

**Last week's Tuesday meeting was inspiring!** Sue Lathrop shared her techniques for printing onto fabric and then using those images to create beautiful wall hangings with a lot of free motion quilting and thread painting. It can be as easy as buying the prepared fabric in pre-cut sheets and copying a picture or as complex as treating your own fabric, cutting it to size and then creating an image with a software package. Pictures and a brief write-up are on our website ([www.asg-corporuschristi.com](http://www.asg-corporuschristi.com)). We also have pictures of the fabulous show-and-tell items on the website. So check it out! Once again our Stash Bash was full -- so many patterns, books, fabrics and notions! It looked like many of us went through our fabrics and things over the holidays and cleared out the old to make room for the new. Minerva Neely, our treasurer, has sent out the checks. If you have any questions, please call me or Minerva (442-5796). Also, Karen Barnes left her Dell notebook at the Tuesday meeting. If you remember seeing it or accidentally picked it up, please call Karen at 548-1955.

### **This week...**

- **Community Service sewing at the Singer Sewing Center is TOMORROW!!** Nancy Beyer and our little Berninas are looking for happy hands to create beautiful things for those in need...and have fun doing it! Come join us tomorrow between 10 and 3. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. We appreciate all the smiling faces! Just bring your thread snips.
- **On Thursday, Jan 19, our Port Aransas Style group meets at 10 am at the JELM center** behind the Community Presbyterian Church. Their program will be Three Kinds of Applique given by Riana Noyes. Sue Bell is the leader for this group. If you have any questions, please call Sue at 361-877-9705.
- You can **Focus on Fit on either Wednesday or Thursday afternoon with Elisabeth Chism**. Please call Elisabeth at 361-853-0968 to coordinate the day and time.

Tickets are available for the **Pamela Leggett lecture (Wednesday) and you can sign up for the classes (Thursday and Friday)**. Just call Betty Surprenant at 991-2546. Pamela's website is [www.pamelaspatterns.com](http://www.pamelaspatterns.com) if you are curious. Pamela is our ONLY special speaker this year. And, the tickets are very, very reasonable -- the lecture is \$25 which includes lunch and the class is \$25 (bring your own lunch). The Chapter is using some of our fundraising money to keep the ticket prices down. In the Wednesday lecture, Pamela will talk about serger techniques and sewing/fitting knit fabrics. For more information...go to our website [www.asg-corporuschristi.com](http://www.asg-corporuschristi.com)

Also, we still have openings for the **Fitting Retreat with Marilyn Elliott on Jan 26-29** (Thursday-Sunday morning) at Camp Zephyr in Sandia ([www.campzephyr.org](http://www.campzephyr.org)). At the retreat Marilyn will work with anyone on any pattern, even if you didn't attend the earlier classes. This is the only event for Marilyn Elliott in 2012. Your room/meal is \$164 for the 3 nights/9 meals in a semi-private room. Private rooms are available at \$209. Marilyn's fee is \$90 for the three days. We also have a day camper option at \$5/day and \$7/meal, plus Marilyn's fee (which is \$35 for one day and \$70 for 2

days). Call (563-3336) or email me if you are interested, need more information, or want to register.

### Other Activities:

- The Rio Grande Chapter will have Suzy Seed, a national Sulky Thread Educator, on Saturday Jan 28 from 9-4 pm. The program is called Thread Play and the price is \$25 for ASG members plus a \$30 kit fee. Non-members are welcome at \$40 for a ticket, plus the kit fee. They are limited to 25 participants. If you are interested, contact Diane Parry at [bparry@rgv.rr.com](mailto:bparry@rgv.rr.com)
- Floriani Seminar at the Singer Sewing Center on February 3,4. If you haven't signed up yet, call NOW because 2 of the 3 classes are already full! Contact Susan at 991-5151 to register. Each attendee will receive a free package of Floriani items. Susan also has the Frixion pens (that erase with heat) in a variety of colors.
- Peggy Sagers' Education for the Textile Arts (ETA) Conference is on February 11-12 in Dallas at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The platinum package is \$149 which includes 2 nights at the hotel, 2 class days, and access to the vendor hall. It is possible to take 11 classes in this 2 day period. For more information, go to Peggy's website [www.silhouettepatterns.com](http://www.silhouettepatterns.com) and click on the conference.

Enjoy the week... Jean