

DREAMS and SEAMS



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American Sewing Guild -- Wichita, Kansas Chapter

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Words of Wisdom

Warm Winter Thoughts

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

I love January! What a great time to stay inside and sew up warm and wonderful things. It is also a great time to get out your U.F.O.'s and stitch up those unfinished projects.

Mine had definitely sat round long enough, so I packed them up and took them to our January Sew-In meeting. I find that I can accomplish many things at a Sew-In especially when I take things that are already cut out or in progress.

It amazes me just how quickly I can sew them up. Especially when I couldn't

get motivated to finish them at home. And of course, there is nothing better than sewing with my friends. I look forward to future Sew-Ins.



I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new members from Hutchinson. Their group is joining ours, and I would like to say, "Welcome, and we hope that you will feel that you are a part of our sewing family."

I hope that everyone has survived Y2K. My sewing resource center is in
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Next Meetings: **FEBRUARY**

Tuesday, February 1
**"Upgrades in Interfacing
for Quality Garments"**
Presented by **Bev Seyfert**,
The Sewing Center

MARCH
Tuesday, March 7
"Machine Embroidery"
Presented by **Martha Flanagan**,
FACS Agent from Cherokee Co.

*meetings at 1:30 & 7:00 P.M.
at Sedgwick Co. Ext. Center
7001 W. 21st Street North*

Featured in November & December

Winter Sewing Ideas & Challenge, New Officers, Holiday PARTY

In November, **Janet Robinson** from the Kechi Quilt Shop, 7348 N. 21st St., Suite 106, brought lots of wonderful winter sewing ideas. She also treated our Guild to several door prizes compliments of her shop. Take time to stop in and thank Janet for her wonderful tips and great door prize gifts.

The December meeting was jam-packed with not only holiday cheer but lots of business as well. First of all, **Denise Dias** installed the new officers

to our Guild and recognized the hard work of those officers that were retiring. Each was recognized with a pin for their name tag that signified something their position had contributed to the Guild.

The next item on the agenda was voting for the winner of the Winter Sewing Challenge. There were 20 entries and what an array of wonderful items all incorporating the single fat quarter of material purchased through the

Guild. There were vests, jumpers, wall hangings, items to wear, a pin cushion, an apron, doll clothes, and more. The winner of the Ott-lite was (drum role please!) **Lynn Bever** -- snowman vest! **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

The rest of the meeting was taken up by our gift exchange and munching on all the wonderful goodies that everyone brought to share. It was a special day filled with freindship and fun --it just doesn't get any better than that.



Getting To Know You. . .

Lois Welch, Membership Chairperson (Interviewed by Chapter Secretary Sondra Schmittgens): Lois was born in Turon, Kansas, but she has lived in Wichita most of her life. Her husband was in the Air Force for 22 years and the two of them have spent tours in both Germany and England. They have two children. Lois' daughter is a physician's assistant in Wichita, and her son is a pilot in Florida.

Like many of us, Lois took Home Economics in school but didn't really sew for years. Finally in the mid-60's she started sewing off and on but not until she retired in 1993 did her sewing really take off.

Lois' focus is quilting and clothing. Her biggest sewing challenge was to quilt a full-sized quilt on her regular sewing machine. Now she divides her time between gardening, reading, sewing and quilting.

Okay, time for the five questions: Between Vogue and Butterick she picks Butterick (*although she doesn't like their instructions*). She chooses linen over permanent press. She prefers to sew rather than eat chocolate (*chocolate has already done its damage*). She only backstitches if that row of stitching won't be intersected by another – and her favorite sewing tool? **A tube turner!!!** (*another candidate for the 12 step group*). Welcome to the Board Lois!



The Sewer's Top Ten New Years Resolutions for the New Millennium!

1. I will attend all **ASG** monthly meetings.
2. I will not hide fabric in my car trunk until everyone goes to bed.
3. I will not iron fusible web to my iron.
4. I will find a pin before I step on it.
5. I will not use my lap for ironing.
6. I will use a pattern before my child outgrows it.
7. I will go to the fabric store for the zipper to complete my project and come out with only the zipper.
8. I will start my garment more than one day before I want to wear it.
9. I will take accurate measurements and actually admit that they are mine.
10. I will not go to the fabric store until I use up my fabric collection.

