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2016 WINTER SEWING RETREAT



The winter sewing retreat provides two days and a couple nights away to escape the cold doldrums of winter with your sewing friends. We have a conference room with tables, refrigerator, and space to host 15 to 20 sewists for a cozy fun experience.

The retreat will be held at the AmericInn off North Knoxville onto North Lindbergh Dr. in Peoria, on Friday February 26 and Saturday February 27, 2016. Sewing starts at 10:00am on Friday and continues until checkout on Sunday morning 11am.

Cost to members is \$30 for both days. A block of 10 rooms are being held for the guild at a discount rate of \$80 plus tax for double occupancy. Add another \$10 for three per room. Call the AmericInn 309-692-9200 to make your reservations. Mention the Peoria Sewing Guild Retreat to receive the discounted room rate.

WINTER RETREAT REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$30 _____ I WILL BE MAKING ROOM RESERVATIONS YES _____ NO _____ **Make check payable** to Central Illinois Chapter ASG and mail to Margaret Youssi, 2300 W Paddington CT, Peoria IL 61615 (309) 369-9866 mmyoussi@comcast.net Please register by February 12, 2016. No refunds unless event is cancelled by the chapter.

2016 DENIM JEANS CHALLENGE

Beginning Date: November 14, 2015

Closing Date: June Luncheon

Theme: Repurposing Denim Jeans

Fabric: Old denim jeans not denim fabric

Challenge: Make a useful item from them – purse, tote bag, skirt, tool holder, craft item. Your imagination is the limit.

Don't have any jeans? Check with your grandchildren, neighbors, and friends.

CENTRAL IL/PEORIA AREA DATES TO REMEMBER

February 26-27, 2016--Winter Retreat, AmericInn, Peoria IL

June 18, 2016—June Luncheon, Peoria, IL

July 7-11, 2016—National Convention, Indianapolis IN.

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August 26-28, 2016—Fall Retreat, Springfield, IL

September 30, 2016—Handbag workshop with Rhonda

Buss. www.peoriaasg.org

October 1, 2016—Sew Special ... '16, Featuring Rhonda Buss, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

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November 12, 2016—Annual Meeting, Denim Challenge, Canton, IL

July 27-31, 2017—National Convention, Orlando

FL. www.asg.org

SEW SPECIAL...16

Featuring Rhonda Buss

The featured speaker for Sew Special...16 is Rhonda Buss of Chicago. Rhonda is a past president of the Haute Couture Club of Chicago.

The event will feature a hands-on handbag workshop for 12 participants on Friday. Rhonda will be designing the project that will teach participants about zipper application, pockets, hardware and other handbag construction techniques.

Saturday will feature all things sleeves including how to change garments by restyling the sleeves. Samples will be available for the different sleeve variations. Rhonda will demonstrate how to draft, cut, slash and construct each sleeve variation. You don't have to be an expert because these techniques can apply to even a simple t-shirt style garment.

There will be a trunk show of some of Rhonda's fashions. The afternoon will conclude with a make it take it wool flower accessory suitable for a lapel, hat, bag or where ever. A small kit fee will apply.

In addition, the Saturday Sew Special...16 will feature a noon style show by the state Make It With Wool contestants.

Some would say that Rhonda was born with a needle in her hand. Her first project was an embroidered handkerchief that she made with the help of her grandmother at the age of five.

Once in high school, she took every sewing and design class that her school offered. With nothing more to offer, she was sent to the local community college where she had the opportunity to study fashion illustration and costume design.

While in college, she took the limited fashion design classes that were offered, but finally had the opportunity to truly hone her skills at Ray College of Design in Chicago where she graduated with a degree in Fashion Design. In her final year, Rhonda won numerous awards for her designs, including fur and millinery awards.

After graduating Rhonda worked as a designer for a dress manufacturer. From there she did costume design and returned to teach tailoring and design at Ray College.

In recent years, Rhonda began writing for Sew News Magazine. She has also been featured in Threads magazine, Sew It All, and Sew Stylish. Her design was on the Spring 2014 cover for Sew Stylish magazine.

In 2012, Rhonda won The People's Choice Award in the Passion For Fashion competition at the American Sewing Expo. In 2013, her design won third place.

In her popular blog, Rhonda's Creative Life, Rhonda features easy to make designs made from simple shapes. She has a passion for sharing her knowledge and believes that everyone can sew and create. They just need the basic knowledge.

