



Zig Zag Express

The American Sewing Guild, Columbus, Ohio Chapter



From the President

Greetings Columbus ASG. This is my first year as your President and I thought I would introduce myself as well as let you know what this year brings our ASG chapter.

I have been sewing since I was a young girl. I started sewing, as many of you probably did, by making Barbie doll clothes. It didn't take me long to realize I could make things for myself. I am mostly self taught but when I started, my mom was able to show me how to follow a pattern so I could always go to her for help. I initially developed my skills sewing 4-H projects and such. Through the years my skills have developed from sewing, reading about sewing, and taking seminars at different conferences.

Now I sew mostly garments for myself and two daughters, that are 8 and 10, and occasionally for my husband. Mostly, as I mentioned, I sew garments, but I also have done home dec sewing, craft sewing, and quilting as required.

I think this year has gotten off to a good start for ASG Columbus and I hope the rest of the year also goes well. We have some events coming up I hope you will attend. The Spring luncheon and Fashion Show is May 9. I always enjoy socializing with our members and seeing what everyone has been making. If you have not yet made your reservation, please do so. In June, we will have our annual workshop day for the ASG National Community service project.

We will be making pillow cases for the Ronald McDonald house. Please check out the ASG National website, www.asg.org, to learn more about this project. In July, we will not be having a meeting because of the ASG national conference being held in Albuquerque, NM July 16-19.

For the second half of the year, the CAB has some great ideas but I would love to have some input from our members. Some of topics we could have are: embellishing/recycling denim, a Peggy Sagers patterns trunk show, a go green fabric swap, surface embellishment, and/or quick gifts (as we get closer to the holidays), and revisiting skirt drafting. We will also have a Columbus Blue

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Upcoming meetings:

- *April 19 2-4pm About Knits and sewing Swimwear @Stitching Post*
- *May 9 12-3pm Spring Luncheon and Fashion show at Heritage Golf Club, Hilliard*
- *June 14 2-4pm Charity workshop for National Service Project @ Stitch-*

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Spring Luncheon/Fashion Show

The ASG Columbus annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show is May 9 from Noon to 3pm. It will be held at the Heritage Golf Club at 3524 Heritage Club Drive, Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Parking is adjacent to the clubhouse. This is the same lo-

cation we held it last year. It is a very nice setting for this enjoyable event.

This is always a fun social event - get to know your fellow guild members a bit better and see what everyone has been making.

This year we will be having a soup and salad buffet lunch-\$20 for adults and there are kids meals (of chicken fingers, fries and apple sauce) for \$10.

All members are invited to model or display garments or

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Cleveland Sewing Expo in Review

By Gretchen Weaver

The Cleveland Original Sewing and Quilt Expo did a great job re-charging my sewing batteries. It is a well organized event with many nationally known speakers.

Mary Ray is a contributing editor to Threads. However, she did not have a booth and did not have any products to sell. She is a beautiful fabric artist and brought many of her garments to illustrate her points - some of which have graced the cover of Threads magazine. The two lectures that I attended of hers were "Finding and Refining Wearable Art Ideas" and "Working with Unusual Fabrics - It's All in the Cut". She is a great teacher and her discussion was thought provoking.

Emma Seabrooke's niche is knits. The Dayton ASG brought her to Dayton recently for a slinky and knit discussion/workshop. I expanded the knowledge that I picked up there with her lecture "Stretch Laces, Tiny Pleats. Oh

My!" Emma is very practical and gives lots of good advice as well as showing numerous tops that she has made.

Tammy O'Connell is from Milwaukee and has lots of purse advice. Tammy is a former National Make it With Wool winner, current ASG member and has made costumes for notable celebs. Her lecture "Purse & Clothing Hardware Installation" was enlightening since she finds "findings" at hardware stores, Farm and Fleet, and marine stores instead of traditional fabric stores.

Pattie Otto is the owner of Great Copy patterns. I had seen her work at the ASG convention in Chicago last summer and knew that I wanted to see more. Pattie just sent her 4th child to college and is now free to do expos. She offered "Twist and Shout" about knit neckline variations, "Savvy Fleece Embellishments" and "Elastic Waistbands for Rookies". She is a very organized lecturer and taught me new stuff in all 3

of the classes that I enjoyed with her. It's great to have her on the expo scene!

