
Sewing's A Brees

The other day I was in the car listening to an interview of a syndicated columnist. The question posed to him was how he decided what to write about. The condensed version was to write what you are passionate about. After family and friends, sewing is my passion so I guess I'm on the right track.

The weather seems to be telling us that fall is here, but there may be some surprise yet. We just celebrated our 11th birthday and to me that always seems to be the start of fall and before we know it the holidays will be upon us. I hope you are finding some time to get back to the sewing machine if summer activities have kept you away. We have a lot going on in the chapter between now and the end of the year.

In October we want everyone to bring ideas for gifts to make along with the directions. From these we will choose the ones to be demonstrated at our November meeting. (This was highly rated on the survey – more on that later) Please remember that if you used copyright material we can not make copies unless you obtain written permission from the designer.

November is our annual meeting where we will have a status report on the chapter and election of officers. If you are unable to attend the November meeting, be sure to mail in the proxy ballot located in this newsletter. You must sign it and include your membership number which can be found on your membership card. Please note the deadline for getting it in. Ballots will be passed out at the meeting.

The December meeting is our Christmas party and our challenge is chemo caps. Elsewhere in the newsletter are websites for chemo caps, McCall's patterns has a pattern, Michelle Brakewood has some to share and as a last resort Hancock Fabrics has chemo caps to be purchased and decorated. We will collect the caps and donate to local groups.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the survey at the August meeting. The Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) will use the results to help make decisions on keeping our chapter forward looking and interesting. Some results you might find interesting are: friendship, learning and sharing were the things most liked best about the chapter; few voiced complaints about things that we have much control over; 78% attend neighborhood groups; and everyone signed up for a board position! (Well, maybe not everyone). If you didn't get a chance to sign up for a board position let me know, I'll be happy to give you another chance.

Some of you indicated you are on Facebook. We now have a fan page for American Sewing Guild Wichita KS Chapter. Pictures from the April White Shirt Challenge and September's Fashion show are posted. Check them out – we think it will be a good way to share pictures and have discussions.

Betty

Membership Roster is Coming in December

We will be printing a new membership directory in December. If you do not wish to be included in the directory or have changes in your information, like a

new email address, please contact Shirley Binder at 943-5063 or sb1026049@onemain.com

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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, where you can renew online.

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: Judy Goodpasture and Terri Hatch.

And welcome back to renewing members: Sue Hunt, Anne Jesseph, Beryl Silkey, Virginia Hunt, Elizabeth Deck, Tammy Schuester, Ruby Chrisco, Becky Wondra, Bertha Moore, Lyla Flippo, Mary Dold, Marion Cathcart, Marilyn Beaver, Sheryl Caryl, Wanita Schmidt, Kathleen Wood, Joan Fitzjarrald, Liz Bently, Donna Witek and Penny Ruddle.

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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 web-site 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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October Events

General Meeting — October 6

1:30 and 7, Extension Center

Bring your Christmas gift ideas to help everyone get in the holiday mood! Also bring your items for Sew and Share.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group — October 1

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

We will have a program on pattern alterations by Marion. This is partially in preparation for our jacket project beginning in November. We will also finalize plans for our trip to Expo.

Marion Cathcart, 620-669-1265

East Side Neighborhood Group — October 20

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

We'll be sewing house-shoes! Sewing machines will be provided.

Theresa Corle, 689-6702

Derby Neighborhood Group — October 22

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

Nancy Woodson will bring a demonstration on beautiful pillows.

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

CAB Meeting — October 27

1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center

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.



For one of our other community service projects, pillowcases for the Ronald McDonald Houses, we made over 50 cases. Betty took a handful to the national conference, and the rest were delivered to the houses here in Wichita. Here are some Derby NG members showing off their pillowcases!

November Events

General Meeting — November 3

1:30 and 7, Extension Center

We'll have our annual meeting and elections. Then for the fun! We'll have directions, patterns and demonstrations for our selected holiday gifts. Bring your items for Sew and Share.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group — November 5

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

Kathy will give a program on pattern and fabric choice for our jacket project. We will also distribute fabric for our "One Fabric, Many Projects Challenge"

Marion Cathcart, 620-669-1265

Newsletter Deadline — November 6

Please send information about December and January.

East Side Neighborhood Group — November 17

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

We'll be sewing holiday gift bags! Sewing machines will be provided.

Theresa Corle, 689-6702

CAB Meeting — November 24

1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center

Derby Neighborhood Group — No Meeting

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Happy Birthday to Us!

There was cake and silliness at our September birthday party!



See all the pictures on our new Facebook Page!

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*: Aug 2009, Oct 2009
- *Sew Stylish*: Spring 2009
- *Quilter's World*: June 2009, Aug 2009, Oct 2009
- *Altered Couture*: May, June, July 2009
- *Belle Armoire*: May-June 2009
- *Threads*: July 2009
- *Sew Beautiful*: 2008

New Books

- *Charming Colorwork Quilts*
- *Magic Embroidery* by Irene Facker
- *Great American Quilts* by Carol Newbill
- *Quilting Shortcuts* by Maggie Malone
- *Warm the Walls with Quilts* by Oxmoor House

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.

Time for Threads Renewals

Leah will be sending in the Threads magazine order after the October meeting, so bring your checks! Threads subscriptions are 1 yr. \$26.36, 2 yr. \$43.96, 3 yr. \$63.16. As usual, if we get ten renewals or subscriptions, Taunton will renew our guild subscription for free.



A New Look!

As you've probably noticed, the newsletter has a new look. Julia, the newsletter editor, is trying to find a design that will let her squeeze in more content without needing to add more pages (which would move us into another postage rate category) or having to reduce the type size (which would give us all headaches!) This will be a work-in-progress, so if you have any sugges-

tions, please let her know at julialangel@cox.net.

And...as always, if you have anything to include in the newsletter, the monthly emails, or the Facebook page, please send it in! We especially like pictures, sewing tips, website suggestions and maybe even a recipe or two.

Proxy Ballot

Wichita, KS Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Inc.
Proxy Ballot
Annual Elections of Chapter Advisory Board Positions
November 3, 2009
Wichita, KS

Please check the box next to the name of the candidate for each office that you believe will do the best job for the Chapter.

President:

- ☐ Betty Brees
☐ _____ (write-in)

First Vice President:

- ☐ Julia Langel
☐ _____ (write-in)

Second Vice President:

- ☐ Theresa Corle
☐ _____ (write-in)

Secretary:

- ☐ Pat Hernandez
☐ _____ (write-in)

Treasurer:

- ☐ Becky Wondra
☐ _____ (write-in)

The Nominating Committee Chair is the proxy holder until the time of the election. All valid proxy ballots will be voted as submitted by the member.

Please return your proxy to: Marilyn John, ASG Wichita Chapter, P.O. Box 49539, Wichita, KS, 67201-4539

All proxy ballots must be returned to the Nominating chair by October 31, 2009 The Annual Meeting will be held Nov 3, 2009

at: Extension Office, 7001 W 21st ST N, Wichita, KS 67205

Your proxy ballot is not valid without your signature to assign your votes to the Nominating Committee Chair. If it is not signed, your votes will not be counted.

Member name (**please print**) _____

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