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## Needled by Norma

Bittersweet is defined as pleasure mingled with regret. That's kind of how I feel as of the writing of this article. I'm glad in a sense that it's my last article because I don't have to come up with a random sewing related topic to conjure up, yet bitter because I have a small list that I never got to use: (1) Staying connected because the chain is only as strong as its weakest link. (2) Sewing is cheaper and more fun than therapy. (3) Don't brag, Don't nag, Don't lag, Don't sag and Don't wag. (4) How would Grandma react to today's fashions and machines. (5) The Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of sewing. Plus, there are also numerous bits of wisdom that never got repeated: (1) View one another as partners not competitors. (2) What's down the well comes out of the bucket. (3) If you're gonna make a mark, make one that lasts. (4) Live your life so they don't have to lie at your funeral. (5) The good ol' days weren't really that good, just old. (6) Even a blind squirrel finds a nut every now and then. (7) Sometimes I feel like I'm rearranging the chairs on the deck of the Titanic. (8) Don't live with one foot in hell and the other on a banana peel. And my favorite (9) God expects us to wear out, not rust out.



Now that I got all of that nonsense off my chest, I would like to thank all of those who have been patient with me because I was never (nor do I aspire to be) a fan of Roberts Rules of Order. I'm sure I will be remembered as the president who always forgot to get last months minutes approved before adjourning this months meeting, and forever asking "do we need to vote on this?" Thank all of you for stepping up when we needed extra bodies to get things accomplished. I'm afraid to list name by name for fear of leaving anyone out, but you know who you are (Gal 6:4).

Finally, I want to thank all the membership for accepting me, warts and all. Thank you for allowing me this forum to voice my opinions that may or may not always align with yours, and for allowing me to include scripture references as a part of my article (1 Tim 4:13) without contention. I am looking forward to 2019 to see how much more we can accomplish and watch our membership grow to include the next generation of sewists.

Norma

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## 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.

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## 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.

## *Election Results*

### *CAB officers for 2019*

The annual meeting of American Sewing Guild Wichita KS chapter was held November 6th. Written reports from each CAB member were distributed to members. The following Chapter Advisory Board members were elected.

President	Betty Brees
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Diana Scanlan
Secretary	Norma Womack
Treasurer	Sondra Schmittgens

## *Welcome new Committee chairs to the CAB*

Membership	Linda Bryan
Community Service	Kay Casss
Neighborhood Groups	Marilyn John
Special Events	Dalene McDonald
Librarian	Jan Adams
Fabric FUNd	Jan Tuinstra

See page 2 for the contact information for the entire Chapter Advisory Board.

## *Dreams and Seams Delivery is Changing*

Today there are many ways of keeping in touch with our fellow members that share a passion for sewing. Keeping in touch gives us the opportunity to be inspired by both our friends and experts. It is exposure to new ideas, new techniques, to explore and learn together. It is about opening up the world of sewing and developing friendships with those who share our interests. [WWW.facebook.com/asgwichita](http://WWW.facebook.com/asgwichita) lists upcoming events as well as reports on past events. Members are encouraged to post their projects and share posts to inform, entertain and educate fellow sewists about the fellowship of our group. Our website [ASGWichita.org](http://ASGWichita.org) has an upcoming listing of events. In the members only section you can find pictures of show and share, every newsletter ever published by our chapter, and contact information for chapter members.

[ASG.org](http://ASG.org) and [www.facebook.com/sewingguild](http://www.facebook.com/sewingguild) give you access to happenings on a national level, national discounts and what other chapters are doing.

Early every month you receive an email of the months coming events. This listing is more current than the newsletter and will include any changes and corrections.

The special interest group/neighborhood group leaders stay in contact with members who attend meetings with monthly reminders.

Beginning with the February/March 2019 issue of *Dreams and Seams* members with email will be notified that the latest issue is available. Paper copies will be available on request. It will be available sooner than delivery by USPS, and you will be able to see all of the photographs in color. It will continue to be published six times a year, on or before the 1st of February, April, June, August, October, and December. It will continue to be available on both [ASG.org](http://ASG.org) and [ASGWichita.org](http://ASGWichita.org).

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### *ASG Quilters*

Have you ever wanted to make a quilt? Join the ASG Quilters as we go back to basics. Starting in January, we learn the process of making a quilt.

