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## THREADS THAT BIND

Sewing had been the main emphasis of my life for the month of April. It is always a plus to meet new people with the same passion for sewing.

The regional meeting was held in Ames, Iowa this year. Betty Brees and myself attended. It was held on the campus of Iowa State at the 4-H center. Being a 4-H alum, it was a perfect setting. We had an excellent program on Wool Felting. It has inspired us to try it soon. The actual meeting was a chance to share ideas with other ASG Chapters. We have come away with some new ideas for our chapter.

I enrolled in the Sandra Betzina seminar at Lenexa, Kansas. She was a top notch presenter. Her pattern line is in Vogue. I went out and purchased several of her patterns as there are a variety of sizes per pattern. She took the time to tell participants how "fit" is important to them. We all took a lot of notes. Kansas City ASG Chapter did an excellent job preparing and carrying out this workshop.

We are having Ann St.Clair from Needle Nook coming for a "Bra Workshop" in October. Be sure to read more about it in the newsletter. Ann is becoming well known all over the world. We are so proud of her, and want to have her do a workshop for us. Please sign up early for this.

The sun is finally shining after all the storms. Hope this finds you all recovering from floods, tornadoes, etc.

Happy Sewing  
Becky

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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:

Sharon Hill      Rena Olson      Michelle Brakewood

### Renewals:

|                   |                 |                     |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Nancy Reeves      | Nancy Woodson   | Dana Shipley        |
| Theresa Corle     | Linda Farrier   | Michelle Eis        |
| Barbara Bohm      | Betty Brees     | Marilyn Christensen |
| Jean Ann Melia    | Sue Hunt        | Dora Mae Mooberry   |
| Deana Full        | Marilyn K. John | L. Jayne Miller     |
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## 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**

May General Meeting

Julia Langel

First Vice-President

Like lots of girls, I learned to sew from my mother, who thought it was an important life skill. After college, when I was in my first apartment, she sent me a very basic machine and supplies for a skirt and vest outfit. I made them, but didn't get really into sewing until I happened onto the teddy bear making craze. I sure loved making jointed bears! Do you believe there was actually a store devoted to bear making supplies? (The last time I was there, it was morphing into a quilt shop <grin>)

These days, I try to make most of my clothes. My favorites to wear, and therefore to sew, are knit tee shirts and wide legged slacks. I just can't find tees in the store that fit anywhere nearly as well as the ones I can make, and I'm almost to the point where I can sew one in the same time it would take to drive to a store, shop, and drive home. I'm also making most of my work clothes, since knit workout pants and jackets are generally overpriced and badly made. Of course, many of you know that I also knit socks...that's kind of an exception to the make-things-I-wear theme, since I don't like to wear shoes! Some day I hope to get up the courage to learn to make the jeans I live in most of the time.

Until I joined ASG two years ago, I didn't have any sewing teachers or friends, so everything I've learned I've read or figured out. I have loved Threads magazine from the first moment I found it in an airport bookstore and devoured it in a hotel room in Dallas. With the spread of the internet, I've also learned a lot from the great people who share their expertise on community spaces such as Sewing World (now dead), Pattern Review, and Stitcher's Guild.

As good as books and the internet are, there's still no substitute for real, live friends who share your passion and can help pin fit a misbehaving top. I've really enjoyed ASG and thank all of you who worked so hard to make our chapter the active, fun place it is today!

**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. Lynanne DeGarmo

June: Betty Fidler, Barbara Blackman, Barbara Scadden

July: NO MEETING

August: Jan Adams, Virginia Schneider, Julia Langel

September: Birthday Party

October: Jackie Clark, Delores Miller, Mildred Blackwood

November: Wanda Bledsoe, Linda Farrier, Jayne Miller

December: Christmas 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.

### 20% Discount

South End Sewing Center

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Wichita, Ks.

Needle Nook Fabrics 684-5989

2714 Boulevard Plaza

Wichita, Ks. 67211

The Sewing Center 832-0819

2101 W. 21st St.

Wichita, Ks. 67203

Prairie Quilts

684-5855

1010 S. Oliver

Wichita, Ks. 67218

[www.prairiequilts.com](http://www.prairiequilts.com)

Country Cousins

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114 W. 6th St.