You can find and follow her blog at www.sewbussted.com



WELCOME TO OUR CHAPTER NEW MEMBERS!

Jennifer Banning, Washington

Kim Caywood, Peoria

Patricia Rozum, Savoy

Elizabeth Staudenmeier, Eureka

Paula Vogel, Roanoke

Please introduce yourself to our newest members at your next neighborhood group meeting or chapter event.

A special THANK YOU to all members who have renewed your ASG membership!

STATE AND NATIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER

November 19-21—Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festivals, Portland

OR www.quiltcraftsew.com

January 7-9, 2016—Oklahoma City Winter Quilt show

www.qscexpos.com

January 28-30, 2016—National Make It With Wool,
Scottsdale AZ

January 28-31, 2016—Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festivals,
Phoenix AZ www.quiltcraftsew.com

February 18-20, 2016—Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festivals, San
Mateo CA www.quiltcraftsew.com

February 25-28—Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Puyallup WA
www.sewexpo.com

March 10-12, 2016—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Atlanta
GA www.sewingexpo.com

March 31-April 2, 2016—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo,

Cleveland OH www.sewingexpo.com

May 26-28, 2016—American Quilts Expo, Des Moines IA

www.sewingexpo.com

July 20-23, 2016—Sewing Holiday, Joi Mahon

www.sewingholiday.com

September 23-25, 2016—American Sewing Expo, Novi MI

www.americansewingexpo.com

September 25-28, 2016—Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Puyallup
WA www.sewexpo.com

September 29-October 1, 2016—Original Sewing & Quilt
Expo, Fredericksburg VA www.sewingexpo.com

November 10-12, 2016—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo,
Minneapolis MN www.sewingexpo.com

ASG CONFERENCE offers workshops, seminars and lectures in two-day, all-day, half-day, two-hour and 90-minute formats. Classes are tailored to every sewing interest and every level of sewing skill.

Join us for the 2016 ASG Conference, July 7 - 11, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN, the birthplace of the American Sewing Guild.

For hotels contact: **Marriott Downtown**, 314 West Maryland. (317) 822-3500. (888) 236-2427
Group Code: ASG. Clicking on the above link takes you to the Marriott web site.



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www.myinspirastudio.com

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www.thesmugglersdaughter.com

www.Thimbles2Fit.com

www.TheZipperLady.com

November Renewals

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Lynne LaHood

Susan Lindsey

Donna Rubel

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December Renewals

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Berniece McGlasson

Gleneta Reaugh

Marthaann Riegel

Lynette Ruder

Patty Schmidt

January Renewals

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E-mail keeps you up-to-date on items that can't wait for the next newsletter. Keep your e-mail address current by sending it to Margaret Youssi, 2300 W Paddington CT, Peoria IL 61615 (309) 369-9866 mmyoussi@comcast.net. Your e-mail will be used exclusively for sewing guild communications and will not be sold or otherwise given to a second party.

CENTRAL IL/PEORIA CHAPTER ON THE WEB

Have you checked out our web site www.PeoriaASG.org yet? It was designed by Pat West, webmaster.

You will find our latest newsletter; neighborhood news, contacts for chapter leaders, meeting information and photos, information about special events, community service information, CAB (Chapter Advisory Board) information, ASG discounts available, calendar of events, membership information. There are direct links to all of those pages.

Nancy's Notions: 10% off entire order. Use source code 159411-5225. Not valid at special events, on the purchase of gift certificates, or for class registration. Limit one source code per order. This discount cannot be combined with any other promotions. It expires January 31, 2016.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Woodford County NG recently hosted the Central IL/Peoria Chapter Annual meeting.

Next November the annual meeting will be in Canton, hosted by the **Fulton County NG**. Plan to attend the 2nd Saturday in November.

The Fulton County NG has donated 60 angel gowns and 72 sets of knitted caps and booties to OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois Premie center for infants who have passed away.

The Peoria Morning NG has disbanded. We appreciate all of the time and effort given by Shirley Lippert. If you would like to volunteer to lead the morning NG contact any board member.

