

Sewing's a Brees

Yesterday we had our annual election which coincides with our national elections. There are no parallels or comparisons to be made, just a happenstance. Elsewhere in the newsletter are the official results of our election but I want to thank Julia, Theresa, Aurelia, and Pat for serving with me this last year and for all their hard work and support. Also, a great big thank you to all the members of the CAB whose hard work and dedication to the sewing guild have made our chapter the success it is. It is indeed a pleasure to spend time, work, and laughter with a group of women who share your passion and we would like to include you. As I write this, we are still seeking someone to coordinate special events. We are trying to be flexible and creative with this position. Different members have volunteered to plan the major speaker and food for events. We need someone to coordinate, come to CAB meetings and maybe plan retreats. I truly believe that if it is important enough some one will do the job. Call, email or send up flares to let Pat Hernandez or me know of your interest!

I hope everyone is working on a doll for the December challenge. Bring it to the December meeting and we will enter your name in the drawing for free admis-

sion to the Nancy Nix- Rice seminar on March 21, 2009. The dolls will be donated to a local charity. Also, don't forget to bring your favorite holiday goodie to share and you might want to bring copies of the recipe as you know everyone will ask for it. I can't believe I'm talking of the holidays, didn't summer just end???

Another big thank you goes to all those who participated in making preemie gowns, bereavement gowns and blankets. On November 12, Georgia and Michele will deliver them to local hospitals.

Be sure to get the Nancy Nix-Rice seminar on your calendar as it is sure to be a good one. Becky, Dora Mae, and I had the pleasure of meeting Nancy last April while we were in St. Louis for the Regional Meeting. Nancy is delightful and full of energy. At the national convention in Chicago this summer, I took a class that Nancy taught and from that experience I know you won't be sorry you take a day for this seminar.

As this year draws to a close, I'd like to wish everyone time - time to do the things you like, time to enjoy family, time to spend with friends, time to yourself and time to SEW.

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Address Changes

If your address, phone number or email changes, please report the changes to both the local membership chair and to the National office (you can use the website at asg.org.)

New and Renewing Members

Welcome new members Judy Baldrige, Kathie Carney, and Ralphine Schnebly.

And welcome back to renewing members Dolores Miller, Georgia Whitlock, Sharon Gates, Mary Stackey, Pat Postlethwait, Lisa Campbell, Sue Carpenter, Phyllis Clem, Beverly Seyfert, Pam Fulton, Roslie Mannebach, Marilyn Kirby, Connie Swartz, Mildred Blackwood, Doris Schwartz, Lois Welch, Martha Ealy, Mary Bond, Phyllis Calvert, Leah Jones, Aurelia Lobban Beck, Pat Hernandez, Karen Calkins, Becky Wondra, Pat Plett, Teresa Wells, Linda Emery, Bertha Moore, Dolly Nickell, Anne St. Clair, Wanda Bledsoe, Beverly McCalla, Virginia Schneider, and Marilyn Martin.

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Nancy Nix-Rice — Saturday, March 21, 2009

We are excited to announce that Nancy Nix-Rice will be coming to Wichita next March 21. Nancy is a nationally-known wardrobe consultant with life-long home-sewing roots. She can teach you to know – before you sew – exactly which styles, fabrics and details will make you look and feel like a million. Nancy will lecture and have question and answer sessions on Saturday. Nancy will be available for personal consulting on Sunday for a fee determined by interested party and herself.

In her latest newsletter, she discusses prints: Handsome prints can be charming, but many sewing enthusiasts fall in love with too many “frogs” that don’t work well in their wardrobes. Here’s a checklist for finding the perfect match.

#1 – Start today to sew fewer prints and more solid color fabrics. You’ll have more mix/match flexibility and a classier look to your wardrobe.

#2 – Insist that every print you buy features the colors that are most flattering to you. Reds are especially critical. If a print includes shades of red that are not your best, you’ll be stuck for makeup when you wear the garment. You can either match your lipstick and blush to the print colors – which won’t flatter you – or wear your correct makeup shades and clash with your outfit.

#3 – Watch contrast levels carefully. If the

light/dark contrast within the print is greater than the light/dark contrast in your face, then it’s too much. Yes, that means black-and-white prints don’t work well for most people. Softer people need soft, blended prints.

