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Upcoming Events!

ASG WICHITA ELECTIONS

November 1, 2005

Our local chapter elections are this November! YOUR BALLOT IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER. If you are interested in filling a board position please give your name to any board member and we will present your name for consideration to the new board. Thanks everyone!

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE 2005

December 6, 2005

Make a child's outfit for community or schools. See inside for details.

DIANE ERICSON

January 20 & 21, 2005

Friday, Jan 20, 2005 9:00AM- 4:00 PM: Hands-On Workshop (class limited to 30): Design on the Edge: Creating YOUR New Work.

Saturday, Jan 21, 2005 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM: Lecture/Demo (no limit): Playing on the Edge: My Design Process.

Diane has articles in Threads #'s 61, 71, 78, 80, 93, 54 and 101. Check out her web site:
www.revisions-ericson.com

REGISTRATION FORM IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER! SIGN UP TODAY!

Central Kansas Quilt Shop Hop -

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(9-9 on Friday & Sat, Sunday 11-4)

-Janeen Miller
Sunflower Quilts

----THREADS THAT BIND----

September is National Sewing Month. With the wonderful cooler weather we have had recently it surely makes me want to get some new clothes made for fall. This is a good time to start a new project, try something new, or finish up one of your UFO's. Or, since it is nearly sweatshirt weather, stitch up an appliqued sweatshirt from one of the "Out on a Limb" designs that Debbie Wiesner showed us at our August meeting. But don't stop there. Get a start on your Christmas sewing and make some of her table runners or appliqued towels for gifts.

Hopefully all of you learned a new technique, a helpful hint or tip, or were otherwise inspired by our ASG Awareness Days speakers. We have so many talented members with so many good ideas. A big thank you to all of you who took the time to share those ideas with us. Thank you also to the Awareness Day Committee who took their time to organize the day and make it all happen. While the month of September was designated as ASG Awareness Days, please remember that **Every Day is ASG Awareness Day**. Carry an ASG brochure with you. When you meet a new sewing friend invite them to an ASG meeting. You never know what talents they might have to share.

I had a chance to visit with Diane Ericson at conference. Her creativity is unbelievable. The form to sign up for her January special event is included in this newsletter. Be sure to get it in soon, as space in the Friday workshop is limited. Thank you to everyone who shared their garments made from Diane's Revisions patterns at the September meeting. This is just a tiny preview of what is to come. Stacked buttons. What a great idea.

Also in this newsletter is the ballot for the upcoming year. As we have been reporting, following the new policies and procedures from our national headquarters we will only be electing five Chapter Advisory Board positions. The remainder will be appointed. If you would like to be a committee chairperson and be on the CAB please contact any current CAB member. Being involved can be lots of fun. This is your opportunity to guide our chapter to bigger and better things.

Have you made a garment for the December Challenge yet? If you need patterns for 5-12 year olds some will be available to trace the morning of our October meeting from 9:30-11:30. This would be a good time to get started. Remember everyone who participates will be eligible to put their name in a drawing for a \$25.00 ASG gift certificate to be used towards any Wichita Chapter Special Event that is held in 2006. Remember the garments will go to the Community in Schools project.

I have an idea for a new outfit to wear to the October meeting. I best go Sew.

Sew Happy
Shirley



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Christmas Challenge 2005

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You don't have to stop at one outfit...you can make as many as you want! You will only be entered for the gift certificate once though. If you need patterns some will be available to trace at our 'First Tuesdays' in the morning before the general meeting.

We will be collecting toiletries as well! Christmas will be here before you know it so better get busy!

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.

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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.

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THREADS MAGAZINE RENEWAL

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

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| 1 year | \$26.36 |
| 2 years | \$43.96 |
| 3 years | \$63.16 |

Look at your magazine sticker to find out your expiration date, you can renew even if you don't run out soon or you can give a subscription as a gift. If you would like to add your name to the list **contact Aleta Vogt** the Library Chair. Want to know more about Threads? Go to their web site at: www.threadsmagazine.com

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.**

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

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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FROM THE STUDIO

'From the Studio' is a group of artists that has been pulled together by Carol Hill and Mary Jabara. The artists and crafts people work in many mediums including, our favorite, fabric.

Carol Hill is our guest speaker for October. She will give us insight on how to journal our needlearts. Carol has been in the magazine 'Belle Armoire' for her beautiful handpainted scarves and is a woman of taste, poise and creativity. To see more of Carol's creations and those of the many other artists and craftspeople in 'From the Studio' go to their fall show:

FROM THE STUDIO
OCTOBER 27, 28 AND 29, 2005
University United Methodist Church
2220 N Yale (North of WSU)

Adornment is never anything except a
reflection of the heart.
-Coco Chanel

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 December 05/January 06 issue is :
November 14, 2005

NANCY'S NOTIONS 2005 DISCOUNT #'s

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Advertising Rates

Ad rates for our bimonthly ASG Newsletter will be as follows:

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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

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| October 4, 2005 | 'Journaling Your Needle Arts' by Carol Hill |
| November 1, 2005 | 'Raw Edge Collage' by Karen Bridgewater |
| December 6, 2005 | Christmas Party & Challenge 2005 Make a child's outfit for Community of Schools |



COME AND SEW WITH US ON First Tuesdays!

On our meeting day we have the Sunflower room for the whole day so our members are welcome to go there at 9:30 AM to sew, talk, learn new things, enjoy each other'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!

