



# The Sewing Notion

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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!!!!

Hope everyone had a wonderful THANKSGIVING and are now gearing up for all of the wonderful things you are planning for the holiday season.

This message is going to be a little different than any I have written in the past. Having served as the President of our OKC Chapter of ASG for the past four years has been one of the most wonderful and fulfilling experiences I have ever had. Words can never tell you how much I have enjoyed myself. I have learned so much from each and every one of you, and in a small way, hope that I have helped teach a few things to others. The new friends in my life can never be replaced. Each and every member of our Chapter has a special place in this society. They all give a 100 percent of themselves to their family and friends. And when it is all said and done that is all that really matters in this life of ours.

This organization has been a life saver and refuge for me for the past few years. I first joined ASG to have something to do to get away from things going on in my life at the time. My husband had been ill for several years and there was no outside life for me. I went to work and home and not much of anything else. The experience has been more fun than any of you can imagine. The classes, retreats and conferences I have had the privilege of attending have been more fun than anything I can think of. All of the wonderful projects we have learned taught me so many new things. It has never failed to amaze me at the talent that is in one room when we all get together.

As my term as President comes to a close I am left with the knowledge that I will always have a place to go. If for no other reason than to be with people that love to do the same things I do. It will be a new experience next year to serve as your Treasurer and to work with the new CAB members. We have a great group of ladies taking on the job of running our Chapter. They will all work hard to make everything even more fun for all of us.

This is your Chapter. Learn all you can, teach all that you can and enjoy all of the new experiences and above all else treasure all of the wonderful friends you have made.

THANK YOU so very much for allowing me to serve as your President for these last four years. AND NEVER THINK THAT I DID IT ALONE. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF MY CAB MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRLADIES AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE TO HELP ANY TIME I ASKED.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest New Year.  
Your Proud President,  
Rustyne

# Welcome

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## **Meeting Location**

**2nd Monday of each month**

**6:30 pm**

**LaQuinta Inn** on Meridian just south of I-40 Park near the main door. Go in the main door, through the lobby and turn to the left. At the end of the hall you will go through the door on the right.

**See you there.**

## **Say Hello to our Newest Members!**

We welcome you and encourage you to get involved in a Neighborhood Group

Gwen Peard  
Brenda Fonzi

**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.

[www.okcasg.com](http://www.okcasg.com)

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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](http://www.asg.org)

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### 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.

To see if you can download the newsletter goto [www.okcasg.com](http://www.okcasg.com)—click on Newsletters—click on one of the newsletter buttons.

Email me at [marilynmarusa@cox.net](mailto:marilynmarusa@cox.net)

*E-mail  
→ Me ←*

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](mailto:marilynmarusa@cox.net)) and let me know.

**Our Oklahoma City  
Chapter of the  
American Sewing Guild  
will have a booth at the  
Oklahoma City Winter Quilt  
Show!**

Be sure to play your day at the show so you can spend an hour or two volunteering at our booth.

### *Sew n Sews*

Stillwater Store:  
217 S Perkins  
405-707-0700  
Monday – Saturday  
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Oklahoma City Store:  
5127 N Portland  
405-942-2700  
Monday – Saturday  
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**10% discount for ASG members!**

# 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  
VaughnCille Weidner  
405-354-1603

## **Southside Scissors Wizards**

1st Tuesday of the month 10:00am  
B-Sew Inn  
1624 W I 240 Service Rd  
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



**HAPPY SEWERS** meet on the fourth Friday of each month at various members' homes at 10 AM until about Noon. The hosts for the month has a project or idea she presents and we all bring our own projects and finished items and discuss and assist each other with various challenges we have in sewing. We have some refreshments and have a great time exchanging ideas with each other. We don't actually sew because there isn't room in our homes but it is all about sewing, quilting and related subjects. We would love to have you join us or come by for a visit any time. You can find out where we are meeting by calling VaughnCille Weidner at 354-1603 or e-mail at [vweidner@cox.com](mailto:vweidner@cox.com).

At Happy Sewers August meeting, LaRue asked Eleanor Brown to demo making small pin cushions out of bottle lids. Each member had a kit and we each made a pin cushion with felt and embroidery thread. Our September meeting will be our "road trip" and we will be going to three quilt stores in Moore, Norman and Pauls Valley. If you would like to join us, call VaughnCille Weidner at 354-1603 or e-mail [vweidner@cox.net](mailto:vweidner@cox.net)

**Southside Scissor Wizards** meet the 1st Tues of each month at B-Sew Inn on I-240 and Penn from 10:00 to noon. Oct meeting was spent making a table center mat, which everyone enjoyed making and several members have made more since the class. In November the group sewing on UFO's, so several projects were finished and some news ones started. December will be the annual Christmas Party at Pat Fritze's home in Norman. Covered dish dinner will be enjoyed by all. Next years program plans will be discussed at the Christmas Party. For more information about the group, which anyone is welcome to attend, please contact Pat Fritze 366-8296 or Jane Brown 946-3580.

