

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



### Letter from your President

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Happy February OKC ASG members! As I write this with the giant snowstorm remains still on the ground, I am dreaming about Spring; flowers, gardening, cotton fabrics, bright colors, warm sunshine, more hours of daylight, and that renewed interest that Spring always brings. By the time you read this I am beging that we are beginning.

brings. By the time you read this I am hoping that we are beginning to see the ends of winter!

As I start my term as President of the chapter I am so please to have such a great group on the Chapter Advisory Board (CAB). They are a dedicated group that has some great ideas about how to lead the chapter with new programs, events, and increasing membership.

I'm sorry I had to miss the February meeting, but with still working full time, sometimes those job commitments call me to various meetings. I know you were in great hands with Jana Burgess. Pat Fritze and her neighborhood group were excited to share the Painted Turtle project with you. I hope that each of you will support the national efforts of ASG and make one of the turtle pillows. The Painted Turtle project gives these cute pillows to very sick children that come to this camp in California. Although it's a long way from Oklahoma, I don't think you can help but be moved by the efforts of this camp and what they do to help very sick children. There is a great video to view and information about the camp at paintedturtleproject.org.

I'm looking forward to the annual Spring Sewing Retreat at St. Crispin's near Wewoka. After constructing the 'skirt from hell' last year, I am looking for a pattern of something much easier and quicker to make. Irene and Karla are working on some fun activities for those who attend. I hope to see you there. It's a weekend of fun, friendships, and accomplishments! If you ever attend once, you'll be on the list for the next year! There is also a hidden benefit! When you cart that much stuff out of your sewing area, you find all those misplaced items, patterns, unearth a UFO or two and vow to clean up that space upon return! Plus what could be better than not having to cook, or clean, or run errands for a weekend and just sit and sew AS LONG AS YOU WANT!! No one will tell you to go to bed!!

I'll see you all in March with a great program for Home Decorating. If you have any ideas or suggestion on how to improve our chapter and our meetings, we are anxious to hear from you. This is your organization! Get involved!!

Kerry McNutt

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# Welcome

### Meeting Location 2nd Monday of each month 6:30 pm

**LaQuinta Inn** on Meridian just south of I-40 Park near the main door. Go in the main door, through the lobby and turn to the left. At the end of the hall you will go through the door on the right.

### See you there.

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

Debbie Vanover

OKC Chapter Name Tags are available for \$5.00. Contact Eleanor Todd Fuller at 405-350-3339 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. To enter, the user name is "sewing" and the password is "friends". You will find a wealth of good information on this website. www.asg.org

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### **Expiring American Sewing Guild Memberships**

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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

4th Friday of each month at 10am Meets at members homes-call for info VaughnCille Weidner 405-354-1603

#### Southside Scissors Wizards

1st Tuesday of the month 10:00am B-Sew Inn 1624 W I 240 Service Rd Pat 366-8295 or Jane 946-3580

### Stitch'N Bitch Neighborhood Group

1st Wednesday of each month at 10am Meets at members homes-call for info Marilyn Traub 405-843-7538

### Sew Fine Sisters

3rd Saturday of each month at 1:00-4:00 at The Stitching Post Classroom Rustyne Harris 405-745-3065



**HAPPY SEWERS** Happy Sewers has had a fun year. Cathie Hladik will be the group

coordinator for 2011. Her e-mail is casews@sbcglobal.net and her phone number is 373-3694.

Give her a call to see where we will be meeting each

month on the 4th Friday of the month and join us for a fun morning of sewing

tips, ideas and just good friendship.

VaughnCille Weidner

### Southside Scissor Wizards Neighborhood Group

Southside Scissor Wizards will have their annual Christmas Dinner at Jane Browns on Dec. 7. Everyone is to bring a small gift for the gift exchange and also their favorite covered dish to have with the ham that Jane will be fixing. This is always a special dinner and of course all the good things to eat. We will be discussing next years meeting agenda's. At the Nov. meeting Pat demonstrated making towel wraps for gifts. She has made 13 for her family Christmas gifts. This is an easy and quick gift or you could even make one for your self.

All are welcome to join the group on the first Tuesday of each month at B -Sew Inn, I 240 and Penn. from 10-12 noon. Contact Pat at 366-8296 or Jane at 946-3580 for more info.

	OKC Chapter of the ASG 2011 Retreat St. Crispin's Conference Center Wewoka OK May 20-22nd 2011
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### Free Stuff!! Check it out!

