

DREAMS and SEAMS

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American Sewing Guild -- Wichita, Kansas Chapter

December 2000/January 2001

Words of Wisdom

Sew, Can You Believe it's December?

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

There are not many sewing days left until Christmas. I cannot believe it is time to write about the holiday season, where did the rest of 2000 go? It is still not too late to finish those sewing projects before the end of the year. I know there are many ways you can share your talent with others... like sewing mittens or hats to warm someone during the chilly days ahead.

Our Charity Sew-in at Towne West was wonderful. It is neat when

we can share our love and sewing talents with others. I know every recipient will love the gift they will receive.



Christmas gifts are not at the top of my list yet. I am recovering from attending two conferences. I did get a chance to visit a fabric shop along the way. I love to see what other shops around the county have. I went to G-Street Fabrics in Virginia and bought a fabulous button for a special
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Next Chapter Meetings:

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 5

Holiday Party

Bring a cup/saucer for tea, a \$5 homemade gift, and a treat to share with the "tea"

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 2

"Stained Glass Wall Hangings"
presented by Debbie Short,
Midwest Sewing

Featured in October & November

Heirloom Sewing and Beading on Jewelry & Fabrics

The recent Charity Sew-in at Towne West produced great fellowship as well as many needed items. The American Cancer Society received over 60 cancer caps, and 35 bags were presented to the Salvation Army as a result of the day's efforts. Sewing machine cover kits were sold to raise money for "Sew for the Cure" and some kits are still available. They'd make a great Christmas gift for friends or family. Thanks again to **Pat Schwening**

and **Sandy Zernickow** for coordinating this community event.

October's meeting presented by **Julie Craig** of Attic Heirlooms Needleart Shop was a feast for the antique and vintage seamstress hidden in each of us. Everyone left with a ribbon rose and leaf that they made from the kit they purchased. What fun to learn a new art with other sewing friends. Be sure to thank Julie for bringing all the great items and the door prizes as well.

Our November meeting on "Beading on Fabric and Jewelry" was led by **Debra Frutch** from Barton, Kansas. She shared stories of her Native American ancestry and explained that beading is simple, elegant, and a beautiful way to add a personal statement to your garments. Everyone was thoroughly enthralled with her honest and heartfelt presentation. Thanks Debra, you made us all think about a lot of things!

CLOTILDE -- Coming to Wichita

Clotilde. . . of the sewing magazine by the same name. . . will be in Wichita on January 24, 2001, to present a seminar. Please note the enclosed pink insert with an application blank for your convenience and for further information. **Don't miss this seminar!!!**

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group

The Hutchinson Neighborhood Group meets in Hutchinson, Kansas on the first Thursday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church, Sherman & Walnut, at 7:30 P.M. Meetings are held in the church's parlor, so please use the west entrance.

Please note that the Annual Christmas Party for December will be held at the address listed:

Thursday, December 7
Annual Christmas Party
 Potluck Dinner
 Jackie Proffitt's home
 905 Old Farm Estates Drive
 Hutchinson, KS

For more information about the group or its meetings, contact **Marion Whitlock**, former ASG Chapter President, (316) 669-9002.

New Magazine: *Creative Machine Embroidery*

Sew News is launching a new quarterly magazine called *Creative Machine Embroidery* and is offering ASG members a special introductory price of \$19.95 (regular price is \$23.95). Each issue will feature beautiful garments, home decor projects, adaptations of ready-to-wear details and a wealth of technique and how-to information from embroidery experts. The premier issue will mail to charter subscribers in late January 2001, and a special section in the December issue of Sew News will give you a sneak preview of what's to come! If interested, call 800-677-5212 to subscribe.

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ASG BUS TRIP

Our annual bus trip to visit surrounding fabric shops is set for Friday, February 23, 2001. We will be visiting Charlotte's in Newton, The Quilting Bee in Salina, The Buttonhole in McPherson, and Cottonwood Quilts in Hutchinson. Lunch will be at the Swedish Crown in Lindsborg.

