



The Sewing Notion

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

2019-2020 Programs

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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

October 10, 2019—*brown bag-- Working on heart bags for OU Children's Hospital—bring scissors.

November 14, 2019—elections/we will work on our service project, the heart bags for Leah's Baskets (for OU Children's hospital) We are in need of cotton woven (quilting cotton) fabric to make 200 bags-- 1 yard will make 2 heart bags-- Any youth theme, florals, valentines theme, etc. will work.

December 12, 2019—Annual Holiday dinner

January 9, 2020—Dolly Dearer will share info on Hemp Fabric

February 13, 2020—Valentine's party/ brown bag project

March 12, 2020—Clair Kennedy-- video

April 4, 2020—mini retreat/ fabric swap 9 am-4 pm

April 9, 2020—Sewing Machine Information by Phil Carlton (free Lance instructor) and Don Lusk (from Pfaff)

May 14, 2020—*brown bag

May 15-17, 2020—OKCASG Annual Sewing Retreat

June 11, 2020—ASG Simplicity Pattern Challenge contest

July 9, 2020—OPEN

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

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

*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

Karen Fulkersin
Marjan Fardadfard

OKC Chapter Name Tags are available

Pin Backing: \$5.00

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Contact Carolyn Schulz

or

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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 fellow Members,
Hope everyone is doing well. Congratulations to those who received 1st and 2nd place for the Fabric Swap challenge. For our October 10th meeting, we need to cut out more heart bags-- I found a stash of fabric donated for the bags, so please bring scissors and or cutting mat/rotary cutter. In November, we will have our annual election for officers. We will also be sewing the heart bags. You will need to bring your sewing machine, notions, and white thread. The heart bags will be given to Leah's Baskets at our January meeting. In December, we will have our annual potluck dinner. We are also donating items for the Salvation Army Women's shelter-- please bring your donations at our December meeting.

We have been busy planning our meetings for 2020. (See calendar on the first page of this newsletter)

See you at the October meeting!!

Kim

Winners in the fabric swap challenge!!!

Clothing:

1st Joann Hale

2nd Erica Ngo and Kerry McNutt tied

Non-clothing:

1st Karla MacSwain

2nd Irene Morgan

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.

October

Claire Kennedy
Emma Grist
Luella Courtney

November

Mary Sommerfeld
Roxanna Lee
Brenda Fonzi
Eleanor Todd Fuller
Karla Rickner
Nancy Helquist
Debbie Heringer

December

Sarah Musler
Dee Hadorn
Treva Arnold

Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Inc.

Proxy Ballot

Annual Election of Chapter Advisory Board Positions

November 14, 2019 6:30pm

The Meeting will be held at:

Will Rogers Exhibition Building

3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma City, OK

Please check the box next to the name of the candidate for each office that you believe will do the best job for the Chapter.

- ☐ President Kim Benson
- ☐ Vice President ***OPEN***
- ☐ Secretary Sandy Brenneis
- ☐ Treasurer Nancy Helquist

The Nominating Committee Chair is the proxy holder until the time of the election. All valid proxy ballots will be voted as submitted by the member.

Please return your proxy to:

Marilyn Marusa

1544 Sawmill Road

Edmond, OK 73034

All proxy ballots must be returned by Nov 14th, 2019

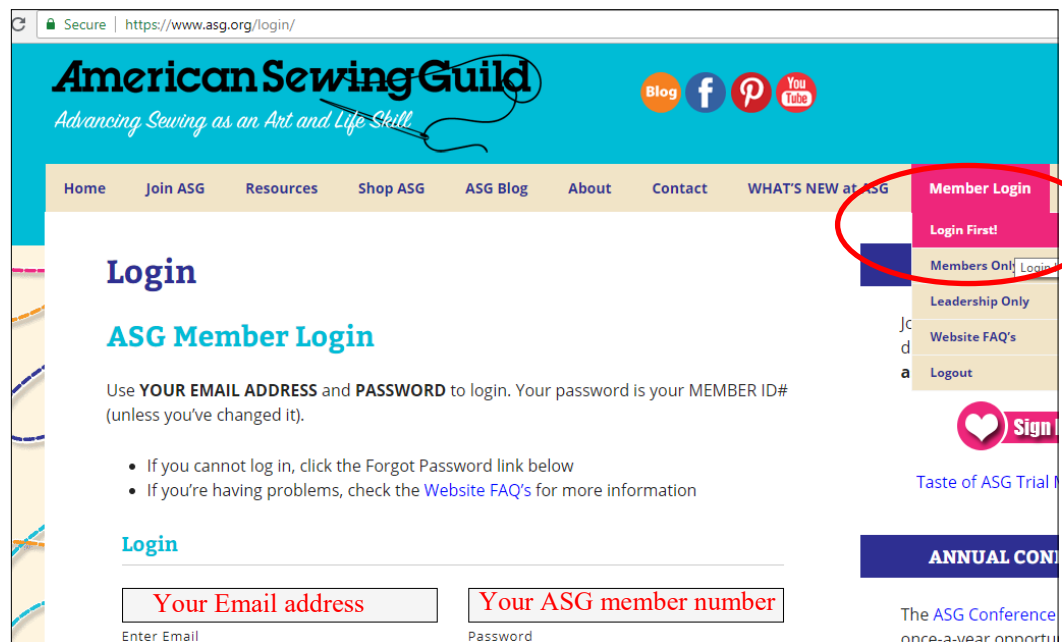
Your proxy ballot is not valid without your signature to assign your votes to the Nominating Committee Chair. If it is not signed, your votes will not be counted.

Member name (please print)_____

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The ASG Conference
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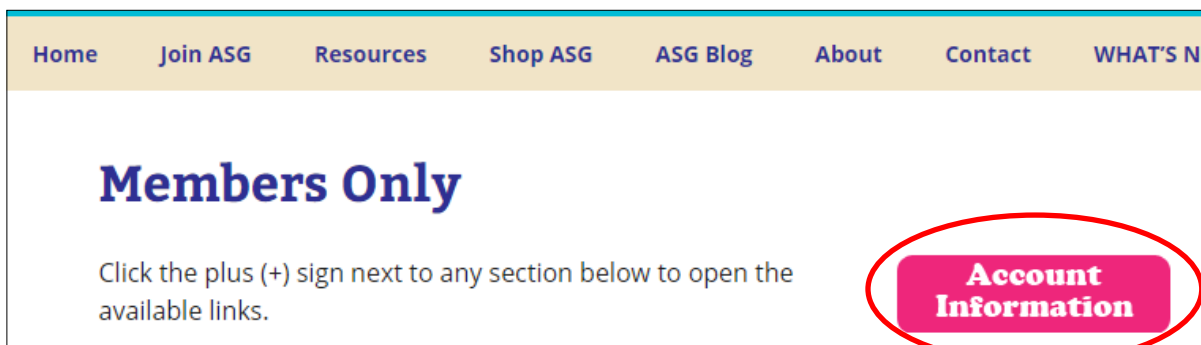
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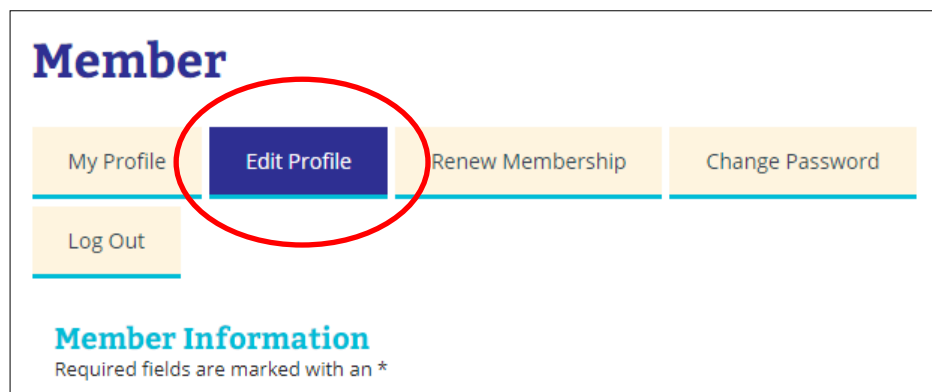
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ASG Annual Conference July 9-12, 2020

