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## South Carolina - Central Savannah River Chapter

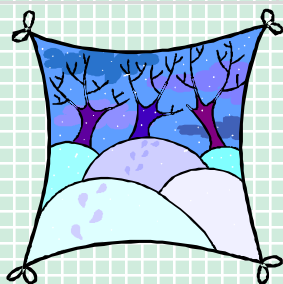
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### Diane's Discussions

First of all I would like to thank you for choosing me to be your President. I know that I have some big shoes to follow even though Judie says her feet are small. Judie has done a wonderful job with our chapter over the last 4 + years. Many thanks to her for all of her hard work and dedication to the chapter's success. But our chapter is so lucky to have many dedicated workers working together to make our chapter successful. Thanks to all of you and I will greatly appreciate your help in the future.

I know many of you. One of my goals is to meet and get to know each of you. Our chapter and ASG offer a multitude of opportunities to improve our sewing skills as well as learning new ones. In 2019 we have two national educators coming to Columbia. In February Mary Ray is coming to teach us ways to choose fabrics to match the design and sewing distinctive details. I am looking forward to learning how to think outside of my box and be more creative. Then in September we have Pam Damour coming. Pam is a well-known national teacher. You may want to research both of these teachers to see all they have to offer. I am excited to learn from both of them and I hope you will attend these events also.

We have several Neighborhood Groups that offer a variety of sewing experiences. Isn't it great that as a member of ASG we can attend all of them!

At the end of April we will be going to Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island. Fortunately we were able to reserve spaces for more people to attend. It is such a special time in such a beautiful setting to sew and socialize (maybe I should put first things first and say socialize and sew!). Everyone is so willing to share ideas and help each other. Some enjoy taking time out to walk or sit on the beach that is so peaceful. Tammy and Judie are trying to arrange a special dolphin show for me, so I hope we can all get to see the dolphins. There are only a few openings, so I encourage you to sign up if you haven't already.

In June Kristy Granberg, one of our members, will be teaching a purse class in lieu of the picnic. We will be having a pot luck luncheon and making a purse at the First UMC of Harleyville. Kristy has developed an interest in making purses and wallets. Her purses would match the most expensive purses around.

I have been asked about what kind of sewing I like to do. My answer is almost any kind, but please don't ask me to replace the zipper in your jeans!

I like piecing quilt tops, making home décor items, sewing clothes for myself and grandchildren, but my favorite is heirlooms. I just finished a dress for my granddaughter that is the most detailed heirloom I've ever made. I took a class from Connie Palmer. The class was three days long, and then it took another three days to complete. The dress is made of baby blue Nelona and has delicate embroidery plus many rows of lace and pin tucks. It was featured in Sew Classic magazine last year. When I finished the dress, I just looked at it and said "Wow!" I took a piece of plain cloth and yards of lace and created something so beautiful. I'm so thankful to Connie for helping me create this special

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Editor—Sandy Costanzo

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### Newsletter Deadlines:

December 10	Jan.-Feb. issue
February 15	March-April Issue
April 15	May-June Issue
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August 15	Sept.-Oct. 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.

**February 16** at The Chocolate Factory in (Columbia) immediately following Garment Group

**May 23**, in Summerville, SC or Santee, SC – location TBD

**August 17** after Garment Group — Old Mill Pub in Lexington

**December 5** in Aiken, SC at the Village Café

## 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

# SC/Central Savannah River Chapter 2019 National Educator Event



**February 8 & 9, 2019**

**Ashland Methodist Church  
2600 Ashland Road, Columbia, SC**

## *Mary Ray* **2-day Seminar**

*Choose Full program or  
Friday/Saturday only options*

**Plan A — Both Days**

**Plan B — Friday Trunk Show/Lecture ONLY**

**Plan C — Saturday Workshop ONLY.**

**Lunch included both days**

*"I love teaching and inspiring others to find their creativity in sewing. My workshops and lectures are designed to awaken your creative urges while offering tried and true techniques to help you develop your skills and take them to the next level."*

Check her out at [www.maryraydesigns.com](http://www.maryraydesigns.com).

