



The Sewing Notion

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

2018 Programs

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Regular Monthly meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm

****MOVING BACK TO ORIGINAL LOCATION****

Will Roger's Exhibition Building

3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma City, 73112

January 11, 2018 Valerie Parker from The Sewcial Club in Yukon

February 8, 2018 Claire Kennedy - A good mannequin

March 8, 2018 *Brown bag dinner with hands-on project.

April 12, 2018 OPEN

May 10, 2018 OPEN

May 18-20, 2018 OKCASG Annual Retreat

June 14, 2018 *Brown bag dinner with hands-on project.

June 7, 8 & 9, 2018 Sewing & Quilt EXPO Arlington Convention Center Arlington, TX

July 12-15 - ASG Conference 12-18 Westgate Resort and Casino Las Vegas, NV

August 9, 2018 *Brown bag dinner with hands-on project (Jane Brown)

September 13, 2018 OPEN

September 21, 2018 OKCASG at the State Fair of Oklahoma

October 11, 2018 *Brown bag dinner with hands-on project.

November 8, 2018 OPEN

December 13, 2018 Annual Holiday dinner

*Brown bag dinner meeting is where we each bring our own dinner and work on a sewing or craft project together. Time to visit and get to know other members.

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.

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Paula Bell

Kim Conner

Beth Henson

Lynn Smith

Welcome

2017

Meeting Location

2nd Thursday of each month

6:30 pm

Will Rogers Exhibition Building

3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma

City, 73112

(see map this issue)

Say Hello to our Newest Members!

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

Dolly Dearer

Karla Rickner

Glenna Williams

OKC Chapter Name Tags are available for \$5.00.

Contact Carolyn Schulz

or

okcasg@gmail.com 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

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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.

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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 "Member Login". After logging in you should be on the "Members Only" page. Then click on the large button "Account Information". Select the "Renew Membership" tab. You can pay with a credit card or Paypal.

January

Annette Myers
Martha Duerksen

February

Patricia Fritze
Jannis Mollenkopf
Darlene Porter
Karen Jackson
Royalia Howard
Paula Denson
Mary Ann Cooke
Melissa Dietz

March

LaRue Kennedy
Martha Henson
Sandy Brenneis
Carolyn Schulz
Karla MacSwain
Linda Bazemore
Benita Avera
Lollie McDonald
Susan Theobald
Lou Ann Sanders
Luella Nabors
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Laura McVay
Sandra Green
Orelia Lacaze
Barbara Fees
Carole Owen

From the President

Dear Sewing Friends,

My time as President of the Oklahoma City American Sewing Guild has flown by! Can it have really been four years? What a delight and joy it has been to be with so many lovely and talented friends. Hopefully you have enjoyed all of the programs and retreats as much as I have.

I can remember the very first time I went up front to Sew and Share at a chapter meeting, I could hardly tell anyone about what I had made. However, after each time it became easier and easier, that was before I became acquainted and made friends with everyone. Now, if I am prepared, my knees don't shake and I don't forget what I wanted to say or show, well most of the time. So my journey has been a learning experience, in many ways. I not only conquered my fear of speaking in front of an audience but learned new ways to lead and guide committees. What a great experience this has been.

WOW I was totally blown away by your gift at our Christmas Dinner last week. Santa Clause himself with a sack full of green stuff, I mean the spending kind, not the pistachio Jello kind, you know \$\$\$\$\$. What an honor for me to feel your friendship and appreciation. With much gratitude I want to thank each of you!

I will be serving as your Sewing Retreat Chairman this year, so please plan on coming to the retreat. The dates are May 18, 19th and 20th. More information will coming out in January. MARK your calendars.

Your chapter will be in good hands as Kim Benson takes over as Chapter President 2018. The programs for next year are beginning to come together and will be terrific. Many great things will happen this year and I look forward to all of the events.

Thank You it has been fun.

Jane Brown
2017 OKC ASG President

Greetings to everyone,

Our chapter is filled with amazing, talented women who are an inspiration to me! Prior to joining the OKC-ASG, my focus was only on machine embroidering. Now, because of all of you, I enjoy sewing again. I love seeing each month the projects you ladies have been sewing—garments, quilts, etc.

I know I have great shoes to fill as president of the OKC-ASG, and I am looking forward to this next year with all of you--- 2018 is going to be a great year!!

Kim Benson
2018 OKC ASG President

Helen Enox

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From ASG Headquarters ASG Education Director Ramona Baird

Good Morning!

