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## *It Takes All of Us*

Fit, Fashion or Function,

Why do you sew? Is it for one of the reasons above?

Or maybe just to create something spectacular. When I hear the words, “I like your top” what are people really

saying? Do they like the design in the fabric, fabric

type, pattern style of the garment or how the garment fits me. I tend to look at the fabric design first and then the style of the garment and then the fit.

If I am sewing for fit or fashion my desire is to have a garment that looks great and not have those puckers, drag lines, gaps, gapes and other issues that affect the “fit” of what I am wearing. That’s a process and I admire you ladies that have it down. You always look nice and well put together. I’m not there yet, but still work-

ing on it. In the end, I put it on, tug here and there,

think that it’s close, turn away from the mirror, go

about my business for the day and completely forget

about the fit of my clothes. Because we know if we

don’t like it and it doesn’t feel good, we are taking it off,

hanging in the closet, and I guess we think it will fix itself for the next time we try it on.

My functional sewing is mostly non-clothing related. Something I do for my husband, making a bag to cart stuff around or fixing my drapes. The drapes are functional and that is about all I really care about when it comes to them. The story about those stinking drapes that lead to this article can be found later in this newsletter on Page 7.

Thanks so much.

*Teresa and Kay*



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Please think about volunteering.

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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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.

## *April Meeting is our Spring Tea and Challenge*



Get your teacup out and your hats and gloves on ladies! Our April meeting is our Spring Tea. Members whose last names begin with A-L will bring a dish to share. (M-Z will bring snacks in December). Please bring your favorite teacup for your tea and wear your favorite hat. The CAB will provide iced tea, and paper products. Your challenge for the meeting is to create something solely from your stash. (Exception: you can buy backing for your quilt.) Come with your smiles and creativity. It will be a fabulous event you won't want to miss!

### *I Have a Secret!*

#### **February and March Secrets and Person:**

##### Secret/Person

- ♦ I love Insects! / Sondra Schmittigens
- ♦ I have flown and glider in Hawaii and biplane in Texas. / Jean Horstman
- ♦ I used to be a Pixy photographer and took pictures at the JC Penney's Store / Chris DeWeese
- ♦ Jean Horstman taught me how to macramé in the 1980's. She tried to teach me to crochet — NOT a success. / Nancy Boewe
- ♦ I have 2 new great-grandsons—many hobbies. / Judy Troyer
- ♦ I have shot rifles since I was 5 years old. I was on the K-State ROTC Rifle Team. / Becky Allen-Bouska



### Mark your calendar for 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Sew-Ins

Part of the fun of sewing is getting together with like-minded friends and sewing together. When there are 5 Tuesdays in a month, we get together at McDonalds Sewing and Vacuum 221 N West St. (NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS) to sew on that Tuesday and the following Wednesday. You would be surprised about what you can learn. Did you know the size of a sewing machine is written on the needle? Someone always has a clever idea of repurposing something and there is a wealth of knowledge if you just have a question and can't figure it out. You're welcome to come on both days and leave your machine set up or come just one day! We would love to see you there. You can work on what you want even if doesn't need to involve a sewing machine. We do ask that you let us know if you are coming the week before because space is limited. If you have questions *Wanita Wright* 316-733-6626 will be happy to answer them for you. Dates for this year are:

[April 30/May1](#)

[July 30/31](#)

[October 29/30](#)

### *Tips and Tricks*

Place a piece of thin sheet metal under your cutting mat and then use magnets to hold fabric in place.

### *DID YOU KNOW?*

Did you know that ASG National Headquarters is on many social media platforms? You can follow and share posts from these sources to your chapter accounts.

**Facebook:** American Sewing Guild – Headquarters

**YouTube.com:** American Sewing Guild  
You Tube has several short instructional tutorials, Fireside Chat Presentations, and videos from recent Annual Conferences.

**Instagram:** @asgildhq

### *News from National*

From: Carolyn Chen, Chair, National Board of Directors

In early February, ASG Headquarters downsized and moved to a smaller office space in the same building. The street address remains the same, but the suite number has changed FROM #510 to #230. This change to a smaller space has been driven by the rising costs of conducting business, reduction in membership and downsizing staff size to adhere to a manageable budget to sustain the organization. Apologies if anyone had trouble communicating with HQ while the move was going on. It took time to switch over telephone and internet connections and problems with both were experienced during the change over.

