

Sewing's A Brees

WARNING!!! If you were at the September meeting this is a repeat. At long last this year's hot summer is over; though for me it seemed to go quicker than usual (maybe because I was gone for about a third of it). One week was spent as your representative to the ASG's National Conference in LA. Wish you could have all gone with me as it was definitely cooler, not to mention the sewing and fabric shopping.

We (my husband likes to come along and take the tours with the spouses) arrived in time for me to attend the Leadership Reception where we got reacquainted with presidents and Board of Directors from previous years and met the new ones all while we enjoyed pizza, dessert and coffee. There was a project for all to make –cupcake pincushions like we made last year for the 4-Hers.

Thursday morning was reserved for the Corporate Annual Meeting where we heard the state of the guild, were given teasers about upcoming happenings, and awards were presented. Plano, TX had the most

membership growth with a whopping 42% increase! The newsletter award went to Atlanta, GA and Tucson, AZ. You can see their newsletters on the ASG web site.

On Thursday I took a workshop with Ruth Clemnocoziowski doing fabric collage. Mine has an oriental theme which I finished at our sewing retreat the end of August. I made it into a purse and entered in the state fair.



After breakfast on Friday I took Arlene Baker's Ribbon Pansy class and finished a lovely pansy pin. Arlene is new to conference and also taught some beading classes. Lunch featured Keynote speaker Margaret Jankowski from The Sewing Machine Project. A worthwhile project and you can get more info at www.thesewingmachineproject.org.

Friday afternoon found me in an intermediate computer class with Clayton Stovall who has The Embroidery Deduper.

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ASG on the Web

Find current information about ASG activities on the Internet:

- National ASG site: www.asg.org
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A Note About Photos

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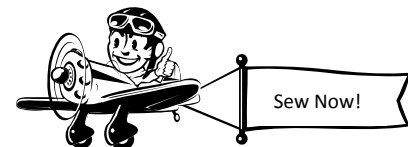
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- 1 page—\$300/yr.

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"Hooray for Hollywood" Fashion Show was delightful and inspiring and the sewists put in lots of hard work.

Lyla Messinger, who is doing a seminar in April for us, taught my first class Saturday morning. We made a Twist Vest which I finished at home and really like the outcome. The second class was Furoshiki: Fabric Folding with the Pixeladies. This was fun and I will be demonstrating some at the eastside neighborhood group in October.

Connie Crawford gave the Fall/Winter Fashion Forecast during lunch. According to her report black and gray are dominant with accent of beige, camel and indigo blue. Contrasts are out, with the exception of a classic white shirt or blouse. Some color is back with caution and usually used with black. My afternoon class was Sewing with Silk with Katrina Walker and I came home with a notebook containing samples of different types of silk and different seam finishes. That evening Les and I took the City of L.A. Night tour and I discovered there really was life outside the hotel!

Sunday morning we played with yo-yos in a class by Diane Ricks and then Sandra Miller talked about making changes to shirt patterns by Louise Cutting. Lunch was capped off with the induction of Judy Barlow into the Sewing Guild Hall of Fame. She wrote "My Mitered Welt Pocket" which can

be found in Threads as the envelope pocket. The last class was Vest-S-Cape by Marsha McClintock. It is a completely serged cape that I finished in class and wore to dinner that night.

Monday morning we were up and raring to go on the FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising) tour and fabric shopping. FIDM was very interesting and the shopping was heaven! I looked at fabric for \$70/yd but nothing insisted on going home with me but when we found the fabric by the pound it was jumping into my arms!

LA and Headquarters put on a great conference. At least 4,241 turtles had been turned in. In 2012 the conference will be in Houston and in 2013 at the Hyatt/Crystal City in Arlington VA. If you would like a souvenir you can still order the ASG cookbooks at www.asgla.org. The cookbooks are \$20.00 including shipping. Three of our members have recipes in the book.

Thanks again for supporting my attendance and I wish all of you could have the fun of conference at least once.

Sew much, rip less,

Betty

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Special Report: Maliki Mums in Kenya

Jambo! (hello) The American Sewing Guild team expanded its outreach this summer in the Kenyan community of Maai Mahiu by hosting a 3 day sewing seminar for 30 women, 20 of whom had never sewn before. This extremely popular seminar was deemed a huge success by both instructors and participants. Projects included table runners, reusable sanitary pads, tea towels, pillowcases, bags, and how to use a commercial sewing pattern. Our newest initiative was reusable sanitary pads. A recent Kenyan news report stated that 800,000 girls miss a week of school each month during their period. By being able to make a washable pad, women and girls can go on with a normal routine.

Another project was the CTC LIFE Jacket, a reusable coffee cup sleeve. Since receiving this additional training, the women's production efficiency for LIFE Jackets has nearly tripled. Thanks to a partnership with Whole Foods, LIFE Jackets will soon be available in stores nationwide. Negotiations are also in the works for another local coffee shop to sell these "LIFE Jackets."

