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Needled by Norma

Nobody wants to feel like they are aging, but when I realize that my 50th high school reunion is soon approaching, I cannot believe where all those years have gone. But, thinking back on English class discussing palindromes (madam I'm Adam), synonyms (can't spell humongous? Use big instead), antonyms (salt, pepper) and homonyms (to, too, two or tutu) it seems just as boring as if it were yesterday. I say all this to get to my favorite pastime which would be my personal homonym, **so** I can either **sew** or I can **sow**.

For the past 4 plus years I have been spending a lot of time, energy and money on **sewing** fabric, but my biggest passion is **sowing** seeds. There is no better satisfaction than running out to the garden in the back yard (instead of the store) and getting ingredients for dinner. I guess I come by it naturally being raised on a farm and all, but there is just something about this time of year that makes me want to go outside in the sunshine, get on my hands and knees and start digging holes in the ground. I actually love sitting in the dirt, getting it under my fingernails, between my toes and drilled into my knees. I mean to say that it's just not right if you don't get down and dirty and all mixed up in it. There is something comforting in being sore and aching from having bent over all day and dropping those seeds in the ground. It still amazes me to this day that I can take a tiny little ugly brown seed, drop it in that hole and with some water, sunshine and a little time end up with a plant taller than myself yielding hundreds of tomatoes (or cucumbers, or potatoes).

Every spring I **so** look forward to **sowing** veggies as well as flowers, and the beauty of it is, you can't go wrong. I've started out (more than once) to **sew** a long sleeve shirt and ended up with not enough fabric **so** I got a short sleeve shirt instead. Following a pattern for my size pants that ends up way too big has always been an issue. Or cutting a quilt square too small well you get the point, **SEWING GETS MESSY!** However, I can say with honesty that I have never planted a marigold seed that grew into a tulip, nor have I planted any vegetable that was not fit to eat if picked at the proper time. In my world when I **sew** I tend to rip whereas when I **sow**, I reap. **So** just today I want to **sow** instead of **sew**.

Sewing on the other hand can entertain the same thought system. Planting the seeds would equate to getting your friends and family interested by inviting them to our meetings. Watering is equal to what we do at all our monthly meetings and neighborhood groups by feeding into everyone's ideas and getting tons of encouragement. Then the reaping would have to be at the end of the general meeting when we see all those inspired and novel items at our show and share followed by many oohs and ahs which only inspire you to do more. My inspiration to you is that whether you chose to either **sew** or **sow** that you follow Nike's lead and "Just do it".

Norma

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Membership Renewal

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 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, in the newsletter, or on the website please tell the webmistress, and 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 a year. We only accept sewing-related ads.

Our rates are:

1/8 page--\$60/year

¼ page --\$120/year

½ page--\$210/year

1 page--\$300/year

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.

Duties of Wichita Chapter ASG Hospitality Chair

The Hospitality Chair position is a very rewarding position for the person that not only likes sewing but has a talent of providing a warm and friendly atmosphere for not only regular meetings but also special events. During regular meeting the chairman will provide water, coffee and tea for the enjoyment of the guests. Sometimes a small snack will be provided. There are three special events during the year. These include a Spring Tea in April, a Birthday celebration in September and Christmas in December. These three events will require the chairman to come up with an idea for table decorations plus a little something special for drinks and snacks. The Birthday celebration requires making or ordering cakes, cookies or cupcakes. The chairman will also be responsible for providing the daily needs such as cups, plates, napkins, sweeteners, and dining utensils which will be reimbursed by the ASG guild.



Limited Time Offer

\$10 Trial Membership-A perfect gift for a friend that you would like to introduce to ASG. Visit <https://www.asg.org/taste-of-asg-trial-membership/> To Try out a 60-day all access to "Taste of ASG" pass to the American Sewing Guild for only \$10.



March Show & Share



Sylvia Steinshouer



Donella Cole

A Taste of ASG

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- Full access to the Members Only area of the ASG website
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- Electronic copy of Notions, ASG's Quarterly Publication
- Special pricing from ASG partners such as Craftsby and University of Fashion
- Entrance to chapter meetings, neighborhood and special interest groups and events
- Opportunity to register at "Members Only" price for the Annual ASG Conference in Orlando, FL, July 27-30, 2017

Sign up online using the Join Now! button.

www.asg.org

American Sewing Guild, The Wichita Chapter Louise Cutting Workshop and Lecture Seminar

April 6th, 7th and 8th 2017

Trunk Show and 2 Days with Louise Cutting
Sedgwick County Extension Center
7001 W. 21st Street N. Wichita, Ks.