### *Times Each Day:*

**Friday** — 9:30 am -Social Time,  
10 am Trunk Show, 12:30 -Lunch,  
1:30-5:00 pm - Choosing Fabrics to Match the Design

**Saturday** -(limited enrollment)  
9:00 am - Social Time and Machine Set-Up,  
9:30-Instruction & Sewing Distinctive Details Samples  
12:00 - Lunch  
1:00-5 pm - Continued Instruction and Sewing

Mary Ray is a former associate editor for *Threads Magazine* and currently is teaching apparel design at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. She continues to be a regular contributor to *Threads*. Mary is one of the most creative and innovative sewing enthusiasts of our time. She is a fiber artist, as well as skilled sewist. Some of her recent *Threads* contributions are in Issues 195,191, and 183. We will have two days to learn and be "in awe" of her creations. Mary doesn't use fancy techniques or stitches to create her designs. She sews with straight and zig-zag stitches.

On Friday, we will have her trunk show, starting at 10 am. After lunch Mary will instruct the group on effectively combining fabric and patterns so they are compatible. Color, texture, weight, hand, fibers, and more will be addressed. Saturday's class will be a hands-on session on distinctive details you can use to enhance your garments. The class will make samples as we learn topstitching details, unique closures, functional and decorative pockets, interesting facings, edge finishes and much more. A \$20 kit fee will be payable to instructor on Saturday.

**Mary Ray National Educator Event (Please submit form with payment—must be received by February. 1, 2019)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Membership No.</b>
<b>E-Mail:</b>	<b>Select Payment Amount:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A. Both Days* ASG Member \$100/Non Member \$120 <input type="checkbox"/> B. All Day Friday * ASG Member \$ 55/Non-Member \$ 70 <input type="checkbox"/> C. All Day Saturday * ASG Member \$ 55/Non Member \$ 70 A \$20 Kit Fee is due to Instructor on Day 2 Lunch Included both days	
<input type="checkbox"/> ASG/CSR Member \$ <input type="checkbox"/> All Others \$ <b>Make Checks Payable to: ASG/CSR Chapter</b>		<b>Send registration form &amp; check to:</b> <b>Marge Mitchell,</b> <b>2151 Cardigan Drive, Aiken, SC 29803</b>

## 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  
(new NG leader to be selected in Jan.)

**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 SC

### Sew Little Time—Summerville



Anne Mace 843-553-7372  
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**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.

### Sew-n-Sew —Myrtle Beach



Eve Hutchinson — 843-450-0848

**Meets 2nd Saturday at Accent Fabrics**  
Myrtle Beach SC

### Silly Seam Rippers — Lexington

Lexi Stoudemire, NG Leader  
Judie Travis, Advisor

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

### New Group Forming —Bluffton

Jeanette Bussard —

Meeting schedule and location to be announced shortly

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



# 6th Annual Sewing Retreat

April 28—May 2, 2019

Just **THREE** Spots  
Still Available and  
the Retreat will be  
Full

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:	I am enclosing <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit Only <input type="checkbox"/> Full Payment
Select Room & Meal Options—(check one)	Make your check payable to: <b>ASG / SC-CSR Chapter</b>
	Send checks to:
	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    \$446    \$496</del>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <del>Plan D-Single Occupancy no lunch    \$406    \$456</del>	

## News from the Annual Meeting



The annual election for officers was held on November 10th at the ASG Chapter Annual Meeting. The meeting was held at The Country Club of Lexington in Lexington, SC. The following people were elected:

President: Diane Zielinski (Photo at left)

1st Vice President: Linda Montz

2nd Vice President: Kristy Granberg

Secretary: Tammy Newman

Treasurer: Joyce Sinclair

**See photos from this event on our chapter's FaceBook page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanSewingGuildCSR/>

### Sew Little Time NG is Hosting a Workshop

## Sewing the Diva Wallet

Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:00—4:30

Kristy Granberg will lead us through making the Diva Wallet in your choice of cork, vinyl or cotton

The cost for the all-day workshop is \$18 which includes the pattern and frame.

**Class limited to 25 participants — Deadline to sign up is January 7th**

Bring your own lunch or order from *Just Desserts* down the street. Please bring exterior fabric of your choice: cork, vinyl, cotton – a fat quarter will be more than enough, lining fabric – a fat quarter is enough but ¼ yard is better to allow fussy cutting etc., minimum 7" zipper and approx. ¼ yard woven interfacing (Pellon SF 101)- will use on several of the interior pieces and for the exterior if fabric is used.

Your machine plus general sewing supplies are needed.

