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OKC Chapter Name Tags are available for \$5.00.

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

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR 2014

July 14 - Dinner All Things Patriotic - Hot Dogs and fixings provided

Bring a side or dessert.

Sew and Share - Patriotic articles you have made in the past

plus your new sew and share

August 11 - Brown Bag program presented by Marilyn Marusa, Jacquelyn Snider and Dorothy Niles

September 8 - URSpecial Stocking Sewing Bee

Oct. 13 - Bed Turning - OKC Quilt Guild

Nov 10 - Colors - by Martha Sheriff

Dec. 8 - Annual Christmas Dinner

Meeting Location

2nd Monday of each month

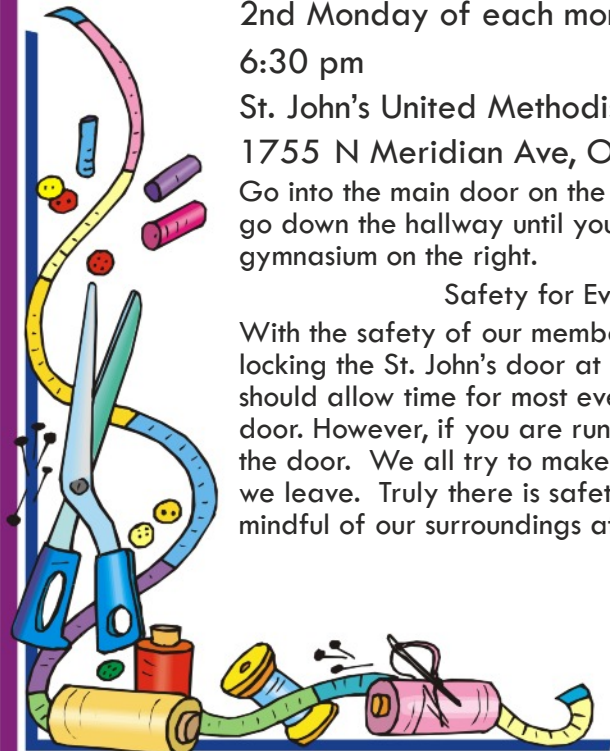
6:30 pm

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.

Safety for Everyone!

With the safety of our members being top of mind, we decided to begin locking the St. John's door at 6:45. Since our meeting starts at 6:30, that should allow time for most everyone to get to the meeting before we close the door. However, if you are running late, there will be a cell number posted on the door. We all try to make sure no one is left in the parking lot when we leave. Truly there is safety in numbers, so we need to be mindful of our surroundings at all times.

Check out the free classes and
webinars! Click
on the picture for more information.





Presents Marsha McClintock of Saf-t-Pockets

When: August 23rd
 Time: 9:45 until 4:00
 Where: St. John's Methodist Church
 1700 N. Meridian Ave.
 Oklahoma City, OK

Marsha McClintock of Saf-t-Pockets will be presenting lectures and a workshop for the Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild Saturday, August 23rd at St. John's Methodist Church from 9:45 until 4:00. The fee will be \$35.00 with an additional \$8.00 pattern fee. The pattern fee will be collected by Marsha the day of the workshop.

9:45 to 10:15 will be Marsha's Saf-t-Pockets Designer Details Trunk Show. Patterns with pockets, fashion that functions. The trunk show features details that are easy to do, but provide stunning effects.

10:15 to 12:00 will be 'Sew Accessorized'. Accessories you can make to give as gifts or accent your wardrobe. Marsha will show easy to make travel accessories, a fabulous wrap and easy to make and wear scarves. You will see many samples and learn how easy it is to make them.

12:00 to 1:00 Brown Bag lunch with beverages and dessert provided.

1:00 - 4:00 Hands on workshop. 'Fast and Fun Circle Jacket' a Saf-t-Pocket pattern. This is a comfortable, flattering jacket and is perfect for work or play, and floats over the body for a flattering look on many different figure types. You will make the jacket and learn lots of fun details you can add to make it look different each time you make it. Pattern will be e-mailed to you prior to class and you will print it on your own computer. Again cost of \$8.00 and is payable day of workshop.

