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

2025 Programs

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# For each "Meeting" - see Andrea's Challenge on the page 3!

January 9, 2025 (Thursday) - 6:30pm- At Will Rogers Exhibition Hall - Karey Landers will be there to pickup Leah's Heart Bags for OU Children's Hospital and tell us about how the heart bags are used. We will be cutting out heart bag kits.

January 25, 2025 (Saturday) - noon-4:00pm OKCASG will have two tables at the Craftfest 2025. Downtown library in OKC.

February 8, 2025 (Saturday) - 9:00am-5:00pm One day retreat at Will Rogers Exhibition Hall We will have a fabric/notion sale to benefit OKCASG.

February 13, 2025 (Thursday) - 6:30pm- At Will Rogers Exhibition Hall—Amy Garner will present "how we, as creative people, can plan for what should happen to all of our cherished textiles, tools, notions, and machinery once we pass on from this world. Amy likes to call it crafty end-of-life planning."

March 13, 2025 (Thursday) - 6:30pm- At Will Rogers Exhibition Hall Bring your item sewn from the fabric you received at the December 2024 Holiday party. We will have voting on who did the best, most amazing transformation.

\*Brown bag dinner meeting is where we each bring our own dinner and work on a sewing or craft project together. to visit and get to know other members.

When you bring stuff for the "free" table, at a regular meeting or a mini retreat, please remove all items that you brought at the end of the event. Each person is responsible for their stuff they have brought. Any items that are thrown away must be put in the dumpster at the west end of the parking lot, not put in the trash cans inside the building.

# **Chapter Advisory Board**

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#### 2025 Sewing Retreat

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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

LeVetta Bobbitt Lisa Wasinger Amy Bruecks Donna Taylor Mary Fisher

Barbara Bain

Kathy Spivey

### **OKC Chapter Name Tags are available**

Magnet backing: \$8.00

Contact Carolyn Schulz: (405) 706-4670

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.

https://okcasg.org

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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. https://asg.org/

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.

### From the President

Hi Friends,

It is so exciting to be starting a new year.

I can't wait to see all of your projects and inspirations.

I started out the new year by cleaning out my sewing room. And I am realizing I need to be sewing more and buying less. So once again my New Year's resolution is to finish projects that I already have started. I can't wait to hear what all your new goals are for the year.



We will be making heart bag kits at our January meeting we hope everybody can help and we can finish the bags early and not have to stress at the end of the year. But thank you for all the work you already do.

In the upcoming year I plan on having a meeting where we learn how to use the ASG website. Be on the lookout for when this will be so we can get the most out of our membership.

I worked on the challenge list for the year and some of the challenges are similar to last year, but that's makes sense because of holidays and such. But I added some new things and I always look for your ideas to add to the challenge for next year.

It's so inspirational to have such talented friends that I can learn from and we can all share together.

Hope everyone's here is starting off great

Andrea



# Andrea's 2025 Monthly Challenge

Please interpret the theme as you wish. There is also a theme color every month if you choose to use that in conjunction with or in place of the theme.

January: New Year, Fresh Starts.

Start a brand New project

Color: White

**February:** Love Me Hearts and Love

Color: Pink

**March:** Stick with the old and Try something New

Sew with a fabric type you don't often use

Color: Your Choice

**April:** Spring is here Something springy or floral

Color: Green

May: May the Force be with you

Light or Dark, your choice or a little of both

Color Suggestions: White or Black

June: A June Wedding

Make something from an old Bridesmaid Dress or Fabric or something you could

wear to a wedding Color: White or Blue

July: Baby You're a Firework

Sparkling or Fourth of July themed

Colors: Red, White or Blue

**August:** It's getting Hot in Here Something cool for the warm weather

Color Suggestions: Yellow

September: Sustainable September

Recycle, Recreate, or, Sew something with fabric you didn't buy.

October: Something Spooky

Color: Orange

**November:** Give Thanks

Anything Thanksgiving or Fall Themed

Autumn Colors

**December:** Baby it's cold outside

Create something Warm Color: Red or Green



# **PADUCAH QUILT FESTIVAL**

For the Quilt lover or for anyone who appreciates mastery of a skill like quiltmaking! Between the Quilt Show, Quilter's Society Museum, and visiting the massive Hancock's of Paducah this trip is sure to leave you feeling inspired!

