



President's Message

I want to thank each of you for your vote of confidence as I begin a third term as President. 2025 was a very busy year. We undertook some new projects and worked to perfect the projects we had in place. CAB has already begun plans for 2026. We will have another great year with your continued support.

As we embark on a new year, the Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) decided that our current goals will set the focus for another year. Those goals include:

- More member involvement
- Increasing our Membership
- Providing a variety of activities that are more inclusive
- Continuing our community service activities
- Promoting the Roanoke Virginia Chapter of the American Sewing Guild
- Supporting the American Sewing Guild as an Art and Lifelong Skill

As we move forward this year, we are going to rely on each of you to help us achieve our goals. We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and participation as committee chairs, committee members, and Neighborhood Group involvement.

Lois M. Atkins, Ed. D Retired
President



Letter to the Editor

Dear Melissa,

As you step away from the role of newsletter editor, I want to thank you on behalf of the Roanoke VA ASG Chapter for publishing a newsletter that represented the Roanoke VA ASG Chapter so well. Every three months you waited anxiously to receive information to be published in the newsletter from the members. Many times, you were unsure if there would be enough information to publish a newsletter that quarter, but you waited patiently and every time the members came through. You gave the newsletter a very professional look with your creative touches. You have a family and a job and you continue to provide a valuable service to the Roanoke VA Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. The newsletter editor's job is not easy but you made it look so effortless. We give you big shout outs of

THANKS!! THANKS!! THANKS!! THANKS!!

We look forward to your continued involvement and support.

Lois Atkins, ASG President



Our Theatre Debut!



Cassandra Layman, a Roanoke ASG member, works in the costume shop at Mill Mountain Theatre. She invited the Guild to a behind the scenes tour to include the dressing room, costume stock, and backstage. Audrey Hamilton: Costume Designer for Million Dollar Quartet, Suzanne Cresswell: Director of Development for Mill Mountain Theatre, and Cassandra Layman: ASG member and works in the costume shop were our tour guides.

The Guild took advantage of Cassandra's invitation and the opportunity to go to a matinee showing of the "Million Dollar Quartet" with lunch before the show on Saturday October 4, 2025. Several members participated and were amazed by the volume of the sizes, styles, and colors of the costumes they had to select from for the various performances. The key to keeping the performers ready was the degree of organization employed. This included color coding and tagging outfits with performer's name, along with where each performer's outfits were located in the dressing room. It was amazing to hear and see what took place behind the scenes. What we see on stage is the end product of everything that happens behind the scenes including an on-the-spot costume repair or adjustment. The behind-the-scenes workers have to be quick on their feet and creative thinkers. All aspects of sewing are an essential part of costuming for theatre productions.

THANK YOU MILL MT. THEATRE TOUR TEAM for a wonderful experience!!!

OH, I do not want to forget the wonderful lunch we enjoyed at Billy's Restaurant and the great production of the "Million Dollar Quartet" we enjoyed.



Theatre Tour Guides

Left (Audrey Hamilton: Costume Designer for “Million Dollar Quartet”) Middle (Suzanne Cresswell: Director of Development for Mill Mountain Theatre) Right (Cassandra Layman: ASG member & works in the Costume shop).

