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Words of Wisdom

Sew Busy...

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

It seems like I have been in a whirlwind of ASG activity. Fabric Swap, new polos to wear, the jeans challenge, the fun "duct tape double" workshop, coordinating the National Conference Fashion Show, and ASG Headquarters Moving to Houston. WOW! -- there has been a lot of activity this last month.

Sewing has taken a back burner for the moment, but I am itching to get some new things made for summer. As I write this, I am heading to Washington D.C. in a couple of

days, so will miss you at our May meeting. I know it will be a meeting full of laughter and great insight.



SUMMER FUN

I am looking forward to our Vest Workshop and Trunk Show by *Sherry Leftwich* in June (See page 4). It should be neat to see the many different ways a vest can be transformed

into a wearable piece of art.

Enjoy the summer, but please remember to find time to share your talents with another.

In stitches,
Denise

Featured in April & May

Threads and Draping Your Double

Our April program on "Specialty Threads" presented by *Beth Beltz*, A-1 Singer, and *Shirley Binder*, Prairie Quilts, was interesting and informative. This fit in extremely well with having one last look at the Sulky Trunk Show items. The display items that both speakers brought showed an infinite number of ways to use threads and decorative stitches on regular sewing machines. The number of new threads and their

various uses was staggering. The handouts were enjoyed by all. A special "Thank You" to both Beth and Shirley.

Sondra Schmittgens, Chapter Secretary, presented the May meeting on "How To Use Your Duct Tape Double for Fitting". This was after 24 participants had wrapped their doubles on April 16 with Sondra as their guide. Special thanks to Sondra for her workshop and draping expertise!!!

Our Next Chapter Meetings:

JUNE

Tuesday, June 5

1:30 P.M. "Vestmania"

7:00 P.M. "Trunk Show"

presented by *Sherry Leftwich*,
Thimble Boutique, McLouth, KS

All-Day Workshop, June 6

(See page 2 for details.)

JULY

Tuesday, July 3

**"Community Projects
Work Day"**

or

**"Big Shirt from
Christmas or Other Fabric"**

(Times to be announced.)



Getting To Know You. . .

Maylinda Perkins, Former Derby Neighborhood Group Co-Chairman (Interviewed by Chapter Secretary Sondra Schmittgens): Malynda is a preacher's kid who has lived in Kansas her whole life. She is married to Peter and has four children, Phillip 10, Duncan 5, Robin 3 and Nycholas 1. Malynda has a marketing degree from Southwestern College. In the new year she will be taking a Web Page Building class. This is why she loves working on the advertising for the guild and now co-chairing the Membership position with the guild. She says she loves it as much as sewing.

Malynda's mother is a sewing teacher but her grandmother really taught her to sew. She took sewing in high school, as many of us do, but has gotten a lot of sewing experience from different workshops and classes. She has gone to the Sewing and Craft Expo and the ASG National Conference. She has taken classes from Jenny Haskins, Nancy Erikson, Cynthia Guthrie and Mary Flurry. She also gives our own Anne St. Clair from Needlenook a lot of credit for teaching her how to sew knits and how to use clear elastic for gathering. If you want to start a fight ask Malynda to gather something for you the old way.

Malynda is heavily involved in machine embroidery. She is also a custom clothier (or, she likes the word "tailoress") and enjoys doing alterations. Malynda's biggest sewing challenge is finishing things on time. Anyone else have a problem with that? She feels that people who can work to a deadline have a special gift. When she gets time she really wants to work on stitch building which she learned from a Jenny Haskins class.

Malynda says the Derby group is really fun and exciting. It started because several members of our Guild just could not make it to NW Wichita. Malynda says it is not really accurate to call her the leader of this group as it is a real team effort. She is more of the spokesperson.

Okay! Now for the 5 Questions. **Q: Does she prefer Butterick or Vogue?** A: I choose Butterick for fit and Vogue for style. **Q: Does she prefer linen or Perma-press?** A: Linen. **Q: Sew or eat Chocolate?** A: Can do both at the same time. **Q: Does she always backstitch?** A: I reverse back stitch (She starts 1/4 inch down, backs up and then sews forward.) **Q: Her favorite tool?** A: I can't pick one, my three favorite are erasable marking pens, my French curve and clear elastic.

(Malynda recently moved to Alabama for an extended period. We thank her for her work with the Board and the Derby Group, we wish her well, and we look forward to her return to our Chapter. **Carol Wiens**, 788-4488, and **Teresa Norris**, 789-0148, are now spokespersons in the Derby Neighborhood Group.)

