



Albuquerque Chapter of the American Sewing Guild

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Biased Opinions

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Notes from our Co-Presidents

Hey Ladies,

Something wonderful happens at the end of each year. We get to close out all the items we were going to do and didn't get around to and we get to open a whole new group of things to accomplish in The New Year. One of Donna's "to dos" last year was to make a dress! Well, it didn't get done and she is taking it off the list for this year. She does have a number of things she wants to accomplish this year which include making a large dog bed. Becky's list of pending projects is frighteningly long, but a big goal this year is to replace her Costco jeans with nice-looking pants.

Becky and Donna Jo are taking on Fashion Design School with great enthusiasm. We are excited and hope to learn much to pass on to you, our members.

Also, this year is once again Fiber Arts Fiesta. Many fabulous vendors will be in Albuquerque with new things for us to see. The National ASG Convention, this year, will be in Los Angeles at the St. Bonaventure Hotel. What an awesome location. Let's see how many of us from Albuquerque can go!

We have several new members. Be sure to seek them out at the February meeting and let them know how pleased we are that they have joined the Albuquerque Chapter of the ASG.

We have opportunities for becoming more involved in the Albuquerque Chapter of the Guild. We need a Retail Liaison and a Community Service representative on the Albuquerque Chapter Board. Please consider joining us as a member of the Board. It does not require a huge amount of time and it is truly rewarding. Plus, we frequently have chocolate at the Board meetings.

Becky Arnold, Co-President
Donna Jo Finley, Co-President

Have you checked out our national ASG website www.asg.org or our Albuquerque Chapter website www.asgalb.org? They are worth your taking time to look them over. See the many ways your membership is enhanced.

General and Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) Meetings

General meetings are held on the **2nd Thursday** of each month at 6:30 PM at the Asbury Methodist Church, 10000 Candelaria between Juan Tabo and Eubank. Guests are welcome to attend.

Chapter Advisory Board meetings are held on the **1st Thursday** of each month at 6:30 PM. The meetings will be held at the Asbury Methodist Church. All members are welcome to attend. Contact either of our co-presidents if you have an item you wish to have discussed at the CAB meetings.

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Calendar of Events

February 10th meeting at 6:30 PM

Jon Pier of *Advent Wellness* is a local physical therapist who teaches classes at such establishments as Sandia Lab. He will teach us how to sit at our sewing machines and not to stress our beautiful bodies!

March 10th meeting at 6:30 PM

Jessica Barber will bring her gorgeous handbags and Jennifer Aimonetti will wow us with her fabulous custom made creams and tell us what products to use to keep us most beautiful.

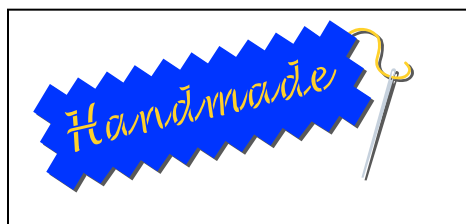
April 14th meeting at 6:30 PM

Suzanne Kelly from *Hipstitch* will tell us how she was inspired to open her shop and what her plans are for the future. She will bring us up to date on the activities featured at her store.

DO YOU KNOW when your *Threads* subscription expires? Look at the label on your magazine. The month and the year of expiration will be noted on the label. If the label reads **Mar11** it means that your subscription will end with the March 2011 issue.

The label on my magazine is **Jan12** which indicates my subscription will end in January 2012.

If you renew before the date indicated your subscription will be extended according to your request.



KUDOS

Congratulations to Virginia Cavalluzzo, the recipient of the Albuquerque Chapter of the ASG 2010 Outstanding Member Recognition. A certificate was presented which says:

For outstanding service, enthusiastic participation and exceptional contribution to the art of sewing and the advancement of this guild's mission statement.

We are grateful for your work and we thank you!

Election and Appointment of New Board Members

The election of officers and appointment of committee chair persons occurred at the December guild meeting. All are listed on page 2. Two positions are still open – Retail Liaison and Community Service. Please contact either Donna Jo or Becky if you are willing to volunteer for either of these positions.

