



Zig Zag Express

The American Sewing Guild, Columbus, Ohio Chapter



From the President

Happy 2010! Have you made any sewing resolutions this year? I always resolve to sew more and use more fabrics from my stash rather than buying anything new. I have had some success with this but, obviously, since these are my sewing resolutions again this year, I can still do better. I hope you have made some sewing resolutions for the new year. Maybe you resolve to sew more and use more from stash as I have, or would like to learn a new technique, or perfect a garment fit, or even organize your sewing space. I hope that ASG can help you with your 2010 sewing goals.

The CAB is busy planning for 2010. The annual Spring Luncheon and style show has been moved to March hoping that we will avoid some conflicts that our members have indicated prevented them from attending in the past. We also would like to bring Carol Coleman back to conduct a Pants Fitting workshop later in the Spring. This will depend on if there is enough interest from our members to fill the class. Also, one of our members, who is very involved with 4-H, has agreed to talk to us about interfacings. If there is a technique or project you would like to see us cover in a workshop or at one of our meetings, we would love to hear from you.

Remember that the National ASG meeting will be held in Atlanta this year at the beginning of August. This is another opportunity to take classes, to learn new techniques, and meet new and old sewing friends. Oh, not to mention the vendors that **attend the show... (But that does sort of go against my sew more from stash resolution.)** Regardless, I am considering driving an Odyssey down to Atlanta (about a 9 hour drive) and will do it if there is enough interested in going with me. More details can be found on the National ASG website regarding conference www.asg.org or if you think you might be interested in riding with me to conference let me know and I can include you in the planning as things are finalized.

Please be sure to check out the information in this newsletter. We have included some of the new offers available to ASG members and a couple of other articles you may find interesting. If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact me at president@asgcolumbusoh.com

Go Sew!
Robyn

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Upcoming meetings/events:

- *February: TBA*
- *March 13, Spring Luncheon and Style show*

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Community Service with the Girl Scouts—

By Robin Devine

ASG members recently teamed up with Girl Scout troop 1389 to make fleece hats, mittens, and scarves for needy school children. The afternoon “workshop” was held at Quilt Beginnings East on November 1, 2009. The Girl Scouts, all novice sewers, were eager to become acquainted with sewing and the great Pfaff machines in the classroom. After a crash-course in sewing, the girls dove in. They were naturals, and with the help of several moms and ASG volunteers, sewed some fabulous fleece hats and scarves.

The hat pattern, Jalie 2318, was well-suited to this endeavor with 15 hat sizes (although we only used three). We used the beanie hat pattern due to its appealing design and simplicity for novice sewers. The two-piece mitten pattern from

Ultimate Polarfleece Pizzazz by Great Copy Patterns also proved simplistic yet quite clever.

ASG members later helped make the mittens, and in the end, 27 sets of hats/scarves/mittens were donated to the Bishop Griffin Center, a multi-parish outreach center serving the eastside of Columbus. In addition, local ASG member, Rosemarie Gearhart, donated a **dozen beautifully made women’s hats** and scarves she constructed. The Girl Scouts later presented their sets to the Center, receiving a tour and helping to set up their much-needed donations. I received a wonderful note from the Center staff, thanking ASG for our efforts. Unfortunately, these outerwear sets were gone in a matter of hours, highlighting both the great need present in



Columbus right now and the appreciation for handmade items. ASG hopes to continue this partnership with local Girl Scout troops in a combined effort to educate local children about sewing while helping the great numbers of people in need here in Columbus.

ASG Membership Benefits \$ave—

By National ASG

Your ASG membership more than pays for itself when you take advantage of the many generous discounts and other offers from our industry supporters. **Over 65 Special Offers** from ASG sponsors and advertisers in the Winter issue of "Notions" have just been posted on the ASG Web site (www.asg.org). That includes **21 updated listings, plus 9 brand new offers.**

The complete list includes:

- **10% discounts from two of the resources featured in our Winter cover story, "Rediscovering Vintage Patterns"**
- **10-to-20% online and in-store discounts from 16 fabric sources, including 4 all-new offers**
- **10-to-20% discounts from 12 of your favorite independent pattern designers**
- **FREE admission to four different Cali-**

fornia sewing festivals

- **10-to-30% discounts on hundreds of machine embroidery designs**
- **other NEW offers from:**
 - ◆ **Gwyn Hug:** group discounts for "How Much Fabric?" Reference Cards developed by an ASG member
 - ◆ **Judy Topkis:** 10% discount on hand printed fabrics in your choice of fiber content, pattern, and ink color
 - ◆ **Nancy's Notions:** back with a 15% discount!
 - ◆ **Vogue Fabrics:** 20% off silk charmeuse, chiffon, crepe de chine, dupioni, organza, shantung, taffeta, and more!
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 - ◆ **Colonial Needle**
 - ◆ **Fabrique! Fashion Fabrics**

- ◆ **Hip Line Media**
- ◆ **Lorraine Torrence Designs**
- ◆ **Mill Direct Textiles (the Polartec people!)**
- ◆ **ScrapSmart**
- ◆ **Sew News**
- ◆ **SewkeysE**

All of these Special Offers are available ONLY to ASG members, and many are NOT printed in "Notions" ads, ONLY LISTED ON THE ASG WEB SITE. Please take advantage of them! These companies need to know that ASG members appreciate their support. Be sure to tell them that when you order!





Chapter News

Spring Luncheon and Fashion show— This annual event will be held March 13 at Heritage Golf Club, Hilliard. Please consider modeling something you have made this year in the Style show or displaying something. We do need information about your item before the event. More details about the deadlines for ticket sales and item entry will be coming in the next few weeks.

2010 Officers Elected—Congratulations

to our returning Officers for the 2010 year; Robyn Ramsay, Emily Andrews, Joni Wright, Mary Alice Elk, and Gretchen Weaver. Thank you so much for serving our Chapter! We really need some help with a newsletter editor and a librarian. If you could help in either of these roles, please contact Robyn at president@asgcolumbusoh.com

Keep updated by checking our website: www.asgcolumbusoh.com

National News

ASG 2010 Creativity Contest

The American Sewing Guild's 2010 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.

See the patterns and contest rules at <http://www.asg.org/html/contests.html>. The deadline for entries is May 1, 2010 so you still have plenty of time to enter the contest.

www.asg.org

New and Renewing Members

Thank you! to our Renewing Members

- Nancy Albu
- Patricia Busche
- Kay Gilletly
- Sharon Hebenstreit

- Kathryn Kempke
- Ruth Seas
- Betty Sawyers
- Donna Verstrate
- Gretchen Weaver
- Joni Wright

Classifieds

Elfa storage units with baskets for \$25 each. Measurements are 17-1/4 inch deep; 17-3/4 inches high; 13-7/8 inches wide. Each unit has 3 baskets: 1 deep and 2 shallow. All in like new condition. If interested, please contact patgriffith@columbus.rr.com. Photo can be provided. Wheels and stacking can be added/done with additional hardware-not included.

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.

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Newsletter Deadlines

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Apr/May/June	May 15th
July/Aug/Sept	June 15th
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HOW YOU CAN HELP

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

We could use help in any of the following positions: Librarian, Education, Special Events, Publicity, Newsletter 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

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