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Needled by Norma

Where do you get your inspiration? Sometimes I will go to my sewing room to check out the wellbeing of my stash and want so badly to make something, but just stand there and touch it only to have no inspiration hit me at all and turn around and walk back upstairs. Other times I will be doing some mundane task and the thought just jumps out at me that I need to make a _____. Those are the moments I really do feel like this hobby of mine is worthwhile. Last summer as I was working VBS at church and we needed painting smocks for the kiddos. To my surprise I found out we just use old tee shirts which was fine, but it seemed rather junky to me, so I dinked around with the Hospice gown pattern enough to make a cute little tie in the back painting apron, which I'm sure made the kids feel more creative. Another time while working in the garden, my knees were getting sore from all that crawling around, so I sewed pockets onto the knees of my jeans then stuffed them with rags. Each time I knelt down, the padding was already there which freed my hands from carrying yet another item that the wind would ultimately blow away. Just this week I wanted some type of hot pad that we could use to hold the scouring brick while cleaning a hot steaming grill. I'll let you know how that turned out after we try it next week. I enjoy trying to think up something that would just make life a little easier.



Other inspiration comes from items we make at the Neighborhood groups. I could go a long time without coveting a table runner, but making one was fun and I actually use it. Same with the slash and sew quilt that resides in the back of my car and gets a work out several times a month. We also made a curling iron holder that will live in my closet about 355 days a year, but those other 10 it came in pretty darn handy. Or the ironing board cover that I now own that matches no other. I just love making "stuff" because its usually fast, easy, cheap and useful and I don't have to worry about the "fit". Those are the things that inspire me the most. That's why I love the neighborhood groups so much, the leaders are always coming up with cool ideas and I found that if I am in the market for something during their planning sessions, someone will step up and teach us how to make it. Lastly, there is the show and share we have at the end of all our meetings. I'm sure every one of you enjoy it just as much as I do, the talent displayed by so many women showing us their handiwork. I know I'll never quilt like Shirley or Judy, sew as much for charity as Theresa or Marilyn and certainly not do as much sewing for the grandkids as Wilma, Betty and Sylvia, but I do know what I am making is giving me the same satisfaction as all of them receive (Galations 6:4). So, back to my initial question, where do you get your inspiration?

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*** Address Change***

If your address, phone number or email changes, please report the changes to both the local membership chair and 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, in the newsletter, or on the website please tell the webmistress, and 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.



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Our rates are:

1/8 page--\$60/year

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

Cares and Concerns

If you know of a guild member who is experiencing an illness or a loss in their family, please contact Marilyn John (316) 684-0355.



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Barbara, Barbara & Nancy check out Fabrics Marilyn ordered on line.



Table Runners made in the Serger Neighborhood Group

Community Service: International Project – Days for Girls Kits – At least 30 kits by Nov. 10th

Please consider helping with our international project to help teens and their moms in Kenya! An organization led by a Wichita State graduate social worker, Sein Lengeju, i.e., KeepGirlsSafe.org (check out their website and videos!) is working hard to improve the plight of women in her Massai tribe in Kenya. They have built a school for girls and boys to help ensure that they receive basic education in a safe environment that promotes respect between boys and girls. However, without feminine hygiene kits designed for this environment, the girls lose 5 or more days a month due to their menstrual cycle. They need feminine hygiene kits that they can clean and maintain discretely with access to very little water and no disposal. Sewists at DaysForGirls.org (check out their website!) have done extensive testing on solutions for feminine hygiene kits and they require only that we register with them and use their patterns and instructions solely for this charity project. They've found that the pretty bags and nice-looking, durable kits last up to 3 years, are well-received and are an important part of building self-esteem among teens and their mothers to take them from virtual slavery to a position of dignity.

We have opted to make at least 30 Days for Girls kits (bags, shields and liners) this year with a deadline of Nov 15th.. See Beryl Silkey or Betty Brees at the meetings for the patterns and instructions (they are easy and quick little projects!). Or email or call Beryl at bchrysalis@sbcglobal.net or (316) 682-0017.

Please let us know if you are interested or already making kits so that we may plan well! Thanks! Beryl

Remember to turn your Community Service hours in to Beryl, or use the form on the asgwichita.org website.



The Fabric Folding Pen by Clover was one of the Notions we learned about at the May Meeting



Susie Dyer is ready for the Spring Challenge with her items made from the ASG fabric.



Hospice Gown Sewing Party 2018 --- Get Ready to Party!

Be sure to reserve your spot by August 15th for our *2018 Hospice Gown Sewing Party*! It will be held on **Saturday, September 22nd in the 4H Hall** at 7001 W. 21st St. All our members and our sewing friends are invited. But remember this is a reservations only event (vital for planning a fun event!). Our goal this year is to finish 100 gowns – Are you up for the challenge? Don't forget - There will be lunch for everyone and lots of fun and prizes.

