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THREADS THAT BIND

What an exciting and busy time of the year! I'm making the yearly tree ornaments for the family. There are always new ideas and less time to finish them.

Just returned from the Sewing Expo in Kansas City. It is such a good experience for all types of sewers. I started off with a surprise, as I won the upgrade to a "luxurious suite". I had registered a month earlier, forgetting about the offer. When the hotel called, I checked the brochure and it said the winner would be treated like royalty. Our suite became the hangout for some of the Wichita ladies! What Fun!!

I learned the newest trick of felting, ways to tweak patterns to fit, treatments for odd shaped windows, and techniques for sewing garments. There are always new ideas along with the ones I learned years ago. Hopefully, all of the participating members will share the knowledge with other members in the future.

Louise Cutting is anxious to come next year. She was so busy in her booth along with giving her classes. When I was in her booth, I found that she was selling out of her pattern and books. We are fortunate to have such a popular person. Please enroll in her seminars and learn her techniques and hints.

The CAB is busy planning and working on the next year. I thank you for the trust you gave me as your president. I will listen to your concerns and work with all of you wonderful members. Let us continue to make this chapter a success story. You ASG members are the greatest!

Please enjoy family and friends during the holidays.

Becky

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Monthly Chapter Meetings

Wichita Chapter Meetings

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

Derby Neighborhood Group

4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group

1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations!

The election ballots results for 2007 Chapter Advisory Board are:

President: Becky Wondra

1st Vice President: Theresa Corle

2nd Vice President: Julia Langel

Secretary: Betty Brees

Treasurer: Aurelia Labban-Beck

These CAB members are your representatives and are eager to hear from you. If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact anyone of these members and they will be glad to help.

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.

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.

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

"Belle Armoire" Magazine

November/December 2006

"Quilting Arts" Magazine

Summer 2006 Issue 22

Fall 2006 Issue 23

"Sew Beautiful" Magazine

2006 Issue 107

2006 Issue 108

"Sew News" Magazine

September 2006

October 2006

November 2006

DVD

Cynthia Guffey

1. "Shoulder Slope"
2. "Upper Back Curve"
3. "Back Bust-Back Waist-Back Hip"
4. "Shoulders Width-Sleeve Length-Sleeve Circumference"
5. Skirt Slope-Front-Front Waist-Front Hip"
6. "Front Bust-Front Waist-Front Hip"
7. "Back Skirt Slope-Back Waist-Back Hip"
8. "Pants Fit"
9. "Tweaking The Pants"

NOTE!

What Can You Buy For Twenty-five Cents?

In August the library began accepting old sewing or quilting related magazines. These magazines have been available to members for a twenty-five cent donation. We would like to "Thank" everyone that has donated magazines or made a purchase to make this a big success.

The money raised will be used to fund purchases for the ASG library. So, if you have any suggestions for items to be purchased, please contact Leah Jones 1-620-596-2517 or Donna Wilson 316-264-5720.

Donations Needed!

La Familia Senior/Community Center

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Chris Alonzo, the director of the LaFamilia Center is asking for help with donations of sewing, crafts and quilting supplies. These supplies are needed to support a program to teach sewing, quilting, and craft classes at the facility. They are also in great need of sewing machines. If anyone has an older machine that they are no longer using they would appreciate such a donation. These items are to be brought to the General Meeting each month. Virginia Schneider will collect and deliver them to the center.

Welcome!

Renewals

Mildred Blackwood

Malynda Perkins

Lisa Campbell

Linda Wagner

Sharon Gates

Leah Jones

Aletha M. VanCamp

Aleta Vogt

Aurelia Lobban-Beck

Theresa Niblock

Jan Adams

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.

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

PRESSING TIP!

When you are pressing seams to one side rather than open, press the shoulder and side seams toward the back. The neckline seam may be pressed up and armhole seams toward wither the shoulder or sleeve as preferred. And when pressing a hemline, never press "around". It will create ripples. Press the hemline up and down with the grain of the fabric.

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.

