

The Sewing Notion

Oklahoma City, OK Chapter of the American Sewing Guild

Advancing sewing as an art and life skill.

A Letter from your President - Kerry McNutt



As the hot July sun takes temperatures to over 100, I reflect back on the great time we had in May at the annual retreat. I always come home inspired, refreshed, determined, and tired. Experts say that laughter is good for you. My, my do I FEEL GOOD!!!

Inspired by the talent we have in our chapter, I only glimpsed what 27 others can do. So I know the other 90 plus members we have are just as talented and artistic! **Refreshed.** I got a couple of projects completed- one was a blouse on Friday that I wore on Saturday! A purse pattern that I had wanted to make again and a new way of inserting a zipper thanks to Annette! **Determined.** Now I want to finish the other projects that I took in case I did actually finish something. **Tired.** And it's a good tired, because now I have to go back to my full time job, but I'd really rather sew!

Much discussion was held regarding the friendship that occurs as a result of the guild, but bonds are formed when you get to spend more time with the group over the weekend. We did have a few new ladies attend thanks to Judy Jolly and Jana Burgess. Judy's friend Yvonne sews for several Veterans programs and was making a gorgeous patriotic banner. Jana's sister Tricia and her friend Janice from Clinton were great new additions. Janice worked on her hand quilting, and Tricia made Superman and Princess capes! I was amazed at the number of the waitstaff and customers at Roman Nose who wandered into our sewing room to 'ooh', and ahh' at the projects we were working on. Several brave men even ventured in to ask questions. (More elsewhere in the newsletter about the retreat). Next year's date will be back at Roman Nose, **May 17-19, 2013.** I hope many more of you will plan to attend. Although the resort only has 16 rooms, I'd like to have them all filled with a waiting list in case someone has to cancel at the last minute.

Kerry

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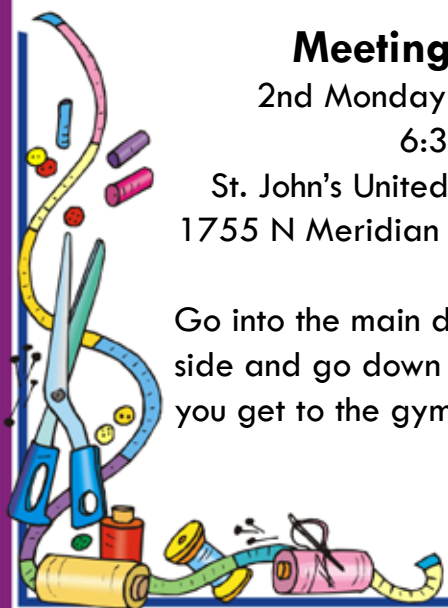
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Meeting Location

2nd Monday of each month
6:30 pm

St. John's United Methodist Church
1755 N Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City

Go into the main door on the North side and go down the hallway until you get to the gymnasium on the right.



Mark your calendars so you don't miss a meeting. Here are the actual dates for our meetings for the rest of 2012.

July 9, 2012
August 13, 2012
Sept. 10, 2012
Oct. 8, 2012
Nov. 12, 2012
Dec. 10, 2012





June 2012 Meeting Show and Share

The Annual Spring Retreat -- More Retreat Reflections



At the recent annual Sewing Retreat at Roman Nose State Park Lodge, the Special Events Team of Irene Morgan, Karla MacSwain, and Sandy Brenneis outdid themselves with prizes, and projects for all attendees. Met at the door with a goody bag and personalized name tag, you found yourself ½ a table and an electric connection to spread out your sewing machine, notions and projects for the next 48 hours.

Roman Nose State Park Lodge went through a massive renovation after a very damaging storm, so the whole resort has been redone and redecorated. It reopened a few months ago. It is lovely with all the modern lighting, new dining area, redeco-

rated rooms and an entire new front counter and entrance. The restaurant has a new menu as well!

The goody bags were eagerly opened to reveal coupons from Prairie Quilt, snacks to hold you until dinner, an entry to guess a number of spools in a bowl, and a personalized luggage tag with the ASG logo- thanks to Brenda Fonzi and Jana Burgess!