(How about 5 out of 10???)



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The Deadline for the March/April issue will be February 1. Send or give your info. in writing by that date to:

Marcia Davis, 1020 N. Pinecrest
Wichita, KS 67208
or E-mail: Gbmhh@aol.com

✓ **Mark Your Calendar NOW**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE UPDATE

Thanks to **Becky Wondra**, our Guild's Education Chairman, we have some wonderful programs scheduled for future meetings. 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. You won't want to miss any of them. . . Check out the following:

February 1

"Upgrades in Interfacing for Quality Garments"

Presented by Bev Seyfert,
The Sewing Center

March 7

"Machine Embroidery"

Presented by Martha Flanagan,
FACS Agent from Cherokee Co.

March 10 & 11

Fabric Swap 2000

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon

(Lunch available on Friday!)

Scissor Sharpener available
both days!)

We Did What?!?!?

Bertha Moore was listed as a new member in last month's newsletter. That was a mistake on our part. Bertha was a Charter Member of our Guild and should have been listed as a renewal. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused!

Discontinued Patterns. . . Can They Be Found?

Source: *The Mining Company Guide To Sewing* by Debbie Colgrove

As the major manufacturers change their pattern books, some of us are in search of patterns that have been discontinued.

McCALLS: Patterns are available via mail at The McCall's Pattern Company, P. O. Box 3978, Manhattan, Kansas 66505-8503. Their phone number, 1-800-622-2557, is available 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Central Time. You are greeted with an automated system, which, if you choose none of the options will go to a switch board operator, which is more than cooperative and helpful. McCall's will keep their discontinued patterns in stock for one year or until they are sold out. After one year, they recycle the paper. They do have a list of resources for discontinued patterns, including the Internet, if they are unable to help you.

VOGUE/BUTTERICK: Their company has many avenues for you to follow. You may write them at: Vogue Pattern Service, P. O. Box 1914, Dept. D, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16603. Another option is to e-mail BillG@Butterick.com. You may also choose to call them at 1-800-766-2670. They will help you if they have the pattern in stock, however if the pattern is very old there is a good chance that they will not have access to it. The Butterick website is located at: < <http://www.butterick.com> >.

SIMPLICITY: The Simplicity Pattern Co. has a phone system for pattern requests. Simply follow the instructions given, and they promise to get back to you the next working day. Their toll free phone number is 1-888-588-2700.

KWIK SEW PATTERNS: Unfortunately they do not have any way to access a pattern that is out of print. According to their company spokesperson, once a pattern is out of print it is not available.

What should you do if the pattern is not available from the pattern company? Being on the Internet gives you contact with people from all over the world. You have the opportunity to trade, buy or sell on the net.

One Internet site you might try is The Mining Company. They have a whole sewing section that you can access at: < <http://sewing.tqn.com> >. This site's Bulletin Board is a great place to start asking other sewers if they have the pattern you are looking for and are willing to rent, sell or trade.

Welcome to Our New Members and Renewals

NEW MEMBERS:

Larson, Pamela	522-0321	4600 S. Laura	Wichita, KS 67216
Oatsvall, Dixie Lee	269-0614	2238 S. Laura	Wichita, KS 67211

RENEWALS:

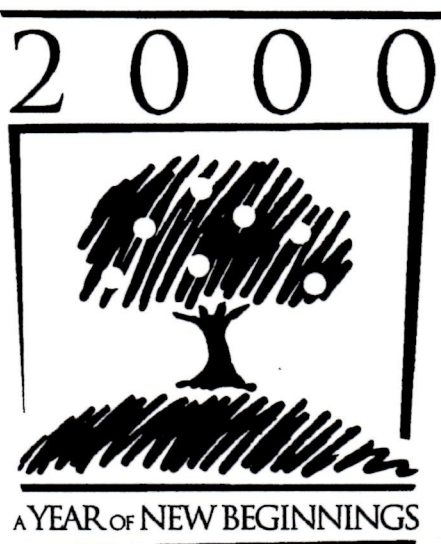
Blackwood, Mildred	943-1472	1944 N. McComas St.	Wichita, KS 67203
Gollihar, Nancy	722-5511	5259 N. Ridge Rd.	Wichita, KS 67205
Smith, Jenell	722-7721	7001 W. 21st St. N.	Wichita, KS 67205

