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Sewing's A Brees

The summer in Kansas besides starting out hot, then very wet has been busy and doesn't look to be slowing down any time soon.

Congratulations to the Prairie Quilt Guild on the wonderful job they did putting on the Common Threads Quilt Show. We had a booth and lots of people stopped by to say hello. Hopefully some will become members. A big Thank You to all that helped. We appreciate the quilt guild allowing us to have a booth to promote ASG.

The Sedgwick County 4-H Style review was delightful. We saw some wonderful garments sewn by some talented young women. Some of them will model their garments for us at our August meeting. Our chapter awarded 3 gift certificates and gave each participant a cupcake pin cushion that members made at the June sew-in/retreat.

In July, Jo-Ann's will be mailing discount cards directly to each member. They will not be found in the Notions magazine as in past years. Be sure to watch your mailbox.

I'm excited to report the formation of a new Neighborhood Group. This group will be working with computer generated patterns. If you are interested in joining the group contact Vicky Isliefson. Any one seeing a need for a different type of group please let Theresa Corle or me know. There are probably others thinking the same thing, just too bashful to say so.

Before you know it, elections will be upon us. Michele Brakewood is head of the nominating committee this year and she may be calling on you to serve with her. Please say yes. This is a one time short term commitment and you will be making a valuable contribution to our chapter. Also, if you are interested in one of the five elected positions or would like to nominate someone contact Michele.

Right after our August meeting I will be flying off to Atlanta, Georgia to represent our chapter at the National Conference. I feel privileged to be representing you and look forward to learning new things to share with everyone. There are some new instructors as well as returning favorites and I tried to select classes from each. Other members attending include Michele Brakewood, Denise Dias as board member and current chair, Anne St. Clair as instructor with her assistants Janet Grimsley, Grace Schmied and Ruth Schmied.

This is a bit in the future but for those who like to plan ahead – our December afternoon meeting will be held at the Spice Merchants due to a scheduling conflict with the extension office. NOTE: the evening meeting will take place at the Sedgwick County Extension Office.

We will have a challenge and gift exchange at the December meeting. The challenge will be to make something from the sloper you have been working on this year whether it is done by hand or computer generated. We will exchange tea towels. This should be new – unless vintage and may be plain or embellished by hand or by machine.

Sew much, rip less

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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Membership Renewal

The National office will send you a renewal notice about 2 months before your membership expires. 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.)



A Note About Photos

As you have probably noticed, we love photos! If you take photos at an ASG event, please consider posting them to Facebook or emailing them to the newsletter editor.

If you would rather not have your photo appear on Facebook or in the newsletter, please tell the newsletter editor.

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.

CAB Nominations for 2011 (Already!)

It's that time again! We need to start planning for 2011, and the first step is to nominate candidates for the 2011 Chapter Advisory Board. Michele Brakewood has agreed to chair the nominating committee and she would love to hear your ideas about who should join the CAB next year.

Please consider volunteering to be on the CAB next year — it's both an important way to keep the chapter running and a LOT of fun. Plus, you get to know all the chapter secrets...well, at least for the week

between when we discuss things at the CAB meeting and when we announce them at the general meeting.

It takes a lot of people to plan and carry out eleven general meetings, thirty-three neighborhood group meetings, half-a-dozen sewing retreats, a couple of field or shopping trips and an annual speaker every year. Our 2010 CAB consisted of sixteen people, four of whom were new this year and four of whom have been on the CAB for more than five years. Please join us! Talk to Michele today!

At the Quilt Show



Here's our booth at the 2010 quilt show. We were able to borrow those great banners from ASG National — they attracted a lot of attention! Pat and Nancy were staffing the booth on Sunday.



Lynanne displayed some of her dolls along with some other quilt guild members.

Our intrepid setup crew, Becky, Betty, Julia and Vicky!

August Events

General Meeting — August 3

1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center

We'll get a 4H Style Review fashion show and Betty will finish making a pattern for a blouse from her sloper. Bring your items for Sew and Share.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

Computerized Pattern Drafting Neighborhood Group — August 10

7 pm. Sylvia Steinshouer's house

There is no set program. Instead, we are aiming to help each member with whatever stage of the measuring/drafting/designing process she is working on. We want to inspire and encourage each other.

Vicky Isliefson, 529-1565

East Side Neighborhood Group — August 17

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

Aurelia will show us how to make a nifty button necklace.

Theresa Corle, 689-6702

CAB Meeting — August 24

1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center

Derby Neighborhood Group — August 26

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

Topic to be announced.

