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CHAPTER NAME CHANGE

It's official! Our new name is Central Illinois Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Also note our web site change. See us at www.centralillinoisasg.com.

Sew Special...2019



Linda Lee, owner of the Sewing Workshop is coming to Peoria on October 11th and 12th, 2019. So, mark your calendars! You won't want to miss her workshop and Sew Special presentations.

Linda's training and experience in interior design has come in handy as she travels the country teaching the art of combining beautiful fabrics for the fashion conscious home seamstress.

Along with teaching fitting skills and sewing techniques, she designs patterns under the name of The Sewing Workshop. These patterns are for the modern seamstress who is interested in architecturally interesting styles that flatter with flare.

Along with five talented staff members, she operates out of her pattern making studio in Topeka Kansas. There, you will find a huge inventory of fabrics which are sold online.

Linda produces a monthly series of inspirational tutorials called Sew Confident! In these, she breaks down the latest fashion trends into real life sewing experiences for people who want to sew better than they can buy.

She has nine Craftsy classes and thirteen books under her belt. She has the depth of experience and enthusiasm needed to pass on the fine art of sewing clothing to her students.

Linda's loves include cats, fashion labels Marni and Akris, Roger Federer, Fillmore Street in San Francisco, Oreo Blizzards and vintage hand stitching.

Linda's books include "Sewing Beautiful Pillows", "Scarves to Make", "Sewing Stylish Home Projects", "Sewing Edges and Corners", "Mastering Miters", "Sew Sensational Pillows", "Designer Home Sewing", "Sew Easy", "Sew Easy Bags" and "Sew Easy Scarves".

We know you will enjoy Linda. Be sure to mark your calendars now!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER DATES TO REMEMBER

January 5, 2019—One Day Sewing Retreat, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

March 2, 2019—One Day Sewing Retreat, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

April 6, 2019—Stash Sale, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL www.centralillinoisasg.com

April 19, 2019—Community Service Sewing Day, Peoria North Branch Library, Peoria, IL

May 4, 2019—One Day Sewing Retreat, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

June 1, 2019—June Luncheon, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

June 7-8, 2019—Road trip to Cedar Rapids ASG, Marla Kazell

July 6, 2019—One Day Sewing Retreat, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

August 26-28, 2019—Sewing Retreat, Chiara Center, Springfield, IL www.centralillinoisasg.com

September 13, 2019—Community Service Sewing Day, Peoria North Branch Library, Peoria, IL

October 11, 2019—Workshop with Linda Lee, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

October 12, 2019—Sew Special with Linda Lee, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

November 2, 2019—Central Illinois Chapter Annual Meeting. www.centralillinoisasg.com

November 2, 2019—Make It With Wool Contest, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL black1959@aol.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tables piled high with fabrics and sewing notions attract sewers like magnets attract steel. I have more fabric and related supplies than I could possibly use in several lifetimes. Yet, there is something about hunting for a bargain or finding a pattern or notion that is difficult if not impossible to resist.

Recently I had an opportunity to peruse items from a sewing estate. These are the items that spoke to me: a hem marker in a cool vintage box, bobbin lace bobbins, a rug braiding kit, awesome vintage patterns and a hairpin lace loom.

Now let me explain how these items are not only wonderful additions to my inventory, they are good for my brain as well. I'm talking Nobel Prize theory here.

Learning something new and practicing a new skill causes the myelin in the brain to become more dense, which in turn improves learning skills. I researched hairpin lace looms and have now learned a new skill that I can practice every day. This interest led to broomstick lace which in turn gives me a reason to use an oversized knitting needle in my sewing room that was otherwise unused. Do you see the benefits? Who can argue that this was a sound purchase.

Practicing a new skill also helps you learn things faster. New knowledge creates more neural pathways, allowing electrical impulses to travel faster. As I processed the new information regarding rug braiding techniques, I could almost feel my brain becoming more dense...in a good way.

There is also the possibility that people who keep learning new skills may be less likely to develop dementia. Learning bobbin lace skills looks to be a neural impulse creating activity for sure. I may never master lace making skills, but it is fun learning about such things and having fun is also beneficial to brain health.

Sewing and fiber arts provides all of us with opportunities to learn and practice new skills every day. The creative process is fueled, new interests develop and friendships are formed all while having fun. Who knew sewing that core wardrobe was so healthful. I encourage all of you to take the sewing brain health challenge in 2019. Learn a new sewing or fiber art skill or two, and make time to practice, create and sew just for the health of it, every day.

