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## THREADS THAT BIND

Spring is coming soon; clocks turning back; daffodils in bloom;--And best of all, the Spring and Summer fabrics are in the stores!!!

We need this time to refresh and go forward. Your new cabinet has been busy planning and implementing new and exciting programs. ASG Members are always welcome to give ideas. Please plan to attend the April Tea. We will have a style show of all the sewing challenges.

Sorry we had to cancel the "Fabric Frenzy". There just wasn't a good response for booths to make the show a success. Do you think the fabric stashes are dwindling????!!!

Learning more on Sewing Techniques from Louise Cutting was such a wonderful experience. It was so nice to see the class working and achieving results. Be sure and check the article in this newsletter.

Thanks to Dawna O'Connor for her presentation on Machine Embroidery . Her information was very useful for all the membership to follow.

I will be looking forward to Julia Langel's program on "Sewing the Web: Internet Resources To Help You Sew Better" in May. She has so much knowledge in the technical field. She recently started our Web Page. Read about it in the newsletter.

Looks like the Cabinet will be on the road checking out another bus trip for members. We will have more on that later in the year.

ASG Regional Meeting is next month in Ames, Iowa. We will bring back all the good news to share with members.

Enjoy Spring & Happy Sewing!!!

Becky Wondra

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### Monthly Chapter Meetings

#### Wichita Chapter Meetings

1st Tuesday at 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

#### Derby Neighborhood Group

4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

#### Hutchinson Neighborhood Group

1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

#### Wichita Eastside Neighborhood Group

3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

## Welcome!

### New Members:

Marsha Doyenne

Christy Hillard

Eleanor Patton

Nancy Shepherd

### Renewals:

Deborah Romero

## MEMBERSHIP

### EXPIRATION

You should receive a renewal notice and form from the National office about two months before the expiration date. If you don't, you will still want to send in your renewal before it expires. To find your membership expiration date check your newsletter label. If you need help contact an officer on the Advisory Board, they will be glad to assist you.

Don't forget to notify the national office if you have an address change. This is important because the address labels come from the national office and you don't want to miss any mailings.

## YAHOO SITE

A Yahoo site has been created for members of the Wichita Chapter of the ASG. This site will keep you updated as to chapter events as well as keeping in touch with each other.

Contact: Shirley Binder sb1026049@onemain.com

She will then e-mail you an invitation to join. This allows you to go to Yahoo Groups and join.

**ASG Wichita Chapter****April 2, 2007****General Meeting****Spring Tea****&****Sewing Challenge**

There will be a sewing challenge for the April 3, 2007 Spring Tea. You are encouraged to bring or wear an article that you have made. There are four challenge options to choose from:

1. A garment using "Louise Cutting" Sewing Tips
2. A garment using "Louise Cutting" Pattern
3. A garment from 1 of the 9 ASG Simplicity Patterns  
#3962 #3964 #3966 #3991 #4026  
#4036 #4047 #4084 #4134
4. A garment of your own idea.

If you have any questions contact Becky Wondra at 722-0939 or rlwondral@cox.net

**NOTE!****What Can You Buy For Twenty-five Cents?**

In August the library began accepting old sewing or quilting related magazines. These magazines have been available to members for a twenty-five cent donation. We would like to "Thank" everyone that has donated magazines or made a purchase to make this a big success.

The money raised will be used to fund purchases for the ASG library. So, if you have any suggestions for items to be purchased, please contact Leah Jones 1-620-596-2517 or Shirley Binder 943-5063

**Donations Needed!****La Familia Senior/Community Center**

841 W. 21st St. North

Wichita, Kansas 67203

(316) 267-1700

Chris Alonzo, the director of the LaFamilia Center is asking for help with donations of sewing, crafts and quilting supplies. These supplies are needed to support a program to teach sewing, quilting, and craft classes at the facility. They are also in great need of sewing machines. If anyone has an older machine that they are no longer using and is willing to donate it to the center, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Hospitality**

"Thank You" ladies for volunteering to bring "goodies" to the monthly meetings!! The list is as follows and I will try to contact you prior to the meeting for a "gentle" reminder that you had signed up as a hostess. I have switched the February volunteers to October due to the February meeting not being a regular meeting. If this will not work, please contact me and we can make additional changes. Thanks again! - Lynanne DeGarmo

April: SPRING TEA

May: Carol Wiens, Janet Dexter, Marilyn Beaver

June: Betty Fidler, Barbara Blackman, Barbara Scadden

July: NO MEETING

August: Jan Adams, Virginia Schneider, Julia Langel

September: Birthday Party

## RETAILERS

The following is a list of retailers, and the discounts they offer to ASG members on regularly priced fabric and notions. Remember, to receive your special ASG discount, show your valid membership card at the time of purchase. Remember to show your card before purchases are entered into the register.

