

Sewing's A Brees

Mother Nature has given us a few days to make us dream of flowers and all things outdoors and of linen, cotton and short sleeves. I hope everyone is busy planning her garment for the Spring Tea. The theme is "learn a new technique". If you are going to be giving the garment away be sure to take a picture and make a sample of the technique to show. Bring your creation, your source for the technique and your teacup (optional) to the April meeting.

Between my writing and the time you read this a lot of events will transpire. The Jennifer Stern 2-day jeans and tee shirt seminar is one I'm looking forward to. Also we will have another eat 'n' shop, which is new this year, as we try to encourage members to visit our local shops, and our first (this year) 5th Tuesday Retreat/sew-in.

If you have some free time to sew for others, contact Theresa Corle. She has already come up with a couple of projects in addition to the turtles for National. Theresa has some fabric available for these projects or you may use your own. She will also be scheduling some group sewing times for community service projects.

If you have read this far (thank you), I have a favor to ask. When we had to cancel the February meeting due to the snow storm we called everyone and in the process discovered that we don't have current phone numbers for several of you. If you didn't receive a call about

the cancellation please contact our membership chair, Marilyn John, or me with the correct phone number. Also, when we send out an email some are coming back so if you haven't received an email this year send me or Marilyn an email so we can get it corrected. Also note that National has started sending out emails to the entire membership and to receive them your correct email is needed.

It is not too early to be thinking of attending our Annual Conference. This year it is in Los Angeles, August 17-22. The conference brochure will be posted online at www.asg.org on March 31. If you wish to receive a copy in the mail send a check for \$3.00 to National. This will be credited toward your conference registration. I urge you to consider attending as you will have the opportunity to take advantage of over 35 instructors teaching more than 100 workshops, seminars and lectures. In addition, there are exhibits, fashion show, and a chance to meet hundreds of others who share your passion for sewing. You can take your spouse, as there are interesting tours for them while you are in class. I am looking forward to attending and I hope you will join me.

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
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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.



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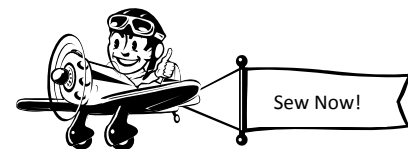
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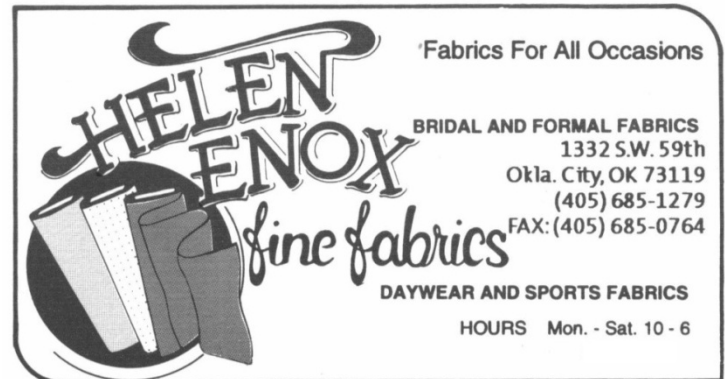
ASG members may place classified ads for 10 cents per word.





The Real Bus Trip!

- Ladies, mark your calendar for April 15. We are planning a bus trip to Oklahoma City with stops at Oklahoma Quilt Works and Helen Enox Fine Fabris. (Rumor has it that we will get an extra discount above the 10% ASG members already get, just for coming as a group!)
- Cost is \$35 and is nonrefundable.
- Lunch will be "Dutch Treat" at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler
- We have arranged a larger bus, so space may still be available.
- Guests that are not members of ASG are welcome.
- We leave Sedgwick County Extension Center promptly at 7:30 am and return at approximately 6:30 pm
- A second pick-up point will be at Wyldewood Cellars at the Mulvane exit of the Kansas Turnpike at 7:45 am
- Send your check payable to ASG-Wichita Chapter to Kenna Dice, 2100 Hazlett, El Dorado, Ks. 67042.
- For additional information e-mail thimble2@cox.net



