

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

2021 Programs

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Regular Monthly meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm Will Roger's Exhibition Building 3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma City, 73112

July 8, 2021: Christmas gift ideas **and special guest SANTA!** Bring your item(s) created from Tammy's challenge she handed out a the January 2021 meeting and other ideas for Christmas gifts.

August 12, 2021: Kelli Howery's Fashion/Refashion Trunk Show

August 14, 2021: 9:00—4:00 One day mini retreat and fabric/notions sale

August 21, 2021: OKCASG CAB meeting—place to be determined later.

September 9, 2021: Come and get Erica's double pattern challenge. You will receive 2 unused patterns and a hunk of fabric. Use the fabric in making one or both patterns. Contest will be held at a regular meeting at the beginning of 2022 for prizes

October 14, 2021: Brown bag dinner* – guild provides supplies for a hands on project

October 21-25, 2021: ASG Conference Newport Beach, CA

November 13, 2021: (Regular meeting date is Veteran's Day.) Meeting rescheduled for Saturday) 9 am—4 pm Sew heart bags and a sewing day for all members. Project presented will be "Make a gnome!"



December 9, 2021: Holiday dinner and Salvation Army Women's shelter pickup donations

*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 Membership Chair or pick some up at the next meeting when you sign in.

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Welcome

Meeting Location
2nd Thursday of each month
6:30 pm

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

Say Hello to our Newest Members!
We welcome you and encourage you to get involved in a Neighborhood Group

New member!! Michaelene Bolinsky

OKC Chapter Name Tags are available

Pin Backing: \$5.00 Magnet backing: \$7.00 Contact Carolyn Schulz

or

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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.org

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

From the President

Hey everyone,

I hear the 2021 ASG Conference is scheduled for October 21-25, 2021 in Newport Beach, California. California should be very comfortable in October.

The majority of past presidents and members attended our 30th Birthday Party. We had a great time learning about our beginnings, sew and shares, and charter member Carolyn Humphries spoke about fabrics and



sewing. The 1st President of OKCASG could not attend the meeting so Marilyn, Jana and I dropped by her house for an interview on April 15th 2021. Lovely lady, hopfully she will be able to attend some of our meetings in the future.

Our May retreat was a great success as usual. Amazing door prizes! A huge thank you to our Retreat Committee members lead by Dorothy Niles with members: Annette Myers, Tammy Eskew, Heather Freeman, and Peggy Ann Belcher.

We need a new retreat committee for 2022. Please contact us if you are interested.

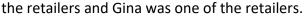
I have been busy taking some interesting classes around town.

Respectfully, Marla

Interview with Betty Gresham, 1st President of OKCASG in 1991) April 15th 2021 by Jana Burgess, Marilyn Marusa, and Marla Sue Sweaney.

First meetings were at Penn Square Mall (downstairs near the mall offices) in Oklahoma City. We got the room for free but Gina Butler and I had to sign our lives away. If any damage had been done me and Gina would have had to foot the bill for it. The room held 300 people. Really a nice place. We had to get either 13 or 16 retailers that had to do with sewing to sign up and back us basically and mostly what they did was give everyone a 10% discount. I was one of







Gina's business was embroidering and mine was tailoring. We went to see Mr. Ely, who was the head honcho over all districts of Hancocks Fabrics. He said, you know I've heard a lot about you. Hancocks will not let me do that but I want you to know you have my open check book. We about fainted.

We had a lot of good retailers. We had Helen Enox and Carolyn Humphrey who did a lot of programs. In the beginning we couldn't afford to hire someone to do programs. Gina or I would take every other month doing programs We would make them something. Looking back I think these people sew like crazy and we are giving them

something we sewed. They probably were not thrilled but they kept coming back. When we did have speakers come from a distance they would stay at my house. My house was not the neatest because I am a sewer. I did a lot of sewing out of my home then...

Do you want to know how I became President? No body else would do it. Tag you're it. I was President longer than I was supposed to be because we couldn't get anyone else to run. It was a lot of work getting the retailers to back us. We needed this in order for ASG Headquarters to accept us as a chapter.

Jana asked Betty about a picture where she was using a crutch. Betty said she remembered the lady that spoke about sewing with chiffon fabric but she did not remember what she did to her foot!

Betty and Gina were both in the Machine Embroidery Guild during the day so they thought they needed something at night.

