

President's Message

We are approaching those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer when the living is slow, easy, and relaxing. This is the perfect time to take a vacation from the house chores, the office jobs, the electronics, and interruptions of everyday life. What could be a better time to dust off those trolleys and put those sewing machines, sergers, and embroidery machines inside and head off to the beach or to a retreat for some summer sewing beneath the sun?

You will want to take nourishment for the body and soul. Therefore you will pack three coolers. The first cooler will be filled with summer sewing projects, fabrics, and sewing notions. The second cooler will be filled with sodas, pretzels, chips, sandwiches, fruit, ice cream sundaes, and banana splits, and the third cooler will be filled with picnic supplies. Finally you will have someone on hand to take care of meal preparation and clean ups. "Oh Girls", what a wonderful summer of sewing fun, you will wish that summer never ends.

Lois

Ed. D Retired

*Have a Fun and Safe
Summer beneath the Sun*



Happy 4th of July

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMING DURING THE SECOND QUARTER

We began the second quarter with a presentation by Mrs. Lee Ogle, the Community Education Director for the Family Resource Center, Inc. a non-profit organization located in Wytheville, VA. Mrs. Ogle provided an overview of the different types of services the center provides for the community. Some of those services include shelter, education, and support for adults and children who have experienced or been exposed to domestic or sexual violence, abuse, neglect, and stalking. The community center was the Guild's 2023 charity for gifting.

Lois Atkins stepped in as our June speaker and presented a 30 minute "Fit 2 Stitch" DVD 600 Series presentation on the topic of "Principles of Great Clothing Design" that focused on the four design principles to use to enhance your creations and wardrobe. The design principles included lines, focal points (built-in vs add-on), proportion, and color (light vs dark). The designer makes the decision about how and when to use the principles.

At the May monthly meeting, Mrs. Page Turner, a Virginia artist who collects items of deep personal meaning to create delicate objects that honor the feminine and the desires, experiences, and role of women. Her art is part of the visual arts and is typically uses found objects but not limited to those materials. We were most impressed with the tiny stitches she used to construct the female figures and the tiny body parts. She displayed a variety of her soft vignettes that represented Mormon women in their home environment.



SEW & TELL



Forget-Me-Not Gowns

The Roanoke VA Chapter of ASG has added the Carilion Hospital's "Forget-Me-Not" project to their community service list of activities. As a part of the hospital's "For-Get-Me" project, the guild will be making gowns for stillbirth babies and for other pregnancy losses. These gowns will help to comfort parents during their time of grief and provides garments for dressing those precious little babies.





Up-Coming Classes

The Roanoke VA Chapter of ASG is sponsoring a series of classes for sewers of all levels: Beginner to Advanced

The Swedish weaving and the burrito pillowcase classes were exciting and enjoyable. If you missed them, come join us for the last three classes in the series.



August 10, 2024
Quilted Zipper Travel Bag
Registration Deadline: July 30, 2024

September 14, 2024
Decorative Stitching on Linen Sachet Pads
Registration Deadline: September 3, 2024



October 12, 2024
Walleys
Registration Deadline: October 1, 2024

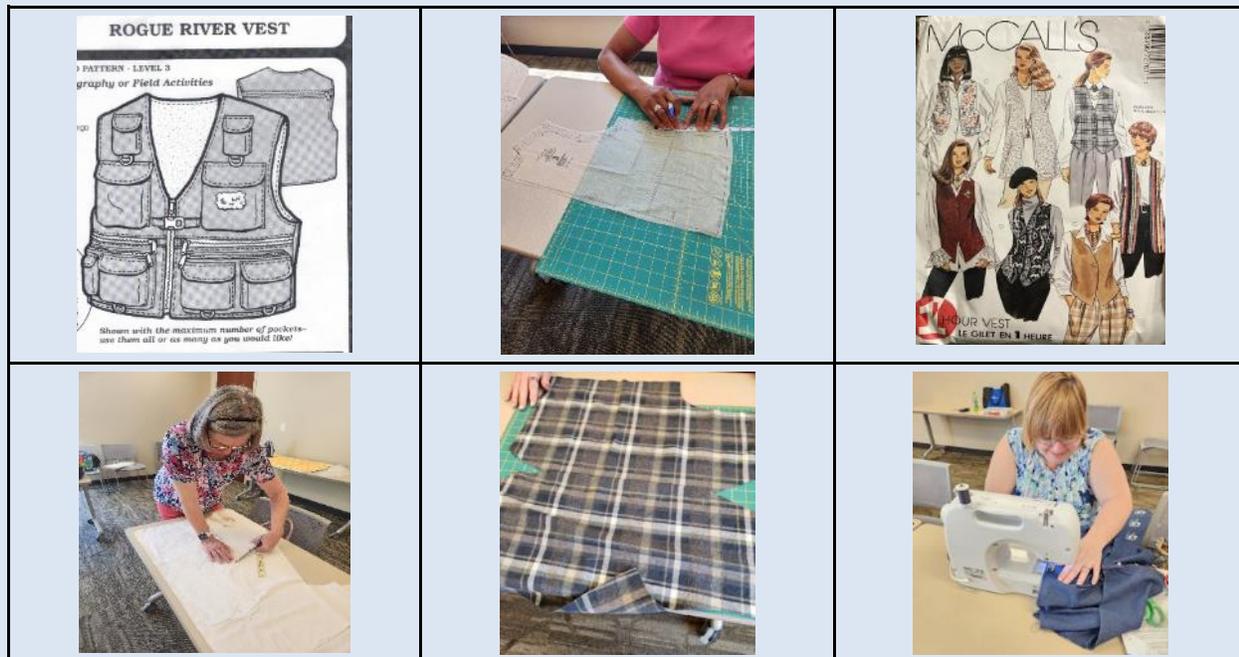
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Kit Fee: \$15.00
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Church of St. Peter & St. Paul
4909 N Lake Dr.
Roanoke, VA 24019

