

NEW FROM OUR MEMBERS



SEW UNIQUE THREADS WINS NATIONAL AWARD

When Amy Butler asked her publisher, Chronicle Books, to help her find the best display of Amy Butler fabrics in the nation, a call went out to fabric and quilt shops. Sue Stanton, owner of Sew Unique Threads in Battle Creek, and her co-worker Sally Fulgoni answered the call. Another call came in mid-January when Sue and Sally were notified that Amy Butler had chosen their shop Sew Unique Threads as tops in the nation.

Sue and Sally both learned to sew in junior high home ec classes and were less than inspired. Inspiration came later in quilting and embroidery projects. Sue hopes she can pass this inspiration on to others through the Amy Butler fabrics and patterns she sells at Sew Unique Threads. She says, "Her patterns are young, her fabrics bold. Her designs take you out of the box." Sally adds, "Amy Butler is very new and contemporary. Her work is high quality and appeals to sewers of all ages, including the bag designs that get everyone's attention. She will bring young sewers into our craft."

Amy Butler designs include quilt patterns, clothing, baby items, home dec, and accessories. The patterns don't assume anything – they have a glossary so that if you come across a term you're not familiar with, you can refer to the glossary. Visitors to Sew Unique Threads will find a full line of Amy Butler fabrics and patterns, as well as that of designers Tina Givens, Heather Bailey, Valerie Wells, and Kaffe Fassett. Sue and Sally want sewers to be successful

and are anxious to provide guidance based on their own experience with these products. Take a look at all things Amy Butler on her website www.amybutlerdesign.com.

At Sew Unique Threads, Sue offers a variety of classes in beginning sewing, machine embroidery, and bag making. Shoppers will also find unique notions, buttons, trims, and, recently, a few rayon batiks, silks, and some special cottons that are appropriate for camisoles or nightwear have been added to the inventory.

Sue hopes the Amy Butler Award will bring sewers to Sew Unique Threads that are looking for the bold, the bright, and the contemporary take on our craft. She now draws her inspiration from those who "appreciate the time, energy, and emotion we invest in the shop".

Sew Unique Threads opened in November 2007 at 7175 Tower Road, in Battle Creek, www.sewuniquethreads.com. Sue is a member of our chapter of the American Sewing Guild. She welcomes members to her shop and offers them a 10% discount.

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ANNUAL YARDAGE SALE

Our annual yardage sale is coming up on April 24 -25, 2009, in the Winchell Neighborhood, as a part of the neighborhood's garage sale.

We need **FABRIC**, trims, unfinished projects, or notions, etc. Donations can be dropped off at Geri Huver's home at 2805 Winchell (by appointment only, 345-8611) or bring to the April chapter meeting. If neither of those options work, call Suzanne at 345-8121 to make arrangements.

We also need **WORKERS**, Thursday evening for setup (about 6 p.m.) and Friday and Saturday from 8:00-11:30 and 11:30-3:00. Sign-up sheet will be at the April chapter meeting, or call Suzanne at 345-8121. So ... clean up that sewing room, find those leftovers and get them moved on to a new home! Please sign up to help as we need workers for this chapter project.