

Sewing's A Brees

It is hard to believe that almost four years ago I wrote my first column. When I agreed to run as president I thought the hardest part was going to be standing up in front of all of you for our General Meetings. After the first time, it was way easier as all of you were so kind and patient with me. The hardest part turns out to be writing this column as I wanted to not only communicate the chapter happenings but my enthusiasm for the group. To those with positive comments over the years, thank you. To those who said nothing I will assume you follow the philosophy "if you can't say something nice" <grin>. I have really enjoyed my time as President as it gave me the opportunity to get to know so many of you. I know you will be as kind and supportive of Julia as you have been of me.

We have a great holiday party planned for December and a 2012 that is sure to bring many ideas. For the Holiday Party we will do a gift exchange of a new or vintage tea towel. The challenge for this time is a scarf. Use one that was demonstrated at the October meeting or bring a new idea. Those bringing



a scarf will be entered into a drawing.

Prizes include ASG Cookbook from the National Conference and a couple of donations from one of our members. Members whose last names begin with I – Z will bring goodies. Drinks will be provided.

2012 Starts with "Sewing tips and Techniques" by members, "Keeping It Square" by Hen Feathers and "Shrugs, Caplets and Ponchos" by Ann St. Clair. We will continue our Eat and Shop outings and fifth Tuesday Sew-Ins. In April we will have a seminar by Lyla Messinger. I've taken classes with her and I'm sure you will enjoy her program.

Again this year, I wish for you time – time to do the things you like, time to enjoy family, time to spend with friends, time to yourself and time to SEW.

Sew much, rip less,

Betty

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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. If you don't see yourself here, then pose and smile whenever you see a camera, especially if you are sewing or shopping.

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.



Breaking News: Election Results

After an exciting afternoon and evening of reports and voting, the results are in. The following worthy candidates were elected by unanimous acclaim:

President: **JULIA LANGEL**

First Vice President: **VICKY ISLIEFSON**

Second Vice President: **PENNY RUDDLE**

Secretary: **BETTY BREES**

Treasurer: **SYLVIA STEINSHOUER**



Some non-elected positions will be available, including Education, Publicity, Hospitality and Special Events. Each position requires a different talent, attendance at monthly CAB meetings, and a willingness to have your say in what we do. If you find your calling in the above list, contact Julia Langel.

Community Service

In 2011, we participated in many Community Service projects, both locally and nationally. ASG National asked us to make Turtle pillows for Paul Newman's Hole-in-the-Wall camp for seriously ill children. We made 10 that were delivered by Betty at the conference in LA.

Locally, we made and donated 106 bags for the Children's home. Children often arrive with nothing and these bags give them a place to carry personal items. We also made 10 chemo caps for women who are undergoing chemotherapy. 30 crib sheets were made to be given away at the community baby shower, held this past October, for new parents who came and took a parenting class. 226 small quilts were made, some for the baby shower and some were donated to Ronald McDonald House. Derby Neighborhood Group made adult bibs for nursing home residents and breast feeding aprons for new moms. Hats and quilts were also made for veterans. Two

members participated in Gown Town, altering donated gowns for girls to wear to prom. This represents over 400 hours of sewing by our members!

The NEW community service project for 2012 is called The Blanket Project. We are invited to make three types of blankets:

- Lap blankets for hospice patients
- Lap blankets for veterans (VA hospitals or other veterans service programs)
- Receiving blankets for babies (indigent families)

All blankets made by Wichita ASG will be donated locally. Watch future newsletters and email for sewing times and dates. You can also make blankets on your own by checking the guidelines on asg.org. There is a link on the home page for the new 2012 project.



December Events

General Meeting – December 6

“Christmas Party”

- Tea Towel Exchange
- Scarf Challenge (prize drawing)
- Members I through Z bring treats
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

CAB Meeting – December 6

- After the General meeting
- Exchange Blue Books
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Eat and Shop – December 15

- Picket Fence Quilt Co. 7130 Maple, #230
- Panera Bread and Bakery, 420 S Ridge Road (new, across from Lowe's)
- Vicky Islietson, 529-1565

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – December 19

“Circle Stitcher”

- Demonstration by Betty Brees
- 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS, 1 pm.
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

East Side Neighborhood Group –

December 13

“Christmas Party”

- Note the date change!
- Bring a treat
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Derby Neighborhood Group – Dec. 22

“Christmas Party”

- 7 pm, Potluck
- Plan programs for 2012
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
- Marsha Volz 789-9193

Serger Neighborhood Group – No

December Meeting

- (Vicky will be celebrating Boxing Day in Winnipeg)

On-Going Fundraisers

---SALE---SALE---SALE---

The Fabric Fund is having a sale! Choose your fabrics, then draw a discount ball from the bag. Discount prices range from \$0.25 to \$1 per yard. Funds raised go into the general budget.

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.

Tables open before and after the meeting and during refreshment break.

