

Oklahoma City, OK Chapter of the American Sewing Guild Advancing sewing as an art and life skill.



Rustyne's Rhetoric By Rustyne Harris Oklahoma City Chapter President

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!

WOW! What a year. I have had so much fun and have learned so many things from each and every one of you. Since we are electing our officers a month later than usual this year please let me say THANK YOU for letting me serve as your President this last year and hope you have enough faith in me to elect me as President for another term. I am looking forward to working with the old and new CAB members again this year. I appreciate each and every one of the CAB members and all of the additional support members. Everyone does a GREAT job.

We had some fun and educational projects/programs this past year and are working on new ones for this year. We need input from all of you on the different kinds/types of programs you would like to have. We have in the works some really good programs and may be able to have another mini retreat, this years was very successful. We hope to be able to have Hatched in Africa back again and are working on some more hands on projects. We are also working on getting the bead lady back for a Monday night presentation as well as a hands on program. In the past we have had very good results using ASG members for hands on programs. If you have something you like to teach please let me know and maybe we can present them this year.

I have had some very good results for my request for meeting places other than the center for some hands on programs. Some that would even be free or cost very little therefore keeping our prices lower. And that is a good thing for us. We gained several new members to our chapter during the year and I hope all of us will work toward a goal of letting everyone we meet know what a wonderful organization the AMERICAN SEWING GUILD and especially the OKC group is. I look forward to making even more sewing friends in the coming year.

I have been told that for the most part everyone has enjoyed the brown bag dinner meetings and getting to do some hands on projects. I will continue to schedule these meetings into our programs and would appreciate talking to anyone who would be interested in presenting one of the hands on meetings for us.

I will say again, that if you have never attended one of the Neighbor Group Meetings please plan to do so soon. This is a great way to get to know people and learn new things. A complete listing of the groups will be presented later in this news-letter.

I hope that everyone who signed up to do a Crazy Quilt square is working on them and can get them finished soon. Remember, this is a fund raising project and will be lots of fun.

I am really forward to the February fabric exchange contest. It is always fun to see what others do with the fabric that you yourself no longer want. And I love the creativity. I will work on some special prizes. So you can have even more to work for.

Remember that Monday December the 10th is our annual Christmas Party and elections. Please bring a covered dish, and yes it would be nice if you put something in it. Someone ask me, jokingly, if they could just bring a dish that is covered but empty. We have such a wonderful group of ladies they have talents in many areas and a great sense of humor as well. Please include a card with your name in your gift. Some of the ladies have stated that they have received such nice gifts in the past and would like to know who to thank for them.

Again, I want to wish everyone a wonderful and healthy holiday season.



Your Proud President, *Rustyne*

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Welcome

MEETING PLACE

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the Warr Acres Community Center. The community center is located on the NW corner of Ann Arbor (between MacArthur and Meridian) and NW 42nd Street. **Please come join us!**

Say Hello to our Newest Members!

Margaret Snodderly Annette Hazelwood Starlyn S. Arens

OKC Chapter Name Tags are available for \$5.00. Contact Eleanor Todd Fuller at 405-350-3339 if you'd like one.

NOTICE

This newsletter will always appear on our website for the Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Visit the site on a regular basis as the content changes often. Note this web address in your Favorite Places to visit.

Favorite Places to visit. www.okcasg.org

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Have you visited the ASG website? At the bottom of the page is a "members only" listing. To enter, the user name is "sewing" and the password is "friends". You will find a wealth of good information on this website. www.asg.org



The Sewing Notion

If you can download this newsletter and are also receiving a snail mail copy, please contact me and I will take you off the snail mail list.

E-mail

To see if you can download the newsletter goto www.okcasg.orgclick on Newsletters-click on one of the newsletter buttons. Email me at marilynmarusa@cox.net

I would love to put your new email on our email list. So many are returned each time I send out a notice for an ASG event or meeting reminder. To update your email address—Email me

(marilynmarusa@cox.net) and let me know.

Upcoming Board Meetings Join us—see your CAB at work! (call Marilyn at 209-0431 for meeting location)

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Neighborhood Groups are small, personal, and fun. This is a wonderful place to meet new friends who enjoy what you like most - sewing. All ASG members are encouraged to attend a group and may participate in as many as you wish. Find the one that fits you best. If there is not a group in your neighborhood, start one! Bring a guest. Nonmembers wishing to learn more about ASG may visit two group meetings before being asked to join our Chapter. Contacts are below.

