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## South Carolina - Central Savannah River Chapter

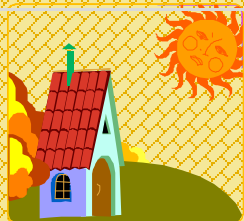
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### Judie's Journal

Hi Sewing Friends,

Summer is just about officially over with slightly cooler weather, vacations ending and kids back in school so we start to have different trends in our wardrobe. We plan for more cozy and comfort apparel for the fall and winter and what says cozy better than a quilt. No, you are not going to wrap yourself in a quilt and stay inside all winter but you are going to incorporate a quilted look in your garments. The fashion runways right now are hot with the Quilting Look to include well known designers like Calvin Klein and Dior. Patchwork and quilting motifs are shown in skirts, jackets, tops, wallets, purses and even household items such as linens and home dec pillows. Purses, such as Coach, have applique quilt designs on their bags. Trends are showing younger Americans taking a new interest in Contemporary Quilting (quilting with a more artsy flair and blocks of bold colors) and they enjoy wearing this look as a fashion statement. Quilting in clothing can be as simple as a subtle applique on a collar or cuff or as bold as a quilted jacket. Either way, for those that sew their own garments, it is a great way to incorporate your creative ideas and talents and let everyone see your talents in the garments you wear in public. Also a great way to start a conversation about ASG when people comment on your outfit! For our ancestors, quilted garments were a necessity for warmth but now with the interest in repurposing and recycling the "Americana look" has returned. For many of us quilters we have worn this look proudly for years but we are not alone in the fashion world anymore. As sewists and textile artists we still have the ability to create one of a kind items instead of off the rack. We can show off our skills with intricate patterns, fancy stitching and creative embellishing. For those of you that are non-quilters a simple quilt block pattern can be beautifully incorporated in the back of a jacket, along a hemline or as a decorative pocket. Try saving a usable part of a vintage quilt for part of the garment instead of getting rid of the whole thing. Since piecing a quilt is very time consuming it is more cost effective for manufactured items to have smaller blocks in certain areas of the garment, but you as sewists can add as much or as little as you like. The fashion industry may not be able to keep up with this trend and offer it at reasonable prices for and extended time so you may see more quilting motifs used instead of pieced blocks. As a quilter I am excited to see any interest generated in this art and a way to promote awareness of our American heritage.

So on that note, what better time to learn a new quilting technique than at our Chapter Event on October 13th in North Augusta. (See flyer on p.5 for more info) Linda Barrett Hanslip, an award winning quilter and nationally recognized instructor (and a member of our Chapter!!!!) will teach us how to add sparkle and glitz to quilted items and garments with the appropriate use of crystals. Join the chapter for this fun event and test your creativity with a new skill at the "Bling Event".

It's not too late to register for the Chapter Give Back event in Aiken on September 22. Anita Drennon, Sulky certified teacher (also a Chapter member!!!!) will guide us for a fun day in making a unique fabric water bottle holder (for holding a plastic water bottle) in

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Editor—Sandy Costanzo

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### Newsletter Deadlines:

December 10	Jan.-Feb. issue
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April 15	May-June Issue
June 15	July-August Issue
August 15	Sept.-Oct. Issue
October 15	Nov.-Dec. issue

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## Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) Meetings

Meetings are open to all members. Non-Board members are asked to call the President in advance to RSVP. Meetings are normally held quarterly and alternate between cities where our NGs are located.

**December 6** in Lexington at the Old Mill Pub

## ASG Membership

### For Changes of Address or Chapter Affiliation:

Master membership data is managed at ASG Headquarters in Texas. If your address changes for any reason, you must notify ASG directly. Otherwise, you may not receive your newsletter or other important information. If you want to change your chapter affiliation to a different chapter other than the original one you joined, you must notify ASG to that effect in addition to any address changes. The changes can be made on-line or you can mail them using the address below.

### Send address changes to:

The American Sewing Guild  
9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510  
Houston, TX 77096

### Contact ASG:

E-mail: [info@asg.org](mailto:info@asg.org)  
Website: [www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org)

**New members joining ASG or anyone needing to renew their membership, please use the form in this newsletter or renew on-line.**

The SC/Central Savannah River Chapter of the American Sewing Guild is a local chapter of a national nonprofit organization. Its officers and leaders are all volunteers. Our purpose is to provide education on sewing to our members and the community. We hope to encourage and inspire people to sew. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in sewing. For more information, contact the President or Membership chair.

The American Sewing Guild, Inc. (ASG) is a not-for-profit education-based organization, founded in 1978. ASG is comprised of 136 chapters plus over 1,000 community and special interest groups within the chapter umbrella. ASG's over 20,000 members promote the mission to "Advance sewing as an art and life skill" by providing a network of sewing education and support for sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels, serving as preservers of the sewing arts in America., promoting community engagement through service projects, sharing sewing arts with new generations and being key participants in key consumer & industry-wide sewing events. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone. Dues include quarterly publications of the Chapter Newsletter & ASG's Notions

# Chapter Give-Back Event

Anita Drennon, Sulky Certified Teacher, will guide us to create a “Bottle-in-a-Fish” insulated beverage tote. Techniques used in the project include free motion embroidery, using fusible applique and decorative stitching with metallic threads.