Believe it or not, I didn't get any sewing done over the weekend--SHOCKER!!!--instead, I had to "find" my sewing room (yes, yet again! LOL) I also spent the weekend playing "catch-up". I got caught up on laundry, paid bills (wouldn't it be nice if we could buy new sewing equipment with all the money we spend paying bills?), cooking for the freezer (made some chicken pot pies), cleaned out the car, looked for artwork for the next magazine article (going to be too cute!), called and talked with both moms (always cherished time), made a few cards to send this week, and planned my up-coming week. I'm hoping by the end of the week I'll end the year all caught up!!!!

It's "Member Monday" Instead of just randomly choosing one chapter, for the last Monday we work this year, I'd like to recognize every single chapter and every single member. It is not only membership dues that keeps our organization going, but it is the combined untold hours of our members who volunteer their leadership, their time, and their skills and talent that truly make us a unique organization. We truly are inspired and in awe of how members share their sewing knowledge with others, to be on CABs that keep each chapter going, and in so many other ways. Each and every member is a true gem; our members are the thread that binds all of us together as one.

Personally, I want to thank all of you for all you do. I want to thank you for paying your dues which allows me the job I find so precious. Each and every one of you is valuable to our organization in all that you do. Your contributions with open hearts to your communities absolutely inspire me. ASG is full of members who give and give because you love sewing, you love your communities, and you love your chapter and its members. You fill my heart with pride to be part of such an influential institution. All our members make a difference in their communities which makes a difference in our world. Thank you, members!

Many happy wishes to all of you in 2018! Ramona
Facebook post 12/18/2017

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	KANSAS		• Central Savannah River	
	• Pittsburg		• Upstate SC	
	• Wichita			

Conference

The ASG annual Conference is a once-a-year opportunity for sewing enthusiasts to gather to celebrate all things sewing, quilting and embroidery.

Shopping: The vendor-packed Exhibit Hall is full of both large and small sewing and quilting businesses selling fabric, notions, patterns, sewing furniture, machines, threads, projects, DVD's, books and more.

Education: The conference offers daily educational opportunities in the form of workshops, seminars and lectures. Classes are tailored to every sewing interest from couture sewing to stash management, from fitting and alterations to surface design and embellishment, from hand sewing to serger sewing, as well as every level of sewing skill.

Fellowship: Tours, get-togethers, lunches, the annual Fashion Show and more!

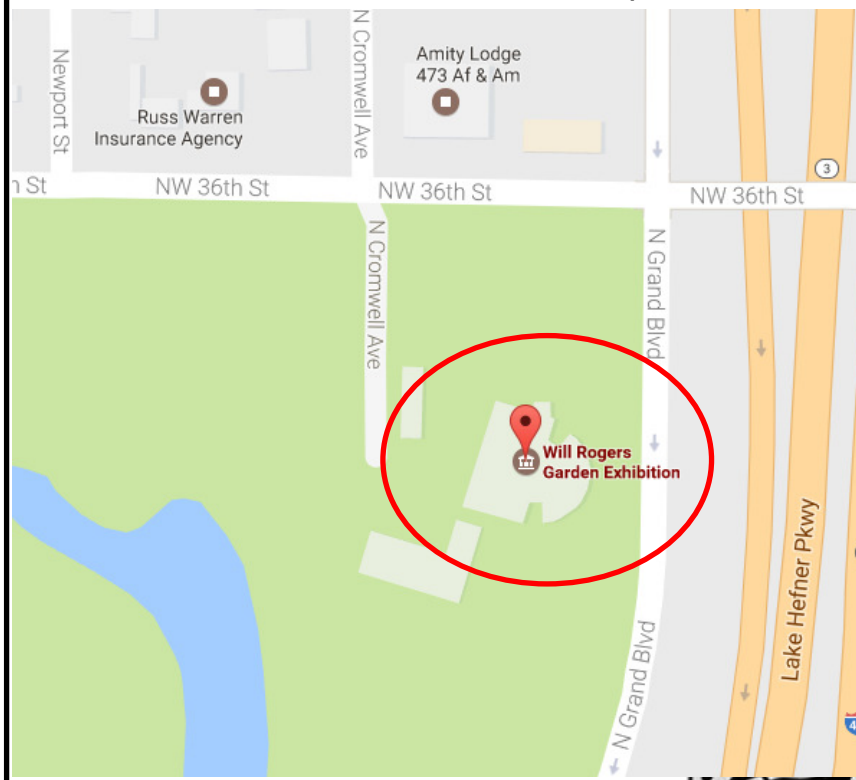
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2017 Holiday dinner