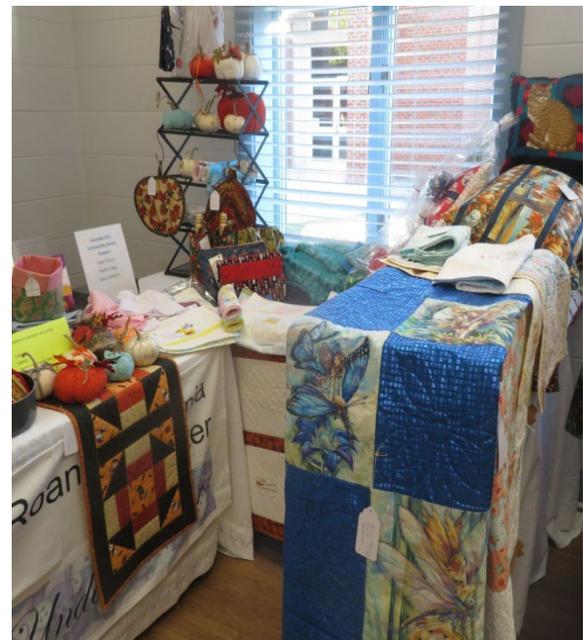


Arts & Craft Bazaar

The Guild ventured off into a new direction last year as a means for fundraising. We were a vendor at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church's Craft Fair Bazaar on October 18, 2025. We had planned most of the year for the bazaar and members were busy making items to sell. Well, our members came through with flying colors. We arrived on the morning of the bazaar with a wealth of items to sell and a roster of energetic workers with smiling faces for the day. Member donations of handmade items were numerous. So numerous that we could have used additional space to display everything. You never know if a new adventure will be worth the effort, planning, and time expended. However, for a first time vendor our effort, time, and planning was worth it.

Saturday October 18, 2025 was a wonderful day for the American Sewing Guild. It was another opportunity to make the American Sewing Guild and the Roanoke VA Chapter a household name in the Roanoke Valley.

Thank you Roanoke VA ASG Members for another JOB WELL DONE!!





My Expo Experience by Lois Atkins

The EXPO in Fredericksburg was another exciting experience. There were lots of sewists, vendors, and classes; too much to take in for one day. There was a class "Collars & Cuffs" that I wanted to take, but it was in the evening 6:00pm -7:30pm, and I needed dinner and rest to drive back the next day. Upon arrival we checked in, picked up our EXPO bag, badges, and tickets for the 5:00pm drawings; and I signed up for a third class.

Then I was off to my first class with Susan Luaces "How to Measure Yourself for the Perfect Fit". She pointed out some things that I was familiar with like

- Have a fitting buddy
- Wear full brief panties that come up to your natural waist (not hipsters or bikini style) and best bras or leotards or swimwear that rest at your natural waist
- Avoid t shirts, they add extra bulk folds
- Something I had not considered was standing with bare feet or flat shoes on a hard floor. Carpet padding can create some distortion in length measurements.

She suggested making use of measuring tools and emphasized the "**Two Easy Tape and Inseam Seam Companion Tape**" measuring tools that are explained in the *Measuring Made Easy* book by Lorraine Henry (LorraineHenrySews.com). The book guides you step by step through the process for measuring your body; from the width/length, upper torso to the instep of your foot using the "Two Easy Tape".

Lorraine Henry has videos on how to use the tapes for measuring. Lorraine Henry calls it the "Two Easy Tape" because you can take two measurements at a time with the tape because it has a zero in the middle; and you can combine the two tapes to take a crotch front and back measurement as well as the inseam measurement. That was a great class.

My second class was **Tips for sewing elastic waistbands** taught by Patti Otto. We received a booklet of basic information about sewing elastic waistbands. She demonstrated several techniques found in the booklet. It was a great refresher class for me.

My third class was "**How to Add Pockets to Any Garment**" taught by Jim Suzio. This was a pretty interesting class. We were given a piece of linen fabric representing a garment that had a side seam, a pocket pattern, and 2 pieces of China silk lining fabric. He demonstrated how to add the pocket and explained how to end with the pocket and lining fabric the same size.

The handout walked you step by step through the process of adding inseam pockets to a finished garment and we completed the project on the machines they had set up for us to use. The first thing we did was to determine the size of the pocket opening based on the size of our hand and marked the garment top and bottom opening. Then we stitched the top opening and bottom opening of the seam. Then we used a very sharp seam ripper to open the seam between the top and bottom markings. Then we “will need to review the instructions and practice before taking the next steps.” We each performed the task and were successful adding a pocket to a garment.