**Saturday, September 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Cedar Creek Community Center, Club Drive, Aiken SC**

**Register early — Registration will be opened to the public after September 5th.**

## Minimal Cost to Members

This is a Chapter Give-Back Event so the cost is \$10 for our chapter members; \$5 for junior members and \$20 for all others.



**Bring your own lunch and beverage!**

**The Chapter will provide all stabilizers, batting, buttons, bobbin thread, KK2000, and metallic thread**

Bring your sewing machine with size 14/90 metallic or topstitch needle; open--toe applique foot, edge stitching foot, 1/4" foot, and, rayon thread to contrast with chosen fabric, and normal sewing tools, along with the fabric mentioned below. If you have a rotary cutting mat and cutter, please bring it. Complete supply list will be sent after registration.

The project will require 1/2 yd. 45" wide fabric for fish body, lining and fins (you will need an add'l fat quarter for contrasting fins) — 1 each 3.5"x 10.5" red cotton fabric for lips — 1 each 10.5"x11" lining fabric.

**Chapter Give-Back Workshop**

**(Please submit form with payment—must be received by September 15, 2018)**

Name	Phone Number	Membership No.
E-Mail:	<input type="checkbox"/> ASG/CSR Member \$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Member \$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> All Others \$20.00 <b>Bring a Brown Bag Lunch</b>	
Make Checks Payable to: ASG/CSR Chapter	<b>Send checks to:</b> Judie Travis 501 Valmire Drive, Columbia SC 29212-3742	

## Neighborhood and Special Interest Groups

Your opportunity to share your passion, grow your skills and make new sewing buddies. Plan to attend as many NG meetings as you can fit into your schedule. See calendar for dates and topics for each month.



### **Material Girls — Aiken**

Cheri Dowd (803) 644-0576  
Marge Mitchell (803) 226-0165

**Meets 2nd Monday @ 10:00 a.m.**  
St. Augustine Church,  
1630 Silver Bluff Road, Aiken SC



### **Sewn Together — North Augusta**

Margaret Shearouse (706) 860-4763  
Tammy Newman (806) 683-1909

**Meets 2nd Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.**  
Fairview Presbyterian Church,  
1101 Carolina Ave., North Augusta SC



### **Rockin' Bobbins — Columbia**

Mary Plexico 803-781-5271

**Meets 2nd Thursday @ 10:00 a.m.**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Harbison Boulevard Columbia, SC



### **Moonlight Stitchers — Lexington**

Sally Kluttz 803-808-6997

**Meets 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.**  
Hobby Lobby, 5322 Sunset Blvd.  
(Rt. 378) in Lexington



### **Sew Little Time—Summerville**

Anne Mace 843-553-7372  
Diane Zielinski 843-563-4404

**Meets 3rd Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.**  
People, Places and Quilts, Summerville SC



### **Garment Group — Special Interest NG**

Diane Lackey — 803-960-9859

**Meets 3rd Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.**  
Creative Sewing Machine Center  
519 12th Street, West Columbia SC



### **Stylish Fit — Special Interest NG**

Margaret Tuck 706-399-3993

**Meets 1st Monday @ 10:00 —2:00**  
Fairview Presbyterian Church  
1101 Carolina Avenue, North Augusta SC



### **Connecting Threads — North Charleston**

Louise Schmidt 843-559-1013

**Meets 3rd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.**  
Life Industries, 4060 Bridgeview Drive  
North Charleston SC



### **Seaside Stitchers — Beaufort**

Mary Corsaro — 843-379-5731

The group is currently inactive and looking  
for new leadership. Contact Mary Corsaro  
to volunteer.



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**Meets 2nd Saturday at Accent Fabrics**  
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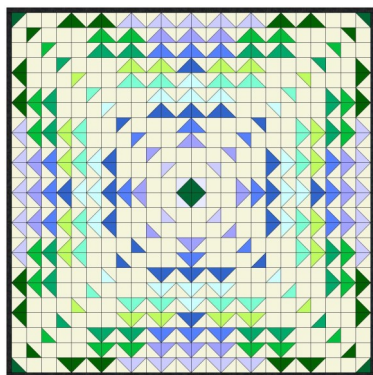
### **Little Seam Rippers — Lexington**

Lexi Stoudemire, NG Leader  
Judie Travis, Advisor

*They will meet quarterly on Sunday afternoons.  
Dates, Time and Location to be determined per  
project and will be posted on the FB page*

***If you are interested in starting a new  
Neighborhood Group or a  
Special Interest Group, contact  
Ellen Macklin, our NG Coordinator***





# Bring on the Bling

With  
Linda Barrett-Hanslip



## Learn the how's and why's of adding bling to your project

**October 13** — From 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.  
Fairview Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall,  
Parking & entrance on Butler Avenue in North Augusta SC

**Morning lecture — When/Where/Why to use Bling**  
**Afternoon Hands-on Project — Kit with Materials will be provided by Instructor**

Afternoon is hands-on so attendees will need to bring sewing machines, extension cords  
and basic sewing supplies. If you have a hot fix tool for crystals, please bring it.  
**Bring your own Brown Bag Lunch and Beverage**

This opportunity is limited to 25 people so register early.

