

## Sewing's a Brees

As 2007 draws to a close, I have been reflecting on the year's happenings and the one thing I have figured out is it went way too quickly. How do we plan to fit everything that needs done in the new year and still find time for the fun things? As the old saying goes, if you want something done ask a busy person. Well, I have asked a bunch of busy persons to be on our Chapter Advisory Board and I am excited with the response and the possibilities. Now I am asking the rest of you busy people to pitch in and help.

This year is the Wichita Chapter's 10th Anniversary and we want to make it a fantastic year. We hope to do some new things and continue much of the old. One new one is a new CAB position for FABRIC FUNd. (More about this elsewhere in the newsletter.)

We are looking for other ideas on ways to celebrate so call, write or email all your suggestions to any CAB member. The Chapter will only be as good as the people participating.

Speaking of good people participating, congratulations and thanks to the new Derby Neighborhood Group officers: Carol Wiens, Deana Full and Nona Mackey.

We have had many requests for a serger workshop but have had difficulties finding someone to do a large group. The multitude of sergers makes it hard to get too specific sometimes. Hopefully, we have an idea that will be a good compromise. The workshop planned for March will be taught by members who attended the KC Expo and took serger classes. I learned at least one new trick that was worth the price of admission and I am sure others did also. We will group people according to their serger model allowing for sharing of knowledge on similar machines. This way we should have enough experts available to address questions.

A special thank you to Becky Wondra for all the time she put in these past two years as our president.

While the weather is cold, I hope all of you will find many hours for sewing before spring arrives (hard to believe with snow covering the ground) and begins to draw everyone outdoors.

Sew much, rip less,

**Betty**

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## Membership Renewal

The National office will send you a renewal notice about 2 months before your membership expires. You can check your membership expiration date on the address label of each newsletter. If you don't receive a renewal notice, contact the membership chairwoman, or go to the National website, [asg.org](http://asg.org), where you can renew online.

**NEW!** The National office appears to have adopted a no-tolerance policy on late renewals. Be sure to renew on time!

## 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](http://asg.org).)

## New and Renewing Members

Welcome new member Ruth Schmied.

And welcome back to renewing members Mary Ann Esch, Sondra Schmittgens, Doris K Schwartz, Dorris Tomlin, Denise Veith, Beverly Seyfert, Jan Langfitt, Dolores Miller, and Joan Smith.

## Advertising Rates

This newsletter is published 6 times per year. We only accept sewing-related ads. Our rates are: 1/8 page—\$60/yr; 1/4 page—\$120/yr; 1/2 page—\$210/yr; 1 page—\$300/yr.

ASG members may place classified ads for 10 cents per word.



## Thanks Becky!

The December meeting marked the end of Becky Wondra's term as president. Shirley Binder presented the "Thank You" quilt that she made using blocks contributed by several guild members. It's really cute — we do good work! (A couple of the blocks didn't get signed; if you didn't sign yours, please see Becky or Shirley at the February meeting.)



## Fabric FUNd

How can you clean up your fabric stash, help your ASG chapter and a charity all at once? Bring a piece of fabric to **Fabric FUNd**.

At each ASG meeting we will have a **Fabric FUNd** table.

### To Donate

- Bring a piece of unloved fabric.
- Limit 1 donated item per member per month.
- Label with yardage and width.
- Label with fiber content if known.
- Must be at minimum 1 yd piece..

### To Buy

- Shop the table before the meeting and during the refreshment break.
- Most fabrics can be taken home for a donation of \$1.00 per yard. (Priced to the nearest yard, e.g. 1½ yds = \$2.00)
- If you are worried that someone else wants "your" fabric, you can start a silent auction with a bid of more than \$1 per yard.
- Silent auction bids must be in even dollar amounts.
- Fabric may be purchased at break and after the meeting. Silent auctions will be resolved after the meeting.

**This is an experimental new fundraiser for us.**

**Questions or suggestions? Talk to Shirley Binder!**

## February Events

### General Meeting — February 5

1:30 and 7, Extension Center

The folks from Needles & Notions will discuss the latest and greatest in sewing machines.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

### Hutchinson Neighborhood Group — February 7

7:00 pm., Delos Smith Senior Center

Lori Havens will be discussing "Wedding Alterations & Sewing Business Information" and we'll have an "Unloved Fabric Challenge."

Marion Cathcart, 620-669-1265

### West Side Neighborhood Group — February 19

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

We'll be making a TV/Remote Caddy.

Denise Dias, 722-7721 x116

### East Side Neighborhood Group — February 19

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

Watch your email or check the website for program information, and bring items for Show

## FEBRUARY 2008

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and Share.

Anne St. Clair 684-5989

### Derby Neighborhood Group — February 28

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

February - Karen Calkins - Sewing Cards

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



## MARCH 2008

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### Hutchinson Neighborhood Group — March 1

8am until 6pm, Hutchinson Junior College - Lockman Hall, 2nd floor

We're having an All Day "Sew-a-thon" Mini Retreat. The group will go out for supper afterward.