Fabrics: Knits, silky poly, light weight wool, silk, rayon or cotton.

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 Edmond, OK 73013

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Class Name: Marsha McClintock
 August 23, 2014

Event Cost \$35.00 Checks payable to American Sewing Guild

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Email Address _____

Questions about the class?

Please contact: Jane Brown at rbrown27@cox.net or 405-503-0584

July 14 Meeting

Since we were not able to have the Christmas dinner, the CAB has decided to treat our members to a Patriotic Social for the meeting in July . We will be providing the hot dogs and fixings and beverage. Members, bring a side dish or dessert. There will be a flag presentation, favors, door prizes and lots of fun and fellowship. This is a great time to get to know your fellow members better. For sew and share, bring something you've made that is patriotic. Also bring your regular show and share as well. See you there!



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MUSINGS FROM THE ASG SPRING RETREAT

From Jane Brown:

What a wonderful experience I had at the weekend sewing retreat at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Ok. This was the first time we had the retreat there, and it was truly a good experience. The sewing room was large and spacious and easily accommodated all of our sewing machines, ironing boards, cutting stations and computers. There was a kitchen with a large ice machine, sink, and cooler for drinks and plenty of space for the snacks that were brought.

The rooms had 1 double and 2 twins and an adjoined bath and separate vanity. And oh my, what a treat. Quilts - all different for each room. Some rooms had a theme, how about a 'House divided'? The double bed quilt had a border down the middle with OU and OSU on each side. How very clever. The twins were an OSU and OU quilt. My room's double bed quilt was the 12 months of the year. So much time and energy spent on all of these lovely quilts. There are quilt guilds that hold retreats here and have donated them to Canyon Camp.

The food was good and plenty of it. With the meals being taken at one time gave us all opportunities to sit next to different people each meal, enabling us to get to know one another better. I loved the walk to and from, some drove, some stopped on the way back to swing. For me, the one really big thing that happened, it encouraged me to get back into the habit of walking every day. Yeah!

I cannot say enough about our committee that plans the retreat. I take my hat off to, Karla MacSwain, Irene Morgan, Sandy Brenneis, Judy Blakely. These ladies are already making plans for next year. Our 'goodie bags' were remarkable. To begin with, the reversible bag made by Karla held true treasures. From a darling necklace, zippered bag with tatting, corner book marks, 'Chill Pill' mason jar filled with M & M's, a bag of Mettler thread and lots and lots of other good stuff. Even a gift at our machine Saturday morning. That was just the beginning. Karla gave a demonstration on how she made the reversible bags, Irene showed us how to make a fabric bowl to use as a charger for easy handling of a hot dish in the microwave. Thank You to a great committee and tireless workers.

We drew the winning ticket for our Miss Saige. By now you know it was Mary Smith's name that was drawn and that she bought her ticket at the January Quilt Show. At this writing Mary is out of town, but I am looking forward to presenting her with Saige and her gorgeous wardrobe. I want to thank everyone for their generous donations, from buying and selling tickets and making her clothes. We will have another doll raffle beginning next year with the drawing being held at the May retreat 2016.

With all of the responses being positive to holding our 2015 retreat at Canyon Camp I will do my very best to make the 12:01 AM July 1st request to them to hold May 15, 16 and 17, 2015. Hope to see you there next year!

From Kerry McNutt:

Why Attend a Sewing Retreat? As I think back to the first time I attended the ASG retreat at Roman Nose, I had a hard time convincing myself that it would be worth paying to go somewhere to sew when I could sew at home for free; hauling all my stuff to another location with different tables, chairs, lighting; eating out; etc. Why on earth would I want to do that????!! Well, let me give you a few reasons. . . .It absolutely is worth it!! It is a refreshing experience for the soul and for your creativity. A room full of likeminded, creative, determined, and fun guild members and friends can make you feel energized. It makes you feel a part of a creative process that you just don't get sitting at home sewing by yourself. If you need help with fitting a pattern or altering a garment- someone there can help you. If you need help selecting colors for a quilt, size of borders or backing- some there can help you. If you have questions about an embroidery design, design placement, or thread color choices- someone there can help you.

