

EASTON COUTURIERE WORKSHOP NEWSLETTER

October 2008

PREZ SAYS

How exciting it was to see everyone again in September! Members and guests all enjoyed a tasty luncheon and an informative presentation by Betty Pritko on how to make one of her Jessica Bags. Betty will be following up with a December workshop for those who would like to continue this project.

This month, Brenda McCandless will be joining us with More Embroidery Quilt Excitement. Her first presentation sparked so much interest, Eleanor was anxious to have her return with more samples and ideas.

As we looked forward to April, a proposal for our fashion show theme was to tie into Third Street Alliance's 100th anniversary celebration. Wow! Stop to think how fashion has changed since 1909! We will be talking more about our show at the next meeting.

Bring your ideas and I'll see you Monday, October 13.

Nancy Boccadoro

PS If you are interested in the current fashion trends for autumn and winter, make a cup of tea or coffee and log into

<http://www.fashion-era.com/>

This site provides a wealth of information on all things fashion.

Devotions: Elizabeth Cortright

Hostesses: Pat Auerbach and Diane Suter.
Hostesses are asked to bring a simple snack to share during the break.

There will be a **fabric sale** at **SECOND SIGHT** on Election day. The time will be 9 to 5 and there will be a 50% discount.

Polly McGarr

COUTURIERE ON THE GO

On Thursday, October 23, we will be on the road again, this time to the Poconos. We will be going in the morning to The Garden of Beadin and then to the American Ribbon Mill where we will get a 20% discount. Lunch will be at Dansbury Depot and then to Liztech Gallery and to Mountain Knits and Pearls where we will have some refreshments. At the October meeting there will be directions and more about the trip.

Agnes Webb

A Few Notes About October's Speaker

Brenda McCandless is a graduate of Cedar Crest. She has been a quilting teacher since 1990 and is currently at Northampton Community College and Northampton High School Evening Adult Education.

Brenda will have quilts of all sizes, designs, patterns and colors. We all remember the wonderful stories she told us about each quilt. She will share more fascinating creations with us.

Eleanor Pinto

October looks like a good month for fashion and textiles! A little gem at the Philadelphia Museum of Art features the fashion designer Kansai Yamamoto (born 1944), one of the founding fathers of Japanese contemporary fashion. He is best known for his wildly dramatic designs of the 1970s and 1980s, and—here's a fun fact—his American debut in 1971 was at Hess's Department Store in Allentown! While at the PMA, also take a look at the two exhibitions featuring colorful African-American quilts. The Galleries at Moore College of Art & Design (also Philadelphia) has a wonderful group of designer Mary McFadden's gowns and dresses now on exhibit, and McFadden will give an illustrated lecture there from 6-8:30 on November 18.—
Jacquie Atkins, Allentown Art Museum

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SEW ON AND SEW FORTH

There is so much talk about the economy now. It occurs to me that seamstresses have always been aware of how to stretch a dollar. I think the old expression was to stretch a nickel but forget that!

For less waste, purchase 5-10 yards of interfacing at a time.

Your scissors will last longer and perform better if you occasionally oil the screw assembly with one drop of oil. For those of you who live in the Easton area, Bob Miller of Miller's Hardware in West Easton, sharpens scissors. He charged me \$.75.

If you are planning to sew a coat, try out the pattern first as an inexpensive bathrobe.

Recycle men's ties for decorative piping.

If you need a large piece of pattern-making paper in a hurry, iron sheets of wax paper together.

To mend the finger of a glove, slip in a candle and the needle will glide on by.

When mending a seam in a sweater, use embroidery floss. Machine thread cuts soft yarn

Several of these hints are from a little book by Alida Macor, AND SEW ON.

Jan Neitzel

Rick was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary and his wife was really angry. She told him, "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in less than 6 seconds."

The next morning Rick got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, the wife put on her robe, ran out to the driveway and brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Rick has been missing since Friday.

SEW WHAT'S NEW?

