

# EASTON COUTURIERE WORKSHOP NEWSLETTER

March 2008

## PREZ SAYS .....

Welcome Spring is just around the corner. I saw a bunch of robins today. I will tell you I won't be at the March meeting. I am going to Texas to meet my new great grand daughter – got to measure her for future projects. But nevertheless our very capable member Shirley Kressler will be in charge – Eleanor Pinto our vice president is fast recovering from her knee surgery. She is remarkable but begged off from conducting the meeting. She didn't need any more stresses and I didn't think she needed to stand up that long. We will be thankful she can come that day.

The Mar. 10 program will be Brenda McCandless who present "Combining Embroidery with Quilting" – sounds good. Devotions: Carol Williams Hostesses: Pat Auerbach, Ellen Sorensen

I hate to announce the passing of a former member Peg Navarro. She had moved to Ohio to be closer to her son. Diane will have a card for us to sign and it will be forwarded to the family. She was a fine lady who will be missed.

Now some nagging from me 'cause I won't be there to say it in person. Please everyone try to wear something you have made, if not a garment then something to carry past the audience. We sell the tickets and cook the food so at least we must give them their money's worth. Nancy Boccadero has worked all year with her committee so we as a group must step up to the plate and show our stuff. You are all a bunch of "showoffs" so don't let me hear you have stage fright. It will be fun. Sell those tickets! Sew - Sew Knit - Knit Quilt - Quilt whatever. See you in April. *Mary Coyle*

In March, the education segment will again be about hand sewing. We will be discussing the fell stitch, the slip stitch and hand overcasting. Many of these and more hand stitches have been featured in the last couple of issues of Threads Magazine and the Jan/Feb issue of Sew News. Also, in this month's Sew News, Sandra Betzina gives these hints on laundry:

To keep your jeans and T- shirts looking new, always turn the garments inside out when you put them in the washing machine and dryer.

When preshrinking a knit, prevent it from stretching out of shape by basting together the selvages. *Kay and Jan*

We all had a great day Feb 6<sup>th</sup> visiting the Textile Workshop in Norristown, PA and the Philadelphia Art Museum. At the Textile Workshop we were shown the workroom where fabulous textiles are designed, printed, and embellished. Sample clothing with fabulous textiles were on display and patterns available for purchase. Packets of coordinated fabric pieces and yardage were set out for us to look at and purchase. The owners are all artists and draw on their talents to create and design these most exceptional fabrics. Besides the Art Museum's exhibit "A Passion for Perfection", there were many floors of excellent exhibits leading us to get many creative juices of our own flowing. We're ready to put some ideas into our clothing design. Let's see what we can create for the Fashion Show!

*Claire Rohloff*



### **Exhibits to catch before they close:**

"Madame Grès: Sphinx of Fashion," at the Museum of the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, presents the work of the great Parisian couturiere, Madame Alix Grès. Considered one of the most brilliant dressmakers of the twentieth century, her work is noted for its sculptural quality and innovative construction techniques. (Closes April 19, 2008.) "Pricked: Extreme Embroidery," at the Museum of Arts and Design, also in New York, explores how centuries-old handcraft traditions are rejuvenated in the mainstream of contemporary art and design. (Closes April 27, 2008) Closer to home, Philadelphia celebrates contemporary fiber arts in March and April, with a one-stop sampling of the work of 80 top fiber artists, visit the Sixth International Fiber Biennial at the Snyderman-Works Gallery, March 7 to April 23. --Jacquie Atkins, Allentown Art Museum

Please call us with any items you think would be of interest to our group!  
Special thanks to those of you who do.

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A Seminole Workshop with instructor Nancy Clark will be held April 1, 2008, Tuesday at the Palmer Library during the Chat & Sew time 10am - 3pm. Please contact Elizabeth Cortright if you plan to attend. (570) 992-3025 email [cortright@ptd.net](mailto:cortright@ptd.net). This workshop is free!

.Supply list for the Seminole Workshop

Sewing Machine and sewing accessories

Cutting Mat

Rulers with angles marked

Rotary Cutter

Scissors

Iron

Markers

Pins

Seam Ripper

Thread to match fabric

Fabric:

½ yard of 3 different fabrics a light, a medium, and a dark that contrast nicely

Perhaps 2 solids and 1 small print

**Or** all solids

**Or** all small prints

The workshop for the Tie One On bag is presently being postponed. It is cancelled for the March 13th date.

*Claire Rohloff*

Keep black garments looking black by never putting them in the dryer. Let them hang to dry instead.

Needle Know-how

For best results, use a size 80/12 needle for machine piecing. If you hear a popping noise while you are sewing, your needle is dull – replace it to avoid glitches in your stitches.

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## SEW WHAT'S NEW??

I read in an e-mail that I just received some advice that I taught so faithfully for years, but I hadn't heard it emphasized lately. "Sew, press, sew, press. Pressing is just as important as sewing. Your finished project will look better if you always press each seam allowance or construction detail before you cross over another seam or construction detail." Remember that? We are always in a hurry these days, but our finished project depends on these details.

I read that in an e-newsletter that I receive from Quilting Possibilities in Forked River NJ. - and they gave credit to Nancy Zieman for the quote. My Sew New Crew makes a pilgrimage there every year when we have a reunion in Beach Haven. Their newsletter is worth receiving, about every other week or more often. Many of you go to the Jersey Shore, so take a trip over to visit this lovely shop - they also fill mail orders. To subscribe go to the website [www.quiltingpossibilities@rcn.com](http://www.quiltingpossibilities@rcn.com). I think everyone would enjoy it - and especially all you quilters. By the time you read this it should be down to about 2 weeks till SPRING!!!

*Ellen Sorensen*

**Sewing sessions will be held at the Hughes Library in Stroudsburg from 9 until 4 on the following dates:**

**March 14th Friday Sewing Buddies**

**April 2nd Wednesday Sewn'Sews**

**Everyone is welcome to come to both sessions. Bring your own projects, lots of space and tables.**

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