

DREAMS AND SEAMS

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Sewing's A Brees

As you read this it will be spring, at least according to the calendar. Dare we hope? And while we are hoping, let's hope Mother Nature is tired of excesses and will be in a moderate mood.

Our Education chair, Lynanne DeGarmo, has certainly gotten us off to a great start this year with Slopers by Lyla Flippo and Sondra Schmittgens. February brought Cindy from Sew Much to talk about fashion trends and in March Anne St. Clair from Needlenook Fabrics will take the fear out of sewing Slinky.

April will be our Spring Tea and for our spring challenge your charge is to make something using fabric from your stash and tell us its history — where was it purchased, what was the original intent, etc. I found a profound reason for using our stash. In an old issue of a Kansas City newsletter "Stitch 'N' Times" (source unknown) was a warning about the risk of exceeding your quota — it could jeopardize other sewists by adding idle time to their lifestyle wherein the only outlet may be cooking and cleaning chores. You wouldn't want that to be you, would you?

To determine your quota use the following Stash Statistical Formula:

Dedicated sewists life span = 100 years Dedicated sewists daily fabric usage = 3-10 yards Average 6.5 yards

5 day week = 32.5 yards

52 weeks = 1,690 yards

Per life span = 169,000 yards

Subtract your actual age from 100 (i.e. 100-60=40) 40 times the yards per year (1,690 x 60 = 101,400)

101,400 divided by 365 (days/year) = 277.8 yards

Once you have determined your quota, adjust it by a minus 6.5 yards per day to maintain current status.

Once you have established your ALLOWABLE DAILY STASH, no external source may challenge its existence, content or size. If your stash becomes too depleted, let me know as we may need to schedule a road trip.

In June we will have a booth at the Connecting Threads Quilt Show and will need lots of volunteers to make it successful.

Sew much, rip less

Betty

ASG on the Web

Find current information about ASG activities on the Internet:

- National ASG site: www.asg.org
- Wichita ASG blog: www.asgwichita.wordpress.com

- National ASG Facebook page: American Sewing Guild
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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 to our new members: Katie Mayne, Karen Darrah, Erin Rainey, Crystal Garner.

And welcome back to renewing members: Dee Swafford, Cheryl Davis, Mary Dold, Lynanne Degarmo, Velda Vogt, Marilyn Newkhold, Sharon Marcotte, Carol Parrish, Madonna Cossman, Phyllis Clem, Beverly Seyfert, Betty Fiddler, Deborah Suntheimer, Janet Grimsley, Nancy Shepherd, Mary Richardson, Sue O'Hara, Linda Kirby, Gretchen Sharp, Julia Langel, Grace Schmied, Karen Darrah, Vicky Isliefson, Linda Wagner, Judy Troyer, Sally Lou Coleman and Sharon Hill

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

April Events

General Meeting — April 6

1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center 4H Hall Welcome spring at our Spring Tea! Our challenge is to make something from your stash — and show off the item and the story behind the item.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

East Side Neighborhood Group — April 20

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

Nancy Boewe will be demonstrating a novel puffn-fluff technique she adapted from one used by a chic local furniture store for pillows, rugs and throws. Theresa Corle, 689-6702

Derby Neighborhood Group — April 22

7 pm. Prairie Quilts Shirley Binder will give a presentation. Also, bring your Show and Tell Marsha Volz 789-9193

CAB Meeting — April 27

12:30, Spears Restaurant, 4323 Maple





The kimono jacket workshop showed off our creativity — these were all made from the same pattern!

May Events

General Meeting — May 4

1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center Slopers and fit again! Did you work on your sloper or make a garment yet? Bring it! Bring your items for Sew and Share.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

Newsletter Deadline - May 7

Please send information about June and July.

East Side Neighborhood Group — May 18

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

Theresa will get us organized with embellished holders for pencils, scissors, paintbrushes, etc..
Theresa Corle, 689-6702

CAB Meeting — May 25

1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center

Derby Neighborhood Group — May 27

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

Sallylou Coleman will discuss staging your home for sale. Bring your Show and Tell.

Marsha Volz 789-9193

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. 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

- Altered Couture: Feb/Mar/April 2010
- Belle Armoire: Mar/Apr 2010
- Threads: May 2010

New Books (donated by Cynthia Fellows-White)

- America Sews with Sue Hausmann, Books 23, 24, 26, 27, 29
- Cynthia's Precision Measuring and Pattern Alterations by Cynthia Guffey
- Cynthia's Precision Sewing Techniques Vol 1 (Collars, Facings, Sleeves, Plackets, Cuffs)
- Quick to Make (Stylish Gifts to Craft in a Day) by the Threads Magazine Editors
- Stylish Sewing, by Patricia Nelson

New Videos and DVDs

Full Busted? Sew Clothes that Fit, Marta Alto

New Library Directory

Your librarians had a brain-storming session to formulate ideas for making it easier for you to find items on our library list. Beryl Silkey has done an outstanding job using Excel files to create four categories for your convenience in finding items on the library cart or on the auxiliary shelves. The library list is now available in 4 sections:

- Sorted by media type and author name in alphabetical order
- 2. Sorted by media type and title in alphabetical order
- 3. Sorted by media type and subject in alphabetical order
- 4. Magazines sorted by name and year

Each section will have a divider page and all will have tabs labeled Book, DVD, Patterns, Video, etc.

The new library listing will be in a looseleaf notebook kept on the library cart for your perusal. You can also get a copy of the Excel file from Beryl or Betty.

Thanks to Beryl and Leah for this great new directory!



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 that can be purchased for \$1 per yard. Funds raised go into the general budget.

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