**Refreshments**

 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!

October Refreshments: A – D

Nancy Spirito is our Refreshments Chairperson and may be contacted at:

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**For Sale**

 Urge to Purge? Members who have sewing/craft items for sale are invited to set up a table at our meetings.

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

**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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**October Meeting**

**October 3, 2017**

 RISN welcomes Robin Chalfin as our presenter for the October program, “**Traveling** **Tailor to the Stars**”. Robin juggles commercial work in film and television while maintaining a successful private business.

 Robin Chalfin graduated from the Mass College of Art in Design with a degree in Fashion design. After a ten year career in the costume shop of the Boston Ballet, Robin started her custom tailoring service, Toolkit. Toolkit is a personalized tailoring service that travels to the client's home or workplace and delivers the finished garments in a timely manner.

 While building Toolkit, Robin joined IATSE 481, the film and television union in the New England area. She has been the key tailor on many films including “Black Mass”, “Stronger”, and “Proud Mary”. Robin has been featured on Chronicle and in Boston Common magazine in addition to being awarded Best of Boston, Best Tailor in 2011.

 Please join Robin Chalfin in an open discussion on how sewing can be a varied, successful career. Members are welcome to ask questions throughout the conversation.

**MEMBERSHIP**

 Attached to this email with your newsletter is your 2017-2018 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 cards for members who sign up prior to the meeting will be handed out at the October meeting.  Anyone not attending the October meeting will receive their membership card in the mail.

 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 and the $10.00 membership fee is waived. In addition, one guest may attend one meeting for free.

Membership information and forms can also be found on our website: [www.rhodeislandsewingnetwork.com](http://www.rhodeislandsewingnetwork.com)

**Registrations received by September 11 will be entered into our annual Early Registration Raffle.**

**RISN Meetings**

**GREENWICH CLUB**

**5426 Post Road**

**East Greenwich, Rhode Island**

**02818**

**First Tuesday of the Month**

 **@ 7:00 pm**

**NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!**

 Have you ever wanted support on a sewing project but could not wait until the next RISN meeting? Have you wanted to communicate with a RISN member to discuss their Show and Share project? Well, thanks to Robbin Donahue, RISN has a new member benefit that responds to our need to connect with each other beyond meetings.

 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 October meeting.

**RISN 2017-2018**

**Meeting Dates and Presenters**

**October 3, 2017 "Traveling Tailor to the Stars"** Robin Chalfin

**November 7, 2017 "Gorgeous Fabrics Pressing Tips**”**"** Ann Steeves; [www.gorgeousfabrics.com](http://www.gorgeousfabrics.com/)
[blog.gorgeousfabrics.com](http://blog.gorgeousfabrics.com/)

**December 5, 2017 "The Origin of Linen, Cashmere and Silk and the Art of Garment Grooming"** Reed McLaren; [www.facebook.com/THEHOUSEOFAMA/](http://www.facebook.com/THEHOUSEOFAMA/) and [www.instagram.com/thehouseofama/](http://www.instagram.com/thehouseofama/)

**March 6, 2018 "Sewing for Historic Interiors"** Clarissa de Muzzio

**April 3, 2018 "Process: Inspiration to Runway; Making a collection with custom textiles and hand-dyed fabrics”** Susan Troy

**May 1, 2018 "Orange Lingerie”**

Norma Lochr; norma@orange-lingerie.com

**New York City Shopping Trip**

**June 6, 2018**

**URI Master Seamstress Program**

 The URI Master Seamstress classes are now accepting registrations. If you did not receive a mailing with program information you can google “URI Master Seamstress Program” for information on classes. You can also contact URI at 401-277-5050 to request a copy of the brochure or to register for classes.