The Happy Sewers

4th Friday of each month at 10am Meets at members homes-call for info Jackie Ward 405-324-8430

Southside Scissors Wizards

1st Tuesday of the month 10:00am Hancock's store at I-240 and Penn Pat 366-8295 or Jane 946-3580

Stitch'N Bitch Neighborhood Group

1st Wednesday of each month at 10am Meets at members homes-call for info Marilyn Traub 405-843-7538

Sew Fine Sisters

3rd Saturday of each month at 1:00-4:00 at The Stitching Post Classroom Rustyne Harris 405-745-3065

Sew Sassy Stitchers

3rd Monday of each month at Fun to Sew in Edmond 6:00 pm Marilyn 209-0431



Happy Sewers—We meet in our homes and sewing is out of the question for lack of room. Some have demo each person does a demo when she has it at her house, we have had quilt blocks, ruffeled pillows, we are sending hugs and Bears to Irac. We have also sent some boxes and plan to send more. Jane Vaughn left us to go to work full time we miss her. We will continue to meet in the home and have demos. We meet the 4th Friday of the month at 10:00am. This seems to be most of our news as of now. Jackie

Edmond's Sew Sassy Stitchers—At our Sept meeting we knitted and visited. At our Oct meeting Anna taught us how to make beautiful Christmas napkin rings from felt. We did not meet in November. Our Christmas party will be the December meeting—call for information. Marilyn 209-0431 or marilynmarusa@cox.net

Southside Scissor Wizards Neighborhood—Southside Scissor Wizards meet the 1st Tues of each month. Jane Brown taught us how to make a fall pumpkin decoration, made with a toilet paper roll and a fat quarter of fabric. Everyone went home with a beautiful table decoration. By the time you read this the December meeting will have passed. We will have enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Marilyn Conner's as our hostess. Lots of good food and enjoying all our great sewing friends.

Southside Scissor Wizards meet the 1st Tues of each month at Hancock's on I-240 and Penn at 10:00 a.m. Next years programs are being planned so come help us decide what you would like for the programs. . For more information contact Jane @ 946-3580 or Pat @ 366-8296



coming events September 23, 2007- February 24, 2008 Centennial Quilt Challenge Contest and Exhibit: Oklahoma's Pioneering Spirit: 1907-2007, 100 years of History and What it Means to You! The Pioneer Woman Museum Ponca City, OK Jan 10-12 2008 Oklahoma City Winter Quilt show Cox Convention Center Oklahoma City Feb 9-10 2008 ETA Dallas May 16th - 18th, 2008 - OKC Chapter Retreat at Roman Nose State Park July 10-14, 2008 American Sewing Guild Annual Conference Rosemont IL 800-233-1234



Discounts by our Local Retailers <u>10% off all items:</u>

Helen Enox 1332 SW 59th St

The Stitching Post Inc. 5928 NW 16th OKC 316 N Broadway Moore

Jo-Ann's all locations (requires card from Jo-Anns)

> Hancock Fabrics all locations

Sew N Sews 5521 NW Expressway Bernina of OKC 6817 N May Ave 2209 SW 74th 526 S Bryant, Edmond (inside Hancock Fabrics) http://www.sew2000.com/ berninaokc/

Fun to Sew & Fun to Sew Too 7217 S Western, OKC 100 E. 15th, Edmond 937 SW 25th, Suite F, Moore 209 S.W. 2nd Street Lawton http://www.funtosewok.com/



B-Sew Inn Southern Hills Shop Center I-240 and Penn 1624 Southwest 74th http://www.bsewinn.com/

Denton Sewing Center

www.dentonsewing center.com Denton, TX

Sew Much More

410 Chickasha Ave Chickasha, OK

Nancy's Notions

2007 Discount Codes: 079411-5224 Jul-Sept 07 079411-5225 Oct-Dec 07





Don't Forget Membership Renewal Notices

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Carol Bland Linda D. Bray Joyce C. Burton Koweta Cartwright Martha M. Duerksen Charlene Francis Annette Myers Doris Young Judith Yount

If you received your renewal notice in the mail and have not yet sent it in, please don't forget to do so right away or renew online so that you will not miss out on any membership benefits!!

