



The Sewing Notion

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

2020 Programs

Vol. 30 Issue AprMayJun 2020

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

April 4, 2020—mini retreat canceled

April 9, 2020—Sewing Machine Information canceled

May 14, 2020—*brown bag

May 15-17, 2020—OKCASG Annual Sewing Retreat

May 29-30, 2020—Quilt Tulsa 2020 Green Country Quilters Guild Central Park Hall – Tulsa Fairgrounds

June 11, 2020—ASG Simplicity Pattern Challenge contest

July 9, 2020—OPEN

July 9-12, 2020—Annual ASG Conference San Antonio, TX

July 31-Aug 1, 2020—OKLAHOMA! 2020 Quilt Show Oklahoma Christian University, Gaylord University Center 2501 East Memorial Road, Edmond OK

Aug 13, 2020—*brown bag-- cut out heart bags

Aug 15, 2020—mini retreat 9 am- 4 pm

Sept 10, 2020—Fabric Swap Challenge

Oct 8, 2020—*brown bag-- cut out heart bags if needed

Nov 12, 2020—elections/ sew service project

Dec 10, 2020—Annual Holiday dinner

June 17-19 2021—Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival Oklahoma Expo Hall at the Fairgrounds

*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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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**

Sindy Tascier
Vicki Mansell
Terry House

OKC Chapter Name Tags are available

Pin Backing: \$5.00

Magnet backing: \$7.00

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

From the President

Greetings everyone,
I hope all of you are doing well during our "stay safe at home". Our monthly meeting and sewing day for April has been cancelled. For those of you who are making masks, thank you!!

In regards to the Sewing Retreat in May, we will wait until May 1st to see what the status is for Oklahoma on staying home-- We could cancel or possibly reschedule for another date (maybe September??) We will keep all of you posted.

Happy Sewing.
Kim

Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild Bucks

Members can earn \$5 ASG bucks:

- as a new member
- bringing in a new member
- submitting/presenting a brown bag project (\$10 for individual or \$20 a team)
- winning Fabric swap challenge \$20 for 1st, \$10 for 2nd



HOW TO SPEND ASG BUCKS: Retreat, Buy a name badge, at Fabric Swap or towards membership renewal MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO EARN OR SPEND IN ONE YEAR IS \$45

NOTE: These bucks are a local perk. If you want to use your bucks to pay for anything on the ASG National web site, we can write you a check.

Almost new Babylock jazz to anyone who will pay me for the new, not yet used, walking foot I just bought. The walking foot was \$60.00.

Bought new 2 years ago for \$700.00

Donna Pitts
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HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO BUY OR SELL??

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Advertising Rates

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\$15 for 1/2 year

1/4 Page \$35 for a year
\$25 for 6 month period

1/2 Page \$50 for a year
\$30 for 1/2 year
\$13 for one newsletter

Full Page \$75 for a year
\$40 for 1/2 year

\$22 for one newsletter

Classified Ad: \$10 for 1 newsletter

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 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.

April

Melissa Dietz
Amy Garner
Jo Ann Hale
Peggy McLean
Irene Morgan
Barbara Poynter

May

Bonnie Bamberg
Paula Bell
Ellen Bennett
Nancy Kendrick

June

Jean Hill
Linda Linn
Carmen Morales
Brenda Sauer

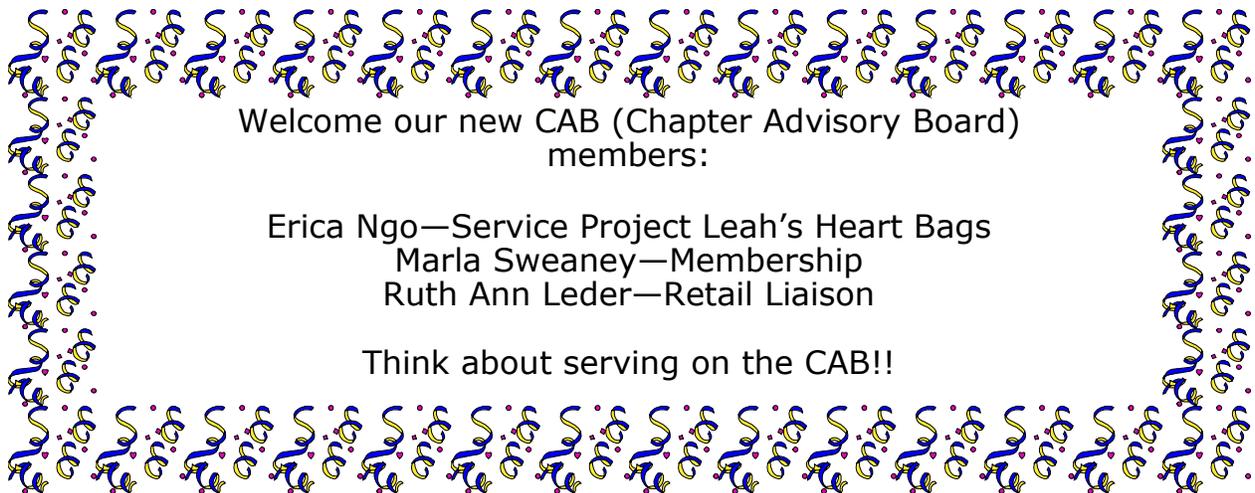
What happened? Did I wake up in a parallel universe? One where sewers can't congregate together to talk about fabric, thread and the latest all-consuming project we are working on? I don't even believe in parallel universes!! This is real. Now, how do we handle it? Just like our mothers and grandmothers before us. I'm struggling with what to say because this is where I talk about all that we have to look forward to this year, and now life seems to be hanging in the balance. Something just came to mind, so I'm going with it.