It was a wonderful EXPO experience. On Friday morning after breakfast, we went to Hobby Lobby while waiting for the exhibit hall to open. Well, we got so caught up in Hobby Lobby that we did not have time to get back to the exhibit hall. After Lunch we headed to “Fabrics Unlimited” outside of Charlottesville and purchased and raved about the home decoration fabrics. That was my EXPO experience, and I am looking forward to another year.

***Editor’s note: Who doesn’t like a fun girl trip enjoying the same passions! If you would like to have a similar experience described above, then get your calendars out and mark the dates of September 24-26, 2026 for the 2026 Original Sewing & Quilting Expo at the Fredericksburg Convention Center. The event features expert-led classes, workshops, hundreds of quilts on display, and a vendor floor. Check out the website for more information:*

<https://www.sewingexpo.com/>

WHAT WILL YOU CREATE TODAY?



HOLIDAY HEAVEN



These lovely ladies braved the snow on December 6, 2025 to gather for the annual Christmas/Holiday Celebration. ASG provided the turkey and ham and the membership provided all the trimmings from appetizers to sides, to desserts. The event was held at the Historic Fishburn Mansion. Mariah Edelin-Gough was in charge of this Christmas social. Each attending member received a gift created by Mariah which was a customized sewing tin keepsake with scissors, a pin cushion and thimble. The tin was reminiscent of a Victorian Christmas sewing gift. Thank you, Mariah. In addition to the fine meal, the membership was treated to a fashion show by the membership. The grand prize (a large Christmas stocking that would make Mrs. Claus envious) of sewing goodies went to Joann Lindholm. and at their tables were personal fabric bowls. A drawing was held and everyone received gift bags from our president Lois Atkins. Also, gift cards were handed out to those members who participated in the President's Challenge. Indeed, it was a fabulous way to kick off the holiday season. Be sure to mark your calendars for the next Holiday Celebration—December 5, 2026!





Neighborhood Group News—

Dates and times have changed*

In the past, Neighborhood Groups met monthly. When the Roanoke VA ASG Chapter implemented Neighborhood Groups, the size of the membership dictated monthly meetings because of the varied interests and the number of members participating in each group. Today the varied interest is still there but member participation at monthly Neighborhood Group meetings have declined. Therefore, CAB decided to offer staggered Neighborhood Group meetings. CAB is hoping that fewer Neighborhood Group meetings each month would allow more members to participate and opportunities for group leaders to participate in each other's group sessions. The new neighborhood group schedule is as follows:

Lake Stitchers

Vicki Millar, Lake Stitchers Neighborhood Group Leader

Third Friday of the Month 10AM-2PM

January, March & September

Moneta/Smith Mountain Lake Library

13641 Moneta Rd., Moneta, VA 24121

The New Year brings a new meeting schedule for Lake Stitchers. The revised monthly schedule appears above. Each year, we endeavor to include garment, home décor, and handbag projects.

Lake Stitchers Meeting Announcements are generally emailed about two to three weeks before the meeting. They include a project description, skill level, and information regarding the supply list and instructions. Our activities are usually in the beginner to advanced beginner range. If you have questions or plan to attend a meeting, email vsmillar@gmail.com.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

January 16 Baby Blankets (Charitable Sewing)

March 20 Jacket (Lined)-- the lined Margot Teddy Jacket on Etsy



Pattern link: https://www.etsy.com/listing/4387970820/jacket-pattern-for-women-women-sewing?ls=a&ga_order=most_relevant&ga_search_type=all&ga_view_type=gallery&ga_search_query=teddy+coat&ref=sc_gallery-1-1&pro=1&dd=1&plkey=EuMMar281vLM02FJ_7zyyaeQ7Tbb%3ALT938684db91abfa2b19a41d059ccc8b04cca83f63

Sewing Skills and Thrills

Lynne Holdren, Sewing Skills and Thrills Neighborhood Group Co-Leader
Lois Atkins, Sewing Skills and Thrills Neighborhood Group Co-Leader

Third Saturday 10AM-2PM

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October

Roanoke/Raleigh Court Library

2112 Grandin Rd, SW, Roanoke, Va 24015

We invite you to join us and learn about garment construction and alterations. Because of the type of group projects, Sewing Skills & Thrills will continue to meet monthly. Occasionally, we also do other sewing projects. Bring a lunch or snack and drink.