Concordia, Ks. 66901

[www.CountryCousinsFabrics.com](http://www.CountryCousinsFabrics.com)

Sunflower Quilts

316-788-5120

405 N Osage Rd.

Derby, Ks 67037

[www.sunflowerquilts.com](http://www.sunflowerquilts.com)

Helen Enox Fine Fabrics

405-685-1279

1332 S.W. 59th

Oklahoma City, Ok. 73119

### Discount Punch Cards

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Wichita, Ks. 67206

Quilting Bee

785-823-9376

120 S. Santa Fe

Salina, Ks. 67401

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

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

## Advertising Rates

Ad rates for our bimonthly ASG Newsletter will be as follows:

Insert (one page 8 1/2" X 11") is \$30.00. Insert needs to be provided by advertiser.

Multiple sheets are priced by the weight.

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Wichita, Ks. 67205

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

## WANTED!

It is that time of the year that we ask individuals to be thinking of a position that they would like fill on the CAB. There is 5 elected positions to consider president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary and treasure. However, there are other positions that will also need to be filled. If you are interested in a position on the Board please let Becky Wondra know. She is compiling a list of persons that would be interested and the position they would like to fill. Please consider helping our guild by filling a position.





## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

## DENISE DIAS

Denise Dias will complete her term as Regional Representative for the American Sewing Guild this year. We were very fortunate that she came from our own Wichita Chapter and as our own representative she has represented our region well. Even though her leadership role has kept her busy for the past four years she has been instrumental in working with ASG at the national level on down to our local chapter. The Wichita ASG is so lucky to have her around to answer questions and give ideas. In April Betty Brees and Becky Wondra attend her last Regional Meeting and came back with many new ideas for our guild.

We know that Denise Dias will be missed by all the Regional Members as well as all the ASG Members in her region.

We all wish her well on her future endeavors.

## Topeka Neighborhood Group

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2021 SW 29th St. (*South Doors*)

Topeka, Ks.

Third Tuesday

6:30-8:30 p.m.

## Special Events

*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)*

June 28, 2007 "Thrift-Shop Challenge"

July 26, 2007 "Drafting a Princess Line Bodice"

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

September 27, 2007 Videos

October 25, 2007 "Angels" Barbara Bolm

November 22, 2007 NO MEETING

December 13, 2007 Christmas Party

## April Meeting &amp;

## Sloper Workshop

April 21 & 26, 2007 the Derby Neighborhood Group got together to make bodice slopers. They used the May "Threads" Magazine article on "How to Drape a Bodice" written by Kathleen Cheetham as a guide. There were five members draped by Marilyn Beavers, Lyia Flippo and Carol Wiens. The members then sewed their slopers together for a final test and tweaking, then paper patterns were made. During this "fitting workshop" some expressed an interest in making slacks. So the following Tuesday five ladies showed up to make slacks using the book by Connie Crawford. They each drafted a pair of slacks and then made a sloper and had a final fitting.

Everyone that participated was excited about the final results.





## BOOK REVIEW

### *"Vintage Fabrics"*

by

Judith Scoggin Gridley,

Joan Reed Kiplinger

Jessie Gridley McCure

*Vintage Fabrics* is intended as a reference book that will benefit textile collectors in all fields with the purchasing and identifying vintage cloth-novices, seamstresses, costumers and reenactors, researchers, dealers, students, teachers, quilters, and those who simply like fabrics.

The book is geared to vintage fabrics as a loom product, as yardage, and as a desirable product in the marketplace. The period from 1880-1959 is included with the 1950's chosen for the birth of the synthetics as well as the traditional and natural fiber fabrics.

Fabric information in charts, glossaries, and photos is extended to include a wide range of cotton, silks, and wools plus early rayons and nylons.

## STORAGE IDEAS

- **Large Zip-Lock Bags** for WISP works in progress.
- **Magazine Boxes or Binders** for magazines-highlight items in the magazine index & flag pages.
- **Binder With Clear Sleeves** for inspirational pages from magazines.
- **File Box With Folders** for class notes, project ideas, machine information, information about independent pattern companies.
- **Cup** for scrap thread and snippets.
- **Clip Hangers** for instructions, patterns or fabric.
- **Basket or Bin** for moving cutting tools, or pressing tools.
- **Storage Box or Peg Board** for thread cones-cover cones with clear plastic cups to protect from dust.

