

Sewing's A Brees

Spring seems to have finally arrived and the forecast is for a weekend with summertime temps – only in Kansas. What are you sewing for spring and summer? I'm working on garments for a family wedding, a dream trip and of course the national ASG conference. I'm excited about all these events so I sew though most of the people I see won't have seen my current wardrobe or remember it.



Have you been enjoying the programs so far? I think Lynanne has done a great job lining up speakers. Denise Dias demonstrated the "puzzle blouse" in April and we had a lot of variations for show and share in May. Marti McCartney (living history interpreter and presenter, corsetiere and seamstress) showed garments from the 1800's at the May meeting. Sure glad I don't have to wear all those layers what with summer coming and think of the laundry! There certainly would be no "throw something on and run an errand"!!

Future programs will include home dec., sewing tips & techniques, and new scarf construction ideas, plus 4-H style review, report from conference, a birthday party, and a holiday party with a tea towel exchange. Be sure to join us for all the fun.

It is that time of the year when we start asking for volunteers to help keep our chapter functioning and fun, so the CAB will be appointing a nominating committee. If you are called I hope you will be able to say yes. Certainly, there is some time commitment involved but I've found the rewards are greater. You truly get to know people when you work with them and they become good sewing friends instead of sewing acquaintances. Step up, take a chance, you'll have a lot of fun.

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
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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.



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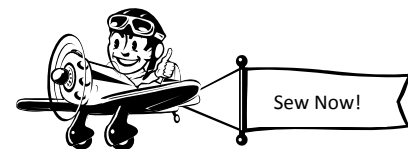
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Our rates are:

- 1/8 page—\$60/yr;
- 1/4 page—\$120/yr;
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- 1 page—\$300/yr.

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



Destination: Oklahoma City!

Friday, April 15 was an exceptionally windy day, even for Kansas and Oklahoma, so what else was there to do but go shopping? Thirty-five ladies did just that. Along with a patient and highly skilled bus driver, we left Wichita at 7:30 am for Oklahoma City and two wonderful fabric stores.

The first destination was Oklahoma Quilt Works on the north side of the city. Located in an ordinary looking strip mall, once entered, the store opens up into a colorful array of fabrics, sorted by color families and themes. There were also patterns available for both small (scrap sack, aprons) and large (full sized quilt) projects. It didn't take long for the fabric to start spinning off the bolts! We were also treated to refreshments including homemade cereal cookies. Everyone went home with a goodie bag with some edible treats and a fat quarter of fabric.

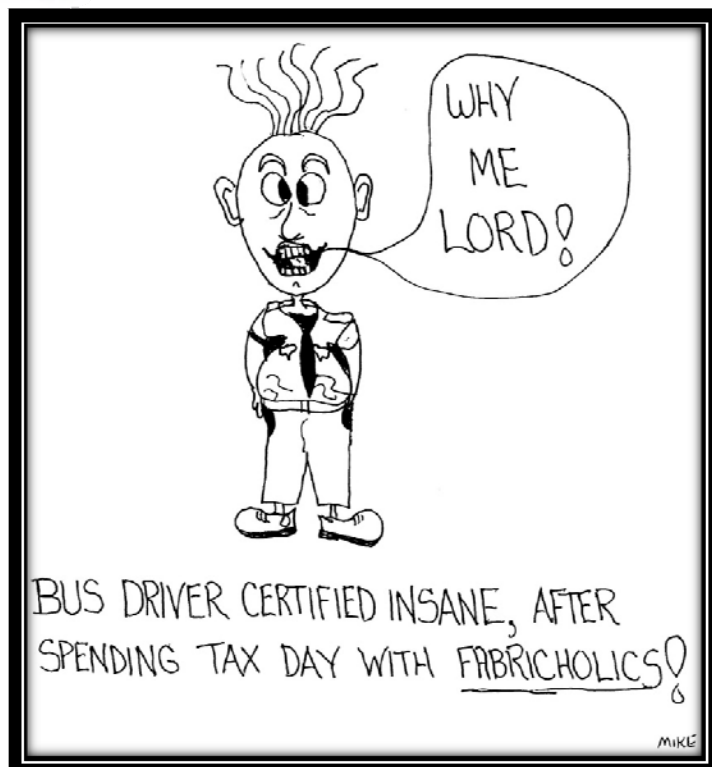
A satisfying lunch at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler got us fueled up for the second, and most anticipated, shopping stop. Johnnie's had a slightly different routine where you got in line to order, then found your table and some implements and condiments, and then waited for them to call your name, but didn't pay until the food was ready. It was a quick turn-around and back on the bus for the south side of the big city.



A quick drive past Lake Hefner, which bore a frightening resemblance to the North Sea in a gale, took us to Helen Enox Fine Fabrics. They were ready for us too, with juice and tea and snacks and oh-so-much lovely fabric. Just for us, they gave a 20% discount on everything we purchased. I heard that one tiny woman came away with five good-sized bags of fabric, and quite a few others got close to that.

Back on the bus for the long drive to Wichita, and the wind did not let up for a second. I thought I was going to need the Dramamine at one point, as the bus was bouncing around and dodging even less maneuverable vehicles. We got back tired but happy at around 6:30 pm. I look forward to seeing what becomes of all that fabric at the next few Show and Shares.

One final note: our bus driver had a different take on the experience and expressed himself with a bit of artwork as seen at right.



