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

2017 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

July 8 , 2017 Free Mini Retreat Day – Will Rogers Garden Center Exhibition Center

July 13, 2017 Garage Sale Challenge Presentation

3 Categories – Garment – Home Dec or Accessories – Quilt

3 First Prizes – Renewal of Membership

3 Second Prizes - \$20.00

Membership will vote on winners

July 26 through July 29th, 2017 ASG Conference Orlando Florida at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista in the Walt Disney World Resort Orlando FL



Aug 10, 2017 Sew on UR Special Stockings Brown Bag Dinner*

Sept 9, 2017 Free Mini Retreat Day – Will Rogers Garden Center Exhibition Center

Sept 14, 2017 Cutting and Sewing Tip, and Hacks Presented by Paula Bell and Jane Brown

Oct 12, 2017 ELECTION of Officers and Casual Holiday Garments and Christmas Gifts Presented by Brenda Fonzi, Kerry McNutt, Kim Benson, Jane Brown, Carolyn Humphrey, and Ruth Ann Leder

Nov 9, 2017 Hands on Craft and Brown Bag Dinner* Presented Mary Sommerfeld

Dec 14, 2017 Annual Christmas Dinner

ASG Conference 2018 July 12-18 Westgate Resort and Casino Las Vegas, NV

*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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Volunteers for Special Events

Michelle Defendrfer

Annette Myers

Jimmy Palmer

Kim Benson

Linda Linn

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

Jean Hill

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.

www.asg.org

GARAGE SALE CHALLENGE July 13th Meeting

Three Categories:

Garment

Home Dec or Accessories

Quilt - Must be a minimum of a 12" square

Each item entered must be made from 50% of fabric purchased at ASG 2017 Garage Sale

Voting will be done by members a(ending the July 13th meeting for First and Second in each Category. Prizes are: First – Renewal of ASG membership

Second - \$20.00

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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 Log-in". 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.

July

Carr, Barbara

Svetgoff, Cheryl

Aug

Balding, Jo

Kessler, Joan

Leder, Ruth Ann

Osborn, Kathleen

Peard, Gwen

Stusnick, Lee Ann

Sept

Benson, Kim

Davis, Karen

Harris, Rustyne

Humphrey, Carolyn

Kennedy, Claire

Laney, Carolyn

Marusa, Marilyn

Newton, Mary

Smith, Lynn

Annual OKCASG Retreat Report May 8, 2017

The Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild started off the spring sewing season with a trip to Red Rock Canyon Camp on May 5-7 for their annual retreat. Approximately 43 dedicated seamstresses attended the retreat, demonstrating their addiction to sewing by using creative thinking and mind-boggling sewing skills. It was



observed that if the creative thinking of the group could have been bottled, it would be worth millions to the majority who often have been heard to say: "I wish I could do that!" Adding to those who are members of the Oklahoma City guild, one retiree came from Wichita, Kansas while two others made their way north from Amarillo, Texas and one from Wylie, Texas. Kudos go to the ASG Sewing Retreat Committee members who went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that everyone attending would have a memorable weekend. Nature provided the extra blessing of beautiful, crisp mornings and sunny afternoons while songbirds warbled all around us. Walking to and from the food hall three times a day was an extra bonus since many of those in attendance were having wonderful reports from their Fit Bits. There was no doubt that the proverbial 10,000 steps a day were exceeded by those who could saunter down the long and grassy way. For those who had other ideas about how to get from one place to the other, the cutest Cadillac black and shiny golf cart shuttled them happily to their destinations.

It is hard to imagine a room-full of sewing machines and sergers quietly stitching along, but for those who have attended previous retreats it was not a surprise that people could speak to each other across the big rooms without shouting. Toward the end of the second day a feeling of euphoria enveloped some of the seamstresses who were heard giggling so hard they could not stop. It went even farther than that! Several un-named retreaters were heard to be cheerily "wheeing" for a duration of more than five minutes as they tested the giant-sized rocking chair which was a new addition to the camp's amenities while others practiced singing their childhood camp songs as they stitched away.

It is hard to say which project might have been proclaimed "winner" because every project created during the weekend was colorful, amazingly cute and/or beautiful.

On a more serious note, Paula Bell, one of the retreat's committee members who worked so hard for months for a successful event accidentally stepped backwards off the door-prize stage and after falling, broke her wrist and ankle, both of which have required surgery. Everyone at the retreat regretted the incident and lots of prayer were offered up for a safe and speedy recovery for Paula. Two other retreat committee members, Marilyn Marusa and Lynn Smith, caught the flu and were not able to attend.

As usual, there were fun and exciting door prizes for everyone who attended. ASG members that donated door prizes were: Ellen Bennett, Jana Burgess, Karla MacSwain, Kathy Spivey, Mary Newton, Rustyne Harris, Sandy Brenneis, Paula Denson and anonymous others.

