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Hey! and a-choo! A nasty cold virus thing has claimed this household for the entire month of July. Down for the count most days, a momentary release from its snare had us grabbing the cough syrup and driving to Albuquerque for the [American Sewing Guild's convention](#).

What with the scheduled classes and seminars for the participants, there were periods of downtime, which is when vendors visited one another's booths. Everything imaginable germane to the sewing world was represented. But the most popular vendor was situated next door to me: [Needle Nook Fabrics](#), a make-your-own-bra enterprise! From such close vantage, I learned from Anne St. Clair, owner/designer of Needle Nook, that "you can sew your own bra in less time than it takes to try on a slew of bras at a department store."

I watched Anne stitch up a bra in the most fetching retro fabric, and honestly, never before (or more) have I coveted someone else's bra



July/August Sunday Giveaway

Playing catch-up, **Bonniesline** is the winner of the third Sunday Giveaway – my favorite pie book, Humble Pie by Anne Dimock.



lotuspink8 is the winner of the fourth Sunday Giveaway - a handmade pocket album covered in a retro fabric. And **barajones** is the winning subscriber to the August 2nd Sunday Giveaway – the very last of a dozen or so embroidered aprons I purchased in China.

The remaining four August drawings are open



only to those signed up to receive the newsletter. So, if you're reading this, then you're entered to win!

Feeding the Soul

Frankfurters

Use small canned franks hot or cold on the canapé tray impaled on a capapé pick, either alone or alternating with a small piece of dill pickle and cube of Cheddar cheese. Poke several of these picks into a large red apple and set on a tray with fingertip napkins folded as triangles.

---- from *Serving Food Attractively* (1966) by Florence Brobeck

Vintage Sewing Tidbit

Before winding thread on a bobbin, draw the beginning 3" of the thread across a red crayon. When the red thread shows, you'll know the bobbin is 3" from empty!

-- a 1943 Stella White STREAMLINER tip

News from the Apron-Hood

Back in the spring, I received an invitation to the Edinburg Fringe Festival from Oliver "Ollie" Herbert of Flavours Holidays, a UK travel/foodie company. Ollie emailed if I might pop over to Scotland for the August festival and be a key headliner at "... this apron exhibit Flavours was putting together at the Fringe." He even followed up with a telephone call to encourage my participation. A good fellow, he. Not so good, me, as I hardly entertained the idea. I mean, the distance! The expense! And for what?

Well, I've just read that the Fringe is the biggest arts festival in the world, and the number one tourist attraction in the whole of Britain.

Hindsight has me kvetching and carrying on like a dog playing in traffic that's been bumped by a car. [Click here](#) to read of my pain. Ollie emailed me Saturday and promised to keep me updated with the exhibit and festivities, plus he's made a video, which he'll send along for me to post. Can't wait to share!

Alrighty!

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