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2601 S. Hydraulic

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The Sewing Center 832-0819

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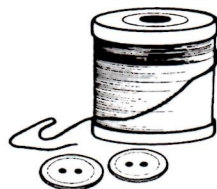
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[www.quiltingbee.net](http://www.quiltingbee.net)

We appreciate the retailers when they offer these special discounts. Please remember to thank them.



## Advertising Rates

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[vschneider@cox.net](mailto:vschneider@cox.net)

### Wichita Eastside Neighborhood Group

Needle Nook

2714 Boulevard Plaza

Wichita, Ks.

7-10 P.M.

Theresa Corle is starting a new neighborhood group on the third Tuesday of the month. It will meet at the Needle Nook from 7-10 P.M. Individuals will work on their own projects with each helping the other if needed. It will be fun to work and learn together. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun. Dates are May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, etc.

## Book Review

### The Art of Manipulating Fabric

Bu Colette Wolff

The possibilities for three-dimensional manipulation of fabric-gathering, pleating, tucking, shirring, and quilting woven materials are endless. To describe them all would be to describe the entire history of sewing. However, Colette in her book *The Art of Manipulating Fabrics* tries to do just that. Colette categorizes all major dimensional techniques, shows how they are related, and gives examples of variations both traditional and modern. The result is an encyclopedia of techniques that resurface, reshape, restructure and reconstruct fabric.

Textile artists and quilters, as well as garment and home décor sewers, will expand their design horizons with the almost limitless effects that can be achieved by using the information found in this incredible book.

## Kansas City Chapter/ Topeka Neighborhood Group

Topeka Public Library

Lillian Perkins Room

1515 SW 10th Ave.

Topeka, Ks.

6:45-8:30 p.m.

## Special Events

*April 21, 2007*

*"Power Sewing" with Sandra Betzina*

Lenexa Conference Center

11184 Lackman Rd.

Lenexa, Ks,

Registration Deadline: April 11, 2007

Contact Donna Walker 913-268-4171

*June 23, 2007 "Linda Lee" Luncheon*

Sewing Workshop & Trunk Show

Topeka Country Club

2700 SW Buchanan

Topeka, Ks. 66611

To register contact: Jeannine Miller 785-357-6840

Donations of fabric and sewing notions are being accepted to support the sewing community service projects.

Contact: Karen Ingenthron (785) 246-3205.

## Derby Neighborhood Group

Woodlawn United Methodist Church

431 S. Woodlawn

Derby, Ks.

7:00 P.M.

*(Use south entrance Room 11E)*

April 21, 2007 "Fitting" Carol Wiens (Saturday Meeting)

April 26, 2007 "Fitting" Follow-up

May 24, 2007 "Necklines on Knits"

Anne St. Clair (location to be decided)

June 28, 2007 "Thrift-Shop Challenge"

July 26, 2007 Charity Sew

August 23, 2007 "Using Crazy Quilting for Garments or Home Dec" Virginia Schneider

September 27, 2007 Videos

October 25, 2007 "Angels" Barbara Bolm

November 22, 2007 NO MEETING

December 13, 2007 Christmas Party

### March General Meeting ASG Wichita Chapter

Dawna O'Connor from A-1 Singer Sewing Center was the special speaker for the March general meeting. Her presentation highlighted *All Aspects of Machine Embroidery*.

The lecture began with what to look for in an embroidery machine, their price, features, warranty and service. Dawna also included information on the operation of the machine including threading, hooping and stitching a design.

The next topic covered was the supplies, such as the different threads, needles, backings and stabilizers. As a special bonus she provided a set of stabilizer swatches and a chart entitled *Putting It All Together: A Needle/Thread/Backing Usage Chart*.

The final topic presented was on troubleshooting embroidery problems with threads, needles, bobbins, fabrics, and embroidery designs.

Dawna concluded by recommending checking a website <http://stitches.com> for more information on embroidery machines and their operations.



### ASG Wichita Chapter Website

<http://asgwichita.wordpress.com>

Julia Langel has volunteered to create a website for the Wichita Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. This site will have information for future events, as well as highlights of passed events. So don't forget to check it often.

If you have ideas on what you would like to see added to the site contact Julia at (316) 733-4780.

### Free! ASG Logo Embroidery Designs

Promote ASG-wear their designs on your garment, purse, tote bag or any where you would like.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 1-May6, 2007** "Hidden Jewels" The Pioneer Woman Museum  
Ponca City, OK.