As Spring approaches with the tax deadline, I'm always reminded of my New Year's resolution to save more, do more with less, make do with what I have, etc. you know the drill!! I've run across some interesting websites that do offer some great ideas an suggestions- and they are free!! Check them out and let me know what you think! If you have some, send them to Marilyn Marusa for the next newsletter!

Fabric.com is one of my recent findings and certainly one of my favorites. Although I have not ordered any fabric from them, their site is quite active with ideas, suggestions, samples of items their staff have made, sales, and just useful information in a very upbeat and inviting way. But one of the coolest things on their site is the FREE PATTERN section! There are not only garments to sew, but knitting and crochet items as well. Although it may take a small forest to print off one of the patterns that you will then tape together, the idea of a 'free' pattern is appealing to me. You can also follow them on Facebook and they have a very active posting with suggestions and things going on with their website. Check it out!

Peggy Sagers from Silhouettepatterns.com has started video broadcasts that are free. Typically, they are on a Monday night for about an hour. You sign up on her website and will receive notification on when then next segment will be shown. She did an incredible segment on fitting pants a couple of weeks ago and the most recent one I watched was on constructing T -shirts. Some of you may remember when we hosted her here in OKC for a pants fitting workshop and style show. She is a wonderful teacher and really explains fit and patterns like no one else. I always learn something from her! So what's better than watching a seminar on the computer without leaving your house! Her previous broadcasts are on her website for you to view anytime.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the information about Nancy Nix-Rice and the launch of her weekly posts on wardrobe makeovers-"A New You in 52". I attended her seminar at ASG in Chicago a couple years ago and she has some great ideas of organizing your closet, color analysis, and how to get more from the garments you have. On her website you can sign up for the weekly email.

Another website I've found particularly useful with my love of sewing garments is patternreview.com. This website is interactive from other sewers from all over the world who have reviewed patterns, posted pictures of their garments, and have references and referrals of all matters sewing related. Although you sign up to log on to this site, it's well worth the time. Patterns are expensive. Even with the sales at the fabric stores, there is no reason to buy a pattern I'm not going to make (yeah, right!), but I have found other patterns on here to check out, or mark off my list.

I could go on and on, and will try to add to this in each newsletter, but don't forget the ASG.org website. The monthly broadcasts courtesy of embroidery.com have been great. Ramona Baird has done a great job of selecting a variety of topics and speakers. All this takes is the time to register. Even if you can't watch the live broadcasts, because you have registered, you can go back and watch at your leisure.

Nancy Zieman with nancysnotions.com is offering free patterns and ideas on a email blast. I made one of the cool new pieces of zipper jewelry from a free pattern on her website. Great way to use those old zippers that you are not going to put into a garment because they are the wrong size or wrong color, but would work great as a pin or accent for a necklace!

I can't close without mentioning all the great discounts and offers from the retailers who advertise on the asg.org website, as well as our own OKC retailers. This is part of the 'goodies' that come to you from being an ASG member. I took advantage of the Kia Scissors offer thru ASG and purchased an awesome pair of scissors at 20% off and free shipping!! They are a dream to cut with!! Maybe I can actually MAKE something!!



I would love to put your new email on our email list. So many are returned each time I send out a notice for an ASG event or meeting reminder. To update your email address—Email me (marilynmarusa@cox.net) and let me know.

### coming events There is a lot to do in 2011!

March 11 & 12, 2011 The Wichita, Kansas Chapter of the American Sewing Guild is presenting a two day seminar by Jennifer Stern of JSTERNDESIGNS on March Friday, March 11, 2011 - Jeans Fitting and Demo with Jennifer Stern Saturday, March 12, 2011 - Fitting and Sewing Tee Shirts with Jennifer Stern Sedgwick County Extension Office For more information and registration forms please contact: Kenna Dice (316) 321-5841 or thimble2@cox.net

April 14-16, 2011—Round Bobbin Quilting & Sewing Expo Ozark Empire Fairgrounds Springfield, MO

May 20-22, 2011—OKCASG Annual Retreat St. Crispin's Conference Center Wewoka, Oklahoma

September 30 - October 2 ASG Wichita Falls Chapter Retreat Camp Chaparral 3784 Church Camp Rd, Iowa Park, Texas 76367 Contact Ida Jo Duncan joduncan\_99@yahoo.com



Check out the FREE ASG On-Line meetings You can email your Sew-and-Share projects ahead of the meeting time and Ramona will show the pictures during the meeting!

Sign-up for the meetings even if you cannot be there "live" and you can go back later and watch the recorded meeting.





### Discounts by our Local Retailers <u>10% off all items:</u>

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

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**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.