Cyndy



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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	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	CONTACT
Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) 1 pm, North Point Hardee's Members are welcome	12/15/19 CAB Meeting 9:30 am Hardee's North Point			Cyndy Monier Chapter President (309) 364-3831 cmsews@reagan.com
BLOOMINGTON/ NORMAL 2nd Saturday, 10 am	12/8/18 Sewing Day Contact your Chairman	1/12/19 Contact your Chairman	2/9/19 Contact your Chairman	Angela Slama (309) 825-8183 sewsilly4ads@hotmail.com
CHAMPAIGN/URBANA 2nd Tuesday, 1 pm Champaign Public Library, 200 W Green St, Champaign	12/11/18 Social Time	1/8/19 No Meeting	2/12/19 Fitting for the Changing Body/Tissue Fitting a Pattern	Sharon Gerth (217) 367-7652 shrngert@gmail.com Kathy Hatch (217) 355-1213 kathychatch@gmail.com
FULTON COUNTY 4th Thursday, 1 pm Wallace Park, Canton 11:30, lunch optional	12/13/18 Christmas Party Hearth Peoria Heights	1/24/19 Sleeves	2/28/19 Sloper review	Sue Barnabee (309) 647-0111 scbarn@gmail.com
GARMENT SEWING 3rd Saturday, 10 am North Branch Library, Peoria	12/15/18 Christmas Party Hearth Peoria Heights 11:30 am	1/19/19 Sloper	2/16/19 Sloper	Sue Barnabee (309) 647-0111 scbarn@gmail.com
GALESBURG 3rd Monday, 6-7:45 pm Galesburg Library	12/17/18 Cocoon wraps and everything Christmas	1/21/19 Sashiko and Kantha	3/18/19 Contact Your Chairman	Pat Pearson (309) 344-2670 galesburgsews@outlook.com
PEORIA EVENING 2nd Tuesday 6 pm Lakeview Library, Peoria	12/11/18 Make-It-Take-It Craft Bring a sweet or treat	1/8/19 Threads	2/12/19 Ribbons and Trims	Patty Schmidt (309) 691-0987 PKSchmidt@aol.com (309) 453-6682-C
WOODFORD COUNTY 3rd Thursday 3-5 pm Eureka Public Library	12/20/18 No meeting	1/17/19 Cosplay Wigs - Liz Brewer	2/21/19 Sewing with Love - Vintage Valentine Cards	Robin Staudenmeier (309) 868-3441 erstauden@gmail.com Carol Luginbuhl (309) 923-6861 rclug@outlook.com



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SEW WITH SUE

It's fun to sew something that is in style for Spring. So we can think ahead with the Pantone Spring Fashion Color Trend Report. You can check out what will be new for Spring and get ahead of the game.

Each season the team at the Pantone Color Institute creates the PANTONE Fashion Color Trend Report; a color overview highlighting the top colors fashion designers showing at NY Fashion Week will be featuring in their collections for the upcoming season. With color on the catwalk as a key indicator of the color stories we can expect to see showing up across all areas of design, the PANTONE Fashion Color Trend Report is your easily accessible guide to the season's most important color trends.

The report reflects our desire to face the future with empowering colors that provide confidence and spirit; colors that are uplifting; joyful hues that lend themselves to playful expressionism and take us down a path of creative and unexpected combinations. This season's report features the top 12 stand out colors, as well as current takes on the four classic neutrals.

Bringing together high fashion and street style, the mindset for Spring/Summer 2019 PANTONE® Fashion Color Trend Report transcends seasonality for both men's and women's fashion. Vibrant without being overpowering, highlighted shades illustrate our desire for authenticity and our continued need for creativity and relatable, accessible design.



Fiesta



Jester Red



Tumeric



Living Coral



Pink Peacock



Pepper Stem



Aspen Gold



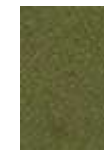
Princess Blue



Toffee



Mango Mojito



Terrarium Moss



Sweet Lilac

As for the Spring/Summer 2019 Neutrals, there will always be a need for structure in everyday fashion. This season's classics work well on their own, but also serve as a foundation for distinctive color contrasts.

