

Refreshments

Refreshments are provided at all meetings and members are needed to provide baked goods or appetizers as well as help with setting up and cleaning up. The first letter of your last name determines the monthly meeting for which you are requested to support refreshments. Any member providing refreshments will receive an additional ticket for the meeting raffle. Please be sure to let the check in staff know that you are providing a refreshment. **November's refreshments will be contributed by members whose last name begin with the letters E through I.**

Deborah Siravo is our Refreshments Chairperson and may be contacted at 401-207-1323 or at deblily@cox.net. All comments regarding refreshments are welcome. **Thank you to all who brought refreshments to our October meeting!**

For Sale

Members who have items for sale are invited to set up a table at our meetings. Any craft or supply is suitable.

Have a sewing/craft related business? Why not consider showcasing/selling your items at a meeting? Please limit your selling space to one table.

Have fabric or patterns that you will never use? Please consider offering them to members free at meetings. You may see your unwanted fabric as a future Show and Share item!

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 (Rt. 401), follow to 2nd traffic light, and 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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Membership information can be found on our website. On Facebook, we are listed as Rhode Island Sewing Network. There is a link on the webpage to bring you directly to our Facebook page.



November Meeting

November 1, 2016

Jenny Rushmore is the Boston-based founder of Cashmerette Patterns, the first sewing patterns designed exclusively for curves, in sizes 12 - 28, and cup sizes from C - H. Jenny is passionate about the power of sewing fantastically fitting clothes to transform women's relationships to their bodies, having experienced the journey to body positivity herself. The average US woman is a size 14 and a DD bust, but for years has been under-served by sewing patterns. Jenny decided to meet this huge unmet need by creating modern patterns thoughtfully drafted for curvy and plus size women, and spanning a much larger set of sizes. In the first year of Cashmerette Patterns, Jenny has launched 6 patterns, and has plans for many more.

At the RISN November meeting Jenny will explain how she set up her pattern company, the challenges and rewards, and where she hopes to take the brand in the future. She will also have a range of patterns, fabric kits, and sketchbooks available for sale.

If you would like to learn more about Cashmerette Patterns visit Jenny's many online and social media sites which are listed below. Sign up for her customer mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/bzaRjf> Sign up for her retailer (wholesale) mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/bBRuGf> Visit or follow Jenny at her: Blog: www.cashmerette.com Shop: <http://shop.cashmerette.com> www.facebook.com/cashmerette www.twitter.com/cashmerette www.instagram.com/cashmerette www.pinterest.com/cashmerette

Show and Share

Kristen Rounds opened our Show and Share with a beautiful jacket. She was followed by Robin Donahue with gorgeous handbags which she created using cork fabric which she obtained from Portugal. Cassie Van Dine and Susan Delmonico modeled their jackets made in a recent Chanel Jacket class from MSII. Denise Carlson has us looking ahead to winter with her lovely log cabin quilt with a snowflake motif. Maureen Rozes shared some sewing serendipity with a blouse that was originally intended to be just a muslin for fitting. She loved the muslin so much she decided to wear it! Caroline Gazzero gave new definition to the concept of speed sewing with a felted circle jacket. Mary Morse was inspired by a Kenneth King article in a recent issue of *Threads* to replicate a favorite skirt by creating a pattern without deconstructing the skirt. Using paper and crayon she rubbed a pattern from the skirt seamlines to create the pattern from which she made the duplicate skirt. Rose O'Koren ended our Show and Share by showcasing her holiday doll project.

A gentle reminder to members participating in Show and Share to give their name. We have many new members and it helps us to get to know one another. Also, be ready to share fabric sources, pattern companies and numbers, as well as sources of inspiration.

Membership

Thank you to everyone who mailed in their registration early. RISN is happy to announce that Naomi Lipsky was the winner of the early registration raffle. If you were unable to attend the October meeting you will receive your membership cards in the mail.

New York Trip

The RISN Executive Board is looking for someone to organize the NY Trip. Faith Daya is willing to work with the new chairperson to transfer all the internet files for the trip. The NY trip will be on hold until we can find her replacement. Contact Diane Martin if you are interested.

RISN Meetings

GREENWICH CLUB
5426 Post Road
East Greenwich, Rhode Island
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First Tuesday of the Month
@ 7:00 pm

RISN 2016-2017 Meeting Dates and Presenters

November 1, 2016 "Cashmerette Patterns and the Curvy Sewing Collection" Jenny Rushmore
www.cashmerette.com

December 6, 2016 "Serging for the Holidays" Nancy Hoell. Also, the RISN Annual Cookie Exchange.

March 7, 2017 "Pricing for Sewing and Design Business Professionals" Janee Connor

April 4, 2017 "Digital Fabric Printing" Lisa DiAntonio –Green Park Studios
www.greenparkstudios.com

May 2, 2017 "Pattern Review" Deepika Prakash – Pattern Review www.patternreview.com

Newsletter Opportunity

Shellie Moniz has been the RISN website administrator for many years. Next year she will be unable to continue in the position. Shellie would like to mentor someone this year in maintaining the website with the goal of that individual assuming responsibility for the RISN website next year. Please consider this opportunity to support RISN. Shellie can be contacted at 401- 349-0547 or jsmoniz@cox.net.

October Program Highlights

Diane Martin opened the meeting with a special thank you to Sheila Vargas who has served RISN as executive secretary since 1997. Faith Daya was thanked for her many years of work to run our New York trip. Diane also thanked all of the RISN staff assistants from last year who help our meeting to run so smoothly and welcomed new staff assistants for this year. Mary Jo Hines was welcomed as RISN's new executive secretary.

The October meeting, "Tailoring Through the Years", was a tribute to Mabel Wagner's thirty-one years of teaching tailoring in the Master Seamstress program. Jane Headley has assisted Mabel in the Tailoring classes and is teaching the Wednesday evening session. She introduced Mabel's many accomplishments in tailoring and education and gave a history of how Diane and Mabel became the "Dynamic Duo" behind the Master Seamstress program. Catherine Stevens, the "techno wizard", presented a power point on the large screen created by Jane's "Fashion Through the Ages". Catherine has also created a manual used by students in the MS Tailoring class based on Mabel's notes for teaching tailoring and is revised/updated regularly. The power point also included a number of tailoring techniques which were reviewed by Mabel. Beautiful samples to illustrate the tailoring techniques were created by Mabel and shared with members. Everything from darts in hair canvas to shoulder reinforcements was illustrated. Beautiful examples of Mabel's hand work was seen in perfect examples of pad stitching and tailor basting. Mabel estimated that it takes 50-60 hours to tailor a jacket. She ended her program by sharing a tuxedo she made for one of her sons.

If you are interested in ordering a copy of Mabel's tailoring manual please email Mabel at climba45@verizon.net. If you pre-order, copies should be available at the December meeting.