

## Biased Opinions

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### Notes from our Co-Presidents

How much is too much fabric? Some people say you can never have too much, and if you see something that calls to you, there is no reason to pass it up. Many of us know that we will never sew all the fabric we own. Does it matter? One of my cousins has decided she just loves the fabric and has no desire to cut it. What is it that makes some of us collect so much fabric?

Maybe some definitions from dictionary.com will help answer that question.

- addiction: the state of being enslaved to a habit or practice or to something that is psychologically or physically habit-forming, as narcotics, to such an extent that its cessation causes severe trauma.
- fetish: (a) something, ESP an inanimate object, that is believed in certain cultures to be the embodiment or habitation of a spirit or magical powers or (b) any object, activity, etc. to which one is excessively or irrationally devoted, for example, to make a fetish of cleanliness
- passion: a strong or extravagant fondness, enthusiasm, or desire for anything, for example, a passion for music.
- sweet tooth: a liking or craving for candy and other sweets.
- inclination: (a) a disposition or bent, especially of the mind or will; a liking or preference: Much against his inclination, he was forced to resign. (b) something to which one is inclined: In sports his inclination is tennis.

In the end, I think we each have to decide our limits. Fabric is legal, harmless, and soothing. If I love a piece of fabric, can afford it, and can squeeze it into my sewing room, I will probably buy it, no matter how much I try to tell myself I don't need it.

*Becky Arnold, Co-President*

Summer is in full swing and I hope you are sewing for your summer wardrobe and the State Fair. Participating in the Opening Day contest is rewarding and fun! Your garment(s) go in about three days ahead of the actual physical competition to be judged for construction. Then on Opening Day you report to the designated building and don your garment for modeling. You get to wear your finest jewelry and shoes and hat, if you like, and show your stuff. You model your creation and talk to the judges about it. And, maybe you'll win a prize! Please get jazzed up and get something ready to enter in the Fair.

It also is time to be planning our winter wardrobe. Just think of all the wonderful fabrics we have in our stash that are appropriate for the coming season. I purchased several wonderful fabrics at the National Convention last year that I hope to sew up this fall and winter.

Get those creative juices flowing and see what fabulous wearable's you can come up with! Dazzle us all!

*Donna Jo Finley, Co-President*

## General and Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) Meetings

**General meetings** are held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month at 6:30 PM at the Asbury Methodist Church, 10000 Candelaria between Juan Tabo and Eubank. Guests are welcome to attend.

**Chapter Advisory Board** meetings are held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** of each month at 6:30 PM. The meetings will be held at the Asbury Methodist Church. All members are welcome to attend. Contact either of our co-presidents if you have an item you wish to have discussed at the CAB meetings.

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## Calendar of Events

### September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30 PM

For that little girl in all of us, **Julia Ainslow- The Doll Doctor** will brighten our evening with information for preserving and displaying our wonderful dolls. She will bring dolls to look at and have some for sale.

### October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30 PM

We will get to know about the **Christina Kent Early Childhood Center**. **Carrie Aiken, Executive Director** will share with us the world of 2-5 year olds. We will learn the ways our members can help support the program efforts.

### November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30 PM

**Sharon Carlson** will be our guest speaker. She will share her experiences with her successful business **Mama's Home Tie-Dyes**.

## Hurry! Hurry! It's State Fair Time

### New Mexico State Fair

September 10-26

Entries in sewing and needlework will be taken in the Home Arts Center.

Thursday, September 2 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday, September 3 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, September 4 8:00 AM – Noon



## UPCOMING EVENTS

The **NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR** is coming in **September**. This is your chance to shine. Plan to enter in the Home Arts Division and participate in the many contests. Needlework, fiber arts, and sewing, are among the many categories in which you can participate. Go to [www.exponm.com](http://www.exponm.com). Click on **Competition/Entries**. Then click on **Premium Book**, then choose the department you wish – sewing is in the **Home Arts** department. Participating in the competitions and exhibits is great fun. So, get a move on, September is just around the corner. Put your creativity and skills to work double time. Let's have a great showing of what our ASG members are sewing.

### September is National Sewing Month

The observance of National Sewing Month began in 1982 with a proclamation from President Ronald Regan declaring September as National Sewing Month in recognition of the importance of home sewing to our nation." National Sewing Month is a time to indulge your passion for sewing and enjoy new projects and finish those unfinished ones. Check out the website at [www.sewing.org](http://www.sewing.org) for free patterns and ideas.

