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Chapter Events

by Deborah Shoop

The West Oakland Chapter of ASG is a happen' chapter, ladies! First up:

EXPO

American Sewing Expo, <http://www.americansewingexpo.com/>
The annual sewing expo takes place from September 28 through October 1, 2006. The Registration Brochure is now available on line here: https://www.americansewinexpo.com/as_images/RegBroch060806d.pdf

You can begin to register for classes on July 25, at 9:00 a.m. (Yea! They are letting us sleep in this year!)

Be sure to register for classes early and bring your class schedule to our Neighborhood Group meetings in September. The West Oakland Chapter of ASG is hosting a Guild booth and we need volunteer to help us "woman" the booth on **Sept. 29 - Oct 1**. We need your commitment to chat with other interested sewers for 2 hours. It's more fun than work, and the time will fly by, we guarantee it!

The Button Lady

Mark your calendars for **October 25**. Evelyn Gibbons, the Button Lady, is coming to give a lecture and appraisal session for all chapter members and visitors at the Novi Civic Center from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Evelyn is one of the foremost experts on antique buttons nationwide and often judges important button shows and exhibits. She will be bringing selections from her own extensive collection and a small selection of buttons for sale. If you have antique

buttons you believe might have value, Evelyn will also be available to look over your treasures and tell you if you should be saving that button or using it in your next sewing project.

Evelyn is a dynamic and interesting speaker and we know all our members will enjoy this special event! Come, and bring your friends!

You can visit Evelyn at her store in Dixboro, Michigan (near Ann Arbor on Plymouth Road). She suggests that you call first to be certain she will be open: 734-663-2277.

Christine Jonson

What do you do when you have a local pattern maker with a national reputation? **Field Trip!!!** West Oakland ASG chapter has arranged with Christine, a nationally known pattern maker and designer, for a full day of fun, food and frivolity this fall at her studio in Hazel Park. We will have a trunk show in her studio with a showing and discussion of all her patterns and designs. Members will be able to try on her size samples and pick the perfect pattern size for YOU. Christine also offers some of the most luscious knits available for garment sewing for sale at her studio, so we will be able to pick out just the right knit for the pattern design with the help and assistance of an expert designer!

The date – **October 28**. Of course, this will take more than the morning, so we'll definitely be having a catered lunch! ASG Members will pay for the cost of the lunch (to be determined). Non- ASG Members will pay an extra \$10. Prices to be announced soon.

Join us for this fun, fabulous

garment sewers dream event! Visit Christine's website at: <http://www.cjpatterns.com/>
Don't miss her sales!

Stash Bash!

The West Oakland Chapter of ASG is having a summer challenge. We all have a stash, and we all need to use it up, so here's your motivation:

The member who uses up the MOST YARDAGE from their stash this summer wins!

And what do they win? Why \$50.00. That's what! That's right, cold hard cash so you canwait for it.....go buy more fabric! Second prize is \$25.00!

Rules:

1. All fabric must ALREADY be in your stash, no new fabric.
2. Trims don't count. Interfacing and interlining don't count. Drapes don't count.
3. Linings and quilt backings do count.
4. Keep track of your own yardage. This is the honor system ladies.
5. The Challenge runs from NOW to our September meeting: September 27!
6. Can't use WIP's – Works In Progress. This has to be uncut fabric from your stash!
7. All items must be finished!

We will track how many yards ALL of our members are using. To do this, I will send out an email at the end of June, July & August asking every member for their yardage to date. I will total it up and send out another email letting everyone know how many TOTAL yards we have used!

Neighborhood Groups

Howell

By Mary Jo Williamson / Deborah Shoop

The Howell Neighborhood Group has chosen to meet in June and July. The June meeting was all about successful beading on fabric: bead embroidery.

**** CHRISTMAS IN JULY ****

Join us on **July 19th** at the Stitchery in Howell for Christmas in July! This fun program will be a show and tell extravaganza of Christmas and Holiday themed items to sew. Come and be inspired to start your Holiday sewing early!

Member Jannette Brown will be presenting a demonstration of a quilted tree skirt. There will also be a quick and easy make it and take it project.