Retreat Committee members were Beth Henson, Jane Brown, Kim Conner, Lynn Smith, Pat Fritze, and Paula Bell.

Special thanks go out to the following retail vendors: B Sew-Inn; Bernina of Oklahoma City; Helen Enox Fine Fabrics; K's Quilting of El Reno; Prairie Quilts of Hennessey; Sew & Sews of Oklahoma City and Stillwater; Sooner Quilts of Guthrie; Stitch N Post of Oklahoma City and Moore; The Quilted Heart of Newcastle; Threads of Tradition of Yukon; and Wal-Mart of Mustang.

Vendors who also generously contributed were: Colonial Needle Company; Dritz, Prym Consumer USA; Nancy's Notions; Saf-T-Pockets Patterns; Schmetz Needles; Sulky of America, and Warm and Natural Company and KOCO.

Paula Denson



From the President

Dear members, it is time to get ready for our annual election in October for our chapter. We are truly blessed to have volunteers to do the necessary offices for us to have a great chapter. It does however, take dedicated members to make all of the decisions required to keep the chapter running. Have you thought about running for an office? The President's office is eligible to anyone that has served on the chapter advisory board in the past three years. Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are also an elected office. All candidates are vetted by the chapter advisory board and the Nominating Chairman. Please think about volunteering, if not an elected office, be on a committee for next year.



I am including a clever poem for you to ponder.

What Went Wrong?

This is the story of four people: Everybody,
Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody
There was an important job to be done, and
Everybody was sure That Somebody would do it.
Somebody got angry, because it was
Everybody's job. Everybody thought that
Somebody would do it.
But nobody asked Anybody.
It ended up that the job wasn't done, and
Everybody blamed Everybody, when actually
Nobody asked Anybody.

By: Anonymous

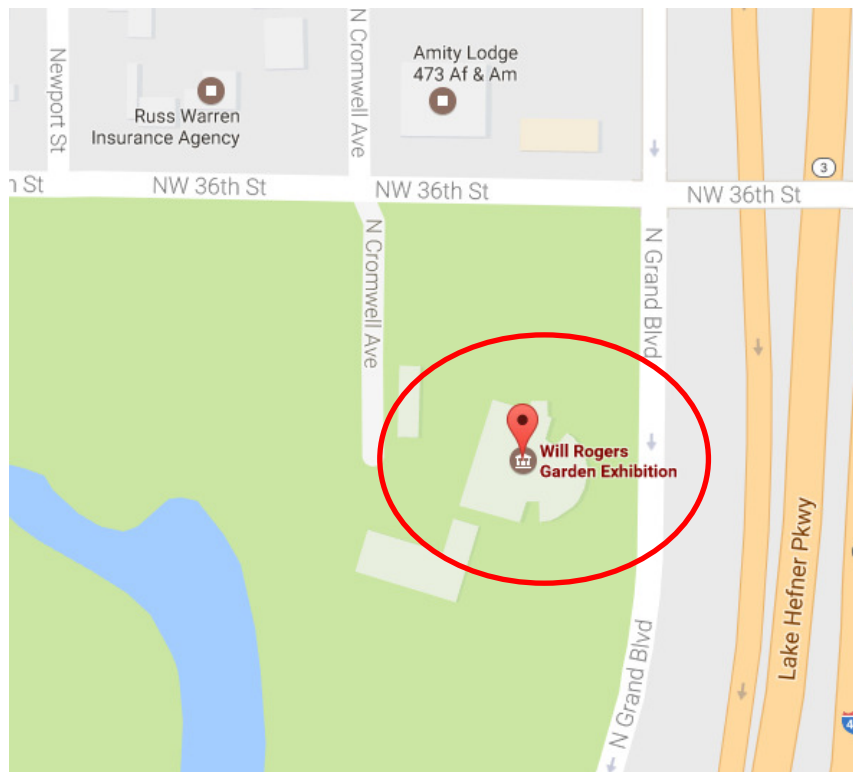
I am asking YOU to consider being a part of our Chapter Advisory Board in 2018. Our nominating chairman is Annette Myers or you can let me know of your interest in person, or leave us a message on our telephone voice mail, 405-652-9473.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Jane

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.

Meeting Place
Will Rogers Exhibition Building
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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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OCT. 12, 2017

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Classified Ads:

Members \$2.00 + .10/word	Non-Members \$5.00 + .10/word
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Prices are costs per issue. A camera-ready ad is preferred. The Sewing Notion welcomes sewing related ads but reserves the right to refuse any ad for any reason. For current deadline, please email Newsletter Editor:

marilynmarusa@cox.net

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 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. In June we met at Eleanor Buller's new house with 9 members and 1 guest. We had lots of sew and share.....New blouse from fabric that was purchased on our Wichita, Ks road trip. Also, bears made from a lost loved ones clothing. Our next meeting will be held at Betty Warren's house. September's meeting will be at Helen Enox's where we will be sewing on Medical Play Dolls for OU Children's Hospital. Visitors and new members are welcome - just call for location and directions to the next meeting.