Please stay with me, I do have a point. I thought of something I read some time ago from William Golding, a British novelist. He says, and I quote,

"I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men. They are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her a house, she will give you a home. If you give her groceries, she will give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she will give you her heart. If you give her sperm, she will give you a baby. She multiplies and enlarges whatever is given to her. So, if you give her crap, be prepared to receive a ton of...."

Well you get it. My point is this, I feel we have been given "crap"! But we, as sewers, have the ability to do something bigger and better in spite of what we've been given. I love that our guild has stepped up and is working to make masks. You have taken what has been given and are working to make it better. This isn't a "woman" thing, it's a "sewing" thing. Once again, we take bits and pieces of fabric and thread and we will create something with our hands for someone else who can use it. Thank you! By the grace of God, we will get past this unbelievable series of events. And when we do, we will come together stronger and more grateful for our friendships, as well as our shared love of being together.

Bettye Chalk
Edmond Quilt Guild

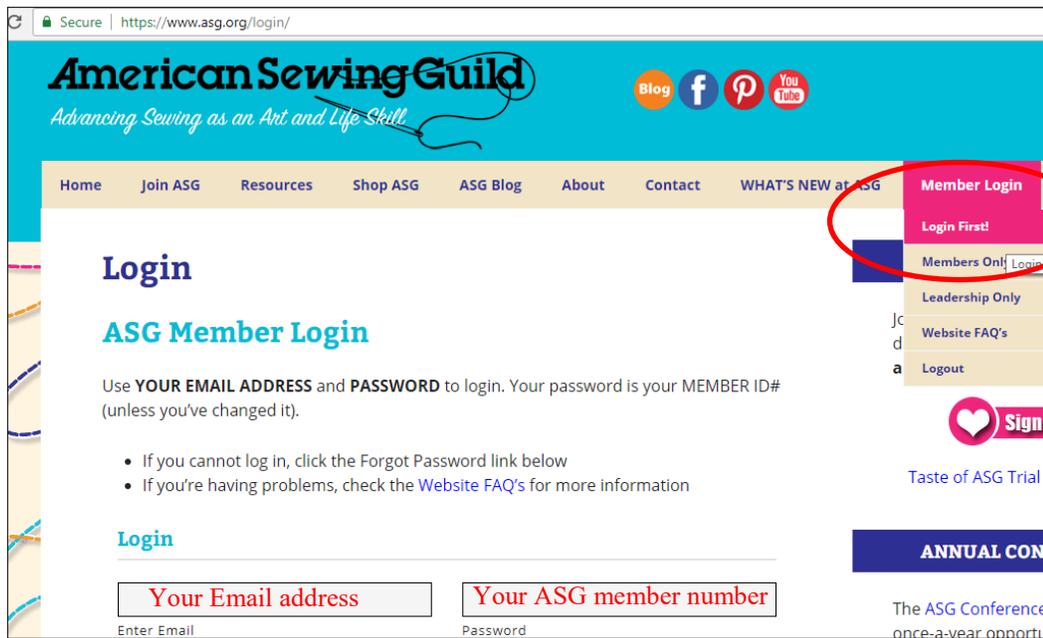


Welcome our new CAB (Chapter Advisory Board)
members:

