This Month’s Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2014
Doors Open at 6:00 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, then about 2 miles to Hillside Road.)

POTLUCK TIME!

September features our annual Potluck Dinner! Please bring a dish to share plus an appropriate serving utensil, your plate & cup. And don’t forget to wear your nametag!

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT!

Dear Yankee Friends!

Hope you all enjoyed this beautiful summer we have had, with many sewing days!

I’m delighted to be your President for the next two years. If you have some ideas for projects, teachers, or anything else related to our Chapter, please let me or one of the board members know. Remember it’s everyone’s responsibility to all work together to keep our Yankee Chapter “glowing”!!

Hoping some of you will be going to the SAGA Convention in Orlando Florida. I’m excited and thrilled to be going!! My son and his girlfriend are driving down with me, and they will be going to Disney World. As my son says, it took you 23 years to get me there!! 😊

Some of you may not know about Sewing at the Beach. It is held in January and, like Convention, has great teachers. It certainly was a hard choice for me to pick this year as I wanted to do everything!! Susie will be going with me. She wants to see her friend Jan Kerton! Check out SATB online! Hurry and don’t wait too long because classes will fill up soon. Last year it was a treat to sit with all my Yankee friends at the table.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting. Happy stitching!

Sandi

SATB Link: http://sewingatthebeach.com/

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YANKEE CHAPTER DUES WERE DUE IN JUNE

Your Yankee Chapter Membership Dues of $15.00 were due at the June meeting.

Have your dues been paid?

If not, please be prepared to pay them at the September meeting. Thank you!

Purse Organizer – Free Pattern

Have you ever wanted to make one of those nifty purse organizers – the kind you can just pop out of one purse and into another? The store-bought versions are so very bland and beige... make a colorful one that suits your style with this free pattern from Robert Kaufman fabrics! They made the sample using slicker fabric, but I think any type of sturdy fabric would be suitable too. Look here:

http://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/purse Organizer/

Reminder from Our “Sunshine Coordinator”!

Del Burd is our Sunshine Person again this year. She asked that anyone who knows of a happening, good or bad, that requires attention from Yankee please let her know right away via e-mail or a phone call. Del can be contacted by e-mail at donanddel@msn.com or phone at 413-525-3200.

Free Projects from Pellon!

Did you know that the Pellon Company has a ton of free project ideas on their website? From bags to kitchen projects like casserole carriers, quilts to home décor, there are plenty to choose from. Check them out here:

http://www.pellonprojects.com/projects/

YANKEE CHAPTER SLATE OF OFFICERS 2014-2015

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Service Project - ???
Archivist - Karen Ouhrabka
Door Prize - ???
Yard Sale - Ruthann Sisson & Karen Ouhrabka

Sorry, your Newsletter Editor is a bit confused as to what nominations were finalized in June, as I was working the Yard Sale. I do know that we are looking for someone for library and door prize, but I'm not sure if anyone actually took on the service project. We’ll figure it all out in September!

Susie Gay Workshop

Editor's Note: The Susie Gay information attached to this newsletter was “borrowed” from the SAGA Sewcation Brochure, as we are sponsoring the same workshop. Not sure if there are any spaces left! Further announcements will be made at the September meeting.
Sandi Thurston showed her Judith Marquis Christmas ornament featuring trees. She also showed her completed nightgown with the “sharks teeth” inset that she had brought to last month’s meeting.

Lynda Whittemore showed her undersea picture smocking, as well as her wall hangings for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day.

Nancy Beauregard showed her quilted tote bag, made from one charm pack of 5” squares.

Donna Boucher showed her Downton Abbey tote, which is a Pink Sand Beach design purchased in a kit from Keepsake Quilting.

Thanks for all of the wonderful show-and-share items we have seen this year, and please keep them coming! We love to see everyone’s completed (and in-progress) projects!

Yankee SAGA Meeting Dates & Notes

2014:
September 8 (Potluck)
October 13 (Columbus Day)
November 10
December 8 (Christmas Party)

2015:
January 12
February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8 (Yard Sale)

Watch this space for further updates!

Organizer Wallet Tutorial

I have made several of these for gifts over the summer months, and they are always appreciated!


UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 2-7: Brimfield, Mass. Antique Show
http://www.brimfieldshow.com/

September 17-21: SAGA Presents “Sewcation” in Orlando, Florida.
www.smocking.org

September 20: Teachers, Textiles & Tea at Ryco Creative Sewing Center, 25 Carrington Street, Lincoln.
www.rycotrim.com or call 401-725-1779.

November 8 & 9: Susie Gay visits Yankee Chapter.

SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

If you have worked on any bonnets during the summer, be sure to bring them to the September meeting!
NEXT MEETING – September 8, 2014 – WHAT TO BRING:

- Your potluck dish, serving utensil, plate/cup & nametag.
- Chapter dues of $15.00 (if not already paid).
- Show-and-Share Items
- Preemie Bonnets
- Donations for Door Prize Committee

REMINDER: SAGA Ballots
This year, Kathy Dacey has volunteered to collect all of our ballots for the National SAGA elections which will be held at Convention. If you have not yet voted, please bring your proxy to the meeting.

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 SAGA
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This is the ultimate sewing notion carrier! The gorgeous, unique purse is silk ribbon embroidered with a beaded monogram on one side and a floral garden on the other and stands 10 1/2” tall including the handles. It unfolds flat (about 19” x 20” not including handles), via untying the beaded tasseled cords, to reveal a pincushion with attached emery, scissor case, needle case, one double pocket and two long cases for pens, etc.. Each case is embroidered and beaded, then attached to the inside of the Purse Reticule. Silk ribbon stitches covered in class include: Japanese Ribbon, straight stitch, lazy daisy, spider web rose, loop flowers. Embroidery stitches covered in class are: stem or outline, chain, whipped spider web, blanket stitch loops, blanket stitch and making cord. Students will embroider most of the outside case, and construct the scissor case, one long case, pincushion and emery in class. Cord will be made in class and attached to the pincushion and emery. The rest of the case will be constructed at home using the detailed instructions.
Class Code: 127 Susie Gay

The Purse Reticule