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Needled by Norma

Have you ever thought that fashion is overrated? After looking at what they say is new in the fashion industry today, I'm kind of at odds with who "they" are.

I guess to be honest, your mini fashion show begins just after birth. Remember that it was a big deal to choose your babies 1st outfit for the big ride home from the hospital. Oh, my how things have changed. When was the last time you saw a baby sitting on the floor with nothing on except a soft white cotton diaper? Today we are dressing the babies for ease and diapers are made of slick plastic with bunnies or boats printed on them and end up in the landfill after 4 hours of use.



The next step up the ladder is dressing for enjoyment. Kids today have colorful clothing that match their imaginations (mini lumberjacks, little princesses, pretty in pink). My favorite when I was a child was the one piece with the zipper that went from crotch to neck. I cannot even begin to tell you how many times my pot belly got pinched with that stupid zipper. I had little scratches and scabs straight up my tummy all the time.

Once you are old enough to notice everyone else's fashion, you begin to dress to blend in with the crowd so you can be accepted by everyone around you. At this time, mom and dad are still flipping the bill, so as fads change, so does your wardrobe. We went from mini's to maxi's in a matter of months.

Later in life we tend to get more career minded and our wardrobe shifts to basic outfit combinations that can be worn in multiple circumstances yet remain fresh and accessorized to pull off a distinctive look. That "little black dress" really can be worn in completely different settings just by changing to different shoes and accessorizing.

The next phase of fashion is where most of us find ourselves today. We are retired, not trying to impress anyone and want to go back a few stages and again dress for comfort and enjoyment. If you went to my closet today and pulled out all my jeans, pants and tee shirts I seriously would not have anything to wear. Frankly I've always been happy with this type of clothing and was lucky enough to have a career that allowed me to wear it all those years.

Last phase (hang on, cause it ain't pretty) (stay with me here) Diapers! Yep ladies, that's where we are headed. Lookup John 21:18. Someone else will again be dressing us and they will make it as easy for themselves as they possibly can. The adult diapers today should be fun for us as well, so I say that we should contact the makers of Depends and ask them to imprint sewing machines, dress forms and pretty flowers on them, so we can at least have something colorful that will tell our story. Oh, here's a thought, let's all dig into our stash and make pretty adult diaper covers at the May 29-30 sew-in.

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The National office will send you a renewal notice about 2 months before your membership expires. If you don't receive a renewal notice, contact the membership chairwoman, or go to the National website, ASG.org, where you can renew online.

**** Address Change****

If your address, phone number or email changes, please report the changes to both the local membership chair and the National office (You can use the website at ASG.org.)

A Note about Photos

As you have probably noticed, we love photos!

If you take photos at an ASG event, please consider posting them to Facebook or emailing them to the newsletter editor.

If you would rather not have your photo appear on Facebook, in the newsletter, or on the website please tell the webmistress, and the newsletter editor. If you don't see yourself here, then pose and smile whenever you see a camera, especially if you are sewing or shopping.



Advertising rates

This newsletter is published 6 times a year. We only accept sewing-related ads.

Our rates are:

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ASG members may place classified ads for 10 cents per word.

Cares and Concerns

If you know of a guild member who is experiencing an illness or a loss in their family, please contact Marilyn John (316) 684-0355.

Design through the Decades - ASG 40 & Fabulous!

ASG is working hard to make this year's conference a special celebration as we celebrate our 40th anniversary. This is your opportunity to make memories! All ASG conference attendees, educators and exhibitors are invited to participate in the 2018 Fashion Show to be presented during the Saturday Luncheon. Notions Editor, Anne Marie Soto, will be our commentator. The show is limited to one hour and the number of participants will determine the number of garments each entrant can model. You may submit two (2) garments, but may be limited to modeling one, so please indicate your first choice if submitting two.

The entry form for this year's conference fashion show is now available on the ASG website. Under Resources, click on ASG Conference, then under General Information, you'll find Fashion Show Entry Form. is the title and theme of this year's fashion show.

All entry forms and supporting details must be received by May 15, 2018

The **2018 Conference** will be held at the
Westgate Las Vegas Resort
3000 Paradise Road
Las Vegas NV 89109

Reservations can be made now.

