Hi Ladies,

As we approach our last meeting for the year, we would like to express a sincere Thank You to all of our hard working committee members and to all of our members for your support. We have had a very productive year, learning a variety of new techniques thanks to the wide array of projects presented by Donna and Ruthann. Our Show and Shares have been bountiful each month. Our members are very talented and we thank them for sharing with us.

In June we typically begin collecting dues for the following year, so don’t forget your checkbook. At the last meeting, it was decided that the dues would remain at $15. We will also continue with the monthly door prize drawing so you have plenty of time, over the summer, to find items you might want to donate.

Speaking of donations, please bring in any completed Foster Kids bags to the meeting. We usually have bag kits available if you don’t have any appropriate fabric in your stash. You will have almost three months to construct a few bags for the September meeting.

The slate of officers for next year is ready and will be presented and voted on at the meeting. Of course, we are always open to nominations from the floor. If you would like to become more involved with Yankee, but don’t want to take on a full officer position, you could always volunteer to assist or be the backup.

We are still pursuing the idea of securing a guest teacher for next year. At last month’s meeting several members expressed a desire for a notebook class. We will revisit this at the meeting.

This month’s program is the scissor fob. It is easy and very practical for those of us who sometimes drop scissors. You might also find other uses for it. Let’s see who can be the most creative to come up with alternate uses.

See you on the 10th.

Jane and Pat
CRITICAL ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA FOR JUNE

- Should we continue to pursue the nightgown class with Lynn Blanchard? This will be decided upon during the June meeting. There are two options under consideration: (1) Lynn’s preference is to provide the fabric and laces in kit form for the nightgown, which will be at a cost of approximately $100 per kit (additional class fees to be determined); (2) OR... we can request that Lynn teach a “notebook class” of techniques, for which the kit may be less expensive. We cannot state that absolutely at this time because the option has not been explored with Lynn. If you are unable to attend the June meeting but would like to offer your opinion on these options, please send an e-mail to Pat, Jane or Donna and your responses will be presented at the meeting.

- Please come to the meeting prepared to pay your $15.00 dues for next year. Our transition to a new year goes much more smoothly when we collect your payments in June. We thank you in advance.

- We are still seeking suggestions for fund-raising opportunities for the chapter. Some options discussed at the last meeting were: (1) revisit the Yard Sale; (2) have a basket sale; and (3) a “Chinese auction”.

JUNE PROGRAM: BUBBLE FLOWER SCISSOR FOB

For this program, you’ll need to bring an assortment of needles, including a sharp embroidery needle, a long needle with a large eye, and a thin beading needle (only if you intend to bead the center of your flower; you can also add a button to the center if you prefer not to work with tiny beads). Also, if you have an awl please bring it with you (we’ll have one to share if you don’t). Your kit will include fabric, a skein of embroidery floss, and button & carpet thread which is used for gathering. We will also have available poly fiberfill stuffing, beads and buttons that you may choose for the center of your flower. Your kit cost will be $3.00.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Please contact Donna if you have questions beforehand. Thank you!
MAY SHOW-AND-SHARE

Many thanks to Sharon Simoneau for providing the details on last month’s Show-and-Share!!

Donna Boucher finished her Master Seamstress Class. She showed her finished projects that included: a “fur” vest; a woven silk blouse with camisole; a blazer, and a coat. Her impeccable work was met with many oohs and aahs. Donna also brought in a child’s top and coordinating capris with a coordinating dress and jacket all made at Stitching at the Beach.

Susan Rogers showed a year long Rose Pattern project, a very colorful Kate Fasset quilt, African Stripes; and a day gown with lace embroidery with coordinating slip. Some of the material from the day gown had been used for a dress for her daughter many years ago.

Karen Ouhrabka attended a WEBBs knitting retreat at UMASS Amherst. Attendees received a bag with yarn and books. The retreat ran from Thursday night to Sunday with speakers presenting. Classes were held on Friday and Saturday. Karen made a chicken pin cushion, and also showed a for a cutting mat with pockets for a rotary cutter and eye glass case, and a small and large mesh bag.

Ruthann Sisson showed a pot holder made from little pieces sewn together.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2019-2020

Following is the proposed slate of officers for 2019-2020. As always, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting.

Co-President Pat Tarpy
Co-President Jane Beehr
Treasurer Pat Tarpy
Secretary Sharon Simoneau
Programs Donna Costa & Ruthann Sisson
Scrapbook/Photos Nancy Beauregard
Newsletter Donna Costa
Hospitality Donna Boucher & Nancy Beauregard
Sunshine TBD at June Meeting
Membership Susan Rogers
Door Prizes (Member Donations)
Archivist Karen Ouhrabka

FOSTER KID BAGS UPDATE!

Thanks a million for your continued support of our efforts. We received more donated fabric in May and have kits available to distribute so that you can keep creating bags during the summer months! Please see Donna for a kit.
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."

Next Meeting: June 10, 2019

What to Bring:
- Supplies noted in the program description.
- $15.00 dues payment for 2019-2020
- Fund-Raising Suggestions
- Refreshments
- Show and Share
- Service Project Donations & Completed Foster Kid Bags
- Door Prize Donations

2018-2019 Yankee SAGA Board

Co-President: Pat Tarpy
Co-President: Jane Beehr
Vice-President: N/A
Treasurer: Pat Tarpy
Secretary: Sharon Simoneau
Membership: Marie Cobleigh
Program: Donna Costa & Ruthann Sisson (Member Donations)
Door Prizes: Nancy Beauregard
Scrapbook/Photographer: Donna Costa
Newsletter: Sue Smith
Hospitality: Fran Karwoski
Sunshine: Sandi Thurston
Service Project: Karen Ouhrabka
Archivist: Terry Atkinson Designs

Hospitality Info for June

Bring a dessert this month if you’re feeling generous! THANK YOU!!

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.

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Reuseable Shopping Bag!

I found another great (free) pattern for a reusable shopping bag. Since many towns and cities are discouraging the use of plastic bags, these bags will come in very handy. They are also great for using up fabric (maybe those “uglies” that you can’t figure out what to do with!). This particular bag has a larger, flat bottom which will make it very useful. Find the free pattern here:


The “Fat Sack” by Terry Atkinson Designs

...And do lots of sewing!