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Needled by Norma

Bear with me if you will because I have discovered that writing an article for the newsletter is way out of my comfort zone. I have been wracking my brain trying to figure out how to come up with a good topic when a friend of mine came over to sew up some simple little Christmas items we delivered to shut-ins from our church. She was looking around my sewing room and asked about several "out of the ordinary" items that were in with my supplies, and as I explained to her it came to me that none of this stuff was down there until I joined the sewing guild.



I went on to tell her the coffee filters were used as stabilizer on small embroidery projects and my "Press and Seal" was used as cheap topper when working with terry towels. She just gave me that deer in the headlight look and when she stopped laughing at me I went on to explain the use of painters tape, walnut shell hulls, pipe cleaners, chop sticks, plastic shopping bags, broken metal tape measure and fishing line. I didn't get into fabric texturizing with use of my bakers cooling rack but if I had, I think she would have been impressed. She would really freak out if she saw the "FatMax" toolbox the kids got me for Christmas since her visit.

I say all this because it just reminded me of how much I have learned and how fun it has been to get together with this amazing group of women who keep me up to date on the latest tricks of the trade.

If you are one of the few who has never joined us on a 5th Tuesday and missed the one in January then please consider coming on May 30. Mark your calendar now and you will have no excuse to miss the fun (I personally believe it's the most helpful and informative group we have). You can always learn something and have fun at the same time.

Norma

Coming April 6, 7 & 8

Spring Seminar With Louise Cutting

See page 4 & 5 for details

Learn more about Louise at

<https://www.cuttinglinedesigns.com>

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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.

About your Chapter Advisory Board (CAB)

Each year, at our annual meeting in November, 5 Advisory Board members are elected. They are President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents chair assigned Chapter Committees. The elected CAB members, who are limited to 4 consecutive terms in any position, appoint additional CAB Members and Committee Chairs to fulfill the duties of operating the chapter. All terms are for a 1 year period. CAB members attend a monthly meeting to review past events and plan the chapter future. A complete CAB listing with contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter.

At this time the position of Retail Liaison/Eat & Shop is open.

Duties of Wichita Chapter ASG Librarian

The Wichita Chapter of ASG is very fortunate to have a large number of books and DVDs that our members may check out for a month at a time. The librarian has various duties to help our members find the resources they seek.

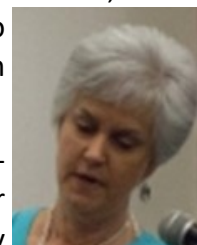
Each item checked out has to have a card for that item so the member can write their name and the date the item was checked out. It is then due to be returned one month later. If it is not returned at that time, a fine of \$1.00 is assessed for each month the item is overdue. It is the librarian's responsibility to check the card file each month for any overdue books. Then she is to send written notification to the person who has overdue items.

The librarian is also responsible for purchasing any new material, books and DVDs for the library. There is an amount of money in our budget for these purchases. Any time one of our members passes away the librarian tries to find a book that represents that person. Many times a family member will donate a book from that person's personal library to represent them. And our members sometimes donate some of their books to our library when they downsize at home. All of these books need to be added to our library database. Our database has a listing of all our books and DVDs by author, by subject, and by title. The books are then color coded by subject. This makes searching for a particular book much easier.

The librarian also makes out the Threads subscriptions each year. Starting in September, she checks with Threads magazine regarding price of renewal. At each meeting from September through November a clipboard sign up sheet is made available to our members. The money for subscriptions is collected and the list along with the checks are given to our Chapter Treasurer to be mailed to Threads.

Any new purchases and other news worthy items are sent to our Chapter Newsletter person to be published in our Dreams N Seams newsletter.

The librarian also periodically goes through our library items and discards the ones which we have duplicates, and items that no longer have value and discard them or put them on the library table to be sold.



Sewing and the *Frixion* Pen

When Frixion pens hit the market sewists quickly discovered them and found them the answer to transferring markings to fabrics. However the Pilot company never tested them on fabric. While they are a great tool most of the time the occasional issue arises with ghost marks appearing or color returning. Visit this website for more information. <http://quiltskipper.com/2015/08/13/frixion-pens-all-you-need-to-know/>

American Sewing Guild, Wichita Chapter
Workshop and Lecture Seminar with Louise Cutting
April 6th, 7th and 8th 2017

A 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.

- Thursday April 6th, 7:00 pm "Free" Trunk Show and Lecture
 - Friday April 7th, 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm, Lecture "A day with Louise"
 - Saturday April 8th, 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm, Lecture, Fitting In & Standing Out
- Working in Quarter Scale
- Lunch provided both day sessions
 - Registration: Early Bird Deadline March 6, 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 jjetoyer@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 6th, from 7 ~ 9 pm

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

Lunch included on 7th and 8th.