The Champaign/Urbana NG is looking for a new chairperson. Contact any board member to volunteer or submit a name.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another Sew Special is in the books. I learned so much from the serger workshop that Pamela Leggitt taught on Friday. I wish more of you could have attended. I learned so many more ways to use the serger than just finishing seams--finishing inside and outside curves, gathering, attaching elastic and lace, ladder stitching and rolled hems.

Saturday sessions were very informative. Pamela was a very good teacher. I was fortunate to host Pamela in my home. She was a great guest. Funny story – I was talking with my husband about her stay and he looked at me and said: “You’re going to have to clean up your sewing room!” He was very right! Consequently, my sewing room has never looked better.

This is my last column as your president. I am happy to have served the chapter the last four years. I have made so many new friends, learned so much about the organization and even learned some things about myself (i.e. how hard it is to write a column!)

I have had a hard-working Advisory Board to help me with guiding the chapter. The goal of the Advisory Board is to promote sewing, share sewing ideas with like minded friends and to bring informative workshops while staying within the guidelines of the National organization. In the past four years, this board has created a chapter website, begun two new Neighborhood Groups, presented fabulous Sew Special events, held community sewing workshops and productive retreats. You, the members, made all these things possible by participating.

Ladies, there is so much to learn from other members at Neighborhood Group meetings, workshops, retreats and both National and Peoria ASG website. National has several classes to watch online. You can help your NG leader and the CAB by suggesting program ideas or offering to share an idea or shortcut you’ve learned over the years. Sharing talent and ideas is what ASG is all about.

A special thank you to my Advisory Board members I have worked with. You made my job easier. All the activities listed above happened because of you. Thank you to all the members who have shared their sewing projects and expertise at NG meetings. Thank you to Neighborhood Group leaders who spend extra time to make each group interesting and a learning experience.

Keep sewing and sharing ---
Carol



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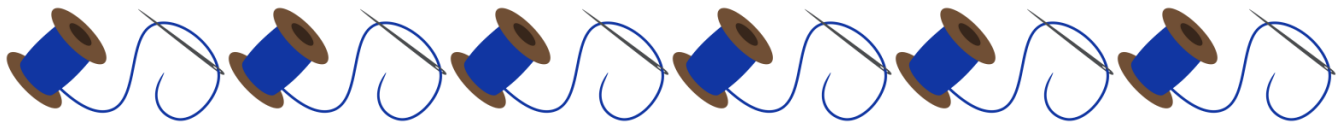
NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING CALENDAR



ASG members may attend any and all Neighborhood Group meetings in the Central IL/Peoria Chapter and anywhere around the country. Prospective members are encouraged to attend two meetings before joining the chapter.

Please contact the Neighborhood Group leader to confirm monthly meeting times, programs and locations, especially if you are traveling a distance. Programs sometimes change.

| WHERE | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | CONTACT |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) 1 pm, E Peoria Library. Members are welcome. | 1/8/2016 CAB Meeting 1pm E Peoria Library | 2/2016  | 3/2016  | Cyndy Monier Chapter President (309) 364-3831 csewingconcept@yahoo.com |
| BLOOMINGTON/ NORMAL 2 nd Saturday, 10:00 am Hancock Fabrics on Eldorado | 1/9/16 Contact chairman | 2/13/16 Contact chairman | 3/12/16 Contact chairman | Denise Karbarz (309)846-3616 dkarbarz@gmail.com |
| FULTON COUNTY 4 th Thursday, 1 pm Wallace Park, Canton 11:30 lunch at Blessings, optional | 1/28/16 Pants Fitting | 2/25/16 Fine tuning Pants Fitting | 3/24/16 Totes & purses | Sue Barnabee (309) 647-0111 scbarn@gmail.com |
| GARMENT SEWING 3 rd Saturday, 10 am North Branch Peoria Library | 1/16/16 Lingerie Sue Barnabee | 2/20/16 Sewing Sheers | 3/19/16 Waistbands | Sue Barnabee (309) 647-0111 scbarn@gmail.com |
| PEORIA EVENING 1 st Tuesday 6-8 pm Lakeview Public Library | 1/5/16 Bring your Stretch & Sew patterns & experiences from classes years ago | 2/2/16 Working with Knits – Bring examples of knit clothing you have made or purchased | 3/1/16 Spring Skirts Bring your favorite skirt pattern or skirt you like to wear for Spring | Pat West (309) 925-3395 songbirdww@comcast.net (309) 453-6682-C |
| WOODFORD CO 3 rd Thursday, 7 pm Maple Lawn Community Room, Eureka | 1/21/16 Recycling jeans & shirts | 2/18/16 Quilted Postcards | 3/17/16 Self-storing, 1-yard tote bag | Karen Fyke (309) 467-4525 kdfyke@mchsi.com |



MEET MEMBER MARGARET YOUSSE



My mother inspired me to sew because she was a beautiful seamstress and created an array of lovely garments for herself and her four daughters. She was a perfectionist with an eye for design. She taught me patience and to take sewing seriously to achieve professional results.