Bring on the Bling Event (Please submit form with payment—must be received by October 7, 2018)		
Name	Phone Number	Membership No.
E-Mail:	<input type="checkbox"/> ASG/CSR Member \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> ASG/CSR Junior Member \$12.50 <input type="checkbox"/> All Others \$35.00	
Make Checks Payable to: ASG/CSR Chapter		Send registration form & check to: Joyce Sinclair 5223 Belle Mead, Aiken, SC 29803-8784

# ASG Chapter Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.  
The Country Club of Lexington, 1066 Barr Road, Lexington SC

**Featured Speaker: Fiber Artist Karen Baranich will do a program on wool felling and creativity in working with textiles. There will be a small trunk show and a demo on wool felling using a rolling method and how to use what you created in artistic ways.**

**Enjoy lunch and conversation with your sewing friends and vote for your favorite projects from our Scrap Challenge contest. Winners will be selected by your votes at the meeting. Also, bring your entries from the national ASG Fabric Contest for Sew-n-Tell. You must be present to win the Scrap Challenge Contest.**

**Sign-in begins at 11:00 a.m. — 50/50 Drawing (cash only)**

**Stash Sale — Silent Auction of Sewing Related Services — Bring Your Checkbook**

## The Details:

- Price per person is \$ 15.00 (members); \$ 7.50 (Jr. member); non-members \$ 20
- Deadline for registration is November 1, 2018.
- No refunds will be given after November 6.
- *Bring cash for the raffle and your checkbook to shop the Silent Auction and Stash Sale*

## The Menu :

All meals include fresh rolls, tea, water, coffee and dessert (an optional cash bar is available for wine)

- Chicken Salad Plate with fresh fruit and mixed green salad
- Quiche (bacon, mushroom, spinach) with house salad and fresh fruit
- Grilled Chicken Marsala with seasonal veggies and garlic mashed potatoes (also available as a gluten free option served with rice)

If you are interested in subscribing to Threads Magazine, or renewing your subscription, please see p. 19 for the order form and turn it in to Lillian Lester at the Annual Meeting

**Chapter Annual Meeting (Please submit form with payment—must be received by Nov. 1, 2018)**

Name	Phone Number	Membership No.
E-Mail:	<b>Lunch Selections</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad Plate <input type="checkbox"/> Quiche <input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Chicken Marsala (gluten free option must be ordered at time of registration) <i>Please be sure to register before the deadline so that the country club can prepare the correct meals</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> ASG/CSR Member \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> ASG/CSR Junior Member \$7.50 <input type="checkbox"/> All Others \$20.00 <b>Make Checks Payable to: ASG/CSR Chapter</b>		<b>Send registration form &amp; check to:</b> Joyce Sinclair 5223 Belle Mead, Aiken, SC 29803-8784

# Election of Officers for 2018

The election for officers for 2018 will be held at the annual meeting on November 10, 2018. If you are unable to attend, print this page and use as a Proxy Ballot. Please fill out the ballot, then mail it to the Nominations Committee Chairperson named below.

Also, there are several Committee Positions that are vacant. They are not elected positions, so please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you're interested or want more information, please contact Judie Travis or Marge Mitchell.



## Proxy Ballot

SC/CSRA Chapter of the American Sewing Guild  
Annual Election of Chapter Advisory Board Positions  
November 10, 2018  
Lexington, SC

## Slate of Officers

President:	Diane Zielinski	_____
1st Vice President:	Linda Montz	_____
2nd Vice President:	Kristy Granberg	_____
Secretary:	Tammy Newman	_____
Treasurer:	Joyce Sinclair	_____

The Nominating Committee Chair, Marge Mitchell, is the proxy holder until the time of the elections. All valid proxy ballots will be voted as submitted by the member.

Please either:

- ⇒ Mail you proxy to Marge Mitchell, 2151 Cardigan Drive, Aiken, SC 29803
- ⇒ Cast your ballot in person at the annual meeting.

If not casting in person, all proxy ballots must be returned to the Nominating Chair by November 3, 2017. The Annual Meeting will be held at The Country Club of Lexington, 1066 Barr Road, Lexington, SC

If mailing, your Proxy Ballot is not valid without your signature to assign your votes to the Nominating Committee Chair. If it is not signed, your votes will not be counted. Please sign below and insert membership number only if mailing your ballot.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Number

# ***Are your fabric scraps getting used?***

***The scrap challenge is nearly over...***

The Chapter has issued a Scrap Busting Challenge. Start digging out all those leftover scraps from the beautiful projects you have previously completed. You have until the annual meeting to create something wonderful out of the scraps you already have.

*There are three categories:*

*Garment — Quilt (lap, baby size or wall hanging) — Other Item(s)*

***Each scrap used should be no larger than an 1/2 of a yard.***

All submissions will be voted on at the annual meeting, so you and your project should plan to attend. Prizes are one (1) year free membership.

***Happy scrapping!!***



# 6th Annual Sewing Retreat

## April 28—May 2, 2019

**Now Open for  
Additional  
Sign-ups**

**St. Christopher's Conference Center  
Seabrook Island, SC**

Imagine...four days of uninterrupted time to sew anything you choose...then visualize taking a break for a walk on the beach or through a nature area...or enjoy sitting on the large deck under the towering moss-draped live oaks as you do some hand stitching.

