



# DREAMS and SEAMS

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## --THREADS THAT BIND--

What a great fall we have had this year. Enough moisture for Mother Nature to create great color. Lots of nice days to enjoy the outdoors, and some cool days to make us think about the upcoming Holidays. How is your gift making coming? Do you have a sewing friend that needs a gift? How about an ASG membership? Don't forget to be making stockings for the Salvation Army Shelter. Bring them and any items that you have to fill them to the December meeting.

I'm getting great reports from everyone that participated in the No Bus Bus Trip. Both members and merchants. It seems everyone had a terrific time. Many of you have reported new discoveries. Some of you made new friends among our members. Others found different places to shop and new merchandise in some of the retailers that you regularly visit. Some of you had such so much fun that total strangers were curious about what was going on and ask about ASG. The breakfast at Home Town Buffet gave us the energy to shop all day. Just give us good food and shopping and you never know what might happen.

We have some exciting things planned for 2004, including the Linda MacPhee seminar and workshop in January. I have never been to any of Linda's programs but I have heard rave reviews and am anxiously waiting to hear her. I hope it will inspire me to get a lot of sewing done at the retreat coming up in February. We will again be going to Crosswinds Conference Center in Hesston. This is a super facility. Peaceful and Quiet yet close to shopping. And the food...well you need to experience it for yourself. Have you sent in your reservation yet? You might want to add the retreat to your Holiday gift wish list.

A new membership directory will be available in January. If you have any changes be sure to notify our secretary. Double-check those e-mail addresses to be sure they are correct. Also watch for your January issue of Notions. It will contain your new Jo-Ann's discount card. Be sure that you pull it out and keep it with your ASG membership card. You need to present them together to get your discount.

Remember to bring a \$5.00 gift and a treat to our December meeting. We will have a Holiday celebration, and exchange gifts. We will also be installing the newly elected Chapter Advisory Board. As we welcome new members to the board and say thank you to those who have given their time to lead our chapter in the past, please be thinking what you can do to support the new board as we begin 2004.

May all of you and yours have a joyous season.

Happy Sewing

Shirley



## New ASG Members :

Jan Adams, 1107 Wilbar Lane, Wichita KS 67212

Karen Bridgewater, 756 E. 100th, Newton, KS 67114

## NANCY'S NOTIONS DISCOUNT CODES FOR JAN. 1 - MARCH 31

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### Contest Deadline Approaching!!!

#### Blouse Bonanza Sewing Contest



#### Contest Rules:

- Make a blouse using one of the blouse patterns from the Silhouette Pattern line. Visit [www.silhouettepatterns.com](http://www.silhouettepatterns.com) to view/purchase patterns
- Submit both a photo of the blouse being worn by an individual and a swatch of the fabric used to make the garment. No need to submit the actual garment now.
- Mail the photo and the swatch to the address below no later than January 31, 2004. Winners will be notified by mail/email within sixty days of the deadline date.
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## Derby Neighborhood Group Events- For Information call Carol Weins at 788-4448

Dec. 11

Making Small Gifts

### Hutchinson Neighborhood Group - by Connie Swartz

On Nov 6, the Hutchinson Neighborhood Group met for a Christmas Gift Ideas program by Connie Swartz. We discussed the possibility of assisting students in local high school sewing classes and made plans for our exchange to be hosted by Jackie Proffitt. Michelle Eis is developing our website and discussed additions and pictures she will include in the future. 9 Members and 2 guests attended.

Dec. 4

Holiday Dinner and Gift Exchange

PATTERN MAKING SYMPOSIUM meets 4th

Tuesday of the month at Barb Blackman's house. Call

Bark if you plan to attend. 721-5524

#### 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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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## LINDA MACPHEE WORKSHOP January 17 & 18, 2004

Linda comes from Canada and has been teaching and inspiring people to sew for 25 years. She designs, teaches, has a pattern company, a mail-order house and sells wholesale and retail.

Linda has degrees in both textiles and teaching. Her approach to life and sewing is "Let's Have some fun".

The Saturday seminar will include Going Crazy with Creativity, a fashion show, as well as showing us one of a kind ideas and sending us home full of ideas and the desire to sew. The class is \$40, light lunch included.

