



All who have items for sale are encouraged to set up a table at any of our meetings. Any craft or supply is suitable.



### Snack Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Diane Meschisen if you would like to help with refreshments at our meetings. **We are in need of more bakers for our December meeting.**

As you are baking your holiday treats just set aside a batch for RISN. Thank you to Karen Ouhrabka, Donna Gablinske, and several stealth bakers for the October meeting refreshments.

### DIRECTIONS TO GREENWICH CLUB

From the South: Take 95 North to exit 8A (Rt. 2 Warwick/E. Greenwich). Stay on Rt.2, go to the traffic light at the Showcase Cinema, take a left onto Division Street (Tr. 401), follow to 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light, take right onto Post Road/Rt. 1. The Greenwich Club, 5426 Post Road, is on your left. From the North: Take 95 South to exit 9 (Rt. 4 South). Take the first exit which will bring you to Rt. 401 (E. Greenwich/Division St.). At the end of the exit ramp facing straight, take a right turn onto Division Street. Continue to follow above directions once on Division Street.

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## November Newsletter

November 6, 2012

**Patricia Keay**, author, designer, and illustrator will be the guest speaker for our November meeting. Patricia Keay learned to sew when she was seven. Her mother's patient lessons combined well with a God-given creative streak and she's been designing and making things ever since. Patricia received her formal education in Fine Art at the Pratt Institute and is a licensed Martha Pullen Viking and Babylock educator. She has been a regular contributor to sewing magazines since 2002. Her articles, designs and illustrations have been featured in *Threads*, *Sew News*, *Sew Beautiful* and *Creative Needle*. Patricia will give us a close up view of some of the garments shown in recent issues. (*See Threads issues 149, 152, 153, 158 & 160 and Sew Beautiful 139*) We'll also be treated to a sneak preview of a garment to be featured in an upcoming article. Audience participation and questions are welcomed.

## Membership



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RISN has 158 members! If you have not yet renewed your RISN membership please consider doing so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the membership application card which was sent with the September newsletter you can find the membership information and forms on our website:

<http://risn.tripod.com>. Membership applications should be sent to:

Susan Waterman  
26 Cross Bow Lane  
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Help RISN "Go Green" by receiving our newsletter via email. Only those members indicating a snail mail preference on the membership application card will receive a paper version of our newsletter. **Please note that only registered members will receive the RISN newsletter.**

Membership includes six issues of our newsletter plus discounts to meetings and other events.

1. Annual Membership is \$10.00 and each of the six scheduled meetings is \$5.00 or \$7.00 for non members.
2. Premiere Membership is \$30.00 equal to six scheduled meetings and the \$10.00 membership fee is waived. In addition, one friend of your choice may attend one meeting for free.

Greenwich Club  
5426 Post Road  
East Greenwich, Rhode Island  
02818  
MEETINGS 7:00 pm

### **RISN 2012-2013 Future Meeting Dates and Presenters**

December 4, 2012

**Jennifer Stern Haseman**, Threads author & MSII Jeans Class - "Fitting Pants"

March 5, 2013

**Sondra Celli**, TV Network Show "My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding"

April 2, 2013

**Meg DeCubellis**, RISD Design Instructor & owner of Illuminite Sportswear".

May 7, 2013

**Elsie Collins**, owner of Thistle Cottage Studio in North Providence. "Hatmaking" and selling on "Etsy".

June 5, 2012 (tentative)

#### **New York City Bus Trip**

Faith Daya requests tht you email her with any

comments or suggestions on this trip.

#### **October Program Highlights**

Sheila Vargas kicked off this season's meeting with a welcome and a few administrative notes and announcements. We would like to start meetings promptly at 7:00PM and by 7:15PM introduce our quest speaker. Show & tell brought out a wonderful fold out fabric box from Carolyn Gazzero's Etui Box instructions, a dress that was saved by an Evie Moder inspired flower (it was fabulous), a smocked baby's hat, and a

dress inspired by a child's antique dressing gown.

Rose O'Koren made a special request that anyone wanting to donate 18" Springfield dolls (purchased at Joann's or AC Moore) can drop them off downstairs at the East Greenwich Club or bring them to the next meeting. Rose along with a Massachusetts American Sewing Guild group have been making wonderful doll outfits along with a fabric carry bag for the doll to donate to little girls in need at Christmas. Their goal this year is 110 dolls.

Lyn Weeks, our guest speaker, discussed how she started sewing out of necessity in Australia by sewing for baby shops to earn extra income. Winning a sewing competition and a new sewing machine led her to teaching and her association with the Smocking Arts Guild of America(saga). Her love of antique children's' garments inspires her designs and patternmaking. Lyn brought many of her sample garments and shared with us some wonderful techniques such as a 1/8" French seam, thread choices, importance of the right interfacing, melding seams, stain removal and care of antique garments and linens, adopting good sewing habits, and some of her favorite tools.

Lyn also conducted a Decorative Trims and Edgings seminar October 6th at the East Greenwich Club for RISN members. During the seminar Lyn taught hand sewing techniques to created beautiful trims and edgings which can be applied to garments sewn for all ages. She also reinforced many of her good sewing habits such as pressing, locking stitches, and using the best quality fabric you can find. Thought of the day...Given enough fabric we could rule the world.