

American Sewing Guild The Sewing Notion

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Advancing sewing as an art and life skill.

...and Introducing Your new Chapter Advisory Board

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Jane's ASG Journey by your President...

Most of us sewers and crafters start at an early age. That was me as well, and yes, my favorite subject in Junior High was Home Economics and I chose it as an elective for my freshman year, so I had three years. I did ask and receive a sewing machine when I graduated from high school and traded it in for a "Singer Golden Touch and Sew" in the early 1970's.

As my children grew older and went to High School, I went back to work and began my career. When I was getting close to that magic age of 62 I began thinking about the wonderful new electronic machines. I went to most of the sewing machine stores and made my selection. My "Golden Touch and Sew" was traded in and my new machine was put in lay-a-way so I would be ready to sew and learn! What fun I have had.

I saw an article about the American Sewing Guild and after some looking into, – and oh my they met not very far from where I lived!! Yep, I joined. It was a little rocky for me for the first year as I knew no one in the guild. I was a trooper though, I kept coming. My first Christmas dinner meeting, we were to bring a hand made Christmas Ornament, and - I didn't get that part. Unfortunately, the lady that received my 'store bought' ornament was in front of me and shared her displeasure! Yikes! - if I had only listened - Sorry.

Well, I kept coming anyway, and soon the May Retreat was coming up. I called the then President, Pat Fritze and told her I didn't have a room mate. She said "sure we can find you a roommate". I ended up meeting Marilyn Marusa. Scared to death I would snore or something worse, I don't think I slept at all the entire weekend. Well, friendship grew and Marilyn and Dorothy Niles and I have traveled many miles together. We went to Nashville and the Chicago National Convention and a Sewing Expo in Overland Park, Kansas

I still kept coming, and that fall Pat made an announcement that there was an election of officers coming up and she would like for people to let her know if they were interested in being an officer or on a committee. I know I said committee, but I ended up the Secretary! My first Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) meeting I was shaking in my boots!. As my granddaughter use to say 'easy peasey'. I was the secretary for four terms and then Membership for four terms. I then decided that I had received so much from being a member and on the CAB, made so many friends, learned life's lessons, gleaned sewing information, and shared traveling experiences that it was time for me to give back. So, I said I would run for President. And evidently everyone agreed that would be great because here I am as President, doing more, learning more and hopefully giving back a little.

I have never regretted saying that I was interested - what friends I have made! Pat Fritze and I have gone to so many retreats, seminars, weekend get-a-ways! Although I can not recall all of the fun retreats, National Conventions, and sewing seminars that I have attended - they are starting to become one big experience in my mind, all I can say is..... What fun! What friends!

So the next time you are asked if you would be interested in being on the CAB - just take the plunge and say YES! You won't regret it.

Jane Brown, your President

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR 2014

March 10 - Brown Bag program presented by Martha Sheriff and Mary Newton

April 14 - Basketry program presented by Pauline Asbury

May 12 - Jackets program presented by Kerry McNutt

June 9 - Thread by Phil Newton - Mettler

July 14 - Dinner All Things Patriotic

August 11 - Brown Bag program presented by Marilyn Marusa, Jacquelyn Snider and Dorothy Niles

September 8 - Stocking Chain

Oct. 13 - Bed Turning - OKC Quilt Guild

Nov 10 - Brown Bag to be determined

Dec. 8 - Annual Christmas Dinner

Meeting Location

2nd Monday of each month

6:30 pm

St. John's United Methodist Church
1755 N Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City

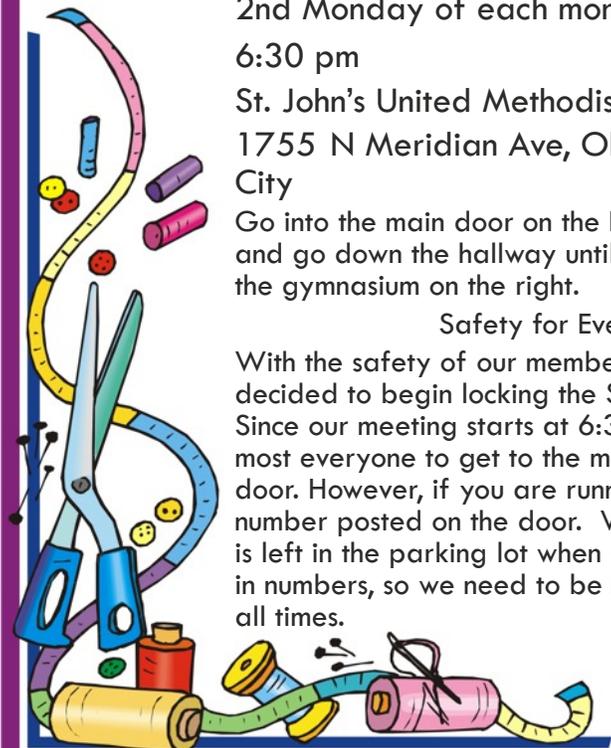
Go into the main door on the North side and go down the hallway until you get to the gymnasium on the right.