The first CAB meeting for this year was held on January 6th. Plans for the year are “in the works” and programs and activities being developed will provide a fun time for all of our members. See the **Calendar of Events, Special Events, Community Service** articles in this issue of *Biased Opinions* for details.

Keeping in touch with the guild membership is an important goal of the CAB. This will be accomplished through *Biased Opinions*, e-mails, our website, and telephone when needed. So, keep checking on these ways to communicate.

EDUCATION OF THE TEXTILE ARTS ETA Dallas

February 2011 is the 6th year for the ETA Dallas conference sponsored by Peggy Sagers of Silhouette Patterns. The conference offers many opportunities for the attendees to learn today's textile and how we use them in our lives. This year, several of our Albuquerque Sewing Guild members will attend ETA to take classes from well-known teachers like Barb Callahan, Cynthia Guffey, Anne St Clair, and Kathy Ruddy. Melisa Hart will participate in a design challenge workshop. Becky Arnold will teach classes in the identification, use and care of natural fibers and beginning knitting.

Special Events

Anne St. Clair will be here on March 19 and 20. On the 19th, she will have her ever popular bra class. Anne will custom fit each attendee and then guide each person to make her custom fitted bra in class. On March 20th, she will conduct “The T-shirt Class” where she will help you do a basic T-Shirt pattern from a Kwik Sew Pattern and customize it to fit your exact measurements. She will offer many design ideas as well.

Connie Crawford will be here on April 30 and May 1, 2011. On April 30 she will present a one day workshop titled “When Your Perky Body is Gone”. This class will feature couture fit through draping, fitting and pattern making. On May 1, she will schedule two hours custom fitting sessions with Guild members featuring one or two of her patterns.

Check our chapter's website for additional information about these events.

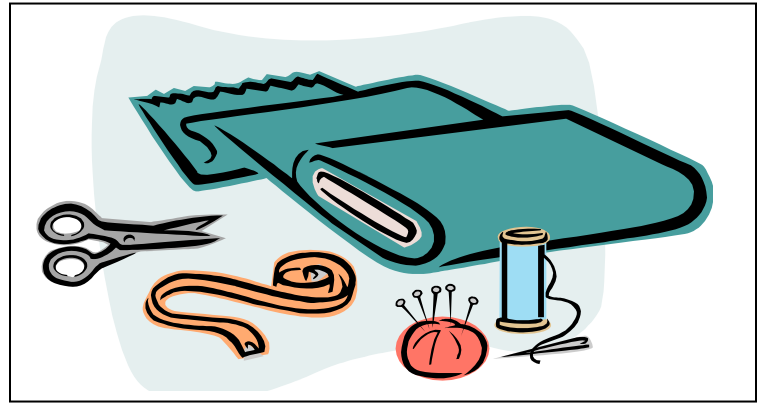
UPCOMING EVENTS

The **2011 Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta** is the 8th biennial show dedicated to fiber arts education and to the display of fiber-related artwork. The Fiesta is on May 26, 27 and 28, 2011. The Fiesta is host to a vendor mall, fashion shows, guild and vendor demos, classes and workshops, educational exhibits and a solo show by featured artist, Arley Berryhill. You can read more about her at the Fiber Art Fiesta website www.fiberartsfiesta.org.

The 2011 **Call to Entry Brochure** features 16 different divisions of entry, including a youth division. The **deadline to submit an entry is March 1st**. All entry forms can be found at the Fiber Arts Fiesta website. Let's have good representation from our guild.

Additionally, the Fiber Arts Committee is sponsoring a Giving Tree fundraiser to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We will have a tree covered in 1000 handmade fiber leaves, each leaf will be numbered and members of all participating guilds are asked to produce small handmade items that will be packaged and numbered to correspond with the leaves. People will buy a leaf for \$5 and find the corresponding gift. Half the fun is that people won't know what gift to expect! The Fiber Arts committee is looking for 1000 gifts. Each Guild is responsible to provide 100 gifts so get sewing! A few ideas of small gifts you can make are: scarves, check book covers, greeting cards, brooches, jewelry, bookmarks, coasters and many, many more! Please include your name and guild with each gift. You can bring your completed gifts to the sewing guild meetings and give them to Melisa Hart.

