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Upcoming Events!

ASG AWARENESS DAYS

September 6, 2005. 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM. We will have all day demos on our regular meeting day in our regular room. This will be an effort to make ASG more visible to our communities. Come one come all!

ASG CHAPTER ELECTIONS

We will elect new officers in November 2005 for 2006. Please see inside for the changes from National and to find out who is on our nominating committee.

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE 2005

For our December 6 meeting Shirley has cooked up another great challenge! Make any outfit you like for a child aged 5 to 12. Bring it to the December meeting to show and share and then donate it to the Community of Schools for Christmas! We will also be collecting toiletries as well. Everyone who makes an outfit will be entered in a drawing to win an ASG \$25 gift certificate for any one of our 2006 Wichita ASG special events! Christmas will be here before you know it so get busy!

DIANE ERICSON

January 20 & 21, 2006

Friday, 9AM to 4PM: 'Design on the Edge: Creating Your New Work'. This workshop will cover an exciting collection of ideas and techniques for updating your personal style. Recognize why a garment fits. Learn how to fit creatively. What flatters your body and how to design for your body. Diane will expand your sewing skills and show you how to add design details.

Saturday, 9AM to 4PM: 'Playing on the Edge: My Design Process'. Diane will use her ReVisions Pattern line and her current collection to stimulate and inspire you. Get ideas for fit, design and construction and develop and enhance your 'working style'.

More info in next newsletter! Don't forget to go to Diane's Web site to get pre-inspired. www.revisions-ericson.com She also has articles in Threads #'s 61, 71, 78, 80, 93, 54, and 101.

Central Kansas Quilt Shop Hop - 'Kansas Splendor' October 7-9, 2005 (9-9 on Friday & Sat, Sunday 11-4) 11 Participating shops! There will be free quilt block patterns in each shop and fabric kits available using an exclusive batik designed especially for the participating shops. -Janeen Miller, Sunflower Quilts

----THREADS THAT BIND----

This hot weather is a great time to stay inside and sew. That is just what I have been doing. Trying to finish some new garments to wear at conference. One of the pieces I got on our recent bus trip to Kansas City is all finished but the buttons and buttonholes. I had hoped to make up the other piece to wear to conference, but time is running out and it is such a great piece of fabric I want to take the time to make it exactly the way I want it. Maybe there is still time to whip up one more dress from my old tried and true dress pattern. I

Between the quilts we made July 5th at our charity sew in and the ones some of you completed at home we have 20+ quilts made to go to St Judes. Way to go ladies. One of the quilts will be going to conference with me to be displayed along with quilts from each of the other chapters.

September is ASG awareness month, as well as National Sewing month. Locally our chapter will be having demos at our September meeting to introduce you to a new technique, or help you brush up your on skills that you are already familiar with. Nationally the Home sewing Association is revitalizing National Sewing Month. (I have already seen some of their ads.) Be sure to participate in the survey our ASG national headquarters will be conducting. See the article in this newsletter for complete details. This is an on-line survey, conducted by an independent survey company. It is designed to help our national headquarters know how to help us keep on sewing. In my opinion one of the greatest benefits of ASG membership is the link our national headquarters provides with the sewing community. Be sure to let them know your thoughts and wishes by completing the survey.

Soon it will be time for elections. Our nomination committee will be soon be contacting members to fill Chapter Advisory Board positions for next year. Please consider saying yes when you are asked. Getting involved makes being a member so much more rewarding. Better yet! Contact the nominating committee and volunteer for a position.

Well I better get back to packing for conference. I wish I could take each and every one of you with me. Hopefully I will return with lots of great ideas to share with you.

Sew Happy Shirley

2005 Election Highlights

Mea Culpa. I mistakenly reported that the Education Chair is up for reelection. This is not so. Education has one year left but read on...

-NEW ELECTION NEWS-

At the 2005 national conference our presidents will be voting on new election proceedures. In a nutshell this would change our elected and appointed positions. Elected positions are for 1 year and will include only: President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The rest of the board would be appointed by the new board after their election. This proposal has not yet passed but the feeling is that it will pass at the conference.

So...what does this mean? It means that, for 2006, you will elect the 5 positions above to be on the Board. This new board of 5 will appoint all other positions

after their election.