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.

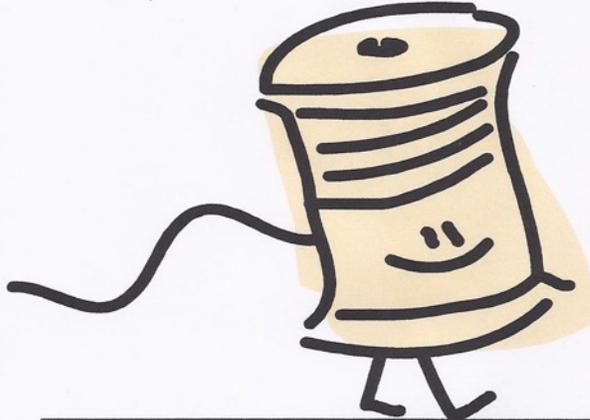
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**OKC American Sewing Guild's
Spring Sewing Retreat
Canyon Camp & Conference Center**

Route 2 Box 29
31600 Camp Road
Hinton, OK 73047
Office # (405)542-6967

May 16-18, 2014

(Check in at 11:00 am, Friday

canyoncamp@okumc.org **For Map**

There is no Cell Phone service in the canyon!

There is wireless internet access.

Cost of Retreat is \$130.00 members and \$140.00 non-members

(all meals included starting Friday evening, no lunch on Friday)

ALL registrations are DUE with payment by MAY 1st, members must provide ASG member number at time of registration)

(1/2 of registration will be refunded if cancellation is made by May 1st. A complete refund if you have a catastrophic event and cannot attend. You must e-mail Jane Brown with an explanation prior to retreat.

- **Emergency Contact Name** _____
- **Phone Number** _____
- **E-Mail Address** _____
- **I would like to attend Saturday ONLY** _____
(rate is \$40.00 member and \$45.00 non-member—one meal included)

YES! I plan on attending the FULL RETREAT.

My roommate(s) name(s) _____

My check is included. \$ _____ My member # is _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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MUSINGS FROM THE OKLAHOMA CITY WINTER QUILT SHOW

From Jana Burgess:

The Little Quilt Company. The LQC couldn't have a better sale. They had so many patterns and fabrics, I just couldn't believe it. I first saw their store at Houston. I bought several different items. This time I saw them at OKC Quilt Show. I got to talk to the owner and artist in charge, Kim Schaefer. She said she started when someone asked her to manage a shop in 1996 and it grew from there. Ms. Schaefer's Christmas Tree Skirt pattern was my favorite. Next time they are in town, you can pick out your favorite.

From Brenda Fonzi:

The 2014 Winter Quilt Show was a wonderful opportunity for our sewing guild to share our love of sewing and ASG. Members volunteered their time to tell the show attendees the benefits of ASG membership. The guild was complimented by a vendor. She said our guild was the friendliest and most outgoing guild she had ever seen at a quilt show. She was impressed by the number of people who stopped at our booth and the laughter and good time had by everyone.

The fat quarter giveaway was well received.

Over \$500 in raffle tickets were sold. My favorite memories were the young girls

purchasing tickets with the coins from their pockets and purses. The sparkle in their eyes made me wish everyone of them could win. Thanks again to all the volunteers. Please share your ideas for the 2015 WQS.



From Nancy Helquist:

I worked at the Quilt Show on Saturday and really enjoyed speaking with all who stopped at our booth. We invited all to attend our meeting, providing the date of the next one and day of the month for future ones. It was interesting and rewarding to hear of their interest. We did have one new attendee at the January meeting that we spoke with. Will certainly do this again.

From Karla McSwain:

As usual, there were several long arm quilting machines at the Quilt Show. But what I noticed was that almost every sewing machine vendor had their version of the sit-down style of quilting machine. They take up a lot less room, are about half the price of the long arm machines and the throat area is around 16 inches.

From Jane Brown:

One of my favorite booths was the Hidden Talents where they sell quilt hangers, large and small. I have been making some small wall quilts and even smaller holiday inspired quilts. At last year's show I had bought a hanger for the hallway and was in hopes he would be here this year. And, Yes, he was. So very friendly and always takes time to show you how to put it together and suggestions for other options. Their web site is www.monaraeoriginals.com and they have doll and quilt kits available also.

What we've been up to lately...



