



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



Spring always holds so much hope and promise, but this spring in Oklahoma was marked by such destruction. Sometimes it's hard to know how to help those who have lost so much. As a chapter, we made a financial donation to the American Red Cross with the donation specified to go to the relief efforts in Oklahoma. We are exploring several agencies that might be able to use our sewing skills in the months to come. We will post information on our website as well as sending email blasts as those plans come together. In the immediate future, if you would like to help, elsewhere in this newsletter are links to organizations and businesses listed that are taking donations or have set up sewing days.

The weekend before the tornados hit, 28 of us enjoyed a weekend of sewing at the annual Spring Retreat at Roman Nose State Lodge. Many UFO's were completed, but I'm sure several more were started. The retreat is a good opportunity to get away from the daily routine and spend three days as a creative escape. It's also a great way to strengthen friendships with other ASG members. We gained new members at the retreat as well as welcoming two from the Wichita Falls chapter. We will have plans announced soon of a new location for 2014. The Special Events group of Irene Morgan, Karla MacSwain and Sandy Brenneis (and friends) did an outstanding job of organizing fun, projects, goodie bags and door prizes. They work for months to make this a success. Thanks to all of them for all their hard work and efforts. I think all who attended had a great time! I will put a slide show together of all the pictures we took to share with the members.

Kerry

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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.

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.

Mark your calendar!
Remaining Meeting
dates for 2013:

July 8

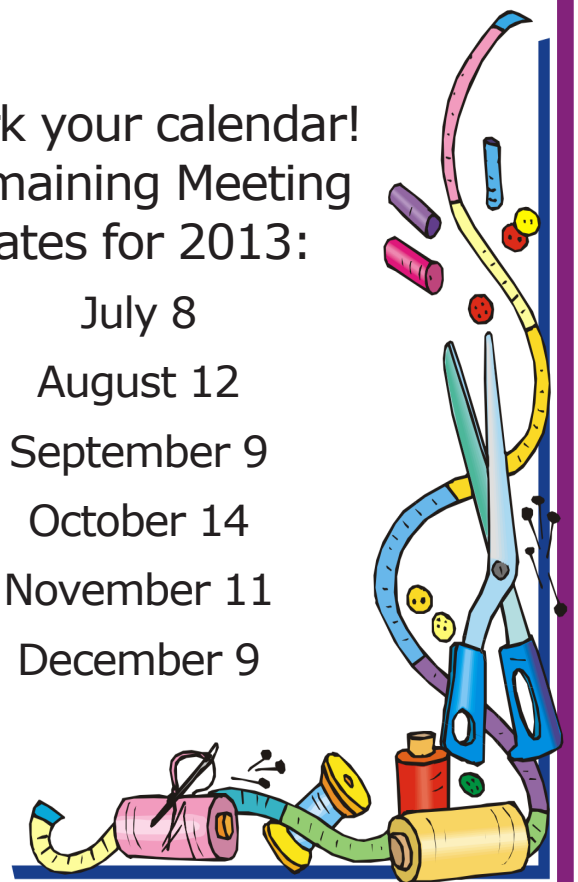
August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9



Tornado Relief Machine Service Available

Gene Biehl from Indiana, would like to come to Oklahoma to service sewing machines for those who were affected by the 2013 tornadoes. He will clean and oil your machine or any one you know that needs their machines cleaned, free of charge. He has no parts except bobbins and needles. (No embroidery machines or sergers can be serviced). He will accept NO MONEY for doing this. If you know someone who would like this service please let me know. He would probably be coming in September.

Pat Fritze
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Doing your Part for the Tornado Relief Efforts

As mentioned earlier, as a chapter we are waiting to see where our efforts will be best utilized in the coming months. That does not prevent you from helping right now. The website patternrevolution.com is a great resource. The Stitching Post has partnered with Project Linus and has several work days scheduled to assist with quilts. They are in need of fabric, batting, quilters and long arm quilting folks. Their website is sewbargain.com. On the left side of their home page is info about sewing for tornado victims.

Interested in becoming a member of the CAB-(Chapter Advisory Board)? Interested in running for an office?