Emma Grist did a whole lot of leg work and never takes any credit. I did not even having a dinning table at that time and we would sit on the floor and fold



packets and bags for all the different events we did. She also advertised our events very well because she worked at Hancocks. She got the word out. She would tell everyone about Betty's classes at Francis Tuttle Technology Center. She would tell everyone, be wary when Betty lets you have a break. I would cut all of the serger threads so everyone would come back and have to re-thread their sergers.! Betty teaches how to use all kinds of sergers. Betty taught at Bernina, Babylock, Pfaff, and Singer. They wouldn't let her teach other brands of sergers so she went to Francis Tuttle. She used to teach only one night a week but now she teaches three nights a week because she is retired. Her boss told her if you teach them how to use their sergers they are not going to come and buy a ______. Betty said if they don't learn to use the serger they have they are going to throw it in the trash and never buy another one. Betty said 90% of sergers are made by Juki even though they have different brand names on them. The only one that is different is Babylock. When she sold Babylock they came out with the machine that was like a professional machine. Home sewers were not used to that. Home sewers are taught to not touch the tension. The Babylock tension knob would go around and around. It was very easy for them to do that several times and not be able to figure out how to get back. Babylock did not make a very good impression with the first 3 or 4 sergers they came out with.

Betty says she does not think there is a bad serger on the market now. When you shop for a serger always take some fabric or a project you are working on. Let them show you the machine then make sure you get a chance to sew on it with your fabric. If they don't want you to do that, walk away. Another pet peeve Betty has is no mater what problem you are having the mechanics will says it's something you did.

We talked about the ASG Conference in San Antonio, she talked about going to San Antonio by Amtrak train for her Grandson's wedding. We all thought it might be fun to ride the train down there for the conference in 2022!

Betty was looking at the pictures and said she saw Linda Bray who was a police officer. Linda did her a big favor. We talked about Marilyn Highley. Betty remembered her shop "The French Seam". They

were one of the sponsors of ASG. Betty said several members came from out of town. Pat Geddes came from Purcel, OK. Gail and Coy Bush came from Chickasha, OK. The brownie group in the pictures were from Yukon.

Betty said she always encourages her students to visit the ASG meetings.

Shirley Adams stayed at Betty's house. ASG rented a building from an oil company for the event. The oil company went bust so she had to find a place quick. She called in a favor from her preacher and rented the church sanctuary. He got in trouble about it. They already had a call chain setup. By phone calls they notified 300 people of the venue change. They only lost 2 people! It was very dark for sewing so they used the spot light and burned it out. The church members want to come in for free but Betty told them no. ASG members have to pay and she is a paid speaker. Betty and Marla talked about Shirley Adams and Nancy Zieman. How similar kind and knowledgeable. Betty has everyone of Shirley Adams' books.

When Betty was told she needed to go to the ASG Headquarters' Conference in 1992, she told them I don't fly. Her husband drove her. It was in Las Vegas. OKCASG member, Theta Harp, went too. She was teaching at the conference. That helped keep the cost down.

Eventually Penn Square needed that space for offices and so the chapter moved to the Warr Acres Community Center.

Text or email your Sewing pictures to Erica Ngo

Erica is taking over our Instagram page and would like to request your sewing pictures and information be sent to her for publication.

She would also like to have 3 fun facts about yourself.

This is a great way to get our OKCASG name out there and gain new members.

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Sewing and quilting Events in our area:

Road to Oklahoma Shop Hop. June 1st-July 31 2021 For more information http://roadtooklahomashophop.com

APQS Roadshow Longarm Experience Jul 13 2021 Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Oklahoma City Airport 4521 SW 15th Street Meridian https://www.apqs.com/event/apqs-roadshow-longarm-experience-oklahoma-city-ok/

Winter Wonderland Quilt Show 2021 Jul 16-Jul 17 2021 3303 North 3rd Street Temple, TX 76501 https://www.templechamber.org/events/Winter-Wonderland-Quilt-Show-2021-10717/details

North Texas Quilt Festival—August 19-21, 2021 Irving Convention Center https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Dallas,TX.aspx

Quilt Congress September 17-18, 2021 presented by <u>Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild Bella Vista Assembly of God Church</u> 1771 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, AR

"Comforts of Home" Quilt Show September 17-18, 2021 9:00am-4:00pm admission: \$5.00

Pryor Patchers Quilt Guild Mayes County Event Center 2200NE 1st Street Pryor, OK 74361

OQSO Fall Retreat, 2021—September 17-19, 2021, Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, OK. Featured Teacher: Emily Taylor.

Quilt Plano 2021 Oct 8-Oct 9 2021 Plano Event Center 2000 E Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX

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May Retreat 2021

















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The ASG Conference is a unique once-a-year opportunity for sewing enthusiasts to gather for shopping, networking and education and is open to members and non-members.

ASG Fashion Show October 23, 2021 Celebrating Southern California's Sunny Days & Ocean Breezes

When visiting Southern California, come prepared for: Eating avocado toast in Corona del Mar (in sundress & giant hat) Watching surfers in Newport Beach (wearing a swimsuit & cover-up) Immersing yourself in Art in Laguna Beach (in a gauzy shirt & capris) Things are known to be casual here, so whether that means Nautical (red/white & blue) or Floral/Tropical to you, bring us your best resort wear for the runway!

https://www.asg.org/files/conference/ASGConf21 FashionShow-fill.pdf



OKCASG was well represented by our member volunteers at the Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival Thank you!!



