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Hello Everyone,

First I would like to share with you how rewarding my trip was to the ASG Conference in Manhattan, NY. Presidents and the National Headquarters Board of Directors met the first day, it was wonderful to share ideas and challenges. We also had a wonderful speaker in the afternoon guiding us in ways to help improved/increase our member numbers with a diversity of individuals. He was an excellent speaker and gave us all food for thought in how to begin the challenge of keeping our numbers healthy. There were many great classes with great instructors, vendors, lunch together and meeting new friends from across the country. I thank the MD Chapter for seeing that I was able to attend the conference.

Please check Groupworks and Nimble Thimble Newsletter for upcoming exciting events such as our Annual Luncheon on October 21; lunch, fashion show, stash sale and CAB meeting. Come learn about the Cavanagh House, our guest speaker, where individuals 17 and older can work toward financial stability and independence by learning a trade which includes home decor, upholstery and alterations and tailoring. Also looking forward to Fall Retreat November 11-15 for fun and project sharing and completion for many.

I attended the Fall Sew Fun with guest Kenneth King along with many others to delight in the expertise, sense of humor and easy willingness of Mr. King to share new techniques with us. It was a really nice experience. Look forward each year to Spring and Fall Sew Fun events.

I would also like to introduce our new Community Service Chairperson, Shari Harvey, a long time member who has excitedly stepped up to that position. I am so grateful for her participation and all the other chairpeople to help MD ASG maintain our excitement and expertise to embrace sewing as a valuable skill.

Thank you all for volunteering and your membership, Luanne Hargadon, MD ASG President

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The current membership of the Maryland chapter of the ASG is 221 members.

### ASG MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If your mailing address or email address changes for any reason, notify ASG National Headquarters, as membership information is stored there.

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# **Community Service**



Let us welcome Shari Harvey as she steps in as the Community Service Chairperson for the Chapter excitedly stepped up to that position.

Sending a BIG THANK YOU to Shari for excitedly stepping into the position.





# Mark Your Calendar

October 21, 2023

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

October 29, 2023

NG Leaders Meeting

November 15-19, 2023

Annual Sewing Retreat

# CAB Election Information and Nominees

Each year at our annual meeting chapter members elect the Chapter Advisory Board officers:

President, Treasurer and Secretary

The nominees for 2024 are:

### PRESIDENT:



My name is Luanne Hargadon. I am seeking reelection to the office of President of the Maryland ASG Chapter. I have been an ASG member of Sew Sew Sisterhood of Catonsville for over 12 years and have been sewing since childhood.

I attended the University of Maryland where I earned a degree in Home Economics with a concentration in textiles. I also am an Occupational Therapy Assistant, recently retired from University of Maryland Rehab where various arts and crafts are used therapeutically. I continue to teach in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Catonsville Community College. I have had the opportunity to use my sewing skills in special needs populations to assist clients with adaptive clothing and other needs toward their independence in life skills.

I will do my best to continue the outstanding efforts of previous presidents to ensure the sharing of our love of sewing.

### TREASURER:



Eileen O'Grady is currently the Interim Treasurer for the ASG, MD Chapter, hoping to be elected as the 2023 treasurer.

Previously, she started her career in 1980 with The Citizens National Bank (a Mercantile Bankshares Affiliate) in Laurel, MD. Eileen has held many positions in her 30+ years of banking, from a teller, assistant manager, branch manager, comptroller's assistant, and accounting technician. In 2019, Eileen retired to care for her mother full-time. She took over the Treasurer's position for her mother's Condo Association and still serves in that role. Since her mother's passing in May 2019, Eileen has been looking to add new opportunities to continue her passion for numbers and balancing spreadsheets.

When she's not sewing for her small craft business (All In Fabrics), you can find her at the YMCA, trying to get rid of the Covid15 (well, actually 20+ pounds), playing bingo, or at the fabric store. She is a collector of fabric and quilt patterns, with a remarkable amount of UFO's (unfinished objects).

