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THREADS THAT BIND

Winter is here! It is snowing outside and I am sewing inside. What an incentive to make a quilt. Just have to bind it and then I can snuggle.

I want to thank all of the members for making the 2006 year such a success. Now on to the new year –

We started off with such an interesting meeting on wool felting. We are lucky to have such a talented person (Pat) here in town.

Everyone attending the retreat finished several projects. The homemade soups were so good. We continued to learn and also renewed new and old friendships. Treat yourself to one of the retreats in the future. The next one is February 23, 24 in the Bison Room at the Extension Building.

Louise Cutting is coming to share with us some techniques that will be helpful. Hope to see all of you there! Bring a sewing friend with you!!!

The Fabric Frenzy is coming soon. Please help us make it a success. Call Julia Langel to offer your help.

I am still looking for someone to help with the community service project. Please call me and respond. I want to fill this position immediately.

We have maintain our membership and have several new ones. Thanks so much for all your help and interest. You members are so important for our ASG.

Keep Sewing,
Becky Wondra

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Monthly Chapter Meetings

Wichita Chapter Meetings

1st Tuesday at 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Derby Neighborhood Group

4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Hutchinson Neighborhood Group

1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Welcome!

Renewals:

Sally Lou Coleman

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YAHOO SITE

A Yahoo site has been created for members of the Wichita Chapter of the ASG. This site will keep you updated as to chapter events as well as keeping in touch with each other.

Contact: Shirley Binder sb1026049@onemain.com

She will then e-mail you an invitation to join. This allows you to go to Yahoo Groups and join.

ASG LIBRARY NEWS

Items that can be checked out from the library include video's, DVD's, books, magazines, and patterns. These items can be checked out for one month at a time.

Remember there is a past due charge of \$1.00 per item on items not returned after one month.

New Items In Library

"Threads"

January 2007 #128

"Sew Beautiful" Magazine

2006 Issue 109

"Sew News" Magazine

December 2006

January 2007

"Clotilde's Sewing Savvy"

September 2005

January 2007

"Patchwork & Quilting" Special Issue

Appliqué Quilts To Make

NOTE!

What Can You Buy For Twenty-five Cents?

In August the library began accepting old sewing or quilting related magazines. These magazines have been available to members for a twenty-five cent donation. We would like to "Thank" everyone that has donated magazines or made a purchase to make this a big success.

The money raised will be used to fund purchases for the ASG library. So, if you have any suggestions for items to be purchased, please contact Leah Jones 1-620-596-2517 or Shirley Binder 943-5063

Donations Needed!

La Familia Senior/Community Center

841 W. 21st St. North

Wichita, Kansas 67203

(316) 267-1700

Chris Alonzo, the director of the LaFamilia Center is asking for help with donations of sewing, crafts and quilting supplies. These supplies are needed to support a program to teach sewing, quilting, and craft classes at the facility. They are also in great need of sewing machines. If anyone has an older machine that they are no longer using they would appreciate such a donation. These items are to be brought to the General Meeting each month. Virginia Schneider will collect and deliver them to the center.

Hospitality

"Thank You" ladies for volunteering to bring "goodies" to the monthly meetings!! The list is as follows and I will try to contact you prior to the meeting for a "gentle" reminder that you had signed up as a hostess. I have switched the February volunteers to October due to the February meeting not being a regular meeting. If this will not work, please contact me and we can make additional changes. Thanks again! - Lynanne DeGarmo

February: LOUISE CUTTING SEMINAR

March: Pat Hernandez, Mary Ann Esch, Nancy Woodson

April: SPRING TEA

May: Carol Wiens, Janet Dexter, Marilyn Beaver

June: Betty Fidler, Barbara Blackman, Barbara Scadden

July: NO MEETING

RETAILERS

The following is a list of retailers, and the discounts they offer to ASG members on regularly priced fabric and notions. Remember, to receive your special ASG discount, show your valid membership card at the time of purchase. Remember to show your card before purchases are entered into the register.

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The Sewing Center 832-0819

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Ad rates for our bimonthly ASG Newsletter will be as follows:

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We appreciate the retailers when they offer these special discounts. Please remember to thank them.

BECAUSE WE CARE

Is there someone you feel the Wichita ASG Guild needs to remember with a card. Like someone we need to send condolence to or a card for a serious illness, or recovering from surgery? Please notify Ruby Chrisco at 788-0807 and she will send a special card to them in behalf of the ASG Guild. Letting these ones know they are in our thoughts can mean so much. So help us in this matter.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION

You should receive a renewal notice and form from the National office about two months before the expiration date. If you don't, you will still want to send in your renewal before it expires. To find your membership expiration date check your newsletter label. If you need help contact an officer on the Advisory Board, they will be glad to assist you.

