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## Woodford Neighborhood Group



This is the story of how the Woodford Neighborhood Group under Karen Fyke was started as told by Karen. As you will see, Karen will turn over the reigns to Robin Staudenmeier and Carol Luginbuhl.

Sally (I can't think of her last name) invited me to a meeting back in the 80s. I've enjoyed every minute of my involvement with the ASG. Nothing makes me happier than to get together with my old sewing friends, and nothing makes me sadder than remembering all the ones who have passed.

While I was the librarian for the Lowpoint-Washburn school system from 1995-2003, I got the idea that we needed a Neighborhood Group for Woodford County.

Our first group began with about 7 people including my mother Elanore Ludwig, Wendy Olson and her mother-in-law, Lynn Ruder, Lura Cordes, Carol Luginbuhl, plus a couple of others. I arranged with the school to let us meet in the library on the third Thursday of each month. Once in the early months we had a problem with the school being locked, but Lura invited us to go to her home. It's always interesting to see what others do with their sewing rooms. She had bought several pattern storage cabinets from a sewing store that was going out of business. She put all of her quilt pieces in plastic bags and stored them in those cabinets, arranged by color. It was amazing!

One of our first programs was a trunk show by Patty Schmidt. It was great, and everyone was inspired.

One of the handy things about having our meetings at the library was that I had a place to store the 'tub' of videos and books. Do you remember that program? The Guild put together several big plastic tubs of sewing videos and books, and the tubs would rotate among the groups where members could check the materials out. We would bring our tubs to a combined meeting about 4 times a year and switch out so that our members got a chance to check out different materials.

When I retired from teaching in 2003, we began to meet in the Farm Bureau Building in Eureka. It is a lovely space, but there are some serious steps to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, or you can ride the 'elevator' which ranks right up there with being in a spook house at a carnival. For the first 2 years, the light wouldn't go on in the elevator. You got in, closed the door and pressed the up button. You had to keep that button pressed, or the elevator would stop. The elevator was S-L-O-O-W-W and DARK! It took 2-1/2 minutes to get to the second level. Just about the time you reached the crack of light under the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor door, the light would come on. It was on a motion sensor, but whoever installed it had set it wrong.

Lynn Ruder moved into one of the Maple Lawn condos and arranged for us the use of the Community Room as a meeting space. Two of the residents of the Maple Lawn apartments were frequent attendees, but one day recently after the Maple Lawn reorganization, we found ourselves locked out. The apartment manager decided that we shouldn't be allowed to meet there, because no one from the apartments attended. Now, we meet in members' homes and The Gathering Place at Maple Lawn.

We offered a "how-to-sew" class a couple of times. At the first one, the participants were a 9 year old boy, several women and an older man. It is hard to teach someone to 'tie' a knot in a thread! But, the students learned how to thread a needle, sew with one thread, fix a hem, sew on a button, and mend a seam.

Over the years we had demonstrations of tatting, smocking, pillow lace making, English paper piecing, dyeing fabric with shaving cream, dyeing silk scarves, and all kinds of sewing demos from making pin cushions to tie purses. For many years we had a make-it-and-take-it Christmas craft every November.

The highlight of each meeting has been the show-and-tell section. Only a group of fellow sewists can enjoy oohing and aahing over a finished project, giving advice to fix a sewing problem, or listening to a favorite sewing adventure. It's a rare husband or family that will listen to us talk about sewing. And we have seen some amazing sewing projects over the years!



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We can't leave out the American Girl Doll raffle which we have held about every other year. I think we have done 6 of them...maybe more. Gerry Meares, would go to the American Girl Doll store in Chicago and buy the doll. Every member made clothes and accessories for the doll. We sold raffle tickets, with the drawing at our November meeting. One winner was an older lady. I asked who she was going to give it to. She huffed, "No one! I'm going to keep it myself! I never had a doll, and I'm going to enjoy dressing her up!"