Cindy Losekamp of sewingart.com is a ball of fire. She has so many embellishment ideas and thinks out of the box. I saw a free demo about silk screening on T shirts and promptly signed up for her class "Time Crunch Creating". Her workshop "Silkscreen, Glitter & Jeans" was already filled up or I would have been there too. I see that she is on the program at ASG in Albuquerque in July.

Jim Suzio from Pittsburgh is huge on the embroidery scene. Many professionals attend his classes - they have embroidery businesses! He connects with me on a very basic level - "On the Fringe" explained his new product that will make fringe even in my small hoop that will coordinate with anything you make since you are selecting the thread colors.

Finally, Barb Callahan presented "Dozens of Buttons". She gave more advice than Threads on beading of buttons. She puts batting under the fabric, then beads the button, and then makes the covered button. So much easier than what they recommend.

Get yourself to Cleveland next year - it will be the last weekend in March.

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. Contact the newsletter editor with your ideas.

Newsletter Deadlines

Apr/May/June	May 15th
July/Aug/Sept	June 15th
Oct/Nov/Dec	Sept 15th
Jan/Feb/Mar	Dec 15th

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Jackets Foundation Workshop for making stockings and hats. If any of these appeal to you please, contact me rramsay@columbus.rr.com or 614.888.5597 or speak to me or another CAB member after a meeting to let your views be known.

Additionally, I would welcome any other ideas you might have for meeting topics; this could be something you would like to learn more about or would like to teach. We want to offer content that you are interested in learning more about.

I hope that we have a great year and learn much together.

Warmly, *Robyn*

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items they have made. There will be display space if you are not interested in modeling a garment or if you have some other item that can't be modeled. The fashion show and display is always inspiring.

Again, this year we will be having our annual raffle. We will raffle off gift cards to four of our favorite shops in the Columbus area. Any proceeds from this raffle will be used to purchase fabric for the National Service pillowcase project

Please invite your friends. We would love to have a great turn out to showcase our Columbus ASG.





Chapter News

Did you miss our March Meeting Under Tension?

Members who attended our March meeting are certainly no longer “under tension.” We all gathered at Beth’s Creative Stitchery where Laura Livingston solved our fears and confusion about thread tension. She educated us on how a sewing machine works to produce a stitch, and explained the importance of using quality thread. We brought our machines and went through several examples of stitching using different threads and experimenting with different tensions. We were able to make notes right on our stitching samples and

bring them home with us for future reference.

Those who attended found the information quite valuable and many thanks are extended to Laura for being such a great hostess for our March meeting. Those who were not able to attend the meeting should consider taking this class at Beth’s Creative Stitchery. You can check out the website to see when it will be offered - www.bethscreative.com or you can call the store at (614) 436-2611 to inquire about the class. You’ll no longer be “under tension” after Laura’s excellent presentation!

National News

Registration for the National meeting that will be held in Albuquerque, NM July 17-19 began April 1. If you would like to attend this inspiring event, you can register on-line at www.asg.org.

The ASG Creativity contest deadline is May 1, 2009. If you would like to enter the contest the entry form is at www.asg.org.

Are you aware there are many benefits

to being an ASG member? Many of us are aware of the JoAnn’s discount card we all have but there are many other retailers that offer discounts to ASG members. You can learn more about these opportunities in the members section of the ASG web site. If you are not aware or have forgotten the password to this section of www.asg.org, please contact a CAB member and she will help you.

New and Renewing Members

Thank you! to our Renewing Members

- Nancy Albu
- Lisa Browne
- Ann Forrester
- Rosemarie Gearhart
- Sandra Henderson
- Donna Morton
- Joy Seeskin
- Vicki Beahtel
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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 we can continue to learn, serve, grow, and play.

We could use ongoing help in any of the following positions: Librarian, Education, Special Events, Publicity, or Retail Liaison. Many of these positions would require a small time commitment or would be short term.

Please contact a CAB member if you would be interested in helping our Chapter.

Important Reminder to CAB

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 the President to give your report.

All Guild members are invited to attend CAB meetings





Classifieds

Currently there are no classified ads. Contact the newsletter editor if you are interested in placing one.



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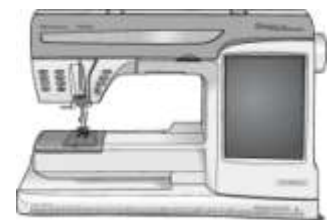
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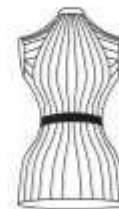
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