Community Service Project

We have started a new project this year making quilts for the children in hospital. 125 quilts have been made, 119 have been delivered to Wesley Hospital and 6 to Ronald McDonald House. The quilts are to comfort children in the hospital and for them to take home after, not necessarily to keep them warm. Theresa is still hosting quilting sessions in her home.

We have also been making tote bags for children in the children's home for the children to keep their personal items in. 109 bags have been delivered to the Wichita Children's Home.

We will also start making items for the Community Baby Shower to be held this fall. We will start with crib sheets at the new location of Sew Much in Parklane Shopping center on June 21 at 10 am. Additional sessions will be posted on Facebook and our blog and emailed as they are organized.





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June Events

General Meeting – June 7

“Home Décor and More”

- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Sallylou Coleman
- Pleats, Pillows and Place Mats
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

East Side Neighborhood Group – June 21

“Place mat Folder”

- Evelyn Cole
- Use a purchased place mat to make a folder for a notebook or an e-reader.
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Charity Sew – June 21

- 10 am at Sew Much, 1028 S. Oliver, Parklane Shopping Center
- Make crib sheets for the Community Baby Shower in the fall
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

CAB Meeting – June 28

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

Eat and Shop – June 23

- Friendship Star Quilt Co., 135 N. Main Street, **El Dorado**, KS
- Lunch at 11:30 am. At Beijing Bistro, 1905 W. Central Avenue **El Dorado**, KS
- Ginny Perrot, 316-377-9407

Derby Neighborhood Group – June 23

- Linda Emery will present a charity sew program.
- We will be making adult bibs for Westview Manor in Derby. The pattern will be furnished. Please bring hand towels (15" X 22" or larger), sewing machine and basic sewing equipment.
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
- Marsha Volz 789-9193

Rumor Has It...

- A nominating committee is forming for this fall's election of officers. The nominating committee members run the election, so cannot run for office.
- New neighborhood groups may be forming to reflect the various interests of our members. If you have an idea for a new group, contact Betty Brees.
- Our librarian is wondering if VHS tapes are now obsolete and is thinking of removing them from the library.
- The special events chair is already working on an exciting seminar for spring of 2012. Pencil in April 13 and 14 on your calendar.



July Events

NO General Meeting in July

Eat and Shop – July 16

- Needle Nook Fabrics, 2714 E Boulevard Plaza, Wichita, KS
- A-1 Singer and Sew Much at Parklane Shopping Center, South Oliver at Lincoln
- Meet for lunch at 11:30 at N & J Café and Bakery, 5600 East Lincoln Street, Wichita, KS
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

East Side Neighborhood Group – July 19

“Picnic Bowl Cover”

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- Members will receive a supply list
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

CAB Meeting – July 26

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

Derby Neighborhood Group – July 28

“Tweaking Your Basic Pant Pattern”

- By Marilyn Beaver
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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.

*Look for the additional storage cart (we now have two)! Our intrepid librarian has been busy getting it ready to hold some of our new books. Remember, we 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.*

New Titles:

- Sewing Knits for Menswear – Singer (donated by Shirley Binder)
- Kaffe Fassett's Quilts in the Sun – 20 Designs for Patchwork and Quilting (see *Book Review*)
- Simplicity's Simply the Best Sewing Book, Revised Edition (Review in upcoming newsletter)
- Your First Quilt Book (or it should be) – Carol Doak

Book Review

Kaffe Fassett's Quilts in the Sun – 20 Designs for Patchwork and Quilting, A Rowan Book, Taunton Press, 2007, 144pp.

Quilt designs by Fassett and ten other designers using Fassett's fabrics are inspired by the landscape and architecture of Portugal. The first third of the book consists of stunning color photos of each quilt against the architectural backdrop that inspired it, along with a close-up detail of the quilt. The inspiration may be a color, a shape a piece of art, or a richly tiled building.

The remainder of the book includes detailed instructions to make each quilt, accompanied by a flat shot photo of the finished quilt and colored piecing diagrams. Full size templates are found at the back of the book, along with four pages of start-to-finish instructions for the novice quilter and a glossary of quilting terms.

The quilts are quite doable, but even if you don't, it's a wonderful book to browse through.

-Vicky Isliefsen



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Requested Recipe

"Macaroons" by Pat Postlethwait

2 egg whites
1 cup sugar
Pinch of salt
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups post toasties (or cornflakes)
1 cup coconut (Angel Flake)

Beat egg whites with an electric mixer until stiff. While still beating, gradually add sugar. Add a pinch of salt and vanilla. Fold in the cornflakes and coconut.

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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.

At the Fabric FUNd table, we have fabric donated by members that can be purchased for \$1 per yard. ***In case you haven't heard, Penny is having a sale!*** Funds raised go into the general budget.

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

Help the Malika Mums:

Denise Dias and Judy Troyer are going to Kenya this summer to teach mums of disabled children to sew, a skill they can use to support their families. They would like to take basic sewing kits to give to the mums. If you have anything in your sewing room to donate, or can make a financial donation, please contact Denise at ddias@ksu.edu



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References

Books shown by recent speakers:

April 2011: Denise Dias

Simple Serger Sewing, Julie Johnson, ed.,
House of White Birches

(available at www.amazon.com and
www.barnesandnoble.com)

May 2011: Mrs. Marti McCartney

19th Century Fashion in Detail, Lucy Johnston, Victoria and Albert Museum, www.vam.ac.uk

(click on >V&A Shop >Books & Media >V&A Publishing >Fashion & Textiles)

The American Woman's Home, Catharine E. Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe, Rutgers
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