# DREAMS and SEAMS



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American Sewing Guild -- Wichita, Kansas Chapter

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Words of Wisdom

# Sew Where Is Spring?

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

Looking out my window it is hard to believe it is March. I see patches of snow and ice, and I keep telling myself that Spring is coming.

I even have sewn a couple of garments to wear when the weather warms up, but it isn't very warm outside.

Did you go on the bus trip? I had a great time and enjoyed the fabric -- one shop was so overwhelming that I felt that I was hyperventilating!

Spring is a great time to clean out your stash/fabric resource center and sell it at the Fabric Swap. This year will be much different than in year's past. We will have demonstrations throughout both days, and you can check out the Sulky Trunk Show, too!

These garments are the top picks in the nation from the Sulky Challenge.

One thing to know is that our National Head-quarters has moved to Houston, Texas, because of some changes in our management firm.

If you need to contact National, use the following new address and phone number: **American Sewing Guild**, 9660 Hillcroft, Suite 516,

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# Our Next Chapter Meetings:

#### **A**PRIL

Tuesday, April 3
"Specialty Threads"
presented by Beth Beltz,
A-1 Sewing & Shirley Binder,
Prairie Quilts

#### MAY

Tuesday, May 1
"Draping Patterns on Your
Duct Tape Double"
presented by
Sondra Schmittgens,
Chapter Secretary

#### Featured in February & March

## Seasonal Decor and Quilted Garments

Our February program on "Seasonal Decor" presented by *Lois Klepper*, Needle in a Haystack, Severy, Kansas, was a huge success. The wall hangings were all so pretty and functional for their particular season. Lois showed us many ideas for wearable art as well. Each peaker has their own special touch, and we want to thank Lois for hers. To find Needle in a Haystack, *Becky Wondra*, who visits the shop when

she visits her son in Pittsburg, says it is located jusst west of Severy on Highway 400 approximately 75 miles -- just over an hour -- from Wichita.

Audrey Wright from the Quilt Company in Andover, Kansas, had a captive bunch at our March meetings. She used "live" models to display her wearable art. She talked more about using ones artistic flair rather than showing techniques. It was really enjoyable to see how her teenage

daughter is taking an interest in designing garments of her own.

Wonderful display pieces, "show and share" projects, great tips, "live" models, door prizes, food, fun and sharing it all with people who love the same creative medium -- fabric and thread -- recent monthly meetings have had it all. Check out the great line up of meetings for the next few months on page 4. Join the Guild, attend our monthly meetings, and you

# Annual Swap Meet Includes Demos and Sulky Travelling Exhibit

Our annual Fabric Swap will be March 30 & 31. Friday the hours are from noon until 8:00 P.M., and Saturday's hours are from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Come and browse! You are sure to find that special bargain that you have been looking for.

If you are interested in renting a space, we still have a few left. Cost of a 10' x 10' space is \$15 if you are an ASG member and \$20 otherwise. You may sell anything related to sewing, quilting, handwork, etc.

We will have sewing demos continually during the sale. Come and learn something new. Demo schedules will be available at the door.

As a "special treat," we have secured the Sulky travelling exhibit for display. We know you won't want to miss a chance to see these nationally chosen pieces. If you have questions, please contact **Sue Carpenter** at 721-7630 or 722-7721. Don't forget -- come and join the fun!

## **Bus Trip Was Enjoyed By All**

On February 23, thirty-nine ladies boarded a bus to visit fabric shops in nearby towns and sample their wares. The first stop was at Charlotte's Sew Natural in Newton. Charlotte was nice enough to open her doors 1/2 hour early so that the bus schedule could be met.

Also on the agenda was the Quilting Bee in Salina, The Buttonhole in McPherson, and Cottonwood Quilts in Hutchinson. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by all at the Swedish Crown in Lindsborg, but that didn't stop the group from enjoying pie and coffee at Carriage Crossings in Yoder on the way home. Tired but happy, the ladies arrived home around 7:30 P.M. -toting their purchases. Next year -- maybe, just maybe -- we can find some more fabric shops to check out. (See page 5 for a firsthand account by one of those on the bus trip.)

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The Deadline for the June/July issue will be April 24. 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>

# CLOTILDE LEAVES THE CROWD WITH NEW IDEAS AND NEW NOTIONS

On January 24, 2001, approximately 75 ladies attended a presentation of sewing shortcuts and hints presented by Clotilde... a well-known seamstress and owner of the *Clotilde Magazine* which sells many sewing notions.