To sign-up, please contact Kristy Granberg at [kgranberg415@yahoo.com](mailto:kgranberg415@yahoo.com)

**Location: First United Methodist Church of Harleyville  
135 East Main Street (this is Hwy 178), Harleyville, SC 29448**

# News from our Neighborhood Groups

## Neighborhood Group (NG) Coordinator Report Ellen Macklin

**Happy New Year Everyone!** I hope your holiday season was filled with wonder and the excitement of a child. I am excited like that for this New Year! If you read the last newsletter we are looking to establish a new neighborhood group in Bluffton and re-establish some neighborhood groups with low membership. I am really looking to the members in these areas to help me out. You are the ones that reap the benefits by having regular meeting at a regular site. It is always nice to know where and when you are going to meet your friends!

I also want to thank all of our group leaders. You are the backbone for our chapter. You are true gifts to the members you share with every month, or however your schedule works for your group. Please also feel free to share this important service with another member so you can mentor another with

your precious skills. It's a rewarding job and we certainly don't want you to get burned out! If you are in a group that is inactive please let me know and I'll try to get you started again.

Once again we are going to be having a new neighborhood group leader training meeting. This is tentatively set for February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am at Peace Lutheran church in Aiken, same place as last year. I'm planning on being finished by lunch and you can explore our cute little city. Lots of great places for lunch! Please plan on attending even if you are not yet a neighborhood group leader because I really value your input!

Please let me know what you need! We all love to sew or we wouldn't be in this group so let's share this wonderful gift we have with our friends and neighbors so we can be sew enlightened!



### Reactivating the Group — Bluffton, SC

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

Several members in the Bluffton area have indicated that they would like to form a neighborhood group in their area.

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

A presentation is being planned for just after the holiday season. Watch for updates on our Facebook page or in the next Newsletter.



### 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.



### Connecting Threads — North Charleston, SC

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

Unfortunately, Connecting Threads has been unable to meet recently due to many reasons. In view of this, we are taking a hiatus while we regroup and reassess. We hope

our little group will be back in a few months.

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



### Stylish Fit — North Augusta, SC

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

Stylish Fit members enjoyed our usual meetings in October and November, and we joined with our sister Neighborhood group in December for a Christmas celebration.

Over the past year Stylish fit had an average attendance of six members. We did not have scheduled programs, but at each meeting, we helped each other with fitting and garment sewing issues; discussed the pros and cons of the patterns we were using, and generally encouraged each

other to keep making wearable clothing.

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

We will continue our meetings in 2019; the schedule will be the same, 10 AM on the first Monday of the month, at the Fairview Presbyterian Church, North Augusta. If the Monday is a federal holiday, we will not meet in that month. We will meet for the first time in 2019 on Monday January 7th. Until then, enjoy the holiday season.



## News from Our Neighborhood Groups



### Material Girls — Aiken, SC

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

In November we did not meet as members planned to attend the Chapter Annual Meeting.

Our December meeting day dawned cold and drizzly but group was undeterred as we had planned a studio crawl to visit some of our member's workspaces. See the wonderful photos of the spaces belonging to Charlene Shabi, Cheri Dowd, and Daria Carney. Everyone brought some goodies along to share and Daria hosted a wonderful brunch for us.

Our last action of the day was to develop a calendar of events for 2019. Based on everyone's input it will be a wonderfully fun and busy year.

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

In January Cheri Dowd will be showing us 4 different techniques for perfectly turned corners.

In February Barb Candido will be showing us how to make a "sewing buddy" to store those all important sewing notions.



Above Top Row: Charlene Shabi and her sewing room; below, Cheri Dowd's Sewing Room and Daria Carney in her sewing room.





# News from our Neighborhood Groups



## Sewn Together — North Augusta, SC

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

In November, Sewn Together stepped away from the sewing machines and tried something totally new to most of the group. Linda Montz led the group in learning to etch on glass. We cut vinyl designs on the Scan n Cut machines, placed the designs on our glass pieces, and used an etching solution to complete the process. After rinsing our pieces, we came away with beautiful finished projects to take home. Everyone had a great time and are so appreciative of Linda sharing her talents with the group!

December brought the ladies together for our annual Christmas party with food, fun and fellowship hosted by Roxanna Mills. After taking time to plan our meetings for 2019, we had a wonderful potluck lunch. Margaret

Shearouse brought a fun Christmas tree craft which was followed by a crazy gift exchange. We had lots of laughter and stealing of each other's gifts and in the end everyone ended up with great memories.

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

In January, Sewn Together will be making sewing machine covers led by Sandy Costanzo.

In February, Tammy Newman will start the group on sewing up Spicy Swirl Table Runners.