<https://www.pantone.com/color-intelligence/fashion-color-trend-report/fashion-color-trend-report-new-york-spring-summer-2019>



Soybean



Eclipse



Sweet Corn



Brown Granite

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.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

NOTE: Be sure to report any charitable sewing you have done to your neighborhood group leader or to Charlotte Cronin (309) 253-4276 charlottecronin@comcast.net

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>.

This will continue to be an ongoing project for our chapter. We take them to the OSF Susan G Komen Center and Methodist Diagnostic Center in Peoria. Digital mammography detects so many more cases of breast cancer thus increasing the need for AOP's. We would appreciate help making AOPs. If you have questions, contact Deon Maas at tommaas@mymctc.net or Sue Barnabee, scbarn@gmail.com. Follow this link www.asg.org/files/community_service/Anti_Ouch_Pouch.pdf for the pattern.

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.

Kim Aldag of OSF coordinates 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, 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 Sue Barnabee, scbarn@gmail.com (309) 647-0111 or www.facebook.com/gowns4angels to make donations or for more information.

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.centralillinoisasg.com/CommunityServiceCrittenton.html

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 web site 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.

We are also 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 kimwould2010@sbcglobal.net.



SEWING WEB SITES

www.amann-mettler.com
www.anitagoodesignonline.com
www.aurifil.com
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www.eeschenck.com
www.fabricconfetti.com

www.fabric4less.com
www.graceframe.com
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www.picklepiedesigns.com

www.queenofstitching.com
www.rjrfabrics.com
www.shannonfabrics.com
www.tailormadecabinets.com

A WORD FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LIAISON



Wow! Another year has flown by and we were busy sewers this year. During our two Charity Sewing Days we were able to donate more than 100 anti-ouch pouches and 70 bibs to the Crittenton Center. I am hoping next year we will be able to donate even more. Our Charity Sewing Days next year are scheduled for Friday, April 19 and Friday, September 13 at the North Branch Library in Peoria from 10:30am to 3pm. If you have a stash of fabrics (and who doesn't!!) you can find the patterns for the anti-ouch pouches, bibs and cot sheets on the guild website (www.centralillinoisasg.com) and get together with fellow sewers/guild members and have your own charity sewing day.

In August this year nine members attended the Annual Sewing Retreat at the Chiara Center in Springfield. This is a great time to have uninterrupted sewing time with like-minded sewers who perhaps have a solution to an issue you have with a project. Our retreat for next year is scheduled for August 26-28 at the Chiara Center. Join us for a sewing good time!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Kim Caywood, Community Liaison

STATE AND NATIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER

January 24-26, 2019—National Make It With Wool, New Orleans, LA.

January 31-February 2, 2019—Quilt Craft & Sewing Festivals, Phoenix, AZ. <https://quiltcraftsew.com>

February 21-23, 2019—Quilt Craft & Sewing Festivals, Pomona, CA. <https://quiltcraftsew.com>

February 28-March 3, 2019—Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Puyallup, WA. <https://sewexpo.com>

March 7-9, 2019—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo. Atlanta, Ga. www.sewingexpo.com

March 14-16, 2019—Quilt Craft & Sewing Festivals, Sacramento, CA. <https://quiltcraftsew.com>

March 14-16, 2019—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo. Lakeland, FL. www.sewingexpo.com

March 21-23, 2019—Quilt Craft & Sewing Festivals, Denver, CO. <https://quiltcraftsew.com>

April 4-6, 2019—Original Sewing & Quilt Expo. Cleveland, OH. www.sewingexpo.com

April 11-13, 2019—Quilt Craft & Sewing Festivals, Portland, OR. <https://quiltcraftsew.com>

April 25-27, 2019—Quilt Craft & Sewing Festivals, Portland, OR. <https://quiltcraftsew.com>

May 9-11, 2019—Quilt Craft & Sewing Festivals, Boise, ID. <https://quiltcraftsew.com>

TASTE OF ASG TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

Have you thought about asking a sewing friend to “test drive ASG” first? Here’s your chance! ASG is providing a limited time offer: Sign up for a 60-day Trial “Taste of ASG” Membership for only \$10! You can get a full 60-day unlimited access to everything ASG has to offer.

- Full access to the Members Only area of the ASG website
- ASG’s Online Sewing Education Library of classes, webinars and videos
- Member’s Only special offers and discounts
- Electronic copy of *Notions*, ASG’s Quarterly Publication
- Special pricing from ASG partners such as Craftsy and University of Fashion
- Entrance to chapter meetings, neighborhood and special interest groups and events



ILLINOIS STATE MAKE IT WITH WOOL



Have you started your Illinois State Make It With Wool project? 2019 is the 58th 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, 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 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 Garment Group and the other Neighborhood Groups are willing and able to help you if you need it. The Central Illinois Chapter ASG is a sponsor of the Illinois State Make It With Wool contest.