SEATING LIMITED FOR ALL-DAY CRAZY PATCH OR TEXTURE PATCH VEST MAKING WORKSHOP

The Vest Making All-Day Workshop on Wednesday, June 6, presented by **Sherry Leftwich**, Thimble Boutique, McLouth, Kansas, will run from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Sedgwick County Extension Office. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Call **Becky Wondra**, Education Chair, at 722-0939 about attending. Sign up early as seating is limited.

The class includes two different and unique ways of combining many fabric pieces to create a wonderful vest. Crazy patch is a faster, easier, more "body friendly" method of the traditional technique using cotton to drapery weight fabric. Texture patch incorporates heavier fabrics such as tapestries, wools, sweater pieces, etc. in a more random design. Both methods are fast and easy. Included in both are lots of unusual embellishment techniques that can be used in many of other ways.

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1/4 Page \$20
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The Deadline for the September/October issue will be July 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>

2001 Fabric Swap & Sale A Successful Memory

by Sue Carpenter, Special Events Chair

Our annual Fabric Swap & Sale on March 30-31 was again well attended and many shoppers took home bags of bargains. The Sulky Trunk Show was an added "special" and created many comments from those who attended. Our demonstrations were a big hit, and we heard many times... "Let's do this again!" The weather even cooperated to make this year's event bigger and better. Even though it was a busy and hectic two days, setup and cleanup as well as the sale itself went well. We have so many people wanting this to be a twice a year event, but as Special Events Chair, I'm not sure our Guild is up to that challenge. The Fabric Swap & Sale will be back next year, so if you have suggestions or comments, be sure to tell one of the Board members.

Guild Shirt Order Is Here!!!

The T-shirts are in and most of them have been distributed. If you ordered one and have not received it, please call **Sue Carpenter** at 721-7630 (home) or 722-7721 (work).

You may pick up your shirt at the Extension Office at any time or at the next Guild meeting. If you did not order a T-shirt, we have a few left, but they are mostly large sizes. We can re-order at any time, but we must have an order of at least 15 or more. See Sue if you want to get on the list.

Take a look at these shirts the next time you see a Guild member wearing hers. They are a beautiful royal blue with the ASG logo in white on the front.

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Duct Tape Double Workshop

by Sondra Schmittgens, Chapter Secretary

They say that everyone has a double somewhere in the world. Well, I don't know if that is true, but I know that the 24 people who participated in the workshop on April 16th have doubles. We had a really good group of people, and I am glad to report that we had no fainters! What a relief. I hate explaining to the EMS people why I have wrapped someone in duct tape. They tend not to believe me and the last time there was some jail time. A silly misunderstanding.

What we did is wrap our partners snugly in duct tape, cut off the duct tape chrysalis and fill it with fiber fill and, presto, a perfect dress form! It is a wonderful tool for fitting patterns, making your own patterns or draping a style. If you have never done this and would like to, please contact **Sondra Schmittgens** at 943-9813, and she will put your name on the list for the next Duct Tape Double workshop. Keep an eye out for some well-fitting clothing stemming from this workshop. Happy Sewing!

Enjoy Your Summer
and Travel Safely!!!

Show Your Membership Card Proudly & Save

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 (moving will re-open in June) 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 not included)

☑ 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. (* notes meetings that differ from this date and time.)

June 5, 2001

*1:30 P.M. -- "Vestmania" -- Enhancing Your Creativity

*7:00 P.M. Thimble Boutique Trunk Show
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August 7, 2001

Window Treatments
presented by Calico Corners

September 4, 2001

"Bring Your Favorite Notion"
Member Demo. & Explanation

October 2, 2001

"Small Christmas Ideas"
Members Bring Patterns & Supply List

October 23, 2001

*9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Make Small Items -- Workshop

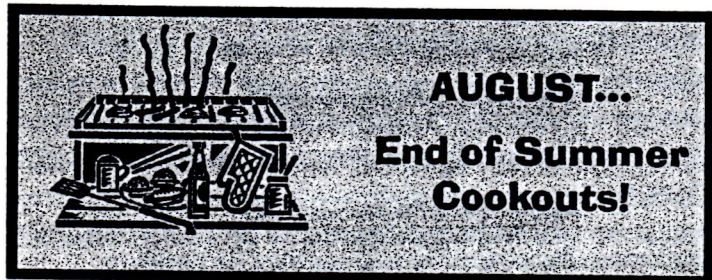
November 6, 2001

To Be Announced

December 4, 2001

"Christmas Party"

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



Derby Neighborhood Group

The Derby Neighborhood Group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, in Derby Kansas. They will be going on a field trip for the June meeting.

