

EASTON COUTURIERE WORKSHOP NEWSLETTER

November 2008

PREZ SAYS

I love October; the hillsides seem to be covered with patchwork quilts highlighting all the colors of the season. Chrysanthemums and asters finally burst with color, the weather is cooler but with warm afternoon sun, and the migrating birds bring new “faces” to my bird feeders. The transformation of summer landscapes into autumn is such a marvel of nature. I only wish my clothing closet would transform so magically with the seasons!

During our October meeting, a proposal was made to explore the idea of moving our fashion show event from a Thursday evening to a Sunday afternoon. After consulting with Joan Schaefer, I am happy to report that Sunday, April 19, 2009 is a feasible alternative. Since tickets have to be scheduled for printing and publicity will be organized very soon, a final decision on this proposal must be made at the November meeting. Please check your calendars and come prepared with any questions or discussion. Please note, the proposed date is the week AFTER Easter Sunday, so all those Easter outfits WILL be finished....

Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 10,

Nancy Boccadoro

P.S. Last month I passed along a website on current fashion trends. This month Fran Brader shared a site showing museum couture pieces, both antique and vintage. Several of those “Wow” items worn by Barbra Streisand in her films are included. If you click on the picture of any garment, you will see a close up of the fantastic workmanship and detail on the garment. Fran also cautioned, “Do not be offended by the first picture of a topless bathing suit. That was the only one I saw like that! Just keep scrolling down; they get better and better.” Grab your tea or coffee, snuggle into a comfy chair, and log into:

<http://www.antiquedress.com/gallerymuseum.htm>

DEVOTIONS: Carol Williams

HOSTESSES: Nancy Meka, Lynn Kappes, Lelane Hoose

Hostesses are asked to bring a simple snack to share during the break.

This was in Martha Stewart's newsletter beautiful sewing poem from Pauline Palmer, a licensed teacher from England (*Pauline said this is an old poem and she does not know the author.*)

God grant that I may see to stitch, until my dying day.
When the last thread is cut and the scissors tucked away.
May the work that I have done live on that other folk may see,

The pleasure I have known from the gift you gave to me.

Thanks to Dee Lammi

The program for November 10 is entitled “**Spectacular Sewing Machine Art**” and is presented by Patricia Rogers. She will explore the wonders of machine art with wearables and accessories. Freemotion work for 30 years and teacher of machine arts for 25 years

Coming Events:

THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON reservations will be taken by Carol Williams at the November meeting. Elizabeth Mulrine will be catering the event; cost is \$10 per person with payment due at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to Easton Couturiere Workshop. Hostesses for December will meet briefly following the November meeting for planning.

The Heritage of Athena: Textiles from Greece is a new installation in the lobby showcase at the Allentown Art Museum (on view until January 25, 2009). The dozen beautifully crafted examples included give a taste of the opulent decorative motifs to be found in Greek textiles. While the geographic area where these textiles were made—primarily the islands in the Ionian and Aegean seas surrounding the Greek mainland—is relatively small, the works are incredibly diverse in design. Many of the islands and villages in this region developed distinctive embroidery designs over the centuries and used them to adorn bed tents, curtains, covers, and pillows, as well as head cloths and decorative panels and sleeve bands for women's clothing. These latter were often recycled into small and useful bags once the garment itself wore out. Reminder: *Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt* will be on view at the Philadelphia Museum of Art until December 14, 2009. —*Jacquie Atkins, Allentown Art Museum*

Please call us with any items you think would be of interest to our group!

Jo Lysholdt jolysholdt@rcn.com

Ellen Sorensen glenn13ellen@verizon.net

Special thanks to those of you who do.

Deadline for December Newsletter is December 5, 2008

All newsletters are on Dee Lammi's website embroiderybydee.com

EASTON COUTURIERE WORKSHOP NEWSLETTER

November 2008

SEW ON AND SEW FORTH

The following "Figure Fixes" appeared in the 2007 August/September issue of Vogue Patterns magazine:

BIG BUST - Tailored tops and fitted (not tight) shirts will minimize your assets. Stay away from Capri, gaucho and pedal pusher pants, all of which can make you look top heavy.

SHORT LEGS - Cigarette and other skinny styles give the illusion of length, as do skirts that hit just above the knee.

HEAVY THIGHS - Flares and bootlegs add width to your lower leg, slimming thighs in the process. If you are tall, try palazzo or other full, wide-leg styles.

SHORT TORSO - leave shirts untucked and undo the last few buttons to lengthen and slenderize your upper body.

BIG BELLY - Go for flat-front pants and skirts. Avoid pleats, gathers and in-seam pockets - they draw attention (and not the good kind) to your midsection.

Jan Neitzel

EMBROIDERY CLUB

November 19, 2008 - The Embroidery Group will meet at At Piece Quiltery - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Barbara Witkowski will instruct the group on a Christmas project. Details, such as designs and supplies, will be sent as soon as available.

Dee Lammi

Easton Couturiere Workshop
605 Frutchey Hill
Easton, PA 18040

Please review your personal information in the new handbooks. Additions/corrections should be brought to the attention of Sharon Roehrig or Jan Neitzel.

Ella Benzoni
175 W. North St. Apt 533C 1993 11/18
Nazareth, PA 18064 610-746-1442

Nancy Catanach
906 Sherers Hill Road 1990 12/18
Riegelsville, PA 18077 610-749-2462

Sharon Hontz slhontz@ptd.net
138 Center Ave. 2006 11/18
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 570-325-2396

Please add these 3 names and their info to your booklet

SEW n SEWS

Sew n Sews will meet on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 from 9 AM - 4 PM at the Hughes Library, Stroudsburg, PA.

Betty Pritko will be instructing on how to make "Jessica's Bag". A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting for those interested in making the bag. Details for the class will be given to those planning to attend. The purse will make a nice Christmas present.

For those who are not making the bag, you are welcome to come and work on your own project. Everyone is welcome!

Annette Smerkanich

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

Deadline for December Newsletter is December 5, 2008

All newsletters are on Dee Lammi's website embroiderybydee.com

Jo Lysholdt jolysholdt@rcn.com
Ellen Sorensen glenn13ellen@verizon.net