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ASG Wichita Chapter Retreat Fellowship! Fun! Food! Sewing!

Can anyone ask for more than that?

Theresa Corle the Special Events Chair, started the first day off with a program on how to make a tote bag. Everyone was so excited with all the lovely fabrics and strapping available for use in making and finishing their bags. Then we Sewed, Sewed, and Sewed.

Of course, there was food, food, and more food throughout both days, with chocolate topping list of favorites. Yes, chocolate is in the food group.

The second day's project was a wrist bag to use when jogging or when you don't want to carry a purse. The wrist bag was large enough for money, I.D., key, & credit card. What more do you need? Everyone had such a wonderful time, they are talking of having another Sewing Retreating in July. **Come join the fun!**



Mary Ann Esch

Barb Blackman
"I'm Finished!"



Betty Brees
"I'm Finished!"



THREADS THAT BIND

What a busy time it is!!! Just catching my breath from the sewing retreat. "IT IS FINISHED!" became the phrase spoken many times. All who came were so happy to add a new garment to their wardrobe.

A special "Thank You" goes to the committee for all the good lessons, food and fun. Theresa Corle, Virginia Schneider, and Mary Malone kept the time 'hopping' for all of us. All other ASG members will have to wait to see all that was made during the two days. It is so nice to have the opportunity to develop new friendships through "ASG".

The ASG Regional Meeting is coming up on March 30-April 1. We plan to learn some new ideas from other chapters and our National Board. We will report back to you what we learn at the April meeting.

I look forward to all the members participating in the April Challenge. Please come and share at our April Tea.

New fabric awaits me from yesterdays outing. Some of the board members made a trail run to Tulsa to check out places for the bus trip in the fall. You will find out more about it soon.

Spring into Sewing,

Becky Wondra

Happy Easter!

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Monthly Chapter Meetings

Wichita Chapter Meetings

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

Derby Neighborhood Group

4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group

WELCOME!

New Members

Marilyn McClellan
Vicki Pannell
Nancy Woodson

Julie McEathron
Doris Schwartz

Renewals

Betty Fidler
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YAHOO SITE

A Yahoo site has been created for members of the Wichita 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 contact: Shirley Binder
sb1026049@onemain.com

She will then e-mail you an invitation to join. This allows you to go to Yahoo Groups and join.

Hospitality

A big "Thank You" to those of you who signed up to be a 2006 Hostess for our monthly meeting! Everyone really enjoys the wonderful finger foods that are provided! Thank You, for signing up— I really do appreciate the wonderful support! Lynanne Degarmo

April—Spring Tea

May—Carol Wiens, Julia Langel, Sally Lou Coleman

June— Betty Fidler, Dorothy Johanek

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION

You should receive a renewal notice and form from the National office about two months before the expiration date. If you don't, you will still want to send in your renewal before it expires. To find your membership expiration date check your newsletter label. If you need help contact an officer on the Advisory Board, they will be glad to assist you.

Don't forget to notify the national office if you have an address change. This is important because the address labels come from the national office and you don't want to miss any mailings.

ASG LIBRARY NEWS

Items that can be checked out from the library include video's, DVD's, books, magazines, and patterns. These items can be checked out for one month at a time.

Remember there is a past due charge of \$1.00 per item on items not returned after one month.

New Items In Library

"Threads" Magazine

March #123

May #124

"Cutting Edge" Magazine

Premiere Issue—Winter 2005

Donated by Julia Langel

"Burda" Magazine

February 2005

March 2005

August 2005

Special Edition of Burda -

"Quick and Easy Fashions"

Donated by Anne St. Clair

Folkwear Patterns

"A Japanese Interior"

"Japanese Field Clothing"

"Japanese Hapi and Haori"

"McCalls" Pattern

Vest Pattern #8285

Donated by Virginia Schneider

Thank You, goes to everyone that gave contributions to the library.

Please add these items to your personal Library List.

Sympathy

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Dora Mae Mooberry in the death her husband.

We would also like to express our condolences to Marilyn Beaver in the death of her brother-in-law.

