

Julia's Gems

Wow! Our program brainstorming resulted in 87 ideas for meeting programs, national speakers, field trips, sewing retreats, and other projects! You guys are good...you should be on the CAB! Thanks to everyone who played along, and of course, if you have any more ideas, please share them. If you'd like to see the list, just ask and I'll email you a copy.

April is going to be a busy month, so I hope you're getting a head start. First, we'll have our Spring Tea on the 3rd. If your last name starts with letters A thru I, please bring a treat. If your last name starts with letters A thru Z, please consider sewing up a Simplicity ASG pattern for the challenge. This year the contest is a simple random drawing, so all you have to do is sew a garment, take a picture and submit an entry. We'll have a camera and computer at the meeting to help with the last two steps.

The week after the Spring meeting, Lyla Messinger will be here to show us her fabulous patterns and nifty sewing techniques. I hope you've already signed up to attend – if not, get your form and check to Shirley Binder as soon as possible. I think it's going to be a great weekend. And remember, even if you don't want to attend the workshop, you can come to the trunk show on Thursday evening for free.

As for me, well now that I've gotten over my cold and graduated from physical therapy, I'm rarin' to get back into the sewing room. First up will be my Spring challenge garment, of course! I kinda like the look of the wardrobe with the pencil skirt and waterfall jacket (Simplicity #1920). In linen, maybe. I'm off to check the stash!

-Julia

EDITOR'S NOTE: Even if you don't make our Spring Challenge deadline, the National ASG contest deadline is July 25, 2012. So make something up for Show and Share in May or June. Simplicity Pattern numbers are 1797, 1885, 1916, 1920, 1921, 1927, 2284, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2293, 2702, 2703

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Address Change

If your address, phone number or email changes, please report the changes to both the local membership chair and to the National office (you can use the website at asg.org.)

A Note About Photos

As you have probably noticed, we love photos! If you take photos at an ASG event, please consider posting them to Facebook or emailing them to the newsletter editor.



If you would rather not have your photo appear on Facebook or in the newsletter, please tell the newsletter editor. If you don't see yourself here, then pose and smile whenever you see a camera, especially if you are sewing or shopping.

Advertising Rates

This newsletter is published 6 times per year. We only accept sewing-related ads.

Our rates are:

- 1/8 page—\$60/yr;
- 1/4 page—\$120/yr;
- 1/2 page—\$210/yr;
- 1 page—\$300/yr.

ASG members may place classified ads for 10 cents per word.



Community Service Report

Theresa Corle has been organizing Friday sewing days this spring to work on our charity projects. Many blankets, stuff bags and crib sheets have been sewn up already. The blankets & bags go to Ronald Mc Donald House, Pregnancy Crisis Center, Gerard House, Catholic Charities, and the VA Hospital. The sewing takes place at Needle Nook Fabrics on the second Friday of the month from 10 am to 1 pm. The next sewing session is on May 11. (NOTE: there is no April charity sew because the second Friday is one day of the Lyla Messinger Seminar.) In March, the sewing involved making crib sheets, which will be donated to the Community Baby Shower this fall. Fabric for crib sheets was donated by Bev Seyfert from the Sewing Center (30 yards), and the elastic was provided by Denise Dias of the Sedgwick County Extension Center.

Also in March several members participated in Gown Town at Friends University. Gently used or "floor model" prom gowns have been donated to this cause and girls who need a prom gown can come and choose one for free. When the gowns need some repair or alteration, that's where we come in.

Many gowns were hemmed, usually using the rolled hem feature on the serger. Sometimes this involves two or three layers of very full skirts! One gown got hemmed by hand because it was encrusted with beads. Some gowns needed to be taken in or let out, and a couple of them got extra darts. Straps were moved and at least one zipper was replaced. There were even a couple of young fellows who needed pants hemmed or taken in. (We drew the line at shortening suit jacket sleeves.)



Denise Dias brought sewing machines, sergers and supplies from her classroom at the Extension Center. The other participants were Theresa Corle, Julia Waterbury, Marilyn Christensen, Valarie Fisher, Penny Ruddle and Vicky Islielson sewing and Nancy Boewe, along with Valarie and Vicky consulting with the "customers" and doing the pinning and marking. Saturday evening, some of the crew met for a delicious supper at the Copper Oven.