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 **Carol Wiens** at 316-788-4488 or <jackw@southwind.net> or **Teresa Norris** at 316-789-0148.

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.

June's Chapter Meetings

Offer Distinctly Different Vest Themes

On Tuesday, June 5, **Sherry Leftwich** will present "Vestmania" at 1:30 P.M. She begins with vest styles that enhance each body style. She talks about fitting and altering vests and how vests can expand your wardrobe.

At 7:00 p.m. that same day she will display her Vest Trunk Show. This Trunk Show consists of 60-80 garments from the Thimble Boutique Collection. These garments have been selected to illustrate the numerous techniques used to achieve the unique look of the Thimble Boutique line. These techniques are briefly described in the presentation.

Board Bits

The April Board meeting was held on April 24 at 6:00 P.M. at the Extension Office.

Items discussed included the Fabric Swap and Sale, the upcoming monthly meeting offerings, a nationally known speaker for 2002, and the "Member-Get-A-Member" contest.

Membership Chair, **Phyllis Calvert**, informed us that she had setup a table at the request of the President **Denise Dias** at a recent regional Family and Consumer Sciences Joint Association meeting at the Extension Office. She had given out quite a bit of information, and thought that the time was well-spent on the endeavor. One woman wanted to do a program on teaching children to sew.

Please remember that Board meetings are open to all members.

The Language of Sewing (Southern Style)

by Doyle Loving <<http://www.patternshowcase.com/store/forhim.asp>>

Many are surprised to find out how I have struggled with the language associated with sewing. To fully understand my struggles let me first make you aware that I live in a part of the country where the average man thinks a "SOWEN MACHINE" is what farmers use to plant with. I have deiced to make a short list of just a few of the words used in this craft that I have had to give a second and sometimes a third look.

1. Basting (*southern pronunciation "Bastin"*) When I first came across this word it was printed on some cloth I had bought that had the pattern printed right on the fabric, along with the instructions. As I remember, it said something like this: cut pattern piece and baste the batting in place. I read it several times before I finally got up and went to the kitchen and got the melted butter. I finally ask some dear ladies I know what it meant and was told the REAL definition of basting. And to think of all that butter I have been wasting on the breasts of turkeys, can't wait till next Thanksgiving when we will "baste" the turkey with long loose stitches.

2. Interfacing (*southern pronun-ciation "Enterfacein"*) I first ran across that one on a pattern I was trying to put together for my wife. I had always thought that interfacing referred to an object on the out side that was turned so it would face the in side ("*the bird house in the yard had a front opening that was INTERFACING*"). That was up until I heard a computer show a year or so back that was about one computer program INTERFACING with another. Well, as you can see I have been deluded TWICE. As it turns out -- a INTERFACING turns IN!!!

3. Loop Turner (*southern pronunciation "Loop Turner"* -- we can say *SOME* things you know) Although I have never actually used this word BS (Before Sewing), When I saw it the first time, I was sure it was a reference to the condition of a man after he had had too many (*i.e. John pulled a REAL LOOP TURNER last night*). Oh well, I suppose the Sewing loop turner is much more dignified and meaningful. Besides I haven't "pulled a loop turner" in YEARS.

Notions (*southern pronunciation "Noshuns"*) Now this one I was SURE I knew the meaning of. I have heard this term all my life, it is a revered term here in the south and frankly I'm surprised us sewers got the right to

confuse the meaning. Around here a notion is something someone takes (*i.e. John took a NOTION to go fishing instead of working today*). Well I now have been enlightened as to the REAL meaning of the word, and I am currently looking for a non-sewing replacement to fill the void in my vocabulary.

This is just a few of the words I have stumbled over in times past. I have been studying hard and continue to learn the sewers vocabulary. Just the other day for example a friend of mine on the Internet informed me that a "pintuck" was NOT a type of duck that comes from Canada!! I am a quick study and am learning fast, so please look over me if I slip up once in a while and "TAKE" a notion instead of buying a "notion".

PLEASE NOTE: I have been BORN and RAISED in the SOUTH. I thereby am dully licensed to poke fun at the southern peoples and states. However, YOU are another story, It could get ugly if you try this and are not from the south (and flying OVER the south don't count). You are allowed to laugh at us quietly as long as you don't let any of US see you!!!

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