Both of these special ladies lost someone during the month of February and we would like them to know they are in our thoughts.

BECAUSE WE CARE

Is there someone you feel the Wichita ASG Guild needs to remember with a card. Like someone we need to send condolence to or a card for a serious illness, or recovering from surgery? Please notify Ruby Chrisco at 788-0807 and she will send a special card to them in behalf of the ASG Guild. Letting these ones know they are in our thoughts can mean so much. So help us in this matter.

Topeka Neighborhood Group

April 18, 2006 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Kansas City Wearable Art Group

Lin Walker and some of the new group will come and introduce us to the newly formed group and present us with a trunk show and tips on techniques.

We will have a lot of room so bring lots of guests.

May 16, 2006 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Topeka Public Library /Lillian Perkins Room

"Getting a Better Fit" Julie McEathron

She is a sewing instructor at a new sewing/craft shop in Lawrence.

June 20, 2006 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Topeka Public Library /Lillian Perkins Room

"Time to Sew and Getting it Together" Lisa Martin

Using time management and organization in our sewing rooms.

For information about meeting locations contact Jeannine Miller (785) 357-6840 or Karen Ingenthron (785) 246-3205.

RETAILERS

The 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 valid membership card at the time of purchase. Remember to show your card before purchases are entered into the register.

We appreciate the retailers when they offer these special discounts. Please remember to thank them.

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Derby Neighborhood Group

February 23, 2006 Meeting

Marilyn Beaver opened the meeting by asking each to give their earliest memory of sewing. Her program was "Cutting Up Your Pattern". She gave several tips and encouraged us to try altering our patterns to get a new look for garments with a "punch". She showed two jackets that she had "cut up" the patterns and they were indeed striking.

Joanna Parks spoke about the group making simple costumes for a non-profit group named CSI. This group works with the Derby 6th graders and Joanne is in charge of doing an annual drama. This drama would be held in May. Several chose one of the costumes to make at home and we will also make six matching shawls during the charity sew in March. Seat-belt covers will also be made at the charity sew in next month. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. and each is to bring a covered dish.

The Derby Group invites you to meet with them on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodlawn United Methodist Church at 431 S. Woodlawn in Derby. (Go to the south entrance and proceed to room 11E.)

April 27, 2006 Lyla Flippo

"Find Your Color"

May 25, 2006 Donna Witek

"Auto Trunk Organizer"

June 22, 2006 Theresa Corle

"Making Under Garments"

March 7, 2006 General Meeting

Theresa Corle was honored to be able to present the March program for the Wichita Chapter of ASG. She highlighted information she had learned in past workshops such as the one she took from Louise Cutting on:

- How to make a two color collar.
- How to make a mitered edge.
- How to use Trans Web or Steam A Seam.

She reminded everyone that the Wichita ASG will be sponsoring Louise Cutting in February 2007.

She continued by highlighting some of the information she recently learned from Diane Erickson at her workshop given in Wichita on January 20-21, 2006.

- How to use fabric manipulation, cording and embellishments to add interest to garments.
- How to make a European cut to pants.

Theresa then gave a preview of some of the projects that would be taught at the Wichita Chapter Retreat, scheduled for March 10-11, 2006.

- House Shoe
- Tote Bags
- Wrist Bags
- Ribbon Embroidery

In closing she reminded everyone to just

“Have Fun With Your Sewing.”

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Tip!

Clothes Dryer

Do you know that your dryer sheets cause a film over the mesh screen lint filter in your dryer? This is what burns out the heating unit. You can't SEE the film, but it's there.

Take your lint filter to the sink and run water over it. You will see the water does not run through it clearly. The best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time & to keep your electric bill lower is to take that filter out & wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months. This will make the life of the dryer extend at least twice as long.

Try it and see for yourself!

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group

April 6, 2006 “Antique Clothing” 7:00 p.m. Trunk Show

Marion Cathcart

Delos Smith Center

Connie Swartz-Hostess

May 4, 2006 Picnic 6:00 p.m.

