



DREAMS and SEAMS

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Upcoming Events!

OKLAHOMA CITY BUS TRIP

Friday, April 2nd, 2004

Yes, we will be taking a real bus this time! We will go down to Oklahoma City to Helen Enox's fabulous fabric store with many other stops along the way! Please fill out the registration form included in this newsletter. If you have questions call Sue Carpenter (721-7630) or Barb Blackman (721-5524).

'KICK IT UP A NOTCH' BAG CHALLENGE

Bags are due at the April 6, 2004 meeting!

Okay! Here is the challenge! Make a bag or purse - any size - any fabric - any pattern and then 'kick it up a notch'!

Add a zipper, buttons, trims, beads, hand embroidery, machine embroidery or anything else you can think of. Do you want to 'kick it up' some more? Make an outfit to go with that new bag of yours!

Bring and/or wear your creation to the April 6th meeting and we will have a Bag Ladies' Social. If you have questions please call Terry Chisum (729-7487).

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 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

---THREADS THAT BIND---

As we move into a New Year, I have been asking myself what my sewing resolutions should be for 2004. I'm so proud of myself for meeting my goal of having something new to wear to ASG each month last year. It really gave my wardrobe a boost and I find that I can reach into my closet and find something to wear without a long search. My decision was that this year I want to make the time to try some new techniques. In other words "Take time to smell the roses."

Attending Linda MacPhee's seminar and workshop this last weekend reinforced my need to get creative. She is a very energetic person full of great ideas. The fabric collage she helped us create on our jackets really encouraged us to "Get out of the Box". I even heard someone comment that she was far enough out of her box that she could throw away the key. Way to go! I purchased several of Linda's patterns and upon looking in them found that she gives you a liberation license in every pattern as well as MacPhee Moments. These include quotes such as "Life is the art of drawing without an eraser". What great inspiration.

Lots of opportunities to get creative await us this year. At the January meeting Virginia Schneider from 'The Crazy Quilter's Studio' showed us some great new embellishments that she has in her store. Be sure to check out the 3 new Simplicity patterns that can be used for the 2004 Creativity Contest. Don't forget our chapter's Bag challenge due at our April meeting.

Some things that are on my list are, fabric dying, especially wool fabrics, wool applique, and rug hooking. I intend to try different stitches on my machine other than the zig-zag and the blanket stitch for applique. And Oh Yes! I want to try my hand at making clay buttons. Anybody care to join me?

Happy Sewing
Shirley

Linda MacPhee Workshop is a whopping good time, eh?!

'You can't make clothes fit? Make clothes that don't have to fit!' That was one of Linda's opening remarks. I have been concentrating so hard on learning how to fit things and here comes this person telling me it is just not so darn important. That was just the beginning of the 'Liberation License' that Linda gave us. We can do whatever we want and she will help us do it!

Linda took 89 of us through her line of loose, flowy patterns, each of which has only a few pieces. We learned a great deal about Slinky. She challenged us all to try on the same pair of slinky pants to see how many of us looked good in that pattern with that fabric...everyone who tried them on *did* look great. .

Linda had clothes made out of towels, blankets, placemats and all manner of non-clothes items! The embellishment ideas (leather, silk, braids, yarns, you name it) were very inspiring and practical. Linda said of her 'Crazy Quilt' jacket, 'Don't worry about getting food on it...just applique over it.' She never has the same pockets on both sides of a garment. 'This whole match, measure, fuss 'thing', I don't like!

I predict there will be a looser freer Wichita Guild in the near future. As Linda MacPhee says, 'There are no rules to this game, I think you guessed that!' Check out www.macphee-workshop.com

!!!! No Bus Bus Trip Winners !!!!

A huge THANK-YOU to all of our retailers who made this such a great success!!

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Hutchinson Neighborhood Group - by Connie Swartz

A delicious potluck supper, hosted by member Jackie Proffitt, was the occasion for our December meeting with ten members and one guest attending. We had a short business meeting, 'Sew and Tell' and an exciting gift exchange game.

January 8th was the first meeting of the new year for our group. We were ten members strong with one guest attending. An informative program 'Pattern Design Using a Rub-Off Technique' was presented by Marion Whitlock. Refreshments were served by Ruth and Margie Kirby. A business meeting and 'Sew and Tell' preceded the program. We meet at 7:30 PM at the Delos V. Smith Senior Center in Hutchinson

Next Meeting: February 5 'Unloved Fabric Exchange' and 'Yarn Scarves' Program



PATTERN MAKING SYMPOSIUM meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Barb Blackman's house. Call Barb if you plan to attend. 721-5524

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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:

February 3, 2004 Ken Quilt - Sewing Machine Maintenance
by Larry Black

March 2, 2004 Hen Feathers - Peggy Engels

April 6, 2004 Bag Lady Social! Bring your finished (or unfinished bags!

May 4, 2004 No topic yet...but just you wait and see!

June 1, 2004 Attic Heirlooms - Julie Craig

**NANCY'S NOTIONS CODE FOR
JANUARY 1-MARCH 31 IS:
ASG10**

DERBY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

By Marilyn Beaver

The Derby Neighborhood Group invites you to meet with them on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Woodlawn Methodist Church at Kay and Woodlawn in Derby. Go to the south entrance and follow the signs to Room 11E.

In December, the group met for an exchange of ideas for making small Christmas gifts, and discussed plans for programs in 2004. Lyla Flippo and Beverly Libby have volunteered to be the new group leader and secretary. January's program was a trunk show presented by our member Linda Emery.

February 26th, Lyla Flippo will give a demonstration of stippling and other quilting with Larry's Easy Quilter.

For more information, please call Lyla Flippo at 747-2660, or Carol Wiens at 788-4448.

NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to our new members that joined in November and December!

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Betty Brees, 4860 Windham Rd, Wichita, KS 67219
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Jill Ensminger has also joined our group...sorry Jill I don't have your correct info so I will add you to next month's newsletter. It doesn't mean we don't love you.

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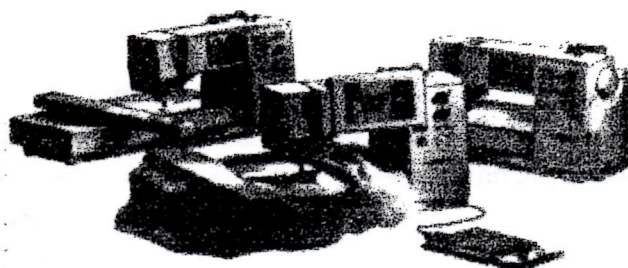
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This is not just for people off the street. It is also for any of our members who have a question or just want an opinion. If you have questions call Barb Scaddan your publicity Chair!

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Design ease (fashion ease) is the extra fullness added to a garment by the designer to make many different silhouettes. A 'closely fitted' garment would have no design ease, just wearing ease. A 'fitted' garment has just a very little extra ease. 'Semi-fitted' clothing may have up to 4" of design ease in the bust area, 'loosely fitted' may have as much as 8 extra inches and a 'very loosely fitted' dress may have more than 8". Coats and Jackets have more ease than other clothes to accommodate your clothing underneath.

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