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Needled by Norma

As I sit writing this article I am in the planning stages of a very long trip to attend the 2018 ASG Conference in Las Vegas. By the time this article gets into your hands, I will have already returned and will be just a few days away from reporting on it. What most of you do not know is that I am a terrible traveler. I have no desire to sleep in a bed that is not my own and as much as I want to BE at the conference I dread the GO part of it. Bob and I talked quite a while about my being gone for 5 days and neither of us was too keen on the idea, so we decided to just make it a vacation for the two of us. Believe it or not, but both of us retired from 35 plus years (each) of aircraft work and neither has been on a commercial flight. Can't swim, don't want to be on a ship, can't fly and don't want to be on a plane. I have faith in Bob as my driver but not in some stranger piloting a plane. They say when it's your time to die, it's your time (Ecclesiastics 3:2), but what if it's the pilots time? I'm picturing an entire planeload of people lined up at St Peters desk and he says, "What are YOU doing here?" and in unison we all answer, "We're here with Captain George". That scenario aint gonna play out.



Once the decision was made to GO, then I got this huge mass of paperwork about all the instructors (31) and class schedules (108). I have no clue who many of them are but have heard a lot of the names mentioned by fellow ASG members, so I just signed up for as many classes as could fit into the schedule. I've got my days planned out from Wed night to Sunday afternoon plus we will stay one day on our own for the Hoover Dam Tour. My head is so full of classes and road maps right now that its seriously keeping me up at night. When we had Marsha McClintock here a few years back, she showed us how to make a packing list that included daily activities and trust me, I have one printed for both of us. My final thought was to remember to take my ASG notebook (which after nearly 5 years is full) so I made me a new one and dolled it up just for this occasion. Looking forward to reporting on the conference at the August general meeting and see how my experience compares with the other 5 who are going from Wichita. See you soon.

Norma

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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 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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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.

Reminder: Sept. 22nd - Hospice Gown Sewing Party 2018 -Get Ready to Party!

Don't miss out! This year's party will be the best ever! If you haven't already reserved your spot, be sure to sign up with Beryl Silkey or Betty Brees before August 15th! This is a reservations only event so that we can plan appropriately.

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

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!

Many thanks to all of you who have helped us prepare for this big event!

Registration Form (tear off and give to Beryl Silkey or Betty Brees)

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



Days for Girls kits: Would you like to use some of the leftover fabric scraps from making hospice gowns to help girls in Kenya attend school? Join us in making feminine hygiene kits. Using the Days for Girls patterns and instructions, to help girls in Kenya be able to attend school without a 5-day interruption every month. See Beryl with any questions.

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

The library has purchased a new set of DVDs. They are recorded by Londa Rohlfing. I became acquainted with her sewing by attending a couple of her classes at the Sewing and Quilt Expo when it was still coming to Kansas City. She is best known for her re-styling of purchased sweatshirts into really nice jackets with embellishments and sleeve and collar changes. She has a number of patterns including some on Tee shirts. I received an email from her that she was trying to thin out some of her inventory so was having a sale on her knit sewing DVD. It's a 3 DVD set and has a lot of information on her vast knowledge of sewing on knits. Also included at no charge was a DVD titled Refined Embellishments for creative clothing. The price was right so I purchased them for myself. I am not a person who likes to sit and watch a long DVD even if it's sewing related. I decided to watch the Embellishment DVD first. It is 2 hours 40 minutes long. Really. I figured I'd just scroll through it and stop now and then to watch something I was interested in. Imagine my surprise when an hour and a half later I was still watching it-not scrolling through but actually being amazed at some of the things she was telling me. I WATCHED THE WHOLE THING. And took a lot of notes. It was so good, I decided to order a set for our ASG library. And I hadn't even looked at the Knit Sewing DVD. It's actually a 3 DVD set, total time is 3 hours. I won't make the mistake of thinking I'll just scroll through it. These DVDs have information on size selection, darts, needles, threads, stitches, bindings, collars, hems and so much more. These DVDs are available in our library and well worth your time to check them out. Get a cup of coffee or tea and a notepad. You won't be wasting your time. Lori Postlethwait

Call for nominations

Election for the 2019 Chapter advisory board will be held at our Annual meeting November 7th. If you are interested in a position please contact one of the nominating committee members.

