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President's Message

Dear Sewing Friends:

What a fast six months this has been since I became your president. And I am still learning. I think the best part of my experience so far has been getting to know sew many new friends of like interests. I am just back from staying in Arlington for the Martha Pullen show and I get shivers up my arms when I see what real talent there is by people from all walks of life who love to sew or embellish their wardrobe so they stand out in a crowd.

Of course I could not miss the opportunity to see the Balenciaga exhibit. Since I was at a regional ASG meeting the first time our tour was arranged, and after hearing from several of you who attended, I had to get there. So the first Saturday in June, six of us went to the Meadows Museum. One of us had even gone with the first group. What an incredible exhibit – such designs and workmanship.

Well, there is much to do in the next six months. Although there we are taking a vacation from a meeting in July we will be back in business in August. We will have Laura from lucysfabrics.com to show off her fabrics and trims. I know one neighborhood group has already seen her great items I also know that many have not and she agreed to visit us in August. Then in September, Patty Dunn will be here for a "Jacket to Fit" workshop for 2 days-see brochure in Newsletter. Unfortunately there will be a limit of no more than 25 so sign up soon.

October is our annual luncheon which also means that we will be electing new officer of our Chapter Advisory Board (CAB). We will be losing our Treasurer, Jackie Nakalema, who will be returning to her homeland. I am trying to convince her to just take a leave of absence. Seriously, please give thought to placing your "hat in the ring."

Our Semi-annual Community sew-in will be in November and lastly our December holiday luncheon fills up the last month of the year. Whew! Now this does not count the Neighborhood Groups that are meeting monthly. If you have not been able to attend our monthly meetings because they fall on a Saturday try one of our NG's. We have sew much fun; you won't want to miss them!

Fondly,

Jane Johnson

Plano Chapter Advisory Board

*The Plano Chapter Advisory Board ("CAB") meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Maggie Tinnin. * All Neighborhood Group Leaders and other members are encouraged to attend to stay current on CAB decisions. E-mail or call Maggie Tinnin for more information.*

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The American Sewing Guild is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to people who believe sewing is a rewarding and creative activity. Its mission is "advancing sewing as an art and life skill." Membership in the Guild is open to the public. For information, contact Maggie Tinnin.

“A Jacket from Fit to Finish”

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Register early – class space is limited! Call Tricia Kemp at 972-578-9093 or Jane Johnson at 972-442-9851 to reserve your place.

*Pattern and Lunches included

Martha Pullen Sewing Market

by Nancy Pickett

One of the highlights of my summer is when Martha Pullen and her band of happy helpers come to Arlington. There are so many new products to look at in the market that we as sewers just have to try, especially if we have attended a 45-minute class where the products are demonstrated. There were some of the same faces, but there were many new ones and new classes this summer. The pre-day classes gave sewers the opportunity to go into greater depth with some famous teachers and meet other people with similar interests. I never knew there were so many uses for steam-a-seam.

My biggest thrill this year was the opportunity to help Hilda press the antique garments that Martha collects and uses for her books and on TV. Many of the Plano members were at the market and some helped as angels. Jackie N. wore the dress she won first place with for the denim challenge at our annual luncheon last fall. Speaking of contests, I had to work Saturday, so missed out on who won the competitions. I hope someone from the Plano chapter captured a prize.

The special guest speaker this year was Susan Khalje who spoke about her career as an American designer who does one of a kind special gowns and wedding dresses. Students from The Art Institute modeled examples of her work as she explained the details of what was special about the construction of each dress. While Market this year did not seem quite as crowded as in the past, everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time enjoying the company of old friends and making ones. Sewers are the nicest people.



Balenciaga and His Legacy

Haute Couture from the Texas Fashion Collection

by Janet Butler

This spring many ASG members had the chance to visit the Meadows Museum's **Balenciaga and His Legacy** exhibit. Balenciaga was a master at making a woman look beautiful. Unlike some other couture designers, he knew all the steps of dressmaking. He was an expert and expected perfection of those working for him. That drive for perfection shows in each of these extraordinary garments.

The main room of the collection on display at the Meadows Museum held ball gowns and evening wear. Silk embroidery, tulle, mink, and ermine graced many of the gowns. One of the black ball gowns was lined in bright red silk. We so wanted to touch the gowns or at least have our guide turn the skirts up so we could see the construction from the inside.

In addition to more than 70 of Balenciaga's own creations, the exhibit included 20 garments from other well-known designers who used Balenciaga's genius as a spring-board for their own designs. One of the most famous designs is the dress that Audrey Hepburn wore in the movie *Charade*.

Several side galleries showcased day wear. Many of us who visited the exhibit talked of how we could wear those same timeless designs today. What an extraordinary collection of couture garments. I was so moved that I raced home from the exhibit and created my own Balenciaga-inspired jacket that very night!

Tojours Couture!

MATERIAL GIRLS OF PLANO NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

Our group has adopted the *Newborns in Need* program for our ongoing community service work. Each meeting we bring in our completed items and Patria Davis from Newborns in Need brings in more items for us to complete.

At our March meeting, Mr. Darrel Wilbanks, Service Technician at the Plano Sewing Center, presented a very informative program on keeping our sewing and embroidery machines in good working order and how to prevent potential problems.

The April program was based on the book, *The Triumph of Individual Style*. We discovered our own personal body proportions for necklines, hemlines, and hip design lines as well as the most flattering clothing design lines for our particular body shape.

We had our fifth meeting on May 14. Laura Dapkus from Lucy's Fabrics presented a wonderful program on knit and lycra fabrics. She gave us a packet of samples so that we could touch and pet while she described them. She also gave us some details on their characteristics and their care. We're all inspired to start sewing with knits.