Marsha Volz 789-9193

5th Tuesday Sewing Retreat — August 31

9—5, Extension Center

Come work on your projects! We'll go out to lunch.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

More Fitting Fun!

Are you getting inspired to sew clothes that fit yet? In June, Betty started drafting a blouse from her sloper, and she'll finish the sleeves and collar in August. using the instructions in a series of Threads articles written by Kathleen Cheetham. If you have Threads back issues and would like to follow along, dig out Threads June 2008 and August 2008.

In September, Julia will present Japanese pattern drafting magazines, which show you how to draft patterns for lots of great garments starting from your sloper. (And you don't need to read Japanese!)

(Remember, Connie Crawford defines a sloper as "a basic pattern, without style lines or seam allowances, developed from a dress form, live model, or manufacturer's specific measurements. Used as the foundation for a specific silhouette or fit in a new design." Slopers are also called blocks. So, basically, **your** slopers are basic patterns developed from **your** body, to use as foundations for a design with **your** silhouette.)

September Events

General Meeting — September 7

1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center

Julia will discuss Japanese pattern drafting magazines. Bring your items for Show and Share.

Betty Brees, 838-3709

Newsletter Deadline — September 10

Please send information about October and November.

Computerized Pattern Drafting Neightborhood Group — September 14

7 pm. Location TBA

We'll be continuing to work on our slopers and designing garments.

Vicky Isliefson, 529-1565

East Side Neighborhood Group — September 21

7 pm. Needle Nook Fabrics

Topic to be announced.

Theresa Corle, 689-6702

Derby Neighborhood Group — September 23

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

Topic to be announced.

Marsha Volz 789-9193

CAB Meeting — September 28

1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center

Start Planning for December

At our December meeting, we will have two opportunities to show off your talents. We will have a gift exchange of tea towels — new or vintage, embellished or plain. We will also have a fashion show for

our December garment challenge to make a garment from your sloper. Let's show off what we've learned this year!

Community Service Projects

For 2010, we have chosen two community service projects. We will continue to make chemo caps to donate to area cancer patients.

We will also be making toys and clothes for children.

We will be working on these all year, so bring your items to any general meeting. (If you're on Facebook, check out the tickers showing our current item counts!)

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.

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 Books

- Serger Secrets, by Rodale Press (In memory of Betty Fidler)
- Ultimate Serger Answer Guide, by Baker, Brown and Kecynski
- Successful Serging, by Beth Baumgartel
- Machine Embroidery on Difficult Materials, by Deborah Jones (In memory of Dolores Miller)

New Magazines

Quilting Arts: Jun/Jul 2010

Book Review: Machine Embroidery on Difficult Materials

Machine Embroidery on Difficult Materials by Deborah Jones, published by Krause Publications

This book was recently added to the library as a tribute to Dolores Miller.

The 128 page book includes a CD of 14 embroidery designs that are digitized both for "normal" embroidery and modified for various "difficult" materials. The designs are multi-format for most embroidery machines and can be sewn and sold.

The book is illustrated with both color photos and diagrams. The diagrams of needle types are especially informative, as they allow the reader to understand how the point shape, eye size and scarf length affect embroidery quality.

The three main sections of the book include general information on fabrics, stabilizers, needles and hooping, an in-depth treatment of the various types of difficult fabrics, and a summary chart of the variables

to consider when embroidering each type of difficult fabric.

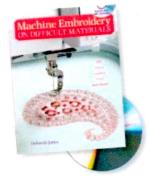
There are five major fabric types discussed, including those with unstable backgrounds, woven fabrics, fabrics with pile and nap, leather and imitation leather,

and sheers. Each of these categories then includes several specific types. For instance, the section on unstable fabrics includes knits, woven spandex, two-way stretch knits, bulky knits and gauze. Each fabric subtype then includes a discussion of the needles, thread weight and type, and stabilizers that are best to use with that fabric. Particular challenges for the fabric type are also addressed.

The summary chart at the end of the book encompasses several pages and

nicely condenses the information from the individual fabric discussions. It makes a great quick reference after working through the rest of the book.

Reviewed by Vicky Isliefson



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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. Be sure to thank them for supporting ASG!

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Farmgirl's Mexican Monkey Cake (From farmgirlfare.com)

1-1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

2/3 cup (packed) golden brown sugar

2/3 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/2 cup (1 stick/4 ounces) butter, softened (or 1/2 cup trans-fat free margarine, such as Earth Balance)

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1 large egg

1-1/4 cups mashed, very ripe bananas

2 Tablespoons yogurt or sour cream

1 Tablespoon milk

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 teaspoon baking soda

3/4 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 350 degrees (325 if using a glass pan such as Pyrex). Grease an 8"x8"x2" baking pan. In a small bowl, combine chocolate chips, brown sugar, walnuts (if desired), and cinnamon; set aside.