The conference brochure will be available March 29th.

Registration opens April 3rd.

The Luncheon Keynote Speaker, Friday July 13th will be
Pattern Review's, Deepika Prakash



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.



2018 ANYONE CAN WIN! Anyone Can Win is the ASG equal opportunity sewing event because anyone who enters has a chance to win, regardless of sewing expertise or experience. Anyone Can Win is open to ASG members. (Open to U.S. residents only.) If the entrant is not a Junior Member, the "18 and under" category needs an ASG sponsor.

But it isn't necessary for the sponsor to have been involved in sewing the entry. We just want you to encourage young people to enter. The sponsor's name and ASG membership number must be included on the entry form. Make any of the 13 Simplicity patterns shown at https://www.asg.org/files/contest/Anyone_Can_Win.pdf. Go to the Members Only section of www.asg.org. Click on the Contest 2018 banner, fill out the entry form, and follow the easy instructions to upload and label your photo (only one photo per garment, please). That's it! The deadline for entries is midnight EDT, July 1, 2018. Making more than one garment? Enter them all. The more garments you enter, the greater your chances of winning! Four winners will be chosen electronically at random—two "over 18" ASG members and two "18 and under" entrants. The first "over 18" member selected will receive a set of Clover with Nancy Zieman® Bordeaux Ultimate Scissors and Shears; PLUS the Clover three-piece ruler set; PLUS the Clover Wedge Iron. The second member selected will receive an assortment of A&E Intrassa premium polyester thread. The two "18 and under" winners will receive gift cards from Nancy's Notions—the first for \$100 and the second for \$50. Both young winners will also receive one-year ASG Junior Memberships. Once the winners have been selected, an online gallery of all the submissions will be on the ASG web site—a virtual fashion show for your enjoyment! <https://www.asg.org/resources/contests/>

Community Service

Gowntown 2018 has come and gone. Two things I have discovered about working there is that (1) you love it or (2) you hate it. I was so happy to see 9 returning volunteers and we picked up 3 new ones this year, so we had 12 people working their tails off for a few hours. I want to add that our two newest members Jan Tuinstra and Diane Scanlan joined us and since Sondra Schmittgens retired, she finally got in on the fun. The last time we heard from the organizers, there were over 325 students at the event which was down from last year. We assisted 32 of them with 42 different alterations. Those we were in contact with represented 20 schools. Last year's scrap gowns were used to make multiple bags for this year and luckily, we salvaged the straps from many of them and added them to several strapless dresses. The girls were elated to have them added because the strapless look was foreign and/or uncomfortable for them (hooray for modesty). One young lady remembered Ronda Voorhis from last year when she had altered her brother's pants, so they had a little mini reunion on the spot. This year there seemed to be more men's suits available, so we encountered more guys getting pants shortened. ASG passed out 21 bags, 15 wraps and 5 bow ties. If you have never been a part of this endeavor, please try us next year because chances are you will like it and be hooked, it really is a lot of fun.

Flannel fabric donations: We are looking for 2 ½ yd to 3 yard lengths of good quality flannel for making hospice gowns and smaller lengths for making Days for Girls liners. Please call or email Beryl with your donations.

Your ideas? Let Beryl know if you have specific community service projects that you feel strongly about and would like to help make happen, if there is enough interest among our members.

Remember to turn your Community Service hours in to Beryl, or use the form on the asgwichita.org website.



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April Events

General Meeting –April 3

Spring Tea

Happy Corners Perfecting Miters

- ◆ Members with last name A-K bring treats
- ◆ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ◆ Norma Womack (316) 516-2218

MEOW Neighborhood Group-April 11

Pockets for Hospice Gowns

- ◆ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ◆ Marilyn Palmer (316) 744-6710
- ◆ Marilyn Kirby (316) 461-3947

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group-April 16

Following a Sew Along– part 4

- ◆ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ◆ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

Eastside Neighborhood Group-April 17

Backseat Organizer

- ◆ Marilyn Christensen
- ◆ 7 pm , Needle Nook Fabrics,
2714 Boulevard Plaza
- ◆ Theresa Corle (316) 689-6702