I began to sew as a freshman in high school when I took Home Economics classes. I was blessed with excellent instructors who required absolute attention to detail. I found sewing challenging, creative and gratifying. I still do!

For many years, I sewed for my children, home, and self, but time, work and a busy life eventually narrowed my sewing to a trickle. Eventually my sewing machine was only used for alterations, but my love for the craft never diminished.

And then, two years ago, my son met a woman on a flight to Portland, OR. They conversed the entire 4-hour flight and afterward my son encouraged me to phone this amazing woman. Trusting his valued opinion that we shared similar interests, I called her and we have been special friends ever since! With her expert sewing skills, she reawakened me to a whole new world of sewing. Having a spare room, and my husband's complete support, I now have a delightful place of my own to sew.

After not sewing for 25 years, I find the craft has so many new and helpful aids. Online classes, notions aplenty, expositions throughout the country, and local classes at colleges are all readily available to an interested sewer. But the best advice my friend gave me was to become a member of the American Sewing Guild. I have met the most wonderful women who come together from all different professions to share their interest in sewing. Many are highly skilled and eager to assist those of us that are not as advanced. I look forward to our meetings because I have made new friends and I am inspired by their sewing methods and tips and... I enjoy seeing items the ladies have created.

This year I have been appointed as Membership Chairman for our ASG Chapter. I am honored to have this position and I will enthusiastically encourage anyone interested to join the guild to share his or her interest in sewing and to make some incredible new friends!

ASG ONLINE!



At www.asg.org go to the "Members Only" section to choose educational classes for those brand new to sewing as well as those who are returning to sewing.

If you have a class ideas, send an [e-mail](mailto:ramona@asg.org) to ramona@asg.org, with suggestions.

CHAPTER CHANGE OF ADDRESS

You should address mail of chapter interest to Central IL/Peoria ASG, 1115 Yankee Lane, Sparland, IL 61565-9760.

NEWSLETTERS ARE DIGITAL!



It is necessary that those members who will receive the newsletter by e-mail keep their e-mail address up to date. If your e-mail address has changed recently, please contact Margaret Yossi, Membership Chairperson, at mmyoussi@comcast.net or (309) 369-9866 to update your account. If you would like to receive a printed copy, send your name and address to Sue Barnabee, 21795 E Barnabee Road, Farmington, IL 61531.

SEWING TIPS FROM SUE

Dritz recently uploaded 19 new videos on their YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/DritzSewing>.

If you type in www.youtube.com, then search for the topic you want, sewing projects, beginning sewing, sewing machine, etc. you will find so many videos to watch.

You might want to find a sewing buddy to "share" your sewing room/stash if you are unable to dispose of it. It does help to have someone who is familiar with our sewing things, rather than a family member who has no clue. Not a wonderful thing to think about, but it is a reality.

Remember to take advantage of your ASG membership at JoAnn's. It's not good on everything but it does work on some. Also remember to check out www.asg.org for discounts exclusive to ASG members before you order.

Share your sewing talents this holiday season. Your scraps can come into play and save you some money, you will share your talents and someone will receive a nice gift.

If you have extra sewing items, you can advertise them free in the newsletter and on the web site.

Sue Barnabee is a former Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, and member of Haute Couture Club of Chicago. Her articles and projects have appeared in *Sew News*, *Creative Machine Embroider*, *Woodworker's Journal* and *McCall's Quilting* magazines.

FROM THE BOOK STORE

FELTED FEATHERED FRIENDS, Laurie Sharp



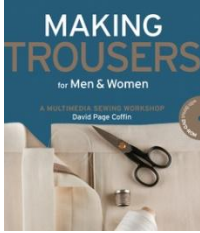
This book shows how to make a wide variety of birds by needle felting. Needle felting is sculpting wool roving into a three-dimensional figure using a special barbed needle.

