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THREADS THAT BIND

This is an exciting time! I am anxious to get started with this New Year. The ASG Cabinet is in place to work on all the business. We have a very good group of ladies who are donating their time and talent for the guild. I thank all of them for making this transition a smooth one. I received a box full of books and papers from Shirley. That makes me think that I am now officially the president!

The weather has been unusual for winter. I usually get several projects finished during the winter months. Just have to start sewing and forget the hen bit in the flowerbeds.

I am anxious for Diane Ericson's workshop. I need to apply new ideas to my wardrobe.

Are you ready for the lesson on altering the shoulder slope and back curve? Cynthia Guffey was so helpful at her session in Overland Park this past fall. We ordered her DVD's for all to check out. They are all separated according to topics so more people can use them.

APRIL CHALLENGE—This year you are to make some item that has caught your eye in a publication found in our library. When presenting your creation, specify the leaflet, or magazine that has the pattern. It will be fun and interesting to see all that transpires.

Have fun getting started!!!

Keep sewing,

Becky Wondra

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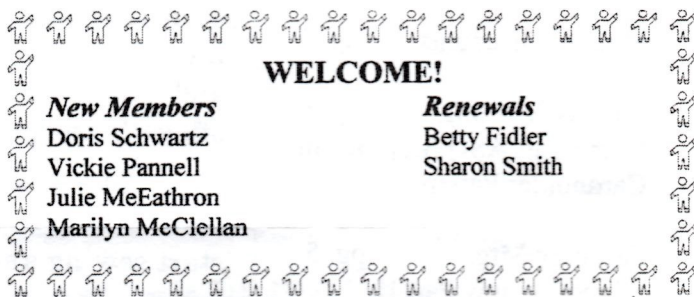
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WELCOME!

New Members
Doris Schwartz
Vickie Pannell
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Marilyn McClellan

Renewals
Betty Fidler
Sharon Smith

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 WEBSITE

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.

COME SEW WITH US !

At 10:00 A.M. on the day of the ASG General Meeting we have the Sunflower room booked for the whole day. This allows the members of ASG to go there to sew. This is a great opportunity to get some needed sewing done. It also allows for members to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. Everyone has something to share and we can all learn from each other. So come and give it a try!

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 2006 #123

Please add this item to your personal Library List.

Hospitality

A big "Thank You" to those of you who signed up to be a 2006 Hostess for our monthly meeting! You did such a great job that I have just a few spots left. If you haven't had a chance to sign up yet, please do so as everyone really enjoys the wonderful finger foods that are provided! I am in need of one hostess for June, three for August, and two for November.

Again, thank you for signing up— I really do appreciate the wonderful response! Lynanne Degarmo

February—Mary Ann Esch, Marilyn Beaver, Jan Adams

March—Aletha VanCamp, Barbara Blackman, Sheryl Caryl

April—Spring Tea

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 Crisco 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

February 21, 2006

Barbara Rezac- "What To Do With Those Fancy Threads"

March 21, 2006

Angelique Bages-Shah- "The Bronx Girl Designs"

April 18, 2006

Kansas City Wearable Art Group

Donations of fabric is needed for community projects.

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

Denise Dias Re-elected As Region 3 Representative

I am excited to have been re-elected to serve another two-year term as your Region 3 Representative for ASG. What does a regional representative do? Well my job is to be your leadership connection between the chapter and the Board of Directors, Executive Director and staff of ASG. I am responsible for organizing the Regional Meeting for Region 3. I work with chapters presidents and their chapter advisory boards to keep them informed of news within our organization. I frequently serve on task forces to develop new and better methods for ASG to work. And I may be called on to be:

A referee for a squabbling board

A teacher for a chapter who do not know what is expected of them

A boss to a chapter that doesn't follow the rules

A doctor to an ailing chapter

A big sister to a new chapter

A town crier to spread the news of a successful chapter's accomplishments

A cheerleader for a chapter that needs encouragement and

A mentor to all the chapters

But most of all I am there for you our members. I have served two years so far as a regional representative and have enjoyed meeting and working with all of the Sewing Guilds in our Region. We have so many similarities to other chapters in our region, but are different in other ways too. If you have any questions about my role as a regional representative, feel free to contact me either by e-mail: ddias@ksu.edu or by phone: 722-7721 at work, 721-7969 at home.

RETAILERS

The following is a list of retailers, and the discount 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.

20% Discount

South End Sewing Center
262-6221

2601 S. Hydraulic
Wichita, Ks. 67216

Cy Rudnick's Fabrics
(816) 842-7808
2450 Grand
Kansas City, Mo. 64108

15% Discount

A-1 Singer Sewing Center
685-0226
1012 S. Oliver
Wichita, Ks. 67218

Midwest Sewing Center
111 S. Patti 67211 262-3438
7348 W. 21st 67205 722-9737
Wichita, Ks.