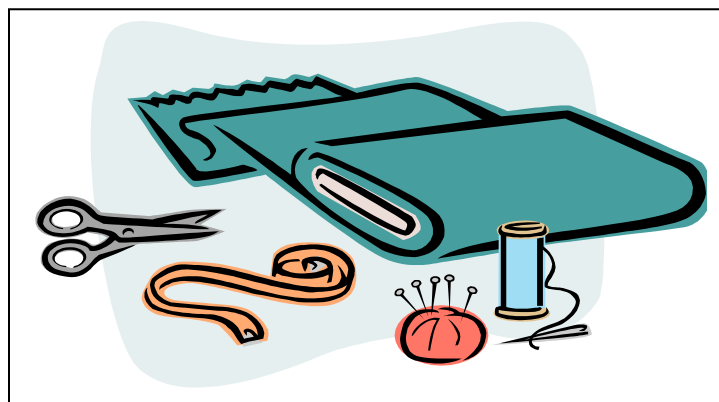
**Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** We will have our **annual garage sale** at the Asbury Methodist Church from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Start gathering your items! More information will be coming at a later date.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

Jane Casey, Community Service Liaison

Please look for the community service kits to complete. They are located on the tables near the sign-up sheet. There is quite a variety there so there should be something to interest everyone. When you return the completed kit, please note how many kits you are returning and how many hours you spent working on them.

Several of our members do community service work all year some of which are not directly connected to our sewing guild. If sewing is involved, you can count that time as community service on our guild tally sheets. All the groups who receive the results of your efforts are extremely grateful.



## Neighborhood Groups

**MATERIAL GIRLS SIT AND SEW** meets on the 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Ann Silva's Bernina Sewing Center. New members are welcome to join the group to "play." Call Donna Jo at 873-2815 if you have any questions.

**PINE NEEDLES** meets on the **last** Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at Los Vecinos Community Center in Tijeras, **except** in **November** and **December** when the meeting is moved to avoid the holidays. Call Claudia Broadwater at 281-8828 for more information.

**RUNNING STITCHES SIT AND SEW** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month at Abbey Lane Vacuum & Sewing from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at Providence Church on Encantado east of Tramway. Bring a sack lunch to the meetings. Call Kim Kelbe at 440-8269 if you have any questions.

**TREADLEPUSHERS** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 10:00 AM–Noon at the member's homes. There are no meetings during July and August. Programs are planned for each month. Some are demonstrations of sewing techniques, some involve a sewing challenge and at least one meeting involves a hands-on sewing project. Contact Kendra Margel at 856-7048 for further information.

*Be creative*

*Keep sewing*

*But, most of all enjoy!*

## Meet Our Board Members

In each issue of *Biased Opinions*, we will introduce you to our Board members. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them. (Editors)

KARA NEVIN, Second Vice President

I grew up on a cotton farm outside of Lubbock, TX. I attended Shallowater Public Schools which required two years of home economics in high school. One semester each year was sewing. My mother helped me with sewing at home as she was an accomplished seamstress who taught herself to sew.

I graduated from Texas Tech and taught math in Albuquerque Public Schools until I retired in 1999 from Manzano High School. I retired to take care of my daughter's first baby so that she could finish her degree. I help with my two grandsons who live here during the school year as my daughter is a teacher at Eldorado High School. I frequently travel to Sacramento to spend time with my son's family.

I made clothes for myself and my children when they were younger. In 1996, I took my first quilting class. I make quilts for my two children, their spouses, and my four grandsons as well as charity projects. I also make jackets, crochet, and knit. Recently, I took Becky Arnold's class on making socks so I'm in the process of making my first pair of socks.



KAREN MANN, Treasurer

Like many of you, I began sewing at about age 7 and made extensive wardrobes for my dolls. My mother saw how much time I was putting in to my creations and at one point suggested that I sew for myself. I wasn't sure I could so I joined our local 4-H group to meet others about my age and see what it would be like to sew something much bigger than a Barbie doll dress. We made many things that I can still remember—a reversible wrap skirt (green on one side and green and white gingham check on the other) that we wore in one of our town's parades, a jumper with a matching purse, apron, sleeveless dress (I think it was called a shift). Each is memorable in its own way because I had made it and either wore it to a special event or entered it in the county fair and some of them made it to the state fair. I won many blue and red ribbons in my youth, but I don't have a great desire to enter competitions these days. I get much greater satisfaction these days from: finding all of the "components" to my projects, especially after they have been in process for some time; getting it completed before it goes out of style or will no longer fit; and is something I can immediately wear or use. I also get great joy from making gifts. And also like many of you, I love buying and having lots of beautiful fabric, and dreaming of projects in which to use them. I am more of a collector than a sewer at this point in my life, but feel that my fabric stash will give me plenty of raw materials when I retire someday.