Susie Dyer (316) 777-2096

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Nomination period closes September 7

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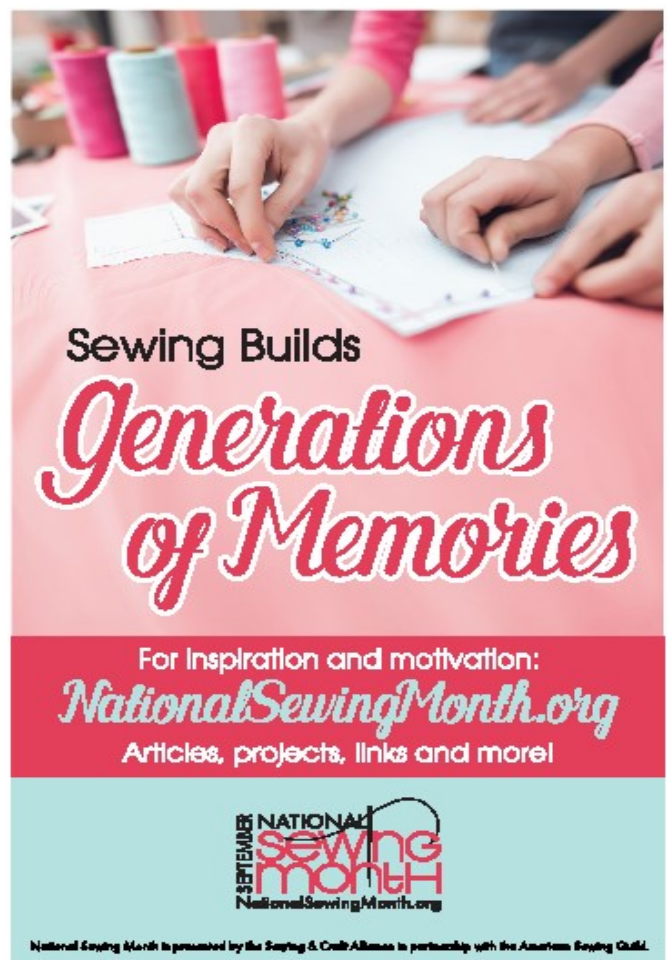
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And the Winner Is . . .

Thank you for your overwhelming support of this year's ASG Fabric Contest. We received over 1,275 entries from more than 25% of our chapters. What a fantastic response!

As announced during the 40th Birthday Party Celebration at conference, not one, but three speaker awards were given. First place went to Sumter Lake Counties, Florida with 164.71% participation. Second place was Dayton, Ohio with 158.06%, followed by Salt Lake City, Utah with 141.89%. The three chapters will have the opportunity to select a presentation of their choice generously donated by SVP (Singer, Viking, Pfaff) with one of their national educators.

In addition to the three top prizes to the chapters, more than 25 individuals received prizes of books, patterns, sewing related jewelry, etc. during a drawing also held at the birthday celebration. Congratulations to all the winners! The contest was such a success, look for more information on the 2019 version later this fall.



Judy Troyer and Theresa Corle won individual prizes from national.

August Events

General Meeting –August 7

4-H Style Show

Conference Report

Neighborhood Groups

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

MEOW Neighborhood Group-August 8

Badges

- ♦ Sylvia Steinshouer
- ♦ 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– August 20

Following a Sew Along– Part 2 Simplicity 3688 Create a Collage Fabric

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

Eastside Neighborhood Group-August 21

Pod Bag

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

Serger Neighborhood Group-August 27

Baby Bib

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

CAB Meeting –August 28

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

Getting the most out of ASG with Neighborhood Groups

Attending neighborhood groups gives you the opportunity to connect with your fellow ASG members.

Our chapter currently has four Neighborhood/Special Interest Groups,

Meow (Machine Embroidery of Wichita) focuses on information about finding embroidery patterns, where to use them, what stabilizers to use and the tricks for hooping and working with different fabrics.