Community Service Project

For 2011, the national community service project is to make turtle pillow cases for the Paul Newman Painted Turtle Hole-in-the-Wall Camp for seriously ill children. These are large pillows, but fortunately we don't have to stuff them! Betty has a pattern we can trace, and there are instructions at:

<http://www.thepaintedturtle.org/turtle/howyoucanhelp/otherwaystocontribute/TurtlePillowInstructions-ALL.pdf>

We will also start a new project this year making blankets for the children in hospital. Several blankets have been made, but the children's need does not stop. The blankets are to comfort children in the hospital and for them to take home after, not necessarily to keep them warm, so they need not be bed size. 36" x 40" is a good size, but any size will be appreciated. They are for children of all ages, and you may use a variety of appropriate fabrics. Theresa will announce additional work days for this project.



April Events

General Meeting – April 5

“Puzzle Blouse” and “Spring Tea”

- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Denise Dias, Sedgwick County Extension Agent, FCS and National Board Chair: “Fast, Easy, Great for a Summer Day” (The Blouse).
- Spring Challenge: Use a new technique
- Bring a treat to share, and a favorite tea cup (optional)
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Bus Trip to Oklahoma City – April 15

- Leave Sedgwick County Extension Center at 7:30 am (2nd pick up point at Wyldewood Cellars at the Mulvane turnpike exit)
- Shopping at Oklahoma Quilt Works and Helen Enox Fine Fabrics (extra discount)
- Return approximately 6:30 pm

- Seats may still be available
- Kenna Dice, 316-321-5841

East Side Neighborhood Group – April 19

“Work Table Pin Cushion Scrap Catcher”

- This combination pin cushion and scrap bag sits at the edge of the table (make a pattern only at the meeting)
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Derby Neighborhood Group – April 28

- The program will be presented Carol Wiens. Come join us for an informative program and a good time
- Marsha Volz 789-9193

CAB Meeting – April 26

- 1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

March Show and Share



May Events

General Meeting – May 3

“Overview of the Underview – How 1800’s Undergarments are Constructed”

- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Marti McCartney, Corsetiere and historic seamstress for Old Cow Town
- Discover the unique construction of the 1800’s ladies undergarments and how they are worn
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Eat and Shop – May 18

- The Sewing Center, 21st and Amidon
- Meet for lunch at 11:30 at De Fazio’s, 2706 N Amidon
- Shirley Binder 943-5063

East Side Neighborhood Group – May 17

“Ruler Carrying Bag”

- Penny Ruddle will teach us to make a ruler carrier
- Members will receive a supply list
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

CAB Meeting – May 24

- 1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Derby Neighborhood Group – May 26

- Barb Scadden will discuss the book entitled Oh No She Didn’t: The Top 100 Style Mistakes Women Make and How to Avoid Them by Clinton Kelly of TLC’s “What Not to Wear”
- Marsha Volz 789-9193

5th Tuesday Sew-in – May 31 and June 1

- 9 am to 5 pm, Extension Center
- Bring your own projects or work on a Community Service project.
- Get some advice or give some, and see what others are working on.
- Becky Wondra , 722-0939

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Items in our library include books, videos, DVDs, magazines and patterns. These items may be checked out for one month at a time. 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.

NEW: Due to the accumulation of books, DVD's and videos from purchases and donations, our library cart could no longer hold the magazines to which we subscribe! We purchased some shelving and moved the magazines to the storage closet (where the round tables are.) They are *much* easier to browse! Be sure to sign them out when you borrow them.

We have lots of new titles:

- Vogue Dolls and Toys
- Fairy Tale Dolls – Jodie Davis
- Anatomy of a Doll – Susanna O'Royan
- The Book of Dollmaking – Alicia Merrett,
- Designing the Doll – Susanna O'Royan



- Doll Body and Clothing Patterns
- Sensational Scarves (DVD) – Nancy Zieman
- Sensational Scarves (Companion Book) – Nancy Zieman
- The Quilting Bible – Singer (Donated by Sylvia Steinshouer)

March Meeting - Buttons!



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ASG Cookbook at the National Conference

At the March meeting it was announced that the LA chapter is preparing a taste-tempting cookbook featuring favorite recipes from members of ASG. Our cookbook will be beautifully illustrated, bound in a padded 3-ring binder with linen-finish and laminated for durability. It is sure to be treasured for years to come. The deadline for submitting recipes has passed, but you can still preorder the cookbook at <http://www.asgla.org/cookbook2.html>. We have almost 200 recipes now and least 100 more are expected.

