Smocking Arts Guild of America
Yankee Chapter
Cumberland, Rhode Island

December, 2018 Issue
This Month’s Meeting: December 10, 2018
Doors Open at 6:45 p.m.
Meeting Begins Promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting on the second Monday of each month, September through June, at the Arnold Mills Community House, 75 Hillside Road, Cumberland, R.I. Directions: Route 295 to Route 114 N (formerly Exit 11, now Exit 22), then about 2 miles to Hillside Road.

PRESIDENTS’ MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER

As we speed through the holiday season, we hope that you have had time to create special gifts or ornaments for friends and loved ones. If you have, would you like to feature them at Show and Share? A gift that comes from the heart is always treasured by the recipient. During the time of giving, please remember those who are not as fortunate. Even a small item or donation can make a big difference in someone’s life.

December is our annual holiday meeting featuring the much anticipated handmade Yankee ornament Swap. Who will be the lucky member to pick #1? This is always one of our most popular meetings. Refreshments will be provided by the board.

A special thanks goes out to Kathy Dacey for arranging an ASG full day class on February 2. It will be held at the Community House and open to Yankee members, free of charge. More information will be available next month. Don’t forget to renew your national SAGA dues. The cost is $35, due by the end of December. Also, if you have not renewed your Yankee Chapter dues, please do so today.

We wish you a peaceful and loving holiday as we remember those we have lost this year. See you on the 10th!

Pat & Jane
THE DECEMBER DOWNLOAD: THIS IS THE STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW!

If you read nothing else in our newsletters, please read this monthly download which will be a regular feature!

- This month it’s time for the Yankee Swap, and goodies provided by your Board members! Please come and enjoy the party.
- For anyone who did not attend the November meeting, Ruthann will have kits available for the Rotary Cutter Bag that we are making in January/February/March. The kit cost is $3.00.
- Reminder: We have changed the opening time for the Community House. The building will now open at 6:45 p.m. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.
- Remember your Service Project and/or Door Prize donations.
- Also, we thank all of you who are donating $1.00 to our monthly door prize collection. Although our door prizes are usually donations, collected funds are put to good use toward defraying program expenses and the cost of teachers.
- We are assigning hostess duties alphabetically again this year, so please check the last page of this newsletter to see if you are responsible this month. In December, refreshments will be provided by Board members! Thank you!

DECEMBER PROGRAM: HOLIDAY PARTY & THE YANKEE SWAP!

At the December meeting, refreshments will be provided by Board members and then... it’s time for the Yankee Swap!! Here is a quick reminder of how it works.

Anyone who wants to participate in the swap should bring a wrapped, handmade ornament. It does not necessarily have to be made by YOU - but should be handmade. All participants will pull a number. As your number is called, you get to pick a wrapped ornament. After opening your gift, you can swap for any other ornaments which have already been opened. At the end of the swapping, the lucky Number One gets to choose any ornament as her own!

Come and join in the fun, or just enjoy the goodies, it’s up to you!
NOVEMBER SHOW-AND-SHARE

Donna Boucher showed an adorable boy’s bubble suit with an embroidered giraffe. She also finished last month’s napkin holder project.

Ruthann Sisson brought her Samantha doll wearing an animal-print fleece outfit, plus two additional outfits should she want to change clothes. Barbie had a matching fleece outfit as well. Ruthann also brought another of her pretty placemat bags.

Donna Costa brought her Samantha doll wearing the cover dress (in doll size) from the Holiday 2018 issue of Classic Sewing magazine, as well as two additional 18” doll dresses featuring picture smocking. Donna also showed a machine-knit toddler-sized sweater and a short-row scarf which are projects from a machine knitting class offered by Craftsy.