Clotilde answered every question asked, and attendees were allowed to touch and handle all displays during the session breaks. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program, and they left with some new ideas and added sewing knowledge along with some new notions they purchased during the meeting.

#### Words of Wisdom

Sew Where Js Spring...

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Well, don't let those winter blahs get you down. We have many wonderful things to look forward to this Spring. I have even started sewing with some pastel colors to help speed up the arrival of the season. Sew long for now!

#### Denise

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**April 26, 2001** 

Charity Project

May 24, 2001

Video by Margret Islander

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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**Becky Wondra**, our Guild's Education Chairman, has announced some exciting programs for 2001. All meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st Street North, at 1:30 and 7:00 P. M.

#### April 3, 2001

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

#### **April 16, 2001**

Duct Tape Double Workshop (See page 6 for details.)

#### May 1, 2001

Draping Patterns on Your Duct Tape Double Presented by **Sondra Schmittgens**, Chapter Secretary

#### June 5, 2001

Vest Mania and Trunk Show

#### June 6, 2001

Vest Making All-Day Workshop

If you know of someone who would be interested in presenting a program to our Guild, please let Becky know.

Spring at the Hutch Neighborhood Group

The Hutch Neighborhood Group meets on the first Thursday of the month! They meet in the Parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, Sherman & Walnut, at 7:30 P.M. Please use the west entrance. If you have any questions, contact *Marion Whitlock* (316-669-9002). Upcoming meetings:

April 7, 2001 Planning Picnic

#### May 3, 2001

Field trip to the Buttonhole fabric shop and related stores in McPherson, KS

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# Bus. . . ting Loose!!!

by Sondra Schmittgens, Chapter Secretary

I am deeply sad for all of you who were not able to go on the bus trip on February 23rd. We had such a wonderful time! I do expect all of you who didn't go to invite those of us who did to dinner. Why? We have no money for food. But, we do have lovely fabric to show you and some crazy stories!

The first stop was Charlotte's Sew Natural in Newton. This store is always a treat. It is fun to see what Charlotte is wearing herself and then to load up on all the ideas that hang all over the store. If you haven't been there since she expanded, you must go -- that is an order.

Our first round of avaricious acquisitiveness complete, we reboarded our luxury coach to Salina and The Quilting Bee. It was my first time here and I loaded up on cat fabric. (Don't ask me what I'm going to do with it.) Other members of the group fulfilled their deep need for frogs and browns.

Aching with hunger we headed own the Highway to Lindsborg and the Swedish Crown for lunch. Ahhh, these are my people! No one can spread herring on a cracker the way they can. Like a flock of locusts we descended on the tables, the buzzing cloud forming and reforming, smells of ham loaf and meatballs mingling in an aromatic bouquet and when it lifted there was nothing left except one rye cracker with dilled herring. (Aletha said I could have it.)

Fortified and refreshed and with a certain manic zeal we headed to McPherson and the Buttonhole. Four floors of fabrics were just a little too much for some of us. It seemed to unbalance some of our members. Aletha Van Camp took me aside and said, "I have a project for you." She pulled me to a nearby music store with a sign in the window that read, "Hug a musician!" Aletha entered, called to the owner and announced, "I am here for my hug!" She got one, too! Evidently my role was to act as an unwitting witness to this shocking event.

Later we noticed that the sign had been removed. Was hugging a wonderful woman (albeit a brazen one) so distasteful to the management? Or was it even more tragic? Was he now ruined for any other woman, forced to live out his life lonely and alone? I had to know. I entered the store and demanded the reason. "Oh, no! I hoped you wouldn't notice!" he wailed. "Who are you people anyway?" After I explained our purpose and our calling, he didn't seem a great deal more enlightened but seemed happy in the knowledge that we were not staying in his town. My earlier suspicions of a broken heart were confirmed, however, as he ran to the bus before we departed with a farewell gift for Aletha. . . a genuine "belli button" from Belli's music store.

But, the knowledge that we had a femme fatale in our midst was not the last of the shocks to buffet us this day. We also had a klepto! *Kristi Smith* entered the bus and announced that one of us had left a package in the deli. No one claimed it. We looked in the sack at the credit card receipt and read the name aloud for all to hear. No one

claimed it, because that person was not even in our group. She was just some unsuspecting shopper who had left her bag untended at the critical moment when Kristi's uncontrollable urge overcame her. To Kristi's credit she did go back into the deli and return the bag; peer pressure is not always a bad thing.

