

Sew Precious In His Sight

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Threads of Love National Convention October 5 – 8, 2006

As most of you remember, we had planned to have our second national convention in 2005. However with Katrina rolling into town just two weeks before the kick-off, it had to be rescheduled. Well the date has been set for Thursday, October 5th through Sunday October 8th, 2006. Unfortunately some of the teachers that were booked to teach had already booked other classes when we finally able to set a date for the convention. As of now it looks like we have all the teachers in place. Please watch the website for the posting of the classes and the form to be downloaded so that you may register. Deadline for registering for the convention is September the 10th. The price of the convention of \$125 is still in place and a block of rooms at the Embassy Suites has been booked. To get the best rate you must ask for the Threads of Love price.

The goal of the convention is not only to learn some new sewing skills but brush up on some old ones. We also want it to be a spiritual refreshing of the spirit and be motivated about the work that Threads of Love is doing through you in showing the love and faithfulness of God. I also want you to have a good time, so here are some of the fun things that we will be doing. I have planned two games that I think you will enjoy that are geared to help you meet and fellowship with the other ladies in attendance. Have you ever played JESUS bingo? If not you will at the convention!

At both of the noon meals on Friday and Saturday you will hear testimonies from families that have been touched by Threads of Love. You will also learn how families who lost a baby were treated back in the 1700's. You will learn how the isolette came about and how babies who were born prematurely where treated. I think you will be shocked and interested in this!

I want to send you back to the hotel each night up lifted and on a positive note. On Friday after dinner you will be entertained by the Strong River Men's Quartet...you are in for a real treat with this group. Saturday night you will learn about the heritage of the Acadian people by Warren Perrin, who is a Louisiana historian and noted author of "Acadian Redemption." If you are to learn about the Acadian people then your menu for that day must be Acadian food. For lunch you will have Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya and for dinner you will be served Fried Catfish / Crawfish Etouffe / Chicken Sausage Gumbo. For those outside of the Louisiana area, we will have mercy on you and cut back on the spices!

Here are some of class that will be offered: Basic Smocking, smocking & construction of a bishop dress, construction of a burial dress, heirloom techniques, silk ribbon on a tea towel, lingerie bag or baby bible cover, shadow embroidery a baby bib or pillow case, embroidery a baby bonnet or pin cushion, getting to know your serger, heirloom by serger and edge finishes. The serger class and machine class will be limited to ten machines per class; however, you are more than welcome to sit in on any of the machine classes and take notes.

If some reason you cannot download the form from the website, to register please send a self addressed stamped (.63 cents) envelope to Threads of Love - 37184 Oak Shadow Court - Denham Springs, La 70706. I will be glad to mail you a packet to register.

We can't wait to see you at the convention! It will be a weekend you'll never forget.

In His Service,
Sissy

My Trip to Arlington, TX for the Martha Pullen Sewing Market

By Sissy Davis

For the past seven years Threads of Love has had a booth at the Martha Pullen sewing market in Texas and this year was a little different. We usually have one booth; however this year we had four booths, thanks to the Martha Pullen company, Viking Sewing Machine Company, Brother Sewing Machine Company and Sulky Thread Company. Thanks to the donations from these companies, we were able to invite ladies to come into our booth and make a baby blanket that was donated at the end of the show to Cook's Children's Hospital. The ladies sergered a blanket with a Brother serger and then they had the chance to embroider our newest embroidery design onto the little blanket. Five of my ladies from my chapter in Baton Rouge attended and help in the booth with the sewing. Thanks so much to these ladies—Pat Sullivan, Jennie Mills, Margaret Waters, Mary Arceneaux and Marilyn Furlong. My husband even made a blanket along with setting up my PowerPoint for the six classes that I taught and Pat's husband Dick even helped with the ironing of the blankets. Then there was lots of help from some of the local chapters in Texas. Thanks to Kelley Butler, Linda Whigham, Terri Crawford, Sue Has, Gloria Speakman, Di Ann Campbell, Erin Lea, Cindy Griffin and Anna Griffin. As you can see we were not short handed. With the help from all these ladies we were able to finish 210 blankets that were donated at the close of the show on Saturday.

If only you could have seen the worker bees....they all must have had been running on long lasting batteries. All we accomplished could not have been done if it were not for the help given so freely by all of these sweet ladies. It also gave me a chance to visit and get to know the ladies from some of the TX chapters.

If you are a member of Threads of Love you will be able to go into the members only part of the web site and download the new embroidery design by Laurie Anderson from Tennessee. Laurie is always willing to give of her talents in designing new designs for us. You will also find a new version of the nurse's prayer pockets.

Martha has been so supportive of us for the past seven years and somehow thank you just didn't seem to be enough. When the blankets were donated to Cook's Children Hospital on Saturday, Martha was presented with a honorary member certificate making her an honorary member of Threads of Love. At this time we induced our newest embroidery design, and in honor of Martha we named it Martha's Grief Bear. Again thanks to Laurie with this new pattern and design. You will also find this pattern in the members only part of the web site.

