

Julia's Gems

I don't know why I didn't do it sooner! I just finished making my first swim suit, and am now both proud and sheepish. I'm preparing for a trip to the tropics, and obviously I need a suit. I've known this for months, but for some reason, I've been shopping for a suit. Imagine! What were the chances I would find a suit that fits both my unusual requirements and my ... ahem ... unique measurements? When I finally came to my senses, I modified a Kwik-Sew pattern beyond all recognition, did some very careful pin fitting, and made a suit that I think is pretty nearly perfect. It's even in good colors for me.

Which is, of course, why I sew. Yes, I like to play with fabric, and sure, I enjoy having an outlet for my creativity, but...I have other outlets for my creativity. The reason I started sewing, and the thing that drives me back to my sewing machine even after we've quarreled, is that I really, really, really like having clothes that fit my needs, my tastes, and my body. I like it even more in my forties than I did in my twenties, as my needs, tastes, and body keep diverging more and more from the mall-shopping majority.



I know I'm not alone. Most of you can relate -- if you didn't, we'd be a quilt guild! For those of us who are already in the know, our chapter has planned several interesting garment-related programs for the coming months; in February, after our January break, we'll be making a tee shirt out of seven squares of fabric and in April, we're hosting Linda Lee, who will show us a cool jacket with lots of nifty variations.

And, for those who don't know about us yet, we're hoping to spread the word! The CAB has agreed to continue offering prizes to current members who bring in new members, and we're even raising the stakes (details inside.) Let's keep trying to save the world from cookie cutter clothes, one new member at a time!

And, if you haven't tried it yet, make a swim suit. It's ridiculously easy. I don't know why I didn't do it sooner...

-Julia

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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, 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.) **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.



Rumour Has It...

- The Chapter Advisory Board has a new opportunity for someone as our Chapter Historian. We want to create a unique record that would acknowledge charter members, past CAB members, speakers and programs over the years and reflect all the wonderful things we have learned and the fun we have had. If you have a talent for this sort of thing, please contact our Chapter President or any CAB member.
- ASG has published a new membership form that reflects the Youth Membership option. A version of it is included in this newsletter.
- New Membership brochures will be available soon. There will be a separate brochure for potential Youth members.
- Save the Date: April 18, 19, and 20 will be a special event with Linda Lee <http://sewingworkshop.com/linda-lee> Watch for full details and a participation form in the next issue of the newsletter.

Welcome New Members

We have added 15 new members this year! I have not been timely in welcoming them, but better late...as they say. From now on, new members will be included in each newsletter. Their full contact information will appear in the yearly Membership Roster that will be available soon.

- * Teresa Caster, Mukilteo, WA
- * Marsha Garren, Wichita
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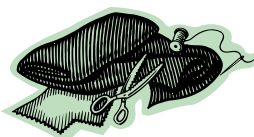
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December Events

General Meeting – December 4

Christmas Party and Stocking Challenge

- Bring Christmas stockings for charity
- Bring items to fill stockings separately
- Last names I thru Z bring treats
- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- Vicky Is liefson 529-1565

CAB Meeting – December 4

- After the general meeting, Extension Center
- Vicky Is liefson 529-1565

Derby Neighborhood Group – Dec. 6

Christmas Party: NEW DATE AND TIME

- Potluck supper at 6:00 pm in the Parlor
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
- Marilyn Beaver 788-5615

MEOW Neighborhood Group – Dec. 12

Show & Share

- Members bring snacks to share
- 2 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- Irene Armstrong 263-9361

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – December 17

Reverse Appliqué

- By Vicky Is liefson
- 1 pm, 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS.
- Shirley Binder 687-7257

East Side Neighborhood Group – December 18

Christmas Party

- Christmas Projects and Ideas
- 7 pm, Needle Nook Fabrics
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Serger Neighborhood Group – Dec. 24

Christmas Eve: NO MEETING

- Julia Waterbury 722-0734

Membership Challenge

Hey ladies -- here's your chance to have the local guild pay your membership dues. In 2013, if you bring in 5 new members (junior members included) we will pay for your 2014 dues! And, just to get your enthusiasm up, for the first new member you bring in, you'll get a set of Shirley Adams sewing books. We know this challenge is ambitious, but hey, you've got a whole year. Let's keep on sharing our love of sewing. Thanks, M John

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January Events

NO General Meeting -January 1

- The first Tuesday is New Year's Day!
- Julia Langel 733-4780

Charity Sew -January 8

- Make bereavement gowns
- 10 am, Needle Nook Fabrics
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