The selection of a nominating committee will be approaching soon as we will be electing several new officers for the chapter. As an elected President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, the maximum consecutive years for that office is 4. We will be looking for a new Treasurer, a new President as well as looking for a new Newsletter Editor. Although Kerry has a year of eligibility left, her job is requiring more and more time away, so she thinks it's best we find another Presidential candidate for the 2014 term. It sounds like a long time away, but with only monthly meetings and how we must present the ballot for voting, the time will be here soon. You learn so much about the organization by serving on the CAB or as an officer! I hope some of you will consider a leadership role. Do your part for our organization and run for office. Get involved!

Annual Spring Sewing Retreat - Roman Nose State Park

2013 OKC ASG Sewing Retreat

by Karla MacSwain

The OKC ASG Sewing Retreat was held at Roman Nose State Park this year. It was a weekend with lots of fun, lots of sewing, great goodie bags and wonderful door prizes!

Kerry sent a memo to our CAB asking for donations for door prizes or for goodie bag items – and our CAB responded with amazing items. A big Thank You goes out to Jane Brown, Kerry McNutt, Irene Morgan, Linda Linn, Rustyne Harris, Sandy Brenneis, Jacqueline Snider, and Dorothy Niles. These ladies stepped up and donated items like an iron carrier, patterns, wrist rests, a candy jar, fat quarters, charm packs, toothbrushes & paste, scrubby dishcloths, Tupperware key chains, sewing kits, threads, makeup bags, shopping tote bags, and the list goes on and on and on! Additional ASG chapter members Kim Boyles, Mary Sumerfeld, and Pat Fritze also donated items!! Thank you so much!

Tammy Eskew and Judy Blakley, who are not even ASG members, also donated hand-made gifts.

Two of our members deserve extra recognition and appreciation for their very generous donations.

Gina Butler donated the round commemoratives that have the ASG logo, date and the location of our retreat on one side and a mirror on the other side.

Mary Newton donated bags that contained Mettler threads, brochures, a pen, and a can of the new Mettler Adhesive Spray Web for every attendee.

I also want to acknowledge Nancy's Notions, OLFA and The Warm Company for their ample contributions. They support The American Sewing Guild and I encourage you to support them whenever possible.

One last thank you goes to the Special Events Committee for their time and effort in putting on a great retreat. We could not have done it without your help!

THE ASG ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, DC

AUGUST 1-5, 2013

The National Conference will be in Washington DC this year August 2-4th with workshops and tours before and after the conference. Many of the favorites as well as several new speakers are lined up to show the latest tips, tricks, techniques, and ideas from across the country. The National meeting is something that I hope many of you will try to do at least once. I hear we have a few planning to attend this year, but maybe even more in 2014 as it will be closer in St. Louis. I will be representing the chapter at the Leadership Day prior to the conference, so I will give a full report at the August meeting.

The link from the National website is available to book your hotel room at The Crystal City Hotel that is connected to the Washington DC, Reagan National Airport. The conference brochure will be on line April 3rd for registration and choosing your classes. If you've never been to a National meeting, you will certainly get your money's worth with all great instructors, classes, and demonstrations. The worst part is trying to choose which classes you really want to attend. If you don't want to venture that far away from home, the 2014 Conference will be in St. Louis, so many may want to drive to that one! To get to the link, simply click the picture below.



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 Powell 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 used.

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.

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!!

OKC Chapter Name Tags are available for \$5.00.
Contact Eleanor Todd Fuller at 405-350-3330 if you would like one.

We will continue our monthly meetings at St. John's for 2013. 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.

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 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 closeby.

The Happy Sewers have been working on the 2013 National Service Project. TAG bags with sewing supplies tucked inside. (Teach Another Generation) We have made them for the sewing classes at the Oklahoma County Extension Center at 10th and Portland. The June class had 11 students and the July class has 10. I will be delivering the July bags later. We also provided them with a note explaining who made the bags for them and the websites for the National and OKC Chapter of the ASG. We received a picture of the June class holding up their bags and a special thank you card that the students had signed. It was an unexpected joy to receive that and share it with the group.