Some of the recipes coming in have been SO GOOD!!

Mug O' Chocolate Cake, Refreshing Blackberry and Apple Lemonade, Baked Apple French Toast, and some ASG favorites from our own Margo Martin and others at National HQ. You won't want to miss them!



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. (Watch for some new books from the JoAnn's sale.)

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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Jennifer Stern Jeans and Tee-Shirt Seminar



Friday March 11 was the scene of an incredible amount of muslin and quite a few unmentionables. Jennifer Stern brought us jeans of her own design to try on and then customize to our own body shapes. Most of us found the waistlines quite a bit low, but we were shown how to raise those up to a more comfortable region and then take wedges out of the yoke to fit our own curves. We also learned where to “scoop” out some fabric so we could sit down without putting plumbers to shame! Lengthen here, shorten there, and you have your own jeans that fit. It was interesting to see how many of us of different shapes are the same starting size. And everyone looks good in a properly fit pair of jeans, no matter what their size.

Saturday started off with a few demonstrations on how to make those jeans look professional. The pockets, lined in pretty fabric so they even look good on the inside, also builds in a little control in the curvy places. The fly zipper, with its facing kept out of the way, the strategic use of double stick tape, and some careful topstitching, gives the jeans their classic look. Lined and decorated back pockets and a mock flat fell on the yoke seam complete the appeal of making your own jeans. I can't wait to see everyone in their finished jeans, including the purple ones!

The rest of Saturday was devoted to the fitted tee shirt, also Jennifer's design, for both misses and women's body types. We again started with stretch fabric “muslins” to try on and then customize the fit with a few adjustments in or out to make a stylish tee shirt. The yoke seams allowed for some interesting placement of patterned fabrics, especially some diagonal stripes. I hope to see as many as possible together at the next meeting.

Thank you to the members who brought snacks to keep us energized on both days. Valarie kept us in coffee and water too. Jan Adams provided two delicious lunches with the able help of Cheryl. Barbara Blackman was a great hostess, providing Jennifer with three nights lodging and getting her to and from the airport. Kudos go to Kenna Dice and Shirley Binder for organizing everything. Jennifer also brought fabric, patterns, topstitching thread and needles for sale and we had some able help running the table for these. We also made use of some Fabric Fund fabrics for tee shirts (see above mentioned striped shirt).



It was a great two days, with 19 in attendance on Friday and 25 on Saturday. We all learned something and had some fun. We also made a new friend. Apparently she misses us already, and she has promised to “Wichita-up” the jeans design for the next printing so fewer adjustments are needed. I even heard that one lucky member is getting her own custom designed jeans pattern.

-Vicky



Contact Information for Jennifer Stern

Website: <http://jsterndesigns.com>

Blog: Her blog can be accessed from the above home page by clicking on the word *BLOG* in the red banner at the top of the page. The blog shows only the most recent posts (we are already mentioned on March 14), but you can find older posts using the search in the top right corner. For instance, to find the "How to Do a Full Bust Adjustment on the Tee", I searched "Full bust" and got several listings. The one I wanted came up as the second in the list. Clicking on "read more" will get you to the full posting with photos. Even if you did not participate in the seminar, she has plenty of interesting how-to techniques with lots of photos.

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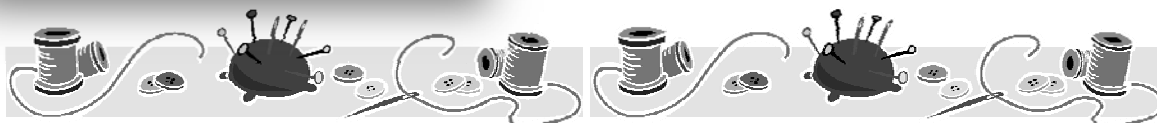
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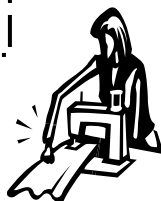
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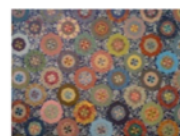
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