Other door prizes, goodies, discounts, were contributed by:

Tammy Eskew- watches and bands

Creative Crafts Group- Magazines

Nancy's Notion's – Gift Certificate

The Warm Company- Batting

Brenda Fonzi and Jana Burgess- ASG embroidered luggage tags

Prairie Quilts- gift certificates

The FIRST National Bank and Trust Co.

Roman Nose Lodge - Made in Oklahoma Cookbooks

Please thank these establishments for their contribution to help us out. The goody bags and prizes were appreciated by everyone. Thanks to the folks listed for being so generous!!





STATE FAIR

Don't forget to put the date of the Great State Fair of Oklahoma on your calendar as we will be hosting a sewing demonstration in the Hobbies, Arts and Crafts Building again on **September 13th**. That is a Thursday, Opening Day, and usually a day that has lots of traffic through the buildings. We will be making stockings again for UR Special . We had a great representation last year and will have more details later regarding this date. Remember if you sign up to work, you get a free parking pass AND free fair admission.

Women Veterans in Need

The Quilt for Valor group has been making quilts for some very deserving heroes. The VA Hospital in Houston has opened a new unit for women only suffering from PTSD. A 6-8 week program, they take 8 women at a time to help them adapt and adjust to this stress disorder. Judy Jolly shared an email describing this endeavor, so if you have an interest in making quilts for this worthwhile cause, she has the information on where to send the quilts.

Penelope Cushion

A chick with an Attitude

A project for all to make at the retreat was the Chicken Pincushion presented by Sandy Brenneis. A variety of material and trims were available for you to give your 'chick' its personal style and as much attitude as possible. The directions for constructing a chick of your own will be posted on our website.





ASG CONFERENCE 2012 • AUGUST 16-20

ASG National Conference- Houston, TX August 17-19th.

Registration is still open for you to attend the National Conference in Houston. Since it's within driving distance, it really cuts down on the expense to attend. The brochure is packed with great classes from a wide variety of instructors. I know there are a few of you planning to attend and have already registered. Conference registration includes the workshops for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Your breakfast and lunch meals are included in the registration fee. The recent edition of Notion's magazine has all the details about the classes and schedule, or you can go online to the ASG.org website and view or download the information.

So far, the new location of our monthly meetings at St. John's has been well received. Please remember they have a ministry through their food pantry. Non-perishable items are needed to fill pantry. Please remember your donations! Drop them off in the large boxes in the hallway on your way into the meeting. Christmas in July- bring your projects for Christmas to show. Also bring fabric and scissors for cutting out the Stockings. Patterns will be provided.

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

Please join us for a fun sewing social gathering. We alternate our location at different members home. We have sew and share, snacks and wonderful discussion on our sewing projects. The coordinator of our group for 2012 is Cathie Hladik.

Meets at members homes on the 4th Friday of each month at 10am.

Call for info
Cathie Hladik
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373-3694

Southside Scissors Wizards

OKC ASG neighbor-

hood Southside Scissor Wizards group have had some great programs in the past months. We also have had attendance of 12-20 at each meeting. There is always room for a few more so come join us anytime. This is a great group of sewing friends. We meet on the 1st Tues of each month at B Sew Inn at I-240 and South Penn from 10:00-noon. Linda Linn showed us how to construct a sewing vest at our June meeting. July 3rd, Jane Brown will be showing us construction of a new purse pattern. August will be a field trip to Cache, Ok to the quilt shop and to Meirs for a

Meirs burger for lunch. September meeting will be cutting out and working on Christmas stockings for our community service project. In Oct. we will be making a yoyo turkey pin.....

Come visit us any time. For more information contact Jane Brown @ 470-3855 or Pat Fritze 366-8296.

Sew Fine Sisters

3rd Saturday of each month

1:00-4:00

The Stitching Post Classroom

Rustyne Harris
405-745-3065

Do you have a friend who sews or would like to learn how to sew? Invite them to the next meeting and maybe they'll want to join us. The more members we have, the more we can spread our love for the art and craft of sewing. Share the love!!

Found on Pinterest.....