Community Stitchers

Bobbie Rust, Community Stitchers Group Leader

Second Tuesday 1PM-3PM

February, April, June, August, October

Bobbie Rust Home

1801 Northwoods Lane

Salem, Virginia 24153

Come join us as we make items to help the members of our community. All you need is to bring a pair of scissors as fabric, machines, etc are supplied at this time. Notices are emailed prior to the meetings as a reminder. The Forget Me Not Gowns Project is (also known as Angel Gown groups.) It involves repurposing donated wedding gowns, prom dresses, and formal wear into, small, dignified burial gowns and pouches for infants who have passed away. These garments are donated to hospitals, NICUs, and funeral homes to support grieving families. F.R.E.E. Freedom Foundation provides mobility equipment for underinsured and uninsured adults.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

February 10

April 14

Forget Me Not Gowns

Walker Bags for the F.R.E.E. Freedom Foundation



MadHatters

Terri Baxter, MadHatters Neighborhood Group Leader
Carol Webster, MadHatters Neighborhood Group Leader Assistant

Third Wednesday of the month 10AM-1PM
February, April, June, October
Roanoke/Raleigh Court Library
2112 Grandin Rd, SW, Roanoke, Va 24015

Crazy about sewing personal and home décor items and introducing new techniques. MadHatters [Meeting Announcements](#) are generally emailed about two to three weeks before the meeting. They include a project description, skill level, and information regarding the supply list and instructions. Our activities are usually in the beginner to advanced beginner range. If you have questions or plan to attend a meeting, email Baxtergirl56@gmail.com

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

February 19 **Spring Origami Candle Mat**



**What did the
needle say to the
thread? I'm Sew
into you!**

*Roanoke VA Chapter of ASG
Monthly Meeting Education Program Schedule 2026*

<i>Meeting Date</i>	<i>Guest Speaker</i>	<i>Program Topic</i>
January 8 th	Lois Atkins, Ed. D. ASG President	“Adding Pockets to Ready-Made Garment”
February 12 th	Mark & Gloria Thimble	“Lodie’s Thimble”
March 12 th	Teresa Baxter ASG Treasurer	“Foundation Paper Piecing”
April 9 th	Amber Woodford	“Yoga For Sewing”— Sewga!
May 14 th	Michelle Weber	LemonBayDollCo
June 11 th	Members	Holiday Crafts
July 9 th	No Meeting	No Meeting
August 13 th	MacAvoy Sisters	“Combining Embroidery and Quilting”
September 10 th	Surprise!!	National Sewing Month Celebration
October 8 th	President Annual Meeting	Elections & State of the Guild Report
November 12 th	Carol Webster ASG Membership	History of Quilting in the Americas—A historical and pictorial view
December 5 th	No Monthly Meeting Holiday Luncheon December 5 th	Holiday Luncheon Committee

About our Guest Speakers:

Feb 12—Mark and Gloria Thimble from Lodie’s Thimble, named after Mark’s mom Lodie. They specialize in vintage and cottage quilting cottons, with a little quirkiness thrown in!

April 9—Amber Woodford has been a group exercise instructor for 13 years, beginning her certification with Les Mills BodyBalance, a yoga fusion format, but adding several other formats over the years. In September 2024 she went from part-time instructor at the Salem Family Y to full-time Wellness Coordinator, managing all group exercise instructors and classes, and most importantly, still getting to teach! When not working in Wellness, you can find Amber at home in Bedford County with her husband Brian, three dogs, one cat, and 30 chickens.

May 14—Michelle Weber of the Lemon Bay Doll Company. Michelle describes herself as coming from a family of doll collectors, crafters and seamstresses. She creates heirloom historical outfits for American Girl and 18 inch dolls. Her creations offer high end details sought after by adult doll collectors. Her company originally began in Florida, and now it is located in the Blue

Ridge Floyd County. Designs by Michelle Weber can be found on her Etsy Shop---Lemon Bay Doll Company.