The cost for this fun trip will be \$20 per person for the bus ride only. Each person is responsible for their own lunch. Applications will be available at the December Guild meeting and seats will be filled on a first come basis. Only ASG members will be accepted for seats until February 1, and then, if we have empty seats, you may invite friends. Payment must accompany your application blank. If you sign up and must cancel, we will refund your money if we can fill your seat. Be sure to attend our December meeting and get your application blank. If you have questions, please call *Sue Carpenter* at 721-7630.

Member-Get-A-Member Contest on National and Local Level

In conjunction with the *Member-Get-A-Member Contest* that is being sponsored Nationally by ASG, the Wichita Chapter will be rewarding the member who sponsors the most new members at the local level with a one year membership extension. Just keep a list of the people that you sponsor and turn them in to the Board Membership Chairman.

The contest runs for ten months from September 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001. So, gather all your sewing friends and bring them to ASG. Help them fill out a new membership form, being sure to include your name and membership number as their sponsor. Pick up some new membership forms at our next meeting. A 2nd and a 3rd prize will also be awarded.

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| 11th | Judy's Jumper | (6 p.m.) |
| 25th | UFO Class Cancelled | |

Merry Christmas

JANUARY CLASSES

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|------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 15th | Scrappy Heart Quilt | (6 p.m.) |
| 22nd | UFO Night | |
| 29th | Fat Quarter Quilt | (6:30 p.m.) |
| TBA | The Muppet Quilt | (call for date and time) |

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After planning *and calling* and arranging *and calling* and re-checking *and re-calling*, **Becky Wondra**, our Guild's Education Chairman, has announced some exciting programs scheduled for 2001. All meetings will be held at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st Street North at 1:30 and 7:00 P. M.

January 2, 2001

Stained Glass Wall Hangings

Presented by **Debbie Short**, Midwest Sewing

January 24, 2001

Clotilde (*See the pink insert*)

February 6, 2001

Seasonal Decor

Presented by **Lois Klepper**, Needle in a Haystack

March 6, 2001

Quilted Garments

Presented by **Audrey Wright**, The Quilt Company

March 30 & 31, 2001

Fabric Swap

April 3, 2001

Speciality Threads

Presented by **Shirley Binder**, Prairie Quilts,
and **Beth Beltz**, A-1 Sewing Center

At the November Board meeting, it was suggested that each Neighborhood Group might be responsible for a Guild program on the subject of their choice. This is still being decided.

Becky is also working on several all-day workshops for 2001. Make sure you cut out these dates, post them on that ever-famous refrigerator, and watch for other programs to be announced in future newsletters. If you know of someone who would be interested in presenting a program to our Guild, please let Becky know.

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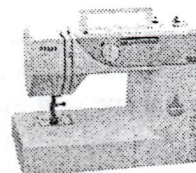
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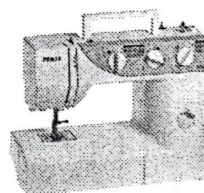
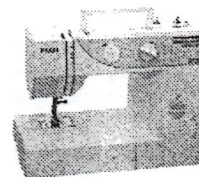


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Carolyn's Corner Visits Derby Neighborhood Group

On October 26, 2000, *Carolyn Anderson* visited the Derby Neighborhood Group to instruct the Guild in making Crocheted Rugs. Carolyn stated that some of her clients have had these rugs last 25 years or more. She brought kits with three pounds of material, a crochet hook, three patterns and instructions -- all for \$15.89. At the meeting, some had never crocheted before and some "whizzed" through the project in nothing flat. Everyone had a good time, and they were all laughing most of the time. Carolyn has offered to come back in November to help them finish their rugs -- some of them actually want to finish a project (*can they do that?*).

Carolyn has materials and instructions available for crocheted baskets, heart rugs, casserole covers, pot holders, bowl covers, braided rugs, placemats and many more projects. If you are interested in her classes, please call her at (316) 687-6927. Remember to mention that you heard about her through the American Sewing Guild. Classes are free for those buying their materials through her company.