Each project includes a fun photo of the project with step-by-step instructions that result in 20 types of feathered friends!

With *Felted Feathered Friends*, you'll learn to make endearing creatures such as: A snowy owl, peacock, Great Blue Heron, bluebird, robin, flamingo, pair of love birds and so many more. Enjoy just looking at the over 200 illustrations. This is sure to put a smile on your face.

ISBN 9781589236943 <http://www.quartoknows.com/books/9781589236943/Felted-Feathered-Friends>

MAKING TROUSERS FOR MEN & WOMEN, David Page Coffin



Comfortable, flattering pants can be challenging to make. However, they're wonderful to wear. In this book, David Coffin provides his inventive, sure-fire methods for getting it right.

With his characteristic precision and straight talk—and with the help of photographs, drawings, and exclusive access to a series of online video sequences—Coffin teaches the reader how to get great results, whether making a showcase garment or just whipping out an everyday pair.

ISBN 9781589234499 <http://www.quartoknows.com/books/9781589234499/Making-Trousers-for-Men-Women>

THE COMPLETE PHOTO GUIDE TO FELTING, Ruth Lane



This richly illustrated how-to book is a comprehensive reference for various felting techniques, including needle felting, wet felting, and nuno felting. With these easy-to-follow, step-by-step directions and hundreds of full-color photos, you'll be able to explore these easy projects that provide fun opportunities for you to try the techniques. Galleries of unique felted designs and creations by renowned fabric artists act as beautiful examples and inspiration to pursue the hobby yourself.

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THE SHIRTMAKING WORKBOOK, David Page Coffin



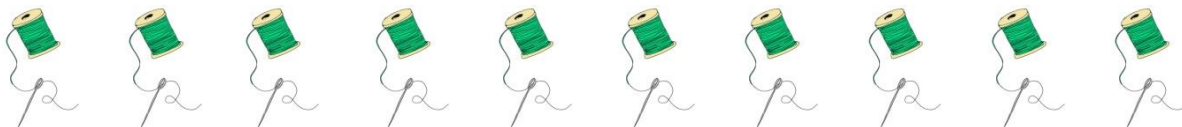
Looking for more options and directions for a basic shirt? David Page Coffin, author of *Shirtmaking*, a complete guide to the dress shirt, is back to help you with an amazing collection of custom detail patterns and ideas for men's and women's sport, knit, dress, and even simple coat and jacket shirt styles!

In this book, you'll find helpful guides to drafting or draping a custom pattern, copying or converting a favorite pattern or garment into a more basic pattern ready for customizing, mastering four different placket types so you can use these classic structures in ways you never imagined, understanding and reinventing most any sort of shirt and coat collar type in common use, along with how to construct them all, whether you want a couture creation or a workshop coverall.

You'll get an introduction to digital pattern-making and alteration, a close-up and thorough look inside a closetful of classic shirt-type garments, explore a host of pocket and cuff options and have access to dozens of full-size detail and even full garment patterns for printing and customizing.

You'll learn how to *finally* turn those collar points all the way out like you've always wanted. *The Shirtmaking Workbook* includes extensive lists and links to further reading, supplies, and references to help make your custom shirtmaking easier and more masterful. With this unique and comprehensive workbook by your side, you'll never wonder how to make THAT shirt again.

ISBN 9781589236981 <http://www.quartoknows.com/books/9781589236981/The-Complete-Photo-Guide-to-Felting>



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS CRITTENTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



*...protecting and nurturing
children and families.*

Crittenton Development Center serves Central Illinois children and families by providing loving child care as well as a 24-hour staffed crisis nursery.

The center is in need of crib sheets. The pattern is on the web site www.PeoriaASG.org. You can donate them directly, contact a CAB member for pick up or bring them to a chapter/neighborhood meeting.

Our chapter donates custom-made bibs, crib and cot sheets, burp pads and wash cloths to help defray the costs of purchasing these items. Crittenton staff members have said the items our chapter provides are "much higher quality" than those they can purchase. They are in constant need of sheets. Please consider helping. Supplies will be provided to you.

This year we will help support Crittenton Development Center by collecting coupons for baby items. Since these are time limited, gather your coupons periodically and mail them to Crittenton Development Center, 442 W John H Gwynn Jr Ave, Peoria, IL 61605.