### **SECRETARY:**



Helen DeRoo has been a member of the ASG and the Maryland chapter since 1985.

During that time, she has served as a neighborhood group leader, chapter president for 4 years, secretary and Membership chair. Additionally, she served on the national Board of Directors for 6 years and as Board secretary for 4 of those years. She continues doing editorial work for the BOD. Helen has also presented numerous programs to the Neighborhood Groups that she attends, to the chapter and, through Zoom, to other chapters and to the National Neighborhood Group.

Helen looks forward to serving the Maryland chapter as secretary if she is elected.

# AMERICAN SEWING GUILD MARYLAND CHAPTER ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAPTER ADVISORY BOARD

2023 Annual Meeting October 21, 2023 Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport 1739 W Nursery Rd. Lithicum Heights, MD 21090

PRESIDENT:	Luanne Hargadon	
		(write-in)
TREASURER:	Eileen O'Gtrady	
		(write-in)
SECRETARY:	Helen DeRoo	
		(write-in)

The Nominating Committee Chairperson, Jeree Payton is the proxy holder until the time of the election. All valid proxy ballots will be voted as submitted by members. Mail proxy ballots to:

Jeree Payton, Nominating Committee Chair 14150 Spring Branch Drive Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Proxy Ballots must be returned to the Nominating Committee Chair (postmarked no later than October 15, 2023). Otherwise, votes can be submitted in person at the Annual Meeting on October 21, 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If voting by proxy your ballot is not valid without your signature to assign your vote to the Nominating Chair. Unsigned ballots will not be counted.



# Maryland ASG Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport, 1739 W. Nursey Road, Linthicum, MD 21090 October 21, 2023

11am - 3:30 pm



# Theme "DISCO/70's



# Featuring ...

Fashion Show: "Do The Hustle" on down the runway showing off your disco/70's inspired creations. You may showcase your garment, quilt, tote, purse, wearable art, and/or accessory – theme encouraged but not required.

- Guest Speaker Stacy McAleer, Founder/Executive Director with Cavanagh House, 350 Reisterstown, MD Through their free TRADES PROGRAM, they are devoted to helping individuals, 17 and older, gain financial stability by providing the training, support and opportunities needed to "Learn a Trade and Gain a Career". These trades include but not limited to Fashion Apparel, upholstery sewing, and alterations and tailoring. With each learned skill, students are given the opportunity to earn money while mastering that skill under the supervision of an instructor. Upon completion of the entire skills program, students enter our PAID APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. Through this program, students will continue to earn money while gaining the experience needed to obtain a job in their trade. Students may stay in this program until a job is secured.
- Famous Stash Sale Proceeds go to our many Chapter service projects (see guidelines for acceptable items in the Nimble Thimble newsletter)

Plus ...

- Exciting Door Prizes
- 50/50 Raffle
- Lunch
- Elections
- Seating:
  - Open, no set seating arrangements this year
  - Anne Arundel County restrictions on social distancing may apply due to COVID-19.
     Attendees will be notified of any and all COVID-19 restrictions should there be any on the date of our meeting.

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# Registration Opens: July 1, 2023

Use your credit card to register online at app.groupworks.com (the GroupWorks processing fee is NOT included in the following fees and will be added at the time of registration). Option 2: Mail in registration: Complete below and mail it with your check (made out to ASG Maryland Chapter) to Char Goodman Hansen, 2453 Symphony Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054. If you have any questions, please contact Char at (410) 507-8654 or <a href="mailto:charghansen@outlook.com">charghansen@outlook.com</a> **NO Refunds** 

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List name(s) of non-ASC	3 members	

Registration Deadline: October 8, 2023

# American Sewing Guild Annual Meeting

# **Fashion Show**

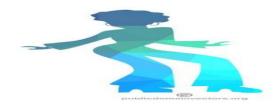
# Theme "DISCO/70's"

### **Ultimate Show and Share!**

Please limit your Show and Share to two (2) items. Fill out a separate form for each item. Please type your form to help our announcer.