### Free! ASG Logo Embroidery Designs

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 5, 2007** Country Cousins

**June 6-9, 2007** Machine Quilters Showcase

Overland Park Convention Center 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 "Purses & Bags"

& 4-H Fashion Show

**August 28, 2007** CAB Meeting

**September 4, 2007** Xmas Gift Ideas

**September 7, 2007** Newsletter Deadline

**September 25, 2007** CAB Meeting

**October 2, 2007** Anne St. Clair "Bras"

**October 3, 2007** Bar Making Workshop Anne St. Clair

**October 23, 2007** CAB Meeting

**November 6, 2007** Mini-Workshops

**November 9, 2007** Newsletter Deadline

**November 11, 2007-January 6, 2008** *Women's Work: The Paper Doll Quilts of Rebekka Seigel Exhibit*, Stauth Memorial Museum, Montezuma, Kansas

**November 27, 2007** CAB Meeting

**December 4, 2007** Christmas Party "Potholders" & 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*** 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.

## SPECIAL OFFERS

***Button Drawer***-15% Discount

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***Fabrics.net***-10% Discount

***Hip Line Media***-20% Discount

## 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.

Theresa Corle sends her thanks for all the cards and messages. She really appreciates all the ASG members. Please continue your thoughts and prayers for her. She is going back for more surgery on May 15th.



## ASG WICHITA CHAPTER JUNE GENERAL MEETING

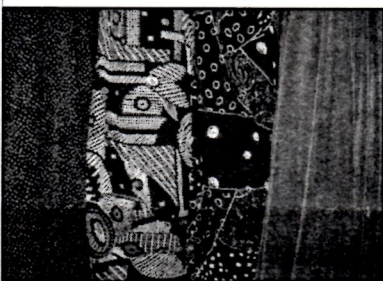
Speaker Marsha Doyenne, owner of Country Cousins

### How long has your store been in business?

Country Cousins is part of a three-building, two store mini-mall located in downtown, Concordia, Kansas. It was originally started by my mother, Peggy Doyen, and has been in business for over 24 years. Country Cousins has a history of supplying both high-quality fashion and quilting fabric, and I am continuing this tradition. The other two stores in the mini-mall contain a soda fountain, gifts, books, and gluten-free and specialty health food items.

### What makes Country Cousins special?

Our store has over 4,000 bolts of high quality fabric with new bolts arriving weekly! Over 240 of these bolts are flannels. We are one of only three stores in Kansas carrying Kaffe Fassett designs and Westminster Fibers fabrics, which are unique, bold, and beautiful! Our customers regularly tell us we have the largest selection in batiks and reproduction fabrics they've ever seen, too.



We have electronic lighting with true-color bulbs, making color matching easy and accurate. We are also one of the few independent fabric stores that still carries high-quality fashion fabric; our collection is excellent and varied! We feature all major independent

*A small sample of slinky fabrics!*

pattern companies, including Design & Sew, LJ Designs, The Sewing Workshop, Cutting Line Designs, Silhouette Designs, ReVisions, Park Bench, and Purrfection. We add lines to our patterns often.

We carry JHB buttons and the button catalog in its entirety is featured on our website. We also offer specialty notion items, including Mettler quilting and embroidery thread, DMC embroidery and perle cotton thread, and Sulky Blendable threads. If we do not have something in stock, we are pleased to special-order it for you. We order notions weekly and can ship anywhere in the U.S.

We also carry hard-to-find quality wool, so if you are planning to enter the "Make it Yourself with Wool" contest, please come see our selection. Alongside our wool, we stock the largest selection of quality slinky and travel knit fabrics in Kansas and offer classes on "Sewing with Slinky". We are happy to arrange our schedule for tours if a group is interested in taking a slinky or any other class.

Our knowledgeable staff is another thing that makes Country Cousins special. Our store manager is Peggi Barrett, a professional dressmaker and designer who formerly worked with Cy Rudnick in Kansas City (you may notice some recognizable items in our inventory if you were familiar with his store). All of our staff members are available to help with your sewing projects, too!