I joined ASG about 10 years ago after meeting someone who told me about the Ugly Fabric Challenge, and I have been involved as a CAB member in one position or another for most of those years. I've served as your treasurer for the past two and a half years, have been secretary, newsletter editor, special events coordinator, member at large, and have filled in for community service for a few months. All have been enjoyable and each has been a different way to stay involved in our Chapter. It is great to get together with other sewing enthusiasts to be inspired and supported in my sewing endeavors.

## NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### TREADLEPUSHERS HOLD JACKET CHALLENGE

By Jane Casey

The Treadlepushers Neighborhood Group decided to involve its members in a jacket challenge in March. The pattern chosen was a 1928 Bridge Jacket from Decades of Style. Those of us who participated found the jacket to be very challenging, indeed. There were features that some of us had never sewn and never want to sew again. Most of us did more ripping and reverse sewing than usual!

However, when the great "reveal" took place, we were amazed at the variety of fabrics and looks our members displayed. Some of our members even made two jackets in very different fabrics. As usually happens in a challenge, the resulting garments looked as though they had been made from several different patterns. Everyone found the "exercise" to be very interesting.

## Albuquerque Folk Festival

By Renee Hollis

What can I say about the Albuquerque Folk Festival? One and one half days of great fun, wonderful music and a chance to sit in on jam sessions and workshops at Expo NM. Musicians from many states attend our local festival. Named artists in Folk music are featured. There is something for everyone - from Arts and Crafts for the kids, a quilt show for the women, dancing for everyone from beginner to experienced, young and old. If you want to learn a particular dance style from African to Texas two-step and square dancing, this is the event to attend. Instructions are given and you are an active participant.

This year we had an instrument petting zoo - where a person could try out any instrument. There was even a tent for the very young to try instruments. There are more events for the children, storytelling tents and arts and crafts. This is where the different guilds are involved. We had 11 different guilds demonstrating their particular art as hands-on and some make-it/take-it in the Fine Arts Building. The ASG volunteers showed the kids how to make hand puppets from kits we provided. Most of the children did their own sewing with supervision, after picking out the puppet they wanted to make. It is as much fun for the volunteers as it is for the kids. The look on the kids faces' is priceless and they proudly show off the finished project. Not only is this a fun day for the volunteers, but also counts as a community service time.

Next year there will be a folk festival at the fair grounds that will need volunteers to make the event successful. It is well worth your time to either volunteer or attend. So bring your own instrument, put on your dancing shoes and be prepared to hear the best toe tapping music. Sit in on jam sessions and obtain valuable information about starting out in the music business. Try out and learn how to do the many ethnic and folk dances. Enjoy having the kids entertained, shop vendor row or if you prefer- just sit - listen to the music and watch the gray haired hippies in 70's dress all having a wonderful time. Hope to see you there next June!

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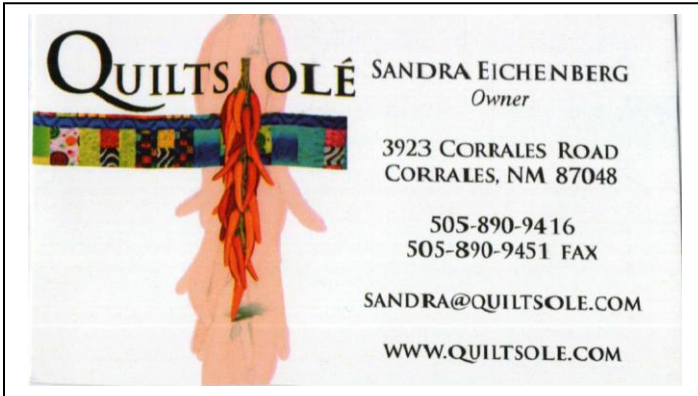
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Friendships, camaraderie, and networking with other enthusiastic creative women are just a few of the benefits of membership in the American Sewing Guild.

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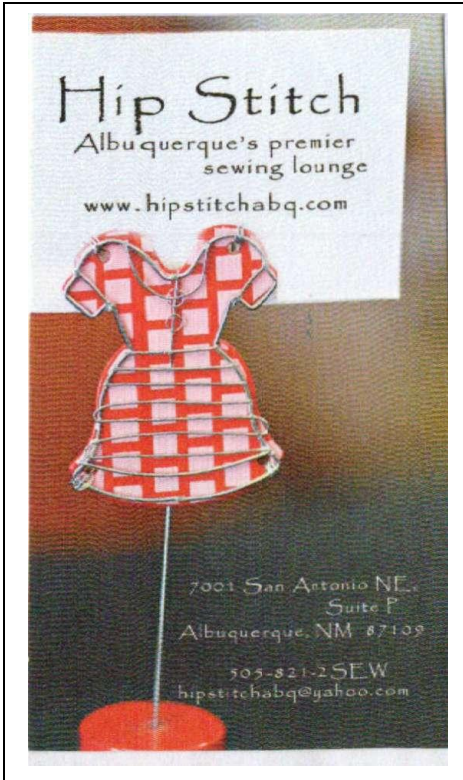
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## Who's Who and What's Where

By Renee Hollis

**Please support our valued retailers and always mention that you are an ASG member.** I am highlighting these two retailers because they share the same location and hours. Other retailers will be highlighted in future issues of [\*Biased Opinions\*](#).

