Smocking Arts Guild of America
Yankee Chapter
Cumberland, Rhode Island

June, 2018 Issue
This Month’s Meeting: June 11, 2018
Doors Open at 6:30 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 JUNE

It is hard to believe that this is the last meeting of the year for our chapter. The time has certainly flown by! We had many diverse and interesting programs thanks to Donna and Ruthann. If you have not completed them, maybe you can do so over the summer and bring them in September.

Thank you to all members who have generously provided refreshments, items for the door prize raffle, our service projects, and Show and Share.

Our program for this month is the book sale. We will be selling more of the books from our library and those donated by Cornelia Anderson’s family. The books will be sorted by requested donation. Any purchase reminds us of Cornelia’s time and devotion to the formation of and commitment to Yankee SAGA. Bring a friend to take advantage of this opportunity to acquire some great books at bargain basement prices.

This month is also the time to renew your dues. We are still maintaining the Yankee chapter membership fee at $15. We will happily accept cash or check made payable to Yankee Chapter SAGA.

Don’t forget to bring your completed bonnets and foster kids bags. See you on the 11th.

Pat & Jane

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FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: JUNE BOOK SALE! BRING A FRIEND!! BRING PREVIOUS PROJECTS!

Come one, come all to our June book sale! Feel free to bring any and all friends who might be interested. We hope to have a great turnout and sell lots of books which were donated to our Chapter by the family of Cornelia Anderson and others. The proceeds will go toward future efforts such as getting a National teacher or improving upon our monthly kits! Also, if you need help with any of the programs we worked on this past year, please bring the kit with you. Ruthann and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Completed projects, that’s our goal!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YANKEE CHAPTER 2018-2019

Below is our proposed slate of officers for next year. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted prior to the election in June.

Co-President: Pat Tarpy
Co-President: Jane Beehr
Vice-President: N/A
Treasurer: Pat Tarpy
Secretary: Sharon Simoneau

Membership: Marie Cobleigh
Program: Donna Costa & Ruthann Sisson
(Free Donations)
Scrapbook/Photographer: Nancy Beauregard
Newsletter: Donna Costa
Hospitality: Sue Smith
Sunshine: Fran Karwoski
Service Project: Sandi Thurston
Archivist: Karen Ouhrabka

Make a Quick and Easy Gift: A Topper for a Special Kitchen Towel!

This great project from the folks at Nancy Zieman Productions helps you whip up a special gift in no time flat! Make a topper for a printed linen kitchen towel. There are so many of these towels available with various sayings. I purchased a towel recently that has a cute drawing and a recipe printed on it, and made one of these toppers (will bring to Show-and-Share in June). Instructions and patterns are free and available here:

http://www.nancyzieman.com/blog/sewing-general/kitchen-towel-topper-tutorial/

Foster Kids Bags—Our Service Project!

The June meeting is your last chance to pick up Foster Kids Bag kits before the summer months! We hope that all of our members will be able to make at least a couple of bags over the summer break, and pick up a few little items to add to the bags.* Maybe we can return in September with a huge bunch of bags for the effort! Thanks to everyone who has participated and/or donated fabrics or toiletries. We really do appreciate it!

Also, if anyone has ideas or suggestions for another service project for next year (besides the baby hats, isoolite covers, and foster kid bags) please let us know. It’s great to have a variety of projects, for all skill levels.

*Things we can add to our donation are: small toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner), combs and brushes, pads and pencils, towels & facecloths, and pillowcases.
SHOW AND SHARE: MAY 2018

Marie Cobleigh brought her lovely embroidered wall hanging made in an OESD workshop. Marie also attended a Floriani workshop in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and made a cute tablet holder pyramid-shaped pillow. In addition, Marie showed her placemat bag which will be sold at the Fayerweather Guild shop, and her “tankini” which is a topper made for the toilet tank!

Ruthann Sisson showed more of her Barbie clothes (she’s gotten those tiny things down to a science!) and a dress for Samantha made from a pillow. Ruthann also showed her snap-top bag and a receiving blanket.

Donna Costa showed her Swedish Folded Star (possible program for next year), and the Small Crossbody Wallet created from a pattern by So-Sew-Easy (although this is more of a phone case, as it has no wallet characteristics!).

Kathy Dacey showed some of her “little shorts for Africa” and a machine embroidered dress.

Embroidery Books by Kathy Schmitz: A Review by Donna Costa

I recently discovered a very talented hand embroidery designer, Kathy Schmitz, whose books are published by “That Patchwork Place”. She currently has three published works, Stitches from the Garden, Stitches from the Harvest, and the recently-released Stitches from the Yuletide:

Kathy has been designing for Moda Fabrics since 2002 and has had her own pattern company since 2007. I just love her designs—they are whimsical without being childlike, and her color choices are so gentle and beautiful. She combines embroidery with simple sewing and quilting projects, including small wall hangings, needle cases, and book covers. Kathy has a website (www.kathyschmitz.com) where you can sign up for her free mailing list. She offers the “One Stitch at a Time” monthly club which sends you a new design on the first of each month ($24.00 annual subscription). You can also purchase .pdf patterns of many types from her website. If you love hand embroidery and especially with a vintage and soft appearance, check out Kathy’s designs, you will love them.
SAGA Mission Statement

"The purpose of the Smocking Arts Guild of America is to preserve and foster the art of smocking and related needlework for future generations through education, service, communication and quality workmanship."

Get well wishes go out to Sandi Thurston who is recovering from foot surgery (hopefully with a basketful of handwork by her side!).

Hospitality Information:
Hostesses for June:
We’ve run out of letters!
Bring a dessert if you’re feeling generous!

Chapter dues of $12.00 for the upcoming 2018-2019 SAGA year will be collected at the June meeting. Please come prepared! Thank you.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS,
DON’T FORGET TO SIGN IN AND PICK UP YOUR DOOR PRIZE TICKETS!
We also have a new Attendance Sheet this year. Please check off your name on the sheet and indicate how many items you brought for any of our service projects.

Next meeting: June 11, 2018

What to bring:
• Money, money, money for our book sale!!! $$$$$$$$$
• Bring a friend too!
• Completed Foster Kids’ Bags & Other Service Project Items
• Dessert if you’re feeling generous!
• Show-and-Share Items