October!! I think of this as my favorite month and wish it would last longer. It means an end to hot weather, although we really can't complain about this past summer, and that is not always the case. A year ago I came home from the hospital after my hip surgery on Oct. 4, and it was a record 85 degrees - and we had the AC on! Go figure. But the beauty of autumn always amazes me, and that and the brisk weather gives me a real shot in the arm.

For the last month I have been cleaning out my stash. Deciding if I can part with something is a major decision, and a hard one, and I try to ask 3 questions of myself.. For example, a lovely piece of black silky polyester: 1. Why did I buy it? Because I needed a dressy black dress at that time (10-15 years ago). 2. Why is it still in the drawer? Because I don't need dressy dresses any more, and I decided a long time ago I hated sewing on that stuff. 3. Will I ever use it? No! So it will appear on that "Table of Treasures" at our meeting for someone who might answer "yes" to that last question. In fact I have bags of things to bring from the stashes of my daughter, who really just quilts now; and Marty Daub, former member, who is downsizing again. Some real treasures. Happy hunting, and please - I don't want to take any of it home!!

Ellen Sorensen

JESSICA'S BAG WORKSHOP

Plan to attend a Workshop on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 from 9 AM - 4 PM at the Hughes Library. 1002 North 9th Street, Stroudsburg, PA

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Betty Pritko will instruct the making of Jessica's Bag. At our September meeting, Betty gave an overview of how the bag is made. She also showed a few samples

At the October/November meetings, a sign-up sheet and supply list will be available to those interested in attending this workshop.

Please join us for this educational workshop. If anyone needs directions to the Hughes Library, contact Annette Smerkanich at 570-455-6546 or email at smerky@ptd.net

Claire Rohloff and Annette Smerkanich

SEW n SEWS

Sew n Sews will meet on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 from 9 A - 4 P at the Hughes Library, Stroudsburg, PA

Dee Lammi will be instructing the members of the Embroidery Group on a project. For those who do not have an embroidery machine, please join us, and you can spend the day working on your own sewing project.

We welcome any member to join us in a day of learning, sharing, and fun.

Annette Smerkanich

**2009 SEWING SCHEDULE
FOR SEW n SEWS & SEWING FRIENDS
HUGHES LIBRARY,
1002 NORTH 9TH STREET
STROUDSURG, PA 18360
TIME: 9 AM – 4 PM**

<u>MON</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>GROUP</u>
JAN	9	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
JAN	22	THUR	SEW n SEWS
FEB	13	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
FEB	25	WED	SEW n SEWS
MAR	13	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
MAR	25	WED	SEW n SEWS

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APR	23	THUR	SEW n SEWS
MAY	8	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
MAY	28	THUR	SEW n SEWS
JUN	19	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
JUN	25	THUR	SEW n SEWS
JUL	10	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
JUL	23	THUR	SEW n SEWS
AUG	14	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
AUG	27	THUR	SEW n SEWS
SEP	11	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
SEP	24	THUR	SEW n SEWS
OCT	9	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
OCT	22	THUR	SEW n SEWS
NOV	13	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
NOV	19	THUR	SEW n SEWS
DEC	11	FRI	SEWING FRIENDS
DEC	17	THUR	SEW n SEWS

Sweatshirt Jacket – education segment for Oct.13th.

Materials list:

Sweatshirt 1-2 sizes larger than you usually wear, or select a child's size. We will be cutting the side seam out and this will decrease the size, also sewing on pieces of fabric will pull the fabric together so it is less stretchy. Select any color you like.

Fabrics to equal about 4 yards or about 16 fat quarters for adult – less for child. You may bring many different fabrics with patterns in a color range or keep the fabric selection to 4 or 5 colors and patterns that you like. Cottons or flannels or both will work. Select colors you like to wear.

Scissors, and or rotary cutter and mat., basting spray adhesive.

This is the jacket Claire made.

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The workshop to follow up on this program will be held on Sunday afternoon, 11:30 to 3:00 October 26, 2008 at At Piece Quiltery.

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