Clockwise from above L: Becky Smith, Roxanna Mills and Margaret Tuck busy working on the stuffed trees; our little forest of trees; Sandy & Marilyn working on Trees; Margaret leads off selecting the first gift; Everyone is interested in what Becky Smith is opening and who may steal it next



# News from our Neighborhood Groups



## Moonlight Stitchers — Lexington, SC

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

In November we shared our challenge for the year, using scraps to create something. This challenge supported the chapter's theme "the year of scraps". We had a lot of different creations from wall hangings to bags. I think everyone enjoyed the challenge.

Linda Barrett-Hanslip shared with us her story how she came to the States from Wales and how she started her long arm quilting business. Linda also creates her own quilt patterns and is an excellent teacher. Linda has a unique way of bringing bling to our fabric creations. She has expanded her shop to include Swarovski Crystals and has added more fabric. Linda is also the president for our local quilt guild, Threads of Time. We are very fortunate to have Linda in our neighborhood group.

Linda gave a demonstration on foundation paper piecing. She showed us how to make a beautiful placement. We also talked about english paper piecing.

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas party will be at Uno's. We exchanged homemade gifts again this year. Nobody went home disappointed in the gift they received, so many talented sewers! Once again, we were able to tell Santa what we wanted for Christmas.

### ***What's ahead:***

We will continue to meet at Hobby Lobby on Hwy 378 in Lexington. Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. January is our yearly planning meeting. I can not wait for all the interesting plans we will make for 2019.



Clockwise from upper left: Linda Barrett-Hanslip demonstrating foundation paper piecing; Linda's finished placemat; Sally Kluttz, Nancy Frick, Judy Travis, Santa, Lillian Lester, Jeanne Kingsley; our gift exchange.





# News from Our Neighborhood Groups



## Garment Group — West Columbia, SC

### What's been happening in West Columbia?

Our final Garment Group meeting for the year took place on November 17 and, as is the norm...was a fun way to kick off the holiday season with a goodie swap! We shared and exchanged goodies and brought enough to make a gift to offer to the team at Creative Sewing Center to say THANK YOU for another great year and supporting our group by letting us host our meetings in their shop. Not only did we exchange goodies, but we shared sewing projects of late. Marie showed us a darling Christmas dress that she made for her granddaughter, a Bravo Bella bra that she made and dyed to the color that she desired - she'll probably never buy a ready-made bra again! Marie highly recommends Bra Builders (formerly Bravo Bella) website, classes and supplies ([www.brabuilders.com](http://www.brabuilders.com)). Kristy has been sewing up gifts using leather pieces that she found. Lillian shared a baby quilt that she made for a new little one in her family. Sandy shared some one-seam pants and tops that she has been resizing to fit her svelte figure these days! We also planned for the coming year.

### What's Ahead?

Happy New Year!! Coco Chanel has numerous quotes

attributed to her. Here are a few that seem very true:



*"Fashion changes, but style endures;"*  
*"Elegance is when the inside is as beautiful as the outside;"* and *"The best color in the whole world is the one that looks good on you."* These statements reflect our coming year in Garment Group – **"Sewing for Your Lifestyle."**

Instead of focusing on a particular garment or style, we will be focusing in on our individual lifestyles and creating a wearable and functional wardrobe that reflects our personality and life activities. For example, some of us travel a lot and need an easy-packing/wearing capsule wardrobe. Or we are retired and need a casual wardrobe that makes us feel good and not shabby... a girl still wants to look good at the Piggly Wiggly, of course! Or maybe we are still working and need a professional wardrobe. Mostly we will focus on building a wardrobe instead of making clothes. Our clothing items should work with each other, mix and match as much as possible – not just hang in the closet waiting to be worn. In January (1/19/19), we will kick off the year by watching a "Travel Wardrobe" video. We will continue the prepping process in February (2/16/19) by watching the Nancy Nix-Rice class on building a wardrobe considering color and style. We also be doing our measurements in February. I hope that you can join us!

## Podcasts—What is a podcast?

When Googled: A Podcast is "SIMPLY PUT, A PODCAST IS TALK RADIO, BUT ON DEMAND." It's a series of spoken, audio episodes, often focused on a particular topic or theme, like sewing, fashion or current events. You can subscribe to the podcast show with an app on your phone and listen to episodes whenever you like on your headphones, in the car or through speakers.

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## News from Our Neighborhood Groups



### Sew Little Time — Summerville, SC

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

During November's meeting Sew Little Time member brought in quick and easy Holiday gift ideas. We also planned the first quarter of 2019.