10% Discount

Hancock Fabrics
7395 W. Central 67212 722-7554
8131 E. Kellogg 67207 682-4574
Wichita, Ks.

Jo-Ann Fabrics
1002 S. Oliver 67218 685-1319

4600 W. Kellogg 67209 942-8009
Wichita, Ks.

Needle Nook Fabrics 684-5989
2714 Boulevard Plaza
Wichita, Ks. 67211

Prairie Quilts 684-5855
1010 S. Oliver
Wichita, Ks. 67218

Sew-N-Sew 733-2899
211 W. Central
Andover, Ks. 67002

The Sewing Center 832-0819
2101 W. 21st St.
Wichita, Ks. 67203

Decorator Fabrics Warehouse
269-3551
1802 W. 2nd
Wichita, Ks. 67203

Remember when traveling a 10% discounts is often given by Hancock Fabrics and Jo-Ann Fabrics. Remember to show your membership card and ask if they will honor it for the discount.



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

Advertising Rates

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

Insert (one page 8 1/2" X 11") is \$30.00.

Multiple sheets are priced by the weight.

Full Page \$50.00

Half Page \$35.00

Fourth Page \$20.00

Business Card \$10.00

Classified 10 cents per word

Artwork needs to be print ready.

Send or give information to:

Virginia Schneider (316) 945-5794

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Wichita, Ks. 67205

vschneider@cox.net

NOTE!

The Jo-Ann Fabric discount card for 2006 is included in the winter Notions Magazine. The magazine was sent and you should be receiving it soon. Remember, this discount card entitles you to 10% discount off regular priced items throughout the year. So don't forget to remove the card and place in your card-holder.

**February 7, 2006
ASG General Meeting
Wichita Chapter
"Expo Review Part I"**

Highlights will be given of *Real Fitting for Real People* by Cynthia Guffey's "Three Part Series" given at the Sewing Expo this past year. The highlights will cover fitting issues that involve the shoulder slope, upper back curve and sleeve circumference.

You are invited to bring a garment you may have made or in the process of making that has this fitting problem. The instructor will show how to diagnose and correct this problems both with the garment on the body and then onto a pattern.

**Hutchinson
Neighborhood Group**

February 2, 2006 - J. Alex Potter

7:00 p.m. Delos Smith Center

Hostess-Delia Harder

March 3 & 4, 2006- "Sew-a-thon"

6:00 p.m. HJC Lockman Hall, 2nd Floor

Hostesses-Kathy Larson & Nina Cross

April 6, 2006 "Antique Clothing"

7:00 p.m. Trunk Show

Marion Cathcart

Delos Smith Center

Connie Swartz-Hostess

January General Meeting of Wichita Chapter

Everyone had so much fun making our nametag/ASG membership cardholders at the January General Meeting. Shirley Binder did a wonderful job walking everyone through the many steps. We could not have done it without her.

If you were unable to attend we encourage you to make yourself one by using the following instructions.

Supplies:

3—8" X 5 1/4" rectangles

2—1 1/2" X 20" rectangles

2—7" zippers (optional)

6" beaded trim (optional)

1 yard cording

2 - 3 1/2" X 4 1/2" Clear Vinyl

2 - 2 1/2" X 4 1/2" Clear Vinyl

Thread

If you choose a lightweight fabric back the 8" X 5 1/4" rectangles with fusible tricot interfacing. Zippers are optional but make for a secure pocket to hold credit cards, cash or room keys. An old necklace can be used instead of cording.

Choose 4 different fabrics, or be conservative and use only one.

Make the name tag pocket. Cut 2-3 1/2" pieces from one of the 1 1/2" rectangles. With right sides together stitch to the 3 1/2" sides of the larger vinyl piece. Finger press flat and topstitch to hold in place. Stitch a strip of fabric to one of the long sides, finger press flat and topstitch in place. Make

Binding from the remainder of the 1 1/2" strip by pressing in half lengthwise, then opening and pressing raw edges to the fold.

Insert remaining raw edge of vinyl into binding and topstitch in place.

Repeat with smaller piece of vinyl. This is the membership card pocket.

Center the name tag pocket over the 8" X 5 1/2" rectangle that is the front of the holder.

Match the bottom edge of the name tag pocket to one of the 5" sides. Pin in place.

Right sides together pin a second rectangle to the first on the 5" side. Stitch.

If you wish to thread your cording through you name tag, make eyelets or buttonholes 5/8" from the top and edge of the front rectangle.

Insert zipper between the 5" edges of the front and back rectangles.

If you are adding beading or trim determine placement and stitch in place now.