### Beaded Iris

The friendly owner of the Beaded Iris, Dannelle Gundlach, greets everyone with a smile. Having moved from her prior and smaller location this year, the shop now has separate classrooms for all types of classes. Dannelle encourages groups that need space to meet to contact her to use the space.

As in the smaller shop, the walls are well stocked and organized with every kind of bead imaginable. They are lined with pearls, glass beads, containers of seed beads, very unusual stone beads and specialty and novelty beads. This is just the start of what this shop has to offer. Stock is constantly being changed with new and exciting beads.

Many classes are offered and taught by local and out of town artists. To support the classes, the shop carries numerous books and instructional materials. If that isn't enough, the staff is always willing and able to offer suggestions and help. Classes are updated often.

I enjoy browsing around the shop every time I go. As a sewer, I can imagine embellishing a garment or wall hanging with beads or taking a class of two just to appreciate the work involved in another art form.

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## Ann Silva's Bernina Sewing Center

Ann Silva's Bernina is no stranger to Albuquerque. The business, begun 30 years ago, had two previous locations before it expanded and moved to its present location on Menaul NE. Offering large classrooms with beautifully displayed wall hangings, quilts and projects, it is a beehive of creative activities. From classes to clubs, the customers are always satisfied.

AS the name implies, Ann offers a full line of Bernina sewing machines. New to the product line are Babylock sewing machines and sergers and Miele vacuums. The staff is available to demo and assist in your selection no matter what your price range. The in-store service department not only services Bernina and Babylock, but all brands of machines.

The fabric selection is extensive and attractively organized. A few styles are Southwester, Batik, Orientals and Brights. Nothing is lacking in the selection of thread, stabilizers, patterns, and books. Ginger scissors and many notions are available.

In addition to the talented staff with considerable sewing expertise, ASBSC has featured many national sewing speakers. The newsletter is printed three times a year to keep you informed of classes, clubs, special events and sales. A website has been added for your convenience [www.annsilva.com](http://www.annsilva.com)

Ann is semi retired with more time to sew and quilt, now that her son Steve is in the business as an owner and manager. Ann can still be seen in the store working and being of help to customers.

Ann has sewn since she was 12 years old and finds it extremely rewarding. Because of this, beginner sewers and children are her main goal. Her greatest joy is to help people get and have a new interest – SEWING.

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Learn placement and continuous border, Bring your Machine - supplies provided. 10-12:30, \$15

**Serger University: Friday 9/24\***

Take your serging to a new level! See what you can create serging with different feet. Demo 2-4:30, \$15

**Purse Project: Saturday 9/25\***

Bring your machine and take home this fabulous purse. 6 Hr. class, 10:30-4:30. \$40, kit and lunch included.



**Emily Carter**

Baby Lock Educator

Emily has taught serger and sewing classes in a variety of settings since 1992. She is a Certified Sewing Educator through the Home Sewing Association. Emily incorporates computer technology into her sewing and classes. Emily loves sharing her passion for sewing with others. Learn more about Emily and her classes at [AbbeyLaneOnline.com](http://AbbeyLaneOnline.com).

**\*Preregistration Req'd. by 9/12**

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# Anita Goodesign Embroidery Party

Hosted by Ryan's Sewing and Vacuum Center  
9500 Montgomery Blvd #6 NE

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Steve Wilson  
is Back with  
an All New  
Seminar for  
2010!



The event will be  
hosted by  
Steve Wilson

The Best Embroidery  
Event You Will Ever Attend!

## 2-Day Seminar including Lunch only \$99

It's a Party! Come join the fun and learn the latest techniques in embroidery with Steve Wilson from Anita Goodesign. This two-day event with its party atmosphere will give you an opportunity to create 5 different types of embroidery projects - from appliqué to lace, to sewing on fleece, and much much more. No matter what your skill level, you will absolutely enjoy this event.

**SIGN UP EARLY - This event WILL BE SOLD OUT and you won't want to miss this!!**

**Date: September 24-25, 2010 9:00am - 5:00pm both days**

- ▶ Door prizes
- ▶ Giveaways
- ▶ Catered lunch included each day
- ▶ Stress-free team sewing
- ▶ We provide every thing - machines, embroidery designs, fabrics, threads & stabilizer

**Location: Radisson Hotel - 2500 Carlisle Blvd NE**

**To register call (505) 237-8000**