What you need to know before you reserve: Please reserve for yourself and friend(s) by signing up at one of our meetings between now and August 15th. Or send in the attached form by August 15th! You may volunteer for morning, afternoon or all-day. **If you are bringing any sewing friends**, be sure to give us their name, contact information, skill level, preferences and contact information so that we can be sure that they know what they need to bring. Children who sew are welcome as long as they are supervised by the person bringing them.

Details as to what to plan to bring to the party will be provided after August 25th.

Please know that we will use a mass production process again this year, so we will try to ensure that we have enough volunteers engaged in each task to keep an even flow. That means we'll need enough sewists, sergers, pressers, pattern cutters, bias cutters (rotary cutting), hostesses/table leaders, transporters, inspectors, final pressers and packagers to get the job done. Everyone pitched in last year and we had a lot of fun. Those who brought "just in case" machines and supplies were a real blessing!

Why we chose this charity event: We learned about this need from Deb Zent, a hospice nurse in Indiana (see her heart-warming story at www.institcheswithDeb.com) Hospice patients are often cared for at home by family members, friends and hospice workers and when they become bedridden, caregivers struggle with regular clothing. Hospital gowns, open in the back and secured by ties, make things easier but they are often stiff and drab. Our gowns will be colorful, soft and cheerful...a gown with flowers for the gardener or the sports themed gown for the baseball fan. This is our way to extend a warm, loving touch to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice patients by providing comfort and dignity in their last stages of life.

How can you help? There are multiple tasks required to make this work in a mass production manner Let us know your preferences. What a wonderful day it will be seeing all of the different fabrics being used and to chat with other sewists as we meet our goal of making 100 gowns.

Registration Form (tear off and send to Beryl Silkey, 747 S. Rutan Ave., Wichita, KS 67218)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

eMail address: _____

Shift: ☐ All Day ☐ 8:30-Noon ☐ 11:30-3:30pm

I would like to: (Check all that apply): ☐ anything ☐ Cut out gowns ☐ Serge seams and raw edges ☐

Sew pockets ☐ Sew on bias binding ☐ Press ☐ Inspect ☐ Package gowns

June Events

General Meeting –June 5

The Workroom —Ted Dvorak

ASG Fabric/Design Contest-Challenge

- ♦ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 516-2218

MEOW Neighborhood Group-June 13

Scissors Holder

- ♦ Donella Cole
- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Marilyn Palmer (316) 644-6710
- ♦ Marilyn Kirby (316) 461-3947

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group– June 18

Following a Sew Along– Part 2 Simplicity 3688

Round Robin Wrap-up

- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

Eastside Neighborhood Group-June 19

Hospice Gown Cut-out

- ♦ Beryl Silkey
- ♦ 7 pm , Needle Nook Fabrics,
859 S. Oliver St.
- ♦ Theresa Corle (316) 689-6702

Eat and Shop-June 21

- ♦ 11:00 am. Lunch at Merle's Place 444 N. Seneca
- ♦ **Common Threads Regional Quilt Show**
Century II Expo Hall (see page 7)
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 516-2218

Serger Neighborhood Group-June 25

Hospice Gown Cut-out & Serge

- ♦ Beryl Silkey
- ♦ 1:30 pm, Riverwalk Church of Christ,
225 N Waco
- ♦ Penny Ruddle (316) 263-4816

CAB Meeting –June 26

- ♦ Plan upcoming events
- ♦ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 516-2218

What about the Workroom ?

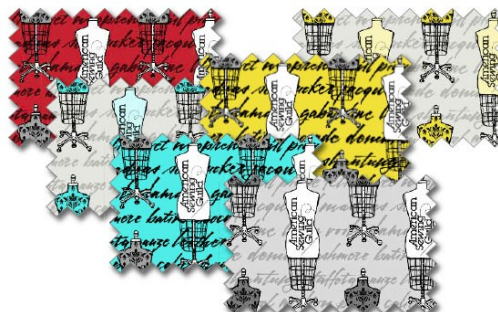
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Spring Challenge

Bring your creations inspired by fabric from the ASG Fabric/Design Contest-Challenge to share at the June Meeting. All entries will be entered in a drawing to win a Bendable Sewing Machine Light being donated by Betty Brees.

From bags to boxes, doll clothes to wearable garments, some of the items entered are from commercial patterns. Others are creations of our talented members. Many are simple items that will inspire your sewing projects.

National winners will be announced at the ASG conference in July. A random drawing from the entries will select an individual member for a prize. The chapter with the highest percentage of participation will be awarded a free education event by a National Educator.



