This Month’s Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2014
Doors Open at 6:30 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, then about 2 miles to Hillside Road.)

January Hostesses:
Dot Eva

REMINDER: SAGA NATIONAL DUES ARE DUE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014.

Everyone who has an e-mail address on file with SAGA should have received a renewal notice. If you have not received one, you can pay online at the SAGA website (www.smocking.org). The Chapter also has membership forms available. All members of Yankee SAGA are required to join the national organization as well. Thank you for your cooperation!

FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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If you have any Valentine's fabric, please bring it. If not, Kathy will have plenty to choose from.

The cost of the project is $3.00. Please bring your regular sewing supplies.

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FROM THE DOOR PRIZE COMMITTEE
January Door Prizes

Amy Nocera will be driving her grandmother, Rosalie, to the January meeting, and to subsequent meetings as well. Rosalie apologizes for recent absences which deprived you of your door prizes. We are hoping all goes well in the New Year.

Yankee Chapter Meeting Dates: 2013-2014
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9

Show-and-Share: December 2013

Sandy Thurston showed a child's dress called "String of Lights" made in “lights” material with a smocking plate by Cherished Stitches; this was made for her great-niece Taylor for Christmas.

Sandy Thurston, Donna Boucher, and Sharon Simoneau all showed their completed dress and jacket from the recent Gail Doane workshop - all were BEAUTIFUL!!! Congratulations to each of the ladies!

Free Pattern for an iPad Pillow!

Did you or a loved one receive an iPad this Christmas? If so, you might want to try this nifty pattern to make an iPad pillow.

http://thriftstorecrafter.com/2013/10/17/the-ipad-pillow-another-tutorial-for-my-favorite-gadget/

Learn the Perfect Ladder Stitch

Here’s a nice tutorial on how to do the ladder stitch. This stitch is very useful for closing items like pillows and stuffed animals. Check it out here:

http://www.positivelysplendid.com/2013/02/sew-a-pillow-closed-by-hand-blind-ladder-stitch.html#a5y_p=1027329

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!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Pat Deaett - the Lucky #1 in this year’s Yankee Swap! Pat originally chose a bag containing three beautiful ornaments that Dot Eva had decorated - and decided to keep them! There were a few other swaps too - all in good fun, with many lovely ornaments and other Christmas mementos.

Welcome Guests!!!
A hearty Yankee hello to our December guests Sue Smith and Susie Thurston!
Sew Beautiful, Issue #151 – Warm & Wonderful Winter Sewing

The newest Sew Beautiful is their winter-themed issue. It’s nice that SB is now publishing ahead of season, to give everyone time to get some beautiful things finished! Projects in this issue are most the lines of winter white garments and Valentine’s Day related designs.

One standout project is the Winter Rose smocked coat with a matching bishop dress and bonnet .... such a classic design, in Sizes 12M to 4T. The sample made for the magazine uses a beautiful ivory wool challis. In addition, there is a classic winter white baby daygown from Jeannie Downs Baumeister; an adorable embroidered jacket from Gail Doane; and a Wendy Schoen design for baby (with the jacket and bunting patterns included in the magazine).

The issue also features a very modern, comfy jumper with exposed chenille decorative seaming. This particular project is child-sized, but it uses your favorite jumper pattern, so the technique could easily be adapted to women’s sizes too.

Sew Beautiful’s next issue (available this month) focuses on Easter clothes!

Creating Keepsakes Special Issue: Creative Spaces (Quilt-Sew-Craft)

By now, everyone who reads this newsletter knows that I am totally obsessed with books and magazines about organizing! This new special issue published by Creating Keepsakes (a company that generally concentrates on scrapbooking and paper crafting) gives a peek into the studios of women who are famous for their sewing and/or quilting and/or fiber art talents. The magazine begins with an absolutely awesome essay from Maria Nerius that does a wonderful job of emphasizing that organization is a highly personal matter. She relates a humorous story about how she allowed her engineer husband to “help” her organize, which was great until she actually tried to use her space! Her mind simply does not work in the same linear fashion as his, and therefore all the organization stymied her creative process.

Several of the crafters featured should be familiar, including Nancy Zieman (Nancy’s Notions) and Joyce Drexler (Sulky of America). Lots of great ideas and dream-worthy spaces to look at!

YANKEE CHAPTER SLATE OF OFFICERS 2013-2014

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Vice-President: Sandi Thurston
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Library: Edith Brousseau & Cindy Lambrecht
Scrapbook/Photographer: Nancy Beauregard
Hospitality: Kathy Dacey
Sunshine: Del Burd
Service Project: Pat Deaett
Archivist: Donna Costa

SPRING TEACHER PLANNING

Jane Beehr will have some updated information regarding the spring teacher at our meeting. Plans are in process!

SERVICE PROJECT

Thanks to Norma Aldrich (71 knitted hats), Donna Boucher (2 smocked hats), and Dot Eva (4 smocked and 7 crocheted hats) for their donations in December!
**NEXT MEETING – January 6, 2014 – WHAT TO BRING:**

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

**REMINDER: DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!**

Please see Rosalie or Lynda.

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