Your Name	Neighborhood Group
Made by	Modeled by
Type of Item (Garment or Other)	
Pattern Company & Number or Source of Patt	tern/Idea
Complete items b	elow as apply to assist our Announcer's narrative:
Description of the item:	
Type of fabric or other textile:	
Special techniques used original concept as w	rell as your new creation
Special techniques used in construction:	
Challenges you raced and unusual supplies re	quired:
Accessories von made:	
Your inspiration for this project:	

Print out your completed form(s) and bring them with you to the Annual Meeting or mail them to Char Hansen, 2453 Symphony Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054





A Day with Kenneth D. King

On September 9, 2023, starting at 8:30am until 5pm, a unique experience with Kenneth D. King occurred. Mr. King, sewing and couture expert, showed sewing techniques he incorporates when making his fabulous designs. Whether it is for one of his 11.5-inch model dolls, or a blushing bride. Participants surround Mr. King as he demonstrates and explains a sewing technique. Then everyone returned to their sewing machines and duplicated the assigned technique.





Mr. King surveyed the room giving each participant individualized instructions. To the delight of everyone, he even sat in front of a participants' sewing machine to demonstrate the assigned technique!

Mr. King surprised each participant with an autographed copy of the DVD "Smart Sewing: Fake Fur with Kenneth D. King." The door prize, entitled "Smart Fitting with Kenneth D. King." holding three DVD's (Fitting the Upper Torso, Fitting Jackets, Fitting Skirts and Trousers) was won by Myrtha Allen.

Mr. King demonstrated the following techiques:

- Sewing with bobbin thread
- V-Neck gusset
- Intersecting seams
- Inside corner Outside corner
- Installing an invisiable zipper



"Crazy Bella" on the left and "My Assistant" wearing outfits designed and hand sewn by Mr King. Crazy Bella and My Assistant are the leading characters in Mr. King's new book <u>Lola</u>.

Kenneth D. King was helpful, humorous, professional and certainly enjoyed having conversations with participants. It was a wonderful, fulfilling experience.

Submitted By

Myrtha Allen



Although we seem to be coming out of the COVID crisis, many of our members still face personal health challenges or the loss of a loved one. Please let Yvonne Davis, our chapter's Sunshine coordinator, know if someone needs some ASG sunshine.

Sunshine Coordinator

Yvonne Davis <a href="marylandasg.org">sunshine@marylandasg.org</a>

# Spread the Word

By Ivalyn "Tee" Jones-Actie NG Leader Coordinator

The Annual Neighborhood Group Leaders' meeting is right around the corner. Please discuss with your group any concerns they may have or ideas they would like to share with the Chapter. It is input from our members that make us GREAT.

SAVE THE DATE:

WHAT: NG Leader Meeting WHEN: October 29, 2023

WHERE: Severn Library

2624 Annapolis Road Severn, MD 21144

Borrowed from Facebook: congratulations to our own Baltimore Threads Member

Today we celebrated with our mother Dolola Mitchell Carmichael who won 1st Place and Honorable mention in the 2023 Maryland State Fair as a seamstress for her outfits. We are so proud of her. Way to go mommy!!!!





# **Neighborhood Groups**

Neighborhood Group Coordinator - Ivalyn "Tee" Jones-Actie

#### **Baltimore Threads**

2nd Saturday 1 pm St. Bernardine Parish Center 614 Mt. Holly St. Baltimore MD 21229 (Park and enter on rear parking lot) Co Leaders: Cheryl Hills Chills5878@yahoo.com Terrelle Gray

Terrellejgray3921@gmail.com

### **Bel Air Savvy Seamers**

3rd Sunday 1 pm Jacob's Well Assisted Living 522 Thomas Run Rd Bel Air, MD 21015 Leader: Kathy Lipin bqmuw@yahoo.com

