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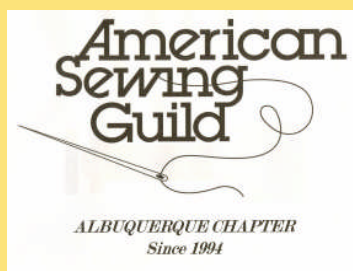
April-May-June 2009

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Our Next Newsletter will be in July 2009



IT'S
SPRING

GENERAL MEETINGS: Thursday **APRIL 9**
Thursday **MAY 14**
Thursday **JUNE 11**

BIG DOINGS –

April general meeting – The “Apron Challenge” has started
May CAB Meeting – Fiber Arts prep
May 2 – FREE Cancer Seminars at Embassy Suites
May 14 General Meeting – Final preparation of volunteer, kit making, Apron Challenge ends
May 16 – Yard Sale at Asbury Church
May 20 – Set up ASG booth at Fiber Arts, Lujan Bldg.
May 21 – Fiber Arts show begins
June 11 General Meeting – Pillowcase challenge starts
June 20 – Albuquerque Folk Festival – teach kids to sew
July 9 General Meeting – Pillowcase Challenge ends
July 16-19 is ASG National Convention in ABQ !!!!!

WOW !! MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!



January Sew-In



A new meeting room



Marla's Jacket

Melisa is quite a designer !



How Much Do You Care About ASG ?

by Melissa

This is the time of year that we are really S-T-R-E-T-C-H-E-D. The weather will soon be good, the kids are nearly out of school, and Summer vacation plans are well under way. There seems to be an over-abundance of paperwork and activities, and lots of budget tightening.

But this year it is also an extremely important time for the sewing and fiber world in Albuquerque. We have two major events occurring within as many months. Although many of our members are involved with the Fiber Arts Fiesta, I want to pause for a moment, and stress the **VITAL IMPORTANCE** of our own ASG National Convention making a visit to our city in July.

This is **OUR GUILD**. Whatever event we may be involved with other than this event, we **MUST** plan to attend, volunteer, involve ourselves, sew for, and support this event in any way we can. Our headquarters has honored us with the decision to come to New Mexico. Attending this conference in any state can stretch the budget quite a bit. Consequently, few of our members travel to out-of state conferences. **BUT THIS TIME** – there is no travel, lodging, gas, meals, or any other large expense for attending, other than the price of admission, and maybe a little parking.

We have known about this conference for a year, and the dates have been all but burned into our brains since last September via meeting announcements and newsletters. So, we should have set aside the time for our own event. So – huge expenses can't be an excuse, and not knowing the dates can't be an excuse either. I normally don't hold our membership's feet to the fire about an event. But this one time I feel I should do just that.

The U.S. economy may mandate that ASG members who normally DO attend every convention, may not be able to attend this year. Someone has to take up the slack for those who can't come. Our involvement in 2009 may make the difference between staying in the black or going red. To insure future conventions (2010 is in Atlanta), and the continued success of ASG, I urge you, with my strongest urge, to attend the 2009 ASG Convention in Albuquerque. Thanks for listening. I love you all. –Melissa

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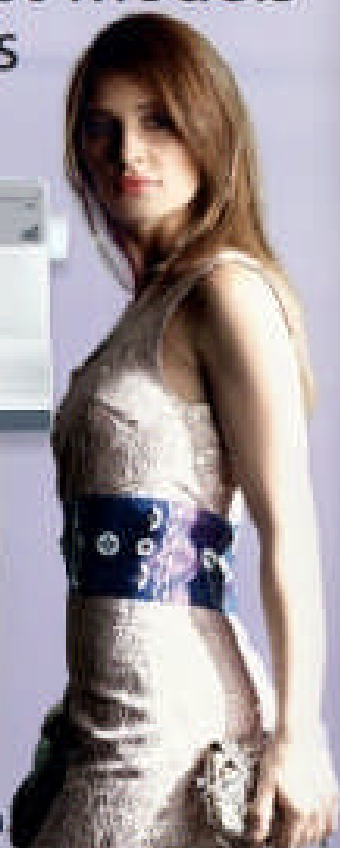
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The Albuquerque Folk Festival (May 20) will have a new project for the **ASG Teach Kids To Sew** area. Instead of pillows, the kids will be making hand puppets. We have 5 different critters in mind, and you can make kits out of fleece for use by the kids. They really enjoy working at the sewing machines. Make a kit and join in the effort. Who knows, we may just get a kid started on a lifetime of sewing enjoyment.

WE HAVE MANY BAGS FOR THE ASG BOOTH AT FIBER ARTS. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SEWED SUCH BEAUTIFUL WORKS. YOU ARE ALL WONDERFUL !**

YARD SALE !!!!!!! May 18
Call Donna Jo at 873-2815
For your \$10 Booth !!!!

May 2 is the annual **FREE Nancy Floyd Haworth Foundation** Cancer event at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1000 Woodward NE, from 9 to noon. Three very good seminars are presented about reducing and surviving cancer. Call 265-6343 for info or to attend. Check the website at NFHFoundation.org.



40 nighties went to Barrett House in Feb.

APRON CHALLENGE !!
Last challenge to benefit Fiber Arts Fiesta will close at our MAY 14 Mtg. Aprons of EVERY kind are eligible. So have fun with this one!

By now, all members should have their **ASG Conference** registration book. Register **QUICKLY** – classes fill up fast. www.ASG.org if you do not have a catalogue.



VOLUNTEER FOR SUMPIN'

Our **General Meetings** are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at Asbury United Methodist Church, 10000 Candelaria between Juan Tabo and Eubank. The public is welcome.