Aug 13—Moira and Ellen MacAvoy are based in Charlottesville, Virginia and offer classes for all levels in hand embroidery and wool applique. Originally from Corning NY, the MacAvoy's learned to sew at a young age, specially designing outfits for their stuffed animals. Both are adept at hand and machine embroidery and have a love for quilting. They provide workshops and online tutorials to encourage embroidery as an art form that is beautiful and practical.

How do you prepare for a snowstorm? By getting the essentials!

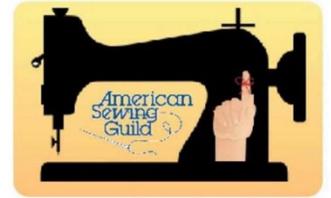
- Thread
- Notions
- Fabric
- Patterns
- Scissors
- Cutting Mat
- Snacks
- Drinks

Don't forget-- Wi-Fi backup to check out the latest sewing reels!



What is a guild?

Why is our organization called a guild? Some of our newer and younger members may have never heard the term guild before and wonder why is it that our organization is called a guild and not a club. During the 11th to 14th century, the term guild was used as an association of merchants and craftsmen (weavers, bakers, smiths) providing trade regulation and brotherhood. Merchant Guilds controlled trade within towns, and Craft Guilds specialized associations overseeing specific trades, including training through apprenticeships. Today, the term is used to describe master craftsmen's interests. The American Sewing Guild began in 1978 as the American Home Sewing and Crafting Association. In 1983 it became a dedicated nonprofit organization with its national headquarters in Texas.. In two years, we will be celebrating ASG's 50th!



Ladies, grab your calendars and mark down some National Dates to Celebrate:

January—National Knitting Day (1/8)

February—National Embroidery Month and “stitch in Public Day”(1st Saturday)—to promote Needle Arts March—National Quilting Month, National Quilting Day (3rd Saturday) and National Crochet Month

June—National Sewing Machine Day (6/13)

July—National Fashion Day (7/9), National Thread and Needle Day (7/25), and World Embroidery Day

Aug—National Cross Stitch Day (2nd Friday)

September—National Needlepoint Day (9/7), National Jelly Roll Day (9/19) and **National Sewing Month!**

October—Sewing Lover's Day (10/15)

ASG—The More You Know

- ASG was founded in 1978
- ASG is the largest organization representing sewing enthusiasts
- ASG is headquartered in Houston, TX where ASG operations are managed by the ASG staff
- ASG's publication, **Notions** is published quarterly
- ASG manages an expansive web site at www.asg.org
- ASG produces an annual conference each year which features an extensive array of educational workshops and seminars, chapter leadership training, a member fashion show and an exhibit hall. The conference is held in a different city each year
- ASG sponsors and promotes **National Sewing Month** to bring increased awareness of sewing arts to the general public. www.nationalsewingmonth.org
- ASG actively assists communities in developing new ASG chapters
- ASG has a Junior Membership program
- ASG provides online sewing education to its members
- ASG partners with others within the sewing industry to create new programs and opportunities for growing interest in the sewing arts among all ages and demographics
- ASG sponsors national and international tours that focus on textile arts
- ASG oversees the **Sewing Hall of Fame** and inducts new members at its annual conference
- ASG is governed by an elected 5-member board of directors
- ASG sponsors sewing contests for all ages
- ASG “gives back” to local communities by developing annual national community service projects and partnering with organizations such as, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Shriners Children's Hospital, the American Cancer Society and the Ronald McDonald House

EXHIBITION REVIEW

CHRISTIAN SIRIANO EXHIBIT

by
Bobbie Rust

I was in Richmond, Virginia in the middle of January for my grandson's wedding. When looking to entertain some family members, I came across the Branch Museum of Design that was opening an exhibit of Christian Siriano original designs. We ventured out Saturday morning not knowing what to expect only to find a beautiful collection of gowns by this designer.