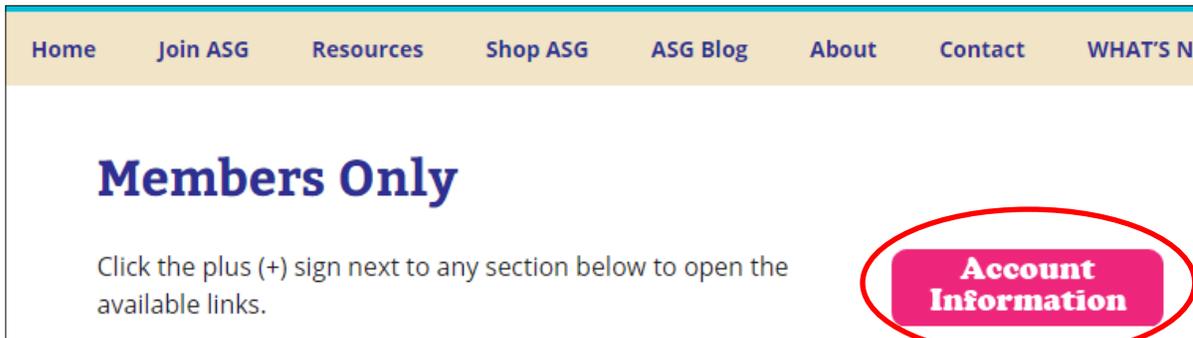
Erica Ngo—Service Project Leah's Heart Bags
Marla Sweaney—Membership
Ruth Ann Leder—Retail Liaison

Think about serving on the CAB!!

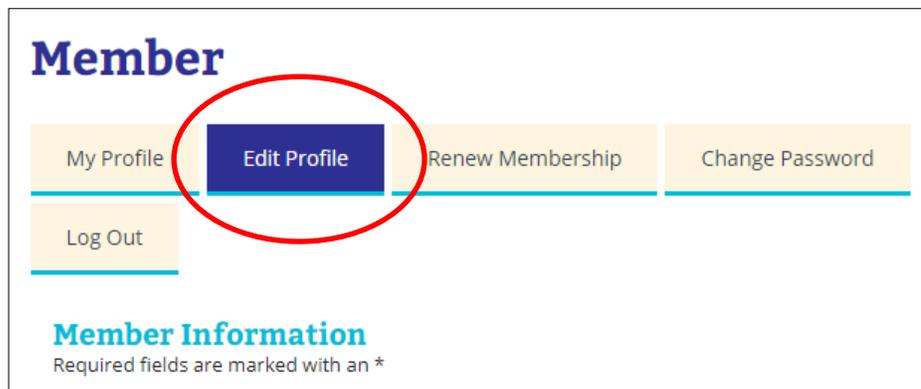
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On the Internet go to <https://www.asg.org/>



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ASG Annual Conference July 9-12, 2020

**San Antonio, TX
Marriott Rivercenter
101 Bowie Street
San Antonio, TX 78205**



The ASG annual Conference is a once-a-year opportunity for sewing enthusiasts to gather to celebrate all things sewing, quilting and embroidery.

Shopping: The vendor-packed Exhibit Hall is full of both large and small sewing and quilting businesses selling fabric, notions, patterns, sewing furniture, machines, threads, projects, DVD's, books and more.

Education: The conference offers daily educational opportunities in the form of workshops, seminars and lectures. Classes are tailored to every sewing interest from couture sewing to stash management, from fitting and alterations to surface design and embellishment, from hand sewing to serger sewing, as well as every level of sewing skill.

Fellowship: Tours, get-togethers, lunches, the annual Fashion Show and more!

<https://www.asg.org/resources/conference/>

Normally classes are available for signup April 1st but things are moving slower this year. We will send out an email as soon as we get the date.

DID YOU KNOW????????????????

American Sewing Guild National Headquarters

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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. Please call Jana Burgess at 405-652-9473 and leave a message for location and program information. Visitors are always welcome.

Southside Scissor Wizards

Southside Scissor Wizards neighborhood group meets the first Tuesday of each month. We normally meet at B Sew-Inn, SW 74th street and Pennsylvania Ave at 10:00 am. Please call 405-652-9473 and leave message for Jane Brown for any updates on location and program. Visitors are always welcome. FYI after our group meeting is over you can use B Sew-Inn's sewing room for the remainder of the day unless they have a special event planned.

Pot holder project from the March 2020 Scissor Wizards meeting.



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. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.