## **ASG Members - WE VALUE YOUR INPUT!!!!!!**

As we start a new year with a new slate of officers, we want to make this chapter a valuable resource for your sewing and creative arts projects. We'd like your candid input to help us plan programs and classes that are of interest to you. The program committee will look at your responses! This is YOUR chapter- with your input, we'll continue to improve!

1. What do you enjoy most about attending the ASG meetings?
2. What part of the meeting could be improved? How could we make it better?
3. List some of your ideas for upcoming monthly programs- if you know a resource, list them too!
4. Do you like the Quarterly Brown Bag meetings with option to bring your dinner and have a chance to meet more members? Do you want them to continue?
5. What special workshops, classes, or instructors interest you OUTSIDE our regular meetings? (Sew What's New Day, Sweatshirt class, Purse class, Serger class were some examples of classes we had this past year)
6. What amount would you be willing to pay to attend a special class or workshop?
7. Would you like to volunteer to help with any project or workshop? If so - Please write your name\_\_\_\_\_.



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**coming events**  
**There is a lot to do in 2010!**

Oklahoma City Winter Quilt Show January 14-16, 2010  
Cox Convention Center

OKCASG will have a booth and will need volunteers for that, so plan your day so you can spend an hour or two in the booth.

ETADallas 2010 - 5th Year!  
February 12-14, 2010  
Dallas, TX  
<http://www.etadallas.com>  
Registration Begins Nov. 27, 2009

February 10-27 9am to 5pm Wed through Sat Jim Thorpe Home Annual Quilt Show  
Jim Thorpe House  
706 E Boston Ave Yale, OK

Prairie Stars Quilt Shop Hop  
Guymon, OK Turpin, OK + stores in Colorado and Kansas  
April 8 thru 17, 2010  
<http://www.cherylsquiltcorner.com/stars%20hop.htm>

April 22-24, 2010 The Red River Shop Hop Involves 6 shops in the North Texas -Southern Oklahoma area.

May 20-22, 2010 Martha Pullen's Sewing Market  
Arlington Convention Center Arlington TX

May 21-23, 2010 OKC ASG Retreat at  
St. Crispin's Conference Center Wewoka, Oklahoma

June 17-19, 2010  
Road to Oklahoma Shop Hop

August 3 - 8, 2010 ASG Conference Hilton Hotel Atlanta Georgia

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5127 N Portland  
405-942-2700  
Monday – Saturday  
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Bernina of OKC**  
6817 N May Ave  
526 S Bryant, Edmond  
(inside Hancock Fabrics)  
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**Fun to Sew &  
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## Don't Forget Membership Renewal Notices

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](http://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.

### Community Service

Giving back is a vital part of a full and rewarding life. What could be more fulfilling than doing what you love to do (sewing) while contributing to the quality of life of others in need within your own community? Throughout the country, ASG has become synonymous with charitable acts of sewing.

### 2010 National Community Service Project

#### U.S. Troops Drawstring Bag

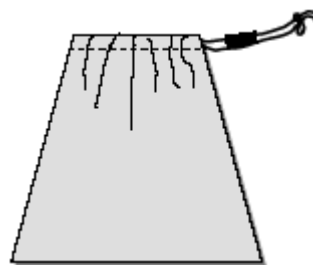
Operation Care Package is a non-profit organization that receives, fills and mails drawstring bags to deployed service men and women from all branches of the armed forces. The drawstring bag pattern for this project was designed by Laura Martell of The Creative Thimble. The 14" drawstring bag holds a filled gallon baggie. The troops use the bags for personal use and some pass them on to the children in Iraq. When finished send to

Operation Care Package

611 Wilcox Street

Joliet, IL 60435.

Download the pattern at <http://asg.org/html/giving.html>





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## Happy Birthday

12/02 K. HOLLY  
 12/15 PEGGY ANN PETERSON  
 12/19 Charli Meador  
 12/21 Joyce Burton  
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 1/05 Foy Jones  
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 2/20 Paula Bell  
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 2/22 JO BALDING  
 2/27 SUZANNE ROBINSON



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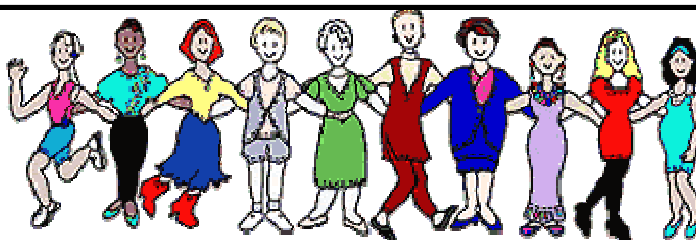
- [Special Offers](#) - Special offers on sewing-related products, events, and services only for ASG members
- [Chapter Newsletters](#)

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- [Change of Address/Chapter Form](#) - Use this form to change your email address, mailing address, or chapter.
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- [Notions Guidelines](#)

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- [ASG Digitized Logos](#)
- [ASG Proud Member logo](#) - ZIP contains b&w and color versions in both jpg and eps formats
- [2009 Conference Logo](#) (ZIP of all formats)
- [Vinyl Clings](#)
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## Membership Benefits

- Local Neighborhood Groups provide opportunities for sharing ideas and “hands-on” sewing experiences.
- Current information on sewing related events and sewing classes offered by local retailers.
- Chapter events presenting local and national speakers, fashion shows and workshops.
- Annual National Convention featuring workshops and seminars taught by nationally recognized professionals, special events and administrative meetings.
- Local Publication, *The Sewing Notion*, bi-monthly. National Publication, *Notions*, quarterly.
- Discounts from local, independent retailers and national fabric store chains.
- Renewed enthusiasm for creative sewing.
- New product information from the sewing industry.