Sew Inspired encourages sharing and learning various sewing techniques, new and old, to be creative in your sewing .

East Side is a general interest group exploring getting the most from your sewing with the use of specialty presser feet, to making projects that make wonderful gifts.

Serger Group makes a quick and easy project to take home each month as they learn the proper serger settings to use on various projects.



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>

September Events

General Meeting-September 4

Happy 20th Birthday

Troy Heinrich Midwest Sewing Center

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

MEOW Neighborhood Group-September 12

Bring A Favorite Gadget

- ♦ 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- September 17

Exploring Boro

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

Eastside Neighborhood Group- September 18

Christmas Ideas

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

Hospice Gown Sewing Party- September 22

- ♦ 9 am-4 pm, 4-H Hall
Sedgwick County Extension Center
- ♦ Beryl Silkey at 316-682-0017

Serger Neighborhood Group- September 24

Neck Purse

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

CAB Meeting –September 25

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



Over the Years

We have had the following National Speakers: Shirley Adams, Clotilda, Joyce Livingston, Sherry Leftwich, Linda MacPhee, Connie Crawford (2), Gail Yellen, Nancy Nix-Rice, Louise Cutting (2), Linda Lee (2), Kathleen Cheetham, Lyla Messinger, Marsha McClintock, and Linda McGehee.

We have been challenged by Denim, Dolls, Pockets, Upcycling, Pillow Cases, White Shirts, Evening bags, Christmas Stockings and baby items.

We have gone on trips to: McCall Patterns, Topeka, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Hutchinson, Newton, Lindsborg & Concordia to visit Fabric Shops, and Restaurants

We have made alterations for Gown Town, Premie Gowns and Blankets, Pillow Cases, Walker Bags, Cancer Caps & Porta-Cath Pillows, Buddy Bears, Bog Coats. Mittens, Scarves and Bibs, Hospice Gowns and Days for Girls.

The Newsletter deadline for the October/November issue of Dreams and Seams is September 7

Duct Tape Double Redux - Sondra Schmittgens

In our June meeting Norma read an article from one of our old newsletters. It was a report on the day we got together to make duplicates of our bodies out of duct tape. It must have been more than 15 years ago but I remember that fun day very well.

In preparation for this duct tape double day Becky Wondra and I got together. Our goal was to wrap Becky in duct tape to make sure we knew what we were doing and to see how long it would take. As you may know Becky is very tall and I am pretty short so, I had to wrap while standing on a chair for the upper part of the body double. I also remember that when I cut Becky out of the form I cut through her brand new bra. Heh. (Funny to me, not to her, but we laugh about it now...well I do).

I think there were about 12 people making doubles and, as I recall, we had varying degrees of success. One thing we learned is that duct tape stretches. We stuffed foam in like mad and some of us ended up with larger or misshapen dress forms (this is our story and we are sticking to it). So we learned to measure as we stuffed.

Later, after we had Connie Crawford for our guest speaker, we learned that we should use paper postal tape rather than duct tape. Postal tape does not stretch and the final dress form is not sticky. So we had another day of making paper tape body doubles. No bras were harmed in the making of these doubles.

At this time we were all excited about making slopers too. We had another day of making slopers with the goal being to draft our basic body blocks from which to make patterns.

I still have my paper tape dress form but it has shrunk considerably so I don't use it much. I mostly rely on my body blocks which I actually made from other patterns, not my sloper. Aren't we silly? Through the years we have tried a lot of things, learned a lot and had some really great times. Thanks for the memories!

Threads Magazine ASG Offer

It's time to take new and renewal orders for Threads Magazine. I will have a clip board ready at the September meeting through the November meeting. Please check your subscription to see when it expires. A 1 yr subscription is \$26.36, 2 year \$43.96, 3 year \$63.16. You will need to pay when you order. Checks made out to Wichita ASG. Lori Postlethwait, Librarian

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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.

We receive rewards money from the following:

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Thank You to Ted from the Workroom for sharing new trends in decorating with us at our June Meeting

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