Local Retailers ***10% Discount to ASG members

The Stitching Post Inc.***

5928 NW 16th OKC
316 N Broadway Moore
<http://www.sewbargain.com/>

Sew N Sews***

Stillwater Store:
217 S Perkins
405-707-0700
Oklahoma City Store:
5127 N Portland
405-942-2700
<http://www.sewnsewsokc.com/>

Prairie Quilt

101 S. Main Street
Hennessey, OK 73742
405-853-6801
www.quiltnow.com/
www.prairiequilt.com/

Oklahoma Quiltworks

9323 N Pennsylvania Ave
Oklahoma City, OK
(405) 842-4778

Fabrics Unlimited

2229 NW 138th St C
Oklahoma City, OK
(405) 755-2664

Keepsake Fabric & Quilts

2990 SE 19th St Suite 10
Moore, OK 73160
(405) 822-0039

Sewciety Quilt Co.

106 E Main St
Norman, OK 73069
(405) 857-7691

Bernina of OKC***

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

JOANN Fabrics and Crafts

8345 N Rockwell Ave, OKC
5327 E 41st St, Tulsa, OK
3449 W Main St, Norman, OK
10131 E 71st St, Tulsa, OK
519 N Main St, Stillwater

Nancy's Notions***

www.nancysnotions.com

OKC Fabric Market

Hopefully opening May 1, 2019
10956 N. May Ave
Oklahoma City, OK
405-531-0546

Beth's Quilting Quarters & Fabric Shoppe

114 N Main St, Blanchard, OK
(405) 485-3880

Savage Quilter

6903 N May Ave,
Oklahoma City, OK
(405) 840-1466

Sooner Quilts

7821 S Sooner Rd
Guthrie, OK 73044
(405) 282-2070

Threads of Tradition

928 W Main St
Yukon, Oklahoma
(405) 693-2500
<http://threads-of-tradition.com/>

Trumans Fabric and Foam LLC

10808 S Portland Ave
Oklahoma City, OK

Thompson's Creations

3620 NW 58th St
Oklahoma City, OK

B-Sew Inn***

Southern Hills Shopping
Center
I-240 and Penn
1624 Southwest 74th
<http://www.bsewinn.com/>

Vu's Fabrics

340 S Kelly Ave
Edmond, OK
(405) 330-9050

The Okies Fabric Stash LLC

1315B Gateway Plaza
Midwest City, OK 73110
(405) 455-5084

Lady Bird Fabrics

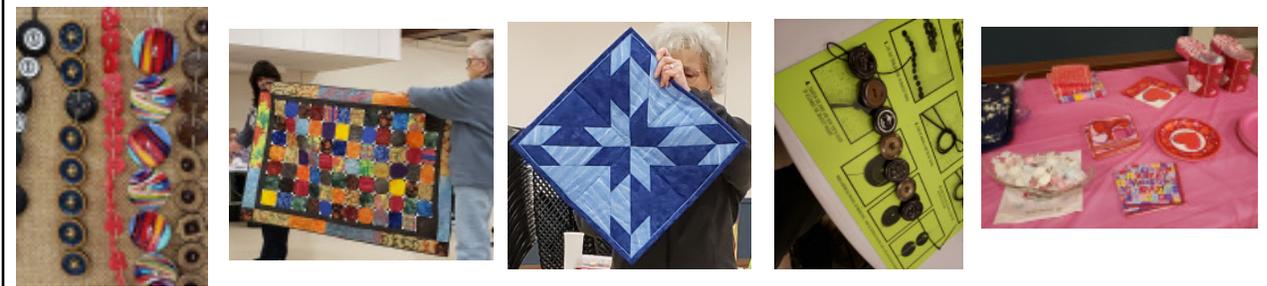
16508 N Pennsylvania Ave.
Edmond, OK
(405) 562-3409

I keep finding fabric/sewing stores I have missed including in this list. Contact me if you have any you would like included. Marilyn Marusa marilynmarusa@cox.net

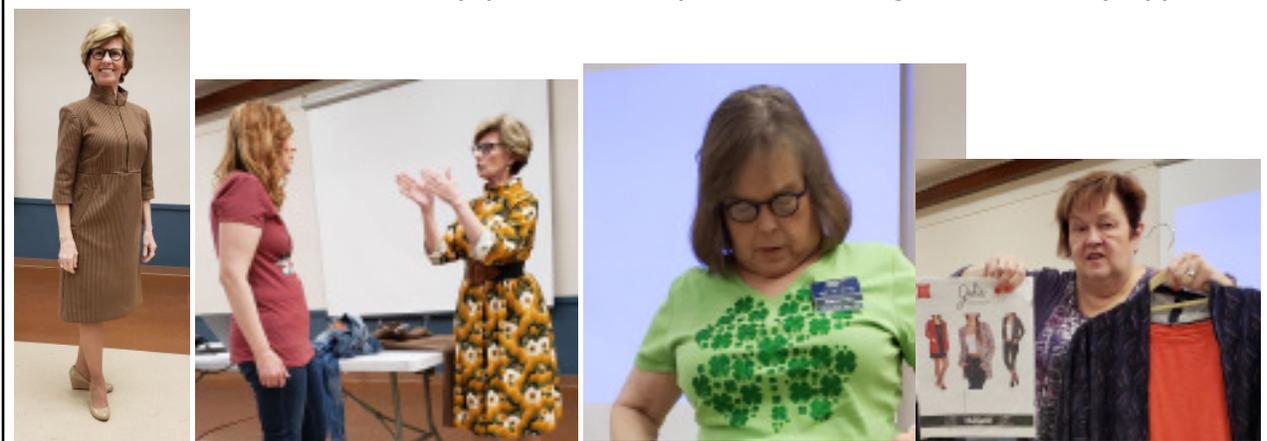
January 2020—Dolly Dearner and Dana Morrow Presented Hemp Fabric
We presented our heart bags for the OU Children’s Hospital Valentine’s Party



