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Sew Timely

I recently returned home to my sewing room full of "toys" (including a couple of new ones, thanks to hubby and MIL - fellow sewists will understand why a mini steam iron and a cordless vacuum are *appropriate* gifts) after being away for nearly two weeks. There to find shreds of red faux fur, slivers of fleece and flannel, serger trimmings and bits of ribbon, all evidence of the week of sewing frenzy that took place between the end of exams (my job) and the day before Christmas Eve when I packed it all into the back of the pickup and we headed north. Oh and there is also the one unfinished project that I was trying to crank out that morning. (MOM: Hey do you still want me to re-cover the padding from your cousin's high chair? SON: What high chair? I haven't got room for a high chair! MOM: OK never mind. It wasn't working out anyway. The point is no matter how many nice new toys I have, the one thing I never seem to have enough of is time to play with them.



That being said, I am already brimming with ideas of what to sew next. It helps that when my accumulated mail came, it included my favorite sewing magazine, my favorite notions catalog, the class catalog for a sewing expo, and the monthly flyer for my favorite local fabric store. Projects, stuff on sale, classes, books, patterns, inspiration galore! Then I went to the January ASG meeting and reminded everyone there, including myself, that the new children's home needs some floor pillows and drawstring pillow cases. I came home with a piece from the Fabric FUNd that will be the backs of two 24 inch pillows.

I can't wait to see what local jeans designer Frank Hopkins will show us in February. I'm hoping to get motivated to make another pair of jeans using what I learned at one of our seminars. I already know which piece of fabric I will be bringing as my "manage the stash" homework assignment for March. Maybe Julia will spark an idea as to what I am to do with it. Then there is Marsha McClintock's two day seminar and trunk show in April. She is giving us a day of functional embellishments and a day of *upcycling* with leather. I hope you are as inspired as I am.

Time to get started... Vicky

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The National office will send you a renewal notice about 2 months before your membership expires. If you don't receive a renewal notice, contact the membership chairwoman, or go to the National website, asg.org, where you can renew online.

Address Change

If your address, phone number or email changes, please report the changes to both the local membership chair and to the National office (you can use the website at asg.org.)

A Note About Photos

As you have probably noticed, we love photos! If you take photos at an ASG event, please consider posting them to Facebook or emailing them to the newsletter editor.



If you would rather not have your photo appear on Facebook or in the newsletter, please tell the newsletter editor. If you don't see yourself here, then pose and smile whenever you see a camera, especially if you are sewing or shopping.

Advertising Rates

This newsletter is published 6 times per year. We only accept sewing-related ads.

Our rates are:

- 1/8 page—\$60/yr;
- 1/4 page—\$120/yr;
- 1/2 page—\$210/yr;
- 1 page—\$300/yr.

ASG members may place classified ads for 10 cents per word.

Cares and Concerns

If you know of a guild member who is experiencing an illness or a loss in their family, please contact Marilyn John (316) 684-0355.



Upcycling—Our Spring Challenge

No It's Not a New Exercise! It can be a challenge though; in fact it is our Spring Challenge! In *Threads* No. 177 (March 2015) Michelle Paganini defines *upcycling* as adding value to the original item, through labor and material, and including repurposing and transforming. The article shows to how use several men's shirts to make a single women's garment. Another article in the same issue describes the process of felting knitted wool. Though not specified in the article, this is a way of turning unwanted wool garments into a different kind of fabric that can be used to make accessories that don't fray.

At our December general meeting, we saw a stunning example of a jacket made out of several pairs of blue jeans. I have also made a purse and a tote bag, and have seen quilts and placemats made out of jeans. We have lately seen t-shirts made into scarves and quilts, and they can also be turned into shopping bags.

In February, at the Eastside neighborhood meeting, Valarie Fisher is going to teach us how to make a couple of men's ties into a shoulder bag just the right size to hold a larger cell phone and maybe a lipstick and a few bucks. We have also seen ties made into cute scarves, and if you have enough, a vest or a skirt.

Don't limit yourself to upcycling garments. If you have an old chenille bedspread, it can become cuddly stuffed toys. A shower curtain, even if it's a bit ugly, could be the lining for a purse or tote. Leather (coat, boots, bag) makes a great accent or appliqué. Then there is Tyvek, a construction material, (Linda Lee wrote about it in *Threads* #173) and if I can ever figure out how to get some, I want to make a bag out of billboard vinyl...Well now I'm getting a bit out there. My point is, I am looking forward to seeing all your creativity, when you show it at our April meeting, be it as traditional as a quilt or as out there as a jacket made from who-knows-what. And that's a challenge!