**This retreat was so much fun that all 26 attendees from 2018 have already signed up for 2019. We now have a second conference room to accommodate up to 36 members.**

Gather with your sewing friends at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, and the fun continues until 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rooms are double occupancy (two double beds per room). All linens are provided.

There are two meal plans to choose from again this year, but you must pick the same plan for your entire stay and dinner on Sunday is not included. Meals included are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through lunch. If selecting the "no lunch" option, please remember that no food may be prepared in the kitchen area of the meeting room—only microwave meals are allowed if you pick this option.

Our usual facilities also include the large well lit conference room with picturesque views for inspirational sewing! This expanded opportunity now includes a second conference room adjacent to the main room.

*Only those registered may attend and everyone registering must complete the registration form. If you have questions regarding the retreat, please contact Judie Travis at 803-798-5479*

**2019 Sewing Retreat (Please submit form with payment—final payment must be received by March 15)**

Name & Member #	Phone Number    Emergency Contact #
E-Mail:	Room Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Double occupancy only for expanded opportunity
Do you have food allergies? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	My preferred room mate is: _____
If yes, describe:	
Select Room & Meal Options—(check one)	I am enclosing <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit Only <input type="checkbox"/> Full Payment
	<b>Make your check payable to: ASG / SC-CSR Chapter</b>
	<b>Send checks to:</b>
	Joyce Sinclair
	5223 Belle Mead, Aiken, SC 29803-8784

	Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan A-Double Occupancy with 3 meals	\$328	\$378
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan B-Double Occupancy—no lunch	\$288	\$338
<input type="checkbox"/> <del>Plan C-Single occupancy with 3 meals</del>	<del>\$446</del>	<del>\$496</del>
<input type="checkbox"/> <del>Plan D-Single Occupancy—no lunch</del>	<del>\$406</del>	<del>\$456</del>

# News from our Neighborhood Groups

## Neighborhood Group (NG) Coordinator Report

Ellen Macklin

Hello everyone!

Hope you have stayed cool and refreshed this summer. How long we waited and it came fast and furious. Please keep your eyes open for "Meet & Greet's" in the chapter. This is yet another opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to find out about how much we love ASG. Also don't be shy in opening your neighborhood group to an information meeting. We have a social media person who is just dying to get some things going for us!

We want to grow so we can do more, learn more and share the joy of sewing more! Come on and let's do this! Just call or email me before I do you!

Happy Sewing

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(803) 617-7909 home



### Stylish Fit — North Augusta, SC

#### **What's Happening in North Augusta:**

Our Group meetings continue, with eager discussion of patterns, fabric and fitting our patterns.

In July, Becky brought an example of an insulated shopping bag she had made for her daughter, and we discussed using fusible insulate; a good use for left over fabric; we admired Sandy's Cutting Lines At Every Angle shirt. Margaret brought her finished Sewing Workshop Memphis Dress.

In August we had a small group, and spent time with visitor Diane as we assisted with a muslin fitting, Sandy

continued with her shirt making with a Cutting Lines Just a inch whiteshirt, and Margaret worked on West Bend pants .

#### **What's Ahead:**

For this group, there is no meeting in September, as it is the Labor Day holiday. We continue to meet first Mondays, October 1st and November 5th. We do not have a scheduled program, but meet to work on our own garments and review any issues related to sewing clothing. We look forward to seeing all your summer sewing and maybe shopping reports.



### Connecting Threads — North Charleston, SC

#### **What's Been Happening in North Charleston:**

Unfortunately, Connecting Threads has been unable to meet since Feb., due to difficult schedules, etc. In view of this, we are taking a hiatus while we regroup and reas-

sess. We hope our little group will be back in a few months.

**What Is Ahead:** Watch this space for our start-up announcement.



### Seaside Stitchers — Beaufort, SC

#### **What's Been Happening in Beaufort:**

The neighborhood group continues to search for new leadership and no activities have been planned. If you are willing to help lead the group, contact Mary Corsaro ASAP.

#### **What's Ahead:**

Contact NG Leader for the latest information.



# News from Our Neighborhood Groups



## Material Girls — Aiken, SC

### **What's been happening :**

In July, Material Girls had busy fingers, but no needle and thread in sight! Joyce Sinclair and Ellen Macklin taught us folded fabric, decorated Styrofoam spheres. There were, however, thousands of small straight pins on our tables. Joyce prepared fabric kits for those who didn't cut at home and we folded and pinned our way to lovely decorations. Now what size were those fabric squares? With nine members present the sharing was wide ranging with totes, purses, child and adult clothing. Please enjoy our photos and plan to join us on the second Monday each month.

We covered chapter business first in August and there was a lot to discuss! Two events and the annual meeting had us busy with our calendars and pens. Seven members attended and we shared everything from wool wall hangings and pillows to dresses, repurposed tops, and a tabula rasa jacket that Joyce S. will be taking to China in September. Joyce B. was gifted three pieces of beautiful, Asian silk and is looking for inspiration. If she can wait until February, I'm sure she will be inspired at the Mary Ray educational event that is in the planning stages... stay tuned!

