A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Yankee Friends,

Happy Easter! Happy spring!! I'm so happy all the snow has melted, my crocus are blooming, and the birds are singing!!

Many thanks to Sharon for all her hard work of making those Easter bunny kits. I love mine!! It is on my dinning room table.

Hope you all have been getting a lot of sewing done as it sure has been a good month to do just that with all this bad weather we've had! Although I've been holding and rocking my new granddaughter Madison...she's so cute! No sewing gets done when she's around!! LOL. There will be plenty of time to sew later!!

Hope to see you all at the meeting. Happy spring!

Love, Sandi

SERVICE PROJECT NEWS!

We received a total of six smocked bonnets at the March meeting.

Please ladies – let’s each try to get some bonnets whipped up and donated for our service project!

We welcomed guests Brenda Boromski and her daughter Rebekah at our March meeting. Hope to see you again soon!

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OUR APRIL PROGRAM: “Forget-Me-Not” Ribbon Ruler Case
Taught by Jane Connelly

Jane Connelly will lead our program on the “Forget-Me-Not” Ribbon Ruler Case, as published in the late Spring 2014 issue of SAGA News (Page 22). This lesson in embroidery will cover the Colonial Knot, Glove Stitch, and thread loops.

Please bring the following supplies:

1. 12” ruler
2. Scissors
3. A board to anchor your needle (such as an art foam board, June Tailor, etc.)
4. Pins or Clover Wonder Clips
5. Lighting and magnification if you need it.

Your kit will be priced at $3.00 and will include: printed handout, grosgrain ribbon and practice ribbon, variegated floss, yellow floss, green floss, matching floss, a shank button and needles.

NOTE: Jane will have available for purchase 6” C-Thru Rulers at $2.00 each. Please bring the correct amount in $1 bills if you would like to buy one.

Pictured at right is the cover of the issue in which the design appears.

SHOW AND SHARE – MARCH!

Donna Boucher showed her two smocked nightgowns created from the pattern Autumn Leaves by Judith Marquis. The flannels were purchased at Jo-Ann Fabrics. Donna also showed a birthday shirt for her husband made from fabric purchased in Hawaii. In addition, Donna showed her lovely Celtic blouse created at SATB 2015 in a class with Peggy Dilbone, and another SATB project, the Lace Insertion Blouse, made on a Baby Lock Ovation serger (which I think may have followed Donna home?).

Marie Cobleigh showed her tote bag, a serger project from SATB. She also showed her “blooming bag”, another SATB project made completely by serger, except for the decorative flower which was an “in the hoop” embroidery design.

Nancy Beauregard showed her cute sewing supply bag in red and white fabric featuring removable clear plastic pockets held in with Velcro.

New grandmother Sandi Thurston showed several projects (as usual!) including her completed Bunny Wallhanging, a baby girl’s sailor suit, a lacy blue baby girl dress (a Susie Gay design), a hippo baby blanket, adorable bibs and burp cloths (reversible), a laptop case in black checkered fabric with red trim and a decorative red flower with her initial in the center, diaper bags, a Christmas ball ornament, a shopping cart cover for baby, and a quilt kit from Sewing at the Beach. Whew!

The team of Cindy Lambrecht and Edith Brousseau showed a beautiful Gail Doane dress which was worn last Christmas, and a “Beatle Bag” sewing case by Abbey Lane Quilts, with plastic pockets and a handy attached pincushion. (And we heard a very interesting story about Edith which we will not soon forget..yikes!)

Thanks for all the fabulous show-and-share this month!
**YANKEE CHAPTER**

**SLATE OF OFFICERS 2014-2015**

- President - Sandra Thurston
- Vice-President - Donna Boucher
- Secretary - Kathy Dacey
- Treasurer - Pat Tarpy
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- Newsletter - Donna Costa
- Library – Lynda Whittemore
- Scrapbook/Photographer - Nancy Beauregard
- Hospitality – Sharon Simoneau
- Sunshine - Del Burd
- Service Project – Pat Deaett
- Archivist - Karen Ouhrabka
- Door Prize – Rosalie Nocera (with assistance from a rotating schedule of members – see list in newsletter).
- Yard Sale - Ruthann Sisson & Karen Ouhrabka

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**Arnolds Mills Community House**

**15th Annual Art Show & Sale**

- Friday, April 10th from 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday, April 11th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Sunday, April 12th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Watercolor, oils, ceramics, photography, and multi-media works by local artists.

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**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON**

Our SAGA membership dues were payable as of January 1, 2015.

When you receive your confirmation of payment from National SAGA, please bring a copy to Marge Savage for our chapter’s records. Thank you!

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**MONTHLY DOOR PRIZE DRAWING(S)**

Reminder: The person who signed up for each month to run the door prize drawings does NOT have to go out and purchase anything for prizes. The members will continue to bring whatever donations they have to the meetings; those items will be given away as prizes. There is no set number of prizes which must be drawn each month – some months we’ll have only one or two, some months more – whatever is donated will be given away!

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**DOOR PRIZE DESIGNEES FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR:**

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**Yankee SAGA Upcoming Meeting Dates & Programs**

- **April 13:** Embroidered Ruler Holder
- **May 11:** Collapsible Thread Catcher
- **June 8:** Yard Sale & Silent Auction

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**Little Zipper Pouch – Free Pattern!**

The name of this pattern is the “Phone Pouch with Zipper” but I think it could have many uses! Very good and thorough directions also.

NEXT MEETING – April 13, 2015 – WHAT TO BRING:

- 12” Ruler, scissors, board, pins or Clover clips, lighting & Magnification, $3.00 kit fee, additional $2.00 if purchasing ruler.
- Refreshments (if you are assigned)
- Show-and-Share Items
- Preemie Bonnets
- Donations for Door Prize Committee

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!

REMINDER: DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!