MAKE 18 IN '18!

Central Illinois ASG members made a record number of Anti-Ouch Pouch mastectomy pillows during the Make 18 in '18 campaign. The goal was to have 20 members each make 18 pillows, which is about a third of what is needed for our annual donation to local hospitals. We donate about 80 a month!

Members were given bundles of 18 pre-cut kits to sew at home. Several members went above and beyond to make over 100 pillows each. Between the AOP Community Service sewing day in April and the campaign, between 400 and 500 pillows have been made. Make 18 in '18 was a huge success!

Looking ahead, we will be preparing for the Make 20 in '20 campaign, as the need is increasing due to advanced mammography. How can you help in 2019? Donate soft woven fabric, gallon-sized bags, or fiberfill. Take a bundle of kits home to sew to keep a steady stream of pillows coming in for mastectomy patients. Take home instructions to fold or bags to label. If someone is stuffing pillows at a Sewing Retreat day, take a few minutes to stuff a few. Come to the Community Service Sewing day on September 13, 2019.

If you want to help us get a head start on 2020, Deon Maas or Sue Barnabee will have kits at each Garment Group meeting or ASG sewing events. Fabric for Deon to make into kits can be given to Deon or Sue. For more information, contact Deon at tommaas@mymctc.net or 309-645-4911 or Sue at scbarn@gmail.com or 309-647-0111.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER ON THE WEB

Our chapter website has been redesigned so you can find the information you seek more quickly and easily. Be sure to check out our newly re-designed web site at www.centralillinoisasg.com. NOTE the new address! Pat West is responsible for maintaining our presence in cyberspace. If you are wondering what's going on in our chapter or your neighborhood group, take a look on the website! It helps keep you up to date between newsletters.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS



Mark your calendars!!

As usual our ASG 2019 calendar includes our June Luncheon, the Springfield Sewing Retreat in August, Sew Special in October, and the Annual Meeting in November.

We'll be repeating the April Stash Sale that was new last year and so much fun. Be sure to start thinking about your stash and what you'd like to see disappear!

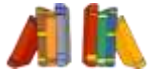
2019 will include four One-Day Sewing Retreats at United Presbyterian Church. All are on Saturdays and the first one is January 5th from 8:00 until 4:00. Can you join us? Let me know at charlottecronin@comcast.net.

All details will be on our chapter website so check us out!

Charlotte Cronin, Neighborhood Group Coordinator

NANCY'S NOTIONS: 10% off entire order. Use source code 189411-5225. Not valid at special events, on the purchase of gift certificates or for class registration. Limit one source code per order. This discount cannot be combined with any other promotions. It expires January 31, 2019.





FROM THE BOOKSTORE



Sew Easy Scarves, Linda Lee



Linda Lee's Sew Easy Scarves is the ultimate primer, complete with everything a first-timer needs to know to make fabulous scarves from scratch.

Inside this convenient box set you'll find twelve stylish projects for every season and occasion. Projects range from the elegant Gossamer Ribbon Lace scarf, to the vivacious Rag Boa, to the comfy Confetti Fleece.

Each pattern is printed on a project card with easy-to-follow sewing instructions, while a separate booklet features illustrations and diagrams covering tools and basic techniques.

The booklet and project cards can be stowed in the compact kit for no-fuss storage.

ISBN: ISBN: 1-931543-91-7

www.sewingworkshop.com/shop/Sew-Easy-Scarves-p38174375

Custom Couture: 32 easy ways to transform your wardrobe, Helene DeBerre



Custom Couture shows fashion-forward-and budget-conscious seamstresses how to reinvent their wardrobe using beginner-friendly sewing techniques.

Create a wardrobe that truly reflects your own style. The styles are oh-so-chic, with a decidedly French flair. They range from retro and boho to rock-star cool and ultra-feminine. Each project comes with step-by-step instructions for cutting, sewing, embroidering, or embellishing something truly unique and fabulous.

ISBN: 13: 978-1-936096-16-9

http://www.sixthandspring.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=4_8&products_id=153

Crafting on the GO! Ribbon, Edited by Trisha Malcolm



Ribbons are often seen in our clothing. We wear them to show solidarity for a cause, mothers tie them in their daughters' hair, and ribbon-cutting ceremonies announce a special beginning.

