

Sewing's A Brees

We certainly have had a beautiful fall foliage display here this year though it seems a little backwards with October being colder than November (at least at the beginning). I'm like everyone else even with the colorful reminders; it's hard to believe it is already time to start getting ready for the holidays. If you are like me you also have to throw in several birthdays and/or anniversaries. Are you making more of your gifts this year? We had some great ideas at the November meeting to help you out. Thank you to everyone who shared.

We had our annual meeting in November with the election of officers and I know you will all be terribly surprised to hear that last years officers were re-elected. Julia, Theresa, Pat, Becky and I appreciate your vote of confidence and continued support. I'd like to thank them for all their help to me this last year. Also, a big thank you goes to the rest of the CAB members Kenna, Jan, Leah, Suzanne, Lynanne, Norma, Michele, Penny, and Shirley. Everyone is so generous with their time and it's wonderful to work with such a great bunch of friends.

With the election over, I've been busy working on filling the CAB positions for next year and am happy to say all the jobs are filled. I was glad to receive your suggestions and very pleased that everyone said **yes**. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the coming year please let me know as we want this to be an interesting/informative/fun group for all. Lynanne already has speakers scheduled for the first couple of months and with the suggestions we have been tossing around I know it will be a good year. Don't forget our seminar in March featuring Kathleen Cheetham.

Why not get your sewing machine out and stitch up a chemo cap or two or three? And don't forget to make a simple bag to put your favorite recipe in (for the recipe exchange). Bring all those items to the December meeting along with a goody to share and we will have a festive time sharing with our sewing friends.

While you are busy sewing, cleaning, and cooking for your holiday guests or doing laundry and packing as you are the guest (lucky you!) don't forget to take lots of time to enjoy your friends and family.

Wishing everyone a SEW wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

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Address Change

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: Cynthia Fellows White, Jean Horstman, Ruth Schmied and Joyce Funke.

And welcome back to renewing members: Jan Adams, Mildred Blackwood, Wanda Bledsoe, Martha Ealy, Linda Emery, Helen Flippo, Carol Graham, Lana Klager, Marilyn Martin, Jean Mulford, Dolly Nickell, Barbara Scadden, Ralphine Schnebly, Bethel Westervelt, Sandra Zernickow, Judy Baldridge, Mary Bond, Michele Brakewood, Karen Calkins, Phyllis Calvert, Denise Dias, Pam Fulton, Pat Hernandez, Leah Jones, Marilyn Kirby, Kathy Larson, Aurelia Lobban Beck, Rosalie Mannebach, Kristie Patton, Patsy Jo Postlethwait, Jacquelyn Proffitt, Connie Schwartz and Aleta Vogt.

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Kathleen Cheetham is Coming in March!

On March 19th and 20th, 2010, the Wichita ASG chapter will host nationally-known designer, author and educator Kathleen Cheetham.

Kathleen owns a women's custom tailoring business, teaches classes on fitting and design and markets a line of patterns for plus and petite-plus size women. Her recent book, *Perfect Plus*, contains detailed instructions on constructing a jacket, skirt, blouse and pants including the patterns. The instructions are very clear and easy to follow. Her articles have appeared in *Threads*, *Sew News* and *Sewing World* magazines. She was an instructor at the ASG National Conference in Albuquerque this year. Kathleen lives in Sointula, British Columbia. Visit her website at www.petitepluspatterns.com.

On Friday, March 19, Kathleen will present a trunk show of her fashions and patterns. This evening event will be free.

On Saturday, March 20, Kathleen will present a

day-long seminar, *Fit and Style Solutions for the plus-size woman*, focusing on tops and pants.

We are still working out the details of her visit, so look for more information later. If you have questions please contact Kenna Dice at bdice@cox.net or 316-321-5841.

Kathleen says "As a petite plus woman I know we have been "making do" for too long with tugging, gaping, baggy, out of proportion clothes.

Sewing patterns are not much help either. Up to now they've been designed for tall figures with broad shoulders and B cup bras. To alter one of these patterns can make you crazy!