"The Links"



<http://www.favecrafts.com/>

<http://pinterest.com/>

<http://www.etsy.com/>

<http://www.craftsy.com/>

<http://comfortstitching.typepad.co.uk/comfortstitching/2012/06/playful-stitches.html>

<https://sew4home.com/tips-resources/sewing-tips-tricks>

<http://www.allfreesewing.com/#>

This site was mentioned several times during show and share at the June meeting.

July Program

This is our annual Christmas In July program. Come for a GIANT Sew and Share from the members. Whether it's a project you plan to make for a Christmas gift, a decoration you are making, something you've already finished, or one of those things you ALWAYS make for the holidays, please bring it so you can share with the members. Certainly, you are NOT LIMITED to only one project!! Bring as many as you want to discuss! As the fabric stores will begin to stock those holiday fabrics in the summer, it's a great time to already have the patterns and plans in place so you're prepared when the fabrics arrive. What better way to 'test' a pattern than to let someone else show you the completed project! I saw several items that would make great gifts being completed at the retreat. I know we will have a great program in July. I think cookies are on the menu!!

Please bring any fabric suitable for the Christmas Stockings for UR Special along with some scissors as we will be cutting out the stockings and cuffs. Once a project is cut, it's easier to get sewn up, so we thought this might help some of you get started on the stockings.

http://www.cactuspunch.com/store.php?pack_num=sig101&pid=collection

This is a link that I found for Nell's designs that she showed at the June meeting. Keep in mind that these may not be available any longer because of the changes in ownership of Cactus Punch over the years.

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR 2012

July- Christmas in July- bring your projects for Christmas to show. Also bring fabric and scissors for cutting out the Stockings. Patterns will be provided.

August- Buttons and Jewelry. Jacquelyn Powell will be presenting the History of Buttons. Jana Burgess and Brenda Fonzi have some project ideas. Probably a good idea to bring some buttons of your own! Also, the slide show from the retreat will be ready to view!

September- Brown Bag meeting. Kerry will present a program on Aprons. Bring any aprons that you would like to show and we'll have a style show.

October- Costumes. Bring a costume, come in costume. Bring pictures of costumes you've made for the kids and grandkids.

November- Our annual garage sale. Start filling those sacks and boxes of stuff you want to donate.

December- Christmas Holiday Dinner. The CAB will be providing the meat and you bring the side dishes for a great party.

January- Garage sale challenge! After buying something at the garage sale- make something to enter into the challenge. I bet we can have some prizes, too!

OKC Chapter Name Tags are available for \$5.00.

Contact Eleanor Todd Fuller at 405-350-3330 if you would like one.

Please keep your information up to date. If you need to change your address, phone number or email address, go to www.asg.org. Sign in and then fill out the form. This will keep all the records up to date so you don't miss any of the newsletters or emails that are sent out throughout the year.



Have a safe
and
Happy
Independence
Day!!!

Bethel House Community Service Project Update

Are you making blankets for the Bethel House in OKC? Remember our ASG National project is to focus on a local charity in need. This is the one we chose because of the great need they have for the blankets for the single moms. Remember the blankets are not just for newborns (which is their focus), but many of these mothers also have other children, so they can use blankets for them as well. The blankets are designed to be 45" square and from any fabric as long as it is washable. Single thickness hemmed for warmer weather, but if you have some fleece, or heavier flannels for the cooler weather, that is fine too. They were not asking for quilts, but for blankets. Bring any finished blankets to the next meeting and Jacquelyn Powell will make sure they get to the Bethel Foundation. Make sure to keep track of your hours as we report that to the National HQ.

The "Don'ts" of Sewing (Contributed by Linda Linn.)

Don't forget to bring the phone with you. (As soon as you sit down to sew, it'll ring.)

Don't cut with dull scissors (though it does burn extra calories, I'm sure).

Don't attempt to thread your needle without glasses (no matter how far away they are).

Don't forget to make sure you pinned your fabric together correctly before sewing (though I think it actually defies the laws of nature and flips around on its own sometimes).

Don't forget to check your grains (this applies to diets as well).

Don't sew late at night (bad things happen when you sew at night).

Don't throw away your scraps (as soon as you do, you'll need them...trust me).

Don't forget to ask the good folks at Sew What's New for help when you get into a sticky situation. (Thanks Sew What's New people!)