**April 3, 2007** Tea & Sewing Challenge

**April 13-14, 2007** Regional ASG Meeting Ames, Iowa

**April 12-28, 2007** "Cloth Merchants" Sale Tulsa, Ok

**April 17, 2007** "Cloth Merchants" ASG Carpool Trip

Contact: Betty Brees (316) 838-3709

**April 21, 2007** "*Sandra Betzina*" 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lenexa Conference Center

11184 Lackman Road

Lenexa, Ks.

Contact: Donna Walker (913) 268-4171

**April 24, 2007** CAB Meeting

**May 8, 2007** Julia Langel "Sewing the Web: Internet Resources To Help You Sew Better"

**May 4, 2007** Newsletter Deadline

**May 22, 2007** CAB Meeting

**June 5, 2007** "Serge Techniques" Southend Sewing

**June 6-9, 2007** Machine Quilters Showcase Overland Park, Ks.

**June 7-10, 2007** "Kansas Prairie Shop Hop"-10 Shops

Contact: Country Cousins (785) 243-4044

**June 23, 2007** "Linda Lee" Luncheon

Topeka Country Club

2700 SW Buchanan

Topeka, Ks. 66611

Contact: Jeannine Miller (785) 357-6840

**June 26, 2007** CAB Meeting

**July 6, 2007** Charity Sew

**July 7, 2007** Newsletter Deadline

**July 24, 2007** CAB Meeting

**July 26-29, 2007** ASG National Conference

Sacramento, California

**August 7, 2007** Lori Postlethwait & 4-H Fashion Show

**August 10, 2007** Newsletter Deadline

**August 28, 2007** CAB Meeting

## WEB SITE

*How can I check the National Web Site for 'Special Offers'?*

First go to the National ASG Web Site at [www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org) and click on 'Members Only'. The next screen click 'Enter Members Only Area'. Once there it will ask you for an user name and password, type 'sewing' for the user name and 'friends' for the password. In the next screen click 'Special Offers'. This screen will give you a long list of retailers that are offering discounts to ASG members. Now you can shop. Don't forget these offers change quarterly so be sure to check this site often.

*There is now 66 new special offers posted on the web site for members.*

## BECAUSE WE CARE

Is there someone you feel the Wichita ASG Guild needs to remember with a card. Like someone we need to send condolence to or a card for a serious illness, or recovering from surgery? Please notify Ruby Chrisco at 788-0807 and she will send a special card to them in behalf of the ASG Guild. Letting these ones know they are in our thoughts can mean so much. So help us in this matter.

## ASG NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

**HUTCHINSON**

**Delos Smith Center**

**101 W. 1st.**

**Hutchinson, Ks.**

**April 5, 2007 7:00 P.M.**

*"Making Bras" Demo—Kim Allen*

Results of "Unloved Fabric Challenge"

Hostess-Jackie Proffitt

**May 3, 2007 6:00 P.M.**

Picnic—potluck supper

## ASG WICHITA CHAPTER

### "Louise Cutting" Seminar

By Barbara Blackman



Louise Cutting flew into Wichita from sunny Florida on a cold windy February day. She brought with her oodles of enthusiasm and life changing sewing tips and techniques. Louise kept forty-eight women at the edges of their seats not wanting to miss a word on Tuesday afternoon and the number swelled to 65 Tuesday evening. We learned how to add fringe to jackets, the many wonders of *Steam a Seam*, how to sew *One Seam Pants* in an hour, and how to add pockets and pleats to the pants. We heard tips on traveling, packing and how to design a travel wardrobe with special paper dolls and help from the paint store color charts. There will be no more lumpy necklines or armholes when our facings are clipped diagonally as Louise taught us.

On Wednesday, forty-two fortunate ladies spent another day with Louise. This was a hands on sewing day with exercise class. We walked miles back and forth from our sewing machines to the pressing stations. Louise demonstrated each technique, then sent us off to do it ourselves. We learned how to properly use a point turner after pressing seams open over the wooden clapper. What a difference doing it the right way makes. Points went from okay to exceptional and there will be no more poked out points. Louise showed us how to make collars and pocket flaps without seams at the edges. She showed us how to make welt pockets without shedding a tear. (I personally always felt like crying when I saw how my welt pockets turned out in the past.) The weighted rolled hems looked so nice, the bias bindings so professional, the beautiful mitered corners turned out perfect every time and I could go on and on. It was a wonderful day of sewing, learning and friendship. As I looked around the room of the comments I heard were "This is the best seminar I've ever attended" and "This one technique was worth the price of the seminar" as well as "This makes so much sense, why didn't I think of it?" Many of us have been sewing for 30 or more years and in two days we learned countless new techniques that will make our future sewing more fun and give us better results. I can't think of any better way to spend two days than learning with Louise Cutting.