Guild Member FYI

Please remember that Board meetings are open to all members. The listing of the new officers for 2001 appears on page 2 of this issue. It is important to remember the time and effort that Board members volunteer to make our Guild strong and productive. We want to thank all those outgoing Board members from 2000 who gave of their time and talents so freely. Thank you -- Thank you -- Thank you!!!

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We are still in need of people to give demonstrations on anything related to sewing, needlework, etc. at our annual Fabric Swap in March. If you are interested, please call *Sue Carpenter* at 721-7630 (home) or 722-7721 (work).

March seems a long way off, but we need to plan and organize *NOW*. The dates of the Fabric Swap are March 30 and 31. The Board will soon be making decisions on which demos will be chosen for presentation. Come and show others what you're doing.

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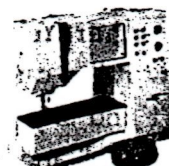
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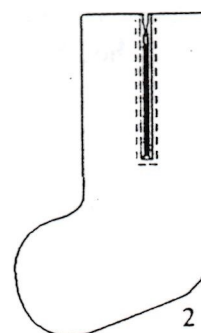
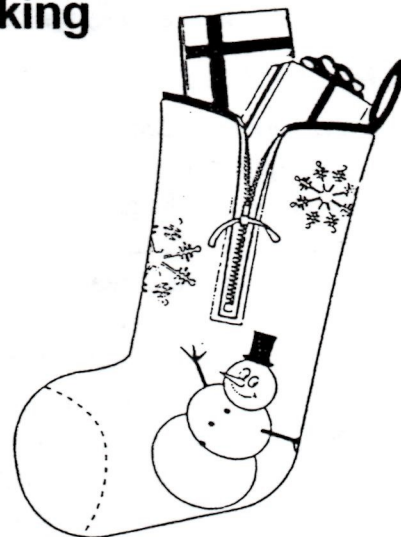
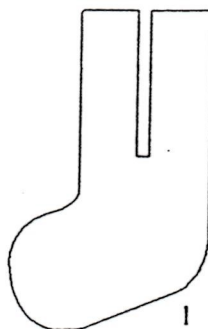
Fleece does not ravel so it is fun and easy to decorate your stocking. After installing the zipper, straight stitch, zig zag or blanket stitch appliques such as snowmen, trees, or toes and heels on stocking front. Then assemble stocking following the instructions below.

SUPPLIES:

- All-purpose thread
- Closed bottom zipper - 7"
- Extra-wide double fold bias tape
- Tailor's Chalk
- Double-sided fleece fabric
- Pattern: Consult pattern catalogs for stocking patterns

STEPS:

1. Cut out stocking front and back from fleece.
2. On the stocking front draw a rectangle as shown, 1/2" X 7 1/2" (see view 1).
3. Cut rectangle out of fleece along lines.
4. Center zipper underneath cut-out. HAND BASTE around zipper, 1/4" from cut edge (see view 2).
5. Set stitch length to 8 stitches per inch (3.5 mm).
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HERE'S A CHUCKLE:

The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the *hereafter*.

I told him, "Boy, am I glad to hear you say that. I do that all the time."

No matter where I am -- in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement. I usually find myself asking, "Now, what am I *here after*?"

Don't Just Send Christmas Greetings...

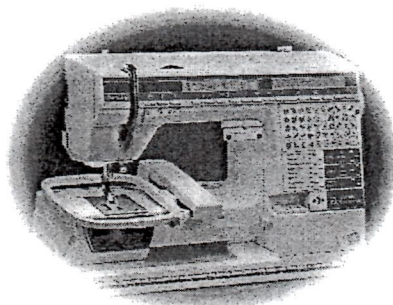


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dress. You will have to ask me about it -- that is an expensive story. I did bring home a piece of fabric, it is adjusting to the Kansas climate :) and waiting to be cut and sewn into a fabulous garment. I have been busy sewing a holiday sweatshirt and making a dress form from tape and have not had much time to indulge in other things, but I look ahead to vacation time and a chance to sew. Let it snow, let it snow, let it sew!

Happy Holidays and as always, Happy Sewing!