The standing rules of the Wichita Chapter state that anyone running for President be on the board in some position in the year before her term of President would start. In the July 2005 Board meeting we also added to the standing rules that the 2 VP's can choose from the following 4 areas of responsibility: Special Events, Membership, Education and Newsletter.

Because we are in a transition year the board decided that the 3 postitions not up for re-election (Neighborhood groups, Education and Secretary) could choose to stay on the board in their current position, submit their name for appointment to a new position or leave the board entirely, whichever pleases them, no

harm, no foul.

Now, I bet you are thinking, 'Hey, I wanted to run for Newsletter! The most fun and exciting job I can imagine! Something I have dreamed of since I was a small child playing with my toy typewriter wearing my 'reporter girl' outfit that my mom sewed for me! What do I do now???' Just as it says in 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy', DON'T PANIC! but instead contact one of the people on your (Ta Da!)...

Nominating Committee: Barb Kroeger 316-636-5590,

Carol Wiens 316-788-4448 Betty Brees 316-838-3709

6-788-4448 jackw2@cox.net or 6-838-3709 04120501@msn.com.

They will be contacting you but feel free to contact anyone of them if you want to run for the elected positions or apply for the appointed positions. The nominating commitee will make a ballot of the people running for office as well as compiling a list of everyone who is willing to fill a position to the new board for their consideration.

I thank you for your attention.



Hospitality Committee

Thanks to all of you great people who help with

refreshments and room preparation.

If you have signed up for room set up, please remember to come early so that all is ready for our exciting programs. If you have volunteered to clean up don't forget to stay and do so.

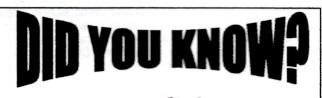
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Remembering Joan

by Marilyn Beaver

Our Guild member and friend Joan Pendleton died June 23, 2005. Some of Joan's English ancestors were silk ribbon weavers, and she carried on their tradition of making beautiful things. Joan was accomplished in many areas; Garment making, embroidery, quilting and crafts. She generously shared her skills by teaching others. She created much beauty with her sewing and with her friendships. She will be missed.

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.

Receive a 10% discount at:
Hancock Fabrics - East/West
JoAnn Fabrics - All Locations
Needle Nook Fabrics - Blvd. Plaza
Prairie Quilts - Parklane Shopping Center
Sew - N- Sew - Andover, Ks.
The Sewing Center - W. 21st St.
Decorator Fabric Warehouse

Receive a 15% Discount at:

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Cy Rudnick's in Kansas City (Please write for swatches)

New!

Please remeber to thank our retailers for all that they do for us. They provide beautiful fabrics, supplies, classes and encouragement. What would we do without them?

Membership Expiration Date

Be sure to check your membership expiration date on your newsletter label. You should receive a renewal notice and form from the National office about 2 months before the expiration date, but if you don't you can still send in your renewal. Notify the national office if you have an address change as our address labels come from them. Not sure what to do? Contact any officer.

Library Rules

The Library will charge a past due fine of \$1 for each item not returned after one month.

The Librarian will publish a complete list of items annually in the newsletter. New acquisitions will be published in the newsletter.

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Full Page\$50 1/2 Page\$35 1/4 Page\$20 Business Card.....\$10 Classifieds.....10 cents a word Artwork needs to be camera ready.

Send or give information to Rebecca Wondra, 1663 Murray, Wichita, Ks. 67212

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

August 2, 2005 'Stepping Out On A Limb'

Debbie Wiesner owner of Out on a

Limb Patterns

September 6, 2005 ASG Awareness Days!

We will have Mini Workshops all

afternoon and evening. See schedule

on this page.

October 4, 2005 'Journaling Your Needle Arts'

Carol Hill of 'From the Studio'

NANCY 'S NOTIONS 2005 DISCOUNT #'s ASG 22 ASG 23 July-Sept Oct-Dec

More Reasons to Join ASG Than Ever! -from Margo Martin on the Presidents' Forum

As of July 15, 2005 there are more great reasons to join ASG and to visit the ASG Web site (www.asg.org). Enter 'Members Only' then click on 'Special Offers' for terrific discounts on sewing products, seminars, free downloads, free shipping and even more from 33 'Notions' advertisers. These special offers will change to coincide with each issue of 'Notions'. So be sure to visit this new 'Special Offers' area early and often.