We will begin by learning how to use a ruler, cutting and rotary cutter to make simple fabric squares. Then we will learn how to put them together. We will cover the difference between a finished block and an unfinished block.

Each of the following months, we will learn basic blocks such as half squares triangles, quarter square triangles, and flying geese.

We will learn how to place the blocks and sew them together to make the quilt top. We will continue with paper piecing, adding borders, making a quilt sandwich, quilting and binding. By the end of the year we will have a nice sampler quilt.

At the November meeting, we had 10 in attendance and we worked on Christmas stockings using a quilt as you go method. We also discussed the pros and cons of prewashing fabric to prevent the quilt from shrinking. One tip was to serge the edge of the fabric before washing to prevent raveling. We also discussed the pros and cons of cutting off the selvage.



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We meet the third Thursday of the month at Sewing and Embroidering Works in Park City at 1:30. At the January meeting we will make a Scrappy Trip Along block using strip piecing methods. We would love for you to come and join us. I also want to thank Shirley Binder as she is wonderful at being our mentor.

*Remember to turn your Community Service hours in to Beryl, or use the form on the [asgwichita.org](http://asgwichita.org) website.*

Our international project, "Days for Girls" feminine hygiene kits, has two deadlines: December and June. Go to [www.DaysForGirls.org](http://www.DaysForGirls.org) website to register for permission to use the pattern and access excellent instructions and videos on how-to make them!



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## On-Going Fundraisers

*Fabric FUNd* is a great perk for belonging to ASG. Not only does it give us a nice income for our chapter, it gives us an opportunity to rid our personal stashes of unwanted items or pick up a treasure from what a sister member no longer wants.

Keep in mind that the Fabric Fund will no longer retain fabric from month to month. If you bring fabric and it doesn't sell at that meeting you may either pick up your fabric at the end of the meeting, or leave it to be used for or donated to charity.

**We receive rewards money from the following:**

**Dillons Community Rewards program** <https://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>

**www.smile.amazon.com**

## December Events

### General Meeting –December 4

#### Christmas Party- Optional Gift Exchange

#### Members with last names J thru Z bring treats

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

### MEOW Neighborhood December 12

#### Christmas Party

- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver  
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Marilyn Palmer (316) 644-6710
- ♦ Marilyn Kirby (316) 461-3947

### Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group– December 17

#### More Decorative Hand Stitching

#### Sondra Schmittgens

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

### Spring Challenge

Make something with a collar, placket or cuff...or all 3. Bring it to the Spring Tea at our meeting April 2.



To help with meeting room and set up costs a donation jar will be at the membership table starting with the February meeting.

### Save the date

The 2019 Hospice Gown Sewing Party has been scheduled for September 7.

The Newsletter deadline for the February/March issue of Dreams and Seams is January 4

At our *Christmas Party* at the December General meeting we will have an optional gift exchange (gift must be home made). Make a gift. Bring it unwrapped to the December 4th meeting. Show and Share (source or pattern). Join the game and you will go home with a treasure made by an ASG Sewing Friend.



### *Christmas stockings and stocking stuffers*

will be collected at the December meeting. The stocking pattern will be available at the ASG monthly meetings and is available at [asgwichita.org/](http://asgwichita.org/) in the members resource section. Suggestions for stocking stuffers from the Wichita and Andover Children's home include: shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, toothpaste, hair grease or spray, deodorant, tampons, travel-size hygiene items, nail care items, disposable razors/shaving cream, lip balm, hair accessories, socks and underwear. Infants/toddlers need bath wash, diapers, wipes, pull-ups, diaper cream, socks and underwear, bottles, pacifiers, sleepers, onesies, toddler toys. Kids could use UNO and other card games, art supplies, school supplies (notebook paper, pens, mechanical pencils, 3-ring binders, sturdy back packs, journals), sleeping bags, flip-flops (shower shoes), socks, T-shirts, PJs, sweatpants, hoodies. They'd appreciate any activity passes (bowling, movies, museums, sports events, skating), MP3 players w/ear buds, LEGOs, RC cars, Science/educational kits, Puzzles (preschool to 100+ pieces), Xbox and Wii games (rated E), Current DVD movies (G, PG, PG-13), and bicycles for teens. Individually packaged snack foods, such as juice boxes, fruit cups, fast food gift cards also welcomed.