905 Old Farm Estates Drive,

Hutchinson, Ks

Jackie Proffitt-Hostess

SEWING OVER THICK SEAMS

Without Special Tools

When you get to sewing over the seams of heavy fabric, such as, jeans, overalls, etc., just hold down the front of your presser foot with your finger, and the needle will go right over those seams and won't skip a stitch. Be careful, so you just press the tip of the foot, you don't want to catch the end of your finger! This tip saves time and it works.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

April 4, 2006 ASG Meeting
 Tea & Challenge Garment
April 7, 2006 Newsletter Deadline
April 25, 2006 CAB Meeting
May 2, 2006 ASG Meeting
May 5, 2006 Newsletter Deadline
May 10-13, 2006 Machine Quilters Showcase
 Overland Park Convention Center
 Overland Park, Ks
May 23, 2006 CAB Meeting
June 6, 2006 ASG Meeting "Charity Sew"
June 9, 2006 Newsletter Deadline
June 15-18, 2006 Kansas City ASG Bus Trip- Dallas
 Contact: Barbara Dart (913) 341-3899
June 23-24, 2006 PQG "Common Thread" Quilt Show
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July 4, 2006 No ASG Meeting
July 7, 2006 Newsletter Deadline
July 25, 2006 CAB Meeting
August 2-7, 2006 National ASG Meeting
 Hyatt Regency
 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway
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September 21-23, 2006 Round Bobbin
 St. Charles Convention Center
 St. Charles, MO
November 15-18, 2006
 Sewing Expo—Overland Park, KS

BOOK REVIEW

"Sewing For Plus Sizes"

Creating Clothes that Fit & Flatter

by Barbara Deckert

The book is dedicated to the sewing and fitting techniques that are specific to plus-size garment construction. Writing in a friendly and empowering voice, the author explains the conventional methods for sizing clothing and why they don't work for plus-sized apparel. She discusses style and fabric selection as well as pattern alterations that make clothing comfortable and durable for ample women.

Barbara is a member of the Professional Association of Custom Clothiers and is the author of *Sewing 911* and has written articles for *Thread* and *Sew News* magazines.



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**Diane Ericson
Workshop/Lecture
January 20-21, 2006**

Diane Ericson presented so much information in the two days that she was here, that it is hard to highlight just a part of it. The reason is she gave information from all the following articles. This workshop/lecture was wonderful not only for the instruction attained but the opportunity to view her outstanding garments. Everyone went away from these two days eager to add these great ideas to their own garment creations.

THREAD MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Issue #101, July 2002 "Redesigning Pattern Edges"

5-page article on using the seams and edges of your pattern as design elements to personalize your garments. For an on-line video showing construction techniques, visit www.threadmagazine.com

Issue #93, March 2001 "A Design Board for Sewers"

The article gives step-by-step instructions for how to make your own design board. It is a great tool for pinning up collages of ideas, materials and partially finished projects in the design process.

Issue #88, May 2000 "Embellish with Inset Fabric Article"

How to inset a piece of fabric of almost any shape into any other fabric for decorative effect.

Issue #80, December/January 1999 "Pockets as Windows"

How to use a design tool, called window, for designing innovative pockets.

Issue #78, August/September 1998 "Design Files"

How to create, see and interpret more inspiration in the ideas and images around you.

Issue #73, November 1997 "The Art of Stenciling"

Creating unique surface design with a stenciling process. A collection of stenciled garments are included.

Issue #71, July 1997 "Threads Design Challenge"

Four designers were given the same 5 fabrics and a situation to design for. The article shares each designers work.

Issue #70, April/May 1997 "Pocket Play"

A great hanging pocket design on a skirt (ReVisions #103), or as a bag.

Issue #61, November 1995 "Design Exercises"

In this special issue on design, Diane has an exercise for creating new color combinations and a window technique for "framing" and "seeing" and interpreting ideas in new ways.

Issue #54, September 1994 "Knotted Beads & Buttons"

How to make beautiful knots for jewelry or clothing from your favorite fabrics.

Issue #51, March 1994 "Pin Weaving"

Weaving shaped garment pieces on cardboard using fabric strips.

