

Sewing's a Brees.....

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Dreams and Seams is published six times per year in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

The Newsletter deadline for the October/November issue of Dreams and Seams is September 4.

I was thinking I wanted to whine that all I wanted to do was spend time with my sewing sisters but we all know how little that accomplishes so I will discuss sewing things on the national level.

On July 9, I attended the very first Virtual Annual Corporate Meeting of the American Sewing Guild. This is approximately my tenth corporate meeting attending as president, chapter representative, or Board of Director member. Some you can only tell apart by who gives the State of the Guild (Board Chair Rosemary Fajgier) and who does the Keynote Presentation (Deb Skarda). This year's State of the Guild and Keynote are on the asg.org web site.



Membership Growth Awards went to the Jacksonville, FL Chapter. They are a medium chapter and went from 107 to 134 members and the Northern Delaware Chapter which is a small chapter went from 18 to 30 members. The increase was from June 2019 through May 2020. National is planning an upcoming ASG Leadership Exchange session on membership growth and the chapter presidents from these two chapters will be asked to share their tips with us for growing and retaining membership.

There were no members who applied to run for the Board of Directors so according to the Policy & Procedures manual the board will appoint the new director and Rita Johnson has agreed to stay on until that happens.

There is good news for members with extensive Blueprint/Craftsy libraries of forever classes. New owner, TN Marketing will be reclaiming the Craftsy name and transitioning to a new Craftsy website which is scheduled to launch around September 1st. Until then our forever libraries will continue to be accessible at the Blueprint website.

National is also awaiting updated information from Nancy's Notions new owners about the continuation of our discounts with them. Information will be sent out to all members when that is confirmed.

Hopefully all have been able to attend the National NG meetings. So far we have been helpfully instructed by Gail Yellen and Sarah Veblen. Zoom is relatively easy to navigate. If you are having problems, I would be happy to set a time with you and we can walk through it together.

Now for the big news. National is collecting the number of masks made by members and I was able to report that Wichita made more than 3355. Yea! Chapter members!!!!

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Membership Renewal

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:

1/8 page--\$60/year

¼ page --\$120/year

½ page--\$210/year

1 page--\$300/year

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.

Making a Mask Maker by Sylvia Steinshouer

Over the years I have taught or tried to teach several people how to sew. I started first with the method I learned and discovered that today with new tools and methods, I was living in the Dark Ages. No one wants to take the time anymore to make the back of the project look as good as the front. "Hand sewing" is out of the question for most folks.

When my oldest daughter Heidi was 12 years old I took her and a niece to the store and we picked patterns and fabric for sundresses. I must have been a better teacher for my niece Danna, because she wore her dress. Heidi, on the other hand, was never satisfied with the way hers looked. To this day I cannot sew clothes for her.

After that I had several Girl Scout troops and I was successful one or two times, but not consistently. I did however, get two granddaughters and a family friend to complete quilts at the quilt guild summer camps. By this time I had learned to be complimentary and to do the ripping for them. One of them was so excited to sew that she asked for and received a sewing machine for Christmas and a rotary cutter and mat for her birthday. She loved doing it and worked much too fast. I think she was trying to get her projects done before the other girls finished. When she turned 11, she switched interests to basketball, soccer, and tennis. She has probably sewed for the last time until she gets older.



Recently I have been making scrub hats and masks for the most part. It all takes time and my daughters are giving them away faster than I can complete them. Since I was always in the sewing room, my husband Darrel came up to see what was going on up there. I first enlisted him to help with rotary cutting and he cut out a lot of masks and ties. Then I showed him how to use the sewing machine and he stitched and stitched. I was down to making binding, ripping, and threading the machine. Lesson learned for me was that the older the student, the faster they learn. He even said this a.m. "are we caught up on masks?"

Remember to turn your Community Service hours in to Kay, or use the form on the asgwichita.org website. Go to ASG- Wichita <http://asgwichita.org/> Log into 'Member Resources' then click on Submit Community Service Hours. Or email Kay at . kaycass15@hotmail.com .