Meeting Place
Will Rogers Exhibition Building
 3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma City, 73112



ASG FABRIC DESIGN CONTEST

by Joi Bostic

By now you have seen the winning ASG fabric design. Fabulous, isn't it? And you should be aware that there were three coordinates created as well. So that was the first part of the contest. Now you have the opportunity to participate in the second part. ASG members can order the ASG design fabric from www.myfabricdesigns.com/artist/americansewingguild/main (enter ASG20 for a 20% discount). The design, labeled Winning Design, can be printed in its original size or reduced to a smaller scale, on your choice of 25 different fabrics, and in six colorways. Once you have your fabric, simply create something featuring the winning design. You can make a garment, a craft, a quilt, a home décor piece, an accessory, or anything you want as long as it features the winning fabric design. There is no minimum yardage requirement. The only stipulation is that the fabric with the ASG logo must be easily visible, so no linings, interior pockets, etc. You may also include any or all of the coordinating designs or even use a different fabric altogether. After your creation is completed, you will need to submit your name, your chapter name, and a photo of your creation (make sure that the winning fabric design is clearly displayed) to asgfabricdesigncontest@gmail.com no later than May 31, 2018. Now for the best part. This contest has nothing to do with judging and selecting winners. Instead the chapter with the most entries relative to the size of the chapter will be deemed the winner and announced at ASG Conference 2018 in Las Vegas. In addition, the winning chapter will receive national recognition on the ASG website and in *Notions* magazine, be awarded a certificate, and receive a free educational event the chapter will be able to schedule within 10 months. Individuals will also be recognized for their efforts. To that end, the names of everyone who makes a submission will be put into a drawing which will be held at the annual conference in Las Vegas. Everyone who enters will have the same odds to win on an individual level. So order your fabric and get started sewing something wonderful today. Do it for your chapter and for a chance to win something for yourself. Once the educator and prize details have been finalized, we will make a BIG announcement! Stay tuned!

Meet our new President Kim Benson

Kim's Trivia

1. Born in Texas
2. Oldest of 5 girls
3. Grew up as an Air Force Brat
4. Learned to sew in Home Ec classes
5. Met husband at Oklahoma State University—(married 34 years)—moved to Ft Worth after his graduation.
6. Earned a BS degree in Industrial Engineering at University of Texas @ Arlington- chose to be a stay-at-home mom to raise her kids
7. Have 2 sons and 1 daughter
8. Loves machine embroidering and sewing
9. Enjoys reading--- taking cruises—eating chocolate.



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 mentioning to you.

On the right hand side of the home page, you will see the link to Amazon.

Membership Information

Currently, we have 108 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.

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Membership Benefits

Sewing Classes and Special Events

Whether you're new to sewing, returning to sewing, looking to advance your sewing skills or just want to participate in on virtual group meetings, you will find ASG's free online sewing classes and programs a major benefit of membership.

Discounts

Many local retailers offer discounts to ASG members. Be sure to ask when you shop, "Do you offer an ASG discount?"

In addition, almost half of the advertisers in *Notions*, our quarterly publication, also regularly offer discounts on their sewing products, publications and events, free shipping, and lots more. Those Special Offers are listed and updated every quarter on the password-protected Members Only section of this Web site. Join now to receive your password, and take advantage of the great benefits of membership in the ASG!

Chapter Meetings

Think of a chapter as a community of people who are excited about sewing. All kinds of people! Some with advanced or professional sewing skills, some novices at the beginner level, and the majority who fall somewhere between those two levels. They want to learn new skills, they want sewing friends to share their successes and challenges, and they want to belong to a group that will support their adventures in sewing.

Chapters come in all sizes - larger chapters often sponsor quarterly chapter-wide special events that may feature local or national speakers, member fashion shows, or specialty workshops. Some chapters also sponsor many smaller neighborhood or special interest groups within the larger structure which meet more frequently (usually monthly). Smaller chapters may meet on a monthly basis as one group. Often, these local Neighborhood Groups provide opportunities for sharing ideas and "hands-on" sewing experiences in a smaller, more social atmosphere. Find a chapter in your area.

Conference

ASG members pay a special member's price for conference registration where attendees participate in workshops and seminars taught by nationally recognized professionals. Members may also shop the Exhibit Hall, enjoy special events and attend optional workshops and tours. Visit our Conference page for more information.

Notions Magazine

Guild members receive the ASG national publication, *Notions*, filled with an inspiring variety of projects and tips, the latest sewing industry news, new products, introductions to sewing experts and Guild news.