#4 – Look for prints that include a touch of your hair color. If your hair is multi-colored, find prints that echo that variegated effect. It creates an immediate visual connection between the print and you. And that link is even stronger if the shapes in the print echo the textural aspect of your hair.

#5 – Relate the print shapes to your facial features. If your features are straight and angular, find prints that are similarly angular. If your facial features are softly rounded, gently curved print motifs will harmonize easily.

#6 – Match the print scale to your body proportions. The palm of your hand typically defines the maximum size for an individual print motif.

#7 – Plan print placement carefully. Even in the right colors, shapes and scale, you don’t want a print motif perched right over your bust or centered on your behind.

#8 – Once you’ve found a print that passes this rigorous set of requirements, consider sewing a coordinating skirt and top. That allows you to create a dress look by wearing the pieces together, while retaining the flexibility of separates.

Registration Form — Nancy Nix-Rice

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Fee: \$30, including lunch

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Please make checks to ASG Wichita Chapter.

Please mail registration and fee to Becky Wondra, 1663 Murray, Wichita, KS 67212

December Events

General Meeting — December 2

1:30 and 7, Extension Center

We're having our annual Christmas party! Bring treats and items for Sew and Share! Remember to make a doll or stuffed animal for charity.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

CAB Meeting — December 2

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group — December 4

7pm to 9pm, 904 Surrey Trail

We're having a Christmas potluck dinner. Bring a gift for a child to be donated to charity.

Marion Cathcart, 620-669-1265

Derby Neighborhood Group — December 11

6 pm. Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S Woodlawn, Room Parlor

Join us for a Christmas potluck dinner!

Nona Mackey, rmackey5@cox.net, or 316-253-2810

West Side Neighborhood Group — December 16

9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (lunch on your own or with group), Extension Center, Bison Room

Share some soup and do some sewing!

Denise Dias, 722-7721 x116

East Side Neighborhood Group — December 16

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

Christmas Party!

Theresa Corle, 689-6702

Sewing Day — December 30

9am to 5pm, Extension Center

Bring your own projects. We'll think of someplace fun to go for lunch. No fee.

Becky Wondra, 722-0939

Election Results

We held our annual election for Chapter Advisory Board officers at the November general meetings and the results are:

- Betty Brees, President
- Julia Langel, 1st VP and Newsletter

- Theresa Corle, 2nd VP and Neighborhood Groups
- Secretary, Pat Hernandez
- Treasurer, Becky Wondra

Thanks to the 2008 CAB members and let's look forward to a great 2009!

January Events

General Meeting — January 6

1:30 and 7, Extension Center

Janeen Miller from Sunflower Quilts will show us how to work with Angelina and other fun embellishments. Bring items for Sew and Share!

Betty Brees, 838-3709

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group — January 8

7:00pm, 905 Old Farm Estates Drive

We'll be watching the movie "Nelly Don." Bring items for Sew and Tell.

Marion Cathcart, 620-669-1265

Newsletter Deadline — January 9

Please send information for February and March.

East Side Neighborhood Group — January 20

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

Meeting topic to be announced.

Theresa Corle, 689-6702

West Side Neighborhood Group — January 20

9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (lunch on your own or with group), Extension Center, Bison Room

We will be making a Tasket Basket (or any project you'd like to bring.)

Denise Dias, 722-7721 x116

Derby Neighborhood Group — January 22

7 pm. Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S Woodlawn, Room 11E

Meeting topic to be announced.

Nona Mackey, rmackey5@cox.net, or 316-253-2810

CAB Meeting — January 27

Community Service Deliveries

We delivered our 2008 community service sewing items (preemie items and



burial gowns) to NICU units at Wesley and Via Christi.



In the Library

Items in our library include books, videos, DVDs, magazines and patterns. These items may be checked out for one month at a time. Due to high demand, only one DVD or video may be checked out per month; DVDs and videos must be returned the following month and may not be renewed until the end of the meeting so that others have a chance to check them out.

There is a charge of \$1 per item per month for items returned late. NEW: Any item not returned within 6 months will be considered lost and the member will be responsible for replacing it.