Jana Burgess 405-652-9473

Southside Scissor Wizards

Come join the Scissor Wizards neighborhood group the first Tuesday of each month at B Sew-Inn located at SW 74th and Pennsylvania Ave. We start around 10:00 with sew and share and generally have a program. Our programs for May were making a really useful tote bag from beach towels and or vinyl type summer tablecloths. In June the program consisted of learning some of the features of the Scan n Cut presented by B Sew-Inn's Manager Jan Kinsey. We utilized the cutting function by cutting a heart to make greeting cards. We filled in the heart with ribbon using the Iris folding method. We will not have a meeting in July due to the 4th being a National Holiday. We love visitors Jane Brown 405-652-9473

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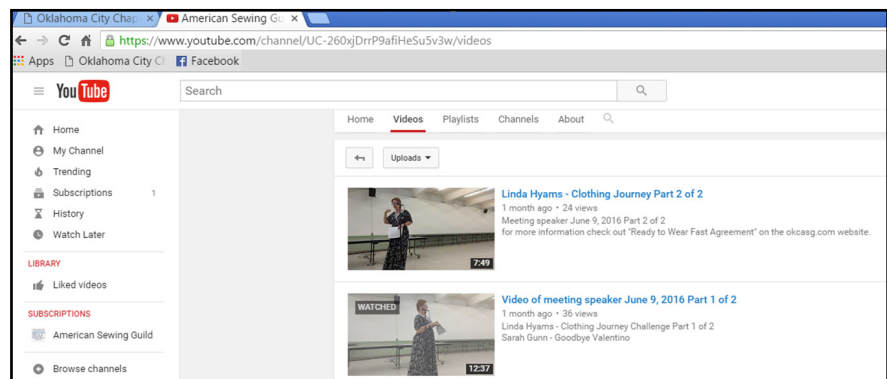
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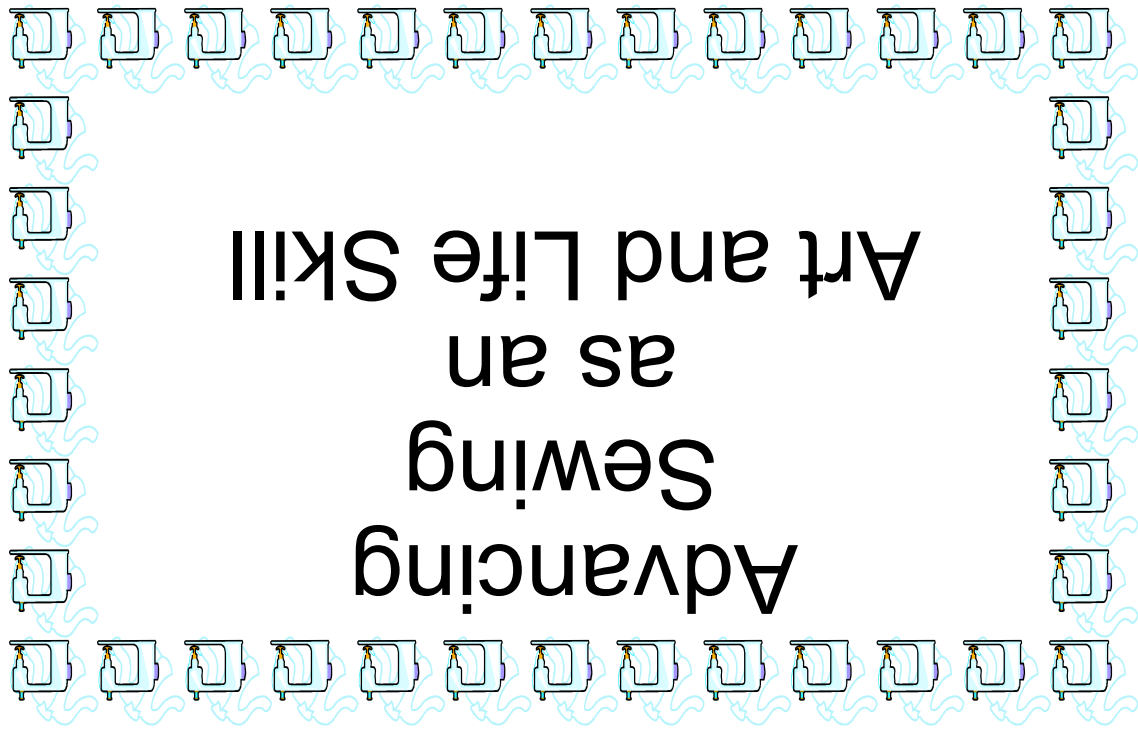


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