January 2019 Issue
This Month’s Meeting: January 14, 2019
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 JANUARY

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a pleasant start to 2019. We wish you peace and prosperity and lots of time to devote to your old and new projects. We look forward to the start of the new year with a fresh, clean slate to fill without the pressure of imminent holiday deadlines.

We hope everyone will make one of their fresh new projects the handy rotary cutter bag planned by Ruthann and Donna. The kits were available in November, but I’m certain that if you were unable to attend the last two meetings, you can pick one up this month. This is a multistep smocked project that will be worked on over several meetings. You won’t want to miss out on this one. If you don’t have a rotary cutter, the size is handy for many other items. There will be enough members present who can help those less familiar with the actual smocking. This is a great project for those who would like to learn to smock, or brush up on their skills.

Congratulations to Karen Ouhrabka for being on the cover and highlighted in the latest issue of SAGA News. We know there are many other talented members who should be showcased for their skills. Don’t be afraid to submit your projects to receive the appreciation you deserve.

If you have not paid your National dues, please do so today. Don’t forget bags and toiletries for foster kids and Show and Share. See you on the 14th!

Pat & Jane
THE JANUARY 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!*

- If you’ve already picked up your kit for the Smocked Rotary Cutter Bag, please be sure to bring it with you to the meeting!
- 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.
- **Also, we thank all of you who are donating $1.00 to our monthly door prize collection.** Although our door prizes are usually donations, collected funds are put to good use toward defraying program expenses and the cost of teachers.
- We are assigning hostess duties alphabetically again this year, so please check the last page of this newsletter to see if you are responsible this month. Thank you!

**JANUARY PROGRAM: THE ROTARY CUTTER BAG BEGINS**

We will begin working on the smocking for our Rotary Cutter Bag this month. If you’ve already purchased a kit, and feel knowledgeable enough to begin your smocking prior to the meeting, please feel free to do so. If you’re not feeling that confident, remember that there will be experienced smockers to help you, so no need to fear!

Try to read at least the Introduction and Lessons 1 and 2 before coming to the meeting.

It would probably be best to also pick your bag fabrics before starting the smocking so that you can coordinate colors. There is a “Supplies” list in the introduction.

Bring your regular smocking supplies (scissors, needles, etc.) with you to the meeting along with your kit and instructions. We will have a very general discussion of the project and then we’ll get right to work!!
Susan Rogers brought a beautiful baby quilt for her brother’s daughter, who is named Rose after her mom. The quilt was made with fabric from Tilda Collections in rose colors. She also machine quilted it herself. Beautiful!!

Sandi Thurston brought a “Merry and Bright” quilt designed by Pat Sloan. Every Wednesday, from August through December, Pat gave a Christmas memory story to go with each block (this was provided by e-mail to those who signed up online). Sandi made the quilt with all Christmas scraps for her brother who got married in May and was spending his first Christmas as a “Mr. and Mrs.”!

Sandi also showed another quilt by Jaqueline Stevens, “Save the Bees”, and some “Enchanted Garden” blocks not yet put together done in beautiful batiks.

Note: Sandi also mentioned that Jane Connelly was the lucky “Number One” in the Yankee Swap and then stole an ornament from Sandi! The ornament was made by Donna Boucher from Inspirations Magazine. Not too much swapping went on, however Ruthann (channeling Rosalie, who would have been SO proud) went around and checked out every single ornament before making her choice for a “good swap”!! Santa Sandi also paid a visit, and a good time was had by all!

 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.

Teacher Plans!
Yankee Chapter will be sponsoring a class with Lynn Blanchard in late April or early May of next year. The project will be a ladies’ heirloom nightgown. More details to come as plans are finalized.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

If you haven’t paid your National SAGA dues—they are now overdue!! Please head over to www.smocking.org and sign into your account to get those dues paid!

FOSTER KID BAGS UPDATE!

We hope to see more bags arrive this month! Please see Ruthann or Donna if you need a free kit. We are so grateful that our members have embraced this project. Please keep making the bags and collecting toiletry products because they are so very appreciated. Remember that we collect fabric donations too. Thank you again!
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."

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- Your Rotary Cutter Bag Kit and smocking supplies.
- $3.00 for your Rotary Cutter Bag Kit if not already purchased.
- Refreshments (if assigned)
- Show and Share
- Service Project Donations
- Door Prize Donations

Basic Heirloom Stitching Using Your Sewing Machine

Here’s a nice, very basic article on heirloom sewing techniques which would be great for a beginner. Just in case any of our more experienced ladies are doing some teaching!!

www.sew4home.com/tips-resources/sewing-tips-tricks/basic-heirloom-stitching-using-your-sewing-machine

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Hospitality Info for January

If your last name begins with the letter E through the letter L, please bring us some goodies this month!

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