Don't forget to notify the national office if you have an address change. This is important because the address labels come from the national office and you don't want to miss any mailings.

Topeka Neighborhood Group

Topeka Public Library

Lillian Perkins Room

1515 SW 10th Ave.

Topeka, Ks.

6:45-8:30 p.m.

April 21, 2007 *"Power Sewing with Sandra Betzina"*

Lenexa Conference Center

11184 Lackman Rd.

Lenexa, Ks,

Coming in 2007- LINDA LEE

Donations of fabric and sewing notions are being accepted to support the sewing community service projects.

Contact: Karen Ingenthron
(785) 246-3205.

Book Review

Exploring Textile Arts

By Creative Publishing International

The ultimate guide to manipulating, coloring, and embellishing fabrics.

Whether you're an ardent quilter, a seasoned sewer, or a novice, let *Exploring Textile Arts* lift your talents and dreams to a higher level.

Discover in step-by-step detail how to transform ordinary fabrics using cutting-edge techniques and products. These are the same techniques used by nationally known fabric artists. Unlock their secrets as you explore your own creative journey.

Here are some of the techniques found inside this book:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Felting | Pin Weaving |
| Stamping | Stenciling |
| Pleating & Texturizing | Screen Printing |
| Quilting & Trapunto | Sun Printing |
| Stitched Designs & Appliqué | Foiling & Beadwork |
| Openwork & Thread Lace | Photo Transfer |

This comprehensive guidebook is your personal trainer as you learn to be a skilled fabric artist.

Grandma's Apron *Author Unknown*

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder or removing hot pans from the oven; it was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasions was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those old aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids; and when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling-wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls.

In the fall it was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out on the porch and waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from fields for dinner.

It will be along time before anyone invents something that will replace the old-time apron that served so many purposes.

Derby Neighborhood Group

Woodlawn United Methodist Church

431 S. Woodlawn

Derby, Ks.

7:00 P.M.

(Use south entrance Room 11E)

February 22, 2007 "Make a Purse with Janet"

Janet Dexter

March 22, 2007 "Pillows and Throws"

Sally Lou Coleman

April 21, 2007 "Fitting" Carol Wiens
(Saturday Meeting)

April 26, 2007 "Fitting" Follow-up

May 24, 2007 "Necklines on Knits"

Anne St. Clair (location to be decided)

June 28, 2007 "Thrift-Shop Challenge"

July 26, 2007 Charity Sew

"Louise Cutting" Seminar**Feb. 6, 2007** 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*"Cutting Remarks & Cutting In/Cutting Out"* Lecture/demo**Feb 6, 2007** 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*"I Love You To Death...Now Change!"* Trunk Show**Feb. 7, 2007** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*"Cutting Loose...Sit and Sew...All Day"* Workshop

To register contact: Barbara Blackman 316-721-5524 or

bblackman@cox.net

Have problems with buttons coming loose?

On buttons that have four holes, sew only two at a time. Break the thread and knot. Then sew the other two holes and knot. This way, the button has a better chance of staying with the garment! Also, using dental floss or elastic thread when sewing on buttons will help keep buttons on longer.

ASG Wichita Chapter**Fiber Arts Frenzy 2007**

The Wichita Chapter of the American Sewing Guild is hosting a fiber arts party and you're invited!

The ASG Fiber Arts Frenzy will be Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Center. We will offer lots of fiber fun, including an ugly fabric contest, fashion shows, tool and technique demonstrations and shopping. Since so many fashion sewers also knit, bead, scrapbook, quilt and embroider, we are including all these fiber arts in our event. The event will be free to the public.

At the event, individuals will be selling their excess fiber art supplies in the Stash Redistribution Center. Merchants will be presenting demonstrations and fashion shows all day. There will be an ugly fabric contest and an exciting sewing challenge modeled on the Bravo TV show Project Runway.