In December, Marie hosted a Holiday party at her home. She made 3 homemade soups, Corn Chowder, Chicken Vegetable and Fall Minestrone. We also enjoyed salad, bread and mulled wine. We did a fun Right/Left Story gift exchange. Each person had the gift they brought, as the story was read we had to pass the gift to the person on the right, left or across the room every time the words Right, Left or Across was read in the story. After much shifting we all received a hand made gift.

Our party ended with a cookie exchange. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you Marie for hosting us.

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

At January's meeting we will be having fun with bling. Come join us!



*Some of the gifts included in our exchange: a cork zip pouch, key fob and passport cover; 3 wise woman pillow; cork zip pouch and notebook holder; holiday apron; and hanging kitchen towels. Not pictured: diva wallet and Christmas tree wall hanging made from vinyl template made in the Scan n'Cut.*



## News from Our Neighborhood Groups



### Rockin' Bobbins — Columbia, SC

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

Rockin' Bobbins met at the Hilton Garden Inn on Nov. 8, 2018. We had a 2019 planning session and a big show and tell.

We had our annual Christmas lunch on Dec. 13, 2018 at Bull Dog Pug.

#### *What's Ahead:*

We will have a road trip to the Quilt/Knitting store in Lexington in Jan. 2019.

In Feb., we will have a Brother Cut N Scan demo by Cindy Howe.





## News from Our Neighborhood Groups



### Silly Seam Rippers — Youth Sewing Group, Lexington, SC

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

The Silly Seam Rippers met in December to work on Christmas presents for their parents. With the guidance of the group advisor they picked a pattern to make soup bowl cozies out of Disney fabric that their family loves. Each girl made 2 cozies and they learned how to mark and make darts, sew around an edge leaving an opening for turning and how to turn an item. They used a new tool at this meeting, the point turner, and poked the corners out with nice even points. The skill of top stitching was practiced although that still needs some work. They wrapped the gifts to get ready to put under the tree. They were very proud of their accomplishments. Time was still left at the end of the meeting to work on the fish water bottle holder

that was started at the Give Back Event in September. Lexi and Cailyn now have all the fins completed and ready for project assembly at the January meeting.

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

In January they will begin work on the annual theme they set for eco-friendly items. The first item is a holder they can put in their backpacks to carry reusable straws. Since there is no pattern for this Lexi is designing one that will be ready for the January meeting. Each meeting has a set of skills they learn and practice and they expand their creativity and sewing knowledge with each project. And have FUN doing it!



Clockwise from Above Left: Lexi using the rotary cutter to trim up the edges for even squares; Cailyn ironing the fabric for the project; Lexi and Cailyn working on dart placement for the soup bowl holders; and finally, the finished product!

At left: Progress made with completing the decorative stitching on the fins that go on the fish water bottle. Working with the shimmer thread was difficult so rayon embroidery thread was used around the edges instead.