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Interested in buying another machine or serger- someone probably has that brand. Just need a friend to lean on, a shoulder to cry on, or a group to share a laugh- it's all there at a sewing retreat. You can nap when you want, get up or go to bed when you want, snack or sew to your hearts content. Your only time constraints is the time you can arrive to set up and then when you leave. At our new location, there are set mealtimes, so you want to make sure you're in line to partake in some great dining choices.



This year's new OKC ASG location was a wonderful surprise. Beautiful quilts adorned every bed in every room- no two alike. Great space to spread out and sew, cut, iron or plan. Nice little walk or short drive to the dining hall for a nostalgic flashback to church camp dining halls of your youth, with great hot plentiful meals service by a staff that seemed so glad you were there. The location in Red Rock canyon is tranquil and beautiful and a short drive from OKC. My desire is for you to seriously consider joining us for a retreat. I can promise you fun,

inspiration, relaxation, friendships and memories to last you until you can attend the next one! Our Special Events committee does an outstanding job of supplying goodie bags, projects, keepsakes, and door prizes. Their hard work all year long pays off for all who attend with new friendships, stories, and common interests discovered. Just one more reason to belong to ASG!

From Karla McSwain:

This year our 2014 OKC ASG Sewing Retreat was held at Canyon Camp. This was our first time at Canyon Camp and I think everyone who attended agrees that this is the place for our future retreats. It was easy to locate and with no cell service available, we didn't have to hear phones ringing all weekend. The Sewing Room was spacious and almost everyone was able to have their own table to spread out their machines and projects. Each bedroom held a Queen-sized bed and two twin beds – but the special surprise was that EVERY bed was covered with a hand-made quilt! Each room's beds were coordinated with each other and most rooms had a photo of the group that made the quilts or a small wall hanging which told about the quilts. It was so much fun going room-to-room to see all the quilts!

We had great weather so many of the attendees got their exercise by walking to the dining hall. The food was good and plenty of it!

Everyone received a bobbin/sewing machine charm necklace and a Swag Bag ("Stuff We All Get" – formerly known as Goodie Bags) when they arrived. The Swag Bag was filled with all sorts of wonderful items that were mostly made by our Retreat Committee (Irene Morgan, Sandy Brenneis and me) and by Judy Blakely (who has recently become a member of ASG). Jane Brown added a special touch by placing a cookie on each of our bedroom pillows.

Irene gave a class on making a Microwave Bowl Pot Holder

(<http://www.seamshappy.com/2012/08/13/microwave-bowl-pot-holder/>) and I gave a demo on how I made the Reversible Fabric Swag Bags.

Many of our ASG and CAB members made and donated items for the door prizes. We have so many talented members and everyone enjoys receiving something that has been lovingly made and shared. We also received generous swag or door prizes from The Warm Company, Mettler Threads, Pellon, Olfa, Threads of Tradition, Nancy's Notions and others.

I want to give a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated items for the retreat. You are greatly appreciated for your time and talent. I encourage you to think of things throughout the year that you can make for the retreat. If you are making something for a friend, consider making two and donating one of them. You could keep them until close to retreat time, or give them to me throughout the year. If you've never joined us for our OKC retreat, you just don't know what you're missing!! Lots of fun, laughter, meeting new people, projects, goodies and, if you're lucky, a little bit of sewing too!



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!!

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Congratulations Mary Smith!!

Mary Smith of Guthrie, OK is the winner of Saige, the American Girl doll and accessories. Mary was out of town visiting family when Jane called her to let her know. Needless to say, she was very excited. Mary has several granddaughters but has decided to give it to the newest granddaughter who will be arriving in September. Congratulations to Mary on her win.



“Edmond Quilt Festival 2014”

Edmond Quilt Guild announces “Edmond Quilt Festival 2014” quilt show to be held at Gaylord University Center on the campus of Oklahoma Christian University, 2501 E. Memorial Road in Edmond, Oklahoma on July 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 and parking is free. The event is open to the public and will display more than 100 quilts made by guild members. There will be dozens of door prizes, an artisan market, vendors and a quilt raffle on Saturday afternoon.

