



DREAMS and SEAMS

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--THREADS THAT BIND--

The heat is on! Both temperature wise and sewing wise. After such a nice month of June it looks like we are in for a very hot July. Just right for staying in where it is cool and getting some sewing done. I keep thinking of one more thing I need to make for my wardrobe to take to Conference in Portland. I was digging through my stash and found a piece of fabric that I bought 2 years ago on our bus trip to Topeka, that is a perfect coordinate for some linen that I had been trying to figure out what to do with. It all fell into place. One more outfit done.

I'm really looking forward to conference. Meeting with other ASG members is always fun. We learn so much sharing with each other. I have registered for classes that include everything from designing with darts, to sleeve sense, to using RTW techniques, to wearable art techniques. My brain will most likely be on overload, I plan to share what I have learned at the August meeting.

I recently reviewed our membership survey sheets. The one thing that came to my attention was that our biggest problem with sewing is fitting. Especially ourselves. This has prompted the board to implement a Fitting Focus segment to our regular monthly meetings starting this fall. So be thinking about the fitting problem you would like to have solved. Help is on it's way.

Connie Crawford's seminar and workshop in September will also be a great opportunity to find an answer to your fitting problems. I attended one of her lecture/demonstrations in the past and came away with lots of information after only an hour. Have you sent in your registration yet? I also hope you are planning to join the guild on our overnight bus trip to the Sewing and Quilt Expo in Kansas City in October.

September brings the 5th birthday of our chapter. We have had the leadership throughout this time to set the foundation for a strong organization. Several CAB positions need to be filled for next year's term. The nominating committee will be contacting those of you who have shown an interest. It is not to late. If you are interested let me or one of the nomination committee members know. The more you participate in our activities the more you will get out of your membership. Become a CAB member. It's a great job! Please give it a try.

Have a great summer.
Happy Sewing!
Shirley

NO BUS BUS TRIP - Saturday, November 8, 2003

Be sure to mark this on your calendar.

Barbara Blackman and committee are working to make this a fun filled day.



Remember our Retailer's

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.

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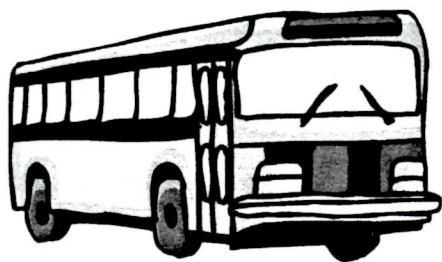
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ON THE ROAD AGAIN!!!

Yes, its time once more to board the Village Charter Bus for Kansas City and the Original Sewing & Quilt Expo. We will leave Thursday Oct. 9, 2003, from the Sedgick County Extension Center parking lot. We will arrive back later on Friday Oct. 10, 2003. Registration is \$125.00 for the trip. This includes bus, hotel, and two-day admission to the Expo headquarters.

Register with Aleta Vogt at 316-722-7721 , Ext 232.

CHARITY SEW-IN AT NEEDLE NOOK FABRICS

WHAT A TERRIFIC EVENING...cutting, sewing, pressing, chatting and a little bit of eating. We finished 34 T-shirts, 4 pr boys briefs, 3 pr girls panties, 3 girls camisole & 1/2 slip sets. We also have 4 more T-shirts cut out ready to sew. We made a BIG dent in the box of knits that were left over from the Fabric Carnival. SallyLou Coleman and Marilyn Beaver dropped off 5 maternity tips that they completed. Denise Dias couldn't stay but took home with her 9 pr boys briefs cut out ready to sew.

We started at 4 P.M. and called it quits at 9:30 P.M. Those ASG members attending were: Diana Janssen, Carol Weins, Ruby Chrisco, Lori Postlewait, Shirley Binder & Jayne Miller. Others that attended were Debbie Sunthemier, Connie Van Gundy, Linda Wood, Teresa Wilson, Alice Stewart and Theresa Corle. We hope that some of these ladies will join us and become members. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH...The Salvation Army Homeless Shelter will be very grateful.

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2003 Elections are upon us!

Well, it is that time again! This November we will elect officers. All offices are elected for a two-year term except President and Vice-President, which are elected yearly. The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the board. A person can hold any one office for 4 consecutive years and then must step down from that office. Our by-laws permit that person to run again for a different office immediately. The nominating committee is always headed by the acting secretary and up to 3 other people from the board. This year the committee is Jayne Miller, Shirley Binder and Sondra Schmittgens. Please contact one of these people if you are interested in being on the board.