Crafting On the Go! Ribbon offers a myriad of ways to use this versatile and time-honored medium, from knitting, weaving, sewing and embroidering to twisting, tying, folding, wrapping and curling.

You can use grosgrain, satin, picot ribbons or sheer fabric to make 25 easy projects.

The collection features designs for every skill level. Projects include an ornate bookmark, charming knitted tank, satin rose bouquet and lovely wedding wind dancer. The book includes photography and clear instructions accompanying each project.

So find your prettiest ribbons and let these twenty-five wonderfully simple projects inspire you!

ISBN: 1-931543-53-4

www.amazon.com/Ribbon-Crafting-Go-Trisha-Malcolm/dp/1931543534/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1543441675&sr=8-2&keywords=Crafting+on+the+Go%21+Ribbons

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 (309) 647-0111.



NEWSLETTERS ARE DIGITAL!



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Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member \$50
Address _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Member (New and Renewal) to age 17, or age 22 with student ID \$25
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Chapter <u>Central Illinois</u>
Daytime phone number _____	<input type="checkbox"/> ASG Member at Large \$50
E-mail _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Member \$45 (if received before membership expiration date)
How did you hear about ASG? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Late Renewal \$50
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Return to: American Sewing Guild 9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510, Houston, TX 77096	

MEET TREASURER SUZY BAKER-BACHMAN



All of the women in my family sewed and did every form of needle work. So many of my very early memories are of sewing and being in the midst of those women, hearing their conversations and watching them design and create beautiful things.

My mother gave me a child's Singer sewing machine that had a hand crank and attached it to a table with a C-clamp at the end of her sewing machine table. I would "sew" while she sewed. My first project was sewing squares together to make a doll blanket.

The first garment that I made, and actually wore, was the summer before fourth grade. It was a top that consisted of a front and back and elastic waist shorts. I wore that outfit out that summer. By fifth grade I advanced to making a dress with sleeves, a collar, and a zipper. By that time I had really caught the sewing fever and my passion for all things sewing has never diminished.

I took sewing in Home Economics in high school and while everyone else made an A-line skirt I made a plaid, dropped waist, boxed pleat skirt with a waist band. What was I thinking! The musical my senior year in high school was Hello Dolly. I made 52 costumes for that play. Oh, to be young again with that much energy!

In my early twenties I had an opportunity to apprentice with a woman who made draperies, window coverings, bedspreads, and all home décor. That was an amazing experience and has saved me a lot of money and provided me a cottage industry for a while when my kids were little.

In the early 1970s I was sent to Eugene, Oregon and became a Stretch and Sew Instructor. That was a wonderful time to be involved in sewing and to learn all about knits. I still love working with knits, especially the new fibers and expanded types of knit.

I am from the South. So, I was exposed extensively to heirloom sewing, French hand and machine sewing, and English Smocking.

I moved to Illinois in 1976 and in the early 1980s I opened a small boutique sewing shop that featured English Smocking, Heirloom sewing, and French hand and machine sewing. While I knew my craft, I was not skilled in running a business and didn't realize my niche market was too small to support the business long term. But I loved it while I did it!

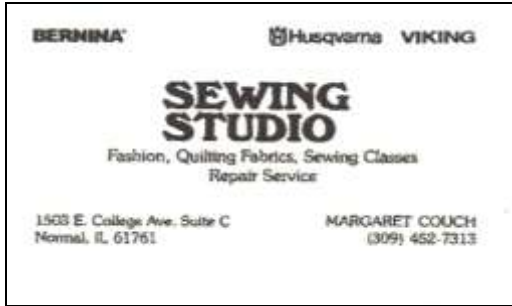
I actually worked in higher education for 25 years of my career at Bradley University and Illinois State University. However, my undergraduate degree is in Family and Consumer Sciences, Teacher Education. While I am certified to teach Family & Consumer Sciences, I did not stay at the secondary level. I liked college-aged students better than high school-aged students. Since retiring from ISU, I have become a Sulky Instructor. I have taught classes through local quilt and sewing stores and at ICC.

The bottom line for me is I love sewing. The whole process from conceptualizing an idea to the design process to construction is a joy for me. Sewing is my therapy and my creative outlet. I have met the most wonderful people through sewing and their creativity is infectious.



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