The quilts vary from innovative art to traditional, large to small, pictorial to graphic. Everyone is encouraged to choose their favorite and a Viewer’s Choice Ribbon will be awarded at the conclusion of the show. Quilt entries will be judged by Judy Taylor, a National Association Certified judge and Marla Kelsey, a National Association Certified Judge Candidate. In addition, a special Founders Ribbon will be awarded by Alice Kellogg, found of the Edmond Quilt Guild.

Please visit the Edmond Quilt Guild website at: <http://www.edmondquiltguild.us/> and click on Edmond Quilt Festival to find driving directions and a map of the OC campus.

Community Service Project Update

The Bethel Foundation is our charity of choice in Oklahoma City and need is always great. Continue to make blankets for them and Jacquelyn Snider or Jana Burgess will make sure they are delivered to the site. Although their focus is on helping mothers with newborns, many of the single mothers also have other children so blankets for all ages are needed.

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 send this information to HQ.

On the Web...

All Free Sewing You Tube Channel – <http://www.youtube.com/user/AllFreeSewing>

<http://www.allfreesewing.com/video-tutorials>

<http://www.sewingsupport.com/sewing-how-to/free-patterns-and-projects/title-page.html>

McCall Pattern Co. – <https://www.professorpincushion.com/>

Simplicity – <https://www.simplicity.com/t-sewing-videos.aspx>

Burda – www.burdastyle.com/techniques

Threads – <http://www.threadsmagazine.com/videos>

We'd like to send out a special thank you to Mettler Threads and Phil and Mary Newton for all their generous gifts for retreat and the meeting in June. Please support those who support us when you are doing your shopping.

The Mettler logo is written in a stylized, cursive script. The word "Mettler" is in a light blue color, and a registered trademark symbol (®) is at the end.

Please remember to bring items for St. John's ministry through their food pantry. Non-perishable items are needed to fill the pantry. Please remember your donations! Drop them off in the large boxes in the hallway on your way into the meeting.

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

The Happy Sewers meet on the 4th Friday of each month from 10:00 am to about Noon. Members rotate hosting the meeting, showing a special project and providing snacks. We are a social group and enjoy sharing and discussing our sewing projects. Once a year we take a road trip to a fabric shop in some nearby town and enjoy having a lunch adventure close by. Visitors and new members are welcome - just call for location and directions to the next meeting.

Jane Vaughan, Coordinator (912-3220).

stanjanevaughan@yahoo.com

Southside Scissor Wizards

Our monthly meetings are held at B-Sew Inn on I 240 and Penn. We meet at 10:00 am. When we have a big sewing project we will bring our lunch and stay to sew in the afternoon. Every ASG member is welcome.

May meeting was kind of a catch up meeting. We had missed several during the snowy weather, so were given patterns and demo's of the missed meetings. Jane showed us how to make a steering wheel cover. Several did this that day. So no more hot steering wheels. Pat showed the Chevron towel pattern from www.SewMichelle.com. This is a free pattern and can be used by anyone. Michelle also has many good screen bag patterns and book covers. Karen and Beth demoed the stem glass coaster made with 4 or 6 circles or squares. June meeting will be the over the arm chair "stitch and sit pin cushion". We will bring our lunch that day, since it is a hands on class and will take some time to make this project. In July we will be making a book secret box to hold jewelry or notions.

Neighborhood groups are a good way to get to know your ASG friends better and share your sewing secrets with them. Good friends come from being a member of a neighborhood group.

Contact Pat Fritze 366-8296 or Jane Brown 470-3855

Sew Fine Sisters

Sew Fine Sisters meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 1:00-4:00 at The Stitching Post Classroom.

Call Rustyne Harris at 405-745-3065 for more information on the location.

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 on-line 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.



DID YOU KNOW??????????????

If you access Amazon.com from the national asg.org website that a portion of anything you purchase on Amazon goes back to ASG? It's not back to the local chapters, but back to the National organization. Many sites are offering this service. This was mentioned at the national meeting and I thought it was worth mentioned to you. On the right hand side of the home page, you will see the link to Amazon.

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.

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

Membership Information

Currently, we have 110 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!



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www.okcasg.com

Have you visited the ASG website? At the bottom of the page is a "members only" listing. You will find a wealth of good information on this website.

www.asg.org



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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