Day 1 // Sikeston, MO We've pieced together a great quilting getaway, perfect for the novice and the veteran quilter alike.

Day 2 // Paducah, KY A quilter's paradise, the Paducah Quilt Show features displays of beautiful quilts, as well as numerous workshops designed to hone your skills and teach tricks for professional quality quiltmaking. Explore today, taking in all that the show has to offer and then get some rest for another great day tomorrow!

Day 3 // Paducah, KY Today, visit the hive where guilting bees buzz at the Museum of the American Quilter's Society in Paducah. Learn about the heritage of American quilting, including the special significance that quilts have in different communities. Later, see the Paducah Wall to Wall Mural, paintings on the floodwall that depict events in the city's history in a lively and educational way. The afternoon will be spent continuing to explore the quilt

Day 4 // Paducah, KY Nationally known for great prices on great fabric, Hancock's of Paducah is ours to explore this morning. Find unique patterns, fabrics and notions at this amazingly large store. Spend the rest of the day back at the quilt show.

Day 5 // Home We will undoubtedly be ready to put those thimbles to use after an inspiring few days among masters.



## APRIL 23-27, 2025

Departs: Wichita, OKC, Tulsa

#### **Included Meals:**

- 4 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 1 Dinner

Activity Level

\$1549 Double \$1299 Quad

\$1399 Triple \$2099 Single

Pricing is Per Person \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person Optional Travel Protection Available Final Payment Due 100 days before departure

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# Spotlight on..... Karen Fulkersin

Background: (about getting started in sewing) I started sewing at a very young age with my mother making Barbie clothes. My mother and aunts sewed. My great aunt had an upholstery business and my cousin and I made cording and buttons for her business. I took several years of home economics and learned many sewing techniques and made many of my outfits in high school. I sewed off and on as a young mother making mostly household items, costumes, and gifts. Around 2014 I picked up quilting when our youngest daughter was having her first baby. I've been hooked since!

How did you discover ASG? I found ASG from Facebook. It came up as a suggested posting. The meeting details looked like something that I would enjoy. I came that night and was welcomed first by Tammy Eskew and invited to sit with her and 'momma' Irene Morgan.



Family Situation: I am married with a large blended family. My husband has 4 daughters and I have 2 sons. We have a total of 12 grandkids and 2 great-grands. We have also have 3 dogs.

Job: I work in insurance. I have been in the industry my entire adult life. I first began in heath and dental, then transitioned to property and casualty in 2002.

Favorite aspect of being part of ASG: I love being part of this organization for so many reasons. We have such a vast amount of talented individuals. I am inspired by all of the items created by our group. I'm proud to be part of something bigger than myself - we have been diligent in our service projects and helping out our community in so many ways. I love the friendships forged in this great group!

Type of sewing: I make many things - big and small. I make small household items, bags, quilts, and tried my hand at a few items of clothing.

Favorite travel destination: Colorado Springs, Colorado - my youngest son and daughter In law moved there and I grab any chance to spend time with them.

## Spotlight on ..... Michaelene Bolinsky

Background: My first memory of sewing was when I was about 5 or 6 years old. I wanted to make a pillow for my Barbie, so I took a piece of fabric and a cotton ball and made one. As a teenager, I started to dabble in it because my neighbor sewed and was willing to teach me. I made a flannel blanket and I still have it! I then wanted to learn to quilt and took a couple of classes, but I was too ambitious starting off with a queen-sized quilt while having a young child. I set it aside for quite some time until about 5 years ago. How did you discover ASG? My friend Karen F. who has become my dear friend. We all know and love her!

Family Situation: I am engaged to Chad. We have been together for almost 9 years and will be setting a wedding date for 2025! I also have three sons, Kevin who is in the Marines and stationed overseas, Mason who is in high school and loves history and Chad's son, Jake who recently welcomed our first granddaughter.



Job: I have been in the insurance industry for over 25 years. In my current and favorite role, I review auto injury evaluations.

Favorite aspect of being part of ASG: The endless possibilities! ASG has so much to offer with a membership. The biggest plus is our chapter's members. I have never met a nicer, encouraging group of people who are so willing to help you learn something new. I have made forever friendships. Another plus is the \$5 table!