For several years we have donated between \$200 and \$300 to the Make It With Wool group to help them pay travel expenses for the winners to go to the national contest.

I've decided to give up my role as neighborhood group leader at the end of this year. It's time for other people to take the reins and chart the path for the Woodford County group, but you can bet that I will attend as many Sewing Guild meetings as I can, and I will have to be pretty decrepit to miss the June Luncheons and Sew Specials.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Do you have a fabric stash? Crazy question I know, at least for many of us.

What if I reported that part of my year-long sewing space organizational journey was to eliminate my fabric stash? There isn't anyone in our chapter, or my circle of close family and friends, who would believe me. But, it is true. No more stash, only a carefully curated textile collection.

Sewing time is precious and I decided to not waste another second on fabric unworthy of my efforts. And, why should I work with fabric in an unflattering color? The answer is I shouldn't and I don't any more.

My time spent with Nancy Nix Rice gave me color direction that I am very pleased with. Her advice gave me momentum to purge the undesirables from my stash and slowly my collection began to evolve.

I had to decide what to do with great fabric that didn't make the cut. To start, my daughter-in-law suggested I use a beloved piece of kiwi green linen for napkins. The idea never crossed my mind and I was able to make hemstitched napkins for both of us. I had to think outside the box. Oh no. I had to think!

My next step was to let my young granddaughters create outfit collections from my cast off fabric. So much fun and also amazing to watch them put together outfits at 5 and 8 years of age.

Some of my better fabric that was no longer for me went to fellow sewing friends. Other fabric was delegated to muslin use. It is so helpful to fit a new pattern or try out a design or new technique on fabric of appropriate fiber content.

Several large boxes went to community service projects and the final clean out went to a re-sale shop.

My textile collection is now inspiring and so enjoyable to have on hand. I am actually sewing projects I love, no longer wasting precious time being overwhelmed by too much stuff. Totally liberating.

My challenge to you for 2018 is to spend time curating your textile collection. Make time to play with and utilize your textiles, sewing tools and notions. Life is too short to let another minute pass without cutting into that 'perfect for you' piece of fabric. Here's to an exhilarating New Year sewing up your textile collection.

Cyndy

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

### December

Delia Hicks  
Berniece McGlasson  
Lily Scalf  
Patricia Schmidt

### January

Freda Brooks

Becky Burgess  
Dorothy Burnett  
Barbara Pearson  
Cindy Powell  
Gisela Schuman  
Shirley Splittstoesser  
Patricia West  
Melissa Weyeneth

### February

Susan Baker Bachman  
Sue Barnabee  
Colleen Dunham  
Evelyn Kitchen  
Jeanne Parks

## CENTRAL IL/PEORIA AREA DATES TO REMEMBER

**July 12-15, 2018**—National ASG Conference, La Vegas, NV [www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org)

**Fall 2018**—Sew Special '18 Peoria, IL <http://peoriaasg.org>

**Fall 2018**—Make It With Wool Contest, Peoria, IL [black1959@aol.com](mailto:black1959@aol.com)

## STATE AND NATIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 25-27, 2018**—Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival, Phoenix, AZ [www.quiltcraftsew.com](http://www.quiltcraftsew.com)

**February 15-17, 2018**—Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival, Del Mar, CA [www.quiltcraftsew.com](http://www.quiltcraftsew.com)

**March 1-4, 2018**—Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Puyallup, WA. [wsucof@wsu.edu](mailto:wsucof@wsu.edu)

**March 1-8, 2018**—Sew Much Fun LA ASG Tour. [jillian@asg.org](mailto:jillian@asg.org)

**March 8-10, 2018**—Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival, Pomona, CA [www.quiltcraftsew.com](http://www.quiltcraftsew.com)

**March 15-17, 2018**—Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival, Sacramento, CA [www.quiltcraftsew.com](http://www.quiltcraftsew.com)