OH BOY!

Somewhere in this newsletter a membership number is embedded. If you see your number and tell Sondra or another board member at the Oct or Nov meeting you will get a prize. Up to now NO PRIZE HAS BEEN GIVEN be the first!

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ANOTHER OH BOY!

Starting with our January 3rd general meeting we will be required to show our membership card at the check in table when we arrive. This is in accordance with the new policy and procedures manual recommendations. You don't get a prize like in the first OH BOY but you do gain entrance into a great group!

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

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| October 27, 2005 | Carol Weins will do a program - she's trying to figure it out...call and see what she decided! Sew funny! |
| November, 2005 | No Meeting. Happy Thanksgiving! |
| December 8, 2005 | Christmas Party. Please bring instructions for a fun Christmas gift to make. |



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Sat 10:00am-4:00pm

Anne St. Clair

My Time on the Board (not a surfing story) by Sondra Schmittgens

Well, guys, this is it. This is my last solo newsletter. Next time will be with the new girl. I will also be retiring from the board this year after 7 years. I will become what is known as 'a former board member' or the truncated 'member' which evokes so many different possible nuances.

Because this is my last newsletter and because I am the newsletter editor and because this will be printed before anyone can stop me I am including this brief overview of my experience on the board.

I remember our first meeting in September of 97. Yes, back then we had to walk 10 miles to the meeting and 12 miles home but we didn't care, we were grateful because we knew we were doing something wonderful. We all gathered around the table not knowing each other and each of us decided what we would like to do. I raised my little hand and said I would like to be secretary. Imagine the excitement that beat in my little rib cage as the unsuspecting others allowed me to do that...bwah ha ha ha ha!

So, I was secretary for 4 years and loved every minute of it! I know it is strange but I loved listening to what was said and writing down all of our decisions. It was like...like...like paying attention. Well, you can only be in any office for 4 years in a row and the others weren't so sure they enjoyed me paying attention so much so I had to look elsewhere. I became the VP for one year and then realized that took way too much attention. The next year I moved to Newsletter and that brings us up to this very moment as you read these words perhaps sipping coffee, perhaps eating a crumb cake, perhaps...well it really isn't any of my business what you're doing. The sense of history gives me goose bumps.

I have learned so much. I have gained experience in group dynamics. I have learned many ways to solve problems and even more ways not to solve problems. I have changed one of my very longstanding beliefs. I have learned a great deal about myself, good and bad. I have been able to work with so many truly wonderful, intelligent, creative people and to see that the phrase 'it takes all kinds' isn't just something you say because you bumped heads with some irritating person but because you see things flow in cool ways you never expected because of the diversity of our people. I have made FRIENDS! I guess, in short (haha) I have grown, truly grown, from being in the guild, serving on the board and knowing all of you. Thank you all so much...Hang ten haoles!

Book Review

At Knit's End

by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

Even though we are a sewing group not a knitting group I just had to include a short review of this book. It is set up as a meditation book for people who knit too much. Each page has a quote, some hilarious story about knitting and a moral to set you on the path of right thinking. It is a great book to keep in your bag to cheer you up when you are waiting someplace or if you just need a knitting fix every day. I love it and I think if you knit at all you will really appreciate it. Also check out her blog: www.yarnharlot.ca/biog/

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Topeka ASG (A neighborhood group of KC Chapter)

This group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at 'Fabric Corner' at 21st and Fairlawn Rd in Topeka, KS. Check out their web site:
www.thefabriccorner.com

October 18, 2005 'Easy Gift Ideas' Each attendee is asked to bring a sample of something 'quick and easy' to make for the holidays

November 15, 2005 'Creative Sewing Using Recycled of Vintage Items' by Mary Longren

December 2005 No Meeting. Happy Holidays!

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. The event is held at the Tulsa Public Library Auditorium, lunch provided both days. Contact Ann Larue at 918-906-8271 or e-mail at annlarue@swbell.net

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2005 Election Highlights

Well it is upon us! The proposal to change the election procedure passed and your ballot is in this newsletter! Can you just smell the excitement? The two Vice-President nominees have picked their areas of responsibility, Special Events and Newsletter.

Lets see...this leaves the remaining positions of: Librarian/Historian, Membership, Education (monthly meetings), Community Service, Publicity/Retail Liaison, Hospitality and Neighborhood Groups.

Be thinking about what you would like to do this next year. Maybe be on the board, maybe help on a committee, maybe be the next, best Community Service person ever in the history of mankind! Why couldn't it be you? You are good enough, smart enough and, doggone it, people like you!

Thank you for your attention.

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Oklahoma City ASG: www.okcasg.org

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National Web Site: www.asg.org

Now there is even more reason to go to our web site. Enter 'Members Only' and click on 'Special Offers' to see all the discounts and goodies offered to our members. These offers change ever quarter so go again and again. If nothing else it makes you feel special going into a section labeled 'Members Only'.

Membership by Marilyn Beaver

This position is responsible for checking in members and guests at each meeting, signing up new members, keeping the membership records up to date, printing an annual chapter phone-book and providing update info for the bi-monthly newsletter. Records are kept on Excel spreadsheets; updates from the national office come in monthly. You prepare for the door prize drawings. Prizes are brought to you by the Retail Liaison chair, usually at the monthly board meetings. A co-chair takes care of check-in and prizes for the evening meetings.

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Monthly Chapter Meetings

1st Tuesday at 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

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