Type of sewing: I love to sew quilts primarily but this past year I have sewn lots of domestic and accessory items. My goal this year is to start learning to sew clothes.

Favorite meal: Pizza!

Favorite movie: I don't have one these days, but it used to be Dirty Dancing. Haha!

Favorite series: I'll watch anything about the outdoors or true crime.

Favorite travel destination: Anywhere in the continental United States.

Favorite music: I listen to a lot of Red Dirt Country these days but really enjoy all types.

Books: I love audio books. Especially since I can multi-task while listening. I enjoy fictional books with a little romance, suspense and/or mystery.

# OKCASG ROCKS!!!!

# Salvation Army Women's Center—Georgann Giudice

If you did not get a chance to donate items and are still interested contact

Georgann Giudice (405) 996-7945 majorg16@yahoo.com

Sample size/travel size/full size:

Shampoo/Conditioner

Hand Cream

**Body Lotion** 

Deodorant

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss Makeup, Lipstick, chapstick Perfume

Feminine Hygiene Products

Clothing - New or Used in good condition

Hats Scarves/Mittens/Gloves Shoes, Boots

Coats

**Sweaters** 

**Pants** 

Socks

Large Tote bags/ cosmetic bags or any kind of bag for the clients to store or carry their things in.

**DVD Movies** 

# **Heart Bag Report—Kelli Howery**

We have Karey Landers from AACO, who is coordinating the Heart Bags for the OU Children's Hospital, speaking at the January meeting.

We will be presenting 225 heart bags to her for the children's Valentine's Day festivities.

Also at the January meeting, we'll be cutting heart bags out for use in the take and make kits we'll be making. It will be an all heart bag - all the time kind of night!

Kelli will be bringing snacks in appreciation of everyone that helped make another successful year of heart bags contributions!

Kelli wanted to thank everyone for making the heart bags and dedicating so much of their time towards our cause! Thank you, Thank you. THANK YOU!!

Cheers,

Kelli

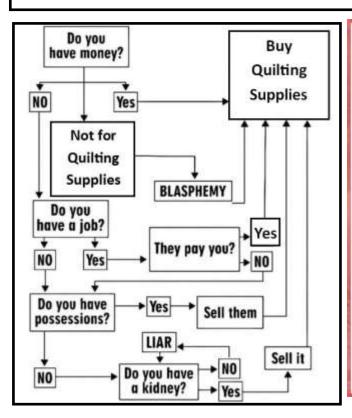
Kando Hipster pouch video

https://sewmodernbags.com/hipster-pouch-sewing-pattern-2-sizes-with-video/

We are looking forward to our annual retreat in 2025! Planning is underway and we will keep you posted on the dates, cost and more.

Sew your best! Michaelene and Karen F.





Life is just a bunch of obstacles preventing me from sewing.

# **Hope Pregnancy Center**

# **Boutique Needed Items**

Books for babies/toddlers Gender neutral onesies for our positive bags

Boys 6-month - 12-month clothes Boys outfits with long pants 0-12 month

Diapers Wipes

New baby bottles Receiving blankets

Hooded bath towels Bath soap/lotion sets

0-24 month age-appropriate toys Bathtub insert for bathing infants

# Gift basket items for our Empowered Parenting Clients

(Each month we have a door prize drawing for our EP clients--both male and female)

# **Practical Items**

Gift cards Baby Care Items

Personal care items for Mom and Dad

Fun Items

Fuzzy Socks Tools/Chargers

Games for the family

# Older Sibling Dinner Activity Kit

(Older siblings often come to our Parents Empowered dinner)

