A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT
NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

Dear Yankee Friends,

It’s me, Donna, substituting for Sandi while she is off enjoying her time at Sewing at the Beach! Thought I would send out a short newsletter this month even though we are not having a meeting.

Happy 2016 and see you all in February!

-Donna C-

OUR SPRING PROJECT – THE DEBBIE GLENN SMOCKED BLOCK PURSE!

Hopefully everyone who needs the Smocked Block Purse pattern has informed Jane Eskelund by now (if you have not, her contact information is below). We will have further details on what to expect regarding this project in next month’s newsletter.

NOTE: Jane Eskelund has volunteered to order the patterns for us, and she needs to know how many copies to purchase from Debbie Glenn at Love & Stitches. If you were not present at the October meeting, please let Jane know if you need a pattern before she places the order – in other words, as soon as you can. Please call her at 508-761-5421 or e-mail rtprov@gmail.com.
SHOW AND SHARE: DECEMBER 2015
(A huge thank-you to Marge who provided the details on the December show-and-share!)

Sandi Thurston showed a darling dress and matching bonnet she made for her grand-daughter. She even had pictures of the baby wearing the outfit! Sandi also showed a tree ornament.

Pat Tarpy showed a gorgeous bishop dress.

Karen Ouhrabka showed several “old” Christmas items.

Ruthann Sisson showed two preemie bonnets, in two different sizes, made of fleece fabric.

Jane Eskelund showed blankets and bonnets that were made by former member Barbara Brunner.

Sue Smith showed many home-made ornaments made by herself and other family members. The family used some of these ornaments to stage puppet shows.

Thank you everyone!

YANKEE SWAP UPDATE!

Congratulations to Karen Ouhrabka, the Lucky #1 in December’s Yankee Swap! It was reported that Karen enjoyed swapping several times before settling on her final choice, one of the beautiful and unique ornaments provided by our members. As always, a great party was had by all!

MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

We are still working to resolve the issues with our membership booklet. Your patience is appreciated!

SERVICE PROJECT

Our donation totals will be updated in February!

YANKEE CHAPTER
SLATE OF OFFICERS 2015-2016

President - Sandra Thurston
Vice-President - Donna Boucher
Secretary - Kathy Dacey
Treasurer - Pat Tarpy
Membership - Marjory Savage
Programs - Cindy Lambrecht
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 – (Open Position)
Yard Sale - Ruthann Sisson, Karen Ouhrabka & Donna Costa

YANKEE CHAPTER MEETING DATES 2015-2016

2016:
February 8
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 13 (Yard Sale)
RECIPE BY SPECIAL REQUEST …
MARJORY SAVAGE’S CRÈME DE MENTHE SQUARES!

Cake:

1 cup sugar  
½ cup butter
1 cup flour  
1 tsp. vanilla
½ tsp. Salt  
4 Eggs
1 – 16 oz. Hershey’s Chocolate Syrup

Combine butter and sugar. Add vanilla, eggs, and chocolate syrup. Add flour and salt. Pour into greased 9”x13” pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Cool completely

Mint Layer:

2 cups powdered sugar, sifted
½ cup butter, softened
2 TB crème de menthe

Beat together until smooth and creamy. Spread on cooled cake.

Glaze:

6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate bits
6 TB butter

Melt together in saucepan and refrigerate for 20 minutes. Spread on cooled cake and mint layer.

NOTES: Margarine can be used throughout recipe. White crème de menthe may be used and colored as desired.

BOOK REVIEW

By Donna Costa

One-Yard Wonders: 101 Sewing Projects
By Rebecca Yaker & Patricia Hoskins
List Price $24.95 (Amazon Price $14.77)

This is another of the books I was able to obtain electronically through my library, and it was a good choice!

The patterns are divided within the book in categories – home décor, craft organization, on-the-go, carry it all, and so forth. There are a lot of items for kids, including clothing, accessories, and toys. Some items of women’s clothing are included, although in my opinion they are definitely for the 20-somethings! There’s even a chapter of gifts for your pooch or kitty. The first chapter gives plenty of introductory information (really useful for beginners) and is written in a good concise manner, with helpful diagrams as well. These projects are easy enough for a new sewer, and would be great gift items for a more experienced sewer to whip up in a flash. Some standout projects for me were the Obi-Inspired Hot and Cold Pack; the Origami Organizer (which can be used as a notions box, a jewelry organizer, or a kitchen drawer catch-all); the Not-Ugly Car Trash Bag (because let’s face it, we all need one!); and a little Fabric Dollhouse which is quite adorable.

And lo and behold, there’s even a stylish round pillow featuring lattice smocking! A current book with some smocking is such a rare find!
Next Meeting – February 8, 2016 – What to Bring:

- Program Materials (info will be provided next month)
- Dessert/Refreshments
- Show-and-Share Items
- Bonnets
- Donations for Door Prizes

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH PROGRAMS THIS YEAR! If you’re willing to help out, please contact CINDY LAMBRECHT.

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!

When you arrive at our monthly meetings, don’t forget to sign in and pick up your door prize tickets!

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