August Events

General Meeting –August 4

- ♦ Betty Brees (316) 838-3709

MEOW Neighborhood Group–August 12

Hospice Pockets & Harbour House Donation

Zoom On-line Meeting

- ♦ Wanita Wright (316) 733-6626
- ♦ Sylvia Steinshouer (316) 685-6188

Virtual National Neighborhood Group- August 13

Cheryl Lynch

Learn more about Cheryl at <http://www.cheryllynchquilts.com/>.

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group– August 17

Constructing a Welt Pocket

Zoom On-line Meeting

- ♦ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

The Fitting Group –August 19

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

ASG Quilters–August 20

Orange Peel

- ♦ Anne Jesseph (316) 744-1136

Serger Neighborhood Group–August 24

- ♦ Penny Ruddle (316) 263-4816

CAB Meeting –25

Plan upcoming events

Zoom On-line Meeting

- ♦ Betty Brees (316) 838-3709

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic continuing all in person scheduled meetings are on hold. Some of the Neighborhood groups are planning virtual meetings. Watch for emails from your neighborhood group leaders for more information. We will regroup once we are able to meet again. We will send out emails with meeting notifications. Please continue to share your projects on our face book group page. [American Sewing Guild Wichita Chapter Group](#)

Call for Nominations

Susie Dyer has been named the chair of the nominating committee. She will be assisted by Jean Horstman.

This is a call for nominations for Vice President/Programs. All other officers are willing to run for reelection.

If you wish to nominate someone for Vice President please contact Susie @ ladybugdyer@yahoo.com or call her at 316-777-2096 by Aug.15th.

Threads Magazine ASG Offer

It's time to take new and renewal orders for Threads Magazine. The order deadline is November 3. Please check your subscription to see when it expires. A 1 yr subscription is \$26.36, 2 year \$43.96, 3 year \$63.16. You will need to pay when you order. Checks made out to Wichita ASG. Send Order information to ASG WICHITA KS CHAPTER PO Box 49539 Wichita, KS 67201-4539



September Events

General Meeting– September 1

- ♦ Betty Brees (316) 838-

MEOW Neighborhood Group–September 9

Stabalizers

Teresa Morris

Zoom On-line Meeting

- ♦ Wanita Wright (316) 733-6626
- ♦ Sylvia Steinshouer (316) 685-6188

Mini Virtual ASG Conference

September 11,12 &13

Watch for details from National

The Fitting Group –September 16

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

Hospice Gown Sewing Party

September 19

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Kay Cass (316) 304-3748

ASG Quilters–September 17

- ♦ Anne Jesseph (316) 744-1136

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group–

September 21

Pocket Instruction Exchange

Zoom On-line Meeting

- ♦ Shirley Binder (316) 687-7257

CAB Meeting –September 22

Plan upcoming events

Zoom On-line Meeting

- ♦ Betty Brees (316) 516-2218

Serger Neighborhood Group–September 28

- ♦ Penny Ruddle (316) 263-4816

5th Tuesday Wednesday Sew In- September 29 &30

Work on Projects, Go to Lunch!

- ♦ 9:30 am to 4:00 pm,
- ♦ McDonald's Sewing & Vacuum
601 N. West Street
(Plaza West Shopping Center)
- ♦ Sign up with Betty Brees 316-838-3709 or email her at 04120501@cox.net as we are limiting the number to 12.
If the county is still recommending masks, MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED.

Anyone Can Win Contest

Dead line to enter September 30.

Information at <https://www.asg.org/resources/contests/>

Hospice Gown Sewing Party

Can you believe this will be our 5th year for sewing hospice gowns for Harry Hines Hospice. Beryl's vision in 2015 and has come a long way and we have learned many things to speed up the flow of the process. Betty passed on an email she received from the family on a Harry Hines client thanking us for our talent. The event this year is scheduled for September 19th, 9:00-3:00. If you would like to be a part of the party this year you can sign up by emailing Kay Cass at kaycass15@hotmail.com.

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your name and phone# -

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Pocket Ideas shared by Betty Brees at our July Virtual Sew Inspired Zoom meeting. These are just a few of the samples she made one year in a class she took at conference.



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