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Upcoming Events!!

BUS TRIP TO KANSAS CITY

Friday, June 24, 2005. We will leave early (6:15 AM) to go to Cy Rudnick's & Kaplan's in KC. Lunch on the plaza and then to Lawrence for Sarah's and the Yarn Barn. Some kind of fun, eh? Drag yourself out of bed and join us!

CHARITY SEW & POT LUCK

July 5, 2005. 9 AM to 9 PM in the Sunflower room. We will be sewing quilts for the Hancocks Quilt of Dreams project. Come whenever you can! Stay as late as you like! Bring some good food for lunch or dinner or both! This is a 'no stress' event because we all can sew straight lines. See you there!

2005 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

July 25-30, 2005 at Gaylord Opryland Nashville Nashville, Tennessee

SEWING RETREAT !Canceled!

I regret to inform you that the sewing retreat has been canceled do to lack of interest. We will try to move it back to the Spring sometime to see if more people are able to participate at that time. Sorry retreaters!

ASG AWARENESS DAYS

September 6, 2005. 9:00 AM 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!

DIANE ERICSON

Coming in January 20-21, 2006! We don't know what she'll be doing yet but whatever it is it will be beautiful, creative and fun! www.revisions-ericson.com

---THREADS THAT BIND---

Wow, how time flies. It's hard to believe this year is nearly half over. Conference is only two months away. I need to get busy and get some new clothes made. I hope some of you are making plans to be in Nashville. There are so many talented teachers sharing wonderful techniques. I will be attending the annual Presidents meeting and leadership training the day prior to conference. This day always proves to be very informative. This year we will be voting on several amendments to the ASG by-laws related to chapter elections and term limits. Our national board of directors works hard to keep ASG in compliance with non-profit organization requirements. The changes are designed to make local chapters easier to maintain with advisory boards structured to better reflect current non-profit organizations practices.

Tuesday, July 5th is our charity sew-in day to make quilts for the Quilts of Dreams project. I know many of you have picked up kits, or pulled fabric from your own stash and already have works in progress. I hope that you will join us on the 5th. Come sew all day, or for however long that you can. We always have fun at our sew-ins. We will have a potluck lunch and supper. One of the quilts will be selected to be hand delivered by me to Nashville. The rest will be delivered to our Local Hancock Store. We would like to deliver the quilts all at once. Be sure your ASG affiliation is included with all quilts.

ASG awareness days will be kicked off with all day demonstrations on our regular meeting day in September. If you have a technique that you would like to share please let Denise know as soon as possible. Remember just because it is something that you do all of the time, it may be something new to others. Please share your talents. From all of the wonderful garments that appeared at the spring tea, I know we have lots of talent in our group.

June brings us our program on slip covering a cushion. Something I have never tried. Will I be adding something else to my 'want to do' list. I hear the Bus is nearly full for our trip to Kansas City and Lawrence June 24th. Hopefully I will find a spectacular piece of fabric that I can get made up so I can wear it to conference.

Sew Happy
Shirley

2005 Election Highlight

This fall many of our Board positions are up for reelection. We will be showcasing one board position each newsletter to let you know what that person does and to tempt you to fill their shoes in 2006.

Open positions for 2006 are President, VP, Treasurer, Librarian/Historian, Membership, Newsletter, Education, Community Service, Publicity/Retail Liaison, Special Events and Hospitality.

-----NEW ELECTION NEWS-----

At the national conference our presidents will be voting on new election procedures. In a nutshell this would change our elected and appointed positions. Elected positions will include: President, Vice President, Second Vice President whose duties would be decided by the individual chapters), Secretary and Treasurer. The rest of the board would be appointed by the new board after their election. This is only a theory and hasn't been passed yet.

Duties of the Vice-President by Becky Wondra

The most important duty of the Vice President is to help the President of the Guild make the organization run smoothly. This job entails working with the members of the Board and and their duties. Also, being available for the monthly general meetings.

The responsibility of renewing the advertising for the newsletter is now the work of the Vice President. IT helps out the newsletter editor by letting them concentrate on their writing job. Each year in January the advertisers are contacted with a letter and sent a renewal contract. The Vice-President does a follow up call or visit. The contracts are signed.