On Wednesday before the show some of the chapters from the Arlington area got together and held a luncheon for me. Julie Zoota of Fort Worth hosted the luncheon at her home, I think there were about 25 ladies and five chapters represented at the luncheon. Thanks for making this luncheon possible, Julie...it will be something I will remember for a very long time. What a treat that was for me to have a chance to meet and fellowship with these ladies. Some for me had a name, but no face, and I was thrilled that I now have a face to go along with a name. I just wish I could meet each and every one of the Threads of Love ladies.

I want to share a God thing with you all. One of my ladies had purchased tickets for the Sewing market, and wanted to get her money back for them. I took them with me to sell, in order to help her out. At the luncheon the ladies were asked to bring some of the things that they make in their chapter for a show and share time at the luncheon since other chapter members would be in attendance. Julie and I decided that we would turn it into a contest and I would donate the three days of tickets for the Sewing Market as the prizes, as I had them in my purse. Isn't it neat how God knew about this before it was planned? It's just a God thing is all I can say. We divided the contest into three categories and the three tickets served as the prizes. What fun we had with this! If you are coming to the convention be sure and bring your new things that your chapter is doing that are not included in the handbook. Hope to see each and ever chapter represented. If you don't come you will miss out on a lot of teaching, sharing and fellowship, especially if you are a new chapter. This is an excellent time to learn from all the ladies who represent the different chapters. See you there!

welcome to our new chapters!

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JESUS LOVES ME!

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair, or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of "Jesus Loves Me". It is quite cute, so read, sing and enjoy!"

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know, Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim, Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS) YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME...
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow, With my hand in His I'll go.
On through life, let come what may, He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

Though I am no longer young, I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile, Go with others the extra mile.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long, In my heart He puts
a song. Telling me in words so clear, "Have no fear, for I am near."

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done, And life's victories have
been won. He will take me home above, Then I'll understand His love

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so? Jesus
loves to hear me say, That I love Him every day.



Dear Mrs Davis,
I want to personally thank you for your generous donation of 210 blankets for our littlest patients. Our new Moms Dads are so enjoying having their little ones cozily cuddled in their beautiful new blankets. You have brought many smiles to faces that needed a reason to smile.

Please accept our most sincere gratitude For going above and beyond in Supporting our Stitch-A-Wish Program and the preemies and their Families that are the recipients of your kindness.

Kindest Regards,
Marie

Sissy,
Your generosity brings great joy to our patients at Cook children's Medical Center. Please Accept our deepest appreciation for you kind donation of 210 preemie blankets. I wish you could have heard the sounds of joy when we presented them to the NICU staff. I promise they will be given to the parents along with the prayer, as you wished. It was such a pleasure to have met you and hope to see you again next year.

You have brightened up the day of many parents as well as the love and well wishes attached to any hand sewn item.

Vickie
Cook Children's
Volunteer Stitcher
Coordinator

Thank You,
Thank You,



Dear Threads of Love,

Thank you for the sweet baby clothes and blankets for my baby. I was so touched to learn of your organization - what a perfect name for what you do!

Isabella was born on July 18th 2005 and weighed 1 pound and was 11 inches long. Today she's 2 pound. Thanks to the loving care of so many people, including you!

Thanks for adding a warm touch to the NICU.
Keep Isabella in your prayers.
Rosemary & Wayne

“The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.”

Mother Teresa

A RECIPE TO LIVE BY

Blend one cup of love and on half cup of kindness, add alternately in small portions one cup of appreciation and 3 cups of pleasant companionship into which has been sifted three teaspoons of deserving praise.

Flavor with one teaspoons carefully chosen advice.

Lightly fold in one cup of cheerfulness to which has been added a pinch of sorrow. Pour the tender case into small clean hearts and let bake until will matured. Pour out on the surface of society. Humbly invoke God's blessing and it will serve al mankind.



**“Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time:
it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable”**

Sydney J Harris



Hymns For Everyone

The Dentist's Hymn	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>
The Weatherman's Hymn	<i>There Shall Be Showers of Blessings</i>
The Contractor's Hymn	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>
The Tailor's Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
The Golfer's Hymn	<i>There Is A Green Hill Far Away</i>
The Politician's Hymn	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>
The Optometrist's Hymn	<i>Open My Eyes That I Might See</i>
The IRS Agent's Hymn	<i>I Surrender All</i>
The Gossip's Hymn	<i>Pass It On</i>
The Electrician's Hymn	<i>Send The Light</i>
The Shopper's Hymn	<i>Sweet By and By</i>
The Realtor's Hymn	<i>I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop</i>
The Massage Therapist's Hymn	<i>He Touched Me</i>
The Doctor's Hymn	<i>The Great Physician</i>

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Mission Statement

Threads of Love is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of tiny premature infants. The ministry is about healing and binding hearts together – the hearts of parents at a time of uncertainty about their baby’s health or when they lose an infant. Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donation, His work can and will continue. Pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

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**There are three
things that re-
main: faith,
hope and love;
and the greatest
of these is love.
- 1 Corinthians
13:13**