### **Camp Springs Treadle Pushers**

2nd Tuesday 7pm
Temple Hills Community Center
5300 Temple Hills Rd.
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Co-Leaders: Rirette Wilkerson
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### **Catonsville Sew Sew Sisterhood**

3rd Saturday 10 am
Catonsville United Methodist Church
6 Melvin Ave. Rm. 211
Catonsville, MD 21228
Co Leaders: Nicki Fatherly
nfatherly@gmail.com
Mary Ciepiela

#### **Crofton Sew Life Seamers**

3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm Tomorrow's Treasures Quilt Studio (To the left of the store) 2151 Priest Bridge Drive Crofton, MD 21114 Leader: Nancy Ferguson fergienl@verizon.net

### **Eastern Shore Sewists**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10 am 13 Harrison Ave Berlin, MD 21811 Leader: Vontina Collick vycollick@gmail.com

#### **Frederick Threads**

2nd Saturday 2 pm
Frederick Church of Christ
1305 North Market St.
Frederick, MD 21701
(Access the meeting room from the rear entrance.)
Co-Leaders: Deirdre Dorr
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Liz Jevitts
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### **Maryland Cyber Sewists**

Virtual Online
Meets on rotating days
(Check GroupWorks for meeting dates)
Leader: Janet Chiancone
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### **Rockville Morning Pinups**

1st Wednesday 9:30 am G St Fabrics 12220 Wilkins St Rockville MD 20852 Leader: Jennifer Georgia jennifer@jennifergeorgia.com

#### **Rockville Sew Whats**

3rd Sunday 2 pm G Street Fabrics 12220 Wilkins Ave Rockville, MD 20852 Leader: Debbie McGowan

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#### Wheaton Sew Wonderfuls

1st Saturday 10:15 am Jo-Ann/Wheaton Shopping Mall 11160 Viers Mill Road Silver Spring, MD 20902 Co-Leaders: Therese Clemens

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### Catonsville Sew Sew Sisterhood

Submitted by Kristy Pence, Reporter

The Catonsville Sew Sew Sisterhood is still rockin' and rollin'. We are happy to report over the past few months we have had the pleasure of welcoming visitors and potential new members!

### July

We held our annual pot-luck Indoor picnic in July. Vanessa and Holly used their AccuQuilt cutters to prep materials for our charity sewing project in August. Sue will be leading us in making pants at our September meeting, so we spent some time getting familiar with the project. She brought a variety of sample pants and their patterns. She gave her insights and recommendations. She helped us select a pattern and discussed fabric options. Most importantly, Sue measured us—so we knew which size to trace off once we got our pattern.

### Sew and Tell: July

**Tee** showed off a linen dress she made with the Baltimore Threads NG. Even though the linen wrinkles, Tee doesn't mind. This dress is super cute and comfortable!

Kat and Kathleen made Patti Otto's Maui pants. Kat sewed the short version and Kathleen sewed the long version.

Luanne modeled her wearable muslin of Patti Otto's camp shirt. She's ready for summer!

**Sue** made a purse. She said construction was easy and likes that there are pockets on the inside and outside. She uses multiple pairs of glasses and likes that she can tote them in the various pockets on this purse.









### **August**

In August, Sue gave fitting consultations for our pants project. Additionally, we completed our annual charity sewing project. This year we made bibs and burp cloths for the Women's Center West in Catonsville. The center provides free and confidential information and pregnancy services for women.





### Sew and Tell: August

**Leanne** showed off a vinyl notebook with a detachable pocket (pencil pouch). She also showed a mock-up of a bag for a friend who is expecting a baby. The bag has multiple pockets and convertible straps, so it can be worn as a backpack. Another nice feature is the bag fits under an airline seat, making it perfect for travel.

**Kathleen** made Patti Otto's camp shirt with ¾ sleeves out of batik cotton.

Vanessa made a quilt for Kat's son who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

**Laura** took a blouse class at the Hyattsville sewing studio. The pattern was from "The Avid Seamstress." She made a matching scarf with her leftover fabric.