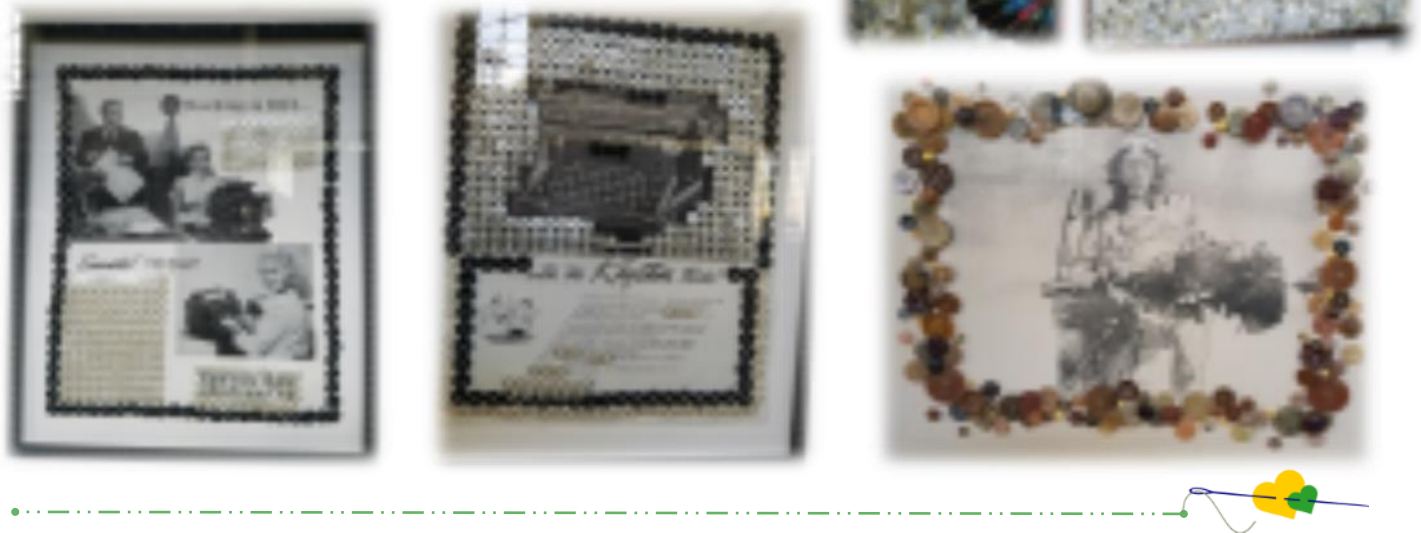




# Are you wondering what to do with all your odd buttons?

Time to think outside the box—the button box that is. Here are just a few photos from an exhibit that was featured at the USC-Aiken Etherredge Center art gallery in the early fall. The artist is Susan Lenz and as you can see in these few photos, she has an interesting way of using everyday items in her art. The photo at far right is of one of her largest pieces and the smaller photo just to its left shows the great detail of the embellishments.

Sandy Costanzo



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dress. I guess that's why I like heirloom sewing the best because the items are so delicate and pretty.

Taking classes and being a member of ASG have been such an asset for me. Not only am I learning new things, getting new ideas, expanding my knowledge of sewing, but more importantly I have made such wonderful friends. Sewing makes us happy, and sewing with friends is the best

of all!

I wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to the many events our chapter will be having this coming year.

*Diane Zielinski*

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Anita Drennon

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January 7 — Stylish Fit (N.Augusta) — Hands-on Garment Sewing  
January 8 — Sewn Together (N.Augusta) — Making Sewing Machine Covers

January 8 — Moonlight Stitchers (Lexington) — Yearly planning meeting

January 10 — Rockin' Bobbins (Columbia) — Road trip to the new Quilt/Knitting store in Lexington

January 12 — Sew-n-Sews (Myrtle Beach) — TBD

January 14 — Material Girls (Aiken) — Techniques for perfectly turned corners

January 15 — Sew Little Time (Summerville) — Fun with Bling

January 19 — Garment Group (W.Columbia) — Wardrobe Planning—Travel Wardrobe Video + Discussion

January 21 — Connecting Threads (N.Charleston) — TBD

January 26 — Sew Little Time Special Event in Harleyville—Sewing Wallets with Kristy Granberg

January 31 — Seaside Stitchers (Beaufort) — TBD

February 4 — Stylish Fit (N.Augusta) — Hands-on Garment Sewing

**February 8 & 9, 2019 — Mary Ray Two-Day Sewing Event — Columbia SC**

February 9 — Sew-n-Sews (Myrtle Beach) — TBD

February 11 — Material Girls (Aiken) — How to make a "Sewing Buddy" to store notions

February 12 — Sewn Together (N.Augusta) — Spicy Swirl Table Runner—Part one

February 12 — Moonlight Stitchers (Lexington) — TBD

February 14 — Rockin' Bobbins (Columbia) — Scan n'Cut Demo

February 16 — Garment Group (W.Columbia) — Nancy Nix Rice class on building a wardrobe + Measurements update

**February 16 — CAB Meeting — West Columbia immediately after Garment Group — at The Chocolate Factory**

February 18 — Connecting Threads (N.Charleston) — TBD

February 19 — Sew Little Time (Summerville) — TBD

February 28 — Seaside Stitchers (Beaufort) — TBD

March 4 — Stylish Fit (N.Augusta) Hands-on Garment Sewing

March 9 — Sew-n-Sews (Myrtle Beach) — TBD

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**April 28—May 2, 2019 — 6th Annual Sewing Retreat — St. Christopher's Conference Center, Seabrook Island, SC**

**May 23 — CAB Meeting—Summerville — Location TBD**

**August 17 — CAB Meeting—Lexington—immediately after Garment Group meeting —Location TBD**

**August 1-4 — ASG National Conference in Boston**

**September 12-13-14 — National Educator Event with Pam Dammor — Columbia**

**December 5 — CAB Meeting—Aiken—at The Village Café (Village at Woodside)**

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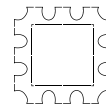
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