Sondra Coln had back surgery in October and will be going through a slow recovery process. So let her know that she is in our thoughts and prayers with a note or card.

Topeka Neighborhood Group

Topeka Public Library /
Lillian Perkins Room
1515 SW 10th Ave.

Topeka, Ks.

6:45-8:30 p.m.

December—No Meeting

April 2007—Sandra Betzina, in Overland Park, Ks.

Coming in 2007 Linda Lee

Donations of fabric and sewing notions are being accepted to support the sewing community service projects. Contact:

Karen Ingenthron (785) 246-3205.

Book Review

Couture Sewing Techniques

Claire B. Shaeffer

Couture Sewing Techniques presents the finest sewing techniques in the world as they're actually practiced in couture workrooms.

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- Tailoring and finishing jackets
- Structuring and embellishing eveningwear

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ASG WICHITA CHAPTER CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

The Christmas Challenge for December will be to sew an apron. The following are the choices you may choose from:

1. Use a vintage pattern and vintage fabric from your stash of fabrics pre- 1970.
2. Use a vintage pattern with contemporary fabric.
3. Use reproduction patterns with vintage fabric.
4. Use reproduction pattern with contemporary fabric.

"Do Not Forget" to bring the completed item to the Christmas Party in December.

Thoughts of Wisdom

Joan Kaner

"Clothes are only a shell to cover your heart and soul."

Joan Kaner is a recipient of the Personal Style Award and a former buyer for Neiman Marcus.

Derby Neighborhood Group

Woodlawn United Methodist Church

431 S. Woodlawn

Derby, Ks.

7:00 P.M.

(Use south entrance Room 11E)

December 14, 2006 Christmas Party & Election 6:00 P.M.

January 25, 2007 "Pockets" Linda Emery

The Derby Neighborhood Group have been busy learning new techniques for their sewing projects.

In October Lyla Flippo shared how to "dress-up" t-shirt tops and dresses. She showed how to take a basic pattern and by making a few changes you have a whole new look.

Then in November Carol Wiens led the group in fabric painting and stenciling. We had an enjoyable time working on various projects—place mats, garments, tea towels and other items.

"NOTIONS"

Take "*special note*" of this important information in your fall *No-tions* magazine:

- Jo-Ann discount card, expires July 2008 (stapled in the center of the magazine)
- ASG Creativity Contest for 2007 (page 59)
- Chapter Calendar (page 55)
- ASG Community Service Project for 2007 (page 37)
- From Headquarters by Margo Martin (page 3) She talks about the *New* ASG Ad printed in the fall issues of *Sew News* and *Sew Simple*.

ASG Wichita Chapter

Fiber Arts Frenzy 2007

The Wichita Chapter of the American Sewing Guild is hosting a fiber arts party and you're invited!

The ASG Fiber Arts Frenzy will be Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Center. We will offer lots of fiber fun, including an ugly fabric contest, fashion shows, tool and technique demonstrations and shopping. Since so many fashion sewers also knit, bead, scrapbook, quilt and embroider, we are including all these fiber arts in our event. The event will be free to the public.

At the event, individuals will be selling their excess fiber art supplies in the Stash Redistribution Center. Merchants will be presenting demonstrations and fashion shows all day. There will be an ugly fabric contest and an exciting sewing challenge modeled on the Bravo TV show Project Runway.

All reservation forms, contest rules and demo schedules will be posted at <http://jjlanel.wordpress.com/wichita-asg-fiber-arts-frenzy-2007> If you have question call Julia Langel 733-4780.

Hospitality

A big "Thank You" to those of you who helped as Hostess at our monthly meetings throughout the year of 2006. Everyone really enjoyed the wonderful finger foods and I really appreciated the wonderful support!

Lynanne Degarmo

December— Christmas Party & Apron Challenge

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 10, 2006-January 14, 2007 *The 2006 Hoffman Challenge Quilt* exhibit, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City, OK

December 5, 2006 Christmas Party &

Apron Challenge

December 5, 2006 CAB Meeting

December 8, 2006 Newsletter Deadline

January 2, 2007 Pat Plett, K.N.I.T.S., etc.