Did you know you can renew your membership on line? To do so go to the www.asg.org click on "Membership" at the top left, scroll down to "Renew Member." Under "Choose a Chapter" enter "Oklahoma City"; Enter your Member ID# and click "Renew". You can pay with a credit card

Sharing Information with Our Members Members Only Area



- <u>Special Offers</u> Special offers on sewing-related products, events, and services only for ASG members
- <u>Digitized Logos</u>: In this area, you will find the machine embroidery design files for the ASG logo, the 25th Anniversary logo, and the Sewing Friends logo.
- <u>ASG Wallpaper</u> Download the ASG logo in jpg format to use as wallpaper on your computer. Clicking the link will open the page with the graphic. Simply right click with your mouse, and choose "Save Picture As" to save it to your hard drive.
- ASG By-Laws

(<u>WWW.aSg.org</u>). Enter "Members Only". Username: sewing Password: friends. Click on "Special Offers" for terrific discounts on sewing products and seminars, free downloads and free shipping, and even more from 33 "ASG Notions" advertisers. These Special Offers are available only to ASG members. The list of special offers will change to coincide with each issue of Notions. So be sure to visit this new "Special Offers" area early and often!



Top 10 Reasons to Join:

- **1.** You love to sew and love to share your love of sewing.
- **2.** You want to improve your sewing skills like others do their golf score.
- **3.** You want to develop sewing friends; friends who speak your language -- know what a "stash" or a "wadder" is.
 - 4. You need someone you can trust to take your measurements and not tell.
- **5.** You want companions for road trips who experience the same "joy in the journey" of stopping at as many fabric stores as humanly possible in a given day.
 - **6.** You have uses for the money you will save utilizing ASG member discounts.
- 7. You could benefit from an appreciative audience for your sewing successes and helpful suggestions for your challenges ("How to save that disaster")..

8. You want to attend a national conference where you can learn from the top national sewing instructors and eat lunch next to your favorite (sewing) TV personalities, give direct input to sewing industry representatives, shop an exhibit hall full of sewing products and experience unique tours with fellow sewing enthusiasts.

9. You believe that sewing is an art form as well as a valuable life skill.

And most important,

10. You make a difference!

American Sewing Guild CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM			New Chapter Member - \$40.00 Chapter nearest you (City/State):		
			 Renewal - \$35.00 (If received b Late Renewal - \$40.00 (If received b) 		
City	State	Zip	How did you hear about ASG? Web Magazine		
E-mail	Return to:		Check enclosed payable to: "American Sewing		
American Sewing Guild 9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510, Houston, TX 77 PH: (713) 729-3000 • FAX (713) 721-923 Email: info@asg.org • Website: www.asg		Houston, TX 77096 X (713) 721-9230		Please bill my MasterCard / VISA (Circle one)	
		See ov	Account Number	Expiration Date	

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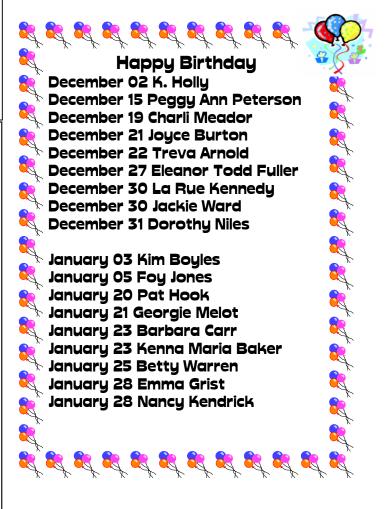
Advertising Rates & Deadlines

Our rates and ad sizes are as follows: Business Card (3 1/2" x 2") \$15.00 Quarter Page (3 1/2" x 5") \$25.00 Half Page (3 1/2" x 10") \$35.00 Half Page (7 1/2" x 5") \$35.00 Full Page (71/2" x 10") \$50.00

Classified Ads:

Members \$2.00 + .10/word Non-Members \$5.00 + .10/word

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Upcoming meetings

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Dec 10, 2007—Christmas Party - bring a dish for our pot-luck dinner. Use your talents in sewing or cooking to make a gift for our gift exchange. Wrap in an unmarked package or bag. Please put your name on the inside of the package.



Jan 8, 2008—Brown bag dinner with hands-on project.

Feb 12, 2008—Mystery fabric challenge judging. Remember to bring back your project.



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