All reservation forms, contest rules and demo schedules will be posted at <http://jjlangel.wordpress.com/wichita-asg-fiber-arts-frenzy-2007> If you have question call Julia Langel 733-4780.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6 & 7, 2007 "Louise Cutting" Seminar

Sedgwick County Extension Office

7001 W. 21st North

Wichita, Ks. Call Barbara Blackman (316) 721-5524

February 23-24, 2007 Sewing Retreat

February 27, 2007 CAB Meeting

March 6, 2007 Donna O'Conner "Embroidery Machine"

March 9, 2007 Newsletter Deadline

March 10, 2007 "Fiber Arts Frenzy 2007"

Sedgwick County Extension Center

March 27, 2007 CAB Meeting

April 3, 2007 Tea & Sewing Challenge

April 13-14, 2007 Regional ASG Meeting Ames, Iowa

April 21, 2007 "Sandra Betzina" 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lenexa Conference Center

11184 Lackman Road

Lenexa, Ks. Call Donna Walker (913) 268-4171

April 24, 2007 CAB Meeting

May 8, 2007 Julia Langel "Computer Finds"

May 4, 2007 Newsletter Deadline

May 22, 2007 CAB Meeting

June 5, 2007 "Serger Techniques" Southend Sewing

June 26, 2007 CAB Meeting

July 6, 2007 Charity Sew

July 7, 2007 Newsletter Deadline

July 24, 2007 CAB Meeting

July 26-29, 2007 ASG National Conference

Sacramento, California

August 7, 2007 Lori Postlethwait & 4-H Fashion Show

August 10, 2007 Newsletter Deadline

WEB SITE

How can I check the National Web Site for 'Special Offers'?

First go to the National ASG Web Site at www.asg.org and click on 'Members Only'. The next screen click 'Enter Members Only Area'. Once there it will ask you for an user name and password, type 'sewing' for the user name and 'friends' for the password. In the next screen click 'Special Offers'. This screen will give you a long list of retailers that are offering discounts to ASG members. Now you can shop. Don't forget these offers change quarterly so be sure to check this site often.

There is now 62 new special offers posted on the web site for members.

ASG NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

HUTCHINSON

Delos Smith Center

101 W. 1st.

Hutchinson, Ks.

February 1, 2007 Charity Sew

7:00 P.M. "Unloved Fabric Challenge"

Hostess— Ruth Kirby

March 2 & 3, 2007 "Sew-a-thon"

HJC Lockman Hall, 2nd floor 6:00 P.M. (all night)

Mini Demo-Bias neck edge application—Marion Cathcart

Hostesses-Kathy Larson & Nina Cross

April 5, 2007 7:00 P.M.

"Making Bras" Demo—Kim Allen

Results of "Unloved Fabric Challenge"

Hostess-Jackie Proffitt

May 3, 2007 6:00 P.M.

Picnic—potluck supper

ASG WICHITA CHAPTER

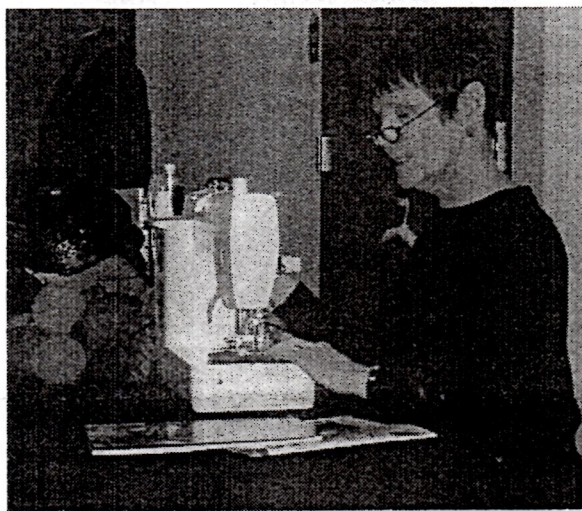
K.N.I.T.S *etcetera*

Pat Plett

Feltmaking & Needle Felting

Felt is formed when fibers lock together as a result of the application of heat, moisture and pressure or agitation (also known as wet felting). Felt predates all other textiles. The oldest felt remnants found have been dated to Neolithic people (6500—6300 B.C.) in Turkey.

Throughout the years felt has been used for household items (bedding, carpets and wall coverings), apparel (cloaks, hats and boots) and as miscellaneous items (saddles and tent coverings).



The easiest way of making felt is to use a 100% wool fabric and washing it in a washing machine with a bit of soap and without going through the spin cycle. Dry in a dryer and hang on drying rack to cool.

Dry Felting is done without soap or water and in the textile industry is known as needle punching. It produces a "non-woven fabric structure in which webs of fibers are laid down in various ways and stitched together by hundreds of barbed needles, which push the fibers into a closely entangled arrangement. The thickness of a web determines its end use-from light, open work effects to a dense

mesh used for carpeting" *The Guide to Textiles for Interiors, 3rd Edition*. This process can be done by hand or with needle felting machines. This technique gives plenty of opportunity for you to be creative!

ASG Wichita Chapter

SEWING RETREAT

Fellowship! Fun! Food! Sewing!



On January 5 & 6, 2007 sewing was the order of business at the "Sewing Retreat". Items were started, continued or completed in this two day event. It is amazing how much can be accomplish when one is able to *just* sew continually for hours.