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December Events

General Meeting — December 1

1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center

It's time for a Holiday party! Bring a chemo cap to donate, a favorite recipe in a fabric bag to exchange, and a snack to share.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

CAB Meeting — December 1

Immediately following afternoon general meeting, Extension Center

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group — December 3

6 pm, Jackie Profit's house, 905 Old Farm Est. Dr.

We're having a custom-made apron exchange. Please bring an apron you have made, wrapped for exchange. Please also bring a salad or dessert; Jackie will make ham loaves and provide drinks and table service. If possible, bring your pattern and fabric choices for our jacket project.

Marion Cathcart, 620-669-1265

Derby Neighborhood Group — December 10

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

Christmas Potluck! Also, bring your Show and Tell

Nona Mackey, rmackey5@cox.net, or 316-253-2910

East Side Neighborhood Group — December 15

8 pm. Extension Center Parking Lot

We're taking the trolley to see Christmas lights! The cost is \$15 per person; spouses and friends welcome.

Theresa Corle, 689-6702

Sewing Retreat — December 29

9:30 am to 5 pm, Sunflower Quilts, 405 Osage, Derby

Bring your own projects to sew.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

Community Service Projects

At our December meeting, we will be collecting chemo caps to donate to area cancer patients. Michele Brakewood will have some patterns to share at the October and November meetings, and recommends these websites for other patterns and ideas.

- www.nancysnotions.com — Click on Creative Kindness at the very bottom right of the screen.
- www.bevscountrycottage.com/cancercaps.html
- www.headhuggers.org (Go to misc. links -- many links for chemo caps)

- www.sewing.org
- www.craftandfabriclinks.com/bonnet/chemo_hat_pattern.html
- www.headcovers.com/headwear/hats-turbans/

McCalls 4116 also has patterns for several turbans, headwraps and hats.

January Events

General Meeting — January 5

1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center

We'll see a presentation by Demilia's Quilt Company, from Yoder. Bring your items for Sew and Share.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group — January 7

7 pm to 9 pm, Delos Smith Center, 101 W. 1st

Jackie will present ideas for using our scraps!
Kathy will give our assignment for cutting, marking and interfacing our jacket project

Marion Cathcart, 620-669-1265

Newsletter Deadline — January 8

Please send information about February and March.

East Side Neighborhood Group — January 19

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

We'll be sewing kimono jackets. Bring your own fabric (talk to Theresa to find out how much you will need.)

Theresa Corle, 689-6702

CAB Meeting — January 26

1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center

Derby Neighborhood Group — January 28

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

Topic to be announced.

Nona Mackey, rmackey5@cox.net, or 316-253-2910

Derby Neighborhood Group

The Derby Neighborhood Group sewed banners for the high school this fall — and learned a LOT about working with slick, slippery, ravelly fabrics! The finished product looked great!



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. A complete listing of library holdings is available at the library table during our monthly meetings or from Leah at 620-596-2517.

New magazines

- *McCalls Quilting*: Nov-Dec 2009
- *Altered Couture*: Nov-Dec 2009, Jan 2010
- *Belle Armoire*: Nov-Dec 2009

New Videos and DVDs

- *Valentino, the Last Emporer*
- *Creative Curves Ruler*
- *Cutting and Sewing Demonstration* by Virginia Walton

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 5 for a dollar. Funds raised go to buy items for the

library (like 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.

East Side Neighborhood Group



Busy, busy, busy. House-shoes in October...



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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...and Christmas bags in November. Ask one of them how the top closure works!



In Our Library — A DVD Review by Vicky Is liefson

Valentino: The Last Emperor Documentary
Feature on DVD, 96 min. Paris, Feb. 2007 (Nudity
Warning)

Valentino Garavani designs because he loves beauty, he dreams of movie stars and he knows what women want, "They want to be beautiful."