The Maliki Mums sewing project has empowered women, strengthened families and changed the minds of those who ignore the most vulnerable in Kenyan society: children with disabilities. No longer are these children kept hidden in their homes. Now the Mums have skills that enable them to provide for their families, and they are admired and respected in their community. Plans have just begun to travel back to Kenya in 2012. The women want to learn more sewing projects. This is a trip of a lifetime that will literally change you. If you are interested, please get in touch with me. Asante' Sana (Thank you very much).

-Denise Dias

The Maliki (Angel) Mums are so proud to wear their yellow uniforms. They all have disabled kids that the CTC works with to educate them for a better life. In addition to the projects mentioned by Denise, the Mums learned to make burp cloths, rag dolls and tea towels. These projects used hand stitching, but the Mums also learned to use both the treadle machine and electric machines. It was very rewarding to see the excitement that these ladies had for learning how to sew. They were so eager and tried so hard to get it right. They worked on each project until it was done then went home and used them that night with pride in their accomplishment.

Whole foods have commissioned them to make 30,000 more of the LIFE Jackets and also are selling Tote bags that the Mums are making and they get the profits from these sales. Denise designed a shoulder bag for another group that they are hoping to get a commission to make. Four of them were put together and this group was very happy with the end product.

One of the Mums got to put her daughter into public school this year, the first child of these mums to do this as children can't go to school if the parents can't afford to buy them a uniform.

We did get to buy them 4 more Electric Commercial Sewing machines from contributions that had been raised so all 9 original Mums now have an electric machine. However, they don't always have electricity so the next project is to get a generator that will work for them to keep them sewing.

-Judy Troyer



October Events

General Meeting – October 4

“Scarf Mania”

- By your CAB members
- 1:30 pm at the Spice Merchant
- 7 pm, Extension Center
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Trip to Expo in Kansas City – Oct. 14

- Trip has been converted to car pool due to low enrollment
- Sylvia Steinshouer, 685-6188

Eat and Shop – No October outing

- Due to the bus trip

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – October 17

“Twin Needle: Pintucks and Maybe More”

- Bring: sewing machine, twin needle(s), pintuck foot if you have one
- 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS, 1 pm.
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

East Side Neighborhood Group – October 18

“Furoshiki: Fabric Folding”

- Betty Brees will demonstrate techniques learned at conference
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Serger Neighborhood Group – Oct. 24

“Rolled Hem Napkins”

- Bring: serger and manual, rolled hem plate if separate
- Fabric for practice
- 1208 N Emporia, Wichita, KS, 1 pm
- Julia Waterbury, 722-0734

CAB Meeting – October 25

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

Derby Neighborhood Group – Oct. 27

- TBA, 7 pm
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS,
- Marsha Volz 789-9193

On-Going Fundraisers

We continue to have two regular fund raising activities: At the Fabric FUNd table, fabric donated by members can be purchased for \$1 per yard.

NEW! Penny has reorganized the fabric into content types and new storage boxes for an enhanced shopping experience! 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.

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November Events

General Meeting – November 1

“Got Wool? 3 Bags Full And I ‘Felt’ it all”

- Jan Adams
- Sedgwick County Extension Center
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Eat and Shop – November 18

- Advantage Beads and Gifts, 5633 E Harry
- Odd Balls Yarn Shop, 2120 N Woodlawn, Suite 324
- Meet for lunch at 11:30 Mediterranean Grill, 335 S Towne East Mall Drive

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – November 21

“Couching”

- invisible poly thread and yarn
- 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS, 1 pm.
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

CAB Meeting - November 22

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

East Side Neighborhood Group – November 15

“Ergonomics of Sewing”

- Melissa Smith, OTR/L, Ergoability Occupational Therapy
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Derby Neighborhood Group – November 24

“No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving”

Serger Group – November 28

“TBA”

- Bring: Serger,
- 1208 N Emporia, Wichita, KS, 1 pm
- Julia Waterbury, 722-0734

5th Tuesday Sew-In – November 29 & 30

- 9 am to 5 pm, Extension Center
- Bring your own projects or work on the December Challenge
- Get some advice or give some, and see what others are working on
- Becky Wondra , 722-0939

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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.

New Titles: Ordinary To Extraordinary: Terrific Treatments for Garment Sewing, by Lyla Messinger



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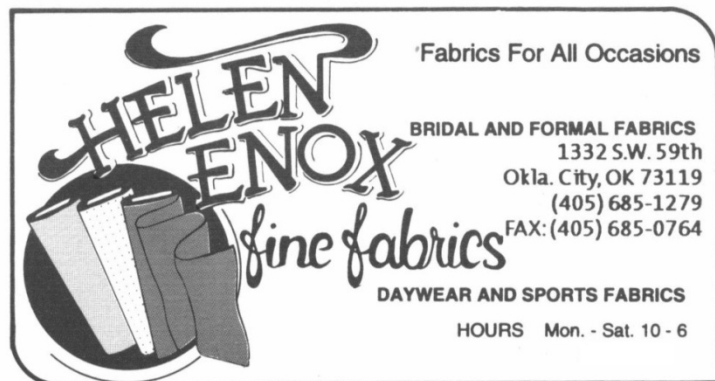
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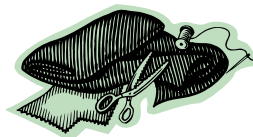
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