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.)

A Message from Our Co-President Sandi!

Dear Yankee Friends,

I can't believe it's November already!! It means another month closer to going to SATB - Myrtle Beach!

Thank you Donna and Ruthann for a great program. I loved making Maddie a dress for her naked doll- it really needed a dress. Then I finished the second kit I bought which has red and greens so it’ll be for her Christmas dress!

I hope you all have had a chance to see the SAGA website with all the classes to take in Bedford, MA next April.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting and your Show ‘n Share for more inspiration!!

Happy Sewing,
Sandi

Arnolds Mills Community House Holiday Shop!
Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th
10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Arts and crafts made by local artisans! Including seasonal items, knitwear, jewelry, baked goods, fudge, and matted original artwork. Come one, come all!
Easy-Peasy Thread Catcher!

This nice, useful idea comes from Moda Bake Shop. It’s a little “thread catcher” pad you can keep close by while sewing (either hand or machine) to keep all those thread clippings from ending up all over you and the rest of the house! This no-sew project also includes instructions on mitering corners if you need to brush up on that skill.

http://www.modabakeshop.com/2016/10/thread-catcher.html#more-37875

Show-and-Share: October 2016

Donna Boucher finished her Susie Gay Reticule Purse and it’s beautiful!

Marie Cobleigh showed a beaded and smocked snowman created as a program at Stitchers by the Sea.

Ruthann Sisson brought several 18” doll outfits in bright colors. She also showed some of the smocked doll dresses (this month’s program) “in progress” to members could see how the dresses are assembled. Ruthann even added an adorable ruffle to the bottom of one of the dresses which was very cute!

Donna Costa showed two Mary Mulari projects from the book “Zip and Carry Bags”. One was a bag created from a roll of “Make-A-Zipper” and some grosgrain ribbon; the other was a tote bag that folds into a special pocket for storage. Also shown were two sewing caddies created from glass plates and candleholders purchased at the Dollar Tree. Donna also showed a photograph of her 36” appliqued pillow featuring a snowman and penguin design; the kit was purchased from Shabby Fabrics.

Sandi Thurston showed her pretty embroidered towel; the kit was purchased at a quilt shop on the Cape.

Sue Smith showed her completed pincushion from last month’s program (Hooray! Somebody finished!). She also showed a very unique sweatshirt jacket! Sue took a printed tote bag from Jo-Ann Fabrics, cut up the sewing motifs on the bag, and attached them to the sweatshirt. She even used one motif as a pocket! Very creative idea and it looked great on her too!
THIS MONTH’S PROGRAM: Yo-Yo Christmas Tree Ornament

This month, we’ll be making this adorable Yo-Yo Tree Ornament.

After discussion at the October meeting, we’ve decided not to provide fabric in your kits. Raid your stash for some holiday (or even non-holiday) fabrics! All you need are 6 coordinating fabric scraps; the largest piece will have to be big enough to accommodate a 6” diameter circle, and the others get smaller from there.

We will provide the batting, star tree topper, and wooden spools for the tree trunks, as well as a printed handout. You’ll receive one copy of the circle shapes to cut up, and also will have another copy in your handout in case you want to make the project again. By the way, the spools were generously donated by Pat Tarpy... thanks! Your kit cost will be $2.00.

Here’s what you need to bring:

- 6 Coordinated Fabric Scraps*
- Scraps of quilt batting for the interior of each circle. (We will have some pieces of batting available if you don’t have any in your stash.)
- 4 Round, Flat Buttons (approx. 3/8” to 1/2” in size; these go between the tree layers as spacers, so they will barely be seen in the completed project).
- Floss or Pearl Cotton to wrap the spool. This is optional and you can also leave it plain wood if you wish.
- Your Basic Sewing Kit, including one large-eyed, long needle (like a dollmaker’s needle), if possible.

The templates for cutting out your fabric scraps and your batting scraps are included in this newsletter, just in case you want to get a head start on the project. However, we do plan to undertake the cutting at the meeting! Then Ruthann will lead us through the assembly of the tree.