The Sunday seminar is full at this time. If you wish to be added to the waiting list, please let me know. The Sunday seminar is a hands-on class where we will make a Classic Jacket. Linda claims this is a very easy and classy jacket that is easy to fit all body types. There will be a sample at the December meeting. The kit fee is about \$39. The class is \$40 for members and \$45 for nonmembers, light lunch included

## SEWING RETREAT AT CROSSWINDS, FEB. 6, 7, 8, 2004.

### 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.

Dec. 2 Holiday Party

Jan. 6 Crazy Quilts by  
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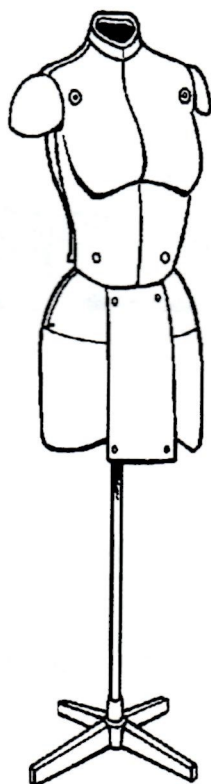


## FITTING FOCUS

Welcome to our new fitting focus column! If you have a fitting problem you want us to talk about please call: Sondra Schmittgens at 943-9813 or e-mail at [aslcouple@worldnet.att.net](mailto:aslcouple@worldnet.att.net).

**Crotch depth adjustment:** If you have a flat bottom or if you always just have extra room in the derriere try making an 'L' crotch instead of a 'J' crotch. Come down from the waist to the inseam more straight down and then make a tight turn that more resembles an 'L'. You can also take in a little bit in the inside leg seams as well.

**Gaping necklines.** First, always make sure that the shoulder on the pattern matches your shoulders. Make them more square if you have square shoulders. If that takes care of the problem great! If not, make a pattern adjustment at the neckline edge that extends to the armhole. Cut a line from neckline to armhole and overlap the pattern on the neckline side until you have eliminated that unnecessary fullness. Good Luck!



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## Second Annual River City no Bus Bus Trip

by Barb Blackman

Saturday, November 8, 2003 was a perfect day for the No Bus Bus Trip. Thirty-eight ASG members and guests started the trip at the Home Town Buffet for breakfast, picking up the passports and last minute instructions for the day. Seventeen merchants participated, gave generous discounts and informative demonstrations. Christmas ideas were available at every stop and there were lots of smiles on the faces of the merchants as well as the shoppers. The passports have not been tallied at this time but there are rumors that a number of our members made it to all of the locations on the passport. Thirty-two wonderful door prizes await the lucky winners. The door prizes, valued in excess of \$500, were given by our own participating merchants and will be awarded at the December meetings. The No Bus Bus Trip is our opportunity to thank the businesses and we are fortunate to have them all.

Thanks to all of you shoppers and a special thanks to the committee members (Barbara Scadden, Melinda Crager, Sallylou Coleman, Teres Corle and Jayne Miller) for your help.

## DO YOU NEED HELP? by Barb Scaddan

Beginning November 5 and every Wednesday thereafter some Wichita ASG members will be available in the classroom at Hancock's East, in the Eastgate Shopping Center. From 2pm to 8pm members will offer help to anyone who wants to drop in with a sewing question or problem. This, of course, is open to the public and free of charge.

This should be a great opportunity for ASG to share our knowledge with other people who also love creating garments, home decoration accessories etc. It will also make people aware of the ASG.

We want to express our thanks to Mr. Joe Blue, manager of Hancock's East and his employees for helping making this service available to the public.

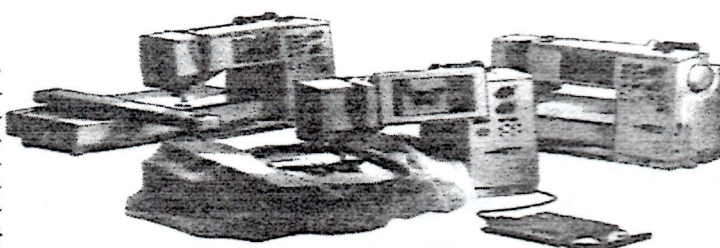
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