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American Sewing Guild -- Wichita, Kansas Chapter

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Words of Wisdom

A New Year With New Challenges

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

WANTED

LOTS OF

SEWING

CHALLENGE

ACCEPTERS

Happy 2001! I hope everyone has recovered from the Holidays and has set their sights on new sewing

resolutions and projects for 2001. I finished many projects over the Holidays and am ready to start something new.

Several officers thought it was time again for another sewing challenge. Are you game? I think this time we will try one suggested by our witty secretary, **Sondra Schmittgens**.

Here are the rules for the JAZZED-

UP JEAN CHALLENGE! You can make anything you want, but you need to use a pair of recycled jeans and one

other fabric. Your garment must contain at least one zipper and fly section of the jeans in the project. Be creative and you could win a special prize. (I'm sure I can talk the other officers in to finding another awesome prize for our winner!)

You are not limited on the number of entries that you have, but they need (Continued to page 7.)



Our Next
Chapter Meetings:

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 6
"Seasonal Decor"
presented by Lois Klepper,
Needle in a Haystack

MARCH

Tuesday, March 6
"Quilted Garments"
presented by Audrey Wright,
The Quilt Company



Featured in December & January

Holiday Party and Stained Glass Wallhangings

Merriment and laughter were abundant at this year's annual Holiday Party. ASG members gathered and shared a cup of Christmas tea and tasty homemade treats. Business was kept to a minimun and officers were installed for 2001. Several talented officers sewed and stitched a denim shirt with applique embellishment for *Denise Dias* as a "Thank You" for serving as president for the past year.

The highlight was the gift exchange. Gifts were dispersed by alphabetical --first name--order. The evening group got very mischieveious and swapped and stole their way through the gifts. (That group often gets out of control!!!) Everyone enjoyed their time together and shared wishes for the best in the New Year!

January's meeting was to be presented by *Debbie Short* of Midwest Sewing and was to feature

"Stained Glass Wallhangings". Due to a death in Debbie's family, Becky Wondra and Belle Gray stepped in to show Debbie's and their own wallhangings as well as talk about the steps and tips you follow to put these beautiful decor pieces together. The pieces were intriguing and really got our creative juices flowing. Thanks to Becky and Belle, and our sincere sympathy to Debbie Short and family.

Getting To Know You. . .

Marion Whitlock, Hutchinson Neighborhood Group Chairman (Interviewed by Chapter Secretary Sondra Schmittgens): *Marion Whitlock* is the Chairman of our Hutchinson Neighborhood group. She has lived in Kansas her whole life and in Hutchinson for 35 years. She is married to her truck-driver husband *Lynn*, and together they have 8 children, 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren! A lot of sewing opportunities there!

Marion was taught to sew on a treadle machine by her mother who was a very accomplished seamstress. Sewing was required in the schools when she was growning up and she learned from a very good seamstress there, too. She became interested in gowns and formal wear when she had to alter one of her daughter's store-bought gowns. This inspired her to take two classes from the Bridal Sewing School in Baltimore and she now has her own business sewing bridal gowns called *Thee and Me*. She has been in business full time since 1994. One of her gowns appeared in 1999 on the TV show "The Wedding Story" on the TLC network. Marion says that sewing bridal gowns is not really harder than anything else — just a lot more fabric.

Marion says her biggest challenge in sewing is pricing. Most people come to her because they can't find what they want off the rack but they still expect a bargain if it is hand made. Marion says, "Sewing is really an art". She explains to her clients the benefits of a perfect fit, quality construction and one-of-a-kind style in the custom garment. "I enjoy sewing. I'm the happiest when I'm sewing and surrounded by my fabrics. My family accepts that as a big part of our life," says Marion.

The Five Questions: Q: Do you prefer linen or Perma-press? A: Oh, linen! Q: If she must choose between eating chocolate or sewing? A: Chocolate! Q: Do you always backstich? A: Depends on the garment. But no, I usually do a machine knot so that the fabric doesn't wad up. Q: Vogue or Butterick? A: Vogue. Q: Your favorite sewing tool? A: My mother's sterling silver thimble. (Continued to page 4.)

