PRESIDENTS’ MESSAGE FOR MAY

Have any of you been able to work on the Sashiko coasters, which were the program for April meeting? We’d love to see some completed ones.

Jane recently visited the biannual show presented by the Narragansett Bay Quilters’ Association and was surprised to see the interesting creativity on display. One of the vendors was a local quilter, Allison Wilbur of AllisonWilburquilts.com. She had several Sashiko designs for sale, including shells and a representation of the Newport Bridge. If you enjoyed the April program, you might consider using one of Allison’s designs for additional projects.

Our program for this month will be Clamshell Flowers, created with a special type of smocking stitch. Next month’s program includes the Book Sale. Books from our library and donations, especially from Cornelia Anderson’s family, give you an opportunity to purchase great books at a fraction of the cover price.

We want to thank our program chairs, Ruthann and Donna, for providing us with a variety of great projects which taught us new skills for every program.

Don’t forget to bring completed foster kids bags, and refreshments. See you on the 14th!

Pat & Jane
FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: MAY PROGRAM INFORMATION—SMOCKED CLAMSHELL FLOWERS

Our May Program will be a Smocked Clamshell Flower, based on the article from SAGA News Volume 35, Issue 1, entitled “The Clam Shell Stitch: A Happy Accident!”. (This SAGA News issue has the Glitzy Fish on the cover, in case you want to bring your copy.)

All you need to bring for the program is your favorite type of needle for smocking and scissors. In your kit, priced at $3.00, will be a pleated length of ribbon for the flower, floss, and instructions. You’ll have a choice regarding what your flowers will be used for, too. We’ll have clips, barrettes, or pins, any of which can be glued onto the back of your flower when it’s completed.

Ruthann will demonstrate the technique, and this is definitely a project where you need to pay attention to the teacher. Your newsletter editor made at least two flowers completely backwards and upside down before crying for “HELP” to Ruthann! It’s very easy to get confused with this project, so we respectfully request that those who are not participating in the program adjourn to the kitchen area for chatter and snacks, so that those who want to learn the stitch aren’t distracted by lots of background noise. Thanks for your understanding. We want everyone to be successful with this project! Once you get the technique down, the flowers go very quickly, and there are so many possible uses. It’s a great way to use up small bits and pieces of ribbon from your stash.

A Foster Kids Thank You!

P.S. From Your Editor: We have plenty of kits left!

April 30, 2018
From: Hollie Galloway: Administrator for the Sew for Foster Children Program
To: Yankee SAGA members of the local chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild

Dear Volunteers,

On behalf of the Sew for Foster Children’s program of RI, I want to extend my deepest appreciation for the 27 handmade bags and toiletries that were recently donated to our program.

Foster children often times show up in a new foster home or group home with very little and sometimes nothing.

They are given a black trash bag in which to put whatever belongings they have. It is our intention through the help of volunteers to change this and provide handmade bags and some supplies to get them started. So, I want to thank all the women who participated in this program. Particularly, I would like to thank Ruthann who coordinated the effort.

Time, money and effort were spent producing the bags and getting the supplies and I am so grateful for what you have done.

Best wishes to everyone at Yankee Saga.
Sincerely,
Hollie Galloway
SHOW AND SHARE: APRIL 2018

Editor’s Note: There was just so much show-and-share last month, I know I must be forgetting someone. So I apologize in advance if I did! I’ve included some photos below of the garments and other items some of the ladies brought. Seems that everyone had a prolific winter, stuck in the house, sewing away!!

Donna Costa brought a small bag in dachshund fabric, a gift for her niece. The bag has plastic pockets on the inside and an outer snap. Donna also brought her finished blouse, the Casual Tunic by Connie Palmer from the Spring 2018 Issue of Classic Sewing.

Karen Ouhrabka showed her dress from last weekend’s Gail Doane workshop, in Liberty fabric with crochet into the entredeux. Karen also showed a little girl’s knitted poncho, a multicolored bag, a robe made entirely on the serger, a knitted sweater in tones of brown, a pocket-book made of Cork fabric with floral trim, and another bag from Sewing at the Beach, which was a serger class project from Baby Lock.

Ruthann Sisson showed her lovely Samantha doll in a feathered jacket with a ruffled dress underneath. Ruthann also showed some more Barbie clothes and small bags that she makes using placemats.

Sandi Thurston showed her Vaune Pierce dress from SATB that will be used as a flower girl dress for Maddie. She also showed her inverted pleat dress and cape (also Vaune’s design), Jan Kerton Circle Stitches Bag, and some folded fabric projects.

Cindy Lambrecht showed the blouse she was wearing, purchased at J Jill, which had fabric manipulation on the sleeves!

Kathy Dacey showed lots of completed projects! Including: Easter Bunny wall hanging, boys’ romper suit in red and white, a purple girl’s jacket and dress, a white Gail Doane jacket with embroidery, a pink dress (Vaune’s design), Susie Gay-designed christening gown, jumper in hot pink with a Liberty fabric blouse, dress from the Doane workshop last weekend, a yellow Jan Kerton blanket, and a ton more in her traveling trunk show! (Seriously, her garment bag was like a clown car… stuff kept popping out of it!).

There are some photos below of the show-and-share, which was a lot of fun! Please bring some more of your beautiful projects next month!

From Ruthann!

Part of Kathy’s “Trunk Show!”

Sandi’s dress and other projects!
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."

MEETING TIME:
This year, we will make a valiant effort to start our meetings ON TIME, so that we will have enough time left to complete our monthly programs! The doors of the Community House open at 6:30 p.m., and our meetings will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to be here on time if at all possible! Thank you.

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2018:
June 11, 2018

Hospitality Information:
Hostesses for May

We’ve run out of letters!
Bring a dessert if you’re feeling generous!

Knitting Might Help with Chronic Pain and Dementia!
That’s according to a recent article published by AARP. And if knitting has those benefits, who’s to say sewing doesn’t do the same?! A brief read but very informative. Thanks to Kathy Dacey for passing this along:


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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: May 14, 2018

WHAT TO BRING:
• A smocking needle and $3.00 for your kit.
• Completed Foster Kids’ Bags & Other Service Project Items
• Dessert if you’re feeling generous!
• Show-and-Share Items