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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 5!

October 9th Meeting **cancelled** because of Wichita Falls ASG Sewing Retreat

November 8th, 2025 (Saturday) - 9:00am-5:00pm - One Day Retreat At Will Rogers Exhibition Hall. Don't miss it. Take a look at the fun pictures in this newsletter.

November 13th, 2025 (Thursday) - 6:30pm - At Will Rogers Exhibition Hall. NOTIONS! Bring your favorite or unusual sewing notion.

December 11th, 2025 (Thursday) - 6:30pm - At Will Rogers Exhibition Hall. Holiday Party with potluck dinner. We will be drawing for our raffle items: A quilt, a Singer Featherweight, or a WOW bag of batik fabrics.

January 8th, 2026 (Thursday—6:30pm—at our **NEW location**.
4301 N Classen Blvd. Suite C Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Don't forget to turn in your finished heart bags and get a ticket for a very special prize drawing at the January 8th 2026 meeting

*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.

Welcome

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2025 Sewing Retreat

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Brenda Fonzi

Brandy Tsonetokoy-Burns

2025 Sewing Retreat Committee members

Tammy Eskew

Ellen Bennett

Carolyn Humphrey

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

Julie Myers

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

Hello Friends!

It's so hard to believe we are in the last quarter of the year. And what an amazing year it has been.

The heart bag kits have been a great success and helped us reach our goal early. Let's keep up the good work by continuing to work on the bags, and get a head start for next year.

I want to thank all that have contributed to helping with our raffle. We have sold tickets at the Central Oklahoma Quilt Show and also other local guild meetings. There is still time to buy your tickets too!

A huge thanks goes to Jim Marusa (Marilyn's husband) for donating the 1953 Singer Featherweight to our raffle.

Our guild was able to have a booth the first Sunday of the Oklahoma State Fair. This was an awesome opportunity to share with others the love of sewing and let the community know about ASG! I heard at one point there was even a line to try the hands on sewing demo we had. Special thanks to all who helped work the booth and to Kelli Howery for coordinating this.

I invite all in our guild to continue being involved with these events and volunteer opportunities!

Speaking of being involved, I want to invite everyone to join us for the Chapter CAB (Chapter Advisory Board) meetings. We have many opportunities to be involved and you can start off small by being part of a committee or sharing a Co-chair position. We hold the meetings quarterly, and they are usually before the Mini-retreat Sew Day starts. The next CAB meeting is November 8th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM at Will Rogers Garden Center. Please join us!

Look out for the Holiday Party food signup sheet that will be released soon. We have invited a lot of the community to this event, and it is where the raffle drawing will take place.

Last, but not least in January our meetings will be held at our new location in the NewView building @ 4301 N Classen Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118. The building sits on the NW corner of North Classen Blvd. & NW 42nd St.

Thank you all for all the support you give to ASG and our community!

With Love,
Andrea



OKCASG Announces a new meeting place for 2026!
4301 N Classen Blvd. Suite C
Oklahoma City, OK 73118



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 (no meeting)
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

OKCASG at the Central Oklahoma Quilt Guild 2025 Quilt Show



OKCASG at the State Fair of Oklahoma



"Irene's Challenge" at the September 11, 2025 meeting



Winner was Marla Sue with a crazy pin cushion tower!



OKCASG One Day Retreat September 13th at Crown Heights Christian Church



The Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild Raffle winners drawn at our 2025 Christmas Party

Please join us at our Christmas Party on December 11th 2025 6:30pm
at Will Roger's Exhibition Building
3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
Donation of 1-\$1.00 or 6-\$5.00
need not be present to win!



A WOW bag full of Batik fabrics

**The WOW bag converts from a tote bag 11.5" high x 15" wide x 6.5 deep" to a duffel bag 15" high x 23" wide x 6.5" deep
The duffel bag size is what is filled with batik fabrics.**



**A 1953 Singer Featherweight.
New case. Original paint. Sews great.**

**An Amazing Quilt sewn by one of our members
Quilt is 78" x 68"**



Donate money for raffle tickets at one of our meetings or request tickets at
okcasg@gmail.com

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

I'm so very excited - WE MET OUR GOAL FOR 2025 HEART BAGS EARLY!!