*If you’d like to share some fabric from your stash, please bring it to the meeting! It might just be what someone else is looking for to complete their scrap collection for a very special little tree!
Cornelia Anderson’s Generous Donation

At the October meeting, we were visited by Cornelia Anderson’s son, Will, who generously donated several boxes from Cornelia’s book collection. The books cover a gamut of topics including heirloom sewing, doll making and dressing, and other crafts. There is even one book on model trains! We know that Cornelia was a creative spirit so this eclectic collection comes as no surprise!

A quick Board meeting was held after the October meeting, and it was decided that the books will be sold as a fundraiser at our June meeting. Since we are having only the Silent Auction next year (and not the usual yard sale), that seems to be an ideal time.

After discussion, it was decided also that we will produce a “catalog” of all the books available for sale. The book covers are being scanned by volunteers, and a document will be sent to all members before the June meeting which shows all the books that will be available for purchase, along with prices. (Donna Costa will research online to determine a fair price for each title.)

Note: A thank-you has been sent to Will Anderson from the Chapter. Should anyone wish to send a separate thank-you card or remembrances of Cornelia, Will’s address is: 120 Wrentham Road, Cumberland, RI 02864.

Boston Regional Convention 2017

Donna Boucher offered us a report on the recent convention (thanks Donna!) and also provided the dates for the upcoming Boston Regional, which will be held in Bedford Glen, Massachusetts.

March 30 and 31
April 1 and 2

National Teacher Search

Thank you to Nancy Beauregard and Sharon Simoneau who volunteered to search for a National teacher to visit our Chapter in the spring. Please send them any suggestions you may have.
Scrap Bag Pincushions!

These adorable little pincushions can be made from scraps or even using those pretty selvedges we usually cut off and toss away!

http://www.modabakeshop.com/2016/10/scrap-bag-pincushions.html#more-38094

Boston Convention Registration Opens December 1st!

Registration for the “Boston Stitch Party” opens on December 1st at the SAGA website. You can view and download the brochure now: http://www.smocking.org/

Lots of Great Tips from So Sew Easy!

The “So Sew Easy” website has anything and everything a sewer might need to find ... from free patterns, to sewing tips and techniques, to tutorials for really great projects. Recently they compiled more than 120 of their best, most useful ideas and information about fabric, sewing tools, machines and accessories, patterns, and more, on one website page. Here’s the link: http://so-sew-easy.com/sewing-tips-tools-tricks/

Note: The site does have some annoying pop-up ads, but it’s well worth wading through those to get to the info!

Storage Solution for the Kids!

Here’s another great project that’s kid-friendly (or actually adult-friendly, because I can see myself using one of these!). It’s the Nine-Pocket Door Caddy from Sew4Home:

http://www.sew4home.com/projects/storage-solutions/kid%E2%80%99s-nine-pocket-door-caddy

They suggest you make it from kid-friendly fabrics and hang on the child’s level to let them have some fun putting things away. Sounds like a good idea to me!
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."

Sew Beautiful & Creative Needle Back Issues for Sale

Pat Tarpy will be bringing issues of both magazines to each of our meetings for sale to our members. There were 15 issues offered for sale in October; after that, Pat has 30 issues left.

Magazines will sell for $3.00 each and all proceeds will go into the treasury.

Yankee Chapter Dues Were Due in June!

If you have not yet paid your Chapter dues of $15.00, please be prepared to pay them in September.

Please give your payment to our Membership Chair, Marjory Savage.

Thanks for your support of Yankee Chapter through the years!

Yankee Chapter Board Members, 2016-2017

Co-Presidents: Sandi Thurston

Dona Boucher

Vice-President: ?

Secretary: Sharon Simoneau

Treasurer: Pat Tarpy

Membership: Marjory Savage

Programs: Donna Costa & Ruthann Sisson

Door Prizes: (Member Donations)

Scrapbook/Photographer: Nancy Beauregard

Librarian: Pat Tarpy

Newsletter: Donna Costa

Hospitality: Sue Smith

Sunshine: Edith Brousseau

Service Project: Sharon Simoneau & Sandi Thurston

Archivist: Karen Ouhrabka

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

WHAT TO BRING:

- Your Regular Sewing Kit plus the supplies noted on the program page, and spare fabric to share if you have any!
- Kit Fee of $2.00
- Show-and-Share Items
- Dessert (if you are so inclined)
- Donations for Door Prizes
- Donations for the Service Project

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