MEOW Neighborhood Group - Jan. 9

T-shirts and Knits

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

East Side NG - January 15

Designing Your Sewing Room

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

Sew Inspired NG - January 21

Tucks

- By Shirley Binder and Sylvia Steinshouer
- 1 pm. 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS,
- Shirley Binder 687-7257

CAB Meeting - January 22

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

Derby Neighborhood Group - Jan. 24

One-Hour Top

- By Theresa Corle
- 7 pm, Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS
- Marsha Volz 789-9193

Serger Group - January 28

Garment Bag

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

5th Tuesday & Wednesday- Jan. 29 & 30

- Work on your UFO's or a Charity Project
- Where do you want to go for lunch?
- 9 am – 5 pm, Extension Center
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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: Books (donated by Shirley Binder)

1. "Sewing Secrets from the Fashion Industry", Susan Huxley
2. "Shortcuts to a Perfect Sewing Pattern", Rusty Bensussen
3. "The Complete Book of Sewing Shortcuts", Claire B. Shaeffer
4. "Beyond the Pattern: Great Sewing Techniques for Clothing" from Threads publishers

New Titles: Magazines

1. Quilting Arts, Oct/Nov 2012, Issue 59
2. Creative Machine Embroidery, Nov/Dec 1012
3. Threads-Holiday Gift Guide 2012
4. Threads, Nov 2012, #163
5. Threads, Oct/Nov 2002, #103

The CAB has given the OK to our librarian to reduce the inventory of older editions of magazines (except Threads). They will be placed for sale with the donated magazines and books.

Discarded Magazines for Sale:

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| 1. <u>Cross Stitcher</u> , Aug 1995, Vol 12, #3 | 11. <u>Quilting Arts</u> , Jun/Jul 2007, Issue 27 |
| 2. <u>Cross Stitcher</u> , June 1995, Vol 12, #2 | 12. <u>Cutting Edge</u> , Winter 2005, Premier Issue |
| 3. <u>Cross Stitcher</u> , Dec 1995, Vol 12, #5 | 13. <u>Cross Stitch Sampler</u> , Summer 1993 |
| 4. <u>Cross Stitcher</u> , April 1996, Vol 13, #1 | 14. <u>Cross Stitch Sampler</u> , Fall 1993 |
| 5. <u>Cross Stitcher</u> , Aug 1998, Vol 15, #3 | 15. <u>Cross Stitch Sampler</u> , Fall 1994 |
| 6. <u>Quilting Arts</u> , Summer 2006 | 16. <u>Cross Stitch Sampler</u> , March 1995 |
| 7. <u>Quilting Arts</u> , Fall 2006 | 17. <u>Cross Stitch Sampler</u> , April 1995 |
| 8. <u>Quilting Arts</u> , Winter 2006, Issue 24 | 18. <u>Cross Stitch Sampler</u> , June 1995 |
| 9. <u>Quilting Arts</u> , Feb/Mar 2007, Issue 25 | 19. <u>Creative Needle</u> , Sept/Oct 1991 |
| 10. <u>Quilting Arts</u> , Apr/May 2007, Issue 26 | |

Discarded Book for Sale:

1. Olde Time Needlecraft Designs and Patterns, House of White Birches

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

Fabric Fund End-of-Year Sale! Prices are so low that the fabric will disappear fast. You can also clean out your stash and bring it to Penny so we will have a whole new line of fabric for the New Year!

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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Community Service Report

In the first six months of this year, our members have accumulated 1,496 hours of charity sewing!

Be sure to turn in your hours for the Christmas Stocking Challenge, and any other sewing you have done for charity, to Theresa so we can get a count for the second half of the year. In addition to your hours, she would like to know what you made and where it was donated (if not through ASG).

In the New Year, we will continue to make blankets for veterans, for Victory in the Valley and for babies in need. We will also work on Scent Circles for incubator babies, bereavement gowns and chemo hats.

Thank You A-1 Singer

As a "timely" thank-you for hosting our October general meetings, we have presented a wall clock to A-1 Singer for display in their new classroom. There should be lots of time for sewing now

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Julia Langel & Betty Brees



**Judy
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Breaking News: 2013 CAB Election Results

November 6 was our Annual Meeting where we held an election by secret ballot to determine the five elected positions on the Chapter Advisory Board. Results are as follows:

- ✓ President: **Julia Langel**
- ✓ First Vice President: **Vicky Is liefson**
- ✓ Second Vice President: **Penny Ruddle**
- ✓ Secretary: **Betty Brees**
- ✓ Treasurer: **Sylvia Steinshouer**

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