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THREADS THAT BIND

Spring Showers are here!! What a good time to stay inside and sew! Many projects have been waiting for me to complete.

Going to the Regional Meeting in Minneapolis was a true inspiration for Theresa, Betty and myself. Denise Diaz, our Regional Representative, gave us a lot of good pointers. We have been following several of them over the years.

At our April CAB Meeting the members brainstormed about our chapter now and where it will head in the future. After four hours, we have some new ideas. We are still implementing the old ones that work and have made us successful. Let us know what you want for YOUR chapter.

Please pay attention to the schedule of events coming up for 2006. All the chairs have been working out details. Would you please help them make the events a success?

The Community Sew committee has been getting ready for us to sew all afternoon at our June meeting time. If you can't make the meeting, please contact one of them to help in anyway.

We will have a booth at the Quilt Show. If you are interested in helping or displaying an article, please contact Julia.

Sewing Retreat is in July. If you missed the last one, please plan to come and sew with us. I guarantee that you will learn new ideas, and get some sewing projects finished.

Thanks to all the members who eagerly volunteer their time and ideas to make ASG a wonderful organization.

Happy Sewing,

Becky Wondra

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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

1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

WELCOME!

Renewals

March

Betty Brees
Carolyn Conley
Cecelia Gwinup
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April

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May

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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

June— Betty Fidler, Dorothy Johanek

July— No Meeting

August— Aletha Van Camp, Linda Farris, Virginia Schneider

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

July #125

"Belle Armoire" Magazine

May-June 2006 Vol. 6 Issue 3

Video-Bucille **"Encyclopedia of Silk Ribbon Embroidery"** Beginner Level

Video-Bucille **"New Stitches' Silk Ribbon Embroider"** Intermediate Level

Donated by Betty Brees

Book-"Sewing For Plus Sizes"

By Barbara Deckert

Donated by Virginia Schneider

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

Please add these items to your personal Library List.

NOTE:

Beginning in June the library will be accepting old sewing or quilting related magazines. These magazines will then be available to members for a small donation. This will be a way to raise funds for the ASG library to purchase new items. If you have any suggestions for items to be purchased, please contact Leah Jones 1-620-596-2517 or Donna Wilson 316-264-5720.

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

Topeka Public Library /Lillian Perkins Room

1515 SW 10th Ave.

Topeka, Ks.

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Guests are welcome.

May 16th, 2006 "Garment Sewing Techniques" Susi Perry
Susi Perry is a former sewing instructor from a Denver sewing school and one of the Topeka ASG member. Her lecture/trunk show gave information on different sewing techniques for assembling garments. The event was encouraging to everyone no matter what your skill level may have been and all left with something new to try with their next garment project.

June 20, 2006 "Time to Sew and Getting it Together"
Lisa Martin

Using time management and organization in our sewing rooms.

July 18th, 2006

"Lingerie Sewing" Ann Mchahn & Linda Coker

August 15th, 2006

"Trunk Show & Sewing Techniques" Linda Lee 'Sewing Workshop'

Fabric donations are being accepted to support the sewing community service projects.

For information and 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.

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Becky Wondra President

Becky Wondra has served on the Board since the Wichita Chapter beginning.

Becky was born in Great Bend, Kansas, and raised on a farm near Rozel, Kansas in West Central Kansas. She is married to Steve, her high school sweetheart. Their children are Keith, Curtis and his wife Kirsten.

She started sewing in 4-H at age of seven using a treadle machine. She embroidered and hemmed Tea Towels. Her first real projects were the wrist pin cushion and the gingham apron.

Her biggest sewing challenge was making a white formal for 4-H. During construction she sewed through her finger, the needle broke off inside, and she bled on the gown. With real mid-west stoicism, her worry was getting the blood out the fabric rather than the needle out of her finger! A true sewing fanatic. Becky also made a complete ensemble for the style review which included a coat, dress, and a hat dyed to match. She was featured in the Hutchinson Herald during the September State Fair in 1964.

Becky sewed for profit when her boys were growing up. The articles ranged from wedding & bridesmaids dresses, alternations for all the family, cushions, and costumes for Northwest High School Plays.

