



DREAMS and SEAMS

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Upcoming Events!

'Bag Ladies Social' Bag Challenge

Have you finished your challenge yet? The Bag Ladies Social is only days away but you can still get it done! We do not want to leave anyone out.

Your bags are due April 6, 2004 (our next mtg.) Bring your bag and dress accordingly. Use your imagination!!!! Be creative!!! There will be fun, food and prizes. To Join in on the fun just make a bag or purse. Add zippers, trims, pockets, or make it match something. Give it an attitude. If you have questions please call Terry Chisum (729-7487). See you there!

ASG NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN DALLAS!

August 4-8, 2004. See your conference booklet for details. It should come in the mail soon!

2-DAY PATTERN MAKING SEMINAR FOR THE HOME CLOTHIER BY CONNIE CRAWFORD

Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25, 2004

We are having Connie Crawford back again for a much deeper foray into the pattern making world. We will learn how to make a sloper and how to use it to make 22 different fashion blocks and so much more. If you would like Connie to make a fashion block or dress form from your body for you, she will be available for 2 days before and 2 days after to take private appts. We will have more details on this later! If you have questions call Sondra Schmittgens at 943-9813

SEWING EXPO IN KANSAS CITY

October 14-16 2004, No details yet but keep that weekend free!

NO BUS BUS TRIP

November 13, 2004. If you have never gone on one of these you are missing a fun time. Visit with our local merchants, buy a gob of stuff and have fun with friends. Watch newsletter for details

PEGGY SAYERS OF SILLOUTTE PATTERNS

January 22-25, 2005. Peggy will be here in January. Please check out her website and help the board decide what topics to ask for. This will be a seminar and workshop (possibly two days of workshops)

---THREADS THAT BIND---

The first three months of 2004 are almost over, and it has been a great year for our ASG chapter so far. The January seminars and workshops with Linda Mac Phee inspired us. I have seen many of you wearing wonderful jackets that came from the workshop. Sad to say mine is still not complete. But I did finish several projects that had been in the works for some time at our February Retreat. Those of us who went had a wonderful time, talking sewing, eating, and yes, we did even get some sleep. A big thank you to the retreat committee for making it such a great experience. If you have never been to a sewing retreat I hope you will plan to join us next year.

Thanks to our February speaker Larry Black from Ken Quilt, who reminded us that we need to give our machines a little TLC once in a while. I gave mine a good cleaning once I came home from retreat. Hen Feathers' Peggy Engle showed us the latest in sewing notions at our March meeting. It's amazing how many great little tools are available to us to make sewing easier.

We now have a Neighborhood Group Leader for the Derby group, and a hospitality person for our evening meetings thanks to members who have stepped forward to fill these positions. I will soon be looking over the blue survey sheets, compiling statistics from them, and presenting them to the CAB as we begin to make plans for 2005. If you still have your survey sheet please return it to a board member by the April meeting. Several CAB positions will need to be filled for next year. Attending a CAB meeting is a great way to learn about the responsibilities of the different committee chairs. Remember all members are welcome as CAB meetings. If you have an idea that you would like to present to the board please let me know and I will put it on the agenda. Yes there is work involved in being a board member, but the rewards are many. Involvement is the key to getting the most out of Your ASG membership.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Bag Ladies Social in April and at our May meeting. Remember to bring the bag that you made for the bag challenge. Also bring a sewing related item that you would have in your bag if you were truly a bag lady. And aren't we all? What would we do without our bags?

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National is having a creativity contest (go to Notions, Winter 2004 pg 55 for details or go to the web site www.asg.org). National's entries are due on June 10, 2004. We Wichita people are doing one too and we give you more time! You can make the same outfit for both as far as we are concerned. Make an outfit using Simplicity pattern #5153, #5104 or #5191 or any combination thereof and have it ready for the Christmas Tea on Dec 7th. We aren't going to have a lot of prizes but it is always so great to see what people come up with. Happy creating!

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Lori Postlethwait recommends:

http://jhittlesewing.funoverload.com/sewing/specials_1.html

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Details are in Sew News Dec 2003 issue, pgs 24-25. Shows how to increase crotch size in like manner.

Contact Barbara Bohm, aalmanret@sbcglobal.net with your fitting problems.

See you next time!!!



Just so you're not surprised...

Our Policy on refunds for Special Events and Workshops is...no refunds. However, if you can find someone to take your place, we do allow substitutions! Just ask your replacement to pay the registration fee to you and let us know s/he is replacing you. Thank you, this makes it so much easier for the planners!

Remember our Retailer's

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ASG Sewing retreat...

The Retreat was a great success even though Mother Nature and Old Man Winter tried to get in our way; you know **NO ONE** gets in the way of **serious stitchers**. We had a great time lots of wonderful food and snacks everything from Stitches salsa to trash! Yes trash!! We had baked potatoes and even made potato bakers to use at home the next time we bake potatoes.

