



Stitching Barefoot Cape Fear Chapter

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President's message

Well, it's an odd time for my farewell message but I will be stepping down as president after our October retreat. My husband has decided to work on yet one more "final" project and this one will be filming in Italy so I will be off to join him once I have unpacked from retreat. You know I wouldn't want to miss that trip, right?

That said, it's been an adventure and a real pleasure to act as your president for the past four years. Covid threw a curve-ball into that 2 year presidency plan I had, but honestly where was I gonna go for the last two years...speaking of Covid.

I am always so happy when I am around my fellow creators, from meetings to retreat to our community sew days. Sewing friends have been a real lifeline here in Wilmington.

When I moved here nine years ago I only knew a handful of folks so I started taking classes at Fran's and Sew Happens thinking this was a good time to start figuring out how to use a sewing machine. It was the best thing I did. I discovered I was pretty ok at it and I met some of my closest friends through ASG after it was talked about at one of the classes. ASG Cape Fear simply rocks and I will always be a big fan.

Ginni Creamer and Jean Werling will be co-presidents and I am so grateful they have agreed to start a bit early.

Getting back to retreat-it's happening! On October 3rd at 8:00am we will be opening the doors to our new location at the Marriott Courtyard in Jacksonville, NC. The Courtyard has a beautiful large ballroom with easy access and a big open outdoor space with comfortable patio seating just outside the doors. We have had terrifically helpful communication with the staff there and expect to have as good an experience there as we have in our past hotels. AND we can walk to a Publix Market, Michaels and a Massage Envy. There is also a large park within a quick drive that has some great walking/bike paths; so if you so desire, hitch up you 2 wheelers to your car too this trip! As always we will have a listing of restaurants and shopping nearby.

As of this writing we already have enough members signed up to cover the costs of the room. We may have 2 more spaces left so if you are interested let us know soon. We will be talking about next steps at the August meetings of Fashionistas and the Day Group.

AND our Holiday Party is already in the works with the date and time and this here shout out for donations for the raffle! The date this year is Saturday, December 3rd from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Novant New Hanover Orthopedic Hospital meeting room that we have used in the past. Mark your calendars and start planning your "Naughty Santa^{***}" gift and something to donate to our raffle. I'm bummed that I will probably miss it this year but will send a raffle item so you won't forget about me.

***We have several new members (yay) so let me explain both the party and the gift. Our last meeting of each year is held for the elections of new officers and a general wrap up session for all to attend. We cater it with a nominal fee paid by anyone attending. The first half of the party is socializing, buying and dispersing our raffle tickets to the items we are pining for and eating a lovely lunch. We “vote” for the 2023 officers and then the fun really gets going with a game that’s come to be known as “Naughty Santa” because robbery is a key element.

Each attendee brings a hand-made gift made from materials worth \$10-15. Many members raid their stash and some make items not sewn, even. Hand-made is the key here. Gifts in the past have ranged from pillows, to table runners, to baskets, aprons, macramè, etc... We wrap the gifts up, bring them to the party and place them in a central spot at the luncheon. Each member is given a number and the order is determined. The first person gets to pick from the pile of wrapped presents. They open the gift and show it to everyone else. The second person can either steal the gift just opened or choose a new one from the pile. Each player then gets the same opportunity to steal an already revealed item or open a fresh gift. We have some more rules of how many steals happen before a gift is retired and then owned fully by the last person to get it but those will all be explained at the party. It’s fun, A LOT of fun and it can get personal and then just funnier.

So with that I bid you all farewell as your president but remain your sewing friend and champion.

~Babs Fullerton

Neighborhood Day Group News:

The Wilmington Neighborhood Group which is now being led by Penny Schmitt and Jill Corwin is continuing with monthly member sewing demonstrations. In May, Ginni Creamer did a “Corded Pillow” demo, and there will be more demos to come. This group is a large contributor to all the charities we support. Claire Malczyn gave a report on our successful April 25th Charity Sew Day. During our meetings, our members discuss many diverse sewing topics and what is happening within our Chapter. We also continue with our popular “Sew and Tell.”

Ginni Creamer

Hi-Babs here again...and don't forget we are looking for a new name for this group! We had labeled it the Day Group because we also had a Night Stitchers at that time. Well, that group went away so we now want a fun new dynamic moniker for this group. Please come to the September meeting on September 26th with your ideas. We will vote on them at the Holiday Party and there just may be a prize involved (there will).

Community Service

Thank you for helping to make the Second Spring Sew Day for Charity a huge success. I am so proud to be a member of this group. Sewing with friends, and outside, allowed us to exceed our goals for the day.

Excluding our personal projects, the following is our year-to-date tally of charity efforts by the group.

Charity Efforts 2022

February 130 port pillows
March 161 port pillows
April 100 + 235 port pillows, 5 adult bibs, 11 stuffed bears, 18 aprons
May 150 port pillows, 6 bibs, 9 aprons
Sandy = 198 drawstring bags to Samantha's Purse, 25 crayon kits to Andrews Toy Box
Marye = 4 flannel quilts & 8 aprons
Carol = 1 apron, 1 blanket
June 187 port pillows
July 39 articles of clothing for Sr. Isaac Center

Please note: Not listed are the numerous stuffed animals that were made, as well as the various personal charity projects of our members.

Claire Malczyn

Neighborhood Group News: Fashionistas

Fashionistas have been busy learning how to do different fitting techniques to make our garments look better and give us a better fit. We are also sharing ideas for quick sewing projects. During the summer, we want to sew but want to be outside as well. Simple projects that are tried and true patterns or a quick sew are perfect for this time of year.

Pamela Leggett Workshops

It took us almost 2 years to finally get Pamela Leggett back to Wilmington. We had her booked 3 different times and, of course, due to COVID, had to keep rescheduling. This group of ladies kept hanging on and we finally had the pleasure of hosting Pamela Leggett during the first week of June for two workshops. This is her third visit to our chapter and we love her teaching style and her tips and techniques. She taught her Perfect t-shirt workshop for the third time and we again filled the class! I think everyone in our chapter now has a pattern for a great fitting t-shirt. Then, she taught a 2-day workshop on her Pants Perfected. We were able to choose between two options, the Magic Pants (a pull-on style in a stretch woven fabric) or a classic trouser style with zipper and waistband. We spend a lot of time tweaking the fit of the pattern with her advice before cutting out the pattern from our fabric. I am happy to report that everyone got a really good fit from this pattern and seems very happy with their finished garment. Most of us were able to finish the entire pair of pants during the workshop. We loved having Pamela here again, and we love having garments that fit well!

Jean Werling



Joyce modeling Pamela Leggett pattern for Perfect t-shirt and Pants Perfected.

Ginni modeling Pamela Leggett pattern for Perfect t-shirt and Pants Perfected.





Jean modeling Pamela Leggett pattern for Perfect t-shirt and Pants Perfected.

Karen modeling Pamela Leggett pattern for Perfect t-shirt and Pants Perfected.



Upcoming meetings:

Fashionistas:

Monday, August 15th, 10:30-12:30 Coastal Sewing 894 S Kerr Ave

Day Group:

Monday, August 22nd, Monday, June 27 12:00-2:00 Fran's Sewing Circle 5751 Oleander Drive

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