Contacts: atkinslois91@gmail.com
[Send check with name of class/es to](#)
[Claire Hightower, treasurer](#)
[220 Baier Dr. Salem, VA 24153](#)
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/asgroanoke>

Skills and Thrills Neighborhood Group

The Skills and Thrills Neighborhood Group has been hard at work, and we're excited to share our latest project with you! Our talented group of sewers has been busy crafting a collection of cozy vests to help keep our community warm and toasty during the colder months. From classic to utility, our vests are sure to add a stylish touch to any outfit. Stay tuned for more updates on our progress and join us for our next gathering to see what we're working on next! T



Sewing Skills & Thrills Neighborhood Group meets the third Saturday of each month at Raleigh Court Branch Library from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The library is located at 2112 Grandin Rd. Roanoke, VA 24015. Lynne Holdren (lholdren@comcast.net) is our group leader.

We invite you to join us. If the topic is not of interest, you can bring a UFO to work on or one of your favorite handwork or quilt projects. Also, you can come to “hang-out” with people who love to sew.

July – Saturday July 20 from 10-1

August – Saturday, August 24 from 10-1

September – Saturday, September 21 from 10-1

Lake Stitches Neighborhood Group continues to meet on the third Friday of the month from 10AM to 2PM at the Westlake Library located at 84 Westlake Rd, Hardy, VA 24101.

July: We will be sewing baby blankets and walker bags for our Chapter's charitable sewing.

August: CS Threads moved recently! Their new address is 13310 Booker T. Washington Hwy in Moneta, VA 24121, located in the same shopping center as The Floor Source. On Friday, August 16 at 10:30AM, we will meet at CS Threads for a tour and hopefully a demonstration of their longarm quilting machine. Afterwards, we will proceed down the street for lunch at Farmhouse Catering (60 First Watch Drive, Moneta, VA).

September & October: We will begin a two-part project making ponchos/capes.

We would love for you to join us!

July 19
August 16
September 20
October 18

Baby Blankets & Walker Bags
CS Threads at 10:30AM & lunch at Farmhouse Catering
Ponchos/Capes (embellishments optional) Part I (10
Ponchos/Capes (embellishments optional) Part II

Vickie Millar
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Community Stitches: We meet on second Tuesday of the month at 1801 North woods Ln, Salem from 10:00-12:00 Noon.

The Community Stitches have been making walker bags to donate to "Free-Foundation Mobility" and baby blankets. At their July meeting they began making hospital gowns for Carilion Hospital's "Forget-Me-Not Program for the stillbirth babies and other pregnancy losses.

Next meeting is August 13, 2024

Mad Hatter's meet at Cave Spring Methodist Church on Hazel drive from 1:00- 3:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. Preceded by lunch at a local restaurant at 11:30

The Mad Hatters Neighborhood Group has been busy making the "10 Minute Table Runner". They also met at "Joyful Adornment" in Salem, VA to view glass bead making using Mason canning jars. During the month of July, they will be making "Rope Bowls" with a twist. You are invited to join them on July 16th and August 20th.

Happy Member-versary

Congratulations to our members who are celebrating their membership anniversary in the American Sewing Guild. We're glad you are here!

August

Melanie Sult - 1

Lynn Ellis -3

September

Sally Rogers - 1

Carolann Curry - 8

Sue Wiseman - 18

Julia Canada - 27



CAB Elections

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for the position of president, secretary, treasurer, and vice president. The election of officers is held during the October, 2024 annual meeting. Nominees must be a member of the Roanoke ASG Chapter and the presidential candidates must have served at least one year as a CAB member. The Chapter needs your leadership, creativity, and enthusiasm. Consider serving as a CAB officer and say **yes** when contacted by members of the nominating committee.

