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CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER ASG SUMMER PICNIC

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024

12 (NOON) - 2 PM

All members of our Central Illinois Chapter of the American Sewing Guild are invited to our summer picnic, which will be held on **Tuesday**, **July 23rd from 12 – 2 PM at the Tremont Community Center in Tremont**, **Illinois**. The community center is located at 216 S Sampson St, Tremont, IL. Guests are welcome, so please feel free to bring a friend along.

Drinks and Pulled Pork sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

We will have an **ugly fabric challenge**, so you have some time to make something from the ugliest fabric out of your stash into something else. It can be anything, and can be combined with other fabric if you want. Let's see how creative we all can be and get an ugly fabric out of our stash (which will make more room for a new fabric!) There will be prizes for the items voted as the best transformation from ugly to great.

We will also have show and tell, so please plan to bring along something you think the group will enjoy. See you there!

MAKERS PARADISE TRUNK SALE POSPOSED DUE TO WEATHER

New date: June 8, 2024 at United Presbyterian Church Parking Lot -- 9am-1:00pm



Central Illinois American Sewing Guild Summer Retreat

Who: ASG members and friends

When: August 26, 2024 noon--Aug 28, 2024 2pm
Where: Holiday Inn, 101 Holiday Street, East Peoria, IL

Pack your sewing machine, supplies, and projects. Join us for three days and two nights of great fun and sewing opportunities. Get away from your everyday chores with nothing else to do but SEW!!!!

If you don't want to stay overnight, you can join us at the hotel for one, two or all three days (AKA: day camper). This will be a great opportunity to forge new friendships and share your love of sewing. Breakfasts and lunches will be on your own. For dinners we will go to a local restaurant to be determined.

Sewing Room Fee for Day Campers: (no overnight stay—you choose which days to attend)

\$20 Mon 8/21 (noon to you decide) \$30 Tues 8/22 (7 am to you decide) \$20 Wed 8/23 (7 am to 2 pm)

Sewing Room Fee for Overnight Campers: \$60 per person for all 3 days. Send payment with your registration.

Hotel Room Cost for Overnight Campers: \$124 plus tax per night per room. Make your own reservations by calling 309-698-3333 and use code "ASG". **Reservations must be made by 8/12/2024** to receive the special room rate. You will pay for your room separately.

Name:	Phone:
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Check One:	□ Overnight Camper \$60 plus call hotel to make room reservations

Please mail check payable to Central Illinois ASG and registration form by 8/12/24 to:

Kim Caywood, 1441 W Cimarron Dr., Peoria, IL 61614

Any questions please email: kwould62@gmail.com



SEW SPECIAL 2024---SAVE THE DATE!!



Join us September 28, 2024 for Sew Special with Susan Lazear. Susan is the owner of Cochenille Design Studio and Professor of Fashion at Mesa College in San Diego CA. She is a contributor to Threads Magazine and teaches classes at the Sewing Expo in Puyallup, WA.

We have not finalized our class offerings, but Susan would like to talk about something that would inspire us, something that is practical and something that relates to our sewing.

Our Zoom class last year was so successful, we are trying it again. This will be both Zoom from home, or Zoom with the Guild at United Presbyterian Church. We highly recommend Zooming with your Guild if you are able. Why, might you ask? A delicious continental breakfast, catered lunch, and door prizes. If you are not a door prize winner, you will still go home with a sewing gift...no one is left out! Best of all? The camaraderie and fellowship with your fellow sewists....PRICELESS!

Put this on your calendar....more information to come.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER DATES TO REMEMBER

June 8, 2024—Maker's Paradise Sale Rain date, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL.

July 5, 2024—CAB Meeting, 9am. Creative Stitches Worshop, Peoria, IL.

July 23, 2024—Chapter-wide Picnic. Tremont Community Center, 12pm, Tremont, IL.

August 10, 2024—Ignite Peoria, Civic Center, Peoria, IL.

August 26-28, 2024—Summer Retreat, Holiday Inn & Suites, East Peoria, IL.

September 13, 2024-- Community Sewing Day (Stuff Anti-

Ouch Pouches), North Branch Peoria Library, Peoria, IL.