This was a month of charity work to thank our church for

the use of their facility. At the end of the meeting we cut and tied fringe for 11 lap blanket/shawls. It was amazing that we were finished in less than a hour. These will go to a church that is serving the homeless. They will be ready when the weather turns cold. Thanks to all who contributed fabric and time to do this project.

**What's Ahead:** September will be our month to create decorations for the annual meeting tables. With the help of the North Augusta group our tables will be distinctive and attendees will go home with unique, scrappy favors. Ellen Macklin will be in charge of an October discussion of on-line fabric stores. Members will cite their own positive and negative experiences in this regard. Join us.



Above L-R: Lynne Ulreich with her latest golf shirt; Daria Carney showing off a new creation; Joyce Sinclair's new jacket for her China trip; members making our charity blankets and at far right some of the finished products. Below, Ellen Macklin showing the results of her blow painting; Cheri with one of the kids' jackets; Joyce leading our July program with Lynne, Cheri, Charlene and Norma



# News from our Neighborhood Groups



## Sewn Together — North Augusta, SC

### **What's been happening in North Augusta:**

In July the ladies of Sewn Together learned how we could all become bag ladies...ladies using reusable shopping bags that is!! Sandy Costanzo drafted a pattern and instructions for the group on how to make bags from leftover fabrics in our stash...and who doesn't have plenty of that? Sandy had a beautiful example of the one she had made and the group had fun making their own unique bags.



Becky Smith brought several bags she had made to show how many types of bags there are to choose from. Some had been embroidered and one had been made from a recycled t-shirt by cutting away the sleeves, neckline and



some of the length from the hem and stitching the lower edge seam. So quick and easy!!

Margaret Shearouse then told the group about her trip to Montana and stopping at quilt shops all the way home to collect Row by Row kits. We had a great time looking through all the goodies she brought back with her!

### **What's Ahead:**

In September, the ladies will be busy making favors for the Annual Meeting...shhh...the project is a secret!

In October, Roxanna takes the lead as we explore fabric boxes.



*At left, Becky shows off some of her bags.*

*Below, Tammy Newman's completed bag made from the same fabric you might see in a grocery store's reusable bags and Margaret Tuck and Marilyn Bendorf having fun constructing their reusable grocery bags.*





## News from our Neighborhood Groups



### Moonlight Stitchers — Lexington, SC

#### **What's Been Happening in Lexington:**

In July we meet at Anti-Asian Dining in Lexington, which by the way is a great place to eat. We had a great turnout and enjoyed our time together, but it was sad to say goodbye to our “sewing buddy” Charlene McDaniel. Our thoughts and wishes for only the best as she puts down roots in Nashville TN. We look forward to seeing Charlene at our Annual



meeting in November.

We had a new member join us at our August meeting, Nancy Frick, we look forward to getting to know her.

Lillian Lester gave a presentation from ASG.org educational video on “Specialty Needles.” No matter how much we know about sewing there is always something new to

learn. We also had some great tips on threading both hand and sewing machine needles from the group. Threading needles can be frustrating, but if you move the needle towards the thread instead of the thread to the needle it makes threading hand needles so much easier. Also putting a white piece of paper behind the sewing machine needle helps to see the eye of the needle better. I always

come away with valuable information or encouragement from our meetings. [See Lillian’s write-up below.]

Lillian also introduced our ASG national’s web site, great timing because we had some of our newer members with us at our meeting. It also was a great reminder to all of us on how much information is available to us.

#### **What’s ahead:**

Have you seen the new rulers available to help with quilting using your sewing machine? We have tentative plans for Lesley Ownings to show us how to use these rulers in September. If Lesley is not available, then Sally Kluttz will do a program on using and

making reusable bags for shopping.

At our October meeting Judie Travis will lead us in making a mesh bag. Judie will be sending us information on what we need to prepare before the meeting, so we will have time to make the bags during our meeting.



**ASG.org educational video on “Specialty Needles”.** At the Moonlight Stitchers August meeting, I led the program introducing ASG National’s web site to our group and watching the educational video on “Specialty Needles”. You would think that after many, many years of sewing I would know everything there was to know about needles. Not so. Even I learned something. The video covered some basic information about needles in general and shared web sites that could be helpful. Then it went into detail on easy threading needles, Jeans/Denim needles, Wing Needles, Twin Needles and Leather Needles. Along with the needle information, suggestions for fabric type and hints on getting better results were included. Personally, I didn’t know there was an easy threading needle for a sewing machine as well as a few other tips. I’ll let you find your own by watching. The video is only 40 minutes long and well presented.

Lillian Lester

# News from Our Neighborhood Groups



## Garment Group — West Columbia, SC

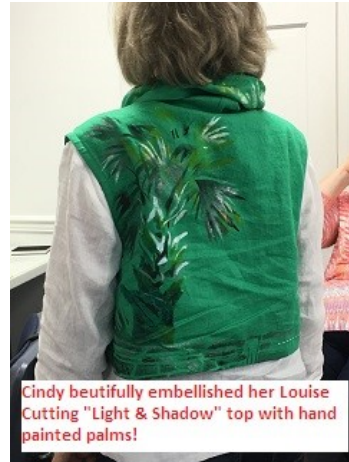
### What's Been Happening in West Columbia:

During our July Garment Group meeting, many of us had the beginnings of our Louise Cutting – Cutting Line Design patterns started or muslins in progress. It's so interesting to see the various pattern and fabric choices. As always, there are fitting opportunities! Cutting Line Design patterns have A LOT of ease we are all finding, so it's important to consider the finished garment measurements when working with this pattern line specifically.