Issue #38 December/January 1992 and September 1994 "Jewelry Article"

Creating collage jewelry by forming and covering plastic with fabric and treasures.

Issue #28 and Threads book "Techniques for Casual Clothing" 1994

How to design, cut and print with stencils.

SEW NEWS MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Issue September 2004 "Innovative Edges"



Vice-President/Special Events

Theresa Corle



I have liked to sew since I can remember. Sewing has always been my favorite hobby. It is also the only way I can get clothes to fit because I'm so tall. I have enjoyed making things for my three children and also my husband. Now we have four grandchildren and they are my latest victims who wear my creations.

My mother taught me and my sisters to sew on an old treadle sewing machine. We hemmed tea towels and traced a pattern of a cup and saucer on them to embroider. By the time we joined 4-H when I was about 10, we had an electric sewing machine which my dad bought from a door-to-door salesman one day. It there when we came home from school. We made a beginner wrist pincushion—which I still have—an apron and a simple blouse. Soon I was making more complicated garments including a purple plaid wool skirt and vest that I wore all through high school. Purple is still my favorite color, but the waist on that skirt sure is tiny.

As my kids grew up, I made most of their clothes—sometimes from scraps leftover from garments I made for others—library book bags, swimming suits, beach towels, Halloween costumes and jeans because they were tall also. Not only did I outfit my children, but I sewed for my many nieces and nephews also. Little outfits I made for my son were worn by four nephews and looked as good on the last one as they did on the first one. Through the years I've made it my specialty to alter patterns to fit every body size and shape. I'm especially good at combining and adapting patterns, and I have kept and reused patterns for more than 40 years.

In the '70s I made my mother a double-knit pant suit. They were the first pants she had ever worn in her life; except for the time when she was 5 years old and her dad told her if she wanted to go to the field with him, she had to wear her brother's overalls. She cried, but wanted to go so badly she wore them.

Once I made a wedding dress for a friend who asked me to stitch the 2,000 seed pearls on by hand instead of using glue. When her sister was married, her seed pearls dropped off one by one while she was walking down the aisle making audible "plinking" sounds. Not only did it take me hours and hours to sew the pearls on, but the tornado siren went off while I was working on it one night. I left the dress spread out on the table and herded the family to the basement. When the all clear was given, we found our black cat laying in the middle of that white satin wedding dress. There were as many black hairs to pull off that dress as there were pearls to sew on it.

Once my children left home, I had more time to sew for others. One of the most memorable jobs was making authentic cowboy outfits for my chiropractor who belonged to a gun club where they did historical re-enactments. One day he came for a fitting after practicing at the gun range and was still wearing a holster and gun on each hip.

I've sewn devil and clown costumes, motorcycle vests, nun's habits, Irish dance costumes, prom dresses and clothes for the wheelchair-bound. But what I treasure the most is the people I've met through the years.

The highlight of my sewing career has been joining the American Sewing Guild in Wichita. Sharing my sewing passion with the friends I've made in the chapter is the most fun I've ever had. I've learned something new at each meeting. I look forward to our monthly meetings and sewing activities so much.

I was the neighborhood liaison last year and enjoyed visiting the ASG in Hutchinson and Derby, two nearby communities. Then I was elected vice-president in charge of special events. The first event I organized was to bring Diane Ericson, a sewing specialist, to Wichita to give a weekend seminar. Barb Blackman provided much help and support and hosted Diane in her home.

The last event I organized was the Wichita Chapter Sewing Retreat. More ASG members helped with this event including Virginia Schneider, Mary Malone and Melinda Crager. Everyone had a wonderful time.

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WEB SITE

How can I check the National Web Site for 'Special Offers'?

First go to the National ASG Web Site at www.asg.org and click on 'Members Only'. The next screen click 'Enter Members Only Area'. Once there it will ask you for an user name and password, type 'sewing' for the user name and 'friends' for the password. In the next screen click 'Special Offers'. This screen will give you a long list of retailers that are offering discounts to ASG members. Now you can shop. Don't forget these offers change quarterly so be sure to check this site often.

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