I'm very proud of our efforts! That is a fantastic outcome! Y'all are the BEST!

I know that there are a few folks out there that have Heart Bags in progress still - please continue to finish them - it is a fabulous jump start for next year.

I won't be the chairman for next year's heart bags, but having a jump start on 2026 bags will be a huge help to the incoming chairman.

If you would like to be the next chairman - please let us know, the job description is below. I'm happy to help make the transition a smooth one! Don't tell I told, but it's easy and fun!

Duties:

Track finished Heart Bag count

Store bin (provided) of completed Heart Bags

Keep paper and wood Heart Bag Patterns and fabric available for kits (1 grocery size bag)

Facilitate and manage (with CAB support) Heart Bag Kits / Raffle tickets

Collect finished Heart Bags at meetings

Call and arrange hand off of Heart Bags to charity that stuffs the bags

Cheers,

Kelli

405-761-0220 | kellihowery@gmail.com

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	



FUN at OKCASG



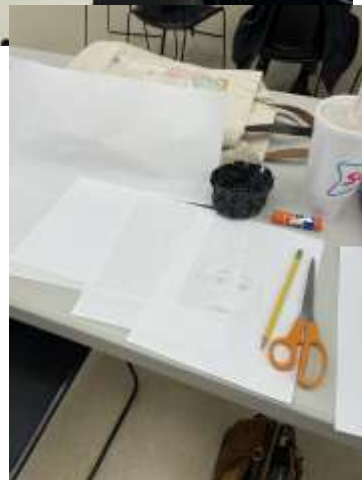
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-Marilyn

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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.

<https://www.asg.org/join-asg/>

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

October

Luella Courtney
Emma Grist
Claire Kennedy
Ruth Ann Leder
Vonnie Meritt
Rose Miller
Martha Patrick
Gloria Russell
Martha Wyckoff

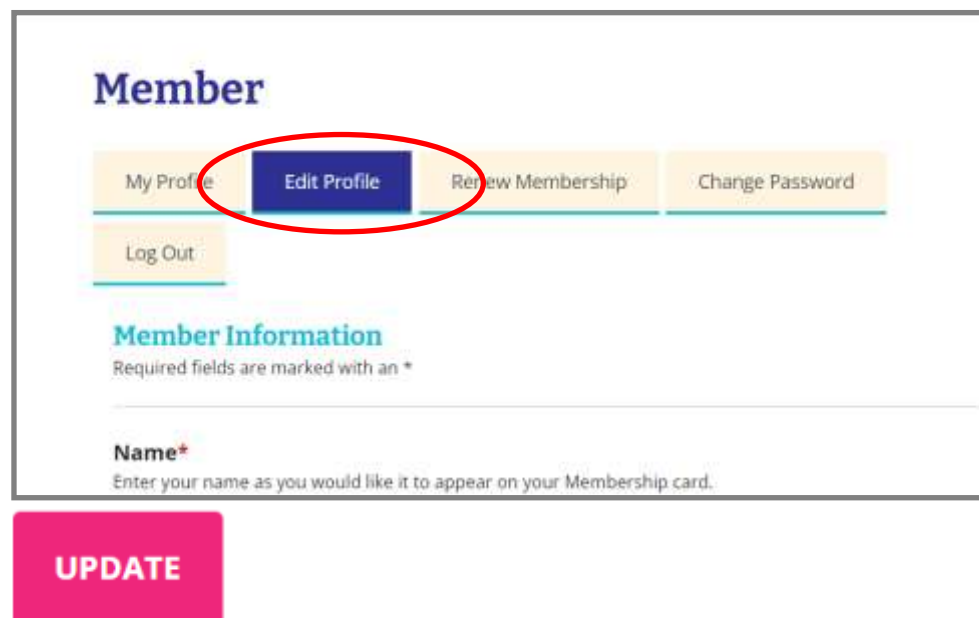
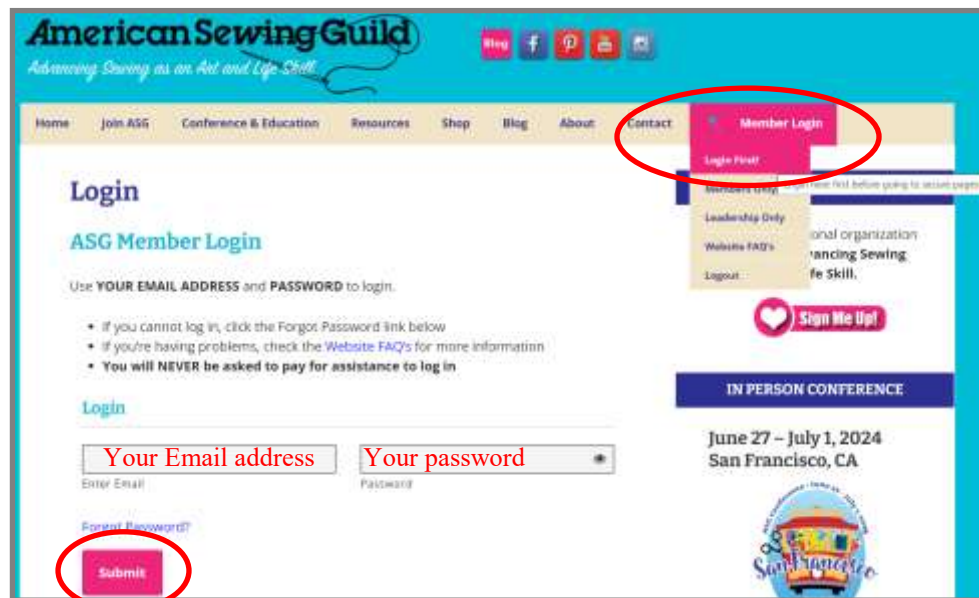
November