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- Presented by your CAB members
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Sedgwick County Extension Center
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Eat and Tour – January 7

- The Mary Wilson Supremes Collection (Dresses worn by the legends of fashion and music)
- Wichita Art Museum, 1400 West Museum Boulevard (free on Saturday)
- Meet for lunch at 11:30 at the Muse Café.
- Nancy Boewe, 681-0000

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – January 16 “Fringe Foot”

- Bring sewing machine and a fringe foot if you have one
- 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS, 1 pm.
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

East Side Neighborhood Group – Jan. 17 “Outside the Box”

- Anne St. Clair
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

CAB Meeting - January 24

- 1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center
- Julia Langel, 733-4780

Derby Neighborhood Group – Jan. 26 “TBA”

- 7 pm
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
- Marilyn Beaver, 788-5615

Serger Group – January 23 “Triangle Table Runner”

- Supply list will be emailed to members
- 1208 N Emporia, Wichita, KS, 1 pm
- Julia Waterbury, 722-0734

5th Tuesday Sew-In – Jan. 31 & Feb 1

- 9 am to 5 pm, Extension Center
- Bring your own projects
- Get some advice or give some, and see what others are working on



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. 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 Titles:

1. **DVD: Will this Fabric Work for You**, Palmer/Pletsch
2. **DVD: Jeans for Real People**, Palmer/Pletsch
3. **DVD: Fitting Yourself, By Yourself**, Silhouette Patterns
4. **DVD: Basics with Claire Shaeffer**
5. **VHS: Suddenly You're Sewing**, Daphne Maxwell Reid and McCall Patterns (4 tapes and Pattern Kit)
6. **How to Use, Adapt, and Design Sewing Patterns: From Store-bought Patterns to Drafting Your Own: A Complete Guide to Fashion Sewing with Confidence**, Lee Hollahan
7. **The Perfect Fit: The Classic Guide to Altering Patterns**, Editors of Creative Publishing
8. **1001 Clever Sewing Shortcuts and Tips: Top-Rated Favorites from Sewing Fans and Master Teachers**, Deepika Prakash

The above DVD's were donated by Michele Brakewood after she reviewed them for Notions Magazine. Look for her reviews in an upcoming issue.

Ginny, our Librarian, is always happy to hear suggestions for new books and DVD's. Do you have a favorite that you think others would enjoy? Have you seen a book that contains a technique you would like to read about? Is there a "How-to" DVD for sale in a magazine? Let her know.

Twenty discounted subscriptions to Threads magazine were sold to members. We can get this 20% discount when 10 or more people order together. Our librarian collected the orders and has submitted them to the publisher.



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Rumor Has It...

- Save the Date: APRIL 12th, 13th, & 14th, 2012 Lyla Messinger will be presenting an evening Trunk show and two-day seminar. To learn about Lyla and see some of her patterns and notions, visit www.lidesignsonline.com . Also see the book review on page 9 of this issue.
- We have an agreement with the Extension Center to have Jerry set up and put away tables and chairs for our meetings. As a token of our gratitude, we will donate \$20 per month to the sewing fund at the Extension Center.
- Over 400 people attended the Community Baby Shower in October. All donated gifts were distributed to the families who attended, including the sheets and blankets made by our members.
- Your new Membership Directory will be available at the December general meeting. Remember to pick it up and save us some postage. We can save the Post Office another time!

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Book Review

Ordinary to Extraordinary: Terrific Treatments for Garment Sewing by Lyla J. Messinger, L.J. Designs, Reno Nevada, 2001, 119 pp.

Note: The author will be our speaker in April 2012.

The focus of this book is taking simple garment shapes and making them unique and interesting by applying a creative decorative treatment. Lyla's own patterns serve as a background for a variety of techniques that involve using your sewing machine and one or two notions, often in ways other than their originally intended purpose. One technique even involves kitchen utensils, but do not be alarmed, the end result is altered fabric, not wearable food!

There are five sections in the book, including "Function Meets Fashion," "Stitching with Style," "Dimension & Details," "On the Edge," and "Bias Without Boundaries." Each section contains several techniques and each technique showcases a particular notion. Many of the techniques are also cross referenced to other sections of the book, since more than one notion may be used.

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The "Function" section showcases decorative hems and closures. "Stitching with Style" is about appliqué and a way to make your own fabric from sewing room "ingredients." Texturizing fabric is the focus of "Dimension & Details." "On the Edge" is about binding and piping. Lastly, "Bias Without Boundaries" involves making garment sections out of lattice, adding quick appliqué and finishes with a twist.

Throughout the book, Lyla emphasizes experimenting with the notions and techniques to produce the effects she has developed or to come up with your own. None of the techniques is difficult, but the finished garments have a boutique style to them that will give you a fashionable look.

-Vicky Is liefson



Reference:

Jan Adams, who presented "Got Wool" in October, has provided the following link to the company from which she purchases many of her wool threads: www.tristan.bc.ca , phone 1-800-847-3230.

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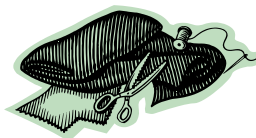
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