Those offices up for election this year are: President, Vice President, Publicity/Retail Liaison, Newsletter, Special Events, Membership, Librarian/Historian, Community Service and Hospitality

SPECIAL EVENT SPEAKER - Linda MacPhee of MacPhee Workshop will be here on January 17 and 18th, 2004. Check out her list of topics at the web site www.macpheeworkshop.com under "What we can do for you". Email bblackman@cox.net with your suggestion of what you would like to learn. The topics all look wonderful to me. A decision will be made in September as the content of the programs. - Barbara Blackman



Mark Your Calendar

The following dates show the programs planned for sewing guild at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st North, at 1:30 and 7:00 P.M.

Aug. 5 Bring Mini Workshop Ideas
Highlights from National
ASG Convention

Sept. 2 Mini Workshop - Sewing
Ideas for Gifts

Sept. 12 & 13 Connie Crawford lecture
& workshop.

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ASG Members! Pack your bags. It's time once more to board The Village Charters Bus. This time for an overnight trip to the ORIGINAL SEWING & QUILT EXPO™ in Kansas City, KS.

We will depart from the Sedgwick County Extension Center, early Thursday, October 9th, so we can arrive in Kansas City by the time the Expo opens.

We will arrive back in Wichita, late Friday evening October 10th.

Registration is \$125.00. Included in this fee is bus transportation to Kansas City, overnight hotel accommodations, and 2 days admission to the Expo.

The EXPO includes workshops and seminars given by nationally known sewing experts, as well as an exhibit hall with shopping opportunities by unique vendors. EXPO brochures will be available in early August. To receive your copy call 800-699-6309. Or visit www.sewingexpo.com

Questions call Aleta at 316-722-7721 EXT. 232 *Deadline Sept 24, 2003*

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ASG MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!

On behalf of the families and loved ones of the 244th Engineer Combat Battalion(heavy), I want to thank the Sewing Guild for making over 100 neck coolers. It is the kindness of people like you who make this deployment a bit easier on all of us.

With temperatures reaching into the 140s, the neck coolers go a long way in bringing the soldiers some relief. Noal (Leane's husband) has told me they are going over very well. Please share the following notes with the guild, and thank each one of them for me. God bless you all!

Love, Leane (Leane is related to Becky Wondra of the Guild)

"....thank you for the neck band you made. It is very hot here so the band is helping out a lot. I put it in ice water and then around my neck." Sgt Gann

"..Thank you for the neck cooler. Any thing that makes life more bearable here is worth its' weight in gold" Spc Charles Aco/244th ENB

"We the members of 2nd Platoon A Co. 244th ECB would like to thank you for your generosity and support. The neck coolers are a very practical and welcome gift. It helps us in this climate to endure....."

Thank you so much for the refreshing neck cooler. They make the days so much easier to bear. It has done a lot for our moods and attitudes. Spc Joshua Aco 244th ECB

"Thank you so much for the neck cooler thing. It is so crazy hot here. It cools me down.
God Speed Spc Anderson

"Thank you so much for the neckcoolers. I use one on my forehead and one on my neck. I haven't had heat exhaustion as some of the others.
God Bless You

CONNIE CRAWFORD SEMINAR

Connie Crawford Seminar is coming soon. She will be sharing her fashion show and lecture on "Draping Patterns for the Proper Fit on Friday night, September 12 th at 7 - 9 P.M. at the Sedgwick County Extension Building. On Saturday, she will do the Pattern Fitting Workshop from 9A.M. to 4 P.M.

Please register for the session with the enclosed sheet from the last newsletter. If you have questions please call Sondra Schmittgens at 943-9813.

Connie taught pattern making and fashion design classes for 23 years. She authored numerous books on fashion and patternmaking.

Please take time from you schedule to learn her techniques.

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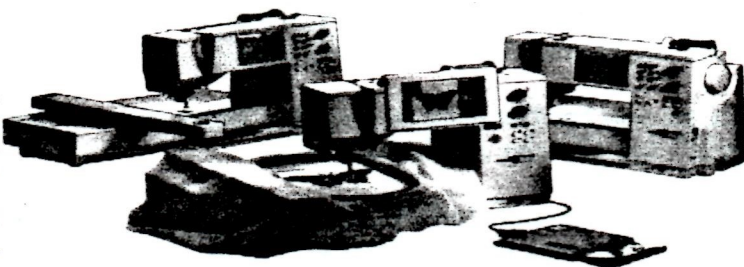
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