

# American Sewing Guild



Albuquerque Chapter of the American Sewing Guild

Advancing Sewing as an Art and Life Skill

## Biased Opinions

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### Notes from our Co-Presidents

Happy New Year and Happy Valentine's Day too!! We are off to a great start with plans for exciting activities for the coming year. Our **January** Meeting speaker was Susan Ryker, owner of *Off Broadway*, a vintage apparel shop in the Nob Hill neighborhood of Albuquerque. She gave an interesting program and brought beautiful vintage garments for us to ooh! and *aah!* over.

**February's** speaker is our own Melisa Hart. We will learn about fashion school as a twinkling in her eye all the way to graduation and her winning style show. She will bring garments from her repertoire and enchant us.

Our **March** speaker is Anna Constantz. Anna has been a theatrical costumer since 1972, when she graduated with a theatre degree. She has extensive experience in costuming with companies that have come and gone as well as companies such as Opera Southwest, Wildwood Festival in Little Rock, Arkansas, Pensacola Opera, Pensacola, Florida and on and on. She will bring some beautiful costumes to look at!

We also have planned a workshop with Connie Crawford in **March**.

Our **April** meeting will be Laura Mc Indoo from Kiwi Industries. She has her own line of children's clothing as well as fabric she has designed. She may bring things to sell! Come join us for these wonderful guests and more in the works!!

A bus trip in **July** to visit the Santa Fe Opera Costume and Wig shop, then to a buffet lunch at the Opera and on to Madrid to "mess around" is tentatively planned.

Hang in there with us. We want to keep on sewing so that we will have "beautiful" clothes to wear. We also are great advertising for the Guild!

*Donna Jo Finley, Co-President*

Not many people ask me what I like about being a member of ASG (people who sew already get it, and people who don't sew can't begin to comprehend why ASG even exists.) So, I decided to ask myself. One obvious reason is that guild members get discounts on fabric and sewing supplies, but there are other reasons. Recently, one of our members told me she had taken a much-needed break from the stress of her life to attend a neighborhood group meeting because she wanted to be cheered up by her sewing sisters. That pretty much describes it.

Sometimes I'm tired and wonder if it is worth going to a meeting. It might be easier to go home and collapse. But the meetings energize me; being with other sewers is therapeutic, whether we have a planned program, sit and sew, or just have show and tell and visit. I've met some fantastic women in the guild, and over the years our friendships have grown. ASG is a great place for companionship, sharing of ideas, learning from each other, and nurturing of friendships. Not to mention, we get good discounts!

*Becky Arnold, Co-President*

### General and Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) Meetings

**General meetings** are held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** of each month at 6:30 PM at Garduno's restaurant at the Winrock Mall at Louisiana and Indian School. 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 11<sup>th</sup> ASG meeting at 6:30 PM

Learn how our own **Melisa Hart's** desire to earn a Certificate in Fashion Design enabled her to explore her creativity and learn classic couture sewing techniques. She has been inspired to create beautiful classic garments which incorporate the design elements of texture, color and shape. Melisa will bring some of her garments to show us and share the story of their creation.

### March 11<sup>th</sup> ASG meeting at 6:30 PM

Join us to hear **Ann Constantz** share her many experiences in the field of theater and costume design. She will bring a display of costumes for us to see up close. It will be an evening to stir your creative spirit.

### March 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Special Event

**Connie Crawford**, owner of *Fashion Patterns by Coni*, will conduct a two day seminar at the UNM Continuing Education Building. She will share her abundance of experience in designing and fitting patterns for sizes x-small - 6x. (See her patterns on [www.fashionpatterns.com](http://www.fashionpatterns.com)) Connie will present simple pants pattern drafting techniques that will result in creating correctly fitting pants. She also will demonstrate several fashion industry sewing techniques and discuss today's interfacings and their appropriate application for the pattern design and fabric selection. The Saturday session will focus on understanding our body shapes as we age and how to make adjustments to patterns to attain that "perfect" fit and be fashionable.

