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Sewing's a Brees.....

Happy 2019! Perhaps I will be the last to wish you this or perhaps you will receive good wishes all year long. It felt strange to not have a general meeting in January with the holiday falling on our meeting day but I hope to see everyone at the February meeting. We hope to have a lot of our programs focusing on sewing during the coming months so if you have a specific or general suggestion, please share with a CAB (Chapter Advisory Board) member.

In December I received a newsletter from Marla Kazell, an extremely talented sewing instructor and ASG member, who talked about reasons for sewing. She inspired me to Google benefits of sewing. Some of the items are self evident and others I never considered. How many can you identify with?

(Listed in no particular order and by no means complete)

Sewing improves focus which leads to improved concentration.

Your hand-eye coordination will improve.

It will increase your self-confidence and self esteem.

Sewing keeps the brain active and helps ward off dementia.

When you are sewing you are self-actualizing.

It builds creativity.

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You will have clothes that ACTUALLY fit.

Betty



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Membership Renewal

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.



Advertising rates

This newsletter is published 6 times a year. We only accept sewing-related ads.

Our rates are:

1/8 page--\$60/year

¼ page --\$120/year

½ page--\$210/year

1 page--\$300/year

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.

Spring Challenge!!

Challenge:

1. A call to take part in a contest or competition, especially a duel.
2. An objection or query as to the truth of something, often with an implicit demand for proof.

Every year we host a sewing challenge. A definition 1 sewing challenge...although no swords are involved. 2019 is no different. There will be a challenge.

For the April 2019 general meeting we challenge you to make something with the Louise Cutting collar, a placket, a cuff or all three! The Louise Cutting Collar can be found in Threads Magazine #166 April/May 2013 or on her CD in our library. Two ways to sew plackets were demonstrated in our October meeting. You can also find demos of cuffs and plackets on the YouTube videos of Taylor4U.

So, get your thinking caps on and dream up a garment that you would love to wear and we would love to see that has a collar, a placket or a cuff. This is the definition 2 part of the challenge. We want to see the garment or 'thing' that you make. Bring your creation to the April 2019 general meeting to show off! Let the creativity begin!!



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN

Our ASG chapter will again help out with gown town at North High School on Saturday, March 2. This is an opportunity to assist in the fitting of FREE prom dresses and tuxes for any high school student with an ID. They also can pick accessories at this time.

We make small alterations and hem lots of dresses. You will be busy most of the day and can choose to serge, machine stitch or hand stitch. We also will need people to fit the girls and boys. Lunch and snacks will be provided and we plan to have a good time while doing what we like to do.



I will take sign ups at the February general meeting or you can email or call me. If you would like to help but are not available that day, you can make an evening bag to donate. Any dress, suit, jewelry or shoes still in good condition are also welcome and I can collect those at any time prior to March 1. Consider being a part of this worthwhile project and if you are making something for the event, keep track of your volunteer hours for the community service records.

Sylvia Steinshouer
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Christmas Stocking Update -Hopefully everyone saw the video on our Facebook page of all the stockings our chapter made. There were a total of 106, Susie Dyer took twenty for the men's half-way house and Betty and Les Brees delivered 86 to the Wichita Children's Home. When ask, they said they could use all of them so the stockings and all the donations of stocking stuffers were left with them. Thanks everyone for your generous donations!





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On-Going Fundraisers

Fabric FUNd is a great perk for belonging to ASG. Not only does it give us a nice income for our chapter, it gives us an opportunity to rid our personal stashes of unwanted items or pick up a treasure from what a sister member no longer wants.