The Contract papers are divided per the following:
1st copy (white) stays with the Vice-President
2nd copy (yellow) goes to the Newsletter Person
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Receive a 10% discount at:

Hancock Fabrics - East/West
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The Sewing Center - W. 21st St.
Decorator Fabric Warehouse

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Midwest Sewing, 111 S Pattie
Midwest Sewing, 21st & Ridge

Receive a 20% Discount at Southend Sewing

July 5--Charity Sew--July 5

On the first Tuesday in July we always have a charity sew in lieu of our regular meeting. This July we will meet in the Sunflower room from 9 AM to 9 PM and we will be sewing quilts for St Jude. Anne St Clair will have some kits and fabrics for us to sew but this would be a great time for you to bring your smaller yardages of 100% cotton to make quilts with.

If you are interested in making a quilt for Hancocks Fabrics 'Quilt of Dreams' project please go to their web site and get the rules and information.

All levels of quilts are allowed, the fancier ones will be auctioned to raise money and the more everyday ones will be given to the children at St Jude's.

Bring pot luck lunch and/or dinner and come and go or stay the whole time! Contact Anne St Clair for more details.

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.

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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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Hutchinson Neighborhood Group

Check out the Hutch web site

www.hutchinsonasg.org

The Hutch group is in the process of planning their next year's activities. Watch this space in the next newsletter or visit their web site!

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! St Jude's Quilts !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

For National Convention next year in Nashville, the community service project will be Quilts for St Jude's Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org).

The quilts should be 45"x60", materials must be new 100% cotton (this means fabric, batting, thread and ties), fabrics must be pre-washed. If tying, the tails must be no longer than 3/4". **Must include 1/2 yd. St Jude Fabric.**

The fancier quilts may be auctioned to raise money for St Jude's rather than given to a child. So Make it sweet and simple or make a masterpiece, both ways really help! Let's get sewing! (www.quiltsofdreams.com)

Have them ready by National Conference 2005

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

June 7, 2005 'Slipcover a Chair Cushion'
Barb Blackman

July 5, 2005 Charity sew all day! We will work on St Jude quilts and other projects

August 2, 2005 'Step Out On A Limb'
Debbie Wiesner

For June meeting go to

www.slipcoveramerica.com

This is the basis of Barb's program on slipcovering a cushion. The video tape for this method will be in the library soon!

Hello members of the Wichita Chapter of the American Sewing Guild from Barb Blackman - Special Events

At the June meeting you will be asked to rate 9 speakers in the order of interest you have in them being our 2007 speaker. Below is a list of the speakers with their websites if available. This will give you the opportunity to check out their websites to learn more about them.

Sandra Betzina www.sandrabetzina.com

Louise Cutting www.fabriccollections.com

Stephanie Kimura www.kimurapattern.com

Cynthia Guffey www.cynthiaguffey.com

Marla Kazell (no website found) "I design my classes for intermediate to advanced sewers who want to take their sewing skills to a higher level. My students are delighted to learn details that make their sewing exceptional instead of average and describe their experience in my classes as 'great, marvelous and beyond their expectations. I am delighted when they thank me for my inspiration, patience and assistance."

Some of her classes include: Hand Stitching Primer, Tailoring: Before you cut, Contemporary Tailoring, Tailoring Crash Course, Jacket Design and Details, Bound Buttonholes and Welt Pockets, The Inside Story; Lining and Underlining and Its All In the Details.

Nancy Zieman www.nancysnotions.com

Loes Hinse www.loeshinsedesign.com

Mary Mulari www.marymulri.com

Nancy Schriber www.contemporarysashiko.com

BUS TRIP WINNER!

!Aleta Vogt!

Recently, many of us filled out a membership survey telling our board what we wanted to see in the future and what our talents are. From these, Aleta was chosen at random to receive a free seat on the bus trip to KC in June! The moral of the story is: If you see a survey, pick it up and fill it out because, geez, ya just never know!

NANCY'S NOTIONS 2005 DISCOUNT #'s

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July-Sept ASG 22

Oct-Dec ASG 23

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Full Page\$50

1/2 Page\$35

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Business Card.....\$10

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Tuesday, June 14, 2005 7:00 PM

The PMS (Pattern Making Symposium) group will join the Derby group to go over the first steps of making a sloper from one's body.

Thursday, June 23, 2005 7:00 PM

Bev Libby will teach a technique from one of Connie Crawford's books.

Thursday, July 28, 2005 7:00 PM

Mystery meeting - call Bev in June to get their topic

Five New ASG Patterns in 2005

Our regional rep informs us that there are five new ASG patterns this year! Simplicity numbers 4764, 4748, 4699, 4637 & 4657. Check these out!

New Members

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!