Marion Cathcart, 620-669-1265

### General Meeting — March 4

1:30 and 7, Extension Center

Becky Wondra, Betty Brees and Shirley Binder will be presenting serger tips and techniques.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

## March Events

### Serger Workshop — March 5

9am until 5pm, Extension Center

We'll be practicing serger tips and techniques and making a ruched and pieced serger bag. Fee \$25. (See page 6 for more information.)

Becky Wondra, 722-0939

### Newsletter Deadline — March 7

### East Side Neighborhood Group — March 18

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

Watch your email or check the website for program information, and bring items for Show and Share.

Anne St. Clair 684-5989

### West Side Neighborhood Group — March 18

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

We'll be making a Sewing Theme Block Vest.

Denise Dias, 722-7721 x116

### Derby Neighborhood Group — March 27

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

We're taking a trip to Sunflower Quilts in Derby.

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

## Serger Workshop — March 4 and 5



We're going to brush up on our serger skills in March! Becky Wondra, Betty Brees and Shirley Binder have gone to classes, read some books and put together some great ideas for using a serger for more than just finishing seam allowances.

On Tuesday, March 4, Becky, Betty and Shirley will be presenting some of these great ideas at our regular meetings. There is no charge for these presentations.

On Wednesday, March 5, they will be leading a hands-on workshop. In the morning, they will present tips and techniques, including advanced stitches such as rolled hems and flatlocking, applying elastic, and a couple of nifty ways to square off the bottoms of tote bags. In the afternoon, they will lead us through

making a ruched and pieced bag almost entirely on the serger. This workshop will cost \$25 for the entire day, including lunch, snacks, and materials for the morning session. There will be a material list for the afternoon session (so you can choose your own fabric for your bag.)

All makes and models of sergers are welcome, although not all sergers will do all the stitches we'll talk about.

This will not be an introduction to sergers — please make sure you know how to thread your machine, adjust tension and stitch width, and change between stitch types before you come to class. And be sure to bring all the feet, accessories, and manuals that came with your serger — together we should be able to figure out most any machine!

**Questions? Call  
Becky Wondra,  
722-0939**

## Registration Form — Serger Workshop March 5

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Serger Make and Model:

The fee for this workshop is \$25. Please make checks to ASG Wichita Chapter.

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



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## 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. There is a charge of \$1 per item per month for items returned late.

### **New magazines**

- Threads, January 2008
- Sew News, December 2007
- Altered Couture, Winter 2007



## How We Get the Word Out

Our ASG chapter has a lot to say ... and lots of ways to say it! Here's how to share news with our members.

This **newsletter** is published 6 times a year. The issues, and their content deadlines for 2008, are:

- February/March (this issue).
- April/May, deadline March 7.
- June/July, deadline May 2.
- August/September, deadline July 4.
- October/November, deadline September 5
- December/January, deadline November 7.

In addition, we publish a **blog** at [asgwichita.wordpress.com](http://asgwichita.wordpress.com). Information about events will be published on the blog approximately one week before the event. If the event information is in the newsletter, it will automatically be published in the blog. If you have something that wasn't in the newsletter, such as a change or a new

event, send it to the newsletter editor.

The newsletter editor can also send an **email** message to those members with email addresses on record (which is about half of our members.) We try not to do this too often, to avoid being accused of "spamming" our members. In general, there are one or two emails per month, announcing the general meeting, the neighborhood group meetings, and special events. If you would like your information included in one of these emails, send it to the newsletter editor.

Finally, anyone may make an **announcement** at our monthly general meetings. If you would like to hand something out, bring copies and place them on the sign in table before the afternoon meeting.

Generally, in addition to information about guild activities, we seek information about events and activities that are of interest to our members — museums and galleries, new store openings, and so on. Store sales and sales of goods by individuals should be done in newsletter display or classified ads.

## Shirley's Minestrone Soup (from the January Retreat)

1 lb mild Italian sausage  
1T. olive oil  
1 cup diced onion  
1 clove garlic finely minced  
1 cup sliced carrots  
1 teas. crumbled basil  
2 small zucchini sliced  
1, 1 lb can Italian pear tomatoes  
chopped and peeled  
2, 10 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> oz cans beef bouillon

2 cups finely shredded cabbage  
1 teaspoon salt  
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teas. pepper  
1, 1 lb can great northern beans

Brown sausage. Add onion, garlic, carrots and basil. Cook 5 minutes. Add zucchini, tomatoes with liquid, bouillon, cabbage, salt and pepper. Bring soup to a boil reduce heat and simmer, covered for 1 hour. Add beans with liquid; cook another 20 minutes. Serves 8.





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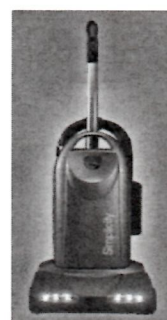


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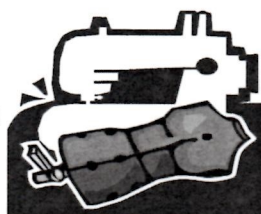


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