**May 20-26, 2018**—New York Fashion ASG Tour. [maria@asg.org](mailto:maria@asg.org)

**July 12-15, 2018**—National ASG Conference, La Vegas NV [www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org)





## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



ASG members may attend any and all Neighborhood Group meetings in the Central IL/Peoria 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	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	CONTACT
<b>Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) 1 pm, E. Peoria Library</b> Members are welcome		<b>1/12/18</b> CAB Meeting		<b>Cyndy Monier</b> <b>Chapter President</b> (309) 364-3831 <a href="mailto:csewingconcept@yahoo.com">csewingconcept@yahoo.com</a>
<b>BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10 am</b>	<b>12/9/17</b> Christmas Party Local restaurant	<b>1/13/18</b> Contact NG leader	<b>2/10/18</b> Contact NG leader	<b>Angela Slama</b> (309) 825-8183 <a href="mailto:sewsilly4ads@hotmail.com">sewsilly4ads@hotmail.com</a>
<b>CHAMPAIGN/URBANA</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 1 pm Room 215,</b> <b>Champaign Public Library,</b> <b>200 W Green St,</b> <b>Champaign</b>	<b>12/18/17</b> Christmas Social Dorothy Deem's home	<b>1/16/18</b> No meeting See you in February	<b>2/20/18</b> Check with leaders	<b>Sharon Gerth</b> (217) 367-7652 <a href="mailto:shrngert@gmail.com">shrngert@gmail.com</a> <b>Kathy Hatch</b> (217) 355-1213 <a href="mailto:kathyhatch@gmail.com">kathyhatch@gmail.com</a>
<b>FULTON COUNTY</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1 pm</b> <b>Wallace Park, Canton</b> <b>11:30, lunch optional</b>	<b>12/14/17</b> Christmas Party Hearth Restaurant Peoria Heights	<b>1/25/18</b> Sewing with Rick Rack	<b>2/22/18</b> Sewing Room Storage	<b>Sue Barnabee</b> (309) 647-0111 <a href="mailto:scbarn@gmail.com">scbarn@gmail.com</a>
<b>GARMENT SEWING</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 10 am</b> <b>North Branch Library,</b> <b>Peoria</b>	<b>12/16/17</b> Christmas Party Hearth Restaurant Peoria Heights	<b>1/20/18</b> Some of our favorite books	<b>2/17/18</b> Using boning	<b>Sue Barnabee</b> (309) 647-0111 <a href="mailto:scbarn@gmail.com">scbarn@gmail.com</a>
<b>GALESBURG</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6-7:45 pm</b> <b>Galesburg Library</b>	We will start in February See you then!	We will start in February See you then!	<b>2/19/18</b> Introduction to ASG	<b>Pat Pearson</b> (309) 344-2670 <a href="mailto:galesburgsews@outlook.com">galesburgsews@outlook.com</a>
<b>PEORIA EVENING</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 6 pm</b> <b>Lakeview Library, Peoria</b>	<b>12/5/17</b> Felting, Patty Schmidt Christmas Party Bring an appetizer/sweet treat to share.	<b>1/2/18</b> Ironing & Pressing Techniques - Sue Barnabee	<b>2/6/18</b> Fabric Origami - Kim Caywood	<b>Pat West</b> (309) 925-3395 <a href="mailto:songbirdww@comcast.net">songbirdww@comcast.net</a> (309) 453-6682-C
<b>WOODFORD COUNTY</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b>	<b>12/21/17</b> Enjoy your holiday No meeting	<b>1/18/18</b> Dress Your Best - Tips from Nancy Nix-Rice 6-8 p.m., Eureka Public Library	<b>2/15/18</b> Tie a Scarf Many Ways - 6-8 p.m., Eureka Public Library	<b>Robin Staudenmeier</b> (309) 370-2696 <a href="mailto:erstauden@gmail.com">erstauden@gmail.com</a> <b>Carol Luginbuhl</b> (309) 923-6861 <a href="mailto:rclug@outlook.com">rclug@outlook.com</a>



## A WORD FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LIAISON



During the Community Sewing Day On September 15, 2017, 15 ladies gathered at the North Allen Branch of the Peoria Public Library to sew Anti-Ouch Pouches.

