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## **From the President**

A Final Word from your President:

Time has gone by so quickly since Joy Seeskin asked me to serve as President of the Columbus Chapter in the fall of 2005. I have enjoyed serving as your President for the past three years. We have had a lot of fun learning new techniques and meeting new members.



A few of the highlights have been a meeting with Mrs. Taft in January of 2006 at the Governor's Mansion with all Ohio ASG Presidents to discuss the possibility of making something that would be displayed or used in the mansion. I have attended two national ASG conferences representing our chapter at leadership day and learning from many nationally known sewing experts.

There have also been some changes along the way. We have gone from having three neighborhood groups that met at three different locations to one general meeting. This has improved attendance at meetings and events. In 2008 we partnered with the Blue Jackets Foundation to make Christmas stocking caps and stockings out of old hockey socks. The caps and stocking will be sold at Blue Jackets games and the proceed will benefit Children's Hospital in Columbus.

The Columbus chapter has donated items to the ASG national community service projects, each year increasing the number of items made. In 2006 we donated 15 gowns for at risk infants and children; in 2007 we donated 62 iCare gowns for the Shriners' Hospitals; and in 2008 we made 70 anti-ouch pouches for breast cancer patients. The 2009 national community service project is pillowcases for the Ronald McDonald house. Let's see if we can make 100 items. In 2008 we also sponsored our first workshop class which was well attended.

Future challenges will be to build our membership and find ways to appeal to the new younger sewers and to develop programs and workshops for all our members.

Congratulations to Gretchen Weaver, winner in the adult division of the Ohio Make It With Wool Contest on November 8. She also received the Best In Show award and will go on to compete at the national level in the adult division. Also, congratulations to Joy Seeskin. Two of her handbags are featured in the Autumn edition of Haute Handbags.

Your new officers for 2009 are Robyn Ramsay President; Emily Andrews, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Joni Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president; Mary Alice Elk, Secretary; and Gretchen Weaver, Treasure. Congratulation ladies on your election to the CAB. Please help your CAB develop the programs that interest you and other members by volunteering your services.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President over the past three years. It has been a rewarding experience and I look forward to what the future of ASG holds for all of us.

Happy Sewing,  
Donna Verstrate

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### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

**If you are a member of the Advisory Board**, part of your commitment is to **attend Board meetings**;  
 If you are unable to attend, contact Donna to give your report.  
 Call or email Donna or any Board member to confirm date or time, in case of a last minute cancellation.  
**All Guild members are invited to attend.**

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### Newsletter Deadlines

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| April/May/June                     | March 15th                 |
| July/August/September Newsletter:  | June 15 <sup>th</sup>      |
| October/November/December:         | September 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| January/February/March Newsletter: | December 15 <sup>th</sup>  |

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## **NATIONAL NEWS:**

2009 National Community Service Project is creating pillow cases for Albuquerque's Ronald McDonald House. This is an opportunity to use some of the 100% cotton children print fabrics we might still have in stash from when our kids or grandkids were young.

The ASG 2008 Creativity contest deadline is May 2. You may have seen the contest winners in the Fall ASG Notions newsletter. From the Entry Form: "The American Sewing Guild's 2008 Creativity Contest is your invitation to a fabulous sewing journey. It begins with nine great patterns. Use just one pattern or mix them up to create a one-of-a-kind outfit. Adjust, adapt, embellish. Size them up or size them down. Sew for yourself or someone else. This year's pattern offerings include styles for women, teens, children, men, and boys." Go to [www.asg.org/html/contests.html](http://www.asg.org/html/contests.html) to find more information.



### **New Members**

Kay Gilletly  
Arthlene Legair

### **Renewing Members**

Patricia Busche  
Cathy Gessler  
Sharon Hebenstreit  
Donna Verstrate  
Gretchen Weaver      Joni Wright

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Check out our own Chapter Website at [www.asgcolumbusoh.com](http://www.asgcolumbusoh.com)!

### **Important Your E-Mail Address Updates**

If you are not currently receiving e-mail from us, we are requesting you send an e-mail to Cathy at: [2ndvicepresident@asgcolumbusoh.com](mailto:2ndvicepresident@asgcolumbusoh.com)

It is **important** that we have the correct information so that no one misses the meeting reminders and in-between-newsletter ASG news. We want to make sure we are not missing anyone.

**Get involved in your local ASG chapter.**

Our Columbus Chapter is only as good as what we put into it. Consider presenting a class, heading up a committee or filling one of the openings in the CAB so that we can continue to learn, serve, grow, and play.

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**December 6, 2008, 11:30am-?:** Holiday luncheon at Nordstrom's Bistro in the Easton town center. This is a casual event that allows us to visit and relax during the busy holiday season. Be sure to share some things you are making/have completed for the holidays as we would love to see what you are making. After lunch you can even get some shopping done.

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## Website Recommendation

by Gretchen Weaver

This website is one of the most fun that I have seen.  
<http://wkdesigner.wordpress.com/2007/08/>

Don, the blog author, describes himself as follows: "I am a Canadian living in Toronto, Canada. I work in the clothing industry as a clothing designer, patternmaker and educator. I have been doing so for the past 30 years.

"I write this little blog as a hobby and to show others that it isn't a difficult thing to sew and make your own fashions. I try to select many fashion designs that do not require a "pattern draft" or complex assembly. The designs depicted in the photos are not my own but current styles. I do design my own collection none the less."

The blog includes designs, drafting and assembly information on:

Fashion Accessories - such as a circular cape, ruffled tote bag, a ruffle fringe shawl, a bow tie, a wide brimmed summer hat, a beret, and a gorgeous reversible rain cape to name just a few.

Design Apparel - fitted jeans, ruffle top, a slinky column gown, plaid vest, 3 tiered skirt, and board shorts and bikini

Do it yourself - wedding ring pillows which are really gorgeous and eye pillows

Home Decor - box pillows

I'm thrilled with finding this site and think Don should be congratulated for sharing so much information

*Articles for the Newsletter are accepted from any member who would like to write them. They can be reviews of products, events or any other sewing related topic. We would even be interested in Essays. Please consider writing an article for our Newsletter. Contact Robyn Ramsay [rramsay@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rramsay@columbus.rr.com) with your ideas.*

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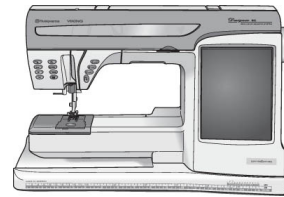
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