-Vicky Isliefson



Thank you all for the lovely hanger covers! What a wonderful surprise! It may not qualify for the video contest, but this is what ASG means to me -- where else could you find good friends willing to create so many pretty and practical ways to cover a hanger!

Julia

American Sewing Guild -- Wichita Kansas Chapter

2 Day Workshop and Trunk Show

Sedgwick County Extension Center, 4-H Hall, 7101 N. Ridge Rd., Wichita, KS

Marsha McClintock – designer/owner of Saf-t-pockets Patterns created for travel and every day. She enjoys teaching and creating classes that inspire and motivate students to try new things. She has taught at the American Sewing Guild National Conferences, and sewing shows across the US. She is past president of Assoc. of Sewing and Design Professionals, Oregon Chapter, has owned an accessory business and has written for Sew News Magazine.



Thursday, April 16, 2015 7pm to 9pm SAF-T-Pockets Trunk Show

Free admission.

Friday, April 17, 2015 9am to 4pm Inspiring Workshop

Morning: It's in the Details (Lecture) Applying unique trims, unusual closures, inseam buttonholes, fun pockets and sleeve treatments. There will be sample garments with great details to inspire your projects.

Afternoon: (Hands On) Surface Design Using stamps, fabric paints, foil paints, foils, silk screens, etc. **Kit Fee \$18.00**

Saturday, April 18, 2015 9am to 4pm All Things Leather

Morning: Fun with Leather and Suede (Lecture) where to purchase skins, sewing supplies and equipment needed, pattern suggestions, cutting and marking. Ways to use leather in garments and for accents.

Afternoon: (Hands on) Leather Coat Second Time Around You will learn techniques to turn an unwanted coat into fun accessories. Purses, totes, belts etc. How to use existing seams, pockets and zippers in your new creation.

Registration Fees:

Early Bird Deadline : March 17, 2015

Member Early Bird Fee	\$60 Friday or Saturday	\$100 Both days
Non Members Early Bird Fee	\$85 Friday or Saturday	\$125 Both Days

Final Deadline: April 9, 2015

Members Fee	\$70 Friday or Saturday	\$120 Both days
Non Members Fee	\$95 Friday or Saturday	\$145 Both days

Marsha McClintock Workshop Registration April 16, 17, 18, 2015

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Free I plan to attend the Thursday Evening April 16, 2015 Trunk Show

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\$ _____ **Both Friday and Saturday \$100 (add \$20 after March 17, 2015, non-members add \$45)**

\$ _____ **My check made payable to American Sewing Guild-Wichita Chapter is enclosed.**

Final Registration Date is April 9, 2015

Mail registration to: Judy Troyer 1277 Indigo, Hillsboro, Kansas 67063

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In the Library

Items in our library include books, videos, DVDs, magazines and patterns. These items may be checked out for one month at a time. DVDs and videos must be returned the following month and may not be renewed until the end of the meeting so that others have a chance to check them out.

There is a charge of \$1 per item per month for items returned late. Any item not returned within 6 months will be considered lost and the member will be responsible for replacing it. A complete listing of library holdings is available at the library table during our monthly meetings.

We are also happy to receive your donations of sewing related magazines that we then sell to other members. However, we request that you limit your donations to no more than two years worth at one time, so that our librarian can handle the volume.

New in the Library:

DVD Men of the Cloth by Vicki Vasilopoulos

A-Z of Heirloom Sewing, Anna Scott-editor purchased in memory of Nelda Ellington.

February Events

General Meeting –February 3

Custom Blue Jeans

- By Frank Hopkins
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Vicky Is liefson 529-1565

MEOW Neighborhood Group-February 11

Purses

- ♦ By Lori Postlethwaite
- ♦ 2 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Donella Cole 773-4374

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group- February 16

Pin Weaving (continued)

- ♦ 1pm, 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita
- ♦ Shirley Binder 687-7257

Eastside Neighborhood Group- February 17

Sling Bag from recycled ties

- ♦ By Valerie Fisher
- ♦ 7 pm Needle Nook Fabrics
- ♦ Theresa Corle 689-6702

Serger Neighborhood Group- February 23

Serger Bag part 1

- ♦ By Julia Waterbury
- ♦ 1 pm, 1208 N Emporia
- ♦ Julia Waterbury 722-0734

Eat & Shop Saturday, February 21, 2015

Nancy Boewe 681-0000
11:30 for Lunch
Copper Oven 945-7549
2409 W. 13st
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Eat & Shop (cont.)

