

Refreshments

Thank you to Susan McCarthy, Nancy Kane, Linda Adamonis, Donna Mansolillo and Ruth Batchelor for providing refreshments for our April meeting. If you would like to contribute to our refreshment table please contact Deb Siravo at 401-207-1323 or via email at deblily@cox.net.

For Sale

Members who have items for sale are invited to set up a table at any of our meetings. Any craft or supply is suitable. May is our final meeting of our membership year so this month is your last opportunity to clear out those unused patterns, unread or duplicate books, and extra fabric before our new membership year begins in the fall.

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

Program Suggestions Wanted

Have you attended a sewing related conference and saw a great presenter? Have you come across a unique local sewing based business? RISN is looking for suggestions to help build next year's meeting programs and/or special events. Please email your ideas for next year's speakers to: dianemartin426@gmail.com

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 and you will find a link on the webpage to bring you directly to our Facebook page.



May Meeting

May 3, 2016

RISN's special guest for our May meeting will be Tziporah Salamon presenting "*The Fabric of My Life*", her sartorial autobiography.

Tziporah Salamon is a stylist, raconteur, model, and legendary New York style icon - about-town. Tziporah is a favorite subject of such acclaimed photographers and artists as The New York Times' Bill Cunningham, Ike Ude' and Ari Seth Cohen. She elevates the act of dressing to an art form and, whether styling herself or others, her creations are beautiful, harmonious, and always original.

Ms. Salamon currently co-stars in the documentary *Advanced Style*. The irrepensible voice and champion of women who dare to dress, "Tzippy" has spent a lifetime collecting remarkable antique clothes, hats, and accessories, assembling them into ecstatic outfits she shares with the world from the seats of her turquoise Bianchi bike and pink Shinola. She's modeled for *Lanvin*, *Australian Vogue*, *Michael Hill*, *Lulu Frost*; *NY Magazine*, *Time Out*, *Avenue*, *Collectors on Collecting*, *Emirate's Woman*, the *LA Weekly*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *Zoomer*, *Buffalo Today*, and the *NY Times* have featured her story and astonishing creations.

Ms. Salamon's parents, both Hungarian Jews, survived the Holocaust and fled to Israel, where Tzippy was born. The family later immigrated to New York City, where her

father worked as a master tailor, her mother as a skilled dressmaker. Tziporah found her way into many aspects of the fashion and style industry and today, when asked about her career, invariably replies, "I dress."

In this intimate presentation called Tzippy's Stories, with Clothes, of course! A charming show-and-tell", Tziporah will tell stories, give style advice and show and discuss her remarkable couture collection, her parents' wartime escape, her childhoods in Israel and Brooklyn, and her too-fabulous life in New York City and so much more. A two hour feast of visual and audible delight!

www.tziporahsalamon.com

Show and Share

Several of our RISN members shared christening gowns to support our program topic. Marielen Maguire shared a 32 year old christening gown with slip highlighting the hand embroidery on both gown and slip as well as hand sewn lace and trim. She also shared a digitally printed silk dress which she created for her daughter to wear on her wedding day. Cindy King presented a 19 year old christening gown with fabric from her wedding gown train on the bodice. Jerilyn Perry showed twin girl christening dresses which she made from the mother's wedding gown train. Jane Connley shared a christening gown made from her mother's 1908 wedding dress.

Rose O'Koren showed a bag made from a sweatshirt in which she of course added pockets. She also modeled a jacket from a Peggy Sagers pattern. Susan McCarthy shared a grey dress which she made using a "freebie" RISN pattern. She also showed 2 cotton blouses with 1/16 in. pintucks, French seams, and horsehair lining in the collar and button facing. Susan created a light cotton dress from a McCall Easy wrap dress pattern which she modified to include a belt between the bodice and skirt. Cassie

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GREENWICH CLUB
5426 Post Road
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First Tuesday of the Month
@ 7:00 pm

Van Dine modeled a casual jacket made from Vogue 1440 to wear with jeans using Sawyer Brook fabric. The jacket included corded piping in all the seams, fringe from the fabric, and a hong kong finish. Jane Headley wore the jacket she created in the Classic Tailoring class which she teaches with Mabel Wagner using fabric from Fabrics and Fabrics. Nancy Hoell made good use of a snow day to create a serger top from fabric she purchased at a sewing expo. Phyllis Cayer upcycled dishtowels from Homegoods into pillows and upholstery fabric from sample books into placemats and totebags.

For our May meeting if you have created something from fabric purchased at the RISN fabric sale or on the New York Trip please bring your items to our Show and Share.

April Program Highlights

Our April program featuring Kathy Oates-Dacey was definitely an "Ooh's and Ahh's" evening as Kathy provided members with a trunk show of christening gowns as well as the history behind our present day christening gown.

Kathy began sewing at age 7 and from the beginning was always looking for a challenge. She shared her early heirloom projects such as her very first heirloom blouse on which she used lace tape! The lesson she shared from that first blouse was to simply keep trying new sewing challenges because you will improve your skills and continue to grow.

Kathy is well traveled from her sewing adventures and has sewing friends around the globe many of

whom graciously offered their christening gowns to Kathy for her program. When Kathy wanted to learn how to smock she simply traveled to Australia to attend *Beating Around the Bush*, an annual needlework conference.

Although lace for a gown can cost upwards of \$400 Kathy emphasized that one can create a beautiful heirloom gown using details such as smocking, pintucks, small amounts of lace insertion, entredeux, hand and machine embroidery, beading, shadow work, and piping. Fancy bands incorporating lace, trims, and machine decorative stitches are used at the base of the gown.

A highlight of the evening was a baby bonnet of Aryeshire lace from Scotland which was completely handworked.

A quick project was suggested by Kathy for covering an heirloom baby garment. A dress cover can be made from an extra-long cotton pillowcase to which a machine embroidered monogram could be added and a three button closure.

Kathy provided members with a handout noting the history of Christening gowns, advice on how to care for heirloom garments, as well as web based resources for patterns, fabrics, and laces. Special thanks to Kathy for donating two christening gown patterns to our raffle.

New York City Garment District Trip

RISN's Annual NYC Garment District trip is Wednesday, June 8, 2016. Registration forms can be found on the RISN website and forms will be available at the May meeting. Information on the RISN website to help you plan your trip includes:

- A handy map of the garment district
- A garment district shop list by street address
- Suggested restaurants
- The official *Fashion District Source Book* (Published in 2007)
<http://www.rhodeislandsewingnetwork.com/nyc.htm>

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