Deon Maas, the creator of the Anti-Ouch Pouch, headed up the project that day for me in my absence. Thank you Deon!

Twenty anti-ouch pouches were completed and 50 were partially done which Deon has finished plus many more! Approximately 45 hours were donated. Thank you to everyone for your contribution.

See you soon!

Lynne LaHood, Community Liaison

## I AM THANKFUL . . .



As we enter the holiday season that starts with Thanksgiving, I am so thankful for my ability to sew. I am thankful for the opportunity sewing has provided me to make things for others and for the pleasure that come from the creative process.

In the last few years, I am grateful because it has been a means of connecting with so many wonderful guild members here in Illinois. The folks I have grown so fond of have also been a source of encouragement and inspiration.

For example, I finally finished the jacket for my mom that I have been putting off for a long, long time. I am eager to box it up and mail it to her for Christmas. I was ready to forget the whole thing because I was frustrated with how to move forward on it at several points. I took my questions to neighborhood group gatherings. I never failed to have patient, kind advice and help that allowed me to take the next step.

And then, it will be on to New Year's... and a chance to establish some new goals. I think I will be resolving to develop some new techniques and skills and get more sewing done. The company of fellow chapter members at neighborhood meetings is a great place to get motivated for such goals. I cannot encourage you enough to take advantage of the knowledge and willingness to share information and insights. If you are interested in any particular subject, our neighborhood group leaders are always looking for topics you are interested in learning about. I may be invaluable in bringing some of those resolutions to fruition!

Martha Gamble, Neighborhood Group Coordinator

## SEWING WEB SITES

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[www.expressiveimagesolutions.com](http://www.expressiveimagesolutions.com)

[www.fiberartchix.com](http://www.fiberartchix.com)

[www.fitforartpatterns.com](http://www.fitforartpatterns.com)

[www.IslanderSewing.com](http://www.IslanderSewing.com)

[www.jsterndesigns.com](http://www.jsterndesigns.com)

[www.laceimports.com](http://www.laceimports.com)

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[www.lindakubik.com](http://www.lindakubik.com)

[www.sergeandsew.com](http://www.sergeandsew.com)

[www.SewChicPatterns.com](http://www.SewChicPatterns.com)

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[www.sewvintagely.com](http://www.sewvintagely.com)

## ILLINOIS STATE MAKE IT WITH WOOL



Have you started your Illinois State Make It With Wool project? 2018 is the 57<sup>th</sup> year of the Make It With Wool contest in Illinois. Contact Marilyn Donoho, 7450 W County Line Road, Paw Paw, IL 61353, (815) 627-9422, or [black1959@aol.com](mailto:black1959@aol.com), for more information and entry 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; offers the opportunity to compete for valuable prizes.

Start sewing your wool garment now for next year! It would be nice to have more ASG members in the competition. ASG members receive a \$10 discount off the state entry fee. The Garment Group as well as the other Neighborhood Groups, is willing and able to offer assistance if you need it. The Central IL/Peoria Chapter ASG is a sponsor of the Illinois State Make It With Wool contest.





### Creating Couture Embellishment, Ellen W. Miller



The finishing touches applied to a garment can take it from the realms of the ordinary to the heights of luxury. Creating Couture Embellishment offers a step-by-step guide to manipulating fabric and making and applying a rich variety of embellishments.

The book starts with an informative section on basic tools, marking and sewing techniques, then moves on to fabric manipulation.

Fabric manipulation techniques of pleating, quilting, tucking, ruffling, shirring, and smocking. Pleating includes skirt kick pleats, gathered cartridge pleats for ecclesiastic robes to Japanese Arashi shibori pleating.