These are the winning outfits in our clothing contest for The American Girl Doll Saige. Thanks for all the entries. She is going to be the best dressed doll and all her outfits are original. She will never have the fear of running into another doll with the same outfit on.

I am sure many of you have a Martelli Ergo cutter. I have 5, because I kept buying new ones when the old wouldn't cut like I wanted, so at the last quilt show I took them to be fixed. I learned several things about this cutter. There are 3 versions of this cutter. Of course I had all 3. The very first ones that came out had a weak spring and the spring would break. So that has been fixed and now the latest version even has a place for your thumb and a rounder fatter handle, which make it easier to get the proper angle for the cutting. I probably had been told but of course didn't remember how to clean your cutter. There is a part of the cutter that comes off and makes it easy to clean under your blade where lint gets, which affects the cutting. You can see how to do this at www.youtube.com/lindavideos. I will show you how to do that at a meeting soon. I like my Martelli cutter and know you would too.

Pat Fritze

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, Nancy Helquist 405-745-3178 or e-mail nmh67g@cox.net and I will check to see what we have on record for you.

Let's Have a Little Fabric Art Fun (From Threads Magazine)

What makes a quilter a quilter? Certainly, we are unique individuals with our own creative impulses and drives, but we do have so much in common—including a sense of humor.

We asked around at the office and on our Facebook page, and came up with a list of signs that fabric art is in every fiber of your being (Facebook fans credited in parentheses).

Go ahead—pet them. We get it.

So step away from the sewing machine, put the needle and thread down, and see how many of these “signs” apply to you!

15 Signs You're a Quilter

1. You always have threads or fabric scraps on you, somewhere.
2. You pay more attention to the bedding than the action in a romantic movie scene. (Angelina Kendra)
3. Your neighbor is excited about her new kitchen, and you want to show off your new sewing table extension.
4. To you, parchment paper is not a baking supply.
5. You have more fabric than clothing . . . or food.
6. You pet fabric.
7. You step over all the laundry to wash the fabric first. (JoDee Bright)
8. You keep every scrap and thread. Because one day you might need it for a fiber art project.
9. You know the difference between fabric scissors and paper scissors, and woe to the friend or family member who doesn't.
10. When someone says you have great fat quarters, you say, “Thank you!”
11. The term “UFO” is not alien to you.
12. No matter where you go—hockey game, hardware store, horse barn—you see something that makes you think, “That would make a great quilt.”
13. You plan your entire vacation around quilt stores that you want to visit. (Debbie Roback Nutter)
14. Your idea of a romantic destination is Mood.
15. You live by the phrase, “One can never have too much fabric.”

I'm sure all of our *Quilting Arts Magazine* subscribers can relate to this list. If you don't already [subscribe to *Quilting Arts*](#), take this as a sign that you should!

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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 Snider or Jana Burgess 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 needed.

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 send this information to 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 Fuller at 405-350-3330 if you would like one.

We will continue our monthly meetings at St. John's for 2014. 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, showing a special project 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 close by. Visitors and new members are welcome - just call for location and directions to the next meeting.

Jane Vaughan, Coordinator (912-3220).

stanjanevaughan@yahoo.com

Southside Scissor Wizards

The Southside Scissor Wizards have gotten off to a slow start. Jane showed us how to make a shoe carrier, which many of us have made, so we are ready for our next trip. February was cancelled due to possible bad weather. We hope to make up that lesson sometime during the year. It was to be a Chevron towel class. But we are ready for the March project which will be presented by Beth and Karen who will teach us to make a twisted stemmed glass coaster. April will be a road trip to Guthrie fabric shopping and of course eating.

We have a great year planned and hope you will join us on the 1st Tues of each month at 10:00 a.m. -12 noon at B-Sew Inn on I-240 and Penn. Contact Pat at 366-8296 or skippat@cox.net or Jane at 470-3855 or rbrown27@cox.net.

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

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: _____

Return to:

American Sewing Guild

9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510, Houston, TX 77096

Phone: (713) 729-3000

Email: info@asg.org

Fax: (713) 721-9230

Website: www.asg.org

(Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing)

Workshops and Speaker Around the City

Various retailers have many exciting instructors scheduled for the upcoming months. Please help support the retailers in the area by attending one of the exciting events. Check out what's going on at their website or local stores for more information



The Stitching Post Inc.
5928 NW 16th OKC
316 N Broadway Moore
2630 W Britton Rd, OKC

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

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

Fun to Sew
2300 N. Broadway
Moore
<http://www.funtosewok.com/>

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

Nancy's Notions
www.nancysnotions.com

B-Sew Inn
Southern Hills Shopping
Center
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 the current member benefits at: <http://www.asg.org>

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

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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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