## ASG LIBRARY NEWS

Items that can be checked out from the library include video's, DVD's, books, magazines, and patterns. These items can be checked out for one month at a time.

Remember there is a past due charge of \$1.00 per item on items not returned after one month.

### New Items In Library

#### "Threads" Magazine

March 2007 #129

May 2007 #130

#### "Sew Beautiful" Magazine

Issue #111 2007

#### "Sew News" Magazine

February 2007

March 2007

#### "Belle Armoire"

January/February 2007 Vol. 7 Issue 1

March/April 2007 Vol. 7 Issue 2

#### "Quilting Arts"

February/March 2007 Issue 250

#### "Clotilde" and "Sew Beautiful" Catalogs

### NEW MAGAZINE TO THE LIBRARY

"Sew Stylish" Spring 2007 Vol. 1

### BOOK DONATION

"Beautiful Patchwork Gifts"

### Special Note!

There are several items that are checked out that are overdue. Please check and see if you may have one of these items. You may contact Leah Jones (620) 596-2517 if you have questions or to make arrangements for returning the late items.

### August General Meeting

At the August meeting there will be a Fashion Show of garments that members have made for the ASG Creativity Contest 2007. If you made a garment for the Contest please contact Becky Wondra at 722-0939 or email her at [rlwondra@cox.net](mailto:rlwondra@cox.net), information about the garment is needed so she can make plans for the Fashion Show.

## Magazine Review

### Sew Stylish

#### From Threads

*Sew Stylish* is the first special issue from the publishers of *Threads* magazine. It combines today's best sewing guidance with expert tips, useful techniques, and fabulous sewing projects.

This resource is everything you need to improve your skills and build your sewing confidence.

Sections include:

- Getting Started
- Fabric Know-How
- Key Techniques
- Finding the Best Fit
- Great Sewing Projects

This magazine is just full of motivational projects and information.

### SPECIAL NOTE!

I am sure members will be excited to learn that this new resource has been added to our ASG Chapter Library and is ready for check-out.

## Nancy's Notions

### Discount Codes

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|------------------|-------------|
| April-June       | 079411-5223 |
| July-September   | 079411-5224 |
| October-December | 079411-5225 |

## Websites

### Embroidery

[www.annthegran.com](http://www.annthegran.com)  
[www.buzztools.com](http://www.buzztools.com)  
[www.cactuspunch.com](http://www.cactuspunch.com)  
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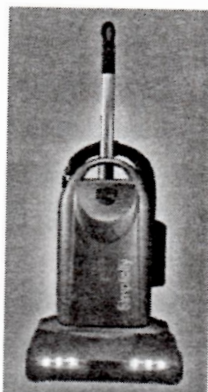
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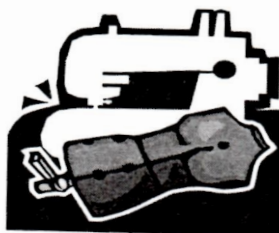
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### Video Series Review

This summer a friend loaned me the collection of videos for a BBC-produced series called *The House of Elliot*. I was caught up in it right away. The story itself is entertaining and could easily carry your interest. Two sisters, Bea and Evie, are suddenly on their own with the death of their well-to-do father. Just as suddenly their new-found freedom from the parental restraints of late Victorian England is dashed when the financial mishandling and romantic dalliances of their father requires them to scale back their lifestyle and their dreams of dressmaking business. As the story progresses, the sisters meet with ongoing successes and occasional setbacks in both business and personal life. Through it all their once simple dress-making business becomes the House of Elliot, a triumph in the couture world of the 1920's.

For those of us who sew and enjoy fashion, the plot is an added bonus. The clothes are beautiful, beautiful, beautiful. Lessons in costuming, changes in fashion, and the social and technical facets of the fashion world of the early 20th century are incorporated in every scene. We see the couture houses of London from both the luxury of customer dressing rooms to the Spartan backrooms where girls and women work complicated beading and tedious hand stitching for long hours at low wages. The love of luxurious fabrics, fine needlework, and beautiful design is the common ground for both groups of women.

If you can find this series on television or at your local library, do check it out. Whether you savor the plot and the fashion together or fast forward from one beautiful gown to another, you will be fascinated with *The House of Elliot*.

Dorothy Lewis

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