She said her real motivation for continuing to sew was because she was so tall and thin. For the perfect fit, she had to sew.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 6, 2006 ASG Meeting "Charity Sew"
June 9, 2006 Newsletter Deadline
June 23-24, 2006 PQG "Common Thread" Quilt Show
 Century II Expo Hall
 225 W. Douglas Ave.
 Wichita, Ks. 67202
June 27, 2006 CAB Meeting
July 4, 2006 NO ASG MEETING
July 5-8, 2006 "Sedgwick County Fair" Cheney, Ks.
July 7-8, 2006 "Sewing Retreat" ASG Wichita Chapter
July 7, 2006 Newsletter Deadline
July 15-16, 2006 "Linda Lee"
 Trunk Show & Workshop
 Contact: Bebe Bass (620) 663-2854 or bebejo@cox.net
July 20, 2006 "Fashion Show" 6:00 p.m. Fabric Corner,
 Topeka, Ks.
July 25, 2006 CAB Meeting
August 1, 2006 ASG Meeting "Bebe Bass"
August 2-7, 2006 "National ASG Meeting"
 Hyatt Regency
 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway
 Crystal City, Virginia 22202
August 22, 2006 CAB Meeting
September 5, 2006 ASG Meeting "Lisa Johnson"
September 8, 2006 Newsletter Deadline
September 8-17, 2006 "Kansas State Fair"
 Hutchinson, Ks.
September 21-23, 2006 "Round Bobbin"
 St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO
September 26, 2006 CAB Meeting
September 30, 2006 "Sandra Betzina"
 Kansas City ASG Guild
October 2, 2006 ASG "Bus Trip" to Tulsa
October 3, 2006 ASG Meeting "Anne St. Clair"
October 6, 2006 Newsletter Deadline
October 24, 2006 CAB Meeting
November 7, 2006 ASG Meeting "Audrey Bennett"
November 10, 2006 Newsletter Deadline
November 15-18, 2006 "Sewing Expo",
 Overland Park, KS
November 28, 2006 CAB Meeting
December 5, 2006 Christmas Party
December 5, 2006 CAB Meeting
December 8, 2006 Newsletter Deadline

ASG WICHITA CHAPTER April General Meeting SPRING TEA & CHALLENGE

The April Meeting was a celebration of Spring with a Spring Tea. It was great having the opportunity to enjoy the good company of sewing friend's and tasty refreshments.

This event was highlighted with a project challenge. The ladies chose a project that they found in the publications in the local ASG library.

When presenting



the creation they specified what publication they found the idea for their project. However, this created some excitement when the ladies tried to guess where the project ideas came from before hand.



As you can see, there were some great articles presented and all the participants are to be commended for their hard work and talent.

Ladies you did a fantastic job!

SEWING FRIENDS ARE THE BEST!



Book Review

"NOTIONS" Over 50 Great Gadgets You Can't Live Without By Taunton Press, Inc.

Notions are a sewer's best friend. One of the secrets to sewing like an expert is using the right notion. This smart, practical guide delivers proven advice for 23 nationally recognized sewing experts. *Notions* is packed with secrets from the pros on over 50 of the best notions, including fusible thread, needle boards, and smocking pleaters, and how you can use them to improve your sewing results. From old favorites to new innovations, you'll learn what the professionals use for a variety of sewing projects, from cleaner cutting and perfect pressing to turning tubes and making tassels. Brimming with tips, shortcuts, and projects, *Notions* is full of creative possibilities that will help you get professional results easier and faster than ever before.

ASG WICHITA CHAPTER MAY MEETING "Cutting Up Your Pattern" Marilyn Beaver



Marilyn began by saying that much of her education on altering patterns came from classes she has taken with designers such as Mary Ray, Diane Ericson, and Linda McPhee. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of workshops when every the opportunity arises because it is the best way to learn new techniques.

Marilyn's program gave several tips on altering patterns to get a new look and add "punch" to your garment. She states that, "the reason for cutting a pattern is that it gives more opportunities to fit the garment, it creates added details, it adds style lines, and it creates more surface design."

Other tips she gave were as follows:

- Remember when cutting your pattern *Trace* the original so you have it as a reference and can use it again.
- *Copy* the drawings so you can play with designs.
- Pay attention to grain lines and transfer these to all new pattern pieces.
- Add notches to newly created pattern pieces to establish a point of reference when stitching them together.
- Add seam allowances to all newly created pattern pieces.

Her program concluded with a trunk show of her lovely garments.



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Louise Cutting Is Coming To Wichita

Who is Louise Cutting and Why is she coming to Wichita?

Louise Cutting is the president and CEO of Fabric Collections in Winter Park, Florida. Although the shop is closed (due to three hurricanes in 2004) Louise is still designing clothing that is flattering to today's women and their lifestyles. The "The Cutting Line Design" patterns have serene style, offer simple shapes and modern lines for a peaceful balance with a timeless and easy elegance. The One Seam pant is one of Louise's best known patterns. Her pattern directions are written with extreme detail and are easy to understand. She gives you lots of options to try different techniques in each of her patterns and she also has a series of booklets titled "Expert Tips and Techniques for Fine Sewing".

Louise is a Fashion Illustrator, was the Department Head of the Fashion Merchandising and Design program at The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and Prospect Hall College. She taught Interior Design at Mary Mount College. She founded 'Cutting Corner, Inc.', a successful couture custom clothing business and designed bridal gowns, tailored suits, maternity and 'high end' sportswear. The designs and illustrates the step-by-step instructions and text for her patterns. When you open one of Louise's patterns, there is a noticeable difference when compared with the instructions we are used to seeing.