Activity kit with crayons and fun worksheets Puzzles

Games



































































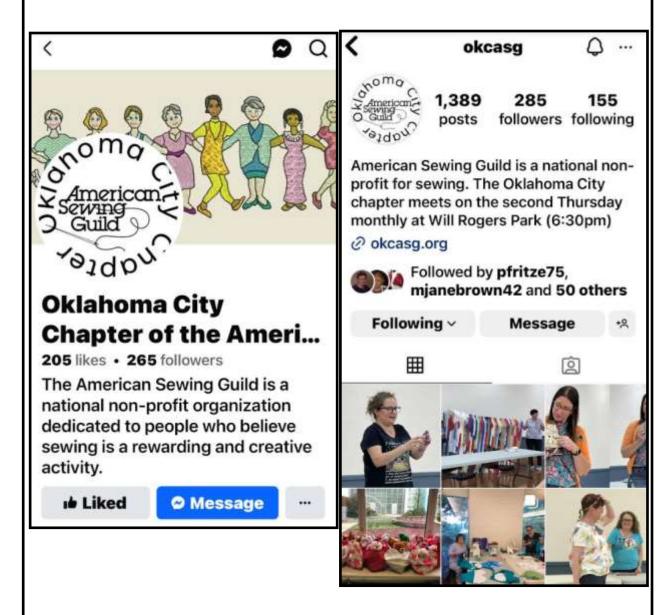


# Social Media—Marilyn Marusa

Everyone, share...share and be sure and Like and Follow our pages.

-Marilyn

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To tag our OKCASG on your post, add the @okcasg

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Try our classified ads. They are a real bargain! See the rates listed below. Just compose your ad and get it to the Newsletter Editor by the deadline.

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# **Membership Renewal Notice**

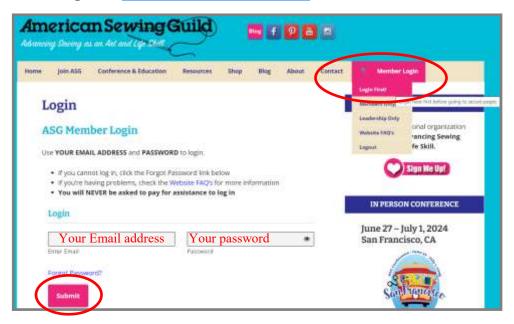
To renew your membership, Click on this link and follow the steps to renew on-line or print a form to mail in.

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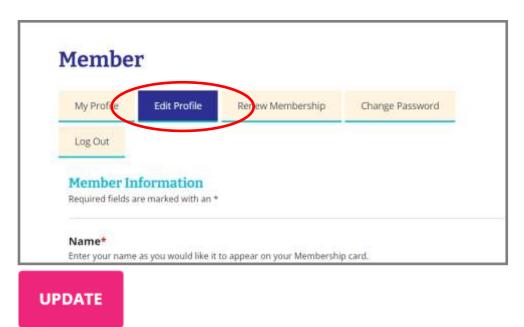
(AR) = auto-renewal—make sure your method of payment is still good

January	February	March
Leslie Duran (AR)	Royalia Howard (AR)	Jannis Mollenkopf
Kelli Howery	JIna Sloan	Karla MacSwain
Shonda Lovelace	Andi Atkinson	Judy Dry
Christy McCarthy (AR)	Linda Rodgers (AR)	Rosalinde Cawood
Mary Barrett		

To Change your ASG name, address, email, phone information On the Internet go to <a href="https://www.asg.org/">https://www.asg.org/</a>







Click Edit Profile button. After making changes, scroll down and click UPDATE button



# **Neighborhood Groups**

### **Scissor Wizards**

Scissor Wizards neighborhood group meets the second Tuesday of each month. 10:00am-4:00pm. We are now meeting at Beth's Quilting Quarters 114 N Main Blanchard, OK 73010. FYI after our group meeting is over you can use the sewing room for the remainder of the day unless they have a special event planned. Please call (405) 229-6612 (Lynn Smith) for any updates on location and program.



### **Fashion Sewers**

With a concentration of sewing garments, we have a new group! We work on our own clothing projects, help each other with fitting and solve garment sewing problems.

Because Stitching Post in Moore has closed, we are meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Hilltop Assembly of God, 419 SE 47th, 73129

As we are still acquiring equipment, bring a power strip, electric cord, and any chair cushions you may need.

Also, the cost of the church is 5 non perishable food items OR 5 household items, ie toilet paper, laundry soap, hygiene items. This supports our monthly food pantry.

Next meeting is July 20th! Contact okcasg@gmail.com for any updates.