### *Does it Work?*



Five Speed Cordless Electric Rotary Fabric Cutting Machine, cuts thru fabrics, leather, blankets, plastic sheets, carpets, or cardboard, each up to 1.1" thick. It has an octagonal alloy steel knife blade with a battery charger. Initial charging takes about 4 hours, but renewal charging is just over 1 hour. It has 2 batteries and some vendors offer a replacement blade. The blade is wear-proof and corrosion-proof. The machine has an automatic sharpening device on the inner side of the blade and a lubrication system. The base's underside has tiny wheels and the fabric sits on the base before it hits the blade, so you don't even need a cutting table to cut your material. It also has a LED light that illuminates your cutting path. The cutting is crisp and fast. I have found marking the cutting line and going slowly gives pretty accurate on-line cuts. It doesn't do well with

tight curves or inside corners. It is great with FAST cutting where accuracy is not needed. It works great for large volume cutting for dog beds, etc and multiple layers of fabric for Hospice Gowns, heavy fabrics like thick leather, etc. With the current pricing available, it costs just under twice as much as an expensive pair of hand scissors. Well worth the price to save your shoulders and hands if you need to cut large volumes of fabric or heavy fabrics. Wanita Wright.

# April Events

## General Meeting –April 2

### Spring Tea Challenge (See Page3 for details)

- ♦ 1:30 pm, [Ridgepoint Church, 8000 W 21st St N, Wichita, KS 67205 \(NOTE LOCATION CHANGE\)](#)
- ♦ Teresa Morris (316) 655-5699

## MEOW Neighborhood Group—April 10

- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Janeen Miller (316) 648-6541
- ♦ Wanita Wright (316) 733-6626

## Pet Pals- April 12

- ♦ 9 am, Wanita Wright's Home
- ♦ 12 Sandpiper St, Wichita, KS
- ♦ Wanita Wright (316) 733-6626

## Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group—April 15

- ♦ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver (Parklane Shopping Center)
- ♦ Diana Scanlan, (316) 214-3490

## The Fitting Group— April 17

### Fitting and 1/4 sized patterns

- ♦ 11 am, The Sewing Center  
2407 W. 13th
- ♦ Sondra Schmittgens (316) 644-7049

## ASG Quilters—April 18

- ♦ 1:30 pm, Sewing & Embroidery Works,  
1590 E. 61st St N., Park City KS
- ♦ Jan Tuinstra (316) 644-2362

## Serger Neighborhood Group— April 25

- ♦ 1:30 pm, Teresa Morris' Home  
745 Prosperity Lane, Andover, KS
- ♦ Teresa Morris (316) 655-5699

## Next: 5th Tuesday Wednesday Sew In- April 30 & May 1st

### Work on Projects, Go to Lunch!

- ♦ 10:00 am to 4:00 pm,
- ♦ McDonald's Sewing & Vacuum  
221 N. West Street (NOTE NEW LOCATION)
- ♦ Wanita Wright (316) 733-6626

## *Eat and Shops are Back!*

### Friday April 26th, Eat and Shop, to the Women's Fair at Century

II. Meet for lunch at 11:00, Merle's Place 404 N. Seneca. We have a reservation. Women's Fair opens at 12:00 Noon. Admission is \$11.00 for seniors. There is free parking in designated lots with a free shuttle to the door. If you have not attended a Women's Fair in the past it is much like a Home Expo for women. Lots of shopping (don't forget your credit card) Fashion shows, jewelry, make-up & etc. Did I mention shopping..... We will be on our own at the show. Everyone seems to have their own speed. We can regroup at the stage for one of the shows... Doors close at 7:00 PM

Just remember if you, car pooled and parked don't forget any riders..... We seldom lose someone, but it could happen. We need to exchange cell phone numbers at lunch.

Websites: [www.womensfair.com](http://www.womensfair.com) Merle's Place on [Facebook](#).

Let me know if you are planning on joining us. **Need lunch count by April 23rd.** Nancy Boewe, 316-681-0000 home, 316-253-0000 cell, or nanz.ict@gmail.com.

Next Eat and Shop TBD Needle in a Haystack, Severy,

## *Welcome New Members*

We welcome you and encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and get involved in a Neighborhood Group.

