



Rhode Island Sewing Network March Newsletter

RISN Meetings

GREENWICH CLUB
5426 Post Road
East Greenwich, RI
02818

**First Tuesday of the
Month
@ 7:00 pm**



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.

March 3 Meeting Program

Sewing Handwoven Fabric with Manon Pelletier and Judy Schaefer

Have you ever placed a piece of fabric on your cutting table and broken out into a sweat? The fibers are uneven, the weave structure loose, but it's a beautiful cloth! Working with unstable fabrics can be difficult at best, but you can, with some good basic techniques, cut, sew and complete a unique garment.

Through a lecture and Power Point presentation Manon Pelletier and Judy Schaefer will discuss topics such as the design process/inspiration, pattern selection, cloth preparation, tailoring techniques, and finishing treatments using handwoven fabric. Manon and Judy's award-winning garments, from regional and national conferences, will be on display.

Manon Pelletier has been around textiles, both commercial and handwoven, since her early years in her native Quebec home. Her father worked in the textile industry, often coming home with remnants to be sewn into garments by her mother. Handwoven items were also a large part of her family heritage. As a result, Manon's two passions: sewing and handweaving, are combined to create one of a kind garments. She is a graduate of URI Master Seamstress I and II and has been weaving for many years.

A lifelong sewist, with teaching credentials from a major sewing machine manufacturer, Judy Schaefer was always intrigued with the concept of making the cloth that would then become the garment. In 2012, Judy began a two-year study at Saunderstown Weaving School where she met Manon. Judy, having also studied metal smithing and art jewelry construction, now combines all of these crafts to create unique pieces from her own studio in North Kingstown, RI.

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March 24th Meeting Program

This was rescheduled from December due to the snow storm

Body Scanning to Make Dress Forms

Anna Taylor has worked in IT support for the last 19 years and loves the idea of using tech to make sewing easier. She's been involved in sewing and crafting since she was a child, but only recently graduated from the Master Seamstress program. Since then, she's developed a strong interest in bra making and bra pattern drafting. Anna is originally from a Cape Cod fishing family, but now lives outside of Boston and works for a small liberal arts college in Cambridge.

Ben Greslick has worked in IT for over 25 years, and currently works for Mimecast, an Email security company, on a team managing thousands of servers around the globe. While his sewing experience is limited to sewing a button back on a shirt, after seeing Anna's duct tape dress form, he used his technical skills to figure out how to scan a person and 3d print them.

If you're making clothes for yourself, you know how valuable an exact body double can be. Maybe you bought a commercial form and tried to pad it out to your shape and size, with varying results. Perhaps you attempted to make a Duct tape dummy and were deeply disappointed in how it turned out. Did you take form draping with Diane and had a cast made, but your size changed after and rendered it less than useful? What if there was a quick, easy, somewhat inexpensive and completely accurate solution? I'm happy to say there is! Using our method of 3D scanning and printing, it's possible to create a true to life body form with none of the mess and inaccuracies of other methods. This form can be mounted onto a base and covered in the same method as a cast foam form. During this presentation we'll demonstrate the scanning process, image clean up and manipulation, 3D printing and final results. We'll also discuss the development of the process, challenges to 3D printing the human body and answer your questions about the process.

RISN Speakers for 2019 - 2020

March 24, 2020 - Body Scanning to Make Dress Forms - Re-scheduled from the December - snow cancelation

April 7, 2020 - Beth Bentley - Tips on Draping and using Half size dress forms

May 5, 2020 - Pamela Leggett - Pattern Hacks

Special Event

Pamela Leggett will be speaking at our May 5th meeting along with an afternoon

“Meet & Greet with a Pop-up store”
from 2 - 4:30 plus her evening presentation, “Pattern Hacks” from 7-9 PM

Facebook Group – RISN Exclusive

As a member of the Rhode Island Sewing Network you have exclusive rights to join our new private Facebook group. The name of the group is: *RISN Exclusive* and it is limited to registered RISN members only. Through participation on this Facebook page, we will get to know each other better, support one another in our sewing endeavors, and share our projects. No Facebook experience is necessary! We are all here to help each other along. This is an exclusive group so you can only join by invitation. If you are on our newsletter email list, we will send you a link where you can request to join. More details will be shared at the November meeting.