### September

In September, Sue led us in sewing our pants. She shared some tips and tricks as far as construction order and waistband treatments. Although no one finished, we all made good progress. We're looking forward to showing off our results the next time we meet.

### Sew and Tell: September

Eileen made a snap bag and two matching pouches.

**Kat** made an oven mitt and a bag.

**Luanne** modeled her *Simple-Elegant Tee* from CNT Pattern Co. She also made a Minnie Mouse skirt with fringe for her granddaughter and a *Fold 'n Stitch Wreath* (from Poor House Quilt Designs).

**Marjie** made two pleather water bottle holders and a mesh bag. She was also wearing a top made from a Louise Cutting pattern.

**Sue** wore her *Selwyn* blouse from the Cashmerette sewing club.













### **CROFTON SEW LIFE SEAMERS**

Submitted by Vergie Thomas, Reporter

We started our summer sessions with Pam Carter;

- Pam discussion was construction of a garment and helpful hints.
  - o main focus was starting to sew a garment in the flat position.
  - o Pam went over hints in cutting out your patterns.
  - Dress construction hints
  - o Reference material:
    - Islander Sewing Techniques- Tuesday at Two
    - Recommended watching: Facebook/IslanderSewingSystems on Tuesday
- Suzzie followed with using your Serger more:
  - O Differential feed is the feature of all modern sergers
  - o It controls how the fabric is fed under the needles
  - o Taking the cutting knife down and doing a flat stitch on garments
  - o using the serger for no-pull gathering, relax rolled edges, lettuce edges.
- In August, we discussed patterns that we did not like or sewing projects that went south.
  - O Stephanie brought in a black velvet small bag she had worked on at the past retreat. It did not turn out like she wanted. The velvet moved all over the place when she was sewing the item. She will not use velvet again

Summer Show and Tell.....

Char made the Pressing Forms in the "Threads" Summer issue 2023. She uses material from her stash. For stuffing she used wood shaving from the husband's workshop and from the hamster bedding shaving. Her only problem was stuffing the curved long forms. She will be making more.





### Cheryl showed items.







Cindy brought in beautiful top she had finished.





More surgical gowns for Operation Smile. As of August, we have turned in 114 gowns and 142 splints to this organization. Pillowcases go to Anne Arundel Pediatric outpatient unit.





Nancy made a muslin of this pattern to get a good fit. She stated she will not be making the jacket. She did not like the fit at all and would not be making this jacket at all





Sue made this very nice quilt for a member of the group who is fighting breast cancer. Those who were present signed inspiration quotes on the quilt.

Bernice brought in this top made out of silk dupioni.



Beth made the quilt for her guild in Delaware. It will be part of the display at the Mancuso Show in Pennsylvania. She was inspired by last month and used her stash to make this beach coverup for her grandchild







### MARYLAND CYBER SEWISTS

Submitted by Lorraine Rohlick, Reporter

Note: Since all of our Cyber Sewist meetings are recorded with links in GroupWorks, I decided to include where on each recording some of the topics highlighted here are located [h:mm:ss] for easy reference in case readers would like to see specific segments in more detail.

The Cyber Sewists' focus for June was on accessories.

Kathryn F started us out describing 5 accessory projects she has done: drawstring produce bags made out of double gauze, a tree skirt for a year-round artificial tree, small zipper bags with pockets, an everyday purse with multiple pockets, and small duffle bags for family. [:21:40]







Paulette W made a purse but doesn't like it because it turned out to be too big. [:31:25]

Aside from the mending she graciously offered to do for a neighbor [:14:45], Debbie M showed a cross-body bag she made [:30:40]







Lorraine R made an infinity scarf.