Make the back pocket. Insert zipper between 5" ends of rectangle. Center the pocket over the remaining rectangle with the bound edge just below the zipper. Baste in place. Position the back pocket on the back of the name tag holder. Stitch in place.

Open the zipper of the name tag holder.

Thread the neck cording through the eyelets.

With right sides together stitch the sides of the holder. Turn.

Insert your name Tag and your membership card.

**ASG 2005
Wichita Chapter
Community Service Volunteers**

Liz Bentley
Cheryl Davis
Linda Farrier
Lois Welch
Donna Witek

**Certificate of Recognition
Lori Postlethwait**

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.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

February 7, 2006 ASG Mtg. "Expo Review Part I"
 February 7-8, 2006 Linda MacPhee "Trunk Show & Workshop" Midwest Sewing, Hutchinson, Ks.
 Contact Bebe Jo Bass at (620) 666-3854 to register.
 February 13-14, 2006 Linda MacPhee "Trunk Show & Workshop" Oklahoma City, Ok. Contact Pat Fritze at (405) 366-8296
 February 28, 2006 CAB Mtg.
 March 7, 2006 ASG Mtg.- April Scott
 March 28, 2006 CAB Mtg.
 March 31, 2006 ASG Regional Mtg.-Minneapolis, MN
 April 4, 2006 ASG Mtg.—Tea & Challenge Garment
 June 15-18 Kansas City ASG Bus Trip- Dallas
 Contact: Barbara Dart (913) 341-3899
 June 23-24, 2006 PQG "Common Thread" Quilt Show
 Century II Expo Hall, Wichita, Ks.
 August 2-7, 2006 National ASG Mtg.- Crystal City, Virginia
 November 15-18, 2006 Sewing Expo—Overland Park, KS

Nancy's Notion

Discount Source Code Number

January-March 069411-52222

April-June 069411-52223

July-September 069411-52224

October-December 069411-52225

Derby Neighborhood Group

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.)

February 23, 2006

Marilyn Beaver

"Cutting Up Your Pattern"

March 23, 2006 Charity Sew

April 27, 2006 Lyla Flippo

"Find Your Color"

May 25, 2006 Donna Witek

"Auto Trunk Organizer"

June 22, 2006 Theresa Corle

"Making Under Garments"

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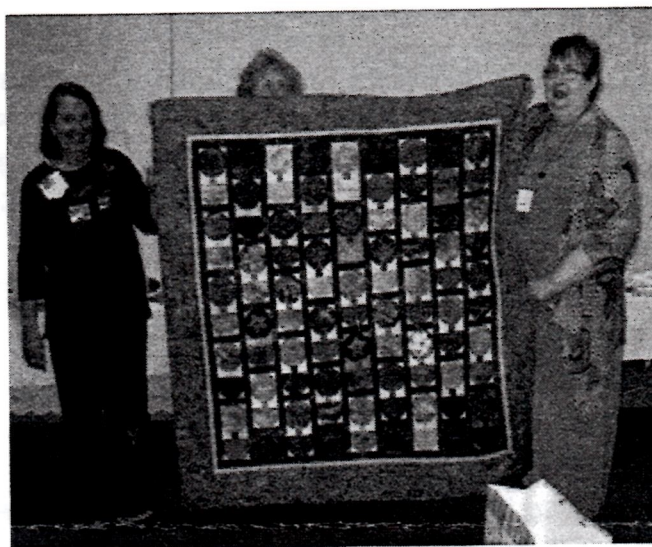


At the December General Meeting & Tea everyone took the opportunity to thank the Advisory Board for all their hard work and dedication in behalf of the Chapter for the passed year.

Then the 2006 Chapter Advisory Board was introduced and welcomed. (To read about this new Advisory Board turn to page 2 of the newsletter.)

At the Holiday Tea the Chapter Advisory Board presented their President Shirley Binder with a lovely quilt. This quilt helped to express their appreciation for her years of service and leadership.

SEWING FRIENDS ARE THE BEST!



These are the hard working ladies that made items for the December Challenge. This Challenge ask volunteers to make an outfit for a child aged 5 to 12.

These lovely items were later donated to the Community of Schools to be given to children in the local school system. The Guild also collected toiletries that were also donated for these children.

AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

Wichita, Kansas Chapter

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Wichita, Ks. 67201-4539

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BENEFITS

ASG Memberships Has Its Privileges

Chapters service members through:

- Monthly Meetings
- Educational Programs from
Local and Industry Professionals
Learn time-savings techniques
How to demonstrations
- Specialty Neighborhood Groups
- Receive Encouragement and support
- Attend Chapter Sponsored Events at
"Member Only" rates
- Participate in Fashion Shows and Sew-
ing 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
On-line only Discounts
- Magazine subscriptions and book purchases
- National Retail Industry Sponsors

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