# **Sewing Happy Hour**



No Alcohol is to be served at sewing happy hour Meeting the 4th Thursday of the Month at 6:30 PM. (a little different for Nov and Dec because of holidays-see calendar on 1st page) The meeting place is changing every month so call for more information. Members should receive a reminder right before the meeting with location information. Erica and Andrea

Feeling stressed after a long day at work? Come to happy hour... Sewing Happy Hour!! Socialize with friends while making a fun

and easy project! We host a make & take project class on the fourth Thursday evening of each month at a local library. Members take turns choosing and leading the class. Everyone is welcome to attend, please let Erica know if you are interested in leading a project. Date, time, location, and project details will be posted on the ASG Facebook page and emailed to all members. Snacks and treats are allowed, but please no alcohol. Thanks, Erica RagsReborn

### 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.

# Local Retailers

The Stitching Post Inc. 5928 NW 16th St OKC, OK (405) 495-4699 http://www.sewbargain.com/	Bernina of OKC 6817 N May Ave (405) 840-8911 http://www.berninaokc.com/	Threads of Tradition 928 W Main St Yukon, Oklahoma (405) 693-2500 http://threads-of-tradition.com/
Sew N Sews 217 S Perkins Stillwater, OK 405-707-0700 5127 N Portland OKC, OK 405-942-2700 http://www.sewnsewsokc.com/	JOANN Fabrics and Crafts 8345 N Rockwell Ave, OKC, OK 4901 N. Kickapoo Street Shawnee, OK 530 Ed Noble Pkwy, Norman, OK 519 N Main St, Stillwater	Truman's Fabric and Foam LLC 10808 S Portland Ave, OKC, OK (405) 692-0020
Prairie Quilt 101 S. Main Street Hennessey, OK 73742 405-853-6801 www.quiltnow.com/ www.prairiequilt.com/	OKC Fabric Market 10956 N. May Ave Oklahoma City, OK (405) 578-4100 https://okcfabricmarket.com/	B-Sew Inn 6926 Northwest Expy Oklahoma City, OK 73132 <a href="http://www.bsewinn.com/">http://www.bsewinn.com/</a>
Oklahoma Quiltworks 9323 N Pennsylvania Ave Oklahoma City, OK (405) 842-4778	Beth's Quilting Quarters & Fabric Shoppe 114 N Main St, Blanchard, OK (405) 485-3880	Vu's Fabrics 340 S Kelly Ave Edmond, OK (405) 330-9050
Nancy's Notions www.nancysnotions.com		The Okies Fabric Stash LLC 1315B Gateway Plaza Midwest City, OK 73110 (405) 455-5084
Keepsake Fabric & Quilts 2990 SE 19th St Suite 10 Moore, OK 73160 (405) 378-2710	Sooner Quilts 7821 S Sooner Rd Guthrie, OK 73044 (405) 282-2070	
Sewciety Quilt Co. 111 24th Ave NW Ste. 110 Norman, OK 73069 (572) 522-3676	Sew Sweet Quilt Company 25788 190th Street Purcell, OK 405-764-4457	
Bush Family Affair Quilts by Gail 401 W Chickasha Ave Suite # 202, Chickasha, OK 73018 (in the Petroleum Building) (405) 224-2280	Andi's Quilt Co. 16524 N Pennsylvania Ave Edmond, OK (405) 562-3134 https://andisquiltco.com/	Thompson's Creations 3620 NW 58th St Oklahoma City, OK (405) 917-5665

#### **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.

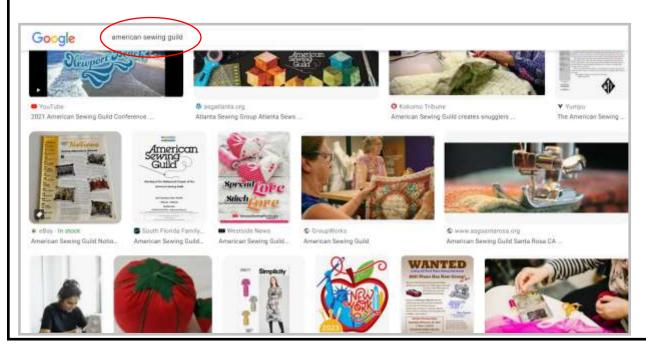
ASG Chapters publish a newsletter 4-6 times a year that communicates local Chapter events, neighborhood group locations and activities, lists of discounts with retailers and features special interest articles.

#### **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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For Cares and Concerns of Chapter Members

Please contact to Marla Sweaney okcasg@gmail.com Phone (call or text): 405-652-9473



# **Membership Information**

Currently, we have 85 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 \$60.00 for the first year, and \$55 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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