In a large bowl, beat butter, sugar, and egg with an electric mixer until fluffy. Add bananas, yogurt, and milk, and mix well. On low speed, beat in flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt just until blended.

Spread slightly more than half of the batter in the pan. Sprinkle with half of the cinnamon streusel. Carefully spread the remaining batter over the streusel and then top with the rest of the streusel. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean, about 40 to 50 minutes. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

A Word from National Headquarters

A new list of Special Offers has been posted in the Members Only section of the ASG Web site. Since Web technology lets companies know how many "hits" they receive from <u>asg.org</u>, it's VERY important that their offers get lots of responses. These offers will only keep coming if ASG members respond!

Your ASG membership more than pays for itself when you take advantage of the many generous discounts and other offers from our sewing industry supporters. A record 72 Special Offers from advertisers in the Summer issue of ASG "Notions" have been posted on the ASG Web site (www.asg.org). That includes 17 updated listings, plus 12 brand new offers. The complete list includes:

- FREE Swarovski Crystal Zippers with online purchase from a cover story resource
- 35% discount on BeJeweler with Swarovski Crystals from another cover story resource
- 10-to-20% online and in-store discounts from 13 fabric sources
- 10-to-40% discounts on hundreds of machine embroidery designs
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- FREE admission to four sewing festivals, including FREE workshops

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- Project Sewing Workshop: 10% off fabrics, patterns, kits, notions, and more
- Sewing Expressions: 50% discount on Sew Help Me moisturizer
- Sulky: 15% discount and FREE book with online purchase

Other 20% discounts from:

- Colonial Needle
- ScrapSmart
- SewkeysE
- You Can Make It

All of these Special Offers are available ONLY to ASG members, and the details are ONLY on the ASG Web site. Please take advantage of them! These companies need to know that ASG members appreciate their support. Be sure to tell them that when you order!

To see the details of all 72 Special Offers, log onto www.asg.org and click on "Members Only." Once you are in the Members Only area, click on "Special Offers." There you'll find discounts on sewing products, publications and events, free shipping, and more. If you haven't visited the Special Offers page of the ASG Web site lately, do it now! It's just one more reason it really "pays" to be an ASG member!

About the New Jo-Ann's Card...

The new Jo-Ann VIP Discount Card will be available beginning in July. The new card is valid from 8/1/10-8/31/11 and will be mailed directly from Joann's HQ. The VIP Card can be used for 10% off your total purchase, including regular and sale priced items. For in-store purchases, the Jo-Ann 40% off regular priced item coupons can be used in the same transaction as the VIP Card 10% total purchase discount, although the 10% would not apply to the item that receives the 40% discount. For online orders, the VIP discount cannot be combined with any other of-

fer. The Discount Card is valid at any Jo-Ann store, and is also valid online at www.joann.com by using the promotion code supplied on the back of the card.

Members can request their card online at www.joann.com/notionsVIP for expedited processing. For members who do not have internet access, they can phone in their information to 877-604-2280.

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ASG Online Neighborhood Group

Have you heard the buzz about ASG ONLINE? -- a monthly 90-minute online group meeting open to ASG members from all chapters. Through high-speed Internet, ASG members from around the nation can gather "virtually" for a meeting each month! Participating in an online ASG group does not in any way change your chapter membership affiliation - it just offers an additional benefit of membership.

When attending the meeting, you will see the presenter's computer screen and hear their voice through your computer speakers (or telephone). The presenter can show slides, demonstrate software, or show video. Questions and comments can be spoken through the phone or microphone, or you can communicate by typing.

If you have never participated in an online meeting before it is easy to learn how. Embroidery.com offers many free E-classes, including an e-class called "e-class experience." This class will take you through the basics of the "Goto Meeting" platform to make you comfortable before the ASG ONLINE. Embroidery.com also has a free e-class support hot line (800) 428-7606, ext

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ASG ONLINE! Members who have high-speed Internet and a PC (Windows or Mac) can attend the meeting. To attend, register at Embroi-dery.com (host for the online meeting/class experience) and click on the meeting entrance.

ASG ONLINE! E-Meetings are free for registered ASG members only.

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This will promote you to ASG member status, entitling free attendance to the ASG ONLINE meetings and other ASG benefits. Announcements of the upcoming monthly meeting are emailed by national a week or so prior to the online meeting date. Usually they are on a Tuesday evening during the middle of the month.

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