February 2020—Brenda Fonzi presented button bracelets and Valentine Party



March 2020—Claire Kennedy presented tips on dressing for our body type



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 newsletter that communicates local Chapter events, neighborhood group locations and activities, lists of discounts with retailers and features special interest articles.

ASG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone number _____

E-mail _____

How did you hear about ASG? _____

Return to: American Sewing Guild
9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510, Houston, TX 77096

New Member \$50

Junior Member (New and Renewal)
to age 17, or age 22 with student ID \$25

Chapter Oklahoma City

ASG Member at Large \$50

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

Late Renewal \$50

Chapter Oklahoma City

Payment

Check payable to "American Sewing Guild"

MasterCard | Visa | AmEx | Discover

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Signature: _____

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You can view our Facebook page even if you are not a member of Facebook.

Click on link below...

<https://www.facebook.com/American-Sewing-Guild-Oklahoma-City-Chapter-168481843174057/?fref=ts>



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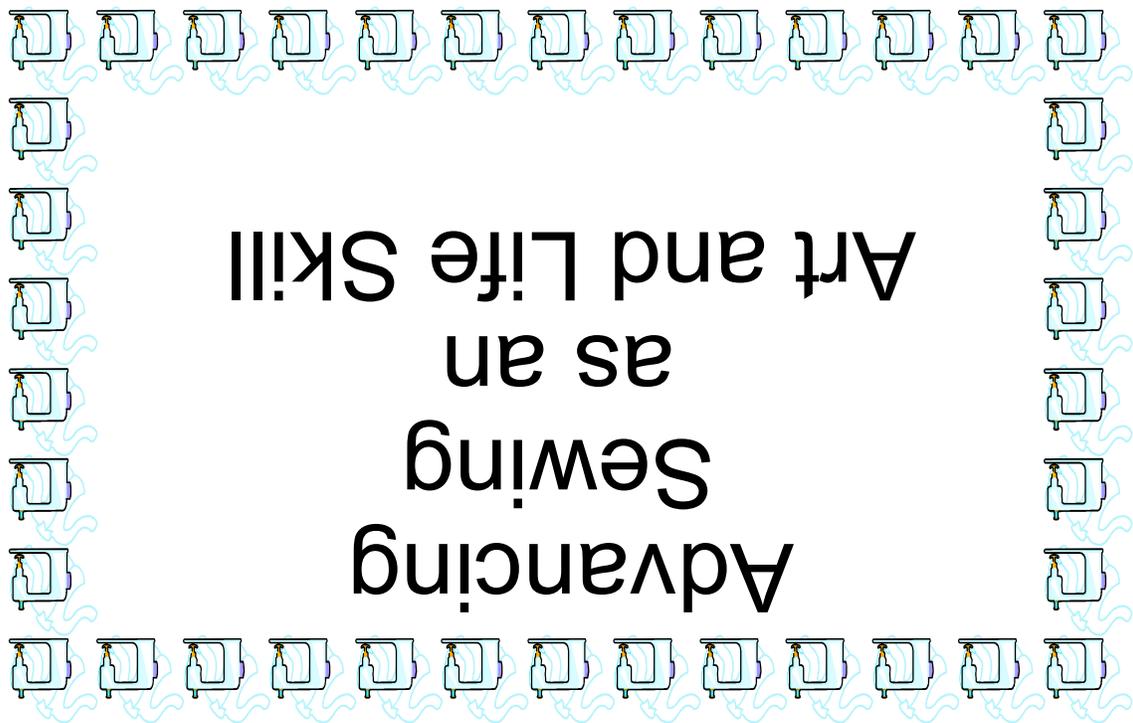


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Membership Information

Currently, we have 90 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.



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