The heirloom quality created by the insertion or application of lace is also explored. Featuring a visual index of every embellishment in the book that is designed to offer inspiration as well as showcasing the myriad of choices.

After you finish manipulating the fabric you can move on to adding bias strips and tubes, piping, cording, braids, trims, jewels, beads, decorative ribbons, lace, embroidery, bows, fringe, flowers, feathers and passementerie. Feathers can be manipulated with a curling iron, trimmed into various shapes, beaded and bleach-burned. You can turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.

This book provides a comprehensive sourcebook of ideas for the student, professional, and home sewer alike.

ISBN: 9781780679495.

Publisher: Lawrence King Publishing

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### COUTURE SEWING: MAKING DESIGNER TRIMS, Claire B. Shaeffer



After spending weeks creating a couture, Chanel-inspired garment, it would be a shame to skimp on the trim. The author is Claire B. Shaeffer, an avid Chanel collector and couture sewing expert. Claire teaches us everything we need to know to create and attach the perfect trim to any ensemble.

This book, with DVD included, presents the know-how and design-atelier secrets that Shaeffer has developed after a lifetime of collecting and studying Chanel and other couture garments.

With more than 280 photos with step-by-step instruction, taking the mystery out of creating designer trims.

The 136-minute sewing workshop DVD allows you to sew along with Shaeffer to achieve professional results. The Garment Index offers a peek into Shaeffer's amazing couture collection and features unique designs by Davidow, Lagerfeld, Herrera, Jablow, and as well as Chanel.

Among other skills, you'll learn how to: Topstitch like a pro to achieve a simple yet elegant trim, apply ribbons, prairie points, piping, bands, and braids, create intricate seamed, lining, and facing trims and make your very own cord-filled piping and crocheted trims. Learn how to easily swap out one trim for another to give one outfit, many looks.

You will have the perfect finish to the perfect suit!

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### Simple Tailoring & Alterations, J Francois-Campbell.



Simple Tailoring & Alterations gives us an insider's secrets to tailoring and making alterations. The author is an accomplished costume maker and theatrical tailor.

Off-the-rack clothing rarely fits well because it was not made to your specific measurements. With the step-by-step instructions – plus 250 full-color photographs and 100 helpful illustrations – you can now make alterations that will save you big bucks by taking a nip and a tuck for the perfect fit.

You will learn to update outfits that no longer fit properly and spend less on new clothes.

You won't have to pay tailoring fees to have clothing mended and altered. You can do it yourself.

She guides you through skills from replacing buttons to changing a garment's shape for a better fit. Projects cover skirts, dresses, pants, jackets, shirts, coats, capes, suits, sweaters, vests and ties.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

**NOTE:** Be sure to report any charitable sewing you have done to your neighborhood group leader or to Martha Gamble at (309) 689-1951 (309) 678-6259-C [howell-gamble@sbcglobal.net](mailto:howell-gamble@sbcglobal.net)

### ANTI-OUCH POUCH



Anti-Ouch Pouches (AOPs) were designed by our 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 [www.asg.org/?s=Anti+Ouch+Pouch](http://www.asg.org/?s=Anti+Ouch+Pouch).

This will continue to be an ongoing project for our chapter. We take them to the OSF Susan G Komen Center, Methodist Diagnostic Center in Peoria and OSF in Galesburg. The digital mammography is catching so many more cases that our need has increased. We would appreciate help making AOPs. Follow this link [www.asg.org/files/community\\_service/Anti\\_Ouch\\_Pouch.pdf](http://www.asg.org/files/community_service/Anti_Ouch_Pouch.pdf) for the pattern. If you have questions, contact Deon Maas at [tommaas@winco.net](mailto:tommaas@winco.net) or Sue Barnabee, [scbarn@gmail.com](mailto:scbarn@gmail.com).

Please consider donating soft fabric, stuffing or completed AOPs. We donate hundreds every few months in our area at OSF Komen Center and Methodist Diagnostic Center.