July 9 – At our regular meeting, we will have a fashion show modeling the pants made at the sew-in as well as a program on the most flattering colors for our fashions.

August 13- Darryl Wilbanks will complete instruction on sewing/serger machines. This one will be on the care and maintenance of our sergers. If you have questions about your serger, please submit them to me at terrysews@tx.rr.com and I'll give them to him to answer.

September 10 - we will have a program on making Christmas gifts.

We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Plano Sewing Center, at the corner of Spring Creek Parkway and Custer Road. Meetings are from 10 a.m. to noon.

New Neighborhood Group - The Stitchin' Bs

The Stitchin' Bs had their first organizational meeting and decided to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be at the home of Maggie Tinnin. The March 21 meeting concentrated on serger use and techniques. A Yahoo group has been set up for this neighborhood group. To be added to the list of e-mail recipients, please contact Maggie. Don't forget your show & tell items and any unfinished projects you might need help with. This will be a fun group, so please join us!

Special Offers from ASG

A new list of Special Officers from sponsors and advertisers is posted on the ASG website, www.asg.org. These offers are available ONLY to ASG members. To locate these offers, log onto www.asg.org, click on Members Only, then click on Special Offers. You'll find great discounts on sewing products, publications and events, free shipping, and lots more. It's just one more benefit of your ASG membership. Be sure to visit the special Offers early and often!

2007 ASG Conference July 26-30, Sacramento, CA

Five days of sewing excitement, including 100 workshops and seminars, all-day, half-day, two-hour and 90-minute formats. Classes include surface design, fitting, couture techniques, machine embroidery, home decorating, and much more. There are also many special events, including a fashion show, and post-conference tours. You won't want to miss the wonderful benefits of being a member of the ASG. Visit www.asg.org for details, pictures and room reservations. The conference brochure will be mailed to all members in March and registration will be available online. If you have never attended a national Conference, you don't know what a wonderful experience it can be. Inspiration, new techniques and lifelong friendships are all a part of the Conference experience. Don't procrastinate! Classes fill quickly, so register as soon as possible after you receive your brochure!

WE CARE ABOUT...



by Donna Simpson

Our May 19 Chapter meeting was a sew-in to concentrate on the ASG iCare project. We wouldn't want our president to show up at conference in California in July empty-handed. All clothing collected will go to a Shriner's hospital in Northern California (see ASG Notions-Fall 2006, p. 37). Your local CAB decided to concentrate on children's sizes 5-6 and 8-10. If you have downloaded any other children's sizes, we can try to work that in too. Fabric should be 100% cotton or cotton flannel; only Velcro or ties are used for closures. Seams should be French or flat-felled so as not to rub or irritate the skin. If you choose to serge, the seams must be on the outside and topstitched down. Donna Simpson will wash all the items after they're made to meet requirements. The Board sincerely hopes you'll all come to participate in this worthy project. We are hoping to have enough present to do this assembly-line style. For more information about the iCare project, click on www.asg.org, *Giving Back*.

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Tips & Tricks

- When you buy a garment that comes with an extra button, sew the button to the seam allowance of the garment, so a replacement is readily available if you lose one of them.
- Not a sewing tip, but a great one nonetheless - when you make deviled eggs, put the cooked yokes into a plastic bag and smash them with your hands. Cut a tip off one corner of the bag and pipe the mashed yokes into the whites.

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| When We Meet | Group Name | Where We Meet | Contact Information |
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| Third Thursday of each Month 12:30 p.m. | Frisco Neighborhood Group | Home of Pam Loburk | Becky Bieri uniqueimage@tieless.net 972-625-6684 |
| Second Monday of each Month 10:00 a.m. | Material Girls | Plano Sewing Center Custer Road & Spring Creek Parkway | Terry Jerden (469) 952-2049 terrysews@tx.rr.com |
| Third Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m. | Stitchin' Bs | Home of Maggie Tinnin Call 972-422-8128 for directions | Maggie Tinnin mtinnin@verizon.net Jane Johnson janemjo@gmail.com |
| First Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. | Toujour! Couture | Fabrique Fashion Fabrics between Custer and Alma on Geo Bush Service Road | Janet Butler janetmbutler@tx.rr.com Patti Van Beek pattivanbeek@tx.rr.com |

Any ASG member may attend any or all of the Neighborhood Group meetings at any chapter across the country! If you are interested in forming a new Neighborhood Group, please contact Maggie Tinnin.

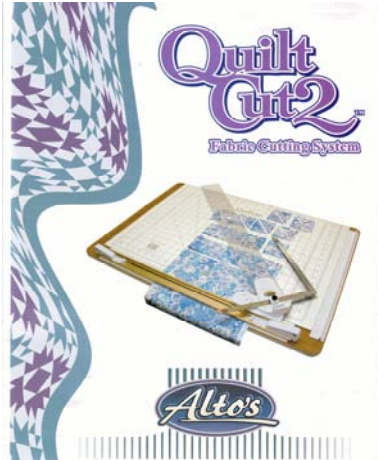
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A: Try a bookstore under fiction

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you are done you will have a place to live.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 50+ year old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid spotting a wrinkle every time you walk by a mirror?

A: The next time you're in front of a mirror, take off your glasses.

Q: Why should 50+ year old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: Is it common for 50+ year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem, retrieving it is a problem.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where do 50+ year olds look for fashionable glasses?

A: Their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 50+ year olds when they enter antique stores?

A: "I remember these".

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