Louise will be lecturing on how we can improve our garments and make them look more professional. Creative tips and sewing techniques for collars, sleeve plackets and cuffs with her bag of tricks. Teach us the correct way and types of interfacing that should be used. How to extend sleeve lengths and circumference changes in proper locations. Discover the designs that work with your body type, plus up and coming styles. We will be working with the quarter scale patterns pieces.

Louise founded "Cutting Corners, Inc." a successful Custom Couture Clothing business located in Winter Park, Florida and "The Cutting Line Designs" Pattern Co. She has received the ASG Hall of Fame & ASE Outstanding Teacher Award

- Thursday April 6th, 7:00 pm "Free" Trunk Show and Lecture
- Friday April 7th, 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm, "A Day With Louise"
- Saturday April 8th, 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm, "Fitting In & Standing Out", Working in Quarter Scale
- Lunch provided both day sessions
- Registration: Early Bird Deadline March 7, 2017
Members Early Bird \$125.00 Includes workbook
Non Members Early Bird \$135.00 plus \$10.00 workbook
- After March 6th Registrations increase \$10.00
- For more information contact Event Coordinator, Judy Troyer by email at jjtroyer@outlook.com



Louise Cutting Workshop & Lectures

Registration Form

April 6th, 7th and 8th

Location ~ Sedgwick County Extension Center
7001 W. 21st St. Wichita, Kansas

Thursday Evening Free Trunk Show, April 6, from 7 ~ 9 pm

Friday and Saturday April 7th and 8th, 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Lunch included on 7th and 8th.

- After March 7th registration fee:

- Members

\$135.00

- Non Members

\$145.00

Plus \$10.00 for workbook

Total

\$_____

- Final Registration Date: April 4, 2017

Please make check payable to:

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Judy Troyer

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Jennifer Moore enlightened us about medieval "Garb" as Members modeled period clothing at our March Meeting.

April Events

General Meeting –April 4

Spring Tea-Denim Challenge

- ◆ Bring and show your Challenge project
- ◆ Bring an Apron and share its story
- ◆ Members whose last name starts with A-through K bring treats.
- ◆ 1:30 pm, Extension Center
- ◆ Norma Womack (316) 721-9306

Sewing Buddy–April 4

Pattern Tissue Fit

- ◆ By Sondra Schmittgens
- ◆ 7:00 pm, Extension Center
- ◆ Linda Bryan (316) 722-2492
- ◆ Sondra Schmittgens (316) 644-7049

Louise Cutting Seminar

Trunk Show & Lecture-April 6, 7pm

Workshop & Lectures

- ◆ A Day with Louise April 7, 9am-4pm
- ◆ Fitting in and Standing Out April 8, 9am-4pm
- ◆ Judy Troyer (620) 947-3537

MEOW Neighborhood Group-April 12

Mistakes to Avoid & Repurposing

- ◆ by Sylvia Steinshouer

New Products

- ◆ by Dawna O'Connor
- ◆ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ◆ Donella Cole (316) 773-4374

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group-April 17

Follow-Up on Louise Cutting Seminar

- ◆ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ◆ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

Eastside Neighborhood Group-April 18

Machine feet: Stitch in ditch, edge joining, gimping

- ◆ By Michelle Brakewood
- ◆ 7 pm , Needle Nook Fabrics
- ◆ Theresa Corle (316) 689-6702

Serger Neighborhood Group-April 24

Serger Machine cover

- ◆ 1:30 pm, Riverwalk Church of Christ, 225 N Waco
- ◆ Penny Ruddle (316) 263-4816

CAB Meeting –April 25

- ◆ Plan upcoming events
- ◆ 1:30 pm, Sedgwick Room, Sedgwick County Extension Center
- ◆ Norma Womack (316) 721-9306

Serge It Up Neighborhood Group-April 27

Cording Foot

- ◆ Michelle Brakewood
- ◆ 9:30 am, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ◆ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

Tea Party: Bring your favorite apron "to tell a story" about it. Maybe its yours, your mothers or grand-daddy's. Just a little history about why its important to you

Denim Challenge:

Susie Dyer got a head start on her Denim Challenge Project and shared it at the March meeting. At the April meeting we want to see everyone's denim creations, large or small, new fabric or upcycled. Whether for yourself or a gift, make it to wear, carry or use in your home.



