



Hello Members

I had the great opportunity to spend the day sewing with the Crofton Neighborhood Group recently at the Crofton Library. We made children's bright and cheery hospital gowns and elbow splints (a wrap with tongue depressors sewn in) to help the children not pull out their tubes from surgery. It was a very fun, productive day where I was able to meet new sewists and spend time with the group. Gowns donated to Operation Smiles, cleft palate surgeries around the world.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Spring Sew Fun Fabric Shop Hop due to lack of member participation. Char Hansen and the special events group planned the day based on responses to the survey circulated at the luncheon. Please stay tuned for Fall Sew Fun, Annual Luncheon and ASG Retreat coming up. Please think about participating in any or all of the events to support the Maryland ASG Chapter. For the luncheon we have found a more affordable venue. The hotels have priced us out of their venues charging thousands and thousands of dollars for the room, food and other needs for our success. They even expect us to pay for a block of rooms, which we do not use. We really look forward to meeting at our new venue sharing lunch, fashion show, interesting speaker and the special time spent together with our Maryland Members.

This year's ASG Conference will be held in San Francisco, think about it. I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to Manhattan last July for the conference.

You may have heard that Joann's Fabrics has filed for bankruptcy, not sure what the future brings. On a