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Reminders and Updates from the St. Louis Chapter of the American Sewing Guild

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See what your fellow stitchers are making on the Sew and Tell section of our website. (Go to asgstlouis.org, and then scroll to the bottom of the page). As a preview, here's a king-size bookshelf made by Debbie Thompson of the Sew Belles neighborhood group. Doesn't it make you want to curl up next to it with a good book?



From the President's Sewing Room

Happy New Year! We don't know what this year will bring but I'm certain many are happy to say goodbye to 2020. I'm not one for resolutions but I do try to start the year with hope - hope to be able handle with grace whatever comes my way during the year. As a technical product manager, I saw opportunity in challenges. I believe there are always options and solutions, I just have to stretch my mind and find them. As I look forward to the year as president of the St. Louis chapter of the ASG, as a chapter we are looking for opportunities in the challenges. We are looking at ways to do things differently with the challenges of not

being able to meet in person.

Meeting virtually is an opportunity born out of the Covid-19 challenges. I am excited that many neighborhood groups are now meeting via Zoom. It gives me the chance to sneak away from working at home for a bit to join the City Sew-Ers on Tuesday mornings. (I was so bold as to ask for a recurring work meeting to be shifted so I could join the City Sew-Ers on alternate Tuesdays.) I am thrilled that we are planning on hosting two national speakers this year starting with Rae Cumbie in April joining us virtually. It will be wonderful when we are able to meet again in person but until then, I hope all of you will give virtual meetings a try.

There is another challenge in our community, the need of a new home for Charity Sharity. Charity Sharity has been a great resource for our ASG chapter and the community. Please take a moment to read Carole's appeal below. If you have any ideas or opportunities to offer, please reach out directly to Carole Splater.

I am hopeful that our ASG chapter can take advantage of current challenges to find opportunities. I look forward to the year with hope we have the ability to handle with grace whatever comes our way.

Keep Stitching,
Paulette Pierson

Charity Sharity Needs a New Home

Charity Sharity is a local organization that matches donated fabric with stitchers and organizations (including the ASG) that make items for people in need. A St. Louis fixture for two decades, the group has outgrown founder Carole Splater's basement and needs a new, permanent home. Carole is hoping to find a church or school with space that can be used to store and dispatch donated fabric. If you know of any place that might work, she would love to hear from you. Carole sent the message below, which includes a link to a video from her recent appearance on KSDK news.

From Carole Splater:

Hello all! Carole Splater here, Founder and Coordinator of Charity Sharity.

I am sure some of your members know about Charity Sharity, the fabric "clearing House" that gathers donated fabric and gives it away to be used in the service of others. Many have probably taken fabric from us for some of their ASG and personal projects.

I am not sure you know the plight we are in right now, and to that end I offer the following video from KSDK's Dana Dean. Please see that all of your members see this video. One never knows where an answer might be lurking!

Happy Sewing to all of the ASG members! Here is the link to the video: [video](#)

Carole Splater (gcgreentree@sbcglobal.net)

Nancy Nix-Rice Presenting at this Week's ASG National Neighborhood Group Meeting

Our chapter's own Nancy Nix-Rice will be presenting her program, "Top 10 Tips to Strategic Style," via Zoom this Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 PM Central time. This is part of ASG's National Neighborhood Group series.

Join the Zoom meeting using this [link](#) with passcode 186603. Or find event details in the members section of the ASG website [here](#).

Events and Social Media Coordinators Needed

The chapter advisory board (CAB) is seeking a Special Events Coordinator and Social Media Coordinator. The Special Events Coordinator helps the individual neighborhood groups as they plan our chapter activities throughout the year. This person provides continuity so that each group isn't reinventing the wheel each time they prepare for an event.

The Social Media Coordinator will be the administrator for our Facebook page and group, but the sky is the limit if you would like to be more involved. You don't have to be a technology whiz for this position; some free time and an interest in learning will do the trick! Build your resume, or amaze your grandkids, with your newfound skills!

Please [email](#) or call (314-628-9022) Paulette Pierson if you are willing to help out.

Neighborhood Group Zoom Meetings

Several neighborhood groups are now meeting on Zoom. If you'd like to join them, contact the neighborhood group leader (or delegate) to get on their email list for Zoom information. For City Sew-Ers, contact [Patty Rutter](#). For Fashion, Fabric, and Friends, contact [Leslie Becker](#). For West County, contact [Shelia Rittgers](#). For Sew Amused Stitchers, contact [Mary Anne Delker](#). For Central Daytime, contact [Nancy Scott](#).

Upcoming programs for Sew Amused Stitchers are:

- January – Purse demo by Vicki Braun
- February – Camden bowl demo by Jan Foulk
- March – A Cut Above Scarf by Betsy Farmer

Upcoming programs for Fashion, Fabric, and Friends are:

- January: Bring your favorite Indie pattern

Neighborhood group leaders and Zoom organizers: send your contact information and upcoming meeting programs to [Courtney](#) to include in future email newsletters.

News from the Neighborhood

City Sew-Ers, from Marian Riley

At our January 5 Zoom meeting, eleven members joined in on a discussion of everyone's health and well-being, current projects, book reviews, library services, show and tell, etc.

We also discussed the desired role of our neighborhood group and decided that currently its role is to be a forum for a group of sewing friends to support each other during an international health crisis. We will try to schedule some short demos or lessons during some of our meetings but this is secondary.

Some books recommended during our zoom:

- Squeeze Me by Carl Hiaason- humorous
- A Man Called Ove- humorous
- Winter in Paradise trilogy-A light read set in St. John's
- The Silent Patient- somewhat terrifying

Cathy E. is taking a virtual machine embroidered card making class from Aurora Sewing Center. They have a number of other virtual classes. Carolyn is working on a needle roll

using a Sue Spargo pattern. Cathy E. then showed us a needle inventory book by Natalie Chanin and a needle wallet she made at a class. All three seemed like good options to keep various types of needles sorted and handy. Nancy V. showed a jacket she relined and added a collar to. Marian showed two dog sweaters she made from a t-shirt and a sweatshirt.

Our next zoom is scheduled for Jan. 19.

Fashion, Fabric, and Friends, from Paulette Pierson

Fashion, Fabrics and Friends met on December 20th via Zoom. We start our meetings about 30 minutes early to have some time to chat before we begin our meeting. Many in the group met before the our meetings for dinner and we miss the chance to catch up. The group is looking forward to hosting Rae Cumbie in April for a Zoom event. We had a great variety of show and tell. I presented a program on “Why create a personal croquis?”. We discussed options for getting a “real body” croquis and how it could be used for trialing patterns before you show, trying out design options and planning a wardrobe. I also provided a list of resources for those interested in trying their hand at fashion illustration.

January’s program is “What is your favorite Indie pattern?”

Information on our Website

See pictures of what your fellow stitchers have made here:

<https://www.asgstlouis.org>. (And email pictures to be included to editor@asgstlouis.org.)

Contact information for neighborhood group leaders is here:

<https://www.asgstlouis.org/members-only-page>. (Password is pressingham.)

Local retailers, including contact information and guild discounts, are

here: <https://www.asgstlouis.org/local-retailers>. Other ads and offers, including classified

ads from guild members are here: <https://www.asgstlouis.org/ads-and-offers>.

Threads (and other magazine) Offer

Taunton press, publisher of Threads Magazine and other artisan magazines, offers a 20% discount for group orders. Pricing information and an order form are in the two-page PDF [here](#). This form is also available on the Ads and Offers page of our website. Beverly will collect orders until she has enough to qualify for the group discount.

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