May Events

General Meeting –May 2

Zentangle

- ♦ By Ronda Voorhis
- ♦ 1:30 pm , Extension Center
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 721-9306

Sewing Buddy–May 2

Bring Your current Project

- ♦ 7:00 pm, Extension Center
- ♦ Linda Bryan (316) 722-2492
- ♦ Sondra Schmittgens (316) 644-7049

Meow Neighborhood Group-May 10

Monogram Challenge

- ♦ By Amy Belt
- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Donella Cole (316) 773-4374

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group-May15

Inktense Coloring on Fabric

- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

Eastside Neighborhood Group-May 16

Buttonholes and Buttons

- ♦ Shirley Binder
- ♦ 7 pm, Needle Nook Fabrics
- ♦ Theresa Corle (316) 689-6702

Serger Neighborhood Group-May 22

Asymmetrical hemlines for your favorite T-Shirt pattern

- ♦ 1:30 pm, Riverwalk Church of Christ 225 N Waco
- ♦ Penny Ruddle (316) 263-4816

CAB Meeting –May 23

- ♦ Plan upcoming events
- ♦ 1:30 pm, Sedgwick Room Sedgwick County Extension Center
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 721-9306

Serge It Up Neighborhood Group-May 25

Taping foot

- ♦ Michelle Brakewood
- ♦ 9:30 am A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

5th Tuesday & Wednesday Sew In– May 30 & 31

Work on Projects, Go to Lunch!

Come one or both days

- ♦ 9 am to 4:00 pm, Extension Center
- ♦ 10 am Tuesday, Rotary Cutting Tips by Beryl Silkey.
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 721-9306

Zentangle is an easy to learn method of drawing repetitive patterns. It is fun and relaxing and uses the right side of our brains giving our left side, the more logical side, a chance to relax for a bit. Zentangle increases focus and creativity and provides an increased sense of personal well being. Ronda Corle Voorhis will not only demonstrate this art form but provide you with the simple tools to learn by doing. We will put our work together to see a lovely "quilt" of our labors.

Ronda is a former graphic artist who spent more than 25 years working at magazines and newspapers. She also taught journalism and graphic design for nine years at Wichita State and Emporia State universities. She has been sewing since she was able to reach the pedal.



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.

We receive rewards money from the following:

Dillons Community Rewards program <https://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>

www.smile.amazon.com

Welcome New Members

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

Susan de Wit Wichita, Kansas

Ronda Voorhis Wichita Kansas

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Gown Town 2017

A total of 435 students lined up in waves, from 7AM to 4PM, to pick out their special prom gowns, suits and accessories, at the 2017 Gown Town event at Towne West mall. It was a fun and exhausting day for our volunteers and our alterations, bags and bow ties brought joy to 103 high school students from over 33 high schools in Wichita and surrounding towns. We completed 93 alterations to 62 gowns/suits for students from 33 different high schools, with a few volunteers taking items home to complete more complex, time consuming alterations. Leslea Roach, event director, arranged for us to have our own workroom with plenty of tables and chairs, water bottles and yummy snacks. She even arranged for us to secure enough bling and fabric for next year's evening bags from gowns that were no longer useful.



A special thanks to all our members who created 67 beautiful evening bags, a bountiful supply of bow ties and who worked at the event

Remember to turn your Community Service hours to Beryl.

Library News

The library will no longer keep all the past issues of Threads Magazine. We will keep 5 past years plus the current year. There is a CD available for purchase from Threads that has ALL of the previous issues on it. It is copyrighted so we cannot purchase it for the library and lend it out. It actually downloads all the issues to your computer. Then if you want to look up a subject, such as collars, you type in "collars" and all issues that have articles relating to collars come up. The back issues that we already have are bundled up by the year. Therefore there are 6 issues in each bundle and we are selling them for \$5.00 a bundle. There are also a number of issues that are duplicates or not complete years that are for sale for \$1.00 per magazine. I started selling these at our March meeting and will have out on my table the bundles we have left at the April meeting. So look through your Threads magazine stash and make note of any years or individual magazines you are missing.

Lori Postlethwait, Librarian

Merchant Discounts

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Remember both ASG.org and ASGWichita.org have areas that are password protected. If you don't remember the passwords check the back of your membership card or contact info@asgwichita.org.

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