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The Deadline for the April/May issue will be February 27. 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>

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ASG BUS TRIP

February/March 2001

We still have a few empty seats for our Bus Trip on Eriday, February 23, 2001. We will be visiting Charlotte's Newton, The Quilting Bee in Salina, The Buttonhole in McPherson, and Cottonwood Quilts in Hutchinson. Lunch will be at the Swedish Crown in Lindsborg. Cost of this trip will be \$20 per person for the day. Your lunch is at your expense and will be at the Swedish Crown in Lindsborg. If you have friends who would like to join us, please call them. If you need an application or would like more details, please contact *Sue Carpenter* at 721-7630 (home) or 722-7721 (work).

Member-Get-A-Member Contest on National <u>and</u> Local Level

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

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 place prize will also be awarded.

The Home Sewing Association (HSA) will be hosting a reception at the ASG annual conference in Birmingham, Alabama, for all those who participate in the *Member-Get-A-Member* drive this year and recruit at least one new member. Member recruiters who are at the conference will find a special invitation to the reception in their on-site registration packet. All who attend the reception will receive a lapel pin which signifies their contribution to the membership drive. If you recruit at least 5 new members, you'll receive a specially designed "sewing friends together" lapel pin.

The Board of Directors of HSA have decided to hold their summer Board meeting at the site of the ASG onference, specifically so they can attend the reception ad personally thank those who pparticipated in the membership campaign. It should be an event to remember!

SELECTED STITCHES FROM THE DERBY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

The Derby Neighborhood Group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, in Derby Kansas. The schedule for Spring 2001 is as follows:

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

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.

Free Scissors Off The Web



Fabric.com (also known as Phoenix Textiles) is offering each member of ASG a free pair of 3 1/2" WISS embroidery scissors.

To receive the free scissors, type the letters ASG into the coupon code section of the order form. The minimum order is \$10.00 and any order of that amount or more will receive the free WISS scissors (limit of one pair per customer). When ASG is typed in, the order will show a \$.01 discount, which lets Fabric.com know to include the free WISS scissors.

Fabric.com is known for superior quality fabrics, incredible prices and outstanding customer service. They offer a 100% money-back guarantee of satisfaction. If you do not like anything you purchase from them, FOR ANY REASON, they will give a full refund (including freight).

Currently, this special offer was extended from the end of the year 2000 to February 28, 2001, due to high demand!!! Let's let this retailer know the power of ASG. This is an excellent opportunity for a retailer to be able to track how many ASG members shop with them. Stand up and be counted!

Mark Your Calendar

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.

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 Beth Beltz, A-1 Sewing Center and Shirley Binder, Prairie Ouilts

April 16, 2001

Duck Tape Double Workshop

May 1, 2001

Draping Patterns on Your Duck Tape Double

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







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THE SEWERS ALPHABET

from "Fabric Bolt"- Jan/Feb 2001, Rochester, NY Chapter

Again... I sewed it backwards again! Baste... you've got to be kidding Credit Card... great sewing tool Does... it have to be ironed? Ease... size 14 lady in a size 12 pants. Fabric... a non-fat weakness Gee... why did I buy this fabric? Hem... straight is good Ideas... come by the yard Jazzy... can be just a button Knot... small, please Love... to wear what you sew Manikin... does it have to be my size? Never enough... can be C, E, F, Q, R, T, Y Often... when you'd like to sew Pattern... bless the good ones Quiet (and peace)... see N Room to sew... see N Size... can vary from top to bottom Time to sew... see N Ugly... avoid this Very ugly... avoid this too!

Wearable... the ultimate goal 'Xact... well we try

Yards... see N Zig... companion stitch to zag

Getting To Know You. . .

