

## Julia's Gems

As I write this, I'm preparing to attend the national ASG conference in Virginia. The first day of conference, at least for chapter presidents, is the ASG corporate meeting. I'm not a huge fan of corporate meetings, which I find a tad dull, but I'm excited for this one – by the time you read this, I'll have officially voted for Betty Brees to be on the national Board of Directors! I think it speaks well of our chapter that we'll have had two directors -- in addition to showing that we can volunteer at the national level, it also gives us a voice at the national level. Good for us!

Of course, before you can attend a sewing conference, you have to sew something to wear at a sewing conference. As I was going through my fabric stash, and my closet, I caught myself thinking "I just need a tee. This fabric is all too nice, so I'll just run to JoAnne's to see what they've got..." I need to work on this attitude! Firstly, what's the point of buying fabric if not to use it? And secondly, why shouldn't I have tees in nice fabric? A few years

back, some folks in the online sewing community were pledging themselves to "look cute every day," which meant that they were tired of *sewing* cute clothes but *wearing* sloppy ones (so rather than not sew good clothes they would stop wearing sloppy ones). I think this is a terrific idea! I think I'll start by wearing more floaty summer skirts. I wonder what nice fabric I have in the stash...



Of course, we have a fun lineup of activities for August and September. The August general meeting will see the return of the 4H Style Review, always a favorite. In September, Betty, Michele and I will report on the classes we took at conference, and there will be birthday cake. There is also the State Fair t-shirt contest to prepare for, and a whole slate of Neighborhood Group meetings. We've asked Gail Yellen to teach a workshop next April, so be sure to put that on your calendar.

Dress cute every day!

-Julia

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## Welcome New Member

### Deloris Lies of Wichita

### \*\*\*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](http://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

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## *Rumour Has It...*

- Nancy Boewe , Special Events coordinator, has arranged for Gail Yellen of Gail Patrice Design to give us two days of classes and a trunk show on April 10, 11 & 12, 2014. She teaches serger techniques, embellishment and construction details. Check her website at [www.gailpatrice.com](http://www.gailpatrice.com). Gail has an article in the Aug./Sept. *Sew News* magazine. Nancy is open to suggestions what we will ask Gail to teach us.. Email: [njboewe@hotmail.com](mailto:njboewe@hotmail.com)
- Nancy needs an assistant to help with planning next April's event.
- Valarie Fisher, our Neighborhood Groups coordinator, has resigned as Neighborhood Group Coordinator in order to concentrate on her health. Look for her at Sewing Guild activities.
- Jane Teter has offered her home as a meeting place for an evening version of a Serger Neighborhood Group. This would be a new group, independent of the current Serger NG.
- Sew Flakes, a quilt shop in Broken Arrow, OK and former advertiser, has closed
- A 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday sewing day is coming up in October. Some of our members have offered to teach quick and easy projects. Watch for further details.

## *2014 Nominating Committee*

Sylvia Steinshouer has volunteered to chair the nominating committee. Marilyn John will assist her. They are also looking for another volunteer to work with them. If you can help, or, if you are interested in a CAB position in 2014, please contact Sylvia or Marilyn (see page 2). All the CAB positions are listed on page 2 and several will be open next year.

## *4-H Style Review Prize Recipients*

Our ASG chapter provided prizes in the form of gift certificates to The Sewing Center to three of the style review participants, as follows. We also presented a gift of a fat quarter of fabric, artfully shaped into the form of a rose, to each participant. There were 33 girls and 3 boys participating .

- ❖ Jr. Champion : Abbie Shurts, Delano 4-H (pink dress with side ruffle) \$25
- ❖ Jr. Reserve Champion: Adalie Henning, River City Kids (horse print dress) \$20
- ❖ Intermediate Reserve Champion: Anna Hermes, River City Kids (skirt with hi-low hemline) \$25

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## August Events

### General Meeting – Aug 6

#### 4-H Style Review/Name Tag Challenge

- Members of the Sedgwick County 4-H
- Show off your name tag; draw for a prize
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Julia Langel 733-4780

### MEOW Neighborhood Group – Aug 14

#### Working with the Big Machine

- By Loretta Leith
- 2 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- Donella Cole 773-4374

### Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – Aug 19

#### Paint Sticks

- By Theresa Corle
- 1 pm, 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS.
- Shirley Binder 687-7257

### Derby Neighborhood Group – Aug 22

#### “Hello Serger, Remember Me?”

- Rescheduled from June
- By Penny Ruddle
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
- Marsha Volz 789-9193

### East Side Neighborhood Group – Aug 20

#### Paint Sticks

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

### Serger Neighborhood Group – Aug 26

#### Picnic Roll

- Members of the Serger Group
- 1208 N. Emporia, Wichita, KS
- Julia Waterbury 722-0734