### ANGEL GOWNS OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Loss of an infant leaves a sorrowful emptiness in the arms and hearts of their families who never were able to bring the child home from the hospital. It can be an isolating time, especially as parents try to find clothing in which to bury their tiny babies.

The Chillicothe Christian Church is coordinating the project to make Angel Dresses from wedding and formal gowns. The Angel Dresses are for babies who never recover in the neonatal intensive care unit at Children's Hospital of Illinois at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

The gowns are made for baby boys and girls to serve as baptismal/end of life gowns. Navy, gray and black are used for pant sets for the boys. The gowns are made to fit the small premature babies. One wedding dress can make up to 10-12 Angel Gowns. Each little outfit comes packed in a special, pretty keepsake box. In the box, along with the gown, is a handmade blanket and hat and booties.

Over 100 wedding dresses have been donated since the project began. There is a need for pink, blue or black gowns. They currently have a supply of wedding dresses. They also need ribbons, lace, buttons, thread and other notions, cash donations or JoAnn Fabric gift cards to purchase sewing supplies. Dresses do not need to be cleaned before you send them. Unless your gown has been trashed, sewers have had lots of luck spot cleaning and working around damage.

ASG members can contact Dorothy Burnett at (309) 647-1956 or Sue Barnabee, [scbarn@gmail.com](mailto:scbarn@gmail.com) (309) 647-0111 to make donations or for more information. We turned in 100 sets of hats & booties at the work day in October.

### CRITTENTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



*...protecting and nurturing  
children and families.*



Crittenton Development Center serves Central Illinois children and families by providing loving child care and a 24-hour staffed crisis nursery.

The center is in constant need of bibs. You can donate them directly, contact a CAB member for pick up or bring them to a chapter/neighborhood meeting. The pattern is on the web site. [www.peoriaasg.org/CommunityServiceCrittenton.html](http://www.peoriaasg.org/CommunityServiceCrittenton.html)

Our chapter donates custom-made bibs, crib and cot sheets, burp pads and wash cloths to help defray the costs of purchasing these items. Those patterns are on the web site link above. Crittenton staff members have 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.

This year we will help support Crittenton Development Center by collecting coupons for baby items. Since these are time limited, gather your coupons periodically and mail them to Crittenton Development Center, 442 W John H Gwynn Jr Ave, Peoria, IL 61605.

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 [KimKaywould2010@sbcglobal.net](mailto:KimKaywould2010@sbcglobal.net).



## WITH SYMPATHY

Jan Webster, husband "Chip"  
The family of Nancy Zieman

### NANCY ZIEMAN



Nancy passed away at her home in Beaver Dam after a long battle with cancer.

An educator, author, pattern maker, television producer, entrepreneur and innovator, Nancy inspired millions of sewing and quilting enthusiasts throughout her career. She hosted *Sewing With Nancy*, the longest-running sewing series on television, since 1982. The program continues to air on public television stations across the United States.

A careful, kind and generous presence, Nancy presented each of her programs in an engaging how-to format that empowered people of all skill levels to explore their own talents.

In addition to her TV program, Nancy was the founder of Nancy's Notions, a Tacony Corporation company. Grown from her own kitchen table into a nationwide name trusted by sewers and quilters, the company offers thousands of products including sewing books, notions, videos and DVDs, fabrics and quilting products and embroidery designs through its website, retail store and Nancy's Notions catalog.

In 2005, Nancy helped develop Quilt Expo with WPT in Madison. The event is a vibrant example of Nancy's inspiration, now drawing more than 20,000 people from across the United States to celebrate the art and craft of quilting.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Richard, their two sons, Ted and Tom, and her beloved grandchildren.

Nancy was an entrepreneur, a talented television host, a dear friend to so many people at Wisconsin Public Television, and a true Wisconsin treasure. Nancy had the rare ability to take her passion – the love of sewing – and share it with a national audience through the medium of television. Nancy was a savvy entrepreneur, talented colleague, and dear friend. She will be greatly missed by her many viewers and fans across the country.

