Smocking Arts Guild of America  
Yankee Chapter  
Cumberland, Rhode Island

September, 2018 Issue  
This Month’s Meeting: September 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 SEPTEMBER

We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. Were you able to complete some of those projects that were “on the list”? If so, be sure to bring them to the meeting for our Show and Share. It is always great to see and touch treasures created by our members.

The September program is our annual Pot Luck Supper followed by a display of this year’s planned programs. Donna and Ruthann have been hard at work making sure that they teach us new techniques that will be interesting to all of our members. Kathy Dacey is investigating having a local, nationally recognized, teacher come and do a class for us. We are trying to work out the details as to what the class will be and the cost. We will keep you in the loop.

If you have not paid your membership dues, please plan on bringing a check to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, mail them to Pat Tarpy.

See you on the 10th!

Pat & Jane
THE SEPTEMBER 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 Pot Luck time! Please bring a dish (anything is fine) and a serving utensil, if necessary. Also bring your own place setting and utensils if you can.

- **YOUR CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE!** If you did not pay in June, you need to pay in September. If you’re not attending and have not paid yet, please send a check to Pat Tarpy. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter.

- If you are receiving this newsletter but DO NOT anticipate re-joining Yankee, please let us know. You can send an e-mail to Donna, Pat or Marie to state your intentions.

- **WE HAVE CHANGED THE OPENING TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY HOUSE.** The building will now open at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly (we hope) at 7:00 p.m.

- We will be doing the same service projects this year.

- Sharon Simoneau was kind enough to touch base with Women & Infants, and she verified that they will accept donations of baby hats and small knitted blankets (drop-off location is at Kent Hospital). Sharon will be contacting other entities such as Hasbro to find out if there is anything else we can donate.

- We are also continuing to make the Foster Kids’ bags this year. We would like each member of the Chapter to make at least ONE bag! We would be happy to accept fabric donations to use for the bags as well.

- We will continue to stock our door prizes with donations from members. Please try to donate only current and useable items, such as patterns, books, fabric, notions, etc. You know that 25 year old leaflet that you just want out of your house? Well, nobody else wants it either. 😊 You can also donate new household items or, better yet, something you have made!

- We’ll have plenty more information at the meeting so please come if you can. Thanks for all your support… it’s going to be a great year!
PROGRAMS FOR THE 2018—2019 YEAR

October: Napkin Holder. In October, we’ll be making a lovely project which would be a great housewarming or just-because gift. Going somewhere for Thanksgiving? Wrap up this holder for your hostess with an appropriate set of seasonal-themed paper napkins and you’ll be her best friend. This simple project is made of squares and can be embellished with embroidery if you wish. We will have kits available in two colorways.

November: Our November project is a beautiful Swedish Folded Star ornament. The technique is a little bit fiddly at first, and you need to pay attention to your instructor (hint, hint!) but once you have it figured out, you can whip out a whole bunch of these cute little stars in no time flat. Each kit will contain the same fabrics, and your strips will be precut to size... you’ll just have to put it together!

December: No program, time for the Yankee Swap!

January/February/March: We will be making this absolutely gorgeous “Rotary Cutter Bag” which was a smock-along on SAGA’s Facebook page this past year. Designed by Vaune Pierce, this bag is not just for your rotary tool... the size is perfect for just about anything! Line it with vinyl and it could be a great makeup bag too. We are also trying to plan ahead a little bit for when the winter winds blow into our area. Last year, we had no meetings in January or February because of inclement weather. So, we have decided that we will distribute this kit at the November meeting. That way, you’ll have your instructions and materials just in case we have to cancel winter meetings, and you won’t get too far behind. Our plan is to start the smocking in January, begin construction demos in February, and finish it up in March. More details to come soon. You will choose your own fabrics for this project; your kit will include the pleated insert.

April/May: We’ll be creating the Smocked Eyeglass Case that was postponed from last year’s program list. This case will come in very handy for your readers, and Ruthann is working up a pattern for a larger version for those of us who have bigger peepers! Again, we will start the smocking in April and then finish up with a construction demo in May. You will be provided with the pleated insert and either ribbons or fabric to create the body of the case (we’re not sure yet!).

June: Another long-awaited (and previously postponed) program—the Scissor Fob! This adorable little gizmo will keep your scissors well-identified so no one can walk away with them! Each kit will be unique.... Oh no, decisions, decisions! Your kit will include precut fabric and instructions for making the scissor fob.

We hope you’re as excited about these programs as we are! All samples will be available at the September meeting. Come and take a look and decide to make them all!
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Classic Sewing Autumn 2018 Issue

There’s still time to pick up the Autumn issue of Classic Sewing! Just look at this cute little fellow on the cover. How can you resist? This issue’s pattern envelope contains the gorgeous Smocked Tartan Yoke Dress by the one and only Gail Doane, plus another classic dress by Regena Karasch (and the shortall pattern on the cover). Vaune Pierce’s Crisscross Applesauce dress is just the cutest thing, and there are plenty more back-to-school clothes for girls (including a quilted jacket and dress by Evy Hawkins that makes me want the Babylock Sashiko machine even more than I already do, if that’s even possible), and some baby gowns too. In the “projects for us!” department, there’s a lovely embroidered needlebook as well as ideas for embellishing clothing with vintage laces. Something for everyone and every skill level. Check it out at Barnes & Noble or JoAnn Fabrics.

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

Please check off your name on the attendance sheet and indicate how many items you brought for any of our service projects.

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NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2018

WHAT TO BRING:

- Your potluck dish, serving utensil, place setting and utensils.
- Your dues payment of $15.00 if not yet paid.
- Show and Share, and plenty of it!
- Service Project Donations
- Door Prize Donations
- Don’t forget to bring a friend or acquaintance who might be interested in joining us! Your guest can attend two meetings for free!