- ♦ Carla Burghardt; Derby, KS
- ♦ Carolyn Eastman; Wichita, KS
- ♦ Cindy Farrenburg; Wichita, KS
- ♦ Sharon Huddleston; Derby, KS
- ♦ Alice Manning; Park City, KS



# May Events

## General Meeting—May 7

### Lisa Johnson, Guest Speaker

- ◆ 1:30 pm, Riverwalk Church of Christ  
225 N Waco St, Wichita KS 67202
- ◆ Teresa Morris (316) 655-5699

## MEOW Neighborhood Group—May 8

- ◆ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver  
(Parklane Shopping Center)
- ◆ Janeen Miller (316) 648-6541
- ◆ Wanita Wright (316) 733-6626

## Pet Pals—May 10

- ◆ 9 am, Wanita Wright's Home
- ◆ 12 Sandpiper St, Wichita, KS
- ◆ Wanita Wright (316) 733-6626

## Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group—May 20

- ◆ 1:30 pm, A-1 Singer, 1012 S. Oliver  
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- ◆ Diana Scanlan, (316) 214-3490

## The Fitting Group—May 15

### Fitting and 1/4 sized patterns

- ◆ 11 am, The Sewing Center, 2407 W. 13th
- ◆ Sondra Schmittgens (316) 644-7049

## ASG Quilters—May 16

- ◆ 1:30 pm, Sewing & Embroidery Works,  
1590 E. 61st St N. Park City KS
- ◆ Jan Tuinstra (316) 644-2362

## Serger Neighborhood Group—May 27

- ◆ 1:30 pm, McDonald's Sewing & Vacuum  
221 N. West Street (NEW ADDRESS)
- ◆ Kay Cass (316) 304-3748/Teresa Morris (316) 655-5699

### About Our Speaker:

Lisa Johnson from the Picket Fence will come and inspire us with some quilts, bags and jackets she has made.



Have you been to Cotton & Wool Co. yet? It is Wichita's newest fabric and yarn shop. It is in the Brittany shopping center at 2120 N. Woodlawn, suite 370. (On the backside, in the old Sedgwick County tag office). Cotton & Wool Co. has been open about a year now, and is owned by Tina Williams and her daughter Molly. They feature quality quilting cottons and a lot of natural fiber yarns. They also offer classes. Stop in, say hi, and get acquainted. Also, they are our newest advertiser in Dreams and Seams. Welcome to ASG



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The American Sewing Guild, Wichita, KS, invites Sewers & Quilters to join us, at the Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Irving, TX - July 31 to Aug 4, 2024 (Includes North Texas Quilt Festival).

Motorcoach reservations with payment opens May 15 & closes June 15, 2024. Cost is \$160 per person (includes gratuity). Forms for the motorcoach reservations will be available May 1, 2024.

After bus payments are received, hotel rooms may be reserved through a direct link at the Westin Hotel Irving Convention Center, across the street from the Expo. 4 nights/5 days – 2 queen beds. 1-4 people - \$823 total (includes 15% tax).

*Please share this information with other sewers, quilters, travelers, etc.*

Questions - Information: Contact Anita Brozik, 316-250-9934, or [brozikanita@gmail.com](mailto:brozikanita@gmail.com).

**FUNCTIONAL SEWING—KAY CASS**

I have drapes in my home in AZ, that I have had a love/hate relationship since we purchased the house. I like them because they are for the three large picture windows, on a traverse rod, so they open wide. I disliked them because they are a little see-through at night. They are floor to ceiling, made of white, loosely woven fabric and unlined. They are there mostly because I don't want to invest a lot of money to replace them, and I would rather sew other things. A year ago, we replaced the flooring, and I decided I like the curtains and kept them but had to do something about the see-through at night part, and I also decided to lower them from the ceiling and shortened them off the floor. Always on the look-out for deals in our thrift store, I came across just what I needed in the form of black curtains with white lining or maybe white curtains with black lining. Either way I ditched the black and used the white to add that to the existing curtain rod attached to the back of the traverse rod. This worked out perfectly except I had to manually slide the lining part of the curtain open. Well, that got old in about two weeks because remember, there are three large windows with furniture in front of them. Down the drapes came, one more time. This time I cut the header off the curtain, serged across the top, to keep the fabric from raveling and machine stitched it across the top of the drape, just below the pleated header. It definitely is not the correct way to do it, but it sure is functional.



*February Meeting Guest Speaker Carolie Ediger*  
*Pysanky Eggs*



*February Meeting Show and Share*





*March Meeting Guest Speaker Jack Kellogg*  
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Have you recently changed phone numbers or email addresses? The membership information on our Wichita ASG website is taken from the National membership list. Please check it to make sure it is accurate, so you can be kept up to date on all ASG news both local and national. Need help? Contact Linda Bryan membership chair.

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Marilyn Palmer	Pattern, Joy and tote bag	Sharon Huddleston
Teresa Morris	4 books	Carol Rood
McDonald Sewing and Vac	\$25 Gift Card	Betty Brees

**March Winners**

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>
ASG	\$20.00 Midwest Sewing	Becky Allen-Bouska
McDonald Sewing and Vac	\$25 Gift Card	Zelda Pipkin
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	4 quilt and bag books	Jan Pitts

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