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Words of Wisdom

Clap, Clap, Clap!

By Denise Dias, Chapter President

This group deserves a round of applause for the accomplishments that we have recently made. I am so proud of this group for receiving two awards for your work on making Buddy Bears for the Kansas Air National Guard. Wow, I am sure that the kids who were on the receiving end loved the bears as much as we enjoyed dressing them. Kudo's to Anne St. Clair for her outstanding work with our Charity sewing this year.

Also it's time for another new sewing challenge. It's been awhile since we have had one and here it is.....

The Red, White and Blue -- 2002 Sewing Challenge

Create something that is red, white and blue and bring it to our meeting in August for Show and Share. Make it anything you want and use any fabric that you want, but it must contain the colors red, white and blue. You will receive an extra entry in the drawing if it has a flag or the word USA on it. You will be entered into a drawing for a special prize. I'm sure we will have it to show for our June meeting.

And lastly, don't forget that there will not be a Guild meeting in July. Enjoy the free day or go to the 4-H Style Revue that evening instead.

Happy Sewing and Hat's off to an Outstanding Guild!
Denise Dias

Hitch Your Wagon to a star.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Of course, ours wagons would be filled with FABRIC!!



Mark Your Calendars

Our Next
Chapter Meetings:

Tuesday, June 4

Custom Made Patterns
On the Computer
by
Pattern Master Botique
Beth Goering-Tanner

Tuesday, July 2
No Regular Meeting

Friday, July 27
Community Sew
Needle Nook Fabrics
4P.M.—Midnight

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Dec/Jan 2002	Nov. 1, 2002

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Becky Wondra, our Guild's Education Chairman, has Announced some exciting programs for 2002. All Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month At the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center 7001 W. 21st North, at 1:30 and 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, June 4, 2004

Custom Made Patterns on the Computer
Using Pattern Master Boutique
by Beth Goering-Tanner

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Open Sew 9-Noon
1:30P.M. Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 2002

NO MEETING

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Open Sew 9-Noon with Potluck
1:30P.M. Board Meeting
ALL ASG Members are welcome
to attend

Saturday, July 27, 2003

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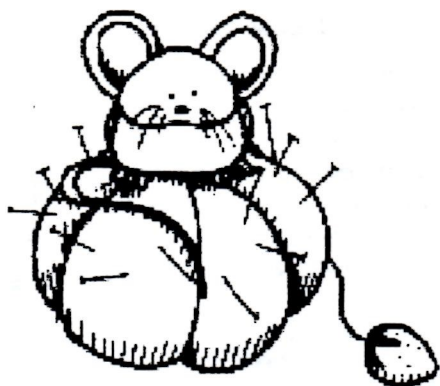
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Welcome New Members

Kim Allen	4/30/02
Rhea Wilson	4/30/02
Sondra Coln	3/31/02
Carolyn Harms	3/31/02

Derby Neighborhood Group

The Derby Neighborhood Group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, in Derby, Kansas. 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 316-788-4448, E-mail jackw@southwind.net or Teresa Norris at 316-789-0148

Derby Group there is NO

Meeting for June/July

The Derby Group has been making tote bags, they will going to the Salvation Army

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FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD

ASG members know things. We have secrets that non-members don't share. We don't have secret handshakes or meet under the moon (although those ideas are interesting...). But we know the value of belonging.

We joined to satisfy our curiosity. I'll give it a try; what can I lose? We discovered a world of knowledge- sewing techniques, resources, advice, access. We came home with lifetimes' worth of ideas and dreams of impossible accomplishments. Some of us changed careers. We grew in confidence and in skill. Our health improved and our mental sates. We found support and acceptance. All of it in the name of sewing, ASG style.

ASG is about sewing, but it's more about life. It allows us to move beyond sewing for economy and into sewing for creativity. It allows us to participate in a community of like minds, where working with fabric and needles is the norm, not the exception. Gone are the days of whispering and apologizing for a solitary pastime. Now we celebrate our uniqueness among friends.

We can talk about the obvious benefits of ASG—the discounts, the workshops, the newsletters. We can even talk about the camaraderie and the community service. But only you know the truth—you can't replace what your heart knows. You belong.

ReMember to renew your ASG membership. We can't replace you.

The ReMember Campaign is sponsoring 40 \$100 prizes in a random drawing of all members who renew between January 1st and December 31st, 2002. Late renewals are not eligible. No special forms, no purchases. Just renew. Winners will be announced in January 2003.

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Ten Tips for Sewing Swimwear Fabrics

As these summer months heat up, head to the pool or beach in a swimsuit made by yourself. Here are some tips to get you started.

READY, SET, DIVE IN!

TIP 1: When you apply the swim wear elastic, lay the elastic on the bed of the machine with the fabric on top, then serge the elastic on.

TIP 2: If you are fortunate enough to have a cover stitch machine, use it for all of the hems.

TIP 3: If you don't have a cover stitch machine, use a twin needle for all of your hems.

TIP 4: Sew the side seams from the bottom to the top on both sides to avoid twisting.

TIP 5: A Serger will produce the best results for sewing the seams, however, if you don't have a serger, use a zigzag stitch set at 16-20 stitches per inch. You can also use a straight stretch stitch, set at 10-12 stitches per inch.

TIP 6: Always check your Swimwear Lycra for the greatest stretch before you lay out the pattern.

TIP 7: Lay out the pattern with the greatest stretch going around the body, regardless of the grainline indicated on the pattern. (Often times the greatest stretch is on the cross-grain, rather than the straight grain).

TIP 8: If you can find 4-way stretch Swimwear Lycra in the colors or prints you like, use that.

TIP 9: Always use Swimwear Elastic, Clear Elastic or Raw Rubber Elastic for your swimwear to get best results.

TIP 10: Always use ball point needles when you sew swimwear fabrics to avoid tearing holes in the seams.



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Bus Trip

A fun day was had by all of us that ventured to Oklahoma City on April 19, 2002. The fellowship with ASG friends was wonderful and the food at Spaghetti Warehouse, Zio's and Abuelo's was to die for.

Almost everyone brought back fabrics, patterns and notions as "souvenirs" of a delightful shopping experience. Our stops included Oklahoma Quiltworks, Helen Enox Fabrics and Elements Beadery. The staff at these businesses were so gracious that I hope you will pay them a visit the next time you are in Oklahoma City.

Thanks for a delightful day,
Aleta Vogt, ASG Special Events Chair



Pants Drafting Workshop, May 21, 2002 was a great
SUCCESS

a big THANKS goes to Sondra, our instructor. The pants we made fit great after a few adjustments, as our patterns weren't quite perfect for our perfect body's.

Thanks Again Sondra

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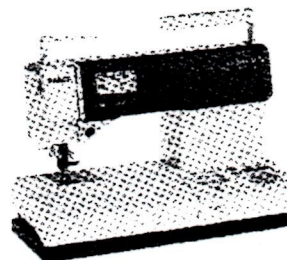
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