Scissors and Knife Sharpening

If you would like to get your knives and scissors sharpened, download the order form and bring your items to the meeting.

Scissor Service Sheet 1 (pdf)[Download](#)

His website is <https://chefsculinaryedge.com/>

Email: chefsculinaryedge@

March Refreshments: I - L

Refreshments are provided at all meetings and members provide the baked goods or appetizers as well as help with setting up and cleaning up. RISN uses a calendar for members to follow to provide refreshments. The first letter of your last name determines the monthly meeting for which you are requested to support refreshments. Members providing refreshments will receive an additional raffle ticket for the meeting raffle. Be sure to mention this upon check-in!

Nancy Spirito is our Refreshments Chairperson and may be contacted at:
bridalfinerydesign@gmail.com

Sew Seeds of Love

Sew Seeds of Love has been creating hand sewn gifts for several charitable organizations this 2019-2020 season. Many of you have experienced the joy of sewing with us on project nights and also sewing our projects from home. Please feel free to join us on any project. Simply sign up for our emails at Sewseedsoflove.com. If you want to see photos and keep up with the projects, like our Facebook page (Sew Seeds of Love) or follow us on Instagram @ [sewseedsoflove](https://www.instagram.com/sewseedsoflove).

September to December: Dolls and Doll Clothing for children housed in local Domestic Shelters and at the Pain and Palliative Care Center at Hasbro Hospital, RI.

January: Snuggly Flannel Blankets for Harmony Women's Center, RI

February: Sew Powerful Purses which travel all the way to Zambia to enable girls to stay in school.

Upcoming Events:

March 30th: Sewing Walker Totes to be distributed to our network of elder care facilities in RI.

April 21st: Sewing Burrito Pillowcases for the children at Tavares Pediatric Center, our long time connection in RI.

May 11th: Sewing New Style Chemo Caps for the women at the W and I Breast Health Center in RI.

Many thanks to RISN for your generous and kind donations of time, resources and skills to make these beautiful gifts throughout the year.

Mary Jo Hines, Sew Seeds of Love Coordinator

For Sale

Urge to Purge? Members who have sewing/craft items for sale are invited to set up a table at our meetings. You need to bring home what you do not sell. We do not have the space to store extra fabric, etc. Do you have a sewing/craft related business? Why not consider showcasing/selling your items at a meeting? Please limit your selling space to one table

Sew and Tell

Please bring your latest creations to each month's meetings for Sew and Tell. Rose O'Koren would like to take a picture of you with your creations before the meetings so she can have a complimentary picture of you for the Newsletter. Then you can show it off during Sew and Tell.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Attached to this email with your newsletter is your 2019-20 RISN membership application form. Your completed application with a check made out to RI Sewing Network or RISN should be mailed directly to:

Ann Pericolo
10 Cherry Street
Wrentham, MA 02093

Membership includes six issues of our newsletter plus discounts to meetings and other events as well as email news.

1. Annual Membership is \$10.00 and each of the six scheduled meetings is \$5.00 for each meeting attended. The nonmember fee for meetings is \$7.00 per meeting.
2. Premiere Membership is \$30.00 equal to six scheduled meetings. With this Premiere Membership, the \$10.00 membership fee is waived and there are no additional fees for attending meetings. In addition, you can bring one guest to one meeting for free.

The Registration form is on our website: www.rhodeislandsewingnetwork.com

RISN Membership Application 2019-2020

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street

City/Town State Zip

Preferred Telephone Contact: _____

Please select your membership category. Membership descriptions are found in the October Newsletter.

Premier (\$30) _____

Annual (\$10) _____