Amy Bruecks
Brenda Fonzi
Nancy Helquist
Roxanna Lee
Peggy Ann Peterson
Lee Ann Stusnick
Courtney Thompson
Linda Todd

December

Barbara Bain
Mary Fisher
Kelsey Henry
Kathy Spivey
Marla Sue Sweaney
Donna Taylor
Brandy Tsonetokoy-Burns

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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 405-315-5852 (Dorothy Niles) 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.

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 October 18th. 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 Trove Arts and Crafts Store. Members should receive a reminder before the meeting.

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!



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

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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.

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Chapter Oklahoma City

Payment

☐ Check payable to "American Sewing Guild"

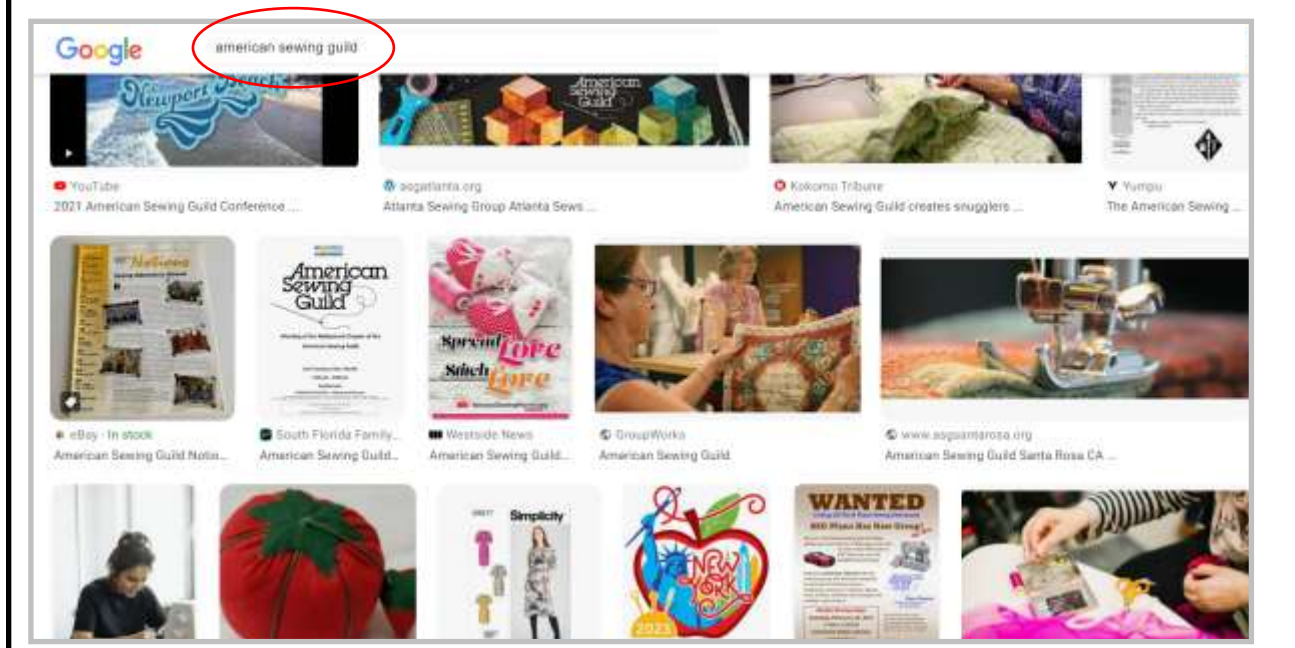
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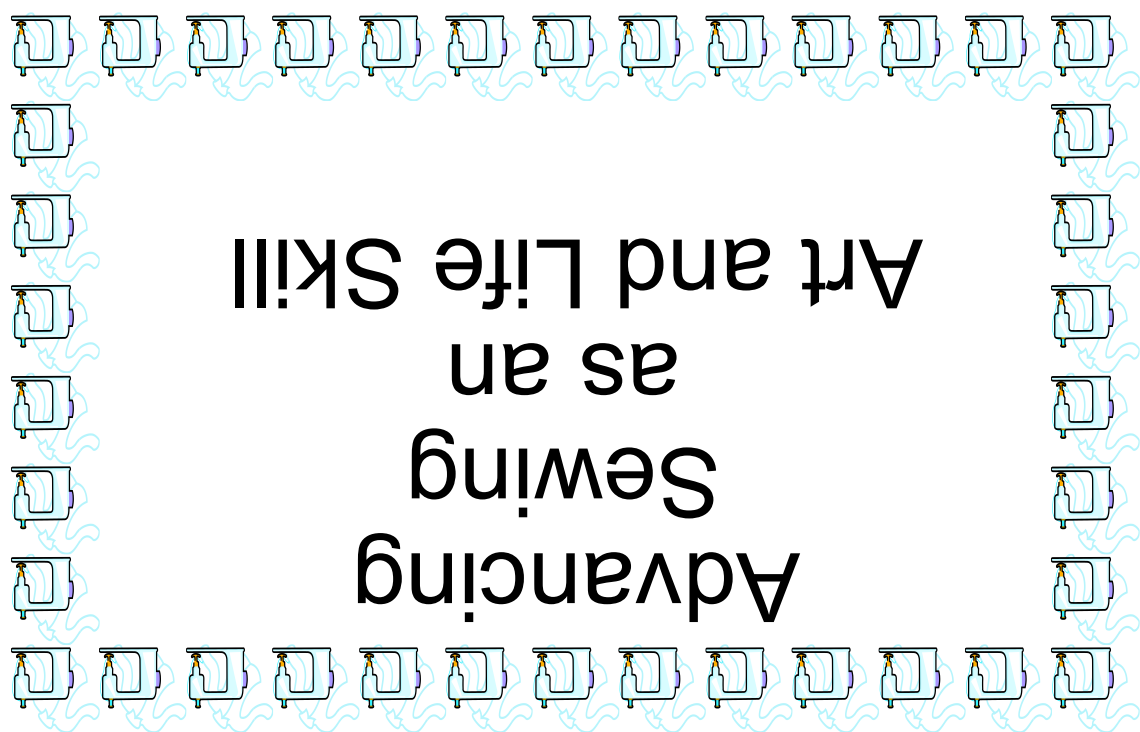
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Currently, we have 82 members in our chapter. That number changes as memberships are renewed on an annual basis throughout the calendar year. We love visitors to check out our meetings, however, we must limit the number of times a visitor can attend 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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