Our support at Crittenton Child Development Center is done by donating items that they need. This is a project we will be continuing. Contact Pat West for information at songbirdww@comcast.net.

ANTI-OUCH POUCH



Anti-Ouch Pouches were designed by our chapter member Deon Maas. This underarm hanging pillow is intended to add a little comfort to people's lives during a stressful, painful time. The pillow hangs from the shoulder, fitting snugly under the arm to cushion and ease the pressure of the underarm and breast area after breast surgery, upper body surgeries or during radiation treatment.

Tens of thousands of anti-ouch pouches have been lovingly sewn and donated to breast centers across the United States. The American Sewing Guild featured the anti-ouch pouch as the 2008 National Community Service Project.

This will continue to be an ongoing project for our chapter. We continue to take them to the Susan G Komen office, Methodist Diagnostic Center in Peoria and OSF in Galesburg. The digital mammography is catching so many more cases. Our need has increased. We would appreciate help making AOPs. If you have questions, contact Deon Maas at tommaas@winco.net or Sue Barnabee, scbarn@gmail.com.

The Peoria area is in continual need of Anti-Ouch Pouches. Please consider donating soft fabric, stuffing, or completed AOPs. We donate 100's every few months in our area.

ANGEL GOWNS OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS



To lose an infant leaves a sorrowful emptiness in the arms and hearts of their families who never were able to bring their children home from the hospital. It can be an isolating time, especially as parents try to find clothing to bury their tiny babies in.

The Chillicothe Christian Church is collecting wedding/formal gowns to make into Angel Dresses. The dresses are used to make gowns for babies who never recover in the neonatal intensive care unit at Children's Hospital of Illinois at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

The white and ivory gowns made for baby boys and girls serve as baptismal/end of life gowns, which traditionally adorn infants in white. Navy, gray and black are used for pant sets for the boys. The gowns are made to fit the small babies, who are often born premature

The gown at the top of the article is an example of a wedding dress used to make the gown at the bottom of the article. One wedding dress can make up to 10-12 Angel Gowns.

Gowns of white, ivory, pale pink or pastel tones, and navy, gray or black (for the boys) will be accepted. Bridesmaid, Communion or Easter dresses, silky ribbons, lace, cotton thread and other notions or donations to purchase sewing supplies will be accepted. If you have laces, trims or fabrics you can contact Dorothy Burnett at (309) 647-1956 or Sue Barnabee, scbarn@gmail.com (309) 647-0111.

Dresses do not need to be cleaned before you send them. Unless your gown has been trashed, sewers have had lots of luck spot cleaning and working around damage.

Each little outfit comes packed in a special pretty keepsake box. In the box along with the gown is a handmade knitted or crocheted blanket and a hat and booties. Those who knit or crochet can also volunteer to make the blankets, hats and booties.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/gowns4angels> for more information about the group. Contact Kim Aldag at (309) 698-2026 or e-mail at kaldag1@comcast.net.



ASG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone number _____

E-mail _____

How did you hear about ASG? _____

Return to: American Sewing Guild
9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510, Houston, TX 77096

New Member \$50

Junior Member (New and Renewal)
to age 17, or age 22 with student ID \$25

ASG Member at Large \$50

Renewal Member \$45
(if received before membership expiration date)

Late Renewal \$50

Chapter _____

Payment

Check payable to "American Sewing Guild"

MasterCard | Visa | AmEx | Discover

Account#: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV# _____

Signature: _____

ILLINOIS STATE MAKE IT WITH WOOL

Now is the time to start your Illinois State Make It With Wool project! 2016 is the 55th year of the Make It With Wool contest in Illinois. Contact Marilyn Donoho, 7450 W. County Line Road, Paw Paw, IL 61353, (815) 627-9422, or Black1959@aol.com, for more information and entry forms.

The purpose of the MIWW contest is to focus attention on the beauty and versatility of wool; encourage the use of wool fabric or yarn in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving wool fabrics and yarns; offer the opportunity to compete for valuable prizes; and recognition for sewing, knitting or crocheting skills.

Start sewing your wool garment now! It would be nice to have another ASG member in the competition since we sponsor the contest in Illinois. The National MIWW contest will be January 28-30, 2016 in Scottsdale AZ.

