February, 2014 Issue

This Month’s Meeting: Monday, February 10, 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.)

February Hostesses:
Carol Lanni

REMINDER: SAGA NATIONAL DUES WERE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2014.

All members should bring evidence of their renewed SAGA membership to the February meeting. Please provide your documentation to Marjory Savage. We are required to provide this information to our Regional Representative. You should have received a renewal notice but, if not, please go to the SAGA website (www.smocking.org). All members of Yankee SAGA are required to join the national organization.

FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Our program for February & March will be a smocked Easter basket, with instructor Donna Boucher. The cost of your kit will be $6.00.

Please bring your regular sewing and smocking supplies to the meeting, along with odds and ends of floss, beads, and other embellishments. You should also bring a small container for trading beads with others. The more variety, the better!

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Is your ironing board cover scorched and not fit for a visit from Good Housekeeping? Make a new one, with just a few minutes and a couple yards of fabric. Pick something pretty that matches your space!

http://www.makeithandmade.com/2013/05/the-easiest-ironing-board-cover-ever.html

Our Heartfelt Apologies!

It has come to our attention that Pat Tarpy, a longtime member of Yankee SAGA, was in fact one of the original members of the Chapter when it was formed back in 1983! We deeply regret not recognizing this fact during our recent 30th anniversary celebration event. Pat, please forgive us!

Free Pattern for a Cute Chicken Beanbag

This little chicken is designed as a beanbag but could certainly be a pincushion as well!

http://www.sewforsoul.blogspot.co.uk/search/label/Chicken%20Bean%20Bag%20Tutorial

SPRING TEACHER PLANNING

Jane Beehr continues to diligently work on the planning for a teacher to come to our Chapter in the spring. Jane will offer updated information at the February meeting. Teachers discussed in January included Lyn Weeks, Vaune Pierce, and Judith Marquis.

NEW MEMBER OUTREACH

Jane Eskelund has spoken with Pat Ryan (Owner/Proprietor of Ryco) about using the store’s space to conduct a smocking demonstration or some other type of outreach, as we are in need of new members. Current members were receptive to this approach. Jane will check RYCO's calendar for an appropriate date and report back.

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!
Show & Share - January 2014:

Donna Boucher worked up a lovely Easter Basket (using Rosalie's as a model) for our February & March programs. Donna accomplished this while recuperating from a broken foot which happened on Christmas day!

Kathy Dacey showed many doll items including two bathing suits, a two-piece play suit, capri pants with a short top, two dresses from Wendy Schoen’s "Penny" pattern, and a pink linen skirt.

Sharon Simoneau showed a quilted Valentine heart wall hanging, Valentine dress and a raincoat with a ruffled hood for the American Girl doll.

Make a Nifty Purse Organizer!

We’ve all seen those very useful (but sometimes, kind of bland) organizers that you can pop out of one purse and into another. The ready-made ones can be pricey, and the patterns to make them can be also! But here’s a great – and FREE – pattern! I can picture this made in plenty of adorable prints that would dress up the inside of any purse.

[Link to pattern](http://www.thegivingflower.de/patterns/Purse_Organizer_Recipe18_11.pdf)

An Antidote for a Long Winter

My goodness, this winter has been so very long! But summer is coming, and here’s a little preview. This project is called The Sunbathing Companion, and it would make a great project for a teen or pre-teen just learning to sew! It’s quite a unique item, pretty and practical too.

[Link to Project](http://www.modabakeshop.com/2012/07/sunbathing-companion.html)

YANKEE CHAPTER SLATE OF OFFICERS 2013-2014

President: Donna Boucher
Vice-President: Sandi Thurston
Secretary: Jane Eskelund
Treasurer: Marjory Savage
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Programs: Kathy Dacey
Newsletter/Archivist: Donna Costa
Door Prize: Lynda Whittemore & Rosalie Nocera
Library: Edith Brousseau & Cindy Lambrecht
Scrapbook/Photographer: Nancy Beauregard
Hospitality: Kathy Dacey
Service Project: Del Burd
Sunshine: Pat Deaett
Archivist: Donna Costa

SERVICE PROJECT

Many thanks to the members who contributed hats in January:

- Norma Aldrich – 60 knit
- Dot Eva – 6 knit
- Donna Boucher – 2 smocked
- Karen Ouhrabka – 4 smocked

Lots of little baby heads will be nice and warm this month, thanks to all of you!
NEXT MEETING – February 10, 2014 – WHAT TO BRING:

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

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

REMINDER: DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!
Please see Rosalie or Lynda.