Come join us for samples and demonstrations of projects and /or gift ideas that will peek your interest into starting your sewing for the holidays earlier this year!! Did I mention the Christmas **Cookies?**

Our FALL calendar isn't finalized yet--however--we plan to have a demonstration on the use of Angelina Fiber, heirloom sewing and more!! So watch for your next newsletter for more details!!

Farmington Hills

By Deborah Shoop

This group is the newest of the Neighborhood Groups in the West Oakland Chapter. We're new, but we're growing!

We will not be meeting in July or August, but our fall programs are set and filled with exciting and fun offerings

September 11 – Our very own talented Joan Pasman will be presenting a program on doll making. Joan makes very creative and fabulous Art Dolls filled with personality and expression. She will be bringing some finished dolls to share as well as ones to demonstrate just how she makes these fabric fashionistas!

October 9– Extremely productive and innovative member Shary Cohn will be showing us how to turn a sweatshirt into an unusual and very wearable artistic jacket. Her technique is new and innovative and she's going to give us the details to do our own version this October!

November 13– One of our newest members and sewer extraordinaire Theresa Sienkiewicz will be sharing her expertise in using Wild Ginger Software to make computer generated patterns. How many of us have thought about buying this new technology, but weren't sure we'd use it? How many others actually bought but haven't used it! Don't despair, come and find out from Theresa how she uses this new pattern program to make patterns for clothing for herself and her family.

December 11 – Holiday lunch.

January 8 - Featured member the fabulous Judy Ginsberg will be helping us get in touch with our creative whimsy when she brings her cute and fun sewing project to share this month! Get in touch with your creative side and keep track of important messages when Judy shares her expertise and lends us a "hand"!

We meet at **All Stitched Up**, the new Bernina dealer on

Grand River one block west of Orchard Lake Road. This group meets the second Monday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m.

Needles on the Go - Novi Night time group

By Sara Anzovar

Thanks to Susan Cline for our new name!!!!

Our fall program is going to be lots of fun. In September, we will be hosting the chapter wide conclusion to our 'Stash Bash'. Remember that this is chapter wide. Deborah will give details elsewhere in this newsletter.

In October, we will also be doing a chapter wide program. Deborah has arranged a nifty speaker and again will give details. (What would we ever do without Deborah??)

In November Sandy Aasgard will give a presentation on tamari balls. Sandy always does such great things.

December will be our first annual meeting/elections. Still working on the details for that.

In June we (meaning me) neglected to have the sign up for 'treats' for the fall. I will bring in September and we will circulate the sheet for the rest of the year. Thanks to everyone who provided us with tasty treats this past year.

I want to thank everyone who did such stellar presentations this past year. Many of our new members stepped up and shared their talents with us. Here is our list of 'stars':

- ✂ Jane Hooper - fabric conservation
- ✂ Sandy Aasgard & Sharon Grisdale - quick and easy ponchos and shawls
- ✂ Beverly Weidendorf - Stack 'n Whack quilt

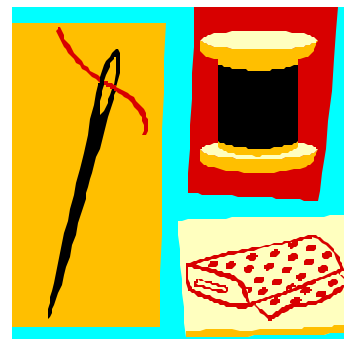
- ✂ Anna Kimler - community service
- ✂ Marylyn Wolf - quilted runner
- ✂ Sara - schlep bag
- ✂ Mary Geldhof - thread bowls.

As some of you may know, Jane Hooper has moved to New Hampshire. She is recovering from a double knee replacement. We send her our best wishes.

I read back over what I have written and I struggle with new adjectives to describe our chapter. Great, wonderful, terrific, stellar, nifty!!! They all apply and many more that are not in my vocabulary!!!

MEMBERSHIP—

Members! On your ASG membership card is your yearly renewal date.....keep those discounts coming with your speedy renewal! Remember, by renewing while your membership is current, you will save \$5. Resolve to renew and come to a neighborhood group!!