While preparing for a Paris fashion show, Valentino and long time business and life partner Giancarlo Giametti are pressed by reporters about plans for retirement. They deny that he is considering it, but we see how first business and then design decisions are being taken over by a much younger Mateo Marzotto since the Valentino brand was sold to the Marzotto Group in 2002 and then sold again to investment company Pamira. Amidst this serious business, we are treated to the whirlwind of this fashion icon's lifestyle: three fashion shows; fitting his entourage, including five Pugs, into his private jet; Valentino sketching and draping in work room in Rome; the seamstresses making the gowns by hand with tempers flaring at last minute changes; reminiscing about early days in Paris; how Giancarlo's financial savvy made the business successful; the planning that goes into a show; his "muse" Princess Rosario of Bulgaria; a party for celebrities at his chateau; travelling to Venice on his yacht, and finally a 300 gown retrospective of his 45 years in fashion, including a gala at the Coliseum in Rome.

Special Bonus 1: **The Perfect Life** 30 min.

Preparing the chateau for the celebrity party, the Major Domo copes with wet carpets from the rain. We get glimpses of minor European royalty, along with the likes of Gwyneth Paltrow, Elton John, and Martha Stewart's impression of the kitchen and laundry. Then there are trips to Valentino's Swiss chalet and his 5th Avenue apartment in New York with the entourage of dogs, valets and a PR man. The Major Domo explains as he sets up each location that the hospitality standard is the same at each of Valentino's residences. He attends an event with Jennifer Garner, who wears one of his famous red dresses.

Special Bonus 2: **A Red Dress** 8 min.

Valentino hands a sketch and a fabric swatch to head seamstress Antonietta, and we see how she and her assistants build the dress on a mannequin. Still in basting and pins, it is then put on a model so Valentino can tell the seamstresses what he wants them to change.

Special Bonus 3: **The Last Collection** 8 min.

Behind the scenes of his last Paris show in January 2008, Valentino checks every detail of the clothes and accessories, and instructs the models how to walk the runway. We see snippets of at least 22 gowns on the runway, followed by a parade of 25 identical "Valentino red" gowns. After the show, a frenzy of media and celebrities surrounds him.

Double Chocolate Raspberry Bars (from CookieMadness.net)

3 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
1/2 cup unsweetened natural cocoa powder
2 1/2 cups rolled oats
2/3 cup granulated sugar
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 tsp. salt (use only 1 tsp. if using reg. butter)
1 tsp. baking soda
3 sticks unsalted butter, melted and cooled
2 cups toasted pecans, coarsely chopped
2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 jar of raspberry preserves (13 oz)
1 cup fresh raspberries, optional
More chocolate chips for the top

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a 15×10 inch pan with non-stick foil.

Combine flour, cocoa, oats, sugar, brown sugar, salt and baking soda in a mixing bowl and stir well. stir the melted butter into the oat mixture until crumbly. Stir in the chocolate chips and pecans

Press about half of the oat mixture into the bottom of the pan. Spread the preserves over the dough and top with raspberries (if using), gently smashing the raspberries to flatten them. Crumble the remaining dough over the raspberry layer and gently press.

Bake the pan on center rack of oven for 40-45 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through baking. Remove from the oven and sprinkle more chocolate chips on top. Allow to cool completely. Chill for an hour or so. Lift from pan and score into bars.

Makes about 32

Election Results

At our annual meeting in November, we re-elected five Chapter Advisory Board members:

President: Betty Brees

Secretary: Pat Hernandez

Treasurer: Becky Wondra

First VP: Julia Langel

Second VP: Theresa Corle

Other ASG'ers have volunteered to take CAB positions:

Membership: Shirley Binder

Community Service: Michele Brakewood

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Fabric Fun*d: Penny Ruddle

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Special Events Speaker: Kenna Dice

Special Events Retreats: Ginny Perott

Special Events Food: Jan Adams



The CAB wants to thank our nominating committee, Barb Scadden, Marilyn John, and Pat Postlethwaite for running such a trouble-free (and legally correct) election.

Tailor Tacks by Betty Brees

After all these years I have found a better way to do tailor tacks. Doing it the "old" way resulted in a lot of the treads pulling out before I was through using them. The new way: mark dots with needle and thread is in the "old" way. Remove pattern piece and turn over. Remark the dots with needle and thread crossing over the original marks (be sure to go through both layers of fabric. Now you can separate the fabric piece (gently) and one set of thread marks will remain in each piece.

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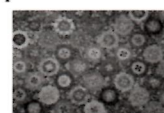
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