July Events

General Meeting-July 3

No General Meeting—One Day Sew In

- ♦ 10 am-4 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 516-2218

MEOW Neighborhood Group-July 11

Name Tags

- ♦ Margie Marks
- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Marilyn Palmer (316) 644-6710
- ♦ Marilyn Kirby (316) 461-3947

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group-July 16

No Meeting

- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

Eastside Neighborhood Group-July 17

Video

- ♦ 7 pm, Needle Nook Fabrics,
859 S. Oliver St.
- ♦ Theresa Corle (316) 689-6702

Serger Neighborhood Group-July 23

Sweet Tote

- ♦ Norma Womack
- ♦ 1:30 pm, Riverwalk Church of Christ
225 N Waco
- ♦ Penny Ruddle (316) 263-4816

CAB Meeting –July 24

- ♦ Plan upcoming events
- ♦ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 516-2218

5th Tuesday Wednesday Sew In

July 31, August 1

Work on Projects, Go to Lunch!

- ♦ 9 am to 4:00 pm,
- ♦ Riverwalk Church of Christ
225 N Waco
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 516-2218

June Eat and Shop

The Common Threads Regional Quilt Show, hosted by Wichita's Prairie Quilt Guild with 6 other regional guilds participating, will be held in Wichita June 21-23. We are celebrating the first day of summer on June 21 (Thursday) with an Eat and Shop by attending the show at Century II. Let's all meet for a yummy lunch at Merles Place (440 N Seneca) at 11:00 then car pool over to the show at Century II. Over 700 quilts made by guild members will be on display. Special exhibits include The Van Gogh Cherrywood Challenge 2017 and 24 quilts from Sacred Threads. Over 40 vendors will have booths for shopping. Single Day Ticket \$10. Three Day Ticket \$15. <http://wichitaquilts.com/>

The 4-H style review will be held in 4-H hall at the Sedgwick County Extension Center Wednesday evening July 11. We will be presenting each participant with a handmade gift we made at the May Sew In. We also sponsor gift certificates for the following constructed garment winners.

- ♦ Style Review Senior Reserve Champion
- ♦ Style Review Intermediate Reserve Champion
- ♦ Junior Champion
- ♦ Junior Reserve Champion

Several of our members will be attending the National ASG Conference in Las Vegas July 12-15. Look forward to hearing a conference report at our August meeting.

The Newsletter deadline for the August/September issue is July 6.

ANYONE Can Win!

2018 ANYONE CAN WIN! Anyone Can Win is the ASG equal opportunity sewing event because anyone who enters has a chance to win, regardless of sewing expertise or experience. Anyone Can Win is open to ASG members. (Open to U.S. residents only.) If the entrant is not a

Junior Member, the “18 and under” category needs an ASG sponsor. But it isn’t necessary for the sponsor to have been involved in sewing the entry. We just want you to encourage young people to enter. The sponsor’s name and ASG membership number must be included on the entry form. Make any of the 13 Simplicity patterns shown at https://www.asg.org/files/contest/Anyone_Can_Win.pdf. Go to the Members Only section of www.asg.org. Click on the Contest 2018 banner, fill out the entry form, and follow the easy instructions to upload and label your photo (only one photo per garment, please). That’s it! The deadline for entries is midnight EDT, July 1, 2018. Making more than one garment? Enter them all. The more garments you enter, the greater your chances of winning! Four winners will be chosen electronically at random—two “over 18” ASG members and two “18 and under” entrants. The first “over 18” member selected will receive a set of Clover with Nancy Zieman® Bordeaux Ultimate Scissors and Shears; PLUS the Clover three-piece ruler set; PLUS the Clover Wedge Iron. The second member selected will receive an assortment of A&E Intressa premium polyester thread. The two “18 and under” winners will receive gift cards from Nancy’s Notions —the first for \$100 and the second for \$50. Both young winners will also receive one-year ASG Junior Memberships. Once the winners have been selected, an online gallery of all the submissions will be on the ASG web site—a virtual fashion show for your enjoyment! <https://www.asg.org/resources/contests/>



Show your creativity by sewing a wearable fashion T-Shirt with sleeves constructed from pattern and fabric of your choice. Winner will receive a (1) one year membership to the American Sewing Guild (a \$50 value) in addition to the cash prize. Entry deadline is August 15th. Entries must be delivered to the fair by 11 am on September 5. New this year **A \$1.00 handling fee per exhibitor, due by entry deadline.** <http://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/exhibitors/traditional-and-creative-competitions/580>

Sew Inspired to follow Sew Along

Speed tailoring is the focus of the new ASG Sew Along series featuring 1940’s vintage sportswear pattern Simplicity 3688. The series will cover the fast method to make the skirt, pants and lined jacket. Resources as well as sewing methods are covered in the video. Join the Sew Inspired group to share what you learned. Watch the video at <https://www.asg.org/members-only/videos/#>

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Starting in January 2018 the Fabric Fund will no longer keep fabric from month to month. If you bring fabric and it doesn't sell at that meeting you may either pick up your fabric at the end of the meeting, or leave it to be used for or donated to charity.

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National ASG site: www.asg.org

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