October, 2018 Issue
This Month’s Meeting: October 8, 2018 (Columbus Day)
Doors Open at 6:45 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 OCTOBER

It was great to see so many familiar faces, as well as a few new ones, at our September meeting. Sandi Thurston and her mom, Sue Smith, were there. Sandi is still recovering from her foot surgery. Fortunately, that has not affected her beautiful projects as demonstrated by the number of blue ribbons she was awarded at the fair. We were pleasantly surprised to welcome back Susan Rogers, a founding, talented member of Yankee. This meeting is always a great opportunity to showcase completed projects and great food. We have many excellent cooks in the chapter and everyone looks forward to sharing a family meal. A special thanks to Donna and Ruthann for planning great programs for the year and having the samples available for display.

This month’s program is a napkin holder. You’ll want to make several of these for holiday gifts, a bazaar, or as a hostess thank you. It is also a great opportunity to use some of those scraps you’ve been storing from prior projects. Don’t forget about our service project. We are still collecting bags for foster children. The kids who have received them are truly appreciative for your time and talent.

This week is National Get Organized Week. Imagine having a whole week to do that! It will likely take us a month, but it’s a great incentive to start on some Christmas projects or complete UFOs.

Things to bring to the meeting: membership dues, Show and Share, refreshments (if it is your turn), items for the door prize, foster kids bags. See you on Columbus Day as we discover the talent in all of us.

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THE OCTOBER DOWNLOAD: THIS IS THE STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW!

If you read nothing else in our newsletters, please read this monthly download which will be a regular feature!

- This month, we’ll be working on our Napkin Holder project. We will have a couple of machines available for you to use, however feel free to bring your own machine if you definitely intend to complete the project during the meeting. Bring your regular sewing supplies.
- **REMINDER:** WE HAVE CHANGED THE OPENING TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY HOUSE. The building will now open at 6:45 p.m. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.
- Remember your Service Project and/or Door Prize donations.
- Your Chapter dues are due if not yet paid (we thank you).
- We are assigning hostess duties alphabetically again this year, so please check the last page to see if you are responsible this month.

**OCTOBER PROGRAM: NAPKIN HOLDER**

This month we will be making a lovely project which would be a great housewarming or just-because gift. Going somewhere for Thanksgiving? Wrap up this holder for your hostess, include an appropriate set of seasonal-themed paper napkins, and you’ll be her best friend.

This is a quick and easy project! Your kit will include four fabric squares for the outer napkin holder and lining (pre-fused with Décor Bond interfacing) and a button. The cost of each kit is $4.00, and we have two colorways to choose from, both with gold metallic accents. You will also receive two different handouts with instructions (Donna will explain why at the meeting!). We will have packages of paper napkins available for purchase for an additional $1.00. We did not include the napkins in your kit, just in case you prefer to pick out your own. Please bring your usual sewing supplies including a pair of scissors. We will have a couple of machines available to use, however you can bring your sewing machine to the meeting if you wish.

We hope to see you on Columbus Day!
SEPTEMBER SHOW-AND-SHARE

Donna Boucher showed her heirloom blouse created in a class with RISN. Donna also showed a beautiful red dress and another dress in pink, her completed doll nightie from our program last year, and her king-sized double wedding ring quilt that just needs binding to be completed.

Donna Costa showed two purses, “The Interchangeable Bag” from the Ellen Medlock Collection, and the “Versatile Wave Purse” by Ruthann Stilwell from Susan Rooney Patterns. Donna also showed another pincushion made from a glass server used in restaurants for sugar packets.

Karen Ouhrabka showed two “Mondo” bags made from precut squares. It’s a Quiltsmart pattern made on their fusible grid. Karen also showed her Gail Doane dress in Size 6, and a small baby quilt made from an Alex Anderson pattern.

Ruthann Sisson showed her Midge & Skipper dolls in their hand-knitted sweaters and matching skirt and pants.

Nancy Beauregard showed her tiny little baby doll dressed in a knitted Candy Corn outfit! Nancy also showed a cute wall hanging made for her by Sharon, which featured an appliqued sewing machine.

Sandi Thurston brought an assortment of items including little dresses using patterns by Vaune Pierce and Gail Doane; a Susie Gay doll cape and dress; shorts and a top for little Maddie; and a tape measure holder created at the Boston Retreat. Sandi was especially proud of her Gail Doane dress and jacket which featured the cutest little bunnies, on which the judges had commented “beautiful bullions”!!

Jane Beehr showed her lovely beaded bracelet and pendant.

Susan Rogers showed her heirloom peach silk dress, a tiny pink bishop dress, and an embroidered patchwork and velveteen dress—all of which were worn by her now-adult daughter!

We welcome Susan Rogers, who is returning to Yankee Chapter after a long time away! Susan was a member back in the days when Cornelia Anderson was our President. We are so happy to have Susan back with us!

Gail Doane Classes : Streaming Online or on USB!!

Did you know that you can purchase classes with Gail Doane from Classic Sewing Magazine? There are three versions: streaming online only, USB drive only, or both. Classes are between 2 and 4 hours long. Imagine having a personal lesson with Gail, that you can rewind and watch to your heart’s content on your very own computer! Of course, nothing will ever take the place of Gail “live and in person”, but it’s wonderful to have these resources available for those who can’t attend classes. Check them all out at the video section of Classic Sewing’s website: www.classicsewingmagazine.com/product-category/video/
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."

Heirloom Pumpkin Pillow!

I thought this was just the cutest thing! It also uses up bits and pieces of lace that are leftover from other projects. This is a free pattern from Martha Pullen Company!

www.marthapullen.com/whats-new/linen-and-lace-pumpkin-pillow-tutorial

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS, DON’T FORGET TO SIGN IN AND PICK UP YOUR DOOR PRIZE TICKETS!

Please check off your name on the attendance sheet and indicate how many items you brought for any of our service projects.

Hospitality Info for October

If your last name begins with the letters A or B, you are assigned to provide the goodies for the October meeting. Thank you in advance!

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NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2018

WHAT TO BRING:

- Your sewing supplies and sewing machine, if desired. (We will have a couple of machines available to use.)
- Show and Share
- Service Project Donations
- Door Prize Donations
- Don’t forget to bring a friend or acquaintance who might be interested in joining us! Your guest can attend two meetings for free!