Nancy's work on *Sewing With Nancy* lives on in the hundreds of hours of television that she created, much of which is available online at [www.wpt.org/SewingWithNancy](http://www.wpt.org/SewingWithNancy) as a lasting resource that is still used by sewing and quilting enthusiasts around the world.

A private funeral service will be held. Fans and friends hoping to share their memories of Nancy's life and inspiration are welcome to leave comments at [www.NancyZieman.com/blog](http://www.NancyZieman.com/blog). If friends, fans and viewers desire, information about suggested memorial gifts is also available at that website. [Wisconsin Public Television Remembers Nancy Zieman](#).

### SEWING TIPS FROM SUE



We all extend our sympathy to Nancy Zieman's family. We will remember all of the wonderful sewing tips we have gained from such a lovely person. Our Central IL/Peoria Chapter remembers Nancy Zieman as a speaker at Sew Special. Deon Mass and I traveled to Madison to where Deon taped a segment on the Anti-Ouch Pouch, many of us have traveled to Beaver Dam for Nancy's weekend at the warehouse. Nancy also gave us show samples to donate to the Channel 47 auction.

I have been privileged to know Nancy since she started the *Sewing With Nancy* series during my days at Sew News. She will long be remembered by all of us.

The new year is the perfect time to stay inside and keep warm. While doing so, I encourage you to clean that sewing resource section of your home. Whether it's a desk, a closet or an entire room, we all need to downsize. Congratulations Cyndy. She can be our inspiration. Why not use the excess to make something for a charity. There are so many good ones out there that can use our talents as seamstresses.

It's also a time to hone our skills and make something to share at the neighborhood group meeting.

If you read the Around The Neighborhood page carefully, you will notice that Pat Pearson is starting a new NG in Galesburg. If you are in the area on that Monday evening, please join her.

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* and *McCall's Quilting* magazines.





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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:** February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. Send information to Sue Barnabee, 21795 E Barnabee Rd., Farmington, IL 61531, or [scbarn@gmail.com](mailto:scbarn@gmail.com) (309) 647-0111.

### WELCOME TO OUR CHAPTER, NEW MEMBERS!

Katelyn Engle, Galesburg  
Charlene Hellyer, Lewistown

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 your ASG membership!

### CENTRAL IL/PEORIA CHAPTER ON THE WEB

Have you checked out our web site [www.peoriaasg.org](http://www.peoriaasg.org) yet? It was designed by Pat West, Webmaster.

You will find our latest newsletter including neighborhood news; contacts for chapter leaders; photos; ASG discounts; calendar of events; ASG web site link and information about meetings, special events, community service, CAB (Chapter Advisory Board) and membership. There are direct links to all of those pages. Check it out!



### CHAPTER CHANGE OF ADDRESS

You should address mail for the chapter to Cyndy Monier, Central IL/Peoria ASG, 1115 Yankee Lane, Sparland, IL 61565-9760.



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### AREA QUILT CLUBS

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- Peddler's Way Quilt Co**, Washington--1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 1 pm
- Prairie Points**, Peoria--2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10 am
- Sew Sassy**, Project Linus, Urbana--1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 5 pm
- The Piecers of the Heartland**, Canton--2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30 pm
- The Quilt Corner**, Morton--3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

### AREA EMBROIDERY CLUBS

- Fulton County Machine Embroidery Club**, Big Racks, Canton--2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 11:45 lunch, 1 pm
- Galesburg Sewing Center**, Galesburg--1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 1 pm (not January or July); 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 6 pm (not January or July)
- Prairie Points**, Peoria--4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 2 pm & 6 pm
- Sewing Center II**, Peoria--1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 10 am & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6 pm (December)
- Sewing Studio**, Normal--3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 12:30-2:30 (December)
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