### What's Ahead:

Where has summer gone? And now it's time to start thinking about fall and winter wardrobes. We will continue to try out techniques that Louse Cutting offers in her "Industry Insider Techniques" resource videos. You can find some videos on You Tube and just about every DVD Video on the Threads Magazine website if you are a Threads Industry Insider (about \$14 annually for access). If you are not an industry insider but subscribe to Threads, many articles are available online or in Threads magazine.

During our September meeting, we will focus on button placement, hems and sleeve placket construction. The October meeting will be fun as we will have a huge SEW AND TELL showing of the garments we have made using Cutting Line Design or other indie pattern. November will be our final meeting for the year and we will plan for 2019. What would we like to focus on for the coming year? Suggestions are starting to come in. A core wardrobe for your lifestyle maybe? Please take a moment to think about what you would like to work on in the next year. There are all kinds of creative possibilities!



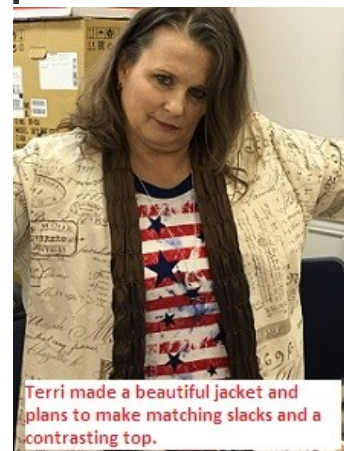
Cindy beautifully embellished her Louise Cutting "Light & Shadow" top with hand painted palms!



Marie sharing her progress on her Louise Cutting top, The Blouse Perfected.



Our newest member, Diane, models a cute sailor top that she crafted.



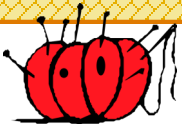
Terri made a beautiful jacket and plans to make matching slacks and a contrasting top.

### Pantone Colors for Fall 2018/Winter 2019





# News from Our Neighborhood Groups



## Sew Little Time — Summerville, SC

### **What's Been Happening in Summerville:**

Sew Little Time met in July for the first of 2 Serger classes. We spent the first part of the meeting getting familiar/ more familiar with our particular machine. We had a couple of ladies who had never used their Serger. In fact, 1 member took hers out of the box for the first time to bring it to the meeting. Marie provided fabric with marking to practice different stitches at all the stitch lengths.

In Aug, Marie lead us through a "9 patch project" showing many of the things you can do with our sergers. We learned how to do Pleats, Prairie Points, crocheted serger "lace", installing a zipper, a puffing square and pin-

tucks. Thanks Marie for a well done meeting.

### **What's Ahead:**

Sept - Turn in our Charity sew projects for National Sewing Month and our favorite Thanksgiving decoration with demos

Oct - Snap to It project bag

Nov - Our Winter holiday cookie exchange, we will bring our favorite gift ideas to demo

Marie is hosting a Christmas party Dec 11th from 6-8 p.m. Please bring a handmade gift (\$10 or less) for a white elephant exchange.



*Above: Diane Z and LaVay working on their 9 patch project, Marie showing off a sample square with pleating and "serger lace"; our finished squares. Middle: Marie helping Donna with her 9 patch project. Below: Marie helping with basic serger functions. Kristy working with Donna on her 9 patch project; Anne working on her pink and green 9 patch project; Marie and Earline practicing serger stitches.*





## News from Our Neighborhood Groups



### Rockin' Bobbins — Columbia, SC

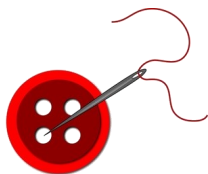
#### *What's Been Happening in Columbia:*

Rockin' Bobbins did not meet in July 2018. In August we met at the Hilton Garden Inn. We had a surprise visit from our two junior members. Judie Travis hosted the meeting and gave out the instructions and cut fabric for us to get started on our Quilt of Valor. Judie did a program on Zentangle, a demo from Pam Demour's book and a hands-on drawing exercise.

#### *What's Ahead:*

No plans for upcoming meetings were reported by the Neighborhood Group Leader. Please contact her for information.

The product of our hands-on drawing exercise can be seen at right. Below is a group photo of the group at our August meeting which included our two junior members—Lexie who has been a member for three years and sister, Cailyn who just became a member.





So I guess that means I can't tell you about the ASG 2018 Annual Conference! But what a shame that would be for you not to hear about this year's conference. The West Gate Casino and Resort was a great place for the conference with plenty of space for class rooms, a variety of restaurants and entertainment all under one roof. It was also on the Monorail route for easy transportation to "the Strip". Two other chapter members represented us at the conference. Peggy Anderson, from the Beaufort area attended. It was nice to get to know her better and she was a great tour guide for our adventure to The Strip. Betty Watts, a chapter member and part of the Notions publication team was there and was very busy attending to the business side of the conference.