New magazines

- *Sew News*: Oct/Nov 2008
- *Quilting Arts*: Oct/Nov 2008
- *Belle Armoire*: Nov/Dec 2008
- *Threads*: Sept, Oct/Nov 2008
- *Altered Couture*: Winter 2008

Taunton Book/DVD Order

Leah is collecting orders for Taunton books and DVDs and will send it in as soon as she receives the minimum of ten. She has a catalogue in the library, or you can use the online catalogue to find the books and DVDs you would like to order at 50% off.

On-Going Fundraisers

Don't forget about our two regular fund raising activities:

At the library table, we have magazines that have been donated by members for sale for 25 cents each or 4 for a dollar. Funds raised go to buy items for the library (like

- *Sew Stylish*: Fall 2008
- *American Patchwork & Quilting*: Aug 2008 (donated by Shirley Binder)

New Books

- *Christmas from the Heart* by Better Homes and Gardens (donated by Barbara Kroeger)
- *Christmas Handcrafts* by Oxmoor House (donate by Barbara Kroeger)
- *Dressed to Kill* by Peggy Sagers (donated by Jan Adams)

New DVDs

Connie Crawford:

- Vol 1: Custom Dress Form
- Vol 2: Custom Bodice
- Vol 3: Custom Pant
- Vol 4: Custom Fitting and Trueing

Leah will send this in as one large order, so please make out your checks, for the amount of the book/DVD purchase plus \$1 shipping for each item in your order, to Wichita Chapter ASG.

those new fitting DVDs from Taunton.)

At the Fabric FUNd table, we have fabric donated by members (maximum one per member per meeting, please) that can be purchased for \$1 per yard. Funds raised go into the general budget.

Local Retailers

These local retailers offer discounts to ASG members on regularly priced fabric and notions. To receive your discount, show your ASG membership card at the time of purchase.

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Hospitality for December and January

We're all hostesses for December — bring a treat to share! We'll have a sign-up sheet for 2009 at the December meeting.

Textile Exhibit at the Wichita Art Museum

The Wichita Art Museum will display "Central American Textiles from the Collection of Jerry Martin" from November 23, 2008 through March 1, 2009. According to Martin: "It's a collection of textiles from the Latin American area, mostly southern Mexico and Guatemala. There are probably 50 to 100 textiles involved. It ranges from the Huipils (which are blouses) — all very, very colorful — to entire outfits for either women or men — pants, overshirts, jackets, and hats. I've been collecting for a long time and one of my favorite areas in Guatemala; it has the widest variety of textiles of anywhere in Central America.

...Most of these examples are from the Mayan people. Everyone has heard of the Mayans of thousands of years ago. Now there are just ruins of the temples; by the people are still there. Now they are the farmers and the peasant class and they live in the hills and Chiapas in Mexico. They are the



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ones who are making the textiles and wearing them." (quoted from an interview in WAM-Views, the Wichita Art Museum member newsletter.)

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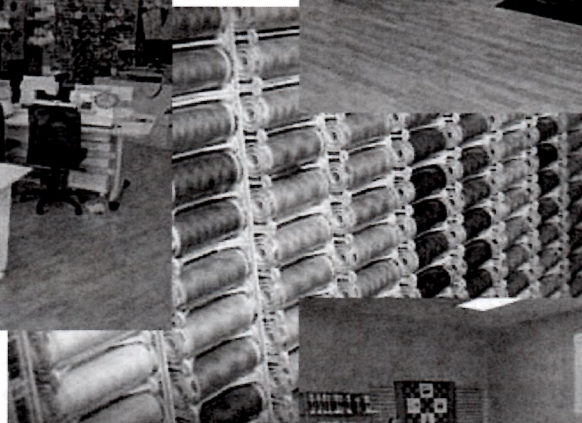
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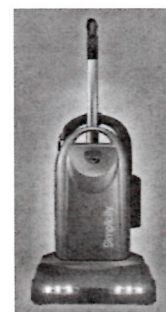
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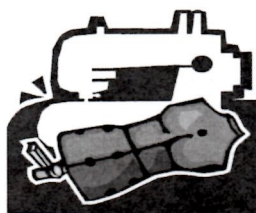
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