

DREAMS and SEAMS

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Words of Wisdom

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

Warm winter greetings to everyone. I hope that everyone has survived the holidays and did not end up with too many U.F.O.'s (Un-Finished Objects). January is a great time to finish those U.F.O.'s and start on some new projects. Cleaning out your fabric collection would be another great winter project. This task will help you get ready for the Fabric Swap and Sale in February.

Remember that you can sell anything that is related to sewing at our Fabric Swap and Sale. Since this is our first money-making project for the year, I hope that everyone will participate and make this a successful event. We will be needing money in our treasury for a sewing

seminar later this fall. Look for more information about the Fabric Swap and Sale in this newsletter (*See the article on page 2*).

I would like to encourage you to share your love for sewing and invite a friend to come to one of our meetings. Now is a good time to encourage others to join, especially our working friends, who have been unable to come in the afternoon. Maybe you could bring them to one of our night meetings. It would be wonderful if we could double our membership in the next few months.

My sewing machine is calling to me, so I will sign off for now. . . Happy Sewing!

Next Meeting Date:

FABRIC SWAP & SALE

WILL INCLUDE:
Silent Auction

Ugliest Fabric Contest
(Winner wins a gift certificate)

Thursday, February 11
(Make Note of Date)

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Sedgwick County
Extension Center**

Thank You

A very special thank you to Anne St. Clair from Needle Nook Fabrics, 2714 Boulevard Plaza, in Wichita for her presentation at the November meeting on "Sewing Information on the Internet."

It was truly informative and the amount of information available was unbelievable. Just another example of how sewing is on the increase with so much information available on this rather new sewing guide in cyberspace.

Remember--if you don't have a computer at home, you can always use the computers at the Wichita Public Library for internet access.

Guild to meet each month at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Your Time Has Come

Heard about the American Sewing Guild -- Wichita, Kansas Chapter and wanted to come and join in all the sewing activities? However, you just couldn't, because the 1:30 p.m. meeting time would not fit into your schedule (you work, have napping kids, or can't miss those

afternoon soaps). Well, this is your lucky month!

Beginning with the January 5 meeting, the Wichita Guild will meet at 1:30 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. The programs will be the same at each meeting time. Now there's no reason not to come and check us out.

Fifteen Reasons for Buying Fabric

1. It insulates the closet where it is kept.
2. It helps keep the economy going. It is our patriotic duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills, and quilt & fabric shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. Because it is on sale.
5. A sudden increase in the boll weevil population might wipe out the cotton crop for the next 10 years.
6. I'm participating in a contest, the one who dies with the most fabric wins.
7. It keeps without refrigeration; you don't have to cook it to enjoy it; you never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose or walk it.
8. I need the extra weight in the trunk of my car for traction on snowy, icy roads. This is important, even in Florida and Arizona; you never know when the weather will change suddenly.
9. Because I'm worth it.
10. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty space in the house, like the ironing board, the laundry hamper, the dining room table. . .
11. When the Big Earthquake comes, all the fabric shops might be swallowed into the ground and never be seen again.
12. Stress from dealing with the Fabric Control Officer (a husband, if you have one) made me do it.
13. It's not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul, and makes me feel good.
14. Buy it now, before your significant other retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions.
15. A yard a day is all the fabric shops of America ask.

(From the Lincoln Chapter)

Welcome to Our New Members and Renewals

NEW MEMBER:

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RENEWAL:

White, Jeanne	838-2938	2443 Porter St., Wichita, KS 67204-5708
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FEBRUARY FABRIC SWAP & SALE

Start the new year by cleaning out your closets and earning a little money at the same time. The American Sewing Guild is offering you a chance to do just that with our Fabric Swap and Sale. Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 11, and come join the fun.

If you are a Sewing Guild member, you can rent a table to set up your sale for just \$5.00 and a donation of 2 yards of fabric (to be used in our silent auction). Non-member table rental is \$10.00 and a 2 yard fabric donation. You may sell fabric, patterns, notions, or anything related to sewing.

There will be a merchants mall from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. that day where people who have items to sell can trade among themselves. We will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Another event of the day will be the "Ugliest Fabric" contest. A gift certificate will be given to the winner.

If you are interested in reserving a table, please call **Sue Carpenter**, 721-7630 (home) or 722-7721 (work). Tables must be reserved and paid for by **Monday, February 8.**

Don't Leave Home Without It!

Use your American Sewing Guild membership card to receive a 10% discount at the following stores:

Gramma's Calico Cupboard
 Hancock Fabrics
 Hobby Lobby
 Jo-Ann's Fabrics & Crafts
 Needle Nook Fabrics
 Prairie Quilts
 Singer A-1 Sewing Center

Remember to present your card before the items are rung up at the cash register.

March Madness at ASG♣

Our meeting in March will be held at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center on Tuesday, March 2. The program will be given by our secretary, **Sondra Schmittgens**, on "The Art of Embellishment."

Join us at 1:30 or 7:00 p.m. and don't forget to bring items for "Show and Share."

Advertising Rates

Ad rates for our bimonthly ASG Newsletter will be as follows:

Inserts (8 1/2" x 11") \$30
Full Page \$50
1/2 Page \$35
1/4 Page \$20
Business Card \$10
Classifieds 10¢ a word

The Deadline for the March/April issue will be February 2. Send your info. in writing by that date to: Marcia Davis, 1020 N. Pinecrest, Wichita, KS 67208 or E-mail: Gbmhh@aol.com

Guild Members & Visitors Celebrate the Holidays

The December meeting was a huge success! We had several members and visitors present. The "Show and Share" portion of the meeting was GREAT! Everyone was extremely pleased with the pattern for the fleece cap from President Denise Dias.

A name for our Chapter's newsletter was selected by the Board from the 24 names that were submitted. The one chosen was "Dreams & Seams" submitted by Marcia Davis. Marcia received her choice of several door prizes as her reward.

Names chosen to win door prizes at this holiday meeting were: Jan Adams, Marcia Davis, Barbara Kroeger, Aurelia Lobban, Nancy Riemann, Shari Schneider, and Becky Wondra.

The gift exchange was handled creatively by everyone passing the gift in their possession to the left when "the" was read in "Twas the Night before Christmas." Refreshments followed and the food was plentiful as each person had brought a finger food.

Food, fellowship and fun were the keys to this first holiday get together for the Wichita Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. The first of many.



OUR CHAPTER LIBRARY

Do you have sewing books, videos, patterns, etc. that you would like to get rid of? Then please donate them to our Chapter's Library. That way, all our members will be able to benefit from your generosity.

Mark Your Calendar!

**National Convention
will be held
August 19-22, 1999
in Kansas City.**

HAVE SUGGESTIONS -- THESE MEMBERS CAN HELP! (BOARD MEMBERS)

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Love Isn't Love Until You Give It Away

Aletha Van Camp has volunteered to be our Community Service Chairperson.

When you are separating fabrics for the February Fabric Swap and Sale, please separate out some to donate as charity fabric. Possible fabrics include anything soft for baby toys or pillows and anything suitable for comfort camps (worn by chemotherapy patients). Look for the charity box at the Fabric Swap.

Aletha has also requested that anyone having patterns or project sheets for established charitable organizations please bring a copy to the Guild for our library so that individual members can work on their own if they wish. The Guild is planning a Chapter Workshop for Charity sometime this summer.