As usual the Board Members showed their spirit by creating outfits that represented a Vegas theme. This year ASG celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and what better way to recognize this than with the 2018 theme of "Sewing Builds Generations of Memories." We were encouraged to share our sewing stories of sewing with mothers, grandmothers, aunts, home ec teachers, friends, etc. by talking at NGs, putting articles in newsletters and posting a favorite memory on a social media site. Jackie Cruz, BOD treasurer shared sewing history at the Leadership Day meeting. The anniversary celebration continued on Friday evening with balloons and many cakes to cut for the party. The winning chapter of the Fabric challenge was announced with 152% participation! The random draw-

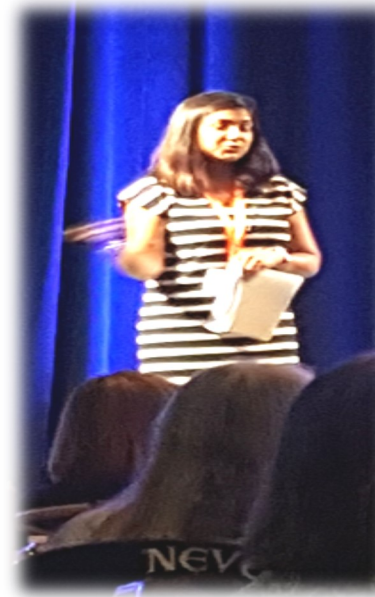


ings were held with one of our members, Lenaya Raack being the lucky winner of a pair of silver sewing machine earrings!

Rosemary Fajgier, chair of the BOD, stated this was a challenging year but the organization is strong. ASG membership has dropped to 14,500 but Part 2 of the ASG Fabric contest was a good way to promote the organization. With the drop in membership also comes a loss of revenue. Many companies that used to support ASG with advertising dollars are no longer in business so this presents new opportunities for us to raise money. Grant writing is an option, along with only online publication of Notions. The coming year will be a challenge for the BOD and expect to hear about some changes. Rosemary was re-elected for a second term on the Board and I am very happy to see her return. One open position will filled in the next few months with an appointment, rather than an election.

At the afternoon sessions we focused on Grant writing, Marketing ASG and your chapter and Neighborhood groups and ways to keep members interested. Making the meeting fun and friendly is the key ingredient and bring guests. Try new ways to increase membership by hosting an open house, advertise on Social Media, car magnets, T-shirts and think outside the box for recruiting and to find appropriate locations for meeting (fire stations, offices that have conference space, club houses, and community rooms at a mall, church, grocery stores, etc.)

Lunch time programs are always interesting at the conference. The key note speaker on Friday was Deepika Prakash owner of Pattern Review, who did a great job entertaining us with stories and trends and information on her site. Saturday brought us to the annual fashion show with over 50 entries of beautiful creations with everything from use of the ASG Fabric to wedding gown. On Sunday the big announcements were made with inducting Ann Marie Soto to the ASG Hall of Fame and the location for



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the 2019 conference is Boston!

The vendor hall was a little smaller this year but still had plenty of selections and great vendors. I took classes with Sandra Betzina (*Fabric Know How*), Juliana Bramson (*narrow finished facings*), Rae

Cumbie (*pants wardrobe*),



Katrina Walker (*Cotton Chic*), Nick Coman (*soy batik wax*

*dying*), Vaune Pierce (*petite piping*) and Linda McGehee (*sewing machine feet*). I was quite busy!!!



Katrina Walker (*Cotton Chic*), Nick Coman (*soy batik wax*



Thank you CSR Chapter for once again allowing me the opportunity to go the Annual Conference. I hope to share more of the concepts shared over the next few months with programs implemented in our chapter.

The Annual Conference is always an exciting and busy time. The chapter presidents have a different role than those that attend for fun. This year there were 84 chapter presidents that attended. While I do have fun, learn new things and meet with friends I also spend time in board meetings to learn more about what is planned for ASG, get to know the board members better and ask questions that will be help to our chapter. It is a great learning experience and I always come away with new ideas for the chapter and figure out how we can remain successful. The Board of Directors are very knowledgeable in ASG and will always share. The past chair of the board, Jodell Larkin, rotated off this year and a new member, Rita Johnson from Tennessee was elected. The person to serve as chair now will be Rosemary Fajgier, who has 2 years of board experience. In the board meetings the focus was on change on how to embrace it and deal with the challenges. One of those challenges is the overall decrease in ASG membership nationwide. Some new positive things were discussed such as the success on the Taste of ASG trial membership with 208 signing up and 8 converting to full membership. The new data base that was launched in February has easy access and much better security. The surveys that were e-mailed last year were very helpful to the board with 2,000 responses. This helps them plan for the future. In the four afternoon leadership sessions I learned how to "Make a Pattern" for the future and promoting events, how to prevent "burn-out" among leadership, the importance of surveys and what members want from ASG and I also learned a good bit more about My Grove, the new communication tools.

The annual awards were received by the Madison, WI chapter for best newsletter, Plano, TX chapter for website and Macon, GA for chapter growth. Go online and see what the winners publish! Congratulations to these chapter for their accomplishments.

