

DREAMS and SEAMS



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Words of Wisdom

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

The Fabric Swap was a huge success! I am still trying to recover from it! I don't think I have ever seen so much fabric and sewing items in one place ever before! To say that it was overwhelming is an understatement. I am so proud of our Guild members. I want to take this opportunity to "Thank" everyone who had a part in making the Fabric Swap a success. No matter if you had a big responsibility or a small one, thank you for your support. Needless to say, we have started to make notes for next year's Fabric Swap.

Have you started to sew your spring jumper??? It's still not too late to make

one to wear to our April meeting. The patterns that we are using are Butterick #5708 and McCall's #9462. These jumpers go together really fast. I hope that you will make one for yourself and wear it to the April meeting. We will have a surprise for those who take the challenge.

Our Guild has continued to grow at a steady pace over the last few months. I hope you will encourage your friends to join. Don't forget to take advantage of our night meetings. Sewing experience is not necessary to join the Guild. Just a desire to learn.

Until next time... *Happy Sewing!*

Next Meeting Dates:

APRIL

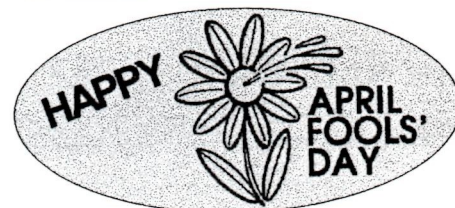
Tuesday, April 6

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Tuesday, May 4

1:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

**Sedgwick County
Extension Center**

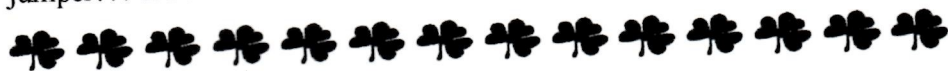


Thank You

A very special thank you to Shirley Binder from Prairie Quilts, 1010 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center), in Wichita for her presentation at the January meeting on "Paper Piecing -- Name Tags."

It was lots of fun and the first time that we all brought our sewing machines and made a "hands on" project.

There was something very special about the chatter of the members' conversations, the hum of the machines, and the laughter filling the air in the Sunflower Room. Thanks Shirley for giving us those memories and the beginning knowledge of paper piecing.

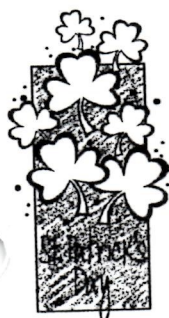


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On the Cutting Edge

The average household has five pairs of scissors. Scissors have bent handles and curved handles, and come with bent tips, flat tips, sharp tips and curved tips. The blades can be 2", 3", 4", 5", 6", 7" or longer, or serrated. Scissors come in different styles, such as dressmaker, embroidery, lace, weavers, buttonhole, applique, and those specially designed for "lefties."

Keep you dressmaking scissors strictly for use with fabric. Invest in a pair of scissors for paper and a pair to use in the kitchen. This will help keep your sewing scissors for that purpose.

Fabric Swap -- Fabric, Fun and Future Annual Event

by Sue Carpenter, Special Events Chairman

The Fabric Swap sponsored by our Chapter of the American Sewing Guild (ASG) on February 11 can be termed nothing other than a "SUCCESS." If you missed it this year, plan on coming next year as plans are already underway to make this an annual event. With 70+ tables of fabric, patterns, notions, and many miscellaneous sewing supplies, sewers and quilters had more choices than most of them could handle. The weather did its best to discourage people from coming, but they came anyway.

Our ASG Chapter made more than \$1,000 to help supplement the treasury and assure us that Shirley Adams will be here in the fall for a special sewing seminar. Evaluation sheets given to the vendors were very positive and offered suggestions for making next year's sale even better.

Thanks to everyone who helped setup, worked all or part of the day -- either selling fabric or refreshments, and to those who stayed when it was over to help clean up.

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
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Classifieds	10¢ a word

The Deadline for the May/June issue will be April 6. Send your info. in writing by that date to: Marcia Davis, 1020 N. Pinecrest, Wichita, KS 67208 or E-mail: Gbmhh@aol.com

Check These Recycling Tips for Sewing

Source: *The Sewing Connection, Tulsa Chapter ASG, December/January 1999*

✓ Get those chopsticks out of the drawer that you salvaged from the time you went to the Chinese Restaurant and put them into the pencil sharpener. They make the best stiletto. If you hit one with your needle, you just have to re-sharpen.

✓ When putting a quilt together, hang up that old flannel backed plastic tablecloth. Cotton pieces and blocks magically stick to it without any pins!

✓ Old cloth eyeglass cases make the best and safest rotary cutter cases.

✓ Take shoulder pads that you were going to toss, fold and stitch the curved side. You have a picket for small scissors, seam gauge and the outside is perfect for pins. Works great for embroidery or bedside your chair for mending.

✓ When you're hand sewing, it's always easy to lose your needles. Try using a votive candle, it makes a wonderful pincushion. You can keep 6-8 needles in it. A great bonus, the wax left on the needles makes it easier to go in and out of fabric.

April's Shower of Colors

Our meeting in April will be held at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center on Tuesday, April 6. Both the daytime and evening program will be given by, **Denise Dias**, on "Choosing Colors That Are Right For You."

Join us at either 1:30 or 7:30 p.m. in the Sunflower Room at the Extension Center.

Editor's Note: In May, we will be working with heirloom sewing and smocking.



Welcome to Our New Members and Renewals

NEW MEMBERS:

Chisum, Terry	729-7487	12321 W. Hunters View, Wichita, KS 67235
Johnson, Bertie	838-7185	2816 Amidon, Wichita, KS 67204
Minnick, Patricia	522-2217	7633 S. Pattie, Haysville, KS 67233
Reedy, Kathryn M.	686-6829	1072 N. Armour, Wichita, KS 67206

RENEWALS:

None at this time.



Colors 2000

Source: *Round Bobbin, July 1998*

It had to happen soon. With all of the concerns the year 2000 will bring, we can all breathe a little easier now that the Color Marketing Group in Alexandria, VA, has released its five color trends for the year 2000. They predict that the most popular hues will include neutrals infused with color, color with soul, cool blues, textures and holographic colors and warmer metallics.

It is expected that the following colors will begin to appear in consumer products at the turn of the century:

Bay Fog -- a complex neutral that evokes impressions of gray, blue and purple.

Chakra Purple -- a veiled, mystical lavender, red-based and midtone.

Excellent as a foil for other colors in the palette.

Copper Leaf -- less harsh than the color of a new penny, this has more depth and texture with a hint of muted luster.

Fiesta -- a refined and sophisticated orange for upscale markets, blue influences it away from the harsh and brash orange of the past.

Frosted Jade -- a beautiful, dreamy gray-green, reminiscent of Chinese porcelain--a new direction for neutrals.

Hermatite -- a deep, dark gray purple that is a replacement for black.

Meritage -- a complex brown-influenced purple.

Salsa Lito -- this browned red is strong and opulent.



Don't forget the "Jumper Sewing Challenge" from either Butterick #5708 or McCalls #9462. Wear your creation to the April meeting.

Plan NOW!!!

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