(I went to the web site and finally logged in as a member and looked at all the 'Members Only' stuff. Besides the offers there are the By-Laws, digitized logos, a list of our regional reps and lots more stuff...ya gotta go. -Sondra)

Results of Our Mini Survey in June

Guest Speaker for 2007	1st ch	1st choice 2nd choice	
Louise Cutting	18	10	
Sandra Betzina	16	6	
Mary Maulari	7	5	
Nancy Zieman	5	7	
Prefer to have special speakers on weekdays		23	
Prefer to have special speakers on weekends		11	
No Preference		18	

Want to keep the Christmas Gift Exchange. No 25 Yes 23

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National is encouraging us to make our community aware of our presence among them . To Do this Denise has lined up a whole day of demos for us and for our community. Come and learn with us on September 6! Refreshments will be provided!

ASG Meeting 1:30

Fly Zippers - Evelyn Aiello 2:00

Unusual Sewing Notions - Leah Jones 2:30

3:00 Sashiko -Denise Dias

Be Fun

Be Empowered

Be Encouraged

Be-gin the Excitement



Awareness Days September 2005



www.asg.org

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group Check out the Hutch web site www.hutchinsonasg.org

3:30 Bias Binding and Mitered Comers - Shirley Binder 4:00 Decorator Tablecloths - Barbara Kroeger 4:30 Pockets - Teresa Corle --5:00 Dinner on your own 6:00 ASG Meeting 6:30 Inserting Zippers with a Pintuck/Candlewick Foot -Betty Brees 7:00 Hand Stitching Primer - Sondra Schmittgens Covered Shoulder Pads - Marilyn John 7:30 8:00 Button Embellishments - Mary Ashcroft 76590

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Due to recent safety concerns from national only members phone # or e-mail addresses will appear in the newsletter. If you need to mail something to a new member, give her a call first. Thanks!

Anne Jesseph 316-744-1136

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DERBY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

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

August 25, 2005 A Bev Libby Special Program

Septenber 22, 2005

A Mystery meeting...go and be

surprised!

Because We Care - Marilyn Beaver

Is there someone whom you feel the Guild would like to remember with a card - For condolence, after surgery or a serious illness? Please Call Ruby Crisco at 788-0807 and she will send a card on behalf of the chapter.



Threads gives ASG members a substantial discount on subcriptions and renewals if we get 10 or more people at a time. The rates are:

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YAHOO SITE FOR WICHITA ASG

A Yahoo site has been created for members of the Wichita, KS Chapter of the ASG. This site will keep you updated as to chapter events as well as keeping in touch with each other.

To Join go to Yahoo Groups and follow the instructions -or- If you need more info or instructions contact Shirley Binder at sb1026049@onemain.com

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Why Should a National ASG Membership Survey Be Important to You?

By: Maureen Heck and Sandy Cagle for the ASG board of directors.

This September we have made it very easy for all of you to give us some valuable feedback through a Membership Survey. Out of nearly 20,000 members, only a small percentage regularly contact us with suggestions on improving ASG. The dilemma, however, is that when only a few of you share your thoughts it is hard for us to always know if those opinions are truly representative of all ASG members.

Our Membership Survey is the result of a great deal of work by many hands. The survey will be available to each and every one of you either on the ASG website or, if you don't have web access, through your chapter leadership. Now we need each of you to do your part and complete the survey in September letting us know your thoughts.

This easy-to-complete survey, available on the ASG website in September, has been prepared by survey professionals in the field. Your answers will go directly to them for analysis with a summary and recommendations coming to the Directors in November.

The bonus is that you will be eligible for a drawing of prizes by completing the survey. You must use your membership number as a security code to complete the survey. The survey company will randomly draw numbers and provide only the membership numbers to ASG for awarding prizes. You wouldn't want to miss out on a prize would you?

So, what do you need to do? Access the survey on ASG website, Use your membership number as a security code to get into the survey, Answer all the questions as they are important to form a picture of our ASG members, Encourage all chapter members to complete the survey.

We hope to have great ideas to share with you but, if you don't respond we will never know. Help us to work on creating the ASG of the future.