Volunteers are needed during the Fiesta to assist in a variety of way. Please contact Melisa Hart for details and to volunteer.



Neighborhood Groups

MATERIAL GIRLS SIT AND SEW meets on the 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Ann Silva's Bernina Sewing Center. We bring our own projects to work on and share ideas and eat chocolate! Call Donna Jo at 873-2815 if you have any questions.

PINE NEEDLES meets on the **last** Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at Los Vecinos Community Center in Tijeras, **except** in **December** when we move the meeting up two weeks not to conflict with the holidays and we go out to eat. Call Claudia Broadwater at 281-8828 for more information.

RUNNING STITCHES SIT AND SEW meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of each month at Abbey Lane Vacuum & Sewing from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Providence Church on Encantado east of Tramway. Bring a sack lunch to the meetings. Call Kim Kelbe at 440-8269 if you have any questions.

TREADLEPUSHERS meets on the 2nd Monday of each month from 10:00 AM–Noon at the member's homes. There are **no meetings during July and August**. Programs are planned for each month. Some are demonstrations of sewing techniques and some involve a sewing challenge. Contact Kendra Margel at 856-7048 for further information.

Be creative

Keep sewing

But, most of all enjoy!

Meet Our Board Members

Bernadette Houghton, Treasurer

I am not a natural sewer, I have the other side of the brain. Back in the day, when resources were very limited, I made my wedding dress and it came out beautiful. I don't know why, but after that, I did not sew for many years. Then I found Ann Silva. Oh boy, I was in trouble. I purchased a Bernina 200 embroidery machine. I felt like I was going straight from kindergarten to college all in one day. I took many classes and was inspired by how wonderful and helpful everyone was with sharing their talents, patterns, knowledge, and patience. I loved sewing again. Not to mention, with the right tools, it is easier. I'm still not good, but when I sew something, I am very proud that I did it! I use sewing to escape the pressures of life. When I sew I have to concentrate so hard that I forget about the world and any pressures that life brings. I especially like doing the appliqué embroidery from the sewing software, such as *Affairs of the Heart* by Aie Rossmann, and *Quilted Cross* by Michelle Watts. I would like to continue to grow by being a part of the sewing guild by providing leadership to not only the experienced sewer but also the sewers that are "want to be's" like me. I attended ETA Dallas a few years ago. I took a class with Pam Damour, and she inspired me so much, it still sticks in my head. I would like to learn how to use her many home decorating templates and techniques (maybe if I say it, I will actually do it). I have purchased so much fabric and threads, under the guise, that when I retire, I will have everything I could possibly need and won't need to buy anything. At least that is what I tell my husband. So far, he has gone along with it. Shhhh, don't tell that you always need the next latest and greatest thing that makes sewing easier or more fun.

I have been married to Vince for over 32 years and have 2 children, Vince, (the 5th) age 28 and Breanna 23. Vince—the 5th is getting married 2/12 to a wonderful girl Eva Pfaff. I am a native of Albuquerque. I have been a CPA for 25 years.

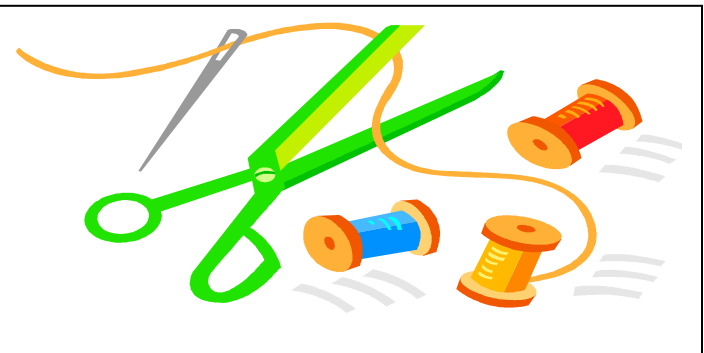
I think what inspired me to sew was my Great Grandmother, who was sick when I was little, and always told me that when she got to feeling better, she was going to make me a pretty dress. I saw many of her works, and do have a very old (mostly finished) quilt that she made that is very special to me.