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compliance. I have gadgets that work without computer chips, (like needles and thread), and my fabric is stock piled. I'm sure I could survive for months on my fabric stash. All kidding aside, I hope that you and your family have a most prosperous New Year -- and that the New Millennium is even better than the last century.

In Stitches,
Denise



People Are Like Potatoes

From the ASG newsletter of the Wichita Falls Chapter

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are content to watch others do. . .

They are called "Speck Tators."

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do things. . .

They are called "Comment Tators."

Some are always looking to cause problems and really get under your skin. . .

They are called "Ajjie Tators."

There are those who are always saying they will, but somehow, they never get around to doing. . .

They are called "Hezzie Tators."

Some people put on a front and act like someone else. . .

They're called "Imma Tators."

Then, there are those who walk what they talk. They're always prepared to stop what they're doing to lend a hand to others, and bring real sunshine into the lives of others.

You can call them "Sweet Tators."

Which kind of potato are YOU???

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Fabric Swap & Sale

by Sue Carpenter, Special Events Chairman

We are going to do it again!!!! Last year's Fabric Swap & Sale was such a great success that we are going to do it again. Mark your calendars for Friday, March, 10, 2000, and Saturday, March 11, 2000, and plan to come join the fun. We have changed our agenda slightly, but you still have the opportunity to clean out your closets and earn a little money at the same time.

If you are a Sewing Guild member, you can rent a table to set up your sale for just \$10 and a donation of two yards of fabric to be used for a charitable cause. Non-member table rental is \$15 and a two yard fabric donation. You

may sell fabric, patterns, notions, or anything related to sewing. We will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Lunch will be available on Friday, and a scissor sharpener will be available both days.

If you are interested in reserving a table, please call **Sue Carpenter**, 721-7630 (home) or 722-7721 (work). We have included a "Fabric Swap Application" form below. Tables must be reserved and paid for by Friday, March 3, 2000. Space is limited this year so reserve your table early.

Fabric Swap Application

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City & Zip _____

Number of Tables Desired _____

Sewing Guild Member _____ Yes (\$10) _____ No (\$15)
(Price is per table)

Amount Enclosed _____

Will you require electricity? _____

I will not hold Sedgwick County Extension or American Sewing Guild responsible for any accidents which may occur.

Name _____

In addition to your table fee, we are asking that you donate 2 yards of fabric to be used somehow for a charitable cause. You may set up between 3:00 and 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 9, or between 7:30 and 8:30 A.M. on Friday, March 10. You must be set up before 8:30 A.M. on Friday, and you cannot tear down until after 12 noon on Saturday, March 11. If you have further questions, please contact Sue Carpenter, 722-7721 (work) or 721-7630 (home).

Please return this form with your table fee by, Friday, March 3, 2000, to:

Sue Carpenter
122 S. Lark
Wichita, Kansas 67209

SPACE IS LIMITED!!!



OUR CHAPTER LIBRARY

The Library cart has been ordered, and we expect it to be in and ready soon.

Aurelia Lobban and **Debra Young**, our Librarian/Historians, have been working very hard on getting the items that we have in our Library ready for check out by our membership. Items will be checked out at one month's meeting and due at the next meeting. If you do not return the items in this one month period, you will be fined \$1.00 on magazines and \$5.00 on videos and hard cover books. They have also put together a list of all the items currently in the Library and will be updating it periodically.

REMEMBER:

If you have sewing books, videos, patterns, magazines, unusual sewing notions or accessories, etc. that you would like to get rid of? Please donate them to our Chapter's Library. That way, all our members will be able to benefit from your generosity.



Sewing for yourself, your family, your friends, or your community is putting your heart in every stitch and then giving it away.

REMEMBER:

**Love isn't love until
you give it away!**

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