Janet C has made a rectangular armchair cover out of pleather and cotton that has pockets for a remote, or better yet, for sewing supplies. [:39:40]

Although not an accessory, Kathryn F showed pants she made out of linen with crochet trim at the hems. She made the pants using the top-down, center-out method. [:47:25]

Finally, there is a 1-hour Love to Sew podcast by Helen and Caroline on how to address unfinished projects, Episode 232: WIP Woes dated April 24, 2023. [:57:30]

Our **July** meeting featured guest speaker Rhonda Pierce, from Schmetz needles, who explained about the parts of needles, and the various needle types to use for different fabrics.





For our Sew and Tell segment, Helen D showed two fabric stamps, one made of wood from Japan used for adding painted designs to fabric, and one made of metal from Bali for adding wax patterns to fabrics. [:51:45]

At our **August** Cyber Sewist meeting, several members shared impressions of the ASG Annual Conference that they attended in NYC the prior weekend. Despite a few disappointing classes, all agreed that the overall experience was positive. Several attendees were especially impressed with the Sunday afternoon open session on sustainability in the textile industry.

The second half of the meeting we devoted to progress reports toward our 2023 sewing goals.

Lydia Y and Debbie M were very happy to have met their sewing room organization goals. Mary G and Helen D both are continuing to sew charity items. Kathryn and Mary Susan, over-achievers both, exceeded their goals: Kathryn made not just one pair of fly front pants but has already started on a second pair, and Mary Susan has made more than one garment per month so far this year. And then there was Lorraine, who has not really made any real progress toward her comfortable, wearable-in-public pants goal. At least there are a few more months left in the year to work on them.

We devoted our entire **September** Cyber Sewist meeting to a delightful presentation by Patti Otto on knit fabrics. She described various types of knits, showing samples we could almost feel through the screen, what the "weight" of a fabric means, needle types, and why stitches "skip" if the needle is too sharp. She also described a new type of Mettler stretch (not elastic) thread, and ended with a primer on attaching stretch neckbands to a knit top. It was a great overview on how to begin sewing with knits.

### **ROCKVILLE MORNING PINUPS**

Submitted by Florie Hirsch, reporter

### June meeting

Karen S taught us hand embroidery techniques. She provided a handout, fabric, needles and embroidery floss. We worked on several stitches described in the handout. Sue Spargo's embroidery website was recommended as a resource.

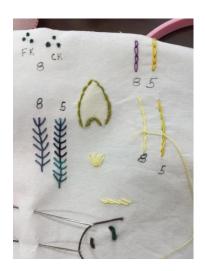
### Sew and tell:

Susan showed a jumpsuit she made of double brushed poly. She used the top of a dress pattern onto existing jumpsuit pattern.

Norma wore a pantsuit with a zippered jacket trimmed with the selvage. Her blouse was trimmed with roses made from the same fabric.

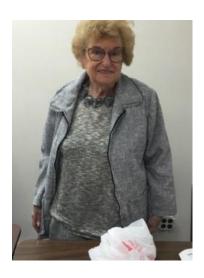
Helen D showed fabric souvenirs from Bali, including silk she painted in a workshop.

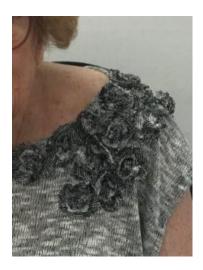
Jennifer showed a white cap handsewn as part of Mount Vernon's "Gown in a Weekend".













### July Meeting

Jennifer talked about her work at Mount Vernon handsewing 18<sup>th</sup> century costumes. She brought linen and thread for everyone to practice handsewing stitches.

Sew and tell

Norma showed how she makes fabric flowers from knit fabric to trim clothes

Helen D showed wood stamps for dye and metal stamps for wax used to create Batik fabric in Bali. She described the technique used and brought an example of the fabric.

Karen wore a linen dress she sewed for herself.

Jennifer brought an example of an "Regency period" bra made for an actress in a play.

Susan showed a small zippered case she sewed using fabric she quilted. She also bound finished the inside seams.





















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