Our **CAB meetings** are held on the 1st Wednesday of selected months at the same location and time. All of our members are welcome to attend. If you need to have an item discussed, please contact 281-1518 to be placed on the meeting Agenda.

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All articles, ads and questions must be in this Editor's hands by the 10th of the month before the newsletter comes out - Mar 20, Jun 20, Sep 20, and Dec 20.



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NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING PLACES AND TIMES

Pine Needles meets on last Wednesday at various members' houses at 6:30, with a planned program each month. Call Claudia at 281-8828 for details.

Running Stitches Sit & Sew is held on 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday at Abbey Lane Sew & Vac from 10 to 4, and on 2nd & 4th Tuesday at Providence Church on Encantado east of Tramway. Bring a sack lunch to the meetings. Call Kim at 440-8269.

Material Girls Sit and Sew meets on 4th Sunday at Ann Silva's Bernina 1 to 4. They are looking for new members to come and play. Call Donna Jo at 873-2815.

Westside Sit and Sew meets on 1st Tuesday at Quilts Ole on Corrales Road, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Call Marge at 890-5797 for information.

Treadlepushers meets on 3rd Tuesday at various homes. Planned programs change monthly. Call Kendra at 856-7048 for information.

JOIN ASG and have some FUN !!!

Membership renewal is \$35 per year. New membership dues is \$40 for the first year. Please complete the application below, and send it with your check to ASG Headquarters in Houston.

<p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>City ST ZIP</p> <p>Phone</p> <p>E-Mail</p>	<p>ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Chapter Member: \$40</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Renewal: \$35 (before expiration date)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Late Renewal \$40 (After expiration date)</p> <p>PAYMENT:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed payable to "American Sewing Guild"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bill my Master Card/VISA (circle one)</p> <p>Acct:..... Exp.Date.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Signature</p>
<p>Mail To:</p> <p>American Sewing Guild</p> <p>9660 Hillcroft, Ste 510 – Houston, TX 77096</p> <p>Phone: 713-729-3000 Fax: 713-721-9230</p> <p>Web: www.ASG.org E-Mail: Info@asg.org</p> <p>Allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing</p>	



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Ryan's Sewing & Vacuum now carries the Lorelei Designs (like those on our ASG tri-fold fliers). They will also soon have the "John Deer Adorable Ideas" collection. Keep stopping in to check for these fun embroiderables. While you are there, ask about the upcoming "Hats Of The Month" class to see if it has been scheduled yet.

Also, our friend Ryan has become a major Sponsor of the ASG Convention in July, and will be supplying 25 machines and two educators to the classroom efforts at the event.

Bob's Sewing & Vacuum is having a longarm class on April 16 from 9-5, with Terri Williams, and a "Tin Lizzie" open house on April 17 from 11 to 7 PM. Stop by the store, or call them to get details about the class.

Southwest Decoratives has a new BOM for you quilters of the Mission Churches of New Mexico. You can join in at any time to stitch up these colorful 16" squares.

Village Wools is having a Red Dye Workshop with Liesel Orend on April 18 & 19. This is a 2-day workshop covering in-depth exploration of many dyestuffs from the natural world. Call 883-2919 QUICKLY to enroll.

Abbey Lane will host the rep from Jenny Haskins, Laura Haynie, on May 2 for a seminar from 10:30 to 1:30. The cost is \$15 including a snack and light lunch. You will really get creative after this seminar!! They will offer good discounts on books with instructional CDs too.

Char Punke will offer her "bag" class on April 28, and the stabilizer class with Karen Baker will be back in early June. Check out the AbbeyLaneOnline website for details.

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Everyone is invited to contribute hand-made ornaments to our **Holiday Tree Special Event**. A beautiful 7-1/2 foot tree will be decorated with contributed ornaments. The tree will then be raffled off at the **Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta 2009** (May 21-23, 2009).

Contributed ornaments must measure no more than 6" in any direction, and may not weigh more than 6 ounces. All entries must be totally hand-made (no purchased, pre-decorated ornament bases). The American Sewing Guild will have the sole right to exclude from hanging, any ornament deemed objectionable or inappropriate. If too many ornaments are entered for a single tree, a 2nd tree will be contributed, and the ornaments will be split between the trees. Additionally, if deemed necessary, a 16-foot garland may be installed in a doorway, and ornaments may also be hung there.

The tree(s) will be raffled to the public and to **Fiesta** attendees for \$1.00 per ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The winners will get their tree, all the ornaments on it (less garlands, tinsel, skirt and faux gifts) and a catalogue listing information about each ornament on their tree.

To enter, complete the form below, and send one form per ornament entered, along with your check for \$5.00 per ornament to the address on the form. All checks must be made out to **Greater Albuquerque Habitat For Humanity**. All proceeds from entries and raffle ticket sales will benefit *Habitat*. All Entries must be received by May 1, 2009.

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Becky talks of natural fibers in March



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New member Kate's creation



Mary Lou leads the Apron Brigade - What a show !

Backpage

The members of ASG, at the December meeting, agreed to accept the Albuquerque Rescue Mission as a benefactor of our Community Service sewing. They request women's ditty bags, and 5" x 7" toiletry bags. Below are instructions for the small bags. Please return finished items to LAURA BACA for distribution. Thank you.

Cut fabric 6" x 16". Fold to 6" x 8". With right sides together, sew 1/2" seam (or serge) on two long edges. Turn open edge toward wrong side 1/4" and press. Turn again 5/8" and stitch close to edge, leaving 1/4" unstitched in center of casing. Thread an 18" piece of 1/4" ribbon through the casing for a drawstring, and tie ends together. Press bag.

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