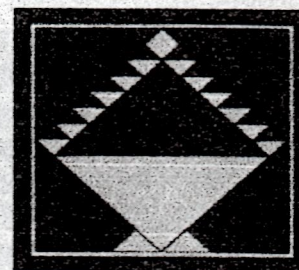
We had a fat quarter exchange while Aleta read the 2nd chapter to an ongoing retreat story. We did a white elephant exchange which was a blast! It was good to get rid of some sewing items we didn't use any more. Like they say, "One mans junk is another's treasure"!! We got some wonderful door prizes which some of the merchants had donated. We made some sewing totes that the majority of us are going to use to carry our SALE ads in, instead of sewing items.

Speaking of shopping, we did some of that too!! We went to Charlotte's Sew Natural, the Wood-n-Thread in Moundridge, the Button Hole and a bead shop in McPherson and don't forget Wally World. While shopping we were in search of beads, trims and embellishments for some bags we made. They all turned out differently and very individualized. Everyone worked on their own sewing projects from pants to jackets to more jackets and bags, baby towel wraps, baby burp cloths, baby quilts. There were hats, scarves, wraps and blankets made of fleece. Some beautiful quilts were worked on. There was a wide range of fabrics! WOW!! Silk, hair, snake skin, slinky, shiny, decorative and yes there was the old cotton and flannel too!! There was even some needle work going on. Knitting, from clothing pieces to the popular Fluffy scarves. Needless to say we all got lots of things accomplished. Maybe not everything we wanted but you know you gotta have some fun. Oh, and don't forget all the laughs!!! Mel invited several outside guests "Hens and chicks" they call themselves and they did their share of "cackling" it was a real "Henparty". Then needless to say Old Man Winter had to be with us again while packing up and on the trip home he decided to blow in which made for an exciting trip home for some. It was decided by all those who attended that next year would have to be in warmer weather. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did and I have heard some great comments! I want to Thank Aleta, Mary and Lori for all their wonderful help making this a success. Next year hope to see **MORE of YOU** there!! Melinda Crager -Retreat Chairperson.

Mark Your Calendar!

The Following dates show the programs planned for sewing guild at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st N at 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM

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| April 6, 2004 | Bag Lady Social! Bring your finished (or unfinished bags! |
| May 4, 2004 | Lauri Mitchell of Raingarten Press
Dye Release Design and FUN greeting cards |
| June 1, 2004 | Attic Heirlooms - Julie Craig |
| July 6, 2004 | No July meeting |
| August 3, 2004 | Bev Seyfert of The Sewing Center
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The Derby Neighborhood Group invites you to meet with them on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Woodlawn Methodist Church at Kay and Woodlawn in Derby. Go to the south entrance and follow the signs to Room 11E. Questions? Contact Bev Libby 747-2546

Upcoming events in Derby!

March 25, 2004 Sewing Tips

April 22, 2004 Shashiko Embroidery

Warning - ASG Library - Warning

As announced in the March meeting the library is becoming a less kind and gentle entity. Items are to be checked out for 1 Month only and any unreturned items are subject to a \$1 fine each month starting at the April meeting. You can **not** turn in an item and check it out again immediately, you must leave it for another member. If an item is lost the borrower must replace it or pay the value of the item. I predict the Library is going to have a lot of money to buy more books in the future...gotta go to the bank and get more \$1 bills, see ya later!

!NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to our new members that joined or rejoined in February and March. Add these guys to your phonebook.

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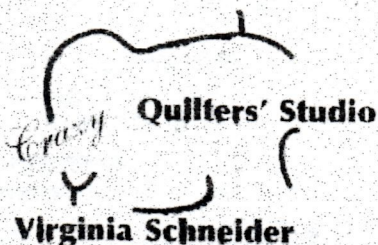


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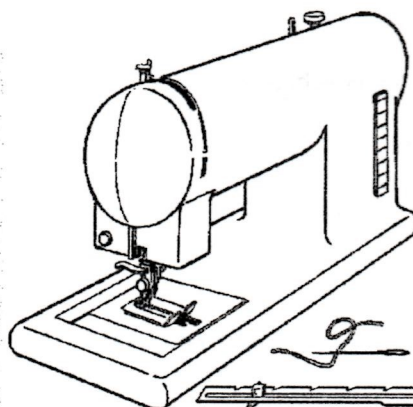
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TREASURER'S REPORT 2003

By: Lori Postlethwait, Treasurer

We set our budget up to break even. We actually made \$18.14 more than we spent this year. Our special events netted \$955.25. Our advertising income was down by about half over 2002. Hopefully with some new businesses in the area this will change for the better. The newsletter cost was reduced by about \$200. Postage was up \$60 but not due to the newsletter. For example, to advertise our Fabric Carnival we sent letters to people who previously rented booth space. Postage adds up for these things but all in all we came out ahead.

We hope to have some workshops in 2004 given by our own knowledgeable members. This would definitely increase our income.

We had a very busy and exciting year in 2003. There was some kind of special event almost every month. Our board is to be commended for their generous sharing of time and talent. Our guild remains an educational and financially solvent organization in our community due to the hard work of our members and chapter advisory board.

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