**You must be pre-registered to attend. Contact Donna Jo for details.**

What can you do for your sewing sisters in ASG? How about serving on the CAB? We need a Special Events Coordinator (could be two working together); Community Service Coordinator; Education Coordinator and Publicity Coordinator. Contact Donna or Becky.

### Newsletter Deadline

All information, advertisements, etc. for the Spring Issue of **BIASED OPINIONS**, must be submitted no later than **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Call or e-mail the information to Ginny or Ruth.

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## Kudos to Our Albuquerque Chapter Members

**Melisa Hart** is our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and so much more. She is a graduate from Indiana University with a BA in Sociology and a Certificate in Fashion Design. As a fashion design student she was trained in couture sewing techniques, hand tailoring, pattern drafting, draping, and fashion illustration. Melisa owns *Heart Design*, her sewing business, in which she designs and sews custom garments for individual clients. She is currently working on three wedding dresses and various accessories for the bridal parties. Melisa also sews for a fashion designer in Santa Fe and teaches classes at Ann Silva's Bernina Sewing Center.

**Becky Arnold**, one of our Co-Presidents, is participating in a design challenge at ETA Dallas 2010 using fabric supplied by Peggy Sagers, Barb Callahan, Cynthia Guffey, and *Super Textiles* in Dallas. The challenge is "a wedding at the beach." Using these fabrics, Becky is to make outfits for a rehearsal brunch, a wedding on the beach, and a breakfast reception. This ensemble requires using one of the fabrics in each garment and one garment must be reversible. Becky will show off her creations at the ETA meeting in February. That should be a great show!

**Leslie Ashcraft**, has tested and reviewed a vest pattern for *Threads* magazine. Her review appears in the February/March issue (#147) on page 30. Congratulations, Leslie, our chapter is proud of you! Each reviewer was required to construct the garment as part of the pattern review process. How about bringing the vest to our chapter meeting for show and tell!

**Editors' note:** We would like to congratulate our members and tout their accomplishments in each issue of *Biased Opinions*. Please submit this information to Ginny or Ruth. The next newsletter deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Keep Informed

Visit our chapter web site. [www.asgalb.org](http://www.asgalb.org) for the most current information about our guild. Also, go to the national web site. [www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org).

## 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. New members are welcome to join the group to "play." Call Donna Jo at 873-2815 if you have any questions.

**PINE NEEDLES** meets on the last Wednesday of each month at Los Vecinos Community Center in Tijeras. Each meeting is a planned presentation. Call Claudia Broadwater at 281-8828 for more information. The February meeting will be about *colchas* embroidery. The March meeting is TBA. At the April meeting Claudia will be presenting ideas for setting quilt blocks.

**RUNNING STITCHES SIT AND SEW** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month at Abbey Lane Vacuum & Sewing from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 10:00 AM–Noon at the member's homes. February's program is a pin cushion challenge. The March program is a jacket challenge using the *Decades of Style pattern* for a 1928 Bridge Jacket. The April program will be a review of pants fitting presented by Ginny Cavalluzzo. Contact Kendra Margel at 856-7048 for further information.

**WESTSIDE SIT AND SEW** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at Quilts Olé in Corrales on Corrales Road from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Call Marge O'Connell at 890-5797 for further information.



The Index from the Home Page of the National ASG web site is noted below. There is a wealth of information on that site. Have fun exploring it.

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# ASG “Notions” Magazine

Every ASG member receives ASG "Notions" four times a year as just one more benefit of membership. Our quarterly publication contains articles written exclusively for us by the world's leading sewing experts, messages from the ASG Board of Directors and ASG National Headquarters, news of recent guild activities from chapters around the country, information about the latest sewing products and books, and a Chapter Calendar where individual chapters list their upcoming events. "Notions" also carries advertising from leading industry companies, many of whom offer special discounts to ASG members. In other words, it's chock full of everything sewers love!

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