One attendee had the opportunity to embellish fabric with paint using stamps and stencils. She looked like she was having so much fun. Theresa we want to see the fabrics show up in garments at "Sew & Share".

Next "Sewing Retreat" will be Feb. 23 & 24, 2007. Plan to come join the fun!



Aprons! Aprons! Aprons!



The highlight of the December meeting of the Wichita Chapter of the American Sewing Guild was *aprons*. It was exciting to see all the different kinds of aprons brought and to hear all the memories connected with these special pieces of cloth. Aprons ranged from the unusual to the traditional, the special occasion to the daily apron, from the adult size to the child's size, with no two aprons alike.

Jackie Clark, a pattern and fabric designer, served as guest speaker for this special

Christmas event. Her presentation included her personal collection of vintage aprons including not only the adult size apron but the children's size and doll aprons. Along with her personal memories about her aprons Jackie talked about the different styles of aprons and how to use them in decorating a home. She shared some great deco ideas!



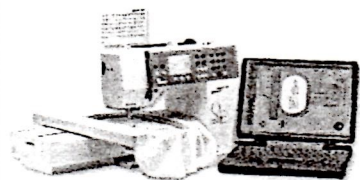
Simplicity's FASHION FORTUNE Fall/Winter 2006/2007

Two prints stand out this season above all the rest. One is the paisley print, rendered in rich colors of reds and purples or colored in darks mixed with jewel tones reminiscent of Russian scarves. Paisleys will appear on sheers, velvets, satins, peach skins, knits, fleece, and crinkled fabrications. They will also be used in intricate patchworks combined with foulards and other motifs. Look for artistic renditions of colorful paisleys mixed with geometrics, as well as classic folkloric versions combined with flowers. The second important print is the rose. Roses flooded the fashion runways with Prada's red rose print on a black ground leading the way. Besides roses there will be many artistic floral prints to choose from. Some florals will be mixed with pretty leaves and swirling stems, while others will be worked into glorious patchworks mixed with paisley and leopard prints. Border prints will also be strong. Besides borders showing up in paisley and flower designs there will also be batik patterns and scenic borders. Since yarn dye plaids are important this season, printed versions of plaids will come to life and be combined with flowers and paisley prints. Also included in the print story are graceful Asian flowers and dragon motifs. Swirling dots form the top geometrics patterns of the season. Other geometric designs include flame zigzags and wavy line patterns. Novelty conversational like Russian doll prints add fun to the mix.

Tops and Blouses will be beautiful, feminine and dramatic this season. Victorian details like face framing collars, puffed sleeves, lace and ribbon trims are back. Separate little capelets or capelet-like collars attached to blouses will be popular. Romantic poet blouses and tunics that have dropped shoulders, and billowing sleeves, will be stars. Many blouses will have soft cascading ruffles. While shirts look fresh with tucked front panels and ruffled cuffs. Empire lines add a pretty detail to blouses and tops. Full baby doll tops to wear under sweaters or jackets are still a trendy favorite and will have ribbon and lace details along with an antique look. The peasant top still exists and looks best belted. East Indian style tunics continue with glorious trims and looks new when made in velvet.

Skirts that have volume are still major. Volume can come from the waist, from a fitted hip-yoked or from a slim shape that flairs out at the hem. Short or long tiered skirts continue to be popular and look new in shimmering velvet. Trumpet skirts are newsmakers. Pouf skirts with a gentle rolled under hem have become mainstream. Dirndl skirts can be decorated with ribbons or have decorative borders. Pleated skirts look new when the pleats add fullness below a fitted hip yoke. The gored a-line shape velvet skirt will be a hot item. Some skirts will be slim and are needed to balance swing jackets. Paper bag waistlines on skirts are incoming. The gaucho skirt with a A-line skirt is another option. Pants can be slim or full. Tunic tops look good over slim booted legs. Pantsuits on the runways had easy trousers with a fuller fit. Boot cut legs still exist and cropped pants will still make fashion headlines.

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American Sewing Guild

BENEFITS

ASG Memberships Has Its Privileges

Chapters service members through:

- Monthly Meetings
- Educational Programs from
Local and Industry Professionals
Learn time-savings techniques
How to demonstrations
- Specialty Neighborhood Groups
- Receive Encouragement and support
- Attend Chapter Sponsored Events at
"Member Only" rates
- Participate in Fashion Shows and Sew-
ing Fairs

- Contributing to Community outreach
through sewing
- Share and Network with Sewing Friends

DISCOUNTS

- Local retail store purchases
- "Members Only" special offers
Coupons
Special codes