Nancy Lewis, Publicity

When I was a youngster, anything my grandmother did was wonderful, and she crocheted and sewed, among other activities. When I was a teenager, I used her machine to "whip up" a blouse out of one yard of fabric. She mildly said it might not work out to well, and indeed it fell apart when I tried to wear it. Then, I fell behind making a Christmas apron for her and enlisted her help. When she opened the gift that she had worked on she was more surprised (and annoyed) than pleased. I was surprised, too, and learned not to push our good relationship so far again.

I majored in English and journalism at UNM, married and raised three children. Sewing was a hobby I pursued in fits and starts over the years. I taught in junior high and mid school for 13 years – language arts and journalism. Sewing was still important to me as a good activity. I sewed more after I stopped teaching. A friend and I, briefly, had a business making little girls' dresses and fancy pillowcases. We called it "Finely Finished". At times, the items were "finally finished" and at length the business was finally finished.

By then I had a Bernina sewing machine. In 1988 Ann Silva asked me to give new machine instruction to customers and I embarked on a great adventure from that point on. It has been a delight to teach students eager to learn (and have no papers to grade) and be involved in a business whose purpose is to enable fabric creativity. The expertise of many customers is awesome. My friendship with Ann Silva, other staff members, and many sewers who come to the shop is dear to my heart.



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Albuquerque Chapter Community Service

CAB is considering several possible projects for this year's community service. They are:

The Barrett House, which is in its 25th year of providing emergency housing and shelter for homeless and abused women and children. The Guild is in the process of defining where and how our help will most benefit those at Barrett House. For more information about Barrett House, go to their website.

Teaming up with Nancy's Notions, Creative Kindness employees to provide dresses for little girls in remote villages of Africa. Nancy's Notions Creative Kindness, Little Dresses for Africa, is a non profit organization. These dresses are made from pillow cases and are really cute. As we gather more information about this project we will keep you posted.

If you have some thoughts as to what we should consider for our projects this year, please contact any member of the CAB with your ideas.

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ASG National Community Service Project

This year, all ASG Chapters are asked to participate in making "Painted Turtle Pillows". The pillows are for the Painted Turtle Camp which is the sixth addition to the Paul Newman's family of *Hole in the Wall Camps* for seriously ill children. To learn more about the Painted Turtle visit www.paintedturtle.org

The completed unstuffed pillows from our chapter are to be given to the Albuquerque Chapter Community Services coordinator. She will package and send them to Peggy Campbell, the national Painted Turtle Pillow Project Chair. The completed pillows are due prior to the national ASG conference.


Contact any of our CAB members to obtain a pattern and instructions for making these pillows. Help make a child happy!

THANK YOU

A letter was received from Christina Kent Early Childhood Center (CKECC) thanking our Guild members for the Christmas stockings we made and filled for the children. The children enjoyed their gifts. The staff and the Board of Directors for CKECC appreciate all that we did to make the holiday a happy time for the children.

Friendships, camaraderie, and networking with other enthusiastic creative women are just a few of the benefits of membership in the American Sewing Guild.

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Special Event

Saturday, March 5

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 - * Get to know our teachers
 - * Talk sewing
 - * See projects and demos
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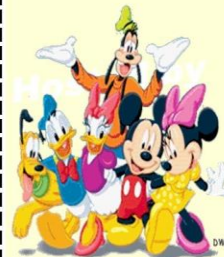
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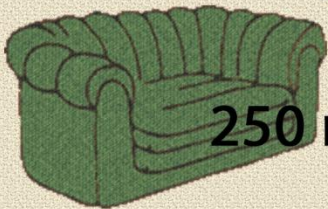
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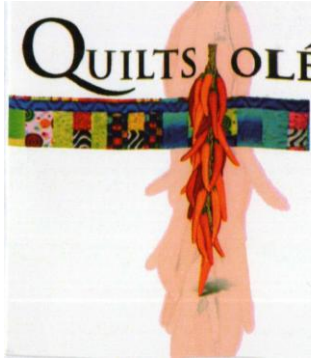
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