Websites from Barb Blackman's talk on Slipcovers: www.slipcoveramerica.com (the process of slipcovering) www.homespunfabrics.com (10 foot wide fabric) www.thesipperlady.com (cool zippers)

BUS TRIP TO KC & LAWRENCE REPORT

by Sondra Schmittgens
Our day began at ohmygod 6:15 am at Village Charters. I am not a moming person but many in our group are cheerful in the morning...huh. The bus started off at 6:30 on the dot and the chocolate was passed around at 6:32. Well it was talk talk talk until we got to KC through many trials and construction tribulations. But at last we arrived at that Mecca of fabric, Cy Rudnick's.

Let me just say that linen, silk, wool, buttons, patterns, ideas and friendly people mix very well or at least there were very few injuries in the joyous confusion that ensued. It went something like this; look, smell, unroll, refold, furl, crunch, unfurl, sort, match, laugh, sigh, ignore, fall in love, buy, buy, buy.

Saying our good-gyes and slugging our packages to the bus it was on to the Plaza and Kaplan's. Some felt a bit peckish and had to take time for a midday repast for the body while others of us went on for more of the spiritual upliftment of the soul which is fabric. At Kaplan's we once again touched, smelled, stroked and caressed a variety of fabrics. Ask Betty Brees about her magic dot fabric. Ask me about my four-ply silk. Ask anything you want except the state of our bank accounts! With full stomachs and content yet smug expressions we carried on to Lawrence.

Once again...oh you know! Sarah's was great too. At that point I didn't even have to look around. Denise called me over, 'Look at this! You need pants out of this!' Well, she was right, I did. Shirley calls out, 'Sondra! This looks like something you would buy!' It was. It was something I would buy. And the rest is history. I now have a new pair of pants and something I would buy.

We also took a gander over to the Yarn Barn. If you have never been there and you knit, crochet, spin, weave or embellish with yarns...why haven't you been there?? It is truly a gift for the senses.

In short, a bus trip to buy fabric is not just a trip, not just an orgy of buying... it is joy!

Lois Ericson Sample Garments

We would like to have some sample garments from Lois Ericson's patterns for the Awareness Day activities on Sept 6. Shirley Binder will supply the pattern and fabric if you allow the garment to hang in her store for a while. At any rate, if you have or want to make a garment from a Lois Ericson pattern please do and bring it to Awareness Days to help us advertise our special event!

Thanks guys! Happy August/September!

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First Tuesdays!

On our meeting day we have the Sunflower room for the whole day so our members are welcome to go there at 9 AM to sew, talk, learn new things, enjoy eachother's company and go out to lunch before the general meeting! This is completely free form so go with an open mind expecting nothing or everything!

Newsletter Information

Everything in the newsletter is either written by or included by the Newsletter Chairperson, Sondra Schmittgens, unless otherwise noted with a by-line. If you have any complaints, suggestions or articles for submission please call me at 943-9813 or e-mail me at aslcouple@worldnet.att.net

> The deadline for the Oct/Nov issue is: September 19, 2005

Somewhere in this newsletter a membership number is embedded. If you see your number and tell Sondra at the June or July meeting you will get a prize!

WITHIN A DAY'S DRIVE

This area is dedicated to other ASG chapters that are within one day's drive of Wichita. If we aren't doing something great on your free day maybe they are!

Topeka ASG (A neighborhood group of KC Chapter)

This group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Starting in September they will meet at ' Fabric Corner' at 21st and Fairlawn Rd in Topeka, KS Check out their web site at www.thefabriccomer.com

August 16, 2005: Program at Sara's Fabrics in Lawrence, KS. The Topeka group is trying to get more familiar with the retailers in their area.

September 20, 2006: Embellishments by Jeannine Miller. This will be their first night in their new location.

Contact Susi Perry at 785-354-7045 or Jeannine Miller at 785-357-6840

Tulsa, OK

October 20 & 21, 2005: Louise Cutting is coming to Tulsa!

Friday is a hands on sit and sew of some of Louise's techniques And Saturday will be a lecture/Trunk show. ASG price is \$45 for Friday, \$35 for Saturday or \$75 for both days. Event is held at the Tulsa Public Library Auditorium, lunch provided both days. Contact Ann LaRue at 918-906-8271 or 918-743-4532 or e-mail at annlarue@swbell.net.

For info on these events call Carrol Risk 918-494-4682

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