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General Meeting – April 3

“Kanzashi Flower Maker”

- Using a template to make fabric flowers
- Lisa Johnson, Picket Fence Quilt Shop
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Julia Langel 733-4780

Lyla Messinger Trunk Show and Seminar – April 12, 13, 14

- Free trunk show Thursday, 7 pm.
- Two days of techniques to customize your sewing
- 9 am – 4pm Friday & Saturday, includes lunch
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – April 16

“Lyla Messinger Debriefing”

- Discuss what we learned at the seminar
- 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS, 1 pm.
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

East Side Neighborhood Group – April 17

“Floor Cloths”

- By Aurelia Lobban-Beck
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Serger Neighborhood Group – Apr 23

- Construct the Japanese Cape
- By Julia Waterbury
- 1208 N Emporia, Wichita, KS, 1 pm
- Julia Waterbury, 722-0734

CAB Meeting – April 24

- 1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center
- Julia Langel 733-4780

Derby Neighborhood Group – April 26

“Dog Clothes and Accessories”

- By Nona Mackey, 7 pm
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
- Marilyn Beaver, 788-5615



May Events

General Meeting – May 1 **“Purses, Bags and Totes”**

- Making purses can be fun
- Sharon Smith, Picket Fence Quilt Shop
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Sedgwick County Extension Center
- Julia Langel, 733-4780

Community Service Sew-in – May 11

- Blankets for Vets, babies and hospice
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 10 am -1 pm
- Theresa Corle, 689-6702

East Side Neighborhood Group – May 15

“Necktie Flowers”

- Betty Brees
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – May 21

“English Smocking Project”

- Smock We Care gowns for stillborn babies
- By Sylvia Steinshouer, 1 pm.
- 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS,
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

CAB Meeting - May 22

- 1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center
- Julia Langel, 733-4780

Derby Neighborhood Group – May 24 **“Floor Cloths”**

- Aurelia Lobban-Beck, 7 pm
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
- Marilyn Beaver, 788-5615

Serger Group – May 29

“Charity Blankets”

- Moved to Tuesday due to Memorial Day
- Using the serger blanket stitch
- By Vicky Islielson
- Extension Center, Meadowlark Room (drop in 9 am to 4:30 pm)
- Julia Waterbury, 722-0734

Fifth Tuesday Sew-in - May 29 & 30

- Sew for charity or your own projects.
- Tuesday will include an organizational meeting for a Machine embroidery Neighborhood Group
- 9 am, Meadowlark Room, Extension Center
- Sylvia Steinshouer, 685-6188



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New Titles:

1. Sulky Secrets to Successful Embroidery, by Joyce Drexler, Sulky of America., 2004
2. Fine Machine Sewing, by Carol Laflin Ahles, The Taunton Press, 2002
3. Bead Simple, by Susan Beal, The Taunton Press, 2008
4. Quick to Make: Stylish Gifts to Craft in a Day, from the editors of Threads Magazine, 2002
5. Fun to Wear Fabric Flowers by Elizabeth Helene Searle, Lark Books, 2006 (Donated by Joan Fitzjarrald).

Ginny, our Librarian, is always happy to hear suggestions for new books and DVD's. Do you have a favorite that you think others would enjoy? Have you seen a book that contains a technique you would like to read about? Is there a "How-to" DVD for sale in a magazine? Let her know.

We are also happy to receive your donations of sewing related magazines that we then sell to other members. However, we request that you limit your donations to no more than two years worth at one time, so that our librarian can handle the volume.

On-Going Fundraisers

The Fabric Fund has fabric for sale! Prices are \$1 per yard. Funds raised go into the general budget. At the library table, we have magazines that have been donated by members for sale for 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar. Funds raised go to buy items for the library

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Rumour Has It...

- You can still register for the Lyla Messinger seminar at the April meeting. You can also still mail it in. Shirley has received a gratifying number of registrations, but more people = more fun. And you know how good Jan's lunches will be!
- Sylvia Steinshouer is organizing a Machine Embroidery Neighborhood Group. The organizational meeting will be held at the Fifth Tuesday Sew-in on May 29.
- Now that we are paying Jerry to set up tables for us at meetings and retreats, we would like to collect a \$5 donation from those who participate in the Fifth Tuesday retreats. You may also feel free to make donations at other meetings.
- Your newsletter editor attended the "21st Century Chapter" webinar and is thinking about setting up a website for our chapter. This would be a summer project and I am open to suggestions.
- We have a TV ad on KPTS during the Wednesday afternoon sewing shows.



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The Great Sticky Note Caper:

Here are just a few of the interesting suggestions receive from members in January and February. Our president visited the neighborhood groups with a giant poster that got covered with sticky notes containing suggestions for programs and speakers.

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