The Central IL/Peoria Chapter ASG is a sponsor of the Illinois State Make It With Wool Contest. This year's winners are Pre-teen: Catherine Ott, Jacksonville; Junior: Colleen Kinsella, Seneca Senior: Allison Parks, Bloomington, 1st; Cameron Parks, Bloomington, 2nd; Adult: Lori Dickman, Sycamore 1st; Jeanette Bussard, 2nd; Patty Schmidt, Peoria 3rd. Made for Others: Mary Fitzgerald, Joliet.



Catherine Ott
Pre-teen



Colleen Kinsella
Junior



Allison Parks
Senior



Lori Dickman
Adult



Mary Fitzgerald
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES: February 1 May 1 and August 1 and November 1. Send information to Sue Barnabee, 21795 E Barnabee Rd., Farmington, IL 61531, or scbarn@gmail.com (309) 647-0111.

WITH SYMPATHY

Sue Barnabee, husband Edward passed away on August 31, 2015.

NEWS FROM YOUR RETAIL LIAISON

All of the retailers are having some great blow out, inventory reducing sales now. This is the perfect time to buy the necessary sewing supplies for a project to work on at the Winter Sewing Retreat. How great would it be to get a head start on a summer outfit or dare I say finish something for Easter?

Many of us may be searching for that perfect closure and not think about looking in a yarn shop. Your local yarn shop probably has a nice selection of statement buttons or shawl pins. Most of these buttons and pins are little works of art all on their own. If you haven't looked at the vast assortment of yarns you are in for a real treat. Consider making your own closures or buttons from yarn you braid or knot yourself.

Take time to visit Counted Needle in Bloomington, 512 IAA Drive. Even garment sewers need a good selection of perle cotton and quality floss and speciality threads. This shop has a wonderful inventory. These threads are perfect for myriad embellishment techniques and perfect for the big stitch appliqué on Alabama Chanin style garments.

Finally, what's fashion forward for Spring/Summer 2016? Everything from minimalist but purposeful urban chic, to earthy tropical rainforest prints to a lingering 1960 hippie look. If you saved your palazzo pants and culottes from the 1970's pull them out because the style is back. (Silhouette Patterns has a new culotte pattern) Fringe is in and animal/reptile prints are still present. Knowing how to sew is so liberating. We can create anything our little sewing hearts desire!

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Peddler's Way Quilt Co: Customer discount

Sew Creative: Show your ASG membership card to receive a 10% discount on regular-priced fabric and sewing notions.

Sewing Studio: 10% discount.

Sew Sassy: 10% discount.

The Quilt Corner: Punch card

MEMBERS: Bring your ASG card when you shop!

RETAILERS: *This article is extended to our advertisers and national sponsors. If we missed your store or there are changes, please be sure to let us know.*

AREA QUILT CLUBS

Gems of the Prairie Quilters, St Paul Lutheran Church, 1427 W Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614—1st Wednesday, 6:30 pm
<http://gemsoftheprairie.com>.

Handi Quilter Club, Morton—2nd Monday of the odd numbered months.

Peddler's Way Quilt Co, Washington—1st Thursday, 1 pm

Prairie Points, Peoria—2nd Saturday, 10 am
Sew Sassy, Urbana

Project Linus—1st Thursday, 5 pm

The Piecers of the Heartland Quilt Club, Trinity

Lutheran Church, Canton—2nd Monday, 6:30 pm

The Quilt Corner, Morton—3rd Monday, 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

See ads for phone numbers and web sites.

AREA EMBROIDERY CLUBS

Fulton County Machine Embroidery Club—2nd
Wednesday, 11:45 lunch, 1 pm meeting at Big Racks, Canton.

Galesburg Sewing Center, Galesburg—1st Monday, 1 pm (not Jan or July); 1st Thursday, 6 pm (not Jan or July)

Prairie Points, Peoria—4th Monday, 2 pm & 6 pm

Sew Creative, Peoria Heights—2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Sewing Center II, Peoria—1st Wednesday, 10 am

Sewing Center II, Peoria—3rd Thursday, 6 pm (not December)

Sewing Studio, Normal—3rd Saturday, 12:30-2:30 (not in December)

Sew Sassy, Urbana—2nd Tuesday, 1-4 pm; 6-9 pm; following Thursday, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

See ads for phone numbers and web sites.

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