### CAB Meeting – Aug 27

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



Julia Langel, Nancy Boewe, Judy Troyer, Pat Hernandez, Sylvia Steinshouer, BettyBrees, Marilyn Beaver, Vicki Mork





## Sept Events

### General Meeting – Sept 3

#### ASG Birthday Party/Conference Report

- Cake and refreshments!
- Julia Langel, Betty Brees, Michele Brakewood, et al.
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Julia Langel 733-4780

### MEOW Neighborhood Group – Sept 11

#### Show and Share Christmas Gift Ideas

- By Members of the Group
- 2 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- Donella Cole 773-4374

### Eat and Shop and View – Sept 13

#### Kansas State Fair

- Meet at Sedgwick County Extension Center at 9:30 am
- Carpool to the Fair in Hutchinson
- Eat at the Fair
- View the Clothing and Textiles Exhibit
- Eat some more
- Nancy Boewe 681-0000



Marilyn  
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### Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – Sept 16

#### Pockets and Ink Pencil

- By Loretta Leith
- 1 pm, 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS.
- Shirley Binder 687-7257

### East Side Neighborhood Group – Sept 17

#### Hands-On Decorated Coupon Wallet

- Rescheduled from July
- By Vicky Islietson
- 7 pm, Needle Nook Fabrics
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

### Serger Neighborhood Group – Sept 23

#### Fabric Bow and Gift Bag

- By Linda Bryan
- 1208 N. Emporia, Wichita, KS
- Julia Waterbury 722-0734

### CAB Meeting – Sept 24

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

### Derby Neighborhood Group – Sept 26

#### “Calling All Bag Ladies”

- Julia Waterbury and Members of Derby NG
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
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Now sold from the Fabric Fund tables: Patterns and magazines that have been donated by members are for sale for 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar. Funds raised go to buy items for the library.

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## *Member Access to the ASG Website Members Only Area*

ASG has updated the national website, including requiring every member to use their email address to login to the Members' Only area. (This is where you find out about discounts, change your personal info and read the newsletter online.) There are instructions for the new login procedure on the back page of the Summer 2013 Notions magazine. However, there is an error in the given temporary password. It is given as Text, but it is supposed to be **Test**.

To change your password after you have logged in with the temporary one, scroll down and find the link under the Member Login banner on the right. This link asks you to login again, and will take you to your personal info page. Click on Change Password on the left.

If you don't have email, try using default\*\*\*\*@null.co or default\*\*\*\*\*@null.com as your username,. but replace \*\*\*\*\* with your five or six digit membership number. **Test** is the password. If you need help, call ASG at 713-729-3000 during office hours.

## *NOTE from the Editor*

The information in the newsletter is as current as I can make it as of two weeks before you receive it in the mail. However, times, dates or topics may change for neighborhood groups or other activities after the newsletter is published. That is why I also send out an email at the end of each month for the next month. If I have been made aware of changes, they will be reflected in the email. If you are not receiving my email, make sure your email address is correct on your national listing (above) and also send me a reminder if you have updated it. -Vicky



The following emails were returned to me as undeliverable:  
Jacquelyn Proffit, Pat Plett, Nancy Ross Milner, Jan Lanfitt, Gerry Criswell,

### *In the Library*

Items in our library include books, videos, DVDs, magazines and patterns. These items may be checked out for one month at a time. DVDs and videos must be returned the following month and may not be renewed until the end of the meeting so that others have a chance to check them out.

There is a charge of \$1 **per item per month** for items returned late. Any item not returned within 6 months will be considered lost and the member will be responsible for replacing it. A complete listing of library holdings is available at the library table during our monthly meetings.

### *New Items in the Library:*

- 102 Tees by Cathie Filian, (book) Donated by Penny Ruddle
- Threads magazine, July 2013, #167
- Threads magazine, September 2013, #168
- Quilting Arts Magazine, August/Sept., #64
- Mastering Miters by Linda Lee (book) Donated by Linda Lee
- Pattern-Free Projects by Linda Lee (book) Donated by Linda Lee
- Linen Stitches by Ginnie Thompson (book) Donated by Norma Gordon
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- Belle Armoire, Volume 8, Issue 3 (magazine) May-June 2008
- Sewing the New Classic Clothes with Easy Style (book)
- Shirts and Blouses (DVD) Power sewing Series #10, Betzina, Sanders and Collins
- Factory Tips and Techniques 2 for Blouses and Pants (DVD), Peggy Sagers
- Instructions for Making Slipcovers (no other information)

These items are now **for sale**. If they do not sell in three months, they will be donated.

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



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## Community Service Report

Barbara Belveal and Theresa Corle put in 11 ½ hours between them making Bears for Badges on June 28. Theresa even brought her granddaughter Amelia Voorhis to help stuff the bears and attach eyes and noses.