- Early Bird Registration fee:

- Members \$125.00

Includes a free workbook, \$10.00 value

- Non Members \$135.00

Plus \$10.00 for workbook

- After March 6th 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:

American Sewing Guild-Wichita Chapter

Name _____ Membership # _____

Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

Mail registration to:

Judy Troyer

1277 Indigo, Hillsboro, Kansas 67063

February Events

General Meeting –February 7

Journey in Fiber

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

Sewing Buddy–February 7

Bring Your current Project

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

MEOW Neighborhood Group-February 8

Embroidery on Knits –T-Shirts

- ♦ by Vicky Isleifson
- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Donella Cole (316) 773-4374

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group-February 20

By Popular Demand Pattern

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

Eastside Neighborhood Group-February 21

2 T-Shirt Jacket

- ♦ By Janet Grimsley
- ♦ 7 pm, Needle Nook Fabrics
- ♦ Theresa Corle (316) 689-6702

Serge It Up Neighborhood Group-February 23

Beading Foot

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

Serger Neighborhood Group-February 27

St. Patricks Day Vest

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

CAB Meeting –February 28

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

GownTown

Once again we are participating in GownTown, a community project to give area students a prom night to remember for the rest of their lives. Students from area schools will be able to choose formal wear at no charge to them. This clothing has been donated and our help is needed to make alterations so these dresses fit properly. We need ASG members with sergers, sewing machines and hand work to make this happen. We will have a volunteer sheet at the February meeting for you to sign up. March 4 at Towne West Mall in the old JoAnn Fabrics location (Maple street side, middle door on the north side) from 9am to 4pm. There is a back door entry and we may set up the day before. Helpers will be on hand. You can also bring your sewing supplies on Saturday morning at 7:30. There should be helpers at this time, but it will be busy. Come by 7:45 and expect to stay until about 2:30 if you are sewing all day. Sign-up sheet will be available at the February General meeting, or contact Vicky Isleifson, (316) 529-1565.

Handbags can be turned in at any meeting in February, or sooner if you prefer. Show and share if you can! Some "scrapped" gowns might be available to use as fabric at the February General meeting

Remember to turn your completed Hospice Gowns in to Beryl.

March Events

General Meeting –March 7

Medieval Clothing Styles

- ◆ By Jennifer Moore
- ◆ 1:30 pm , Extension Center
- ◆ Norma Womack (316) 721-9306

Sewing Buddy–March 7

Bring Your current Project

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

Meow Neighborhood Group-March 8

Embroidery on Leather

- ◆ By Marilyn Kirby
- ◆ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ◆ Donella Cole (316) 773-4374

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group-March 20

Make it yours

Techniques from Louise Cutting Videos

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

Eastside Neighborhood Group-March 21

Cutting out Hospice Gowns/using the binding foot

- ◆ Beryl Silkey
- ◆ 7 pm, Needle Nook Fabrics
- ◆ Theresa Corle (316) 689-6702

Serge It Up Neighborhood Group-March 23

Blind stitch & Lace Foot

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

Serger Neighborhood Group-March 27

Quick and easy throw

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

CAB Meeting –March 28

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

Recreating pre 1600's Clothing

20 years ago, my husband and I discovered The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), a group dedicated to researching and recreating the middle ages. Unlike a renaissance faire, everyone who attends an "event" is required to make an attempt at pre 1600's clothing. Our first attempts were just that-attempts! But as we researched styles and periods we grew more accomplished. Our demonstration will show medieval clothing from different cultures and time periods, plus a small representation of arts of the time period.

April is Tea Time-Spring Challenge

Spring is right around the corner (according to the calendar) so this brings us back to another challenge. Who doesn't have a pair of denim pants that they just love but cannot bear to part with? Or, maybe some nice denim fabric that's been sitting in their stash and needs to be sewn into a new garment, or maybe even a little trinket for a birthday gift? This challenge is for you! We are looking for any item made from denim, it can be new fabric or upcycled from an old pair of jeans. Big or small, garment or handy household item WE WANT DENIM. Put on your thinking cap, pull out the machine and wow us with your creation then be prepared to share it with us at the Spring Tea on April 4.

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.

Jonnie LePort Wichita, Kansas

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Christmas Gift Exchange Fun

Sew Young, Sew Denim

ASG Junior Member Contest

Contest Parameters:

- **Open to ASG Junior Members - 18 and under**
- Make an original creation using *denim*
- Submit by video or photo with an explanation of project and your inspiration to asgsewyounsewdenimcontest@gmail.com
- Submissions due by March 31, 2017
- Three finalists announced early May
- Winner will be chosen at ASG Annual Conference by attendees and announced at the Sunday luncheon
- Conference attendance not required
- Prize will be shipped to winner

PRIZE

Bernina 640 Sewing &
Embroidery Machine with
presser feet, mega hoop & case



Our members contributed 394 hours and contributions to charity in December 2016. Christmas donations were delivered to Ronald McDonald House, Wichita Children's Home and Sunshine Children's Home (Andover). They included: 125 Christmas Stockings, 49 pillow cases and stocking stuffers (crayons, coloring books, stuffed animals, games, costume jewelry, lots of toiletries, small bags, and novelty items.

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