

## Julia's Gems

Well, another national ASG conference has come and gone and, as usual, there are several interesting things to share.

First, there were many very interesting classes. I particularly enjoyed my nuno felting class, since it was something I had never done before. There was also some excellent shopping; the UPS office had to stay open an extra 4 hours on the last day to handle the lines of folks shipping their purchases home. I may have done a little too much shopping – I need to get cracking in the sewing room!

Second, there were some important announcements. Claire Shaeffer was inducted into the Sewing Hall of Fame, for reasons I'm sure I don't need to list. The board of directors also announced a new youth membership category; the cost will be \$25 and all of their materials, including Notions magazine, will be delivered electronically. We don't have the complete details and new membership forms yet, but

they are promised for September or October. *Janelle Archer* is the new chairman of the board of directors (Denise Dias is still a director, but will not be chairman again this year; I expect she'll be glad of a little break!).

And, there are rumors about a new membership database that will let members manage their own profiles and give chapter CABs access to their full membership lists without having to send requests to HQ.

Third, there were some funny sights. I had to wonder what the hotel staff thought as they walked through the halls. Instead of people in power suits discussing sales forecasts and new product development, there were plastic tarps covered with drying fabric painting samples, power tools rumbling in the felting room, people earnestly discussing the differences between cotton and poly thread, and, everywhere, people carefully examining other people's clothes.

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## Membership Renewal

The National office will send you a renewal notice about 2 months before your membership expires. If you don't receive a renewal notice, contact the membership chairwoman, or go to the National website, [asg.org](http://asg.org), where you can renew online.

## \*\*\*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).) **If you are not getting email from ASG, then use the "Change Email or Address" link in the Members Only section.**

## 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.



## *Julia's Gems* (continued from p. 1)

Finally, I have to share how proud I was of our chapter. During the presidents' meeting, I was struck by how healthy our chapter appears to be compared to the others. We are by no means the largest chapter in terms of membership, but from my discussions with others I would say we compete favorably with even the larger chapters in terms of active neighborhood groups, engaged CAB members, and percentage of

members who participate in our events. And, we certainly caused a sensation by winning BOTH prizes in this year's "Anyone Can Win" contest! Congratulations to Betty and Val on their prizes and congratulations to the rest of us for coming together to create such a great chapter!

Come sew with us!

*-Julia*

## *Rumour Has It...*

- Bring in a new member and receive a free Craftsby.com class. Three are still available.
- We will be meeting at A-1 Singer in October and will need to bring some folding chairs.
- December Challenge: make a Christmas Stocking to donate to a local charity (child or adult.) Patterns were distributed in August and September. AND/OR bring treats or small grooming items to fill the stockings. Don't put the treats in the stocking: we will let the charities distribute them evenly.
- Shirley will be taking more orders for iron-on bling (the Wichita ASG logo) in case you missed out the first time round. Apply it to a T-shirt or bag to wear to Eat-and-Shop and other events to let people know who we are.
- Save the Date: April 18, 19, and 20 will be a special event with Linda Lee <http://sewingworkshop.com/linda-lee>. A trunk show is planned for Thursday evening, techniques, fitting and start sewing on Friday and sewing on Saturday. The project is the Ikina Jacket in silks from Linda or fabric of your choice. Linda will show us many ways to change and embellish the pattern.
- Betty Brees won the Singer Futura Sewing and Embroidery Machine and Valarie Fisher won the Gutermann Sew-All Polyester thread cabinet in the ASG "Anyone can Win" 2012 contest..
- The Fabric Fund will be having a **CLEARANCE SALE** in November (just before Christmas!)

## *Community Service*

Theresa is still accepting blankets (and hours) if you are still making them. Keep track of your time when working on the Christmas Stocking and report them to Theresa too.



## *Fabric Fund-raiser*

**The Fabric Fund has fabric for sale!** Prices are \$1 per yard. Funds raised go into the general budget.

Water Street Fabrics donated a large box of sample home dec and drapery fabrics (16 in. x 16 in). These will be sold for 25¢ or are free if you intend to use them for your Christmas Challenge Stocking.

*The Fabric Fund needs donations, but please do NOT donate fabric that has been stored with moth balls. The smell is impossible to remove and transfers to other items.*

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**Note from the Editor:** I apologize for including so few photos in this issue, but it is required to include the Proxy Ballot and I must keep the length of the newsletter to 12 pages for mailing purposes.

