

Name Our Newsletter

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Words of Wisdom

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

Welcome to the Wichita, Kansas Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. This is the first edition of our bimonthly newsletter. This month is a scaled down version of what is to come. It takes a lot of work to put a great newsletter together, and we hope that you will be patient with us and watch us grow.

Our Guild is off to a great start with over 50 members. We are planning on expanding our meeting time into the evening after the first of the year. There are many great things coming this next year including a fabric swap in February and demonstrations. Even a bus trip are in the works, as well as a community service project for our group. Many great and exciting things will be happening in our Guild.

Have you started your Holiday sewing yet? There are many things that you can make from scraps or a few yards of fabric. Decorate your table with placemats, napkins and tablecloths. Or, sew together decorative pillows and simple throws from fleece to cozy up your home. Don't forget to make a stocking or two for filling and a Santa cap for your favorite elf.

Just a reminder that our meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension Center, unless we are having a special event. Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension Center. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to call me, 722-7721.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, December 1

1:30 PM

Sunflower Room

Sedgwick County
Extension Center

Autumn



Thank You

A very special thank you to Charlotte Wolfe and friend who were in charge of the program at our October meeting. The information, patterns, and garments that they brought for "show and tell" were wonderful.

Charlotte's Sew Natural store is located at 710 N. Main Street in Newton, Kansas. Stop in and see them soon!

SIMPLE SLEEPING BAG

All you need is:

- 2 yards of fleece (quilted fabric would also work)
- zipper to go around two sides (you might need to buy zipper tape by the yard for this project)

Fold the material in half lengthwise. Hem the top of the bag and then sew in the zipper along the side and the bottom of the bag. Add a tie or two so that you can roll it up and tie in a roll. This pattern is not exact, so use your imagination.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!?

(COMMITTEE REPORTS)

by Sondra Schmittgens, Secretary

PRESIDENT: Denise Dias is still in the throes of organizing the Guild.

VICE PRESIDENT: Shirley Binder has nothing to report at this time.

SECRETARY: Sondra Schmittgens is learning to write minutes and is working on a phone list.

TREASURER: Nancy Gollihar is thinking up possible money making projects. If any of you have suggestions, please let her know.

NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN: Well let me think... Oh, right! Marcia Davis is writing this newsletter.

EDUCATION: Becky Wondra has a survey out to see what all of us are interested in. Please fill those out and return them to her at the meeting or through the mail. If you don't know about this survey, please see Becky and get an interest sheet from her!

SPECIAL EVENTS: Sue Carpenter is planning a fabric exchange for us to clean our closets and raise money for "TA DA!" possibly getting Shirley Adams of the television show "The Sewing Connection" to come here to Wichita. Sue is also working on a bus trip to the national convention in Kansas City during August 1999.

What's In A Name?

Well, if you don't have a name... quite a bit. Our Newsletter doesn't have a name, and we need all of you to give us your best suggestions. A name will be chosen at the November Board meeting on November 24, and we will see it on our January/February 1999 newsletter. Make sure you leave the yellow sheet with your suggestion(s) on it before you leave the November meeting. *(Look for the basket on the table near the announcement board.)*

Who knows?!? There might be a great prize in it for the person with the most creative suggestion.

YOU Are The Heart of This New Guild

This newsletter is yours! That's why it is important for you to let us know what you expect to see in it. If you have suggestions, sewing tips, articles you have read in other publications, or anything that you think will interest our members, please get the information in writing to Marcia Davis, 1020 N. Pinecrest, Wichita, Kansas 67208 or E-mail her at Gbmhh@aol.com. The deadline for the next newsletter will be November 8.

Be a part of this new Guild. Share your ideas with the rest of us. That is one of the foundations of starting this Guild. We are not alone. We are all in this together! We want to have fun, get ideas, learn new techniques, etc. Sewing is an art form handed down from generation to generation. Do your part, and we will all benefit tremendously.

Don't Leave Home Without It!

We've all heard this statement about a certain credit card, but what we're talking about is your ASG membership card. Becky Wondra, our Program Chair, found out how important her membership card was recently when she was in Hays, Kansas, at the Quilt Cottage there. They give a 10% discount on regularly priced merchandise to all ASG members. Do you know of a store that honors "the card"? Let Marcia Davis, our Newsletter Chair, know so everyone in the Guild can benefit.

'Tis the Season to Give of Yourself

Don't miss our December meeting. Please bring a handmade gift (value \$5) to exchange and your favorite "finger food". Don't miss out on all the fun scheduled for our Guild meeting on December 1.

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