Crazy Quilt Winner-

The winner of the OKC chapter crazy quilt was Mickey Bottom from Anadarko. It took several tries to contact her, but we spoke and she is delighted to be the winner! She bought 6 tickets at the Winter Quilt show in January. We were hoping to meet so I could get a picture of her and avoid mailing it, but looks like a few of us will be going to Anadarko to meet her and present the quilt. We raised over \$244 dollars on tickets. Lots of sewing, lots of members, lots of work, but it is certainly a one of a kind piece of art!



Active Links

If you are getting this newsletter in the mail, you are missing a very valuable part of the newsletter. The links are clickable if you get it through email or read it online. No typing in the URL, just click it and it will open the page for you. Doesn't get much easier than that!

It also works for email addresses. If you want to email someone who has an email in the newsletter, just click on it. Your email will open a new email already addressed for you. No typing in the address and getting it wrong! Life is good!

Also, if you are receiving the emailed version as well as the mailed version, let us know if we can take your name off the mailing list.

Membership Renewal Notice

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.

American Sewing Guild Expiring Memberships

June

Judy Jolly
Cleola Moorhead
Carmen Morales
Connie Toland

July

Rita Odom
Anna Lou Plott
Jacquelyn Powell
Joanna Wilson
Kerry McNutt

August

Jo Balding
Karen J Harrison
Jana Leslie
Kathleen N. Osborn
Sherry Osborn
Gwen Peard
Norma Sobczyk
Verna Stucker
Lee Ann Stusnick



New Member

Arlene Martin

If you know a friend who has a sewing interest, encourage them to join us. We have business size cards to share with our meeting location and time. It makes it easy to give out the information. Check with Jane Brown or pick some up at the next meeting.

Membership Information

Currently, we have 100 members in our chapter. That number changes as memberships are renewed on an annual basis throughout the calendar year. We love visitors to check out our meetings, however, we must limit the number of times a visitor can attend before they join. The first meeting is free to attend, but after the 2nd, we ask that you join our chapter. Dues are \$50.00 for the first year, and \$45 for renewals. Your dues can be quickly recouped if you take advantage of all the savings and discounts posted on the national ASG website, as well as the % off many retailers.

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!

American Sewing Guild CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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 E-mail _____

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 Email: info@asg.org • Website: www.asg.org



(Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing)

☐ **New Chapter Member - \$50.00**

Chapter nearest you (City/State): _____

☐ **Renewal - \$45.00** (If received **before** expiration date)

☐ **Late Renewal - \$50.00** (If received **after** expiration date)

How did you hear about ASG?

☐ Online ☐ ASG Member ☐ Store ☐ Sewing Expo

☐ Magazine ☐ Other _____

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

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www.nancysnotions.com

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<http://www.bsewinn.com/>

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With the new JoAnn's Fabrics on the South side and the new NW location, it reminds me to be sure and support all our retailers! They all need our support to stay in business and offer the things we need to stock our sewing rooms. Be sure and thank them for supporting ASG when you are in their stores. Mention you're a member and show your membership card to receive your discount. Additionally, did you know that there are over 100 retailers that advertise in the 'Notions' publication?? Your ASG membership can really be a savings tool when shopping.

Check out all of the ASG member discounts at:

<http://asg.org/members/specials.html>

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 (7 1/2" x 10")	\$50.00

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Members	\$2.00 + .10/word
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 June 2012-August 2012 ISSUE IS May 10th

HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO BUY OR SELL??

Try our classified ads. They are a real bargain! See the rates listed above. Just compose your ad and get it to the Newsletter Editor by the deadline.

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

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

"Like" us on Facebook to keep up with the latest news and see what's going on at the meetings if you can't attend.



Not receiving your Notions Magazine or Chapter Newsletter?



Not receiving e-mails from Headquarters regarding on-line workshops or chapter monthly meeting notices? You can go online to ASG.org and on the home page under Members Only you can change/list your current address and e-mail address. Need HELP? Give me a telephone call, Jane Brown 405-470-3855 or e-mail rbrown27@cox.net and I will check to see what we have on record for you.

Every effort has been made for accuracy in this newsletter, however, mistakes can be made. If any errors or omissions have occurred, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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