March Hostesses:

Pat Deaett

REMINDER: SAGA NATIONAL DUES WERE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2014.

If you have not provided evidence of your SAGA membership to Marjory Savage, please do so immediately.

FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Our popular Easter basket program with Donna Boucher continues this month.

Remember to bring your regular sewing and smocking supplies to the meeting as well as your kit.

If you weren’t able to start last month, you can join in too!
Magazine Review – and a Martha Pullen Shocker!!
Contributed by Donna Costa

I just received my (digital) edition of the newest Sew Beautiful magazine (April/May 2013), and -shocker alert! Martha Pullen will no longer be involved with the Martha Pullen Company; how strange is that?! It seems that she sold her name and brand to the new publisher (Hoffman Publications) which had taken over the magazine a couple of years ago. She’s not retiring, though, and says she is going to help people open new businesses and also spend more time with her family. It’s going to be so odd to not read “Dear Friends” in every issue. Considering the changes that have occurred in recent issues (including the moving of Martha’s column to the last page) should have given me a clue, I suppose. But, I will stick with my subscription for now and see what happens.

In any case, this issue features springtime sewing projects. It includes an excerpt from Kari Mecca’s new book Whimsy Flowers & Trims, which will be released on May 14, 2014. Embellished T-Shirts are one of the more “modern” projects in this issue. Other projects include a little yellow dress featuring the Shark’s Teeth technique which is quite adorable, an heirloom-sewn diaper shirt, and an heirloom reproduction of a dress worn by Caroline Kennedy. The Cloverleaf Baby Wrap blanket seems like it would be a great baby shower gift, which could even be personalized (the magazine shows it with an appliquéd monogram). In addition, there’s a shadow work “Angel Babe” sampler by Wendy Shoen, and an adaptation of HopeYoder’s “Olivia” blouse for women using blank linens.

The upcoming June/July issue (available in May) will feature warm-weather sewing designs in classic red, white and blue.

Make a Hostess Tote with Nancy Zieman – and Read Her Autobiography!

Nancy Zieman offered this attractive “Hostess Tote” in a recent blog post. Perfect for bringing a bottle of wine and a few “extras” to a dinner date!


And if you like autobiographies, please be sure to pick up Nancy’s book Seams Unlikely. I just finished reading this absolutely wonderful account of Nancy’s life story. It is truly amazing some of the obstacles that she has faced while building a multi million dollar business. Her life is certainly an American success story.
Show & Share – February 2014:

**Donna Boucher** showed her beautiful Peahole Stitch Doily, created in a 2013 convention class with Claudia Newton.

**Kathy Dacey** showed a simple doll dress in yellow fabric with orange and green flowers, featuring embroidery. The fabric was found in her mother-in-law’s basement. The dress was lined in bright orange chintz.

**Sandi Thurston** showed some SATB auction items she purchased, including a shadow embroidered pear taught by Terry Click in 2013, a needle case, and a Wendy Schoen embroidery disc for her new machine! Sandi also showed her projects, including the “Cinderella” Pillow taught by Brenda Slade the “Bella Kate” square for a Sweet Memories Quilt, and an embroidered table cloth taught by Laura Jenkins Thompson.

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo
Worcester, Massachusetts
April 10-12, 2014

Just received a flyer in the mail for this upcoming event, featuring a good selection of classes and, of course, shopping galore! Check it out and purchase tickets at the link below:

[www.sewingexpo.com](http://www.sewingexpo.com)

NOTE TO BOARD MEMBERS:
If for any reason you are unable to attend to your assigned duty at a meeting, please do the following: (1) arrange for someone else to substitute for you, and/or (2) call our President, Donna Boucher, to let her know so that she can in turn arrange for coverage. Thank you!

**YANKEE CHAPTER SLATE OF OFFICERS 2013-2014**

- **President:** Donna Boucher
- **Vice-President:** Sandi Thurston
- **Secretary:** Jane Eskelund
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- **Hospitality:** Kathy Dacey
- **Sunshine:** Del Burd
- **Service Project:** Pat Deaett
- **Archivist:** Donna Costa

**SERVICE PROJECT**

We did not receive information about hats donated in February (if any), so we will update in next month’s newsletter.

Sending out Get Well wishes to Rosalie Nocera after her recent surgery!
NEXT MEETING – March 10, 2014 – WHAT TO BRING:

- Your Regular Sewing & Smocking Supplies
- Show-and-Share Items
- Preemie Bonnets
- Donations for Door Prize Committee
- Your Nametag and Coffee Mug

Reminder: Please notify Del Burd of any Sunshine Committee needs.

REMINDER: DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!
Please see Rosalie or Lynda.

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