September 28, 2024--Sew Special. United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL.

October 8-10, 2024—Fabric Sewing Trip.

November 2, 2024—Annual Meeting. United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL.

November 2, 2024—State Make It With Wool contest, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL.

December 21, 2024—Chapter-wide Luncheon, Peoria, IL.

WELCOME TO OUR CHAPTER

Ellen Klemm, Peoria IL Darlene Stevens, La Fayette, IL Yuchua "Judy" Liu, Naperville, IL

Please introduce yourself to our newest members at your next neighborhood group meeting or chapter event.

A special THANK YOU to all members who have renewed their ASG membership!



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IT'S A ROAD TRIP!! FABRIC SHOPPING IN **MINNESOTA!**

Tuesday, October 8th through Thursday, October 10th. Join us!

First day: Leave by 7:00am to travel to Ginny's Fine Fabrics in Rochester. Because we are expecting to arrive midafternoon and her store closes at 4:00, Ginny has agreed to keep her store open a bit late for us. She will be joining us for supper.

There are two good hotel choices: one right across the street from Ginny's and the other right next door. Very convenient and lots of great restaurant options.

Second day: Wednesday morning we'll leave Rochester by 8:30am and travel about an hour and a half to SR Harris Fabric in Brooklyn Park. SR Harris is a huge warehouse style fabric store that will leave you dizzy with its vastness.

After SR Harris and lunch, we'll travel about a half hour to Lakes Makerie in Minneapolis. Lakes Makerie is a small independent store which specializes in independent patterns and fabrics with a European vibe.

The Mall of America is only 10 minutes away. We'll plan on a hotel close by. There are lots of restaurant options in and close to the Mall. And of course, it's always fun to stroll the Mall.





Third day: We'll drive about 15 minutes to Treadle Yard Goods in St. Paul. There's a very nice café across the street for lunch. Then we'll drive about 3 minutes to the Sewing Lounge which is a fabulous small store with an upscale fabric selection.

And then **HEAD HOME**, probably arriving late evening.

We're carpooling! We will need one car for every four passengers (including the driver). Each passenger should expect to contribute \$50 for gas.

Plans are in the works. Are you interested in this trip? Are you willing to drive? Please let Charlotte know at charlottecronin@comcast.net.







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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a beautiful Spring this has turned out to be! The colors of nature are so vibrant in the Spring and very inspirational. Spring also brings on the urge to do Spring cleaning. So, this year my plan is to do a quick Spring cleaning of my sewing room and then reset the projects I want to

make for summer and fall.

How do you organize your sewing area? I tend to purge or put away anything that I will not be using in the immediate future. Deciding on the patterns I intend to make this summer/fall is a big step for me. That sets the tone for all that comes next. For each of those patterns, I select the fabric and notions so everything is together and ready go when I am ready to begin.

I use two pattern cabinets to store all my patterns. They are sorted by type (skirts, tops, dresses, pants, etc.) and size. This has saved me hours and hours of time searching for a specific pattern. I keep a small box of patterns near my cutting table that I want to work on in the near (or not so near) future so that they never become "out of site and out of mind."

Organizing my fabric has been a bit trickier. But that said, generally, I have wovens and knits separated and sorted by color within my fabric closet. About 10 years ago, I put my fabric on bolts. I realize that takes up slightly more room but it has simplified the process of finding a specific fabric and they stay nicer on a bolt. I do not regret storing my fabrics this way.

During the pandemic I replaced my design board with peg board that places all my go-to tools at my fingertips. You would think I would have a neat and tidy space ready for photos at any moment, but that is not the case. My sewing room is always disheveled and messes with my creativity no matter how diligently I try to keep things orderly. So again, how do you manage your sewing area? Any great hints you would like to share with us?

Please check out our calendar of events and the information regarding our upcoming sewing retreats, shopping trip, and Sew Special. These promise to be great opportunities to be creative, to learn something new and to make new friends. I can't wait to see each of you again and to share about what you have been making!!!