Denise



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The Derby Neighborhood Group had an exciting meeting with *Carolyn Anderson* of Carolyn's Corner in October and November. To read about the great time they had, see the story on page 5 entitled, "Carolyn's Corner Visits Derby Neighborhood Group."

At the October meeting, the group decided on a tentative schedule for 2001. This neighborhood group will still meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, in Derby Kansas. The schedule is as follows:

January 25, 2001

Silk Ribbon Embroidery

by Guild member *Greta Sue Parson*

(small kit fee applies for those who stitch along –
reservations requested)

February 20, 2001 (Note Date Change)

"Knits, What Are They, and How Do I Sew With Them"
at Needle Nook fabrics

March 22, 2001

Fabric Dying by Guild member *Carol Weis*

April 26, 2001

Charity Project

May 24, 2001

Video by Margret Islander

June 23, 2001 (Note Date Change)

Field trip (to be announced)

July 26

Serging Fun

by Guild Members *Linda Emery* and *Malynda Perkins*

August 23, 2001

Charity Sew (to be announced)

September 27, 2001

Simple Heirloom Techniques
by Guild member *Malynda Perkins*

October 25, 2001

Quick and Easy Gifts to Make and the Directions – all
members will show and share their creation and have
directions to give to all who attend
(reservations requested)

November 29, 2001 (Note Date Change)

Scarves and embellishments based on the book by Linda
Lee – *Malynda Perkins*, directing the evening's creativity

Everyone is welcome to attend the Derby Neighborhood Group's meetings. Reservations are not required except where requested. All you have to do is go to the south entrance of the Woodlawn United Methodist Church at Kay and Woodlawn, Derby, Kansas and follow the signs to room 11E. Please come and join the fun. For more information call *Malynda Perkins* at 316-789-9600 or <malynda@feist.com> or *Teresa Norris* at 316-789-0148.

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Board Bits

At the Board meeting on September 26, 2000, it was decided that beginning in January 2001 the monthly Board meetings will alternate between day and evening meetings to accommodate all Board members. All even numbered months will meet at 6:00 P.M. and all odd numbered months will meet at 1:30 P.M. All meetings will still be held at the Sedgwick County Extension Office.

The Fabric Swap dates and times were set. The Fabric Swap will be on Friday, March 30, 2001, from 12 noon to 8:00 P.M. and on Saturday, March 31, 2001, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

In New Business, the possibility of having a bus trip to National Convention in either 2001 or 2002 was discussed. This idea is still in the discussion and planning stage.

At the Board meeting on October 24, 2000, it was decided that the current phone book will be mailed to all members at the beginning of the year. The bus trip was set for February 23, 2001 (see page 3 for complete itinerary).

Know Your Needle

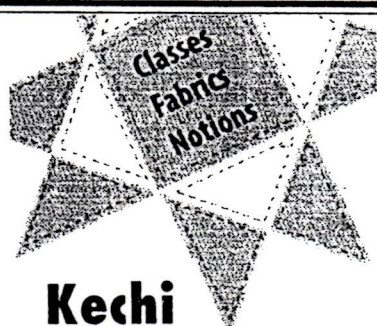
Information from Sulky at National Convention

The needle is the single most important thing on your sewing machine. A new needle insures well formed stitches and good design results. **CHANGE IT OFTEN!** Decoding needles to help you make a better decision for your project:

<u>Needle Name</u>	<u>System or Code</u>
Ballpoint	H-SES H-SUK
Denim	HJ
Embroidery	HE
Metallica	HMET
Metafil	HM
Microtex	HM
Quilting	HQ
Stretch	HS
Topstitch	N
Universal	H
Wing Needle	WING

Sizes: 60/8 65/9 70/10 75/11 80/12 90/14 100/16 110/18 120/19

The needle used most often for embroidery will be the sharp point. Use the smallest needle possible for the fabric and thread. You should first match needle to thread; the groove in the front of the needle should be deep enough to house the thread and help protect it as it is carried up and down through the fabric.



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The Buttonhole, McPherson, KS
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