In one day at a Louise Cutting seminar, I personally learned more basic, easy to use techniques than I had learned in all the years I have been sewing. These are techniques that each and every one of us can master with ease and use in our everyday sewing to make each project look professional. Louise is coming to the Wichita Chapter of the American Sewing Guild to share her knowledge and give each and every one of us the techniques to successful sewing.

For more information about Louise: <http://www.fabriccollections.com/bio/bio.html>

Derby Neighborhood Group

Woodlawn United Methodist Church
431 S. Woodlawn
Derby, Ks.
7:00 p.m.
(Use south entrance Room 11E)



The Derby Neighborhood Group gathered in March for their "Charity Sew". They sewed costumes and shawls for CSI and sewed seatbelt covers for a local charity.

May 25, 2006 Donna Witek

"Auto Trunk Organizer"

June 22, 2006 Theresa Corle

"Making Under Garment"

July 27, 2006 Beverly Libby

August 24, 2006 Sallylou Coleman

September 28, 2006 Field Trip

October 26, 2006 Carol Wiens

November 23, 2006 On Meeting

December 14, 2006 Christmas Party

"The costumes are incredible!" said Joanne Parks from the Derby Sixth Grade Center. The costumes were a part of the drama "The Princess and the Princess" the students preformed on May 17th at the Derby Middle School Auditorium. The ASG Neighborhood Group were invited to attend the performance and see the students wearing the costumes made by them.

American Sewing Guild



Sewing Retreat

Wichita Chapter

July 7 & 8, 2006

8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Registration Form

ASG Retreat

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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.

There is now 48 new special offers posted on the web site for members.



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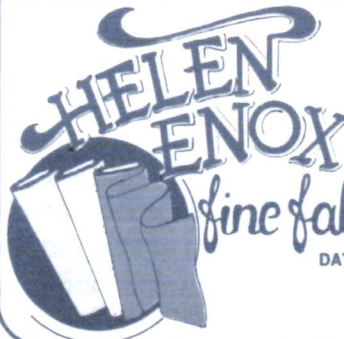
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ASG Wichita Chapter
Community Service Sew-In
June 6, 2006
11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The annual Community Service Sew-In will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch for the noon meal then for dinner we will order Pizza to be ready at 6:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be available in the afternoon.

Bring your sewing machines, sewing supplies, sergers, cutting supplies, and happy faces.

There will be items precut and ready to sew at 11:00 a.m. More cutting will need to be done, as well as, ironing on interfacing and installing snaps.

The projects this year are fleece mittens, hats and scarves for the Communities in Schools and the National ASG project is baby and toddler layette items. Many children in our community go to school in the winter with cold hands and ears. When it is time to go on field trips, the schools like to have the fleece items available to dress the children for the cold. The items are also given to the children to take home. As we all know, these are items that are easily mislaid, so we are trying to produce a large inventory for the schools to work from.

The ASG National project is the layette items made from a McCall pattern. The McCall pattern company has provided pattern #8574 for our use in making baby items. Sewing baby clothing is fun and rewarding. A few of the items we make will be sent to the National Convention to be distributed in the Washington DC area. A majority of the items will be used here locally. The distribution will be determined after we see how many items we have. The Communities in Schools have need for baby items as well as Interfaith Ministries, Harbor House, Youthville, Pregnancy Crisis Center and The Salvation Army.

We want to thank all of those members who brought fleece, flannel and cotton knits to make the items with. We have a nice selection to work from. A big thanks to the volunteers who are doing the precutting to give us a head start for the sew-in. We hope to see all at the sew-in.

Barb Blackman, Jan Adams, and Sheryl Caryl

Prairie Quilt Guild
"Common Threads" Quilt Show
June 23-25, 2006
Century II Expo Hall



The ASG Wichita Chapter will have a booth at the "Common Threads" Quilt Show in June.

To make this event a success **we need your help!**

We will need individuals to help set up the booth on Thursday
and take down the booth after the show ends on Sunday.

We need individuals to staff the booth on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,
and people to give simple demos of fitting or sewing techniques.

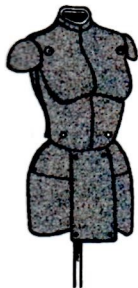
We also need sewing projects to display, both in a display case and on dress forms.

These projects can be garments designed for either a child or adult, and
can be either Heirloom garments or undergarments.

Items for the display case can be such projects as pillowcase dolls or tote bags.

We hope this ASG booth will excite individuals about sewing and educate them about ASG.

For more information contact Julia Langel at 733-4780 or JuliaLangel@cox.net



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