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## October Events

### General Meeting – October 2

#### **“Twilling: a Surface Embellishment”**

- By Mary Jane Fast
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, A-1 Singer Phaff, 1012 S. Oliver, Parklane Shopping Center
- Julia Langel 733-4780

### Machine Embroidery of Wichita NG – Oct. 10 (MEOW)

#### **“Design Placement and Thumb Tack Boards”**

- By Esther Cummins and Anne Jesseph
- 2 p.m. at A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- Irene Armstrong at 263-9361

### Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – October 15

#### **“Tucks”**

- By Shirley Binder
- Bring your sewing machine
- 1 pm. 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS.
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

### Eat and Shop – October 16

#### **“Newton: Charlotte’s and Oddballs”**

- Meet at Cracker Barrel, Exit 14 on I-135 (Park City) for lunch at 11:30 am
- Carpool from there to Newton to shop
- Julia Langel 733-4780

### East Side Neighborhood Group–Oct 16

#### **“Yoyo Scarf”**

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

### Serger Neighborhood Group – Oct. 22

#### **“Garment Bag & Finish Christmas Stocking”**

- By Anne Jesseph and Penny Ruddle
- 1208 N Emporia, Wichita, KS, 1 pm
- Julia Waterbury, 722-0734

### CAB Meeting – Oct. 23

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

### Derby Neighborhood Group – Oct. 25

#### **Alicia Ybarra**

- Of Vanya Design and Custom Sewing
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
- Marilyn Beaver, 788-5615

### 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday/ Wednesday – Oct. 30/31

- Work on your Christmas Stocking or project of your choice
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## November Events

### General Meeting – November 6

#### *“Annual Meeting, CAB Elections and Last Minute Christmas Gifts”*

- A Proxy Ballot is include on p. 9
- Gifts to make by Denise Dias
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Julia Langel 733-4780

### Machine Embroidery of Wichita NG – November 14 (MEOW)

#### *“Appliqué Demo”*

- By Irene Armstrong
- 2 p.m. at A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- Irene Armstrong at 263-9361

### Eat and Shop – November 17

#### *“Grandma’s Calico Cupboard & Needle Nook”*

- Lunch at Everybody’s Family Restaurant, 3105 E Harry (near Hillside), at 11:30 am
- Julia Langel 733-4780

### Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – November 19

#### *“Trapunto”*

- By Betty Brees
- 1 pm. 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS,
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

### East Side Neighborhood Group – November 20

#### *“Trellis Yarn Necklace”*

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

### Derby Neighborhood Group – Nov. 22

#### *“Thanksgiving – NO MEETING”*

- Marilyn Beaver, 788-5615

### Serger Group – November 26

#### *“Garment Bag – Part II”*

- By Anne Jesseph
- 1208 N Emporia, Wichita, KS, 1 pm
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### CAB Meeting – November 27

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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 Titles:***

- ❖ DVD: The first 12 "Sew-A-New" video sewing lessons by ASG. Each is about 1 hour long. Purchased by Julia Langel
- ❖ Coming Soon: Couture Sewing Tailoring Techniques by Claire Shaeffer (available in Feb 2013) will be purchased in memory of Leah Jones.

### ***Savings Opportunity:***

Ginny will be taking orders for subscriptions to Threads magazine at the October meeting. Prices are 1 year \$26.36, 2 years \$43.96 and 3 years \$63.16 (the same as last year. **NOTE:** The library will not be available at the October meeting since we are at a different location.

***Did you know?*** Our library carries current issues of the magazine "Quilting Arts", but don't dismiss it if you don't quilt much. *Quilting Arts* is only slightly about quilting. It's mostly about fabric: dyeing, painting, texturizing, collaging, bleaching, distressing, embroidering, beading, and otherwise making fabrics your own. Can you take the results and make quilts? Sure, but you don't have to. Take your dyed fabric and make a tee shirt. Or a collar. Or a purse. It's all up to you!

We are happy to receive your donations of sewing related magazines that we then sell to other members for 25¢ or 5 for \$1. 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. Funds are used to buy new items for the library.



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\*\*\*All valid proxy ballots will be voted as submitted.\*\*\*



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