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Get to know Marion Whitlock (316-669-9002) at the Hutch Neighborhood Group meetings 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. Upcoming meetings:

March 2-3, 2001

All night "Sew-a-thon"

April 7, 2001

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

May 3, 2001

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Prior to her invention, people were forced to resort to simply using a table or being creative in lying a plank of wood across two chairs or two small tables for ironing.



Membership to ASG Pays In So Many Ways

Many of you may not be aware that as ASG members you receive book discounts from two different publishers. Taunten Press gives members a 42% discount plus shipping on all their books and magazines for an order of 10 or more. Sterling Publishing, which recently acquired Lark Books, Folkwear Patterns, and Fiberarts Magazine gives members 50% off plus shipping if we order five or more.

How do YOU take advantage of these offers? Come to the meeting and look at the catalogues or call Sondra Schmittgens at 943-9813 or e-mail her at <aslcouple@gateway.net>. Sondra will get the name and ISBN of the book you want and call you for a check when she has enough requests to place an order.



Swap Meet 2001

This year's Fabric Swap will be held the weekend of March 30 and 31, 2001, and is turning out to be quite a production. Hours of operation will be from noon until 8:00 P.M. on Friday and from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Saturday. In addition to our regular fabric sales, we will have the Sulky Trunk Show available for viewing. These are garments made by individuals and entered in a nationwide contest sponsored by Sulky threads. Also at various times throughout the day, we will be having demonstrations by various individuals on different subjects such as machine embroidery, hand embroidery, heirloom sewing, smocking, and many more. If you would like to present a demonstration on some subject, please call. We always have room for more.

Come and join us for a fun time and some great bargains. If you are considering renting a space from us, please call Sue Carpenter at 721-7630 (home) or 722-7721 (work). She will be glad to send you an application. Cost of a 10' X 10" space is \$20 or \$15 if you are an ASG member. This space includes one 8 foot table and 2 chairs. So if you want to clean you closets and enjoy doing it, come to our Swap Meet in March.

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!

Here's the Spring 2001 fabric and color forecast according to the Kwik Sew Pattern Co., Inc.:

SPRING 2001 FABRICS

Shine is the key word for Spring 2001. Fabrics are metallic, iridescent or laminated and coated. Denim looks stronger than ever -- in colors, as well as black and white.

Soft and drapey fabrics like matte jersey work in tops, skirts and dresses. Sheer goes forward, particularly chiffon for blouses and dresses. Other important fabrics include lace, eyelet, voile, mesh and satin.

SPRING 2001 COLOR

Black and white are representative of a more ladylike, refined way of dressing. Following those are the metallics of gold and silver, the nude family from wheat to brown, greys from deep to pale and newly present navy.

Bright colors include pinks and reds (some mixed together), lavender and mauve and touches of yellow from bright to pale.

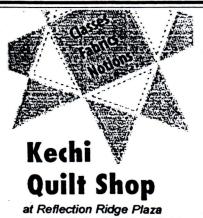
Kwik Sew's new spring patterns are on their website!! For a peek, check them out at: http://www.kwiksew.com/Patterns/_Spring/Frame.htm.

Words of Wisdom

A New Year With New Challenges...

to be completed, brought to the Extension Office, and entered in the contest by April 2. If you are like me, you will be sewing on April 1st like a mad "person", trying to get your entry done in time! The challenge has been issued, and now it's up to you to use your ingenuity to meet the challenge. Good Luck and... Happy Sewing!

Denise



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Janet Robinson

HEADS UP!

JoAnn Fabrics will be mailing out new discount cards to all ASG members sometime in February. Make sure you do not throw this card away. When used, it is good for an additional discount to even "sale" items.

Nancy's Notions offers ASG members a 10% discount on all orders. Include the following discount code numbers when ordering by phone or mail:

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Supporters We Can Count On

Following is a list of retailers, and the discounts they offer to ASG members on regularly priced fabric and notions.

Remember, to receive your special ASG discount, show your membership card at the cutting table, when purchasing fabric or at the cash register, before purchases are entered.