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Neighborhood Group Meetings

Howell

Where: Stitchery, 1129 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843
517-548-1731, 12:30-3:30PM

Directions: Driving west on 96, take exit 141, turn left on Grand River and drive 3 miles.

- Jul 19, Christmas in July
- Sep 20, Angelina Fiber demonstration
- Oct 18, Postcards (Embellished with fabric & more!)
- Nov 15, Holiday Luncheon!!

Farmington Hills

Where: All Stitched Up 31691 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, MI 48336, 248-426-8711, 1-3PM

Directions: 2 blocks west of Orchard Lake Road on the south side of Grand River

- Sep 11, Doll Making, Joan Pasman
- Oct 9, Sweatshirt Art, Shary Cohn
- Nov 13, Wild Ginger Software, Theresa Sienkiewicz
- Dec 11, Holiday Lunch
- Jan 8, Judy Ginsberg

Novi

Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48375, 7PM

Where: On 10 Mile, between Novi Road and Taft. Parking in back. There will be a sign at the entrance saying which room our meeting is in.

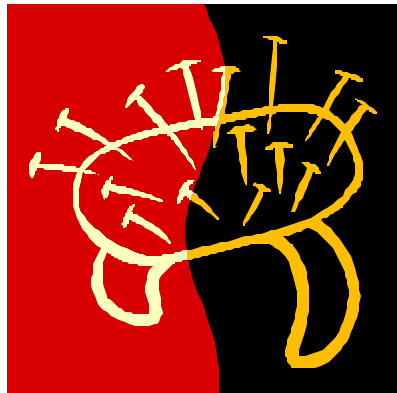
- Sep 27, Stash Bash
- Oct 25, Button Lady, Evelyn Gibson
- Nov 15, Tamari Balls, Sandy Aasgard
- Dec 13, Annual Meeting / Dinner

Other Events

- Sep 29 – Oct 1, American Sewing EXPO
- Oct 25, Button Lady, Evelyn Gibson
- Oct 28, Christine Jonson Field Trip

Don't forget to bring your show and share items to the meetings!

-  Howell
Third Wednesday, 12:30PM, The Stitchery
-  Farmington Hills
Second Monday, 1-3PM, All Stitched Up
-  Novi Civic Center,
Fourth Wednesday, 7PM
-  Other Events



Pattern Review

By Sharon Grisdale

Christine Jonson's has a line of patterns that I find fit well and are easy to make. If you want a new pair of slacks for tomorrow look at her Straight Leg Pattern. If you make this pattern from cotton lycra (Christine sells the best in town), you can use the measurements on the pattern for size. There are two darts in the front and two in the back. There is no elastic to hold them up, only the cotton lycra. All sewing is by machine. What I love about these pants is that there is no bulk around the waistline. (No, they don't fall down.) They are very flattering.

I've made them three times. The first two were in cotton lycra but the third was in a much less stretchy fabric. This time I made the next bigger size and put a zipper in the back. According to Christine, you should measure the widest part of your hips sitting down and make that size for non-stretch fabric. Then you will have the ease to sit. If you put them on wrong side out you can pin out the excess. As pant legs get larger around the bottom and smaller, you can easily add to the leg. There are only two pattern pieces front and back. I love them.

If there is a pattern you love or one that was just miserable to work with we would love to know. It is always interesting and useful to hear other people's opinion on patterns. Please send your comments to Cyrilla or Sara or Deborah.



June Dinner



Members and layettes



Celebration Cake in June

President's message – Sara Anzlovar

We are officially a fully chartered chapter of the American Sewing Guild!!! We received our Charter in the mail on June 14- the day of our annual dinner. The dinner was yummy and we all had a great time. We kept the restaurant open for an hour past their regular closing time. They were most gracious and didn't even rush us out the door. Thanks to the Family Buggy Restaurant on 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington Hills. And a big thanks to Judy Ginsberg for arranging everything and providing a 'celebration cake'.