Look for a proxy ballot in the next edition of **Sewing Under the Star** newsletter.

CAB Elections

The election process has begun. Chapter elections are held in accordance with the ASG By-Laws in the Policies and Procedures Manual (P&P) for ASG Chapters, and the Roanoke ASG Chapter's Standing Rules. The election is held in October 2024.

The nominating committee is contacting Chapter members asking them to be a nominee for one of the elected positions. The required elected CAB positions include President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Roanoke CAB has included the Vice President as an elected CAB position. Nominees must be a member of the Roanoke ASG Chapter and the presidential candidates must have served one year as a CAB member. The Chapter needs your leadership, creativity, and enthusiasm. Consider serving as a CAB officer.

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison between Chapter and ASG national headquarters Keep the Chapter in good standing Preside at all Chapter meetings and CAB meetings Represent the Chapter at local and national events and activities Exercise financial responsibility for the Chapter Ensure good communication Encourage participation of Chapter members Work with the treasurer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of the responsibilities identified for the President Presides at meetings in the absence of the president Taking over duties if the president is unable to complete the term There is no presumption that the vice-president will become the next president 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create the minutes of CAB meetings and Monthly Chapter meetings Preside over meetings if vice president or treasurer cannot preside Respond to all correspondences received by the Chapter Certify minutes of CAB meetings, certify election results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves as financial officer of the Chapter Presides over meetings if the president or vice president cannot preside Is in line to complete a presidential vacancy if there is no vice president. Sign checks & reconcile monthly bank statements Verify expense reimbursements Make monthly financial reports at CAB and Monthly meetings File necessary financial documents with National to keep the Chapter in good standings



Fredericksburg, VA

Fredericksburg Convention Center

September 26, 27, & 28, 2024

Mark your calendar for a weekend of sewing experiences, classes, shopping, and connecting with other sewing enthusiasts. Classes will be led by experienced instructors and you will be meeting shopping vendors whom carry the latest machines, fabrics, and notions.

Class Registration opens Soon

This sounds like a lot of sewing fun!!!

CAB sent a survey to members to determine interest in a day trip or an overnight trip to the EXPO. Survey results indicated that

A day trip was the overwhelming preference of survey responders,

Friday was the day of the week, and

An air conditioned chartered vehicle with public restroom

CAB is ready to proceed with planning the trip. Please notify Lois if you are planning to go so that arrangements can be made to secure a vehicle.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!



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Membership

You may come to two monthly meetings as a guest. To become a member, register on the national ASG website, www.ASG.org or fill out the membership form on page 13 of this newsletter and send it to the address on the form. Annual membership dues are \$60. National membership dues include Roanoke chapter membership, quarterly issues of this newsletter, "Sewing Under the Star", national communications and access to advertisers' discounts.

Facebook

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To find us, search Facebook for @asgroanokeva or point your web browser to <https://www.facebook.com/asgroanokeva/>

Photography at Meetings & Events

Permission to publish members' photos in our newsletters, websites and Facebook is assumed unless the president is notified otherwise in writing.

Courtesy

We have a good time being together at our meetings and we ask that you be mindful of others by muting your phone and keeping distractions to a minimum.

General Monthly Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month except December
Meeting time 6:30pm-9:00pm

Place: North Roanoke Baptist Church 6402 Peters Creek Rd. Roanoke, VA 24019

Meeting Cancellation Policy

Chapter Monthly Meetings will be cancelled due to inclement weather when Virginia Western Community College evening classes are closed or cancelled. Weather conditions are not the same in all Roanoke Valley locations; therefore we ask that you make decisions that are best for you.

The Chapter Advisory Board (CAB)

1st Thursday of each month

Meeting Time: 10:00am-12 noon **Place:** Raleigh Court Library

2112 Grandin Rd. SW Roanoke, VA 24015

All Members are invited to attend.

Please notify Lois Atkins if you plan to attend atkinslois91@gmail.com

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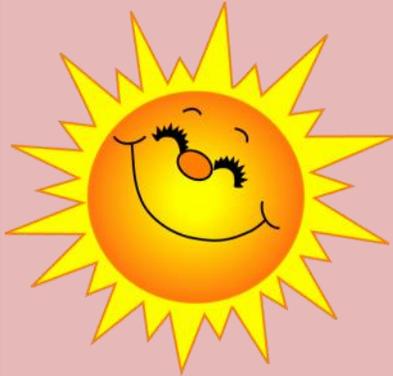
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- Promoting and supporting strong chapter and membership vitality within the organization;
- Publicizing, promoting, and stimulating interest in sewing activities and the ASG;
- Collaborating and/or forming partnerships with other organizations for programs that are mutually beneficial;
- Expanding ASG community service efforts; and
- Maintaining ASG as a financially viable organization.



To the members who have renewed their Memberships!

To all of the July, August, & September Sewing Peeps! May all your wishes come true.



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