? Please let SAGA know by contacting President Terry Faber at [president@smocking.org](mailto:president@smocking.org) or 570-549-2727.

***Artisan Achievers***

Congratulations to Scarlett Tatum of Miami for completion of the Artisan Smocking Apprentice Level II! Scarlett is the first Artisan Achiever for 2009!

***Chapter Omitted from Thank You List***

The Carolina Cablers were among the chapters who donated the WEE Care dress stands, designs, and dresses at the Atlanta Convention. Their name was mistakenly left off the list. Thank you, Carolina Cablers, for your contribution!

***Early Renewal Winners***

Renewing your SAGA membership before the December 31 deadline has its benefits! Those members who do so, are entered into a drawing for 6 hours of SAGA Convention classes. One person from each of the five Regions is drawn. This year, the winners of the "Early Renewal" drawing are:

- Region I—Ann Ward of New Holland, PA
- Region II—Betsy Hutchins of Bartlett, TN
- Region III—Connie Callahan of St. Augustine, FL
- Region IV—Susan Richmond of Fayetteville, AR, and
- Region V—Lolly Priddle of Port Cuquitlam, British Columbia, Canada.

Congratulations, ladies!

### ***About Renewals...***

Just a reminder from our Registrar, Erna Fenchel: If members are wondering where their new JoAnn Cards are, they received them in the third SAGANews of 2008 if they are a renewing member. New members received them with their new member packet. Also, if members have not renewed, they will receive only one 2009 issue of SAGANews. Members will have to renew in order to continue their membership benefits.

### ***Survey***

*The SAGA Board is undertaking a survey of the full membership. Please look for an email from SAGA's secretary, Liz Perch, the week of March 23, and take the time to respond to the survey thoughtfully by April 8. We will be using the information collected in ongoing strategic planning for the future of SAGA. We expect the survey may take 20-25 minutes to complete. [Each member who completes the survey will have her name entered in a drawing for a free year of membership.] Thank you for offering your thoughts: Remember, SAGA is your organization!*

### ***SAGANews***

SAGANews editor, Julie Stilwell, needs submissions for "Chapter Chatter" and regular articles. Do you have any news from your chapters? Do you have a project to share? Remember, we have people willing to help you write the articles! Send your submissions to Julie at [saganews@smocking.org](mailto:saganews@smocking.org).

### ***WEE Care Trunk Show***

The WEE Care Trunk Show is available for bookings. Why not try booking it for a chapter program? You will be inspired with the wonderful work represented in these articles! Contact Mary Siegel at [weecare@smocking.org](mailto:weecare@smocking.org) to book the show.

### ***For Convention***

If you are going to the Indy Convention (September 30 – October 4) why not make your own nametag holder? Robin Hart has designed a holder and shared the instructions with SAGA. You may find it on the SAGA website at [www.smocking.org](http://www.smocking.org). Click on "Convention Info" under "News and Events." Scroll down and click on the link under "Convention Nametag Holder." For members without internet access, contact me and I will send you a copy by postal mail.

Finally, as your Region Representative, I'm here to help you find answers to your SAGA related questions. Feel free to contact me for information and guidance, or to help enter your workshops and educational opportunities onto the website. Remember this is the season for chapters to send in the 2009 Officers List and Membership Roster, and the 2008 Chapter Financial Statement. If your chapter has not done that already, please do so **as soon as possible**. On the Officers List is space for a chapter Point of Contact (POC). This person must be someone who will read her e-mails frequently and then forward the correspondence to the person in the chapter who

is responsible for that task or request. We rely on the POC to help us deliver correspondence from SAGA to all the chapter members!

Happy Stitching!

**Addendum: Regional News**

Remember to check the website under "News and Events" for more details. Some workshops have a class description you may download. For members without internet access, contact the person named for a printed copy.

**Region I**

The **Bewitching Stitches** Chapter hosts **Laura Jenkins Thompson** April 18-19, 2009.

**Region II**

The **Cardinal Chapter** hosts **Debbie Glenn** for 4 classes in Richmond, VA April 17 – 19, 2009. Her classes are: "Tiny Treasures Heirloom Daygown, Heirloom Notebook Class, Butterfly Kisses Smocked Baby Daygown," and "Sensational Scallops." Contact Sara Josephson at 804-323-5160 or [carlsarajo@comcast.net](mailto:carlsarajo@comcast.net) for more information.

**Region III**

The **Palmetto Pleaters** are hosting **Lilli McAnge** in Greenville, SC March 26-29th. She will teach two days of drafting and construction, and one half day of hand finishing techniques. For information, refer to the SAGA website for complete class description, fees and registration form. Contact Donna Kazia at 864-233-4608 or [Kazia@scacog.org](mailto:Kazia@scacog.org)

**Kari Mecca** is hosted by the **Atlanta Smocking Guild** for a two day workshop on March 27 and 28th. Her classes are, "Rick Rack Daisy Dress, Cherry Pick'n Apron," and "Baby's Silk Ribbon Booties." Contact [Yolande@marieyolande.com](mailto:Yolande@marieyolande.com).

**Region IV**

**Claudia Newton** will teach in Fayette, MO April 18-19, 2009, hosted by the **Show Me Stitches**. Her classes are, "Fine Construction Techniques for Baby Garments, Beginner's Delight Baby Bib," and "Budding Roses Tea Towel." Contact Laura Mauzey at 660-882-8450 after 5 PM or [Lmauzey@boonville.k12.mo.us](mailto:Lmauzey@boonville.k12.mo.us).

The **Mitten State Smockers** are hosting **Claudia Newton**, April 24-26, 2009. Contact Laurie Brock at 810-743-5729 or [stitchersewmuch@aol.com](mailto:stitchersewmuch@aol.com)

The **Ozark Foothills Chapter** hosts **Lezette Thomason**, March 27-28. For information, [tw7424@cox.net](mailto:tw7424@cox.net) or 479-521-7424.

The **Greater New Orleans Chapter** hosts **Carol Ahles** May 7-9, 2009 at the Ramada Limited in Metairie, LA. Carol will teach her Handkerchief Bonnet, and Pillowcase with Pinstitch Trim & Pillowcase with Scalloped Contrast Band classes. Contact May Wong at [mkwmkw49@cox.net](mailto:mkwmkw49@cox.net) or 504-392-1210 for more information, or check out our website at [www.gnosaga.com/ahles.htm](http://www.gnosaga.com/ahles.htm).