During the Community Service sew-in on July 2, Theresa cut out bereavement gowns and Marilyn Christensen took them home to sew. A couple of other members in attendance worked on making fat quarters into roses to present to the 4-H participants.

At the regular July 22 meeting of the Serger NG, members completed 38 colorful port-a-cath pillows. These will be distributed to local hospitals.

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## Kansas State Fair Challenge

Our Wichita Chapter is sponsoring a prize at the State Fair this year. It is called the **Creative Fashion T-shirt Challenge**. Make a creative wearable fashion T-Shirt, with sleeves, constructed from pattern and fabric of your choice.

The prize is \$50. The winner will also receive a 1 year membership to the American Sewing Guild (a \$50 value)

Entry forms are due by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Printed forms will be available at the August General meeting. (The item does not have to be finished by this date.) You can also enter by creating an account online at [www.kansasstatefair.com](http://www.kansasstatefair.com)

Click on Competitive Activities & Forms

To view the entry listing, click on the link for the Competitor Handbook. Scroll down to Clothing and Textiles, then scroll way, way down to the Creative Fashion T-shirt Challenge.

To enter online, go back up to View Main Menu and click on Registration Home. Click on the box for Create a New Competition Entry and fill in the drop down boxes. When you "Check Out", you will get a transaction number. You should also get a list of your entries. *Pin these numbers to your article(s).*

Shirley Binder has offered to transport entries to the Fair on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. You may get them to her (east) or to Julia Waterbury (west) by bringing them to any Neighborhood Group by Meeting or calling Shirley or Julia by August 31st. She will take other entries in the Clothing and Textiles category (except for King sized quilts). She will not take livestock! Call Shirley if you have any questions (687-7257). You may also transport your own entries.

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Nancy Boewe with Hatman Jack



## *Find Me a Ship! (or why I didn't go shopping in Paris)*

At the May General Meeting, I announced that I was taking a trip to France and I had plans to do some fabric shopping in Paris. Thanks to Threads magazine I had it all mapped out. Things did not work out as I had hoped, and I have chosen this forum to tell you why because, as you will see, it is a long story!

At first you might think it is a sad story, but really it is a story of generosity and friendship. What happened to my husband and me was awful, but the people involved were wonderful, and I am grateful to many friends and family on both continents.

At first, everything went like clockwork. Planes were on time, luggage arrived, the customs line was long but kept moving, and we caught the bendy bus to the train station in downtown Paris. We had to walk a few blocks in the rain from where the bus dropped us off to the train, and that was all I saw of Paris. We took the slow train (only 100 mph) to Caen, near the Normandy coast, and drove to the beaches, US and Canadian cemeteries, and museums that we had planned. On the second day, we had lunch with some of the descendents of a French Resistance leader who had worked with Lyndon's Uncle Barney's regiment. They knew where Barney died and they showed us all the memorials in the area dedicated to the regiment. The third day, we drove to Dieppe and saw many more memorials to the Canadian forces, as well as the most beautiful chalk cliffs on the beach. That evening, we drove inland to a B&B where we had a wonderful home cooked meal and went to bed anticipating the next day's adventures.

On the fourth day, Lyndon woke up with a sore back, but we thought it was due to all the walking, climbing, driving and different beds. So we set out to see Vimy Ridge (a Canadian WWI memorial) and quite a few cemeteries and battle sites. Lyndon was determined to follow his plan, but as the day went on, his pain got worse, until by mid afternoon he could barely get out of the car. I asked the director at another Canadian memorial for directions to the nearest hospital and we set off for Arras, with me driving. We got about one third of the way there when he told me to stop and call for help. I had to go knocking on doors because I couldn't explain to the emergency operator where we were.

Lyndon spent 17 days in the hospital getting rid of a nasty infection that had somehow gotten into his blood. The French doctors did everything by the book, and he was recovering well after 10 days of treatment. Then it was discovered that he had developed a collapsed lung and needed a chest tube. The result of that, we were told, was that it could be 4 to 6 weeks before he could safely fly. That's when I called my travel agent back in Wichita and said "Find me a ship", which she did!

We stayed another week back in Caen with the family we had met. They had bed and breakfast rooms they weren't using any more, so they dusted off a room with a kitchenette for us. We were able to rest, walk around the farm, visit with the family and their cats and dogs, and not empty the bank account. They helped me deal with a flat tire and even drove us to the ferry that took us to England, where we got on the Queen Mary 2. After a six day Transatlantic Crossing, we were met in New York by two of Lyndon's brothers, who drove us home to Wichita. A ten day trip became a 39 day odyssey. The strange thing is that after spending so much of that time wanting to get home, I now find myself wondering when I will get to go back and actually see Paris.

*-Vicky Isliefsen*



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