## 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!

## Oklahoma City Chapter Membership Form

### American Sewing Guild CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chapter nearest you (City/State): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Renewal - \$35.00** (if received **before** expiration date)

☐ **Late Renewal - \$40.00** (if received **after** expiration date)

**How did you hear about ASG?**

☐ Web ☐ Magazine

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check enclosed payable to:  
**“American Sewing Guild”**

☐ Please bill my **MasterCard / VISA** (Circle one)

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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

Prices are costs per issue. A camera-ready ad is preferred. The Sewing Notion welcomes all ads but reserves the right to refuse any ad for any reason.

**AD DEADLINE FOR THE Mar-May ISSUE IS Feb 25th**

## Upcoming meetings

**We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the LaQuinta Inn on Meridian just south of I-40**

Park near the main door.

Go in the main door, through the lobby and turn to the left.

At the end of the hall you will go through the door on the right.

**Please come join us!**

## December 14th Christmas Party by the neighborhood group "Sew Fine Sisters"

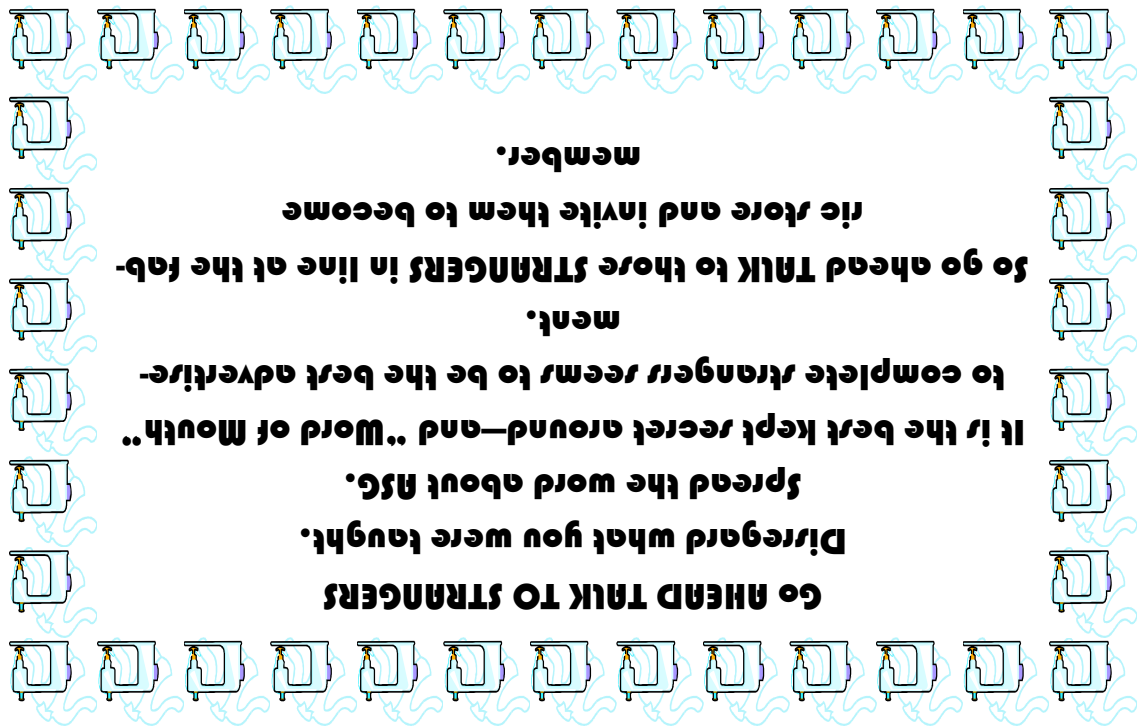
This is a covered dish dinner. Please bring your favorite covered dish food. Soft drinks, plates and utensils will be furnished.

Even if you have never attended a meeting, please come and find out that because you love sewing you really do belong to this group. We want you all there.

We are asking that you bring a children's book, which will be presented to the Bethany Children's Home library. There will also be a small craft idea presented by the Sew Fine Sisters Neighborhood group. Please come and get acquainted with this great group of sewing friends and celebrate the Holiday Season.

—Your Chapter Advisory Board

**Jan 11th, 2010** Don Lusk and Phil Carleton from Fun to Sew will present some new Monogramming Software.



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