Gowns from the Red Carpet and beyond were there to be viewed. Gowns made for Celine Dion (who has the tiniest waist). A mirrored gown for Halle Berry that must have weighed at least 50 lbs. . One year he designed 17 gowns to be worn at the Oscars. I cannot imagine creating that tulle many designs in one year. In many of the designs, he uses tulle n layer after layer.

As you probably know Christian Siriano was an early winner from Project Runway and has certainly, made a name for himself in the design world. This exhibit continues until March 22, 2026 and is only \$10-\$15. If you have the opportunity, I encourage you to visit this exhibition. The Branch Museum of Design on Monument Ave.



TIPS TO MAKE YOUR SEWING LIFE THE BEST IT CAN BE

Tips and Hacks from our members to our members. If you have something that you would like to share that has helped you, please send it to Carol Webster clewebster61@gmail.com.

How to care for your Cutting Mat

By Bobbie Rust

We often clean our machines, oil or take to dealer for service, but do you take care of your cutting mat? After use, it is a good idea to remove fibers with a simple lint roller or masking tape. Then, spray it with a solution of ½ water, ½ white vinegar and a drop or two of dish soap. Wipe with a damp cloth and it is good as new.

You can also place the mat in a tub of lukewarm water, a drop or two of mild dish soap like Dawn. Brush with a soft brush or cloth, rinse and air dry. This may be a good place to start if you have never cleaned your mat.

Happy Cutting!

Unconventional Sewing Tools and Aids

By Carol Lyn Webster

I'm the first person who loves finding new gadgets. But what if the new gadgets don't have to come from Amazon or Sewing Companies. What if you can find them at the DollarTree, or better yet, you already have them in your house (or your husband's garage)!

Elmer's washable glue and gluesticks—helps with holding the binding in place, or attaching appliques before you sew.

Washable magic markers—for marking fabrics

Painter's tape—place on your sewing machine to help you achieve straight seams.

Soap scraps—use for marking fabrics.

Chopsticks or wooden spoons—help to turn out the corners of fabric or with turning tubes.

Hardware washers—use as pattern weights.

Rolling Pin—press seams open.

Magnetic wrist band—to hold those pins and needles.

Dryer Sheets—clean the surface of your iron.

Magnifying glass—the better to see, my dear.

Book light—attach on the back side of your sewing machine with painter's tape to help give a burst of light on your sewing.

Manicure toe separators—becomes a bobbin holder.

Pill Bottles—to hold small notions or to place used sharps for safety.

Unused mascara brushes—to clean out the lint from your sewing machine bobbin case.



Washi tape—holds appliques in place and if placed on your sewing machine can help mark seam lines.

Colored pencils—mark fabric and patterns.

Pipe cleaners—like the mascara brushes, they can clean out the lint.

Rubber bands—around the throat of your sewing machine to mark a seam line; around your foot and your presser foot, to stop the dancing under the sewing machine.

Extra long tweezers to get items like fabric, thread, maybe a dropped screw out of your sewing machine.

Suction cup soap holder on the back of your sewing machine—holds all sorts of things from scissors, to glasses, etc.

Tea Towels—use as a pressing cloth.

Calculator—helps with quick math needs.

Flannel Backed Tablecloth—makes a wonderful portable design board. Attach with tape to a bare wall or even a bath wall. Use the flannel side facing towards fabric.

There are lots more unconventional tools out there. What are some of your favorites?

What is a Jelly Roll Challenge or Jelly Roll Race?

No, we aren't talking about the musician. We're talking about strips of fabric that are 2 ½ inches wide cut the length of a fabric piece—usually 40 to 44 inches in length. Sewists love Jelly rolls because they are pre-cuts, like charm packets and layer cakes.



What can you make with a jelly roll? Well, practically anything you can do with a nearly 3 yards of fabric. From décor to garments to quilts, a jelly roll is an exceptional way to create a number of different items. There are lots of free patterns online using jelly rolls. You can make any of the items below and more.