January 5, 2007 Newsletter Deadline

January 23, 2007 CAB Meeting

February 6 & 7, 2007 "Louise Cutting" Seminar

February 27, 2007 CAB Meeting

March 6, 2007 Donna O'Conner "Embroidery Machine"

March 9, 2007 Newsletter Deadline

March 10, 2007 Fiber Arts Frenzy 2007

Sedgwick County Extension Center

March 27, 2007 CAB Meeting

April 3, 2007 Tea & Sewing Challenge

April 13-14, 2007 Regional ASG Meeting Ames, Iowa

April 24, 2007 CAB Meeting

May 8, 2007 Julia Langel "Computer Finds"

May 4, 2007 Newsletter Deadline

May 22, 2007 CAB Meeting

June 5, 2007 "Sergers Techniques" Southend Sewing

June 26, 2007 CAB Meeting

July 6, 2007 Charity Sew

July 7, 2007 Newsletter Deadline

July 24, 2007 CAB Meeting

July 26-29, 2007 ASG National Conference

Sacramento, California

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.

There is now 62 new special offers posted on the web site for members.

ASG NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

HUTCHINSON

Delos Smith Center

101 W. 1st.

Hutchinson, Ks.

December 7, 2006 Christmas Pot Luck Dinner & Gift Exchange (\$5.00 value) 6:00 P.M.

Fashion Show of "Goodwill Makeover Challenge" 904 Surrey Trail, Hutchinson, Ks.

January 4, 2007 "Drafting Pants Pattern" Kathy Larson 7:00 P.M.

Mini Demo-French Seams- Nina Cross

Hostess- Marilyn McClellan

February 1, 2007 Charity Sew

7:00 P.M. "Unloved Fabric Challenge"

Hostess- Ruth Kirby

March 2 & 3, 2007 "Sew-a-thon" HJC Lockman Hall, 2nd floor 6:00 P.M. (all night)

Mini Demo-Bias neck edge application- Marion Cathcart

Hostesses-Kathy Larson & Nina Cross

ASG WICHITA CHAPTER Tulsa Bus Trip



October 2, 2006 the ASG members boarded the Village Tour Bus headed to Tulsa, Oklahoma. The first stop was the "Farm Mall" where there were restaurants and shops to visit. The "B Sew Inn" was hosting the semi-annual Cloth Merchants fabric sale and was a must see stop. These specialty fashion fabrics were wonderful, excellent quality with great prices.

Then on to Broken Arrow where we visited "Cyrilla's Artful Needle". This unique fabric shop not only had quilt fabrics and fashion fabrics but also a bead shop. This shop interested everyone because of its wide range of fabrics and specialty items. As you can see from the pictures above everyone had a great time.

As we head back to Wichita you could just look around and see all the happy faces. Not only for a enjoyable day of shopping but happiness for all the projects yet to be done.

ASG Wichita Chapter

On November 7, 2007 at the General Meeting we had the great pleasure of having some very talented members demonstrate the art of doll making. The first was Audrey Bennett who showed the pillowcase doll. She showed how to make dolls using vintage pillowcases. One style of pillowcase doll was done without sewing, you simply use a tying technique to form the doll. The other style of doll used stitching techniques to sew a doll out of one vintage pillowcase. These special dolls are quick and easy and a great way to make a doll for display.



Lynanne DeGarmo describes herself as one who still loves dolls and especially enjoys the creating of cloth dolls. Lynanne has been awarded many ribbons in both the Domestic Arts Department and the Fine Arts Department of the Sedgwick County Fair and the Kansas State Fair. A highlight of her doll-making career came with the honor of having her entry, "Let's Go Home" chosen to receive the "Best of Amateur Division" at the Art Of The Doll exhibition in Kansas City, Kansas in 2005 which was judged by professional doll artists. She challenges those around her to enter competitions – not for the ribbon, but because it will challenge you to get better at the techniques used in the creation process.

