



DREAMS and SEAMS

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--THREADS THAT BIND--

I always know it is time to get serious about my fall sewing when I realize that our daylight hours are getting shorter. The nice cool mornings we have had lately are saying fall is on it's way. This time of year there are so many neat patterns for wall hangings and fall decorations it's hard to figure out what to make first. I'm sure some of you will soon be making Halloween costumes for children and grandchildren. And Christmas is just around the corner. Our Mini-Workshops at the September meeting gave us some great ideas for gift-giving. A big thank you to our members who shared their talents with us. Don't forget to make some Christmas stocking for the Salvation Army Shelter. We'll have some patterns at the October meeting, if you don't have yours from last year.

The ballot for election of the 2004 officers is in this newsletter. Be sure that you return your ballot as instructed. Also take time to thank those who have given their time to be members of your Chapter Advisory Board. We will be looking for committee members to help many of the board members, so be thinking about what committee you would like to become a part of. This is your chapter. The more you become involved the more rewards you will gain from your ASG membership.

Conference in Portland was a great experience. Sew much talent all in one place. I'm still going through notes, sorting out bits of information, and finding a situation to apply it to. 2004 conference is in Dallas. Close enough for many of us to attend. It's the first week of August, so mark your calendar. Peggy Sagers of Silhouette Patterns is sponsoring a "Blouse Bonanza" contest using your choice of one of her many blouse patterns. Grand prize is an expense paid trip to the 2004 conference. See the article in this newsletter for complete details.

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I'm anxious to apply what I learned in Connie Crawford's workshop to my next garment. I'm also looking forward to learning more tips and techniques from the classes that I have enrolled in at the Kansas City Expo. And then I'm dreaming of the inspiration I am going to get from Linda MacPhee when she comes in January. Have you ever taken a few minutes and visited some of the websites you see listed in the publications (like Notions) you receive? You can have a mini-vacation, a shopping trip, a sewing lesson and ideas galore all with a few clicks.

But then it's time to get busy.

Happy Sewing
Shirley

Blouse Bonanza Sewing Contest

Contest Rules:

- Make a blouse using one of the blouse patterns from the Silhouette Pattern line. Visit 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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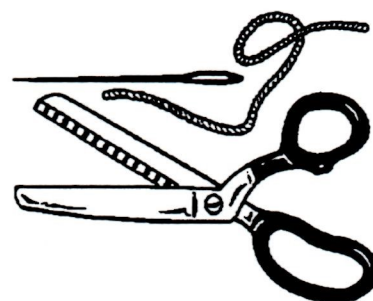
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Oct. 23	Elastic Application
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Dec. 11	Making Small Gifts



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Sunday is a hands on class featuring the Classic Jacket. There will be a sample available at the October meeting for those who are interested. Remember class limit of 25 so sign up early.

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.

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Angela Kennedy

Nov. 4 Sew N Sew-Andover

Dec. 2 Christmas Party

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FIBER ARTS by Sondra Schmitgens

Sewing is part science and part art. Usually we concentrate on the science - how do we make this corner; what are the properties of taffeta that make it right for this garment? But occasionally we should take a step back and look at the art of sewing.

Sarah McLachlan wrote a song I dearly love. It is called "Witness". It questions what happens when we die. What happens at that exact moment? The entire song is hauntingly beautiful but there is one line that really makes me think. "Is Misery made beautiful right before our eyes?" Is it? I don't really know but when I first heard the song something resonated in me and I thought, "yes! It is!".

I am not probably going to put this song into my formal theology and use it as a road map for life after death but it has added to my thinking on the subject. It has made me see in a new way. This is what art does.

Maybe some of you are unaware that we now have 'FIBERARTS' magazine in our library. I noticed that only one person has checked it out...hmmmm. I think I know the reason. You look at it and you say, There is not one thing in there that I would ever make! Most of it is not even clothes! Well, you are right about that. What is in there (as the name explicitly states) is fiberART. That lets us see something in a new way.

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Take Vol 29, No 3 for example. Do-Hp Suh missed his childhood home so much he recreated it in diaphanous silk...then did the same with his New York apartment! He titled it 'The Perfect Home'. You know what? I am never going to do this. And if you see me start to do it, slap me till I stop. But, it did make me think in a new way. I started to look at my own 'perfect home' and realized I felt the same way about it.

That issue also explores the living and work spaces of several fabric artist. It was fun to compare their spaces to mine and realize that 1) I truly am a slob and 2) there are many similarities between their spaces and mine. And so much more! Pillows and felt and named spinners modeling hand knit socks!

I can't go through each issue and tell you what I love about it... but I hope you will do it for yourself. Art in spires art! Be inspired!

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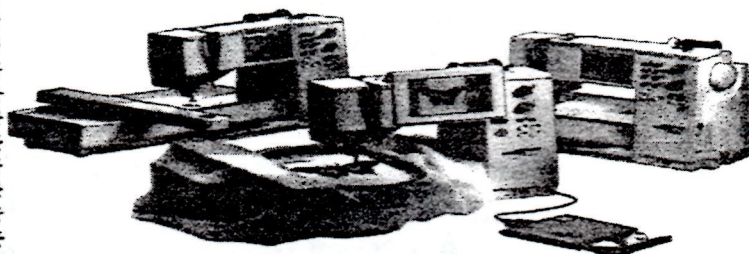
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