

EASTON COUTURIERE WORKSHOP NEWSLETTER

January 2008

PREZ SAYS

Happy New Year! Are you all ready to start the new year off with a sewing project? Our January meeting will be a Round Robin so we can learn 3 new skills – interests. Sylvia Hunsicker – zig zag tape, Claire Rohloff – embellishments and Ellen Sorensen – table runners. Devotions: Margaret Bush. Hostesses: Esther Kunsman and Loraine Geelan. I am looking forward to it.

Don't forget our trip in February. We still have room so bring a friend for a nice day out.

Are you working on your vest? Bring it along for fitting or help with decoration if need be. I am hoping we have dry roads so we can travel safely. See you soon.

Mary Coyle, President

From Kay and Jan:

In January, we will be talking about a vest that is different from the one that we have talked about earlier. It, too, can be interpreted using many decorative techniques.

If you would like to sign up for the vest workshop to be held at 10:00 A.M. January 11 and February 15 you may do so at our January meeting. At Piece Quiltery will be the location and the cost is \$10.00.

"Treasures from Trolley Station"

There are some interesting buys to be considered. Beautiful wedding dresses - sewing magazines - fabric remnants - zippers - check it out. Hours for the store are listed in the membership booklet.

(And a note from Polly McGarr) It is a real inexpensive place to get fabric, notions, etc. They only have a year to show a profit and after that their board has told them they have to close. It's a big help for their clients. What a wonderful organization with all the help they provide. Perhaps we could have a challenge for the fashion show. It would not be very expensive and maybe we could make outfits for underprivileged kids. Perhaps for the children at Third Street Alliance. Would someone like to organize a project?

Couturiere Workshop presents
The Textile Workshop &

Philadelphia Art Museum
"A Passion for Perfection"
February 6, 2008
Tour includes:
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Visit to the Textile Workshop
Admission to Philadelphia Art Museum
Includes "A Passion for Perfection Exhibit"
Service from Annex to Main Museum Bldg.
Free Time & Lunch on own
Driver Gratuity

9:00am	Depart Kohl's
10:30am	Textile Museum
12:30pm	Depart for Museum
1:00pm	Arrive Museum
-----	Free Time
4:30pm	Depart for home
6:30pm	Approx. arrival home

Price \$55pp

contact Sharon Roehrig

How to escape post-holiday doldrums:

The Philadelphia Museum of Art offers not one but two textile and costume exhibitions now through March 9th—one geared toward elegance, the other more eccentric. "A Passion for Perfection" highlights the sleek, precisely constructed work of award-winning Philadelphia fashion designers James Galanos, Gustave Tassell, and Ralph Rucci, while the more diverse "Costume and Textiles: Recent Acquisitions From A to Z" displays objects ranging from mid-19th-century corseted couture dresses to a Mouseketeer hat and a pair of gingham Vivienne Westwood platform pumps. A different but no less diverting collection can be found closer to home at the Schwenkfelder Museum in Pennsburg, where Victorian beaded whimsies ranging from pincushions to picture frames are on display until February 24. Originally crafted by Native Americans to sell to tourists at various attractions, the pieces blend traditional Native American and Victorian styles. Any of these shows will warm up cold winter days!--Jacquie Atkins, Allentown Art Museum

Philadelphia New York Style

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Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake

Prep. 15 min.(plus refrigeration) Bake: 40 min.

- 1 Cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 3 Tbsp butter melted
- 5 pkg. (8 oz. Each) cream cheese softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 1 Tbsp vanilla
- 1 Cup of sour cream
- 4 Eggs
- 1/3 cup seedless strawberry jam

PREHEAT oven to 325 F. Line 13 x 9 inch pan with foil with ends of foil extending over sides of pan. Mix cracker crumbs 3 Tbsp sugar and the butter. Press firmly onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 10 min.

BEAT cream cheese 1 cup sugar the flour and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add sour cream Mix well. Add eggs one at a time mixing on low speed after each addition just until blended. Pour over crust. Gently drop small spoonfuls of jam over batter. Cut through the batter several times for marble effect.

BAKE 40 min or until center is almost set. Cool completely. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight. Lift cheesecake from the pan using foil handles. Cut into 16 pieces to serve. Store leftovers in refrigerator. Mary Ann Schweitzer suggests that she did not like the jam so she made it without. It is good with fresh fruit

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."

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SO WHAT'S NEW??

I decided not to go with the age-old HAPPY NEW YEAR this time and think of something philosophical to say. A New Year always makes us look back (whether it's personal, family, or an organization like ours) and look ahead - like it has to be one or the other. Then I ran across a quote on my RefDesk home page, where they always have a thought for the day (not always something I want to think about), and on the first of the new year they quoted William Faulkner - "The past is never dead - it is not even past". Think about it - and come to your own conclusions because I don't intend to analyze it. But everything from our past is really a part of today and tomorrow also. I'm reading a very enjoyable novel right now by Janice Owens entitled "The Schooling of Claybird Catts", in which a history teacher encourages his 8th-grade class to look into stories of their past and make a study of "us", a real American History.

So, yes, the past is never dead, but it is an important part of us today and in the future - as individuals and as a wonderful group of talented women who continue to meet once a month - and look forward to every meeting. So let's toast Couturiere Workshop for 2008!!

Ellen Sorensen

Sewing dates of interest to our members

Jan. 11 Friday Sewing Buddies 2
Hughes Library 9am 4pm

Jan. 16 Wednesday Sewing Friends
Hughes Library 6:30pm 8:30pm

Feb 6 Wednesday Sew & Sews
Hughes Library 9am 4pm

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