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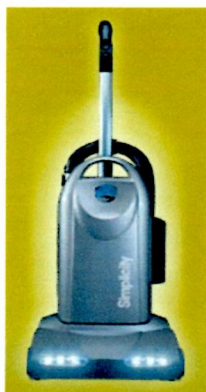
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Louise Cutting Seminar

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February 6 & 7, 2007

The Wichita Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will host Louise Cutting for a two day seminar.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, there will be a seminar from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This will be a lecture/demo class titled "Cutting Remarks & Cutting In/Cutting Out". Some items to be covered will be designer techniques, many of which can be done completely on the sewing machine, as well as, the proper use of interfacing for your project. Louise will show you the latest trends in details like trim, darts, pleats, seams, waists, zipper fly and "New" side pockets for the "One-Seam Pants". From 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Louise will present "I Love You To Death...Now Change!" This evening event will include an extraordinary trunk show showing Louise's original pattern designs and their variations. This evening session is open to the public free of charge.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, the seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided if paid registration is received by Jan. 15, 2007. This will be a hands on class titled "Cutting Loose...Sit and Sew...All Day". You will sew all day, learning to execute each technique while creating a workbook of samples for a variety of collars, cuffs, hems, facings, plackets, pockets, corners, seams and more. Louise will help you to perfect the details in your sewing and increase your confidence in your new skills.

Contact: Barbara Blackman 316-722-5524 or bblackman@cox.net

Simplicity's FASHION FORTUNE

Fall/Winter 2006/2007

Dark romantic colors will take the lead in Fall/Winter 2006/2007. Black, brown, reddened wine, plum and teal will be leaders. Gray and camel are the key core neutrals. Camel will keep rich autumnal shades of green, orange, and gold grounded. Gray, from light to dark, will be accented with clean fresh white or frosty pastels. Pastel colors will play a role in lightening up blackened shades. Summer bright's are banned from this palette and are replaced by vibrant deep jewel tones that add a touch of flashing accents to this season's darkened shades. The use of burnished metallic's, whether lavish or light of hand, brings an extra rich touch to this sultry color story.

The word in suits is elegance. Skirt suits will have a neat cleaned up look. Many jackets will be fitted and team with graceful skirts that are mid-calf length or hover around the knee. Short jackets are perfect for puffy skirts with turned-under gathered hems, dirndls and bell shape skirts. Hip length jackets that are belted look fresh with trumpet skirts and slim skirts that have a flared ruffle towards the hem. Both tailored jackets and short boxy jackets can have military styling including double-breasted brass buttons, soutache trim and sometimes epaulets. The belted peplum jacket is in. Swing jackets look new and will have designer details like velvet collars and empire lines. The coat has become a hot item. Coats will be made in all kinds of fabrics including brocade, embroidery and bordered fabric. Big dramatic collars, velvet ruched collars and ruffled collars will be an important fashion detail on both jackets and coats.

Glamorous dresses are a must for special occasions. Long gowns have draped necklines, shirring, ruching, and lots of fit and flare styling. Some gowns have empire waists, while others have corselet style fitted tops and flare out with a full skirt. Look for rose trims to adorn fitted waistlines as well as ribbon trims and wide sashes. The short cocktail dress will also be in style and will often be seen in the color black. It can be in velvet, lace or brocade in simple fitted slim shapes or the hemline can be tucked under and gathered. For day dressing velvet will still be worn. The printed dirndl shaped dress was often shown on fashion runways. Daytime empire dresses and jersey wrap style dress also were shown in abundance.

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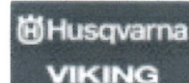
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How to demonstrations
- Specialty Neighborhood Groups
- Receive Encouragement and support
- Attend Chapter Sponsored Events at
"Member Only" rates
- Participate in Fashion Shows and Sewing Fairs

- Contributing to Community outreach through sewing
- Share and Network with Sewing Friends

DISCOUNTS

- Local retail store purchases
- "Members Only" special offers
Coupons
Special codes