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/>

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

The screenshot shows the Amazon Smile interface. At the top, it says 'amazon smile prime'. Below that, it says 'Supporting: American Sewing Guild Inc'. The main content area shows the 'American Sewing Guild National Headquarters' with a 'Change' link and 'Location: Houston, TX'. The mission statement is: 'Organization Promotes Sewing In The Communities Through Guidance, Encouragement, Assistance And Instruction Via Conventions, Seminars, Craft Shows And Literature.' To the right, it says 'Generated by you \$ as of December 29, 2018' and 'All charities have received \$105,515,619.04 as of October 2018'. At the bottom right, it says 'Your AmazonSmile impact'.

You can support the American Sewing Guild through your purchases on amazon.com.

Setup your amazonsmile for the "American Sewing Guild Inc".



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.



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.

Spotlight on Claire Kennedy

Claire's passion for sewing started at an early age (her sophomore high school prom dress on the left), but she had to wait almost 30 years before could finally see the fulfillment of her dreams: to learn as much about sewing as possible.

Always having an affection for fashion made sewing all that more important and eager to learn the most information and skill possible. Claire finally got her chance to learn her skill from a local designer/dressmaker, Erma Roberts. Erma had gone to Parsons and came back to Oklahoma City and went to work at Wayne Russell Fabrics in downtown Oklahoma City sewing for all the major well-dressed ladies of the city. In her later years she taught and this is how Claire met her. In Claire's first class with Erma, she brought a blouse pattern with collar band, collar, front placket, set-in sleeve cuff and sleeve placket. Claire finished that in 3 sessions and asked if Erma would teach her how to make a coat. A fellow student in the class had beautiful fabrics from New York, and purchasing some fashionable wool plaid in the style of Ralph Lauren at the top, Claire had her first coat



As you can tell - Claire was overjoyed with the results. On the right is a photo of the typical Ralph Lauren large plaid coat, but it was in shades of blue which never suited Claire's coloring. Fast-forward 10 years and the local economy was in shambles, so Claire decided this was a perfect time to start her own business - huh?! Actually, it was time for her to go back to work, and there was a choice of working in an office or doing what she loved. One day she was at one of her friend's home for a party and her friend asked if Claire would make her daughter's debutante dress....and a company was born!

One of her most challenging clients, was a beautiful girl wanting a strapless debutante dress. She had surgery during the summer to correct the scoliosis that was developing so badly that if she didn't have the surgery, the twist in her spine would crush her lungs and kill her by age 30. She would have a scar the whole length of her back. Claire finished the dress and as you can see she looked gorgeous and had a very special evening.



An heirloom wedding gown worn three generations, which Claire restored for the third generation wearing. A gown based on a Monique Lhuillier gown designed for this bride. At the photography shoot was one of Lhuillier's designers and remarked how beautifully detailed the gown was.



Would you like to be a part of "OKCASG Spotlight"?
Email Kim Benson <kimcaptjack@gmail.com>
or Marilyn Marusa <marilynmarusa@cox.net> for more information.



Poly Nichols when she was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in one of Claire's designs.

Here is Claire with her cousin, Jack Kilpatrick, when he was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.



Claire wore her rendition of Yves St. Laurent's Le Smoking, which was way more comfortable and flattering than the one she could have bought! YSL was one of Claire's favorite designers and when the perfume Opium came out, she fell in love with the dress and the perfume.



Cathy Keating in one of her inaugural ball gowns that Claire designed for her.

About 7 years ago, another opportunity to widen her horizons appeared at her door to sew costumes for music videos being produced in Oklahoma City through Ackerman-McQueen.



About nine years ago, Claire approached John Ramsey about teaching at Bernina. They agreed to try it for a while and see how things went! Classes started and pretty soon people from around the country were signing up for her classes, then people from around the world. This was the formation of SewingArtistry.com her teaching site where students from all over the world come to learn about sewing, fitting, flattering their sizes, shapes and styles. Claire has come full turn, and her passion for fashion and fitting each student to their own style, shape and size is her favorite thing to teach. The skill that she has enjoyed for 40 years she can now pass on to her students. You can subscribe to her free weekly sewing email at sewingartistry.com.