Visitors and new members are welcome - just call for location and directions to the next meeting. 2013 Coordinator - Jane Vaughan (405) 912-3220

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Southside Scissors Wizards

Southside Scissor Wizards had a fun time at the June neighborhood meeting. We fabric shopped at 3 fabric stores. Starting with the Fabric warehouse on Shields and I 35. They have bolts of upholstery and drapery fabric. Lots of trims and even minky fabric. You must by minimum of 2 yds of fabric. Then we moved across the highway to Fun to Sew's new location, 937 SW 25th, Moore, OK. Pam has a beautiful new store and has lots of fabric and will be getting in more all the time. She also has a large class room that can be used for sewing classes. Then on to Helen Enox beautiful store with many beautiful fabrics. Lunch was eaten at Boomerangs. Good time was had by all.

Since July Meeting time will be so close to the 4th of July and also B Sew Inn having summer sewing classes, we have decided to not have a meeting in

July. So enjoy your time with your family.

August 6 meeting will be making the jelly roll quilt. So be picking out your fabric to cut from your stash or picking up a jelly roll pack of fabric. The strips are 2 1/2 width. This can be a good donation quilt or one for a couch cover-up quilt.

September is time for UR Special stockings, so hunt up you Christmas fabric this summer. Maybe that will help cool you off....during this hot time.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you in Aug. If you have any questions, please call

Jane Brown 503-0584

Pat Fritze 366-8296

Have a great summer and we will see you in Aug.

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

405-745-3065 for more information on the location.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FOR 2013

JULY 8TH - Baby Layette's, Blankets and Diaper Covers- Pat Fritze and Carmen Morales have agreed to show us what they know about constructing these items with some tips and hints.

AUGUST 12TH - Brown Bag- The Sew Fine Sisters NG will entertain us with a program and demo as we munch on our dinner.

SEPTEMBER 9TH - Couture High Fashion Sewing. Jacquelyn Snider will share some tips on fine designer clothing construction. If Kerry has the info from the National Meeting, she will have some fall fashion and color trends to share as well.

OCTOBER 14TH - T-Shirt Quilts - Several members have great success in making T-Shirt Quilts, but they make them with different techniques. Many of these variations will be discussed by Pat Fritze, Nancy Helquist, Carmen Morales, and Jacquelyn Snider.

NOVEMBER 11TH - Garage Sale. Start that box now with all that fabric you are not going to sew up and donate it to the Giant Garage Sale. We will also take donations for Silent Auction items as well. More details will follow for this.

DECEMBER 9TH - Christmas and Holiday party with a Covered Dish dinner. Meat will be supplied by the CAB, as well as the decorations for the tables.

Tool Tip:

Half square triangles can be very time consuming and sometimes tedious. But last fall at the International Quilt Festival, I found the answer. The Triangle Genie. It's a ruler that let's you mark the strip of fabric the size you need the triangles to be. Then you just sew 1/4" next to the diagonal lines you've drawn and then cut them apart on the diagonal and vertical lines. Super easy and super fast. Check out the video here.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrYw_It2in4



Are you missing the meetings? If you are, you are missing out on a lot of information and a lot of fun. It's a great time and fun to get to know your fellow members. Try to work it into your schedule. We'd love to see you at the next meeting!

What we've been up to lately...

Rustyne's Just Jennifer Jacket Winner

Over the last several months we have been selling tickets for a chance to win a hand-made one of a kind jacket made by Rustyne Harris. The Just Jennifer creation of purple, silver and black was certainly one of a kind. The winner was announced at the retreat and it was our own Susan Mills! Doesn't it look stunning? BIG thank you to Rustyne for all her hard work on this jacket and the donation of her time to create it!



THE LINKS

Ever had a question about copyrights? You can get all the information you need at:
www.copyright.gov

<http://www.husqvarnaviking.com/global/507.htm> You'll find lots of different projects here.

<http://www.debbiemumm.com/Projects/Sewing/2009/01/> Sewing organizer

http://www.freekidscrafts.com/beginning_sewing_projects_for_kids_%7C_kids_sewing-t62.html Lots of fun projects for kids of all ages.