- Pillows
- Rugs
- Table Runners
- Skirts
- Jackets
- Christmas Tree Skirts and Stockings
- Bed Quilts
- Bags and Totes
- Placemats
- Oven Mitts and Potholders
- Scarves
- Pencil/Makeup Rolls

2026 seems to be the year for Jelly Roll Challenges and Jelly Roll Races. If you are interested check out the Jellyroll Club or Sewing Studio online. Both are offering challenges that might get you excited to try out sewing with Jellyrolls. Our ASG chapter has offered several classes in the past featuring the use of Jellyrolls.

News from National ASG

Notes



Have you ever forgotten to renew your ASG membership before it expired? You received an email reminder well in advance and you thought you had plenty of time to renew and then, the first thing you knew, three months had passed and you were no longer eligible for the \$5 discount on your renewal. You will now pay the full annual fee. How can you avoid that? It's easy! Next time your renewal date approaches, sign up for auto-renewal. Sign in to your Account Information online, click on Renew Membership, and choose the Auto Renewal Option. You will pay as you would for a regular one-year renewal, print a membership card, and be all set! Thirty days prior to your next year's renewal date, you will receive an email informing you that your membership will auto-renew on your renewal date in plenty of time to opt out if you choose to do so. You won't have to worry about missing out on the \$5 discount or about not being able to opt out if that's what you choose to do. It's really the smartest way to avoid missing out on the discount or risking a lost-in-the-mail check. Give it a try - it will be one less thing to worry about!

Sue Langley

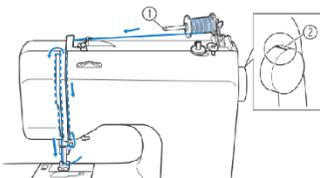
ASG Board of Directors

Upcoming Classes from the Roanoke ASG Chapter

CAB is finishing up our 2026 class schedule, but to whet your appetite, here are two upcoming classes in April and May.

April—Swedish Weaving, taught by Sue Wiseman

Swedish Weaving is also known as huck embroidery. Popular for decorating towels and linens, it is a form of embroidery that uses yarn or embroidery floss to weave patterns into the surface of specialized fabrics.



May--Sewing Machine Basics, taught by Lois Atkins

* Excellent class for beginners and a great refresher for those who know their way around their sewing machines, but want to pick up some tricks and tips.

In our next newsletter, we'll have a complete list of all the classes!

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 found in 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

We have a Facebook page and need contributors to find content and make sewing related posts. When you visit our page, take a moment to Like our page, Like our posts, and Follow us.

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 and July

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. Neighborhood Group meetings are cancelled for inclement weather when Roanoke City or Roanoke County schools are cancelled.

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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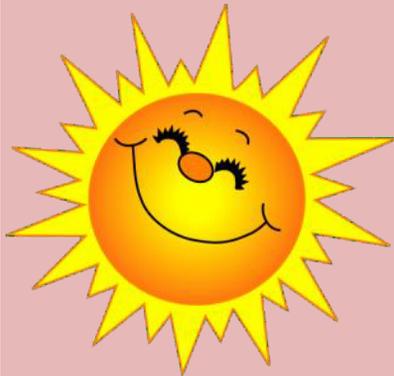
The American Sewing Guild is a non-profit organization dedicated to people who believe sewing is a rewarding and creative activity. A vital and growing group, dedicated to advancing sewing as an art and a life skill, the ASG is committed to:

- 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 January, February and March
Sewing Peeps! May all your wishes come true.



Do you know someone who needs a little sunshine in their life?

Gail Catron is your sunshine gal!

(276) 228-4974 or catrongail@earthlink.net

ASG Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Daytime phone number _____

Email _____

How did you hear about ASG?

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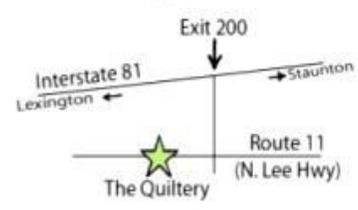


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