Today, Claire sees clients and writes for her site SewingArtistry in her studio in Oklahoma City. She sews with 5 Berninas, 930 (to teach on and this is the machine she learned on so has very fond memories), Bernette (for taking onsite when she does costumes for music videos or at weddings), 180 (the original embroidery machine), Bernette serger and her 790 (her main squeeze). Although Claire still designs for clients, her main passion and joy now comes from her teaching and passing on the knowledge of 40 years of sewing and fitting many different sizes and shapes. She has been a member of the Oklahoma City chapter of ASG for 4 years.



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

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(405) 330-9050

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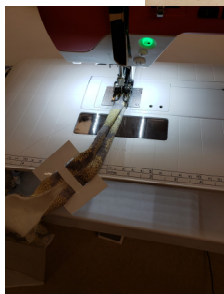
1315B Gateway Plaza
Midwest City, OK 73110
(405) 455-5084

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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

2019 Aug Mini Retreat



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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



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

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How did you hear about ASG? _____

Return to: American Sewing Guild

9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510, Houston, TX 77096

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Chapter Oklahoma City

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Chapter Oklahoma City

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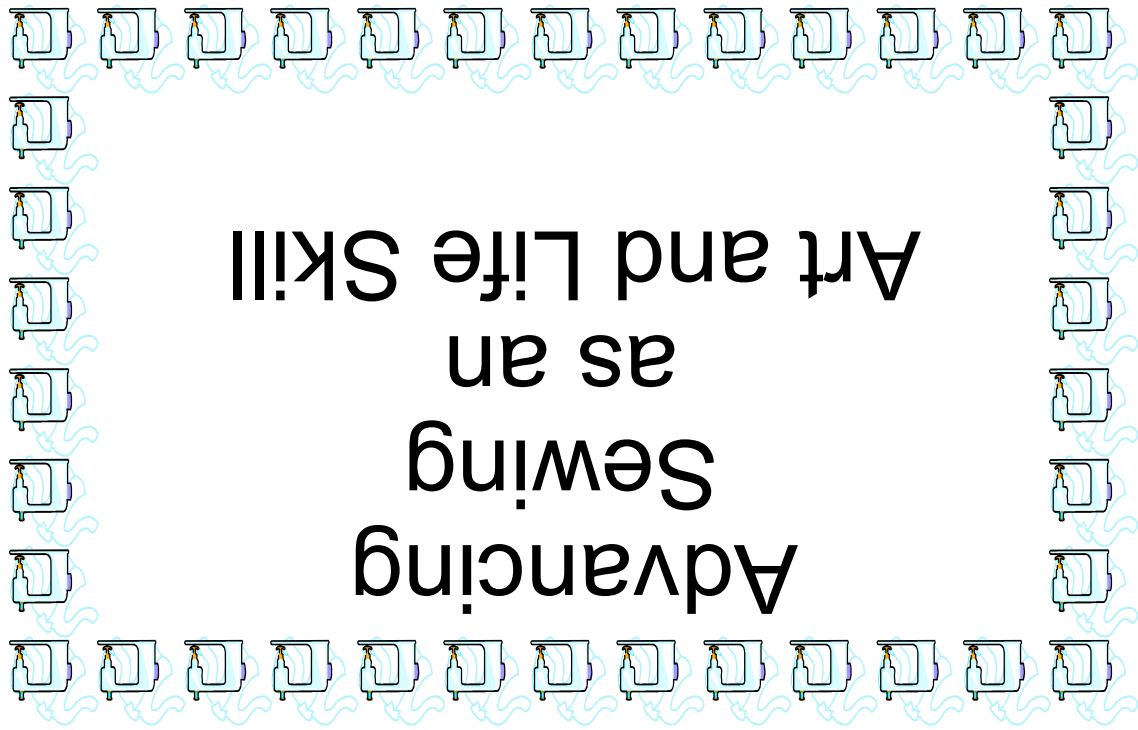


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Oklahoma City, 405-680-9100, www.bsewin.com**

Membership Information

Currently, we have 89 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 re-couped 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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