# January Events

## No General Meeting-January 1

- ♦ Happy New Year

## MEOW Neighborhood Group-January 9

### PIGS & UFO's

#### Members Bring Projects

- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Marilyn Palmer (316) 644-6710
- ♦ Marilyn Kirby (316) 461-3947

## ASG Quilters-January 17

### Strip Piecing

- ♦ 1:30 pm, Sewing & Embroidery Works, 1590 E. 61st St N. Park City KS
- ♦ Anne Jesseph (316) 744-1136

## Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group-January 21

### Crocheted Edges

#### Threads Magazine Issue 200

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

## CAB Meeting –January 22

### Plan upcoming events

- ♦ 1:30 pm, Northridge Friends Church 2655 Bullinger, Wichita KS 67204
- ♦ Betty Brees (316) 516-2218

## The Fitting Group –January 23

- ♦ 10 am, Jan Adams House
- ♦ Sondra Schmittgens (316) 644-7049



## Serger Neighborhood Group-January 28

### Fingerless Gloves

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

## 5th Tuesday Wednesday Sew In-January 29 & 30

### Work on Projects, Go to Lunch!

- ♦ 9 am to 4:00 pm,
- ♦ Riverwalk Church of Christ 225 N Waco
- ♦ Betty Brees (316) 516-2218

## Sewcabulary

FART	Fabric Acquisition Road Trip
HIPS	Hundreds of Ideas Piling Skyward
NESTY	Not Even STarted Yet
PIGS	Projects In Grocery Sacks
PFC	Professional Fabric Collector
PHD	Projects Half Done
SABLE	Stash Accumulated Beyond Life Expediency
SEX	Stash Enhancing eXperience
STASH	Special Treasurers All Securely Hidden
UFO	UnFinished Object
VIP	Very Important Project
WHMM	Works Hidden in My Mind
WIP	Work In Progress
WISP	Work In Slow Progress
WINHWIT	What IN the Heck Was I Thinking
WOMBAT	Waste Of Money Batting And Time

## Welcome New Members

- We welcome you and encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and get involved in a Neighborhood Group.
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the November 16 Eat & Shop at the  
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## *NEW NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP! The Fitting Group*

I am happy to announce the formation of a new neighborhood group. The Fitting Group. I know what you're thinking...what a catchy name! We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10AM at member Jan Adams home. Sondra Schmittgens leads this group. Call Sondra for the address if you would like to come. Our next meeting is January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our goal is to become accomplished at fitting a variety of figures using a variety of published fitting methods. We will learn to fit ourselves and then we hope to become a resource for the group at large.

After we feel we have some well-fitting basic garments we may take a stab at designing our own clothing.

If you would like to come to our next meeting please look through your closet and pick some clothes

that you like and feel fit well. Measure them to determine the amount of ease you prefer. Bring these clothes to the meeting to discuss and show. You may also bring bad examples if you like.

We will be making a pattern template as well (reference Threads #178 pg 44-49) for each of us that will make the start of the fitting process easier. If you would like to do this bring a poster board or foam core board to the November meeting.



Betty Brees

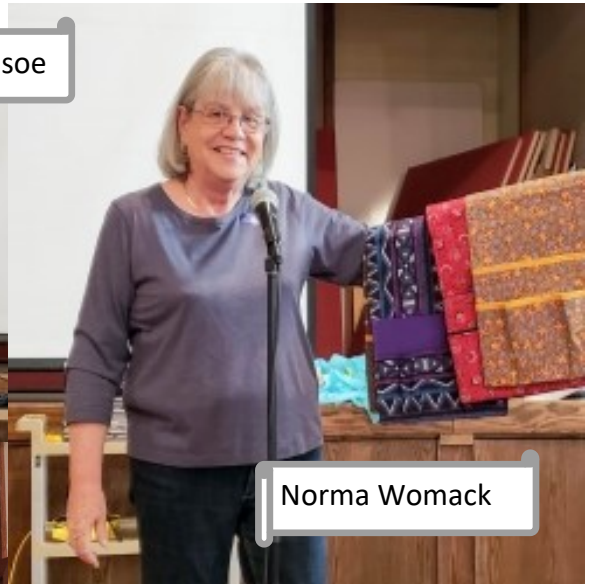


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