Special surprise class that was open to all attendees was given on Saturday evening by Janet Pray, a leader in the sewing industry. She offered tips for home sewing that came from commercial factory sewing and shared these tips in a handout. Janet was also inducted into the ASG Hall of Fame at lunch on Sunday. Another interesting presentation was at lunch on Friday where we learned

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about the production of Threads magazine from Editor Sarah McFarland.

I enjoyed classes with Gail Yellen on how to make creative and easy bound button holes, how to make and embellish buttons with Ruth Ciernoczkowski, home dec

techniques and ideas from Pam Damour, new uses of stabilizers with Eric Drexler, decorative applique techniques with Hannah Morse, use of reversible fabrics with Cheri Dowd and how to make the Tabula Rasa tee-shirt with Rae Cumbie.

Busy week, but glad I was there! Las Vegas here I come for the ASG 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in July 2018!!



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## Judie's Journal (Continued from page 1)

the shape of a fish. This is a great time to get youth involved with the chapter and make something they can be proud of. So sign up a young friend or relative and we can Teach Another Generation (TAG). Our chapter's two junior members have already signed up!!!

The next few months will be busy with chapter events in September and October and the Annual Meeting in November so make sure you mark your calendars to attend these events. They are always fun and you will learn so much from the educators, speakers and fellow members. Now that summer vacations are winding down I hope you find the time to go to your NG meetings. If you do not

attend a group regularly find one close to you and visit. As a member you can go to any of the NG meetings (not just locally but anywhere in the country). Great friendships are made at these groups and I know I look forward to each meeting. Soon we will see a new NG added to our list. Our junior members are so enthusiastic about sewing and ASG and they starting a group for kids. I am so excited to see this happening in our chapter. The "Little Seam Rippers" will start out meeting quarterly and if anyone would like to help mentor this group you can contact me or our NG coordinator Ellen and we can set up programs for them and guests.

Sew be Creative

Happy Stitching,

*Judie Travis*

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Doris said you may call her direct at 803-642-4221. She lives in Aiken in Woodside. Identify yourself as a member of ASG and a friend of Lynne Ulreich. Please be mindful that both Doris and her husband are in their 90's, so be patient. You may also contact me (Lynne Ulreich—[lulre@gforcecable.com](mailto:lulre@gforcecable.com)) to help set something up. This is a real bargain if you can use it.



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Linda Hanslip (8/31)

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## Calendar of Events

September 3 — Stylish Fit (N.Augusta) — No Meeting due to Labor Day Holiday

September 8 — Sew-n-Sews (Myrtle Beach) — TBD

September 10 — Material Girls (Aiken) — Creating decorations for the chapter annual meeting

September 11 — Sewn Together (N.Augusta) — Working on table favors for the annual meeting

September 11 — Moonlight Stitchers (Lexington) — Exploring quilting rules and their many uses

September 13 — Rockin' Bobbins (Columbia) — TBD

September 15 — Garment Group (W.Columbia) — Continue discussions of independent pattern designers with emphasis on Cutting Line Designs

September 17 — Connecting Threads (N.Charleston) — TBD

September 18 — Sew Little Time (Summerville) — Turn in our Charity Sewing Projects and bring your favorite thanksgiving decoration with demos

**September 22 — Chapter Give Back Event with Sulky Educator Anita Drennon**

October 1 — Stylish Fit (N.Augusta) — Hands On Garment Sewing

October 8 — Material Girls (Aiken) — Review of online fabric stores

October 9 — Sewn Together (N.Augusta) — Explore making fabric boxes

October 9 — Moonlight Stitchers (Lexington) — Making mesh bags

October 11 — Rockin' Bobbins (Columbia) — TBD

October 13 — Sew-n-Sews (Myrtle Beach) — TBD

**October 13 — Bring on the Bling with Linda Hanslip — Fairview Presbyterian Church, North Augusta SC**

October 15 — Connecting Threads (N.Charleston) — TBD

October 16 — Sew Little Time (Summerville) — Snap to It Project Bag

October 20 — Garment Group (W.Columbia) — Fashion show of all our Cutting Line Designs creations

November 5 — Stylish Fit (N.Augusta) — Hands On Garment Sewing

November 8 — Rockin' Bobbins (Columbia) — TBD

November 10 — Sew-n-Sews (Myrtle Beach) — TBD

**November 10 — Chapter Annual Meeting — Election of Officers — The Year of the Scrap Contest Ends**

November 12 — Material Girls (Aiken) — No Meeting so that we can attend the Annual Meeting

November 13 — Sewn Together (N.Augusta) — An applique project with emphasis on applique options (hand sewing, embroidery machine, Scan-N-Cut, etc.)

November 17 — Garment Group (W.Columbia) Final meeting of the year — Sew-n-Tell for our Independent Designer Projects; Cookie Exchange




November 19 — Connecting Threads (N.Charleston) — TBD

November 20 — Sew Little Time (Summerville) — Our Holiday Cookie Exchange. Bring favorite gift ideas to demo

**December 6 — 4th Quarter CAB Meeting — in Lexington at the Old Mill Brew Pub**

## SEPTEMBER 2018

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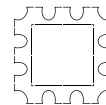
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