Delma J Pearson, (620)662-9448
Dixie Oatsvall, (316)806-2798
Wanita Schmitt, (316)265-3512
Deborah Suntheimer, (316)747-2062
Judy Troyer - no phone listed

E-mail address changes or additions:
Jan Adams j.d.adams@sbcglobal.net
Linda Farrier sewingthreads@msn.com

!!!Welcome\Welcome\Welcome\Welcome\Welcome\Welcome\Welcome\Welcome!!!

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.

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!Check out these web-sites!

For this newsletter I am going to focus on websites for outdoor/sports clothing. Recently I went to several sports stores in town (Gart Sports, Dick's Sports and Mountain High) to see what was different about their clothing than what one could buy at Dillards. Well, let me tell you they were very different. Of course they were more casual but all the clothing is made to be comfortable for people who move! What an idea!

Now I know you are saying, 'Well, Sondra, my kayaking days are way over!'. That may be true but even though you aren't mountain biking you are still moving around! Maybe just up the stairs with laundry, or to the car with groceries or doing some jobs in the old garden but it is still, by definition, movement!

What I found was that these clothes are cut and sewn differently to allow you to move and to make you feel comfortable while doing it. Gusseted crotches and underarms, darts or fullness in the KNEES of pants so that you can do an extreme bend. Shorts side seams are cut slightly on the bias and move forward as they move away from your waist. Even clothes made out of lycra fabric had fitting seams to let the clothes mold to you for greater comfort and movement. And the fabrics they used are made to wick moisture away from you, to keep water off of you, to keep warmth next to your body or for summer clothing to keep air moving around your body. And all of it seemed to be able to dry quickly!

And the design details were truly wonderful! I will describe the two favorite things I saw. First, a semi fitted princess blouse, sleeveless with a shirt-like collar. But in the princess seams were two teardrop pockets that closed with invisible zippers. The inside of the pockets were tacked with twill tape to the front bands so that they would not hang below the shirt. It was so lovely that you could wear it to work but I could see how wonderful it would be on a hike also.

My other favorite (which I bought) was a pair of pants with a regular inseam and side seam but it also had another seam going down the front at about the spacing you would use for a front pocket...and guess what? In that front seam there were pockets! As you follow the seam to the knee there was a small dart exactly over the knee (which lets your knee bend without straining your fabric). As you go down to the hem there is about a one inch slit to get the pant on over your shoes if you are of that persuasion.

If you look at this clothing and there is nothing that you would want to buy you can still include these wonderful fitting ideas and pocket treatments into the clothing that you make. Okay! Here are the sites!

www.llbean.com - Okay! **This is the absolute best site to go to** because it has 'My Virtual Model'. You can actually program in a model that looks like your body type and dimensions, even your hair style! Mine really freaked me out. You can see how their clothes will really look on you!

www.patagonia.com - This site has really great zoom capability and you can also choose to see the clothing on a model. Look at 'W's reversible garden skirt'.

www.columbia.com - Click on the color key to get a drawing of the details.

www.athleta.com - Go to the 'Camino Pant' to see how they put room in the knee.

www.fabriclink.com - This site is an educational resource for fabrics, apparel, home furnishing and care. This site has a lot of info about what the new fabrics and fabric treatments are. You can even type in the fabric you are interested in and learn all about it.

www.denverfabrics.com - wonderful on many levels and they carry outdoor fabrics too.

If you haven't had enough, here's a few more: www.planetoutdoors.com, www.rockydirect.com, www.cloudvei.com, www.fogdog.com (they actually have a conservative speedo swimsuit).

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**The deadline for the
June/July 05 issue is :
July 18, 2005**

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 at Stitching Traditions in Topeka

June 21, 2005 Make Your Own Dress Form

By Janet Droge

July 19, 2005 Trunk Show of Fashions

By Linda Lee, Designer & Pattern Maker

August 16, 2005 Program at Sara's Fabrics in
Lawrence

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785-357-6840

Tulsa, OK

October 8-9, 2005 Louise Cutting

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

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

Come and Sew With Us on First Tuesdays!

On our meeting day we have the Sunflower room
for the whole day. For the last two months our members
have met there at 9 AM to sew, talk, learn new things,
enjoy each other's company and go out to lunch before
the general meeting! Alas, I have not been able to go yet
but I have heard that it has been a real blast! (I'm sure
there is no connection there). Yes I must say that people
just looked a lot more 'groupie' at the May meeting than
they had in the past.

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