Everyone who went on our May Shopping Spectacular

had a very good time. We've all gotten our credit card bills to prove it. Again Judy Ginsberg deserves lots of kudos for planning our shopping adventure. Everyone is ready to go again (as soon as we pay off our credit cards or win the lottery!!).

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to do a program next year. Our fall lineup looks great with a couple of surprises. Read the front page!

At our dinner, we launched our 'Stash Bash' challenge for the summer. See the rules elsewhere in this newsletter. It'll be fun to see how many hundreds (!!) of yards of fabric

that will be used by September.

I again am asking for a volunteer (or two) to take over the Neighborhood Group Leader position in Novi in the fall. We will have our programs in place and all you have to do is run the meetings. The position could be shared by two people if you think you are going to be out of town for part of the year. If you're worried 'cause you've never done it before, just remember that we are all here to help you in any way that we can.

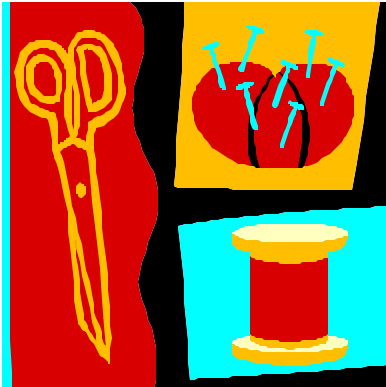
We will have our annual meeting with elections in December at our Holiday dinner. You will hear more in the next newsletter about all the details.

Hope that you are all having a nice restful summer. These rainy days and long nights are perfect for sewing!!!!

SPECIAL THANKS!

Thanks to Mary Jo Williamson's Mom, Alice Stose, who knitted a bunch of baby hats for our layettes. I added them to the layettes that had no hats and I still have 44 hats left over!!! I will be mailing the extra hats to Virginia for the National ASG Conference layette project. Thanks so much for your help.

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A new list of 48 Special Offers available only to ASG members has been posted on the ASG Web site (www.asg.org) in conjunction with the Winter issue of "Notions."

To locate these offers: log onto www.asg.org
Click on "Members Only," (username name is 'sewing' and password is 'friends') then click on "Special Offers."

Nancy's Notions (www.nancysnotion.com) code for
Jul - Sep = 069411-5224
Oct - Dec = 069411-5225

http://henriettashandbags.com/Craft_Ideas.html
- free craft ideas for handbag patterns

<http://www.createforless.com/homePage.asp>
- site for craft supplies

<http://lesbonribbon.chainreactionweb.com/oscommerce/index.php> - 'the nation's most comprehensive ribbon & accessory outlet'

<http://www.threadbared.com/>
- a funny site with comments about old patterns

<http://www.cjpatterns.com/>
- Christine Jonson's website (local pattern designer and fabric place)

Local Discounts

JoAnn's - 10% discount

Hancock's - 10% discount

Haberman's - 10% discount

Stewart's - 10% discount

The Stitchery - the choice of a straight 10% discount, or a special discount after a certain amount is spent in the store. Their computer system calculates that for you without requiring you to remember your card - or that you have one!

For Sale

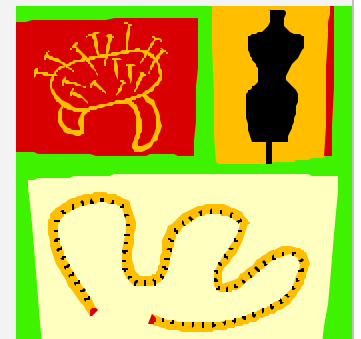
This is a new feature for the Chapter. Members can post sewing-related items for sale! For a 10% donation of the sale price to the Chapter you are assured your item is going to a valued home!

Sewing desk (@30 yrs old) in good shape!! Has the back legged table top that folds down when not in use! \$60.00.

Quilting frame (with extension for large quilts)-only used once! Asking \$75.00.

Please contact Mary Jo Williams at 248-685-8590 if you are interested in these SALE items!

PLACE YOUR ITEMS HERE!



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About Our Organization

We now have three neighborhood groups – come and support their meetings! The West Oakland Chapter is committed to serving the needs of sewers in Western Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties.

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