Receive a 10% discount at:

Hancock Fabrics -- East / West JoAnn Fabrics - All locations Needle Nook Fabrics - Blvd. Plaza Prairie Quilts - Parklane Sew-N-Sew - El Dorado, KS The Sewing Center - W. 21st St.

Receive a 15% discount at:

A-1 Sewing Center - Parklane The Button Hole - McPherson, KS

Receive a 20% discount at:

Southend Sewing (new vacuum cleaners and sewing machines <u>not</u> included)

Board Bits

Due to the holidays there was no Board meeting in December. Prior to the regular monthly evening meeting in January both the outgoing and newly elected Board members met at Piccadilly Grill's west location for dinner. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

The January Board meeting was held January 23, 2001, at 1:30 P.M. at the Extension Office. Final plans were discussed for Clotilde's seminars on January 24. **Barbara Blackman** picked **Clotilde** up from the airport and brought her to the meeting. Among other items we discussed the bus trip, the fabric swap, and getting Chapter shirts. Watch for more details.

Please remember that Board meetings are open to all members.

Charming Shelf Bunny

reprinted from http://www.crafterscommunity.com

Materials:

- 7" x 14" fabric scrap
- 6" x 12" muslin scrap
- 1 1/2" x 6" fusible webbing scrap
- · Small amount of stuffing
- Wooden man 2 3/8" high by 7/8" diameter
- Embroidery floss
- Acrylic paint black, brown, white, and light pink
- · sewing thread
- glue

Instructions:

Preparing patterns: Cut pattern pieces along solid cutting lines.

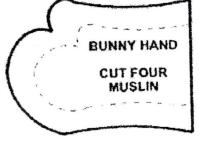
Note: all pattern pieces include 1/4 inch seam allowance.

Jumper: Fold fabric piece in half. Cut jumper piece along cutting line. With right sides together stitch along stitching lines as shown on pattern. Leave open neck, arm holes and leg holes. Trim seam allowances to 1/8 inch and clip V-areas. Turn piece right side out.

Ears and face: Cut out two 1 1/2 x 6 inch pieces of muslin use together with fusible webbing. Use this piece to cut out the ears. Glue ears at center to top of wooden head. Using a piece of embroidery floss make a small bow and glue in front of ear section. Paint face as shown in picture.

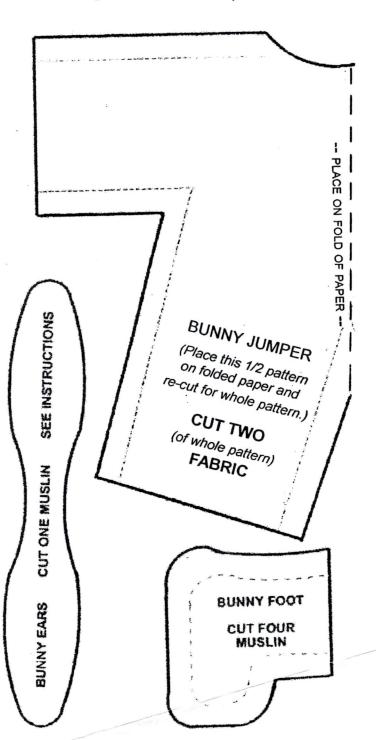
Hands and feet: Using remaining muslin cut out hands and feet. With right sides together stitch along stitching lines. Trim seam allowances to 1/8 inch. Turn pieces right sides out. Stuff firmly with small amounts of stuffing.

Finishing: Fold under 1/4 inch of fabric around neck. Starting in center back and using two strands of embroidery floss, make a running stitch around neck — close to edge. Leave about 2 inches of the floss on each end to tie. Insert wooden piece into the neck opening and tie floss firmly around neck. Cut loose ends. Repeat same procedure for hands and feet. Hand tack next to stitching to keep hands and feet from pulling out.





These charming bunnies are a great accent to any shelf.



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