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, then about 2 miles to Hillside Road.)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Yankee Friends,

Happy Spring!! 🌷🌷🌷🌷 Hope you all had a nice Easter with your families, and to those of you thinking of lost family members on the holiday, I’m sorry for your losses.

I'm so excited that Bewitching Stitches - our sister chapter in Massachusetts - is letting me attend their workshop with Phyllis Brown April 9th and 10th! Phyllis is teaching her dress" Beth".

How did you all make out with the "duck" Easter egg? Can't wait to see them all at the meeting!! I made some for my family and they all loved them!!

This month we will be working on our Debbie Glenn pocketbook. If anyone finds the purse handles let me know. I have looked in all the stores around me and they don't have them. I had asked Debbie but she is moving and can't find anything- understandable.

Hope the warm weather gets here soon before I freeze to death!☃

If you have any Rhode Island item - which we agreed will be the theme for our SAGA convention basket - please bring to the meeting. I want to get a head start on this to make it one of the best baskets!

One more thing... my sister sent me on Facebook a text that had a picture of bolts of fabric on shelves with the saying" Sewers are all alike". “My stash is getting low”. So I respond "Yep this is Me"!! 😄. (I thought you all would like a good laugh!)

Happy Stitching,
Sandi

Basket for National Convention

It was decided in March that we'll make another Rhode Island-themed basket for the National Convention this year. Sandi wants ours to be the best basket there, so please bring any donations you may have!
Our April / May Program: Smocked Block Purse

This month, Sandi Thurston and Cindy Lambrecht will get us started on the Smocked Block Purse program. Please consult your pattern and gather the materials. Cindy suggested that you bring your fabric (of course!), a ruler, appropriate marker(s), a cutting mat, and some pins.

Many of us have been looking forward to this program for quite some time, and since we’ve already gotten the April snowstorm out of the way, we should be on target to start on the 11th!

Make a Serged Fabric Bin!

Get that serger out of the closet and make this cute little storage bin! The link contains complete instructions and the pattern, which you can make from precut 10” squares or yardage.


And while you’re at it – how about a Serger Scrap Catcher?

Personally I have needed one of these forever (although I do convince myself that stooping down to gather serger scraps off the floor is considered exercise!). Here’s an easy pattern for a nice sturdy scrap catcher for your serger. Just a little bit of fabric, some interfacing and batting, and no more mess!

http://so-sew-easy.com/easy-serger-scrap-catcher/

Some Tips on Thread

Did you ever wonder why certain threads work better on your machine than others? Or why most machines have both a horizontal and a vertical spool pin? Here’s an article that clarifies the different types of threads and, more importantly, how to use them successfully:

http://so-sew-easy.com/vertical-horizontal-thread-holder/

Honorary Memberships Bestowed!

Rosalie Nocera and Edith Brousseau have been designated "Honorary Lifetime Members" of Yankee Chapter!

Congratulations to both ladies.
Cute Crayon Roll-Up!

Since our members seem to have grandchildren popping up all over the place, here’s an adorable pattern for the kiddos. Great for party gifts and craft fairs too!

http://so-sew-easy.com/crafty-crayon-roll/

New Magazine: Classic Sewing

At the last meeting, Sandi told us about a new magazine on the market, called Classic Sewing. It’s a beautiful publication! The price of a charter subscription is $75.00, for which you get four quarterly issues of the magazine. Each issue is 132 pages and also includes a pattern packet. Check it out here: http://www.classicsewingmagazine.com

Show-and-Share: March 2016

Sandi Thurston showed her usual assortment of completed projects (I’m convinced that she does NOT sleep!). They included a carousel horse blanket from SATB; her finished beach-themed quilt that we had seen in progress a while back; a basket full of smocked eggs; a laser-cut beaded wool embroidered scarf (a Jan Kerton project from SATB); her granddaughter Maddie’s Minnie Mouse-themed birthday dress, as well as a photo of Maddie wearing her Christmas dress; a hand-painted, beaded and silk ribbon-embroidered bench scene (SATB again); and a doll wearing a pin-tucked and beaded dress with a white smocked cape, which was a Susie Gay project from SATB.

Donna Costa showed her 18" doll wearing an outfit made from a Riley Blake panel, “Primrose Garden”, which includes a dress, jacket and apron. Two more projects made from panels were “Bella Butterfly” (by Melly & Me) and “Little Red” (by Moda Fabrics) which includes Red Riding Hood, her cape and little stuffed wolf, a matching small quilt and pillow that says “Sweet Dreams”. Donna also showed her version of the “Adapt Your Lap” needlework pillow, which was made from blue alien-print fabric (cute aliens, not scary ones!).

Denise Brown showed a smocked bonnet featuring a bunny design, and her (now 26 year old!) daughter's outfit of a coat and bonnet in blue velveteen.

Edith Brousseau showed her beautiful rag doll.

Ruthann Sisson showed an assortment of projects including her folded star Christmas ornament, a smocked egg, a smocked beaded ball, an angel ornament, a book cover, and several preemie and regular sized hats.

Thanks for the show-and-share! We look forward to seeing your projects in April!
NEXT MEETING – April 11, 2016 – What to Bring:

- Supplies needed for the Program
- Dessert/Refreshments
- Show-and-Share Items
- Service Project Items
- Donations for Door Prizes

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, Sandi, to let her know so that she can in turn arrange for coverage. Thank you!

YANKEE CHAPTER REMAINING MEETING DATES 2016

- May 9
- June 13 (Yard Sale)

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

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