Nancy Helquist Carolyn Schulz JoAnn Hale Brenda Fonzi Erica Ngo **Dorothy Niles Annette Myers** Karen Fulkersin Michaelene Bolinsky

Since the beginning of 2003 we have had an Oklahoma City Chapter website

In the beginning it was okcasg.org then due to a problem with our hosting company going bankrupt in 2011 we lost the ability to have control over this domain.

We quickly switched to okcasg.com but were hoping to switch back someday since .org domain extension stands for "organization" and is most commonly used for nonprofit organizations. It is also sometimes used for websites that aren't necessarily for profit, but that provide the public with free information and resources, like a public library.

That day has come. We have purchased okcasg.org and are using both for now.

We will migrate all of our flyers, newsletters, Facebook, Instagram over to using okcasg.org. When okcasg.com expires in 2023 we will not renew it and from then on just use the okcasg.org.

-Marilyn

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 "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.

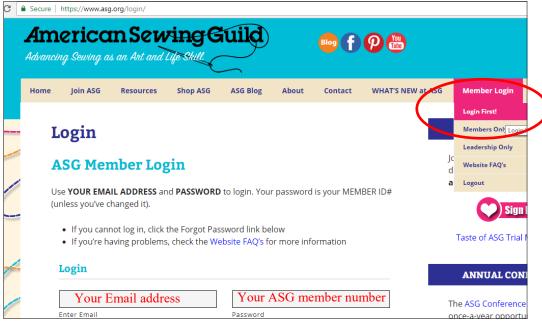
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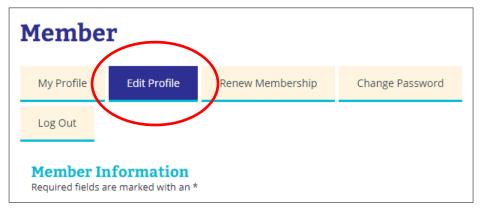
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Neighborhood Groups The Happy Sewers

The Happy Sewers neighborhood group meets the third Friday of each month in members homes at 10:00 am. Since many of our members are in the high risk category for covid-19, we have not had a meeting since February so nothing to report. Hopefully we will be able to meet again soon. Contact Jo Balding (405-603-7726) for location and program information. Visitors are always welcome.

Southside Scissor Wizards

MOVING TO STITCHING POST—NEW DATES

Southside Scissor Wizards neighborhood group meets the second Tuesday of each month. We are now meeting at Stitching Post $901\,\mathrm{N}$ Moore Ave Ste B, Moore, OK

73160 . Visitors are always welcome. Members sign up for presenting a project each month. Get on the list and you will get a reminder with project details.

FYI after our group meeting is over you can use Stitching Post sewing room for the remainder of the day unless they have a special event planned.

Next meetings are: July 13th, Aug10th, Sept 14th

Please call (405) 229-6612 (Lynn Smith) for any updates on location and program.



NEW NEW NEW Fashion Sewers NEW NEW NEW

With a concentration of sewing garments, we have a new group! Meeting at the Stitching Post 901 N Moore Ave Suite B, Moore, OK on the 4th Thursday of every even numbered month. 10:00am—4:00pm.

Have you ever asked yourself why join a neighborhood group?

Who doesn't want to talk about their sewing obsession, share their latest projects. If your non-sewing friends get a glazed look in their eyes when you talk about your latest fabric score or your embroidery triumph, then you need to find a sewing group, Here are just a few more ideas why you should join one.

A place to develop skills. Many are based on the premise of continuous learning new monthly projects to work on and include the tradition of "show and tell" so much fun to see how each member's creativity and personality showed up in the last month's project. All members are happy to help if someone would like assistance with a particular technique.

- A. Giving Back. If you are interested in helping in your community many sewing groups or individual members are involved in making thing for charity organizations, great place to learn what's needed in your community.
- B. Learn about new resources. Members love to share where to find out about new resources for fabrics, craft supplies and patterns, whether it's an undiscovered fabric store to a new pattern or online sites.
- C. Get feedback or a critique. Want some constructive criticism of a sewing project? Sewing groups are great places to get the feedback you need. That's especially true when garment sewing, getting help and ideas for fit problems is priceless. Getting input from sewing friends can help save a project your ready to trash.
- D. Get suggestions for special fabrics or quilt fabric scraps. Your fellow sewing group members can help you brainstorm just what to do with a special fabric, fabric scraps or craft project leftovers you have been treasuring for ages. We love to share our ideas and you'll go home with dozen new ideas to use.
- E. Fun. Communicating with like-minded fanatics to discuss all things sewing, embroidery, and crafting. Neighborhood groups are a warm and happy place to stretching yourself with new challenges. I always leave a meeting with renewed energy, there's always something to learn when it comes to all things sewing.

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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.

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.

Notions

Members receive regular ASG Notions emails with news, articles and more. In addition, most ASG Chapters publish a regular news-letter that communicates local Chapter events, neighborhood group locations and activities, lists of discounts with retailers and features special interest articles.

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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 10% off many retailers.

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