### **Community Service**

Giving back is a vital part of a full and rewarding life. What could be more fulfilling than doing what you love to do (sewing) while contributing to the quality of life of others in need within your own community? Throughout the country, ASG has become synonymous with charitable acts of sewing.

New Community Service "The Painted Turtle" A pattern and instructions are available at http://asg.org/html/giving.html

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The Painted Turtle Camp is the 6th addition to the Paul Newman family of Hole in the Wall Camps for seriously ill children. It is the only multi-disease camp and family care center of its kind on the West Coast. Through educational, therapeutic, safe and just plain fun summer camp and year-round programs, The Painted Turtle Camp provides a life-changing experience to children whose daily struggles often diminish their desire and their ability to lead a rich, productive life. To learn more about The Painted Turtle visit www.thepaintedturtle.org





Greetings from Los Angeles and the next site of the annual ASG Conference! We are busy getting ready for you all to come and visit and we have some exciting news!

In conjunction with the annual ASG Conference we will be publishing a keepsake cookbook. Sew Delicious will be a compilation of recipes from ASG members from all over the U.S. You know all of us sewers are the best cooks so please announce this to your chapter and let them know that we need recipes. I have all the information on our website and there are 3 ways to submit your recipes:

1. Fill out the online form: http://www.asgla.org/ ASGLAcookbook.html

2. Print out a form from that same webpage and mail in the form. Information and address is there.

3. Email a Microsoft Word file to cookbook@asgla.org (must be Microsoft Word format only).

The book will be professionally typeset, bound in a pad-

ded, linen finish laminated 3 ring binder and each recipe will include the contributor's name and chapter. We are using the reputable Morris Cookbooks (www.morriscookbooks.com) to publish the books.

There is also a place on the website to either pre-order the books (at a discount) or to reserve them (we really need an idea of how many to order so please encourage your members to at least reserve them if not pre-paying). The books will be ready in July and may be picked up at conference or will be mailed out to those who wish to have it shipped.

We look forward to receiving all your delicious recipes and including them in this keepsake cookbook. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you so much!

We have a few recipes coming in and I have been getting a question from some. The recipes do not have to be an original. They can be from any source. The only stipulation is trademarked titles like "Neiman-Marcus Chocolate Chip Cookies" or "Derby Pie".• If you are unsure don't worry about it. Morris Cookbooks will change the title appropriately.

Recipes may be gathered from any source – magazines, newspapers, online, etc. as long as you don't use a trademarked title as mentioned above.

You may use brand names such as Jello, Hersheys, Nestle in your ingredients list.

I have to say...my mouth is watering already for some of the submmissions! Woohoo! This is gonna be great! Keep sending them.

See you in August! Jeanette Swanson President, Los Angeles Chapter







- 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*, bimonthly. 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.
- 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")...
- 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.

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### Upcoming meetings

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the **LaQuinta Inn** on Meridian just south of I-40

Park near the main door. Go in the main door, through the lobby and turn to the left. At the end of the hall you will go through the door on the right. Please come join us!

March 14, 2011 Maria Gore, owner of Decorating Den Interiors will be our guest speaker. She is an Interior Decorator and will be sharing some Spring Decorating Ideas.

April 11th, 2011—Sarah Ryan a young lady who has a Simplicity pattern for girls being printed. She is excited about coming to our April meeting and doing a presentation She has three dress forms and many samples to bring. Simplicity contacted her after finding her business online.—another young success story.

May 9th, 2011—Brown bag dinner. Neighborhood group the Happy Sewers will present meeting.

June 13, 2011—Fat Quarter Contest. What can you make with a fat quarter. One entry per person. Gift cards to the winners.

July 11, —Christmas in July. Bring a friend. We will have refreshments and Christmas gift ideas. Raffle Irene's tatted ornament Christmas tree.

Aug 8, 2011—Recycle/Resew presented by your CAB members.

Sept 12, 2011—Brown bag dinner. Neighborhood group the Sew Fine Sisters will present meeting.

Oct 10, 2011—Show us your sweat shirt. Everyone has embellished or decorated a sweat shirt. Bring your creation for a fun evening of sharing ideas.

Nov 14, 2011—Fabric and Sewing Notion Garage Sale! Donate your extra fabric, sewing notions, books, magazines, etc to OKC ASG. Proceeds to support your OKC ASG Chapter. Come and shop! Lots of bargains!

Dec 12, 2011—Christmas Party CAB hosting dinner.

Jan 9, 2012—Sewing shortcuts/tips



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