Serger Neighborhood Group-April 23

Curling Iron Bag

- ◆ 1:30 pm, Riverwalk Church of Christ,
225 N Waco
- ◆ Penny Ruddle (316) 263-4816

CAB Meeting –April 24

- ◆ Plan upcoming events
- ◆ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
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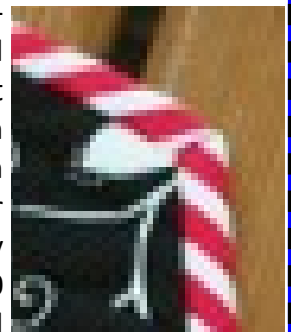
Eat and Shop-April 27

Country Quilt Stroll in Kechi

- ◆ 10:00 am, Bling Class
- ◆ 12:00 pm Lunch
- ◆ Methodist Church
(61st Street)
- ◆ Mary Baker (316) 788-2259
- ◆ <https://www.kechiquilt.com>

You ask for it

Mitering was one of the requested topics from our round table discussion in February. At the April meeting we will watch the ASG online videos, and learn some new tips and tricks for perfect mitered corners on any project. Examples: binding 90 and 60 degree corners, mitered borders, mitering uneven widths and pocket corners. Check out the samples, ask questions and share what works for you. The mitered border even shows a Y-seam which was also requested. Still need help? It will be available at the May Sew in.



Country Quilt Stroll

Come and join us for the annual Country Quilt Stroll in Kechi. Stephanie, owner of Kechi Quilt Impressions and I have planned a fun day. We'll meet at 10:00 at the Methodist Church on 61st street for the 'Adding Bling' class. (Class fee is \$28.00, includes supplies). The Quilt Show will be open for those who don't want to do the class. We'll meet for lunch at the church at 12:00. The local BBQ restaurant will provide lunch for \$7.50 each. Afternoon activities include Quilt Show and shopping. The local artisan shops will be open for shopping and demonstrations. Those interested in the rug making class contact Kechi Quilt Impressions for dates, times and fees. Contact Mary Baker (778-2259) for more information and/or to sign up for lunch and the class.

May Events

General Meeting-May 1

Notion Commotion

- ♦ Peggy Engel Hen Feathers Quilt Shop
- ♦ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 516-2218

MEOW Neighborhood Group-May 9

Embroidery on Cork and Leather

- ♦ Judy Troyer
- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Marilyn Palmer (316) 744-6710
- ♦ Marilyn Kirby (316) 461-3947

Eastside Neighborhood Group-May 15

Travel Bag

- ♦ Penny Ruddle
- ♦ 7 pm, Needle Nook Fabrics,
2714 Boulevard Plaza
- ♦ Theresa Corle (316) 689-6702

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group-May 21

Following a Sew Along—Simplicity 3688

- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

CAB Meeting –May 22

- ♦ Plan upcoming events
- ♦ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ♦ Norma Womack (316) 516-2218

Serger Neighborhood Group-May 28

Glasses Case

- ♦ 1:30 pm, Riverwalk Church of Christ
225 N Waco
- ♦ Penny Ruddle (316) 263-4816

5th Tuesday Wednesday Sew In

May 29 & 30

Work on Projects, Go to Lunch!

- ♦ 9 am to 4:00 pm,
- ♦ Riverwalk Church of Christ
225 N Waco

Favorite notions make a commotion

Peggy has owned and operated Hen Feathers Quilting ... Where The Cool Chicks Shop, for 16 years. The shop is located on the corner of Douglas and Rock Road and is known for the wide variety of fabrics, notions, patterns, kits and quilting and sewing accessories. Peggy and her staff offer fun classes and clubs for both the new and experienced sewer. Come and join Peggy for a fun filled program where she will share some of her favorite notions, sewing tips and techniques

Get Creative with Cork Fabric

Judy Troyer will share her experience sewing cork and leather fabrics at the May MEOW meeting,



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Here's A Chuckle:

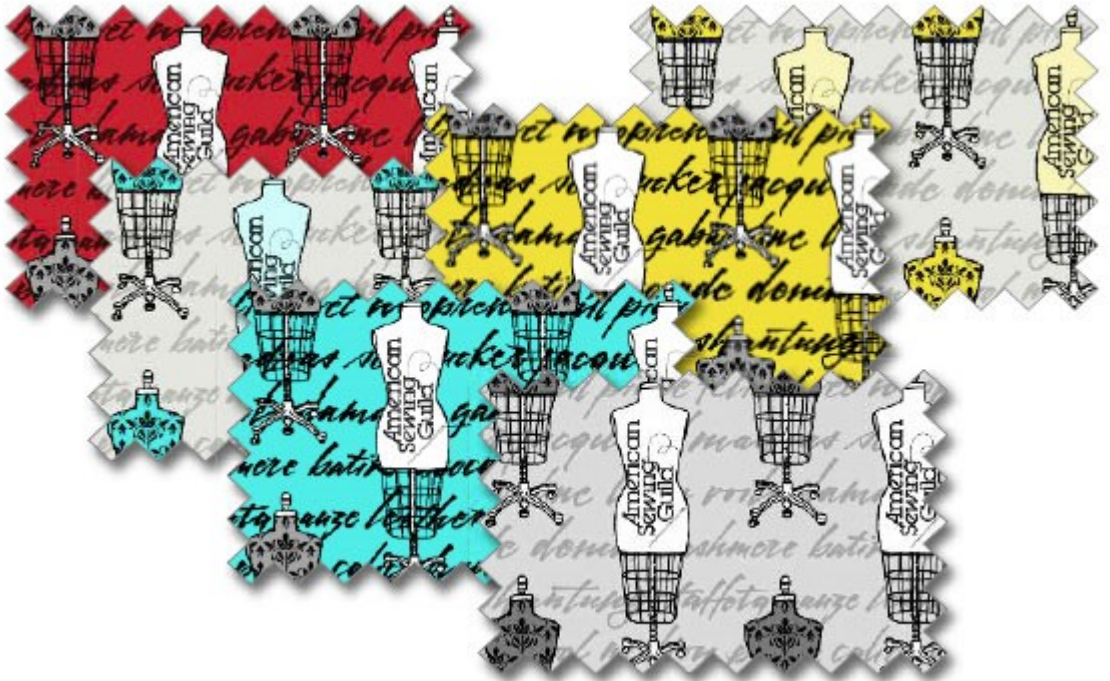
The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the *hereafter*. I told him, "Boy, am I glad to here you say that. I do it all the time."
No matter where I am—in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement. I usually find myself asking, "Now, what am I *here after*."

The Newsletter deadline for the June/July issue is May 4.

ASG Fabric/Design Contest-

How You Can Help Our Chapter Win A National Educator Event

There is still time to order fabric and submit your entries of the items you have created using fabric from last years ASG Fabric Design Contest, The new entry deadline is May 31. There are several color options and types of fabric to choose from. Contest items do not need to be made solely of the ASG fabric, but the fabric with the ASG



logo must be prominently featured. Order your fabric at www.myfabricdesigns.com/Artist/AmericanSewingGuild/Main with a 20% discount if you use the code: ASG20. . After your creation is completed, you will need to submit your name, your chapter name, and a photo of your creation making sure that the winning design is clearly displayed to asgfabricdesigncontest@gmail.com no later than May 31, 2018. If you do not have computer access, please ask a fellow member for help. The winner will be drawn at random for a prize at the ASG conference in July. The chapter with the highest percentage of participation will be awarded a free education event by a National Educator to be held within the following 10 months. You are allowed multiple entries as long as they are different projects (you cannot make 5 hot pads but can make a purse, cap, checkbook cover, apron and pin cushion).

Some items have already shown up at Show & Share and at neighborhood group meetings. They include doll dresses, name tags, tote bags, vests, I-phone holders, water bottle holders, fabric baskets and more.

Now with this information, I just know that your scissors will be clipping and your machines humming to make wonderful creations as contest entries. We will share our entries at our June meeting. For every item you make (multiples are allowed) you will be entered in a drawing for a sewing machine light being donated by Betty Brees.



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treasure from what a sister member no longer wants.

Starting in January 2018 the Fabric Fund will no longer keep fabric
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National ASG site: www.asg.org

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