Sandi Thurston brought some more ornaments from her “Ornament Girls” collection and of course, she made 12 of them because, well, she’s Sandi! Sandi also showed her insulated wine chillers made with Insulbrite, some embroidery pieces she created in an Anita Goodesign class last weekend (sponsored by Blaine’s). Sandi also showed a beautiful red Christmas dress which was on the cover of last year’s Holiday issue of Classic Sewing magazine. She has this dress made for Maddie a year early (it’s a size 10 and her granddaughter is currently a size 8), because she is quite the overachiever!!

Louise Bernier showed an amazing and very large embroidered ship (it took 107 minutes on the embroidery machine!) which she will have framed for her son. Louise also showed a Martha Pullen bag and purse made a few years ago, and a sample of “quilting in the hoop”.

Pictured on the right is Donna’s demure Samantha doll in her classic Christmas dress. She is joined by Ruthann’s Samantha-Gone-Wild who has obviously been influenced by her friend bad-girl Barbie. These kids today.....!!!

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS, DON’T FORGET TO SIGN IN AND PICK UP YOUR DOOR PRIZE TICKETS!

Teacher Plans!
Yankee Chapter will be sponsoring a class with Lynn Blanchard in late April or early May of next year. The project will be a ladies’ heirloom nightgown. More details to come as plans are finalized.

FOSTER KID BAGS UPDATE!

Another large pile of Foster Kid bags were collected in November. We are so grateful that our members have embraced this project. Please keep making the bags and collecting toiletry products because they are so very appreciated. Remember that we collect fabric donations too. Thank you again!
**In Memoriam**

Yankee Chapter mourns the loss of Member Emeritus Edith Brousseau, who passed away in November. Below is the text of Edith’s obituary:

Edith was born on December 20, 1926 in Chelsea, Massachusetts. Edith was married to Harold Brousseau on February 1, 1952. She had two children and spent most of her retired years enjoying her grandchildren playing in concerts, cross country and track meets and baseball games in high school and college. Edith also had 4 great grandchildren of which she babysat and taught them how to bake and garden. Besides spending time with her family she was very active at Church of the Good Shepherd cooking suppers or serving dinners to children at Epiphany School with friends. She was also a member of Contentment Chapter Order of Eastern Star and very involved with Rainbow and DeMolay. Edith graduated from Dedham High School class of 1945, afterwards she graduated from Quincy City Hospital School of Nursing. She was retired from Brigham and Women’s Hospital having worked in the operating room and only decided not to renew her nursing registration at the age of 90. She also volunteered at the Flu Clinics for the town of Dedham.

More importantly she was an accomplished seamstress and was always making smocked clothes for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her real love was hand embroidery along with machine embroidery. She was a member of Yankee Chapter Smocking Arts Guild of America.

She is survived by her daughter Cynthia Lambrecht and her husband Paul of Norwood and her son, Ronald A. Brousseau and his companion Mary Kavanaugh of Dedham along with her grandchildren; Allison Webber, Andrea Bremner and Daniel Lambrecht and great grandchildren; Claire, Isabelle, Cole and Jack. She was predeceased by her siblings, Benjamin Sias and Gertrude Cotter. She loved her home and family and will be greatly missed.

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**SAGA Mission Statement**

"The purpose of the Smocking Arts Guild of America is to preserve and foster the art of smocking and related needlework for future generations through education, service, communication and quality workmanship."

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**Hospitality Info for December**

Board members will be providing refreshments in December.

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**2018-2019 Yankee SAGA Board**

Co-President: Pat Tarpy
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Vice-President: N/A
Treasurer: Pat Tarpy
Secretary: Sharon Simoneau
Membership: Marie Cobleigh
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Newsletter: Donna Costa
Hospitality: Sue Smith
Sunshine: Fran Karwoski
Service Project: Sandi Thurston
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**NEXT MEETING: December 10, 2018**

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- Your wrapped, handmade ornament for the swap.
- $3.00 for your Rotary Cutter Bag Kit if not already purchased.
- Refreshments (if you’re a Board member)
- Show and Share
- Service Project Donations
- Door Prize Donations