The Sewing Center 832-0819
2407 W. 13st (New Location)
Wichita, Ks 67203

Picket Fence Quilt Co. 558-8899
7011 W. Central, Ste129 (New Location)
Wichita KS 67212

CAB Meeting February 24

- ♦ Plan upcoming events
- ♦ 1:30 pm, Ingle Room
- ♦ Vicky Is liefson 529-1565

Serge It Up Neighborhood Group- February 26

- ♦ **Rolled Edge**
- ♦ 9:30 am , A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Shirley Binder 687-7257

Meet Frank Hopkins

our February speaker

Frank is a student at WSU majoring in Marketing & Entrepreneurship. He & his partner plan to open a high end fashion jeans store.

Frank moved to California when he was 19 where he did some modeling and fell in love with fashion design. He started designing blue jeans & has even designed a pair for his grandmother. He returned back home to Wichita and decided to go to school to pursue his dream.

March Events

General Meeting –March 3

Managing Your Stash

- ♦ By Julia Langle
- ♦ 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- ♦ Vicky Islielson 529-1565

Meow Neighborhood Group-March 11

Free Standing Lace

- ♦ by Michele Brakewood

Lace on Denim

- ♦ By Betty Brees
- ♦ 2 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Donella Cole 773-4374

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group-March 16

Folded Fabric Flowers

- ♦ By Betty Brees
- ♦ 1pm, 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita
- ♦ Shirley Binder 687-7257

Eastside Neighborhood Group-March 17

Bog Coat

- ♦ 7 pm Needle Nook Fabrics
- ♦ Theresa Corle 689-6702

Serger Neighborhood Group-March 23

Serger Bag part 2

- ♦ By Julia Waterbury
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5th Tuesday & Wednesday Sew In–March 31 & April 1

Work on Projects, Go to Lunch!

- ♦ Come one or both days
- ♦ 9 am to 4:00 pm, Extension Center
- ♦ Vicky Islielson (529-1565

Oh My Stash

At the March meeting, we'll be talking about our stashes! Before the meeting, dig through your stash and find the fabrics you've had the longest and bring one to the meeting. It can be one you can't believe you paid real money for, one you absolutely love but can't figure out how to use, or one that just makes you feel...meh. Don't worry, this won't be one of those "give your fabric to the person sitting to your left who must take it home and make a pet toy out of it" things. We're going to use these to provide concrete starting points for talking about how to make sure our stashes are making us happy!

If you're brave enough, take a picture of your current stash and email it to julialangel@cox.net -- I'll use it in

ASG on the Web

Wichita ASG Facebook page: www.facebook.com/asgwichita

Wichita ASG email: asgwichita@yahoo.com

National ASG site: www.asg.org

National ASG Facebook page: American Sewing Guild

Rumor Has It...

- ◆ Gown Town is coming up in March. We will again be part of this local effort to see that every High school student has attire for prom. We also will be collecting evening bags to give to the girls.
- ◆ ASG National Conference for 2015 will be July 16-20 at Town & Country Resort & Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle N, San Diego CA 92108. For reservations, call: (800) 772-8527.
- ◆ Our Chapter T-Shirt contest at the Kansas State Fair. September 11-20, 2015. Entry Deadline will be August 15.

Community Service Report

Hours for 2014: 1790 plus 120 dresses and 13 people working various hours at Gown Town. December stocking challenge: 100 stockings and 2 laundry baskets full of toys, books, games and toiletries to Catholic Charities, Wichita Children's Home and Andover Children's Home (SCARF). New projects: Floor pillows for children's home, 20 inches and up, drawstring pillow cases (becomes a duffle bag). Length of drawstring to be the same as the width of the pillow case when flat for safety.

Watch for up-coming Charity sewing days to be announced.

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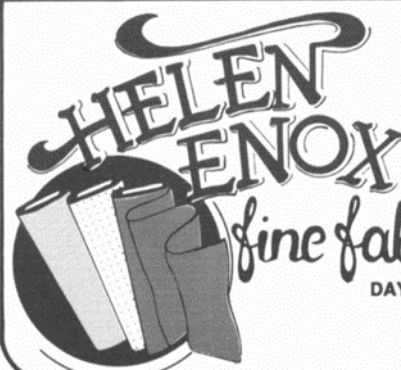
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On-Going Fundraisers

A number of back issues of sewing magazines have been donated, including Ottobre, Sew Beautiful, Sew News, and Creative Machine Embroidery. Look for these for sale in the next few months.

Most fabric is sold at \$1 per yard, but there are some high quality quilt cottons priced a little higher.

Now sold from the Fabric Fund tables: Patterns and magazines that have been donated by members are for sale for 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar. Funds raised go to buy items for the library and some of our other activities. Happy shopping!

Tables open before and after the meeting and during refreshment break.

Welcome New Members

Charleen Bond, Wichita KS

Catherine Marshall, Wichita KS

We welcome you and encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and get involved in a Neighborhood Group.

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Jan Adams

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