A little glassy eyed from repeated shocks, we headed to our final destination. . Hutchinson. The home of Cottonwood Quilts and Prairie Point Fabrics. *Marge Mainz* had such a huge stack of fabric at the cutting table that I thought it was a display of some kind. She told me to mind my own business. (Things got a little ugly at the end of the day.)

Tired, poor, hungry and yearning to eat pie we headed to Yoder and Carriage Crossings. We ate and drank happily but with a tinge of regret knowing that soon we must part. . . and then of course the inevitable confrontation with husbands and the scramble to hide fabric and how to disguise macaroni and cheese as the afore promised filet mignon and. . . well you know -- normal life.

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"The Supper" quilt will be on display for the first time in Kansas at the El Dorado Civic Center, 200 E. Central, El Dorado, Kansas, on April 20 and 21, from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. On April 22, the quilt will hang in the Towanda United Methodist Church during morning services. A freewill donation will be taken at each place.

Come and see this amazing piece of art. For additional information, call Sew 'N' Sew, 316-320-7600, or visit their website <karenssewnsew.com>.

# Make Your Own Best Friend!

Are you tired of trying to fit patterns from measurements? Are you tired of having to depend on the pattern industry to create your styles? Well, come to the "Make Your Own Best Friend" workshop on Monday, April 16. We will again be wrapping each other in duct tape to get an exact replica of our unique shapes!

All you need are two old T-shirts, lots of duct tape, a marking pen, a plumb line, a tape measure, lots of fiber fill for stuffing your form and a strong wooden hanger.

If interested contact **Sondra Schmittgens**, 943-9813, or <aslcouple@gateway.net> or **Becky Wondra**, 722-0939, or <rlwondra@msn. com>. We will sign you up and send you an equipment list. Hope to see you there!









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## Board Bits.

The February Board meeting scheduled for February 26 had to be cancelled due to the poor weather conditions. The meeting was held on March 6 at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regularly scheduled monthly evening meeting for March.

Items discussed included the move of the National ASG headquarters to Houston, Texas. The thank you note for the \$100 donation from our Chapter to the Susan G. Coleman Breast Cancer Association was read. It was noted that we have 19 new members in the Chapter as a progress report on the "Member-Get-A-Member" contest.

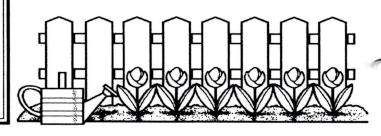
Secretary *Sondra Schmittgens* reported that the 2001 phone book has been mailed out, and an updated phone book will be sent to new members as the Chapter receives their paperwork from National.

The Fabric Swap was also discussed with various jobs assigned to Board members.

Pat Schwening, one of the Library Co-Chairs, reported that two pleaters were bought by the Guild from Clotilde, and they will be available for check out from the Library.

Linda Parks, Community Service Chair, discussed what projects we would under take for the year. She would like to see these projects go on the entire year instead of at one of two meetings. Discussion followed, but no final plans were made.

Please remember that Board meetings are open to all members.



# The Order Is In and the Shirts Are On Their Way

Our Chapter's Sewing Guild T-shirts have been ordered, and unless we hit a glitch somewhere, they should arrive by the next meeting. The T-shirts are a golf shirt, 100% preshrunk cotton, royal blue in color with white printing. The cost is \$18.

If you didn't get a chance to order one at the last meeting, we did order a few extra, so let us know if you would like to have one. Call Sue Carpenter at 721-7630 or 722-7721, if you have questions.

## **Woman Engineer Grows Colored Cotton**

Cotton can now be grown in colors! Sally Fox, a plant breeder for a major cotton producer, spent seven years trying to come up with a strain of cotton which combined the long fibers of commercial-grade cotton with the natural colors of wild brown and green cotton. Her goal was originally to help those allergic to dyes. The new breed of cotton called Fox Fibre™ is used internationally now in clothing and bedding. Some of the fiber's advantages are:

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- fabrics weigh less; more fire resistant
- less chemical additives; no harm to the environment from bleaches, dyes and waste products
- reduces cost of production
- less water; chemicals and energy used in manufacturing

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# **AMERICAN SEWING GUILD**



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