### What upcoming events do you have planned?

We're very excited about the Kansas Prairie Shop Hop, which is coming June 7-10, with ten stores participating. A two-day Shop Hop bus tour will start in Salina, and continue to Concordia, Downs, Belleville, Seneca, Hiawatha, Holton, Burlingame, Emporia, and Manhattan. Contact Country Cousins at 1-785-243-4044 if you are interested in joining the fun.

We also feature Trunk Shows of Independent Pattern Companies. Last fall we featured The Sewing Workshop garments. This summer we will feature Peggy Sager's Silhouette patterns and garments. We are also hoping to bring a Kaffe Fassett trunk show in the near future.

Our Radiant New York Beauty Quilting Retreat, taught by Pam Pearson will be held on June 29-30, 2007. See our website for samples of the blocks—they are gorgeous

(<http://www.countrycousinsfabric.com/Classes.htm>)! Many other classes are being offered in both fashion sewing and quilting.

### What else should we know about Country Cousins?

Our desire is to serve our customers with excellence. We have supported this by providing our customers with an extensive collection of quality fabric and sewing supplies. We invite you to take a "girl's day out" and come visit us. You'll be glad you did!



*Country Cousins' batiks and more!*

Country Cousins' sister store is Essentials – two buildings next door – full of unique gifts, floral, food, and natural health and beauty. You'll find a big-city selection and small-town service with a smile. Our hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 6 pm, Thursday from 9 am to 8 pm, and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm. If your group would like to come during other hours, or on Sunday, we can open our store for you! Just give us a call!

Country Cousins is located in North Central Kansas, in the beautiful town of Concordia at 114 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Concordia, KS 66901. If you would like to be on our mailing list, contact us at [info@CountryCousinsFabric.com](mailto:info@CountryCousinsFabric.com) or call 1-785-243-4044. You can receive a newsletter via email or the US Postal Service.





## 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

"Sew Beautiful" Magazine 2007 Issue #112

"Sew News" Magazine 2007 April/May

"Belle Armoire" May/June 2007 Vol. 7 Issue 3

"Quilting Arts" 2007 April/May Issue #26

"Sew Stylish" Summer 2007 #1

### Donations

"The Evening Dress" by Alexander Black donated by Julia Langel

### Special Note!

There are several items that are checked out that are overdue some of these items have been out for 6 months. Please check to see if you may have any of the following items:

#### Book

"Sewing for Plus Sizes" by Barbara Deckert

"Step by Step Knitting" by Mary Phillips

#### DVD

"Skirt Slope Front" by Cynthia Guffey

"Factory Tip and Techniques-Blouses & Pants" by Peggy Sagers

#### Video

Peggy Sagers

*Factory Tips and Techniques-Blazers*

*Basic Pattern Making*

*Achieving Great Fit through Muslin*

*Pants-Fitting and Drafting*

*Galazay of Sewing Techniques* by Margaret Islander

You may contact Leah Jones (620) 596-2517 if you have questions or to make arrangements for returning the late items.

## Coming Event!

### Bra Lecture & Workshop

By Anne St. Clair

Sedgwick County Extension Center

7001 W. 21st St.

Wichita, Ks. 67205

Bars can be torturous contraptions for women. With jabbing under-wires and puffs of padding, it's difficult to feel the wonder or miracle of it all through the discomfort. The alternative to bruising brassieres is the craft a custom bra with the help of professional seamstress Anne St. Clair. Anne travels the country leading lingerie lectures and bra workshop when she isn't operating her fabric store in Wichita, Kansas, which specializes in lingerie, stretch fabrics and notions.

Anne's been in the business for 21 years with her mother and ever since she made her first custom bra, she's become a convert of comfort. "Eighty percent of women are wearing the wrong bras," Anne says. "The problem with the ready-to-wear industry is they create bras for the masses, not individuals." Now you can learn to make your own custom bra in your choice of fabrics and colors!


## ASG Wichita Chapter Website

<http://asgwichita.wordpress.com>

## Nancy's Notions

### Discount Codes

|                       |             |
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| July-September 2007   | 079411-5224 |
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Wichita, Kansas 67205

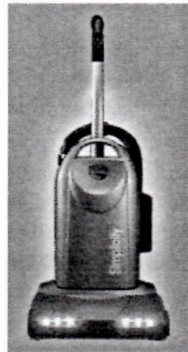
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