<http://www.disneybaby.com/blog/simple-do-it-yourself-sewing-projects-for-baby/> Projects for babies.

<http://allcrafts.net/sewing/stuffedanimalssewing.htm> Free animal patterns.

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.

State Fair Around the Corner

The Great State Fair of Oklahoma is just a few months away. We have opening day scheduled for our chapter to sit and sew Christmas Stockings for UR Special. I know many of you enjoy volunteering since you get free admission for the fair! YEA! It will be on Thursday, September 12 from 10 am until 3 p.m. A sign up sheet and more details will follow, but wanted you to mark the date if you'd like to be a part of promoting the American Sewing Guild and our chapter.



ASG *Online*

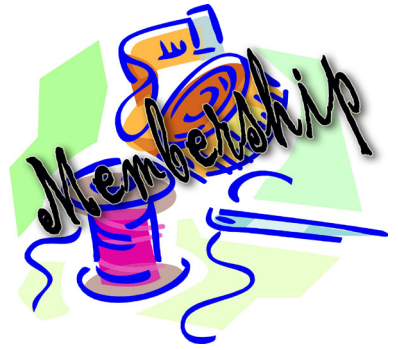
Check out the free classes and webinars! Click on the picture for more information.

IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND INTERESTED IN ASG, JUST TEAR OUT PAGE 13 AND 14 OR REPRINT IT FOR THEM. ALL THE INFORMATION THEY NEED WILL BE ON THOSE TWO PAGES.

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!



ASG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone _____

E-mail _____

☐ New ASG Member.....\$50

☐ New ASG Junior Member\$25

Chapter (city/state) _____

☐ ASG Member at Large\$50

☐ Renewal Member\$45
(if received before membership expiration date)

☐ Late Renewal\$50
(if received after membership expiration date)

☐ Junior Renewal\$25

Junior Member Information:

Birthdate (MM) _____ (DD) _____ (YYYY) _____

School Name _____

Grade/year in school _____

Payment:

☐ Check payable to "American Sewing Guild"

☐ MasterCard | Visa | AmEx | Discover (circle one)

Account#: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV# _____

Signature: _____

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The Stitching Post Inc.
5928 NW 16th OKC
316 N Broadway Moore

Hancock Fabrics
all locations
(Non-sale merchandise
only)

Sew N Sews
Stillwater Store:
217 S Perkins
405-707-0700
Monday – Saturday
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Oklahoma City Store:
5127 N Portland
405-942-2700
Monday – Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bernina of OKC
6817 N May Ave
<http://www.berninaokc.com/>

Fun to Sew
937 SW 25th, Suite F,
Moore
<http://www.funtosewok.com/>

Jo-Ann's
all locations
(requires card from Jo-
Anns)

Nancy's Notions
www.nancysnotions.com

B-Sew Inn
Southern Hills Shop Cen-
ter
I-240 and Penn
1624 Southwest 74th
<http://www.bsewinn.com/>

Denton Sewing Center
www.dentonsewingcenter.com
Denton, TX

Sew Much More
410 Chickasha Ave
Chickasha, OK

Helen Enox
1332 SW 59th St.
Oklahoma City, OK

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

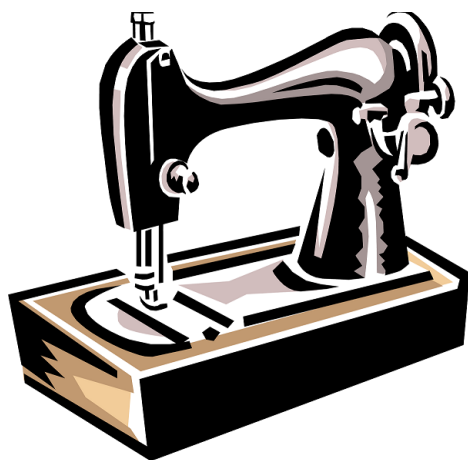
Our rates and ad sizes are as follows:

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

Classified Ads:

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. For current deadline, please email Newsletter Editor.



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.

"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.

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. Bookmark 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. 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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