Keep in mind that the Fabric Fund will no longer retain 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:

Dillons Community Rewards program <https://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>

www.smile.amazon.com

February Events

General Meeting –February 5

Midwest Sewing

- ◆ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ◆ Betty Brees (316) 516-2218

MEOW Neighborhood Group–February 13

Accessing the ASG website

Betty Brees

- ◆ 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–February–18

Needle Weaving-Hemstitching

Diana Scanlan

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

ASG Quilters–February 21

Making Half-Square triangles

- ◆ 1:30 pm, Sewing & Embroidery Works,
1590 E. 61st St N. Park City KS
- ◆ Anne Jesseph (316) 744-1136

Serger Neighborhood Group–February 25

Two T-Shirt Jacket

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

CAB Meeting –February 26

Plan upcoming events

- ◆ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ◆ Betty Brees (316) 516-2218

The Fitting Group –February 27

Fitting the pattern

- ◆ 10 am, Jan Adams House
- ◆ Sondra Schmittgens (316) 644-7049

Getting the most from ASG.org

The MEOW Feb. 13 - If you have tried to log into the ASG.org website and had problems this program is for you. Betty Brees will be available to help members log on and talk about visiting the site. Bring your phone or tablet if you are having issues.

ASG on the Web

Wichita ASG site: ASGWichita.org

Wichita ASG Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/asgwichita

Wichita ASG email: asgwichita@yahoo.com

National ASG site: www.asg.org

National ASG Facebook page:

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Save the date

The 2019 Hospice Gown Sewing Party has been scheduled for September 7.

To help with meeting room and set up costs a donation jar will be at the membership table starting with the February meeting.



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March Events

General Meeting– March 5

Faithful Remnants

Shawn Steele

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2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ♦ Betty Brees (316) 516-2218

MEOW Neighborhood Group–March 13

Harbor House Donation Collection

- ♦ 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– March 18

Swedish Embroidery-Huck toweling

Sylvia Steinshouer

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

ASG Quilters–March 21

Making Quarter Square Triangles

- ♦ 1:30 pm, Sewing & Embroidery Works,
1590 E. 61st St N. Park City KS
- ♦ Anne Jesseph (316) 744-1136

Serger Neighborhood Group–March 25

Tie Purse

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

CAB Meeting –March 26

Plan upcoming events

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

The Fitting Group –March 27

Fitting the muslin

- ♦ 10 am, Jan Adams House
- ♦ Sondra Schmittgens (316) 644-7049



Use the flatlock stitch on your serger to create this adorable bag from neckties. Learn how at the March 25th Serger group meeting.

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

Welcome New Members

We welcome you and encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and get involved in a Neighborhood Group.

Karen Rogers	Wichita, KS
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MEOW HARBOR HOUSE SHOWER

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE. Are you downsizing or wanting to get rid of clutter. Do you have gently used or new items that could be used by a family having to start over in life. MEOW embroidery group is collecting items to be given to Harbor House (a battered women's program). When they leave their homes for the safety of themselves and their children, they generally have only their clothes. Yearly we try to collect and contribute items to be used by family members for daily living. We have made and embroidered towels, baby bibs, receiving blankets and other things. Lately, many of us have shared extras from our homes or purchased kitchen items, cleaning items and other such things to donate. We will accept them at the general meeting in March or anytime up to the March MEOW meeting (that is when we make the donation). Just keep a box handy to throw things into until that meeting. Here are some suggestions, but remember that someone's trash is someone else's treasure.

Kitchen

Baking things
Towels
Dishes
Pans
Cleaning items

Babies

Blankets
Onesies
Diapers
Hats
Socks

Older Children

Toys
T-shirts
Socks
Underwear
School supplies
Back packs
Books

Household

Bedding
Lamps
Wastebasket

When a WIP becomes a UFO then a PIGS

Translation: When a WIP (Work in Progress) becomes a UFO (UnFinished Object) then a PIGS (Project in a grocery sack). At the January **MEOW** meeting (Machine Embroiders of Wichita} members bravely shared items in their stash that need to be completed.

A few admitted that while occasionally projects do end up in grocery bags storing them in stacking totes or zip lock bags is much safer.

The fact is most of us will never run out of projects. The question is will any be finished in 2019.



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