In addition to the national publications, most ASG Chapters publish a newsletter 4-6 times a year that communicates local Chapter events, neighborhood group locations and activities, lists of discounts with retailers and features special interest articles.

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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 neighborhood group meets the third Friday of each month in members homes at 10:00 am. Please call Jana Burgess at 405-652-9473 and leave a message for location and program information. Visitors are always welcome.

Southside Scissor Wizards

Scissor Wizards neighborhood group meets the first Tuesday of each month. We normally meet at B Sew-Inn, SW 74th street and Pennsylvania Ave at 10:00 am. Please call 405-652-9473 and leave message for Jane Brown for definite location and program. Visitors are always welcome.

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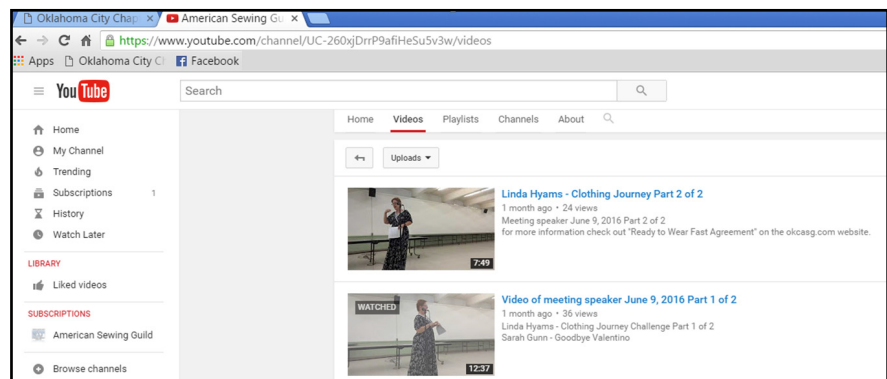
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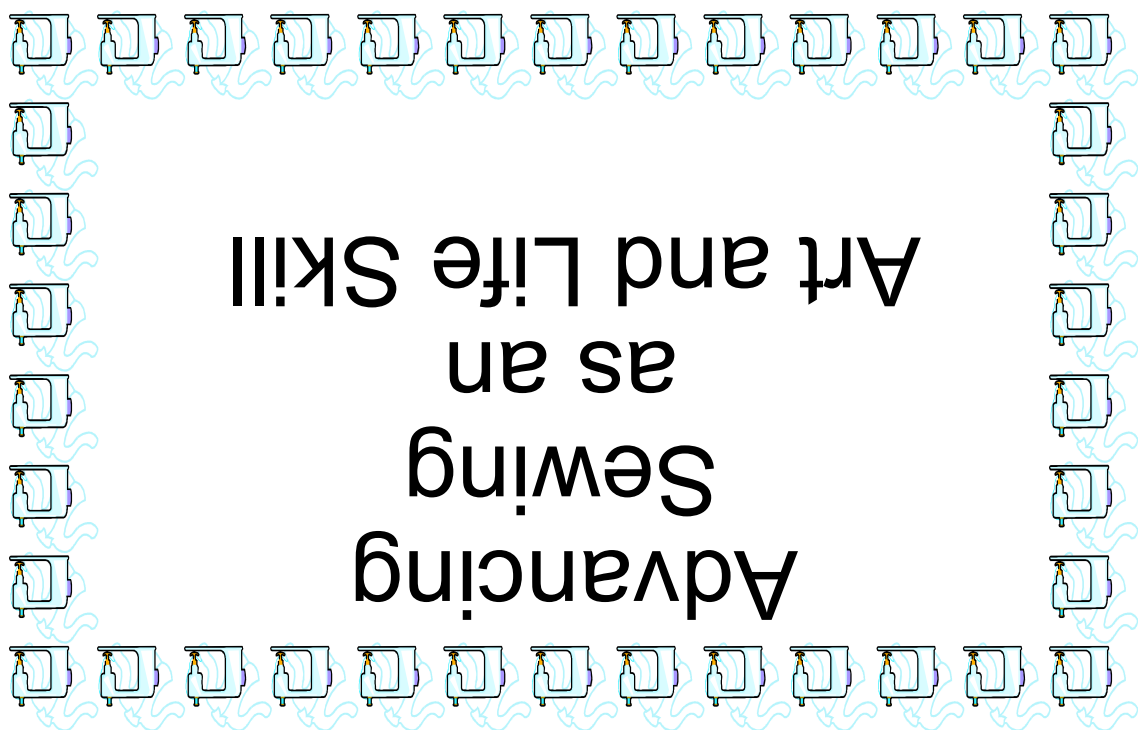


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