Happy Sewing! Suzy



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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

ASG members may attend any and all Neighborhood Group meetings in the Central Illinois Chapter and anywhere around the country. Prospective members are encouraged to attend two meetings before joining the chapter.

Please contact the Neighborhood Group leader to confirm monthly meeting times, programs and locations, especially if you are traveling a distance. Programs sometimes change.

WHERE	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	CONTACT
Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) Members are welcome	7	7/5/2024 CAB 9:00am Creative Stitches Work- shop	72	Suzy Baker-Bachman Chapter President (309) 453-7897 suzybakerbachman94@yahoo.com
CHAMPAIGN/ URBANA 2nd Wednesday 9:30am- 11:30am Urbana Library	6/12/2024 Making patterns from finished clothing	7/10/2024 Enjoy your vacation	8/14/2024 Interfacings	Sharon Gerth (217) 367-7652 shringerth@gmail.com
FULTON COUNTY 4 th Thursday, 1pm Wallace Park, Canton 11:30, lunch	6/27/2024 Copying Ready- to-Wear	7/25/2024 Pockets	8/22/2024 Necklines	Sue Barnabee (309) 647-0111 scbarn@gmail.com
GARMENT SEWING 3 rd Saturday, 10am North Branch Library, Peoria	6/15/2024 Collage a la Koos	7/20/2024 Ready-to-wear Techniques to Save Time Suzy Baker- Bachman	8/17/2024 Trip to the Sewing Studio in Hudson	Sue Barnabee (309) 647-0111 scbarn@gmail.com
GALESBURG 3rd Monday, 1:00pm Yours 2 Create	6/17/2024 Leather Scraps	7/15/2024 Stacked Stitching	8/19/20224 Pat's Choice	Pat Pearson (309) 361-0724 galesburgsews@outlook.com
PEORIA EVENING 4th Tuesday 6:15pm Lakeview Library & ZOOM	6/25/2024 Collage a la Koos	7/23/24 Attend the summer picnic in Tremont	8/27/24 Attend our retreat in East Peoria	Patty Schmidt (309) 691-0987 PKSchmidt@aol.com
WOODFORD COUNTY 3rd Tuesday 1:00pm Eureka Public Library Note time change	6/18/2024 Creative Mending Janice Zagardo	7/16/2024 Enjoy the chapter picnic!	8/20/2024 Blouse Fitting	Carol Luginbuhl (309) 868-3441 rclug@outlook.com







A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON



Greetings my fellow sewists!

Have you attended one of our sewing retreats. If you haven't, you are missing out on a fun time. This year's retreat will be held August 26-28 at the East Peoria Holiday Inn. Like last year, you can attend during the day and sleep at home or you can spend the night away from home in one of the hotel rooms. With three days of nothing to do but sew, it's great way to finish up all those UFO's you have laying around in your sewing room. It's also a great way to get to know your fellow sewing guild members. See the registration form on page 2.

Our next Community Sew Day will be held on Friday, Sept. 13, at the North Branch of the Public Library from 10am to 3pm. We will be stuffing anti-ouch pouches for mastectomy patients. You don't need to bring your sewing machine.

We are always in need of supplies for our community service projects. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate, please contact me or any CAB member:

- Cotton or flannel fabrics for bibs, cot sheets, burp cloths
- Soft cotton or flannel fabrics for anti-ouch pouches
- 3/4 inch Velcro for anti-ouch pouches
- ¼ inch elastic for cot sheets
- Black out fabric used for curtain lining. This will have a "rubberized" back. We use this for the bib backing.

As always if you have some spare time and are looking for a project to sew, check out our website under the Chapter Info tab for instructions on how to make our community service projects.

Once again, our Sewing Guild Chapter will be participating in Ignite Peoria. Ignite will be held Saturday, August 10, at the Peoria Civic Center. We will have a booth with sewing machines set up for kids to sew a simple project. We will need volunteers to help kids create their project and for set-up and take-down. If you would like to help us spark creativity in kids, please contact me at kwould62@gmail.com.

Please visit and like our Facebook page (Central Illinois Chapter American Sewing Guild). We also have an Instagram page. Check it out and see what you think!

Happy Sewing!

Kim

June 27 – July 1, 2024 ASG National Conference



San Francisco, CA



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FROM THE BOOKSTORE



Illustrated Guide to Sewing: Couture Techniques, Fox Chapel Publishing



Thanks to the Illustrated Guide to Sewing: Couture Techniques, you can create your own designer-quality apparel. You will learn the details that separate basic sewing from couture sewing.

There are easy-to-follow instructions to guide you through basic steps. The photographs and drawings will walk you through the sewing process.

Editor and experienced seamstress, Peg Couch, will guide you through the methods of custom fitting and handwork. When combined with high-quality fabrics, will result in your own specially-tailored couture design.

You'll learn how to create amazing collars, necklines, sleeves, and much more. You will be able to craft your own one-of-a-kind garments with the strength, shape and beauty of any runway dress or outfit!

So much is hidden in each of the following chapters: Premium Fabrics, Getting the Right Fit, and Couture Techniques.

There is a glossary of terms and index to assist you in finding information quickly.

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https://foxchapelpublishing.com/products/illustrated-guide-to-sewing-couture-techniques

SEW WITH SUE

We are sorry to see that Galesburg Sewing II in Metro Center Peoria has closed. You will be missed! The Galesburg Store remains open.

I hope you will take advantage of our shopping trip to Minnesota. Its's a chance to get to know others better, find some nice fabric we can't find locally and get away.

If you haven't been to the retreat, now is your chance. You can stay 1-2-3 days and attend, or sleep at home and attend 1,2,3 days. It's a great time for extra help with projects. We are always willing to share our knowledge. More information on page 2.

Simplicity and McCall's patterns have now added PDF patterns.

One of the Palmer/Pletsch team, Marta Alto, has passed away. Her vast knowledge will be missed.

Sue Barnabee is a former Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, and member of Haute Couture Club of Chicago and Stitcher's Guild of Peoria. Her articles and projects have appeared in Sew News, Creative Machine Embroidery, Woodworker's Journal, McCall's Quilting magazines and the book "Sewing Kids Stuff". She is the Editor of Sew-Ciety News for the Central Illinois Chapter ASG.







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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS CRITTENTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Crittenton Development Center is in constant need of bibs and sheets. You can donate them directly, contact a CAB member for pick up or bring them to a chapter/neighborhood meeting. The patterns are on our website. www.centralillinois-asg.com/crittenton-center

Our chapter donates custom-made bibs, crib and cot sheets, burp pads and wash cloths to help defray the costs of purchasing them. Those patterns are on the website link above. Crittenton has said the items our chapter provides are "much higher quality" than those they can purchase. Please consider helping. Supplies to make the items will be provided for you.

Our support at Crittenton Child Development Center is done by donating items that they need. This is a project we will be continuing. Contact Kim Caywood for information at kwould62@gmail.com.

ANTI-OUCH POUCH



Anti-Ouch Pouches (AOPs) were designed by chapter member Deon Maas. This underarm hanging pillow is intended to add a little comfort to people's lives during a stressful, painful time. The pillow hangs from the shoulder, fitting snugly under the arm to cushion and ease the pressure of the underarm and breast area after breast surgery, upper body surgeries or during radiation treatment.

Tens of thousands of anti-ouch pouches have been lovingly sewn and donated to breast centers across the United States. The American Sewing Guild featured the Anti-Ouch Pouch as the 2008 National Community Service Project. Read more at https://www.asg.org/resources/giving-back.

The Anti-Ouch Pouch is an ongoing project for our chapter. We donate hundreds every few months to the OSF Susan G Komen Center in Peoria. Digital mammography detects so many more cases of breast cancer thus increasing the need for AOP's. If you have questions, contact Deon Maas at (309) 645-4911 or tommaas@mymctc.net Follow this link www.asg.org/files/community_ser-vice/Anti_Ouch_Pouch.pdf for the pattern. Please consider donating soft fabric, stuffing or completed AOPs.

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ILLINOIS STATE MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST



Have you started your Illinois State Make It With Wool project? 2024 is the 62nd year of the Make It With Wool (MIWW) contest in Illinois. Contact Marilyn Donoho, 7450 W County Line Road, Paw Paw, IL 61353. (815) 627-9422 or black1959@aol.com for more information and entry forms. More information and entry forms are also available at https://makeitwithwool.com/entry-fees-%26-forms

The MIWW contest offers the opportunity to focus attention on the beauty and versatility of wool; encourages the use of wool fabric or yarn in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving wool fabrics and yarns; and offers the opportunity to compete for valuable prizes.

Start sewing your wool garment now for the state contest at our annual meeting! It would be nice to have more ASG members in the competition. ASG members receive a \$10 discount off the state entry fee. The Central Illinois Chapter ASG is a sponsor of the Illinois State Make It With Wool contest. The Garment Group and the other Neighborhood Groups are willing and able to help you if you need it. The national competition will be in Scottsdale AZ, January 16-28, 2025.







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SEWING WEB SITES

www.bluemoonfabrics.com https://fabricdepot.com www.fabricguru.com https://loomdecor.com www.nationalsewingcircle.com www.onlinefabricstore.com www.seamwork.com https://sewcanshe.com https://sewing.com

https://simplicity.com www.stashfabrics.com www.uglythimble.com

CHAPTER ADDRESS

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STATE AND NATIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER

June 27-July 1, 2024—National ASG Conference, San

Francisco, Ca. www.asg.org/resources/conference

August 1-3, 2024—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Dallas/Irving, TX.

https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events

September 26-28, 2024—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo,

Fredericksburg, VA.

https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events

October 3-5, 2024—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo,

Nashville/Lebanon, TN.

https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events

October 10-12, 2024—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo,

Cincinnati/Sharonville, OH.

https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events

October 23-November 3, 2024—Quilt Festival Houston,

Houston, TX.

www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-houston

November 14-16, 2024—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo,

Detroit/Novi, MI.

https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events

January 16-28, 2025—National Make It With Wool,

Scottsdale AZ.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

JUNE

Barbara Fahel

JULY Colleen Abel Julie Mooberry AUGUST Vani Baldwin Diane Moughler Linda Swett

Carol Wolstenholm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES: August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1. Send information to Sue Barnabee, 21795 E Barnabee Rd., Farmington, IL 61531, or scbarn@gmail.com (309) 229-7999.







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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL RETAILERS

NOTE: Check with the store to verify meetings.

AREA QUILT CLUBS

Gems of the Prairie Quilters, Peoria--1st Wednesday, 6:30pm. https://gemsoftheprairie.com

Handi Quilter Club, Quilt Corner, Morton—2nd Monday of odd numbered months. www.thequiltcorner.biz

Prairie Points, Peoria—2nd Saturday, 10:00am. www.prairiepoints.net

The Piecers of the Heartland, Canton--2nd Monday, 6:30 pm. www.piecersquiltguild.com

The Quilt Corner, Morton—3rd Monday, 10:00am & 6:30pm. Wool Club 1st Monday, 9:00am or 4:00pm. www.thequiltcorner.biz

Jones Sewing Machine Company—Project Linus, 2nd
Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm
www.jonessewing.com

AREA EMBROIDERY CLUBS

Fulton County Machine Embroidery Club, Wesley
United Methodist Church, Canton—2nd Wednesday,
11:45am lunch, (Bring your lunch.) 1:00pm meeting.

Hudson Sewing Studio, Hudson—3rdSaturday, 12:302:30pm. www.hudsonsewingstudio.com

OTHER CLUBS

Galesburg Sewing Center, Galesburg—Open sew second Wednesday; others vary www.sewingcenter123.com

ASG DISCOUNTS AT AREA STORES

Galesburg Sewing Center: ASG members receive a 10% discount. ASG card must be presented.

The Quilt Corner: Punch card

RETAILERS: If we missed your store or there are changes, please be sure to let us know.

MEMBERS: Bring your ASG card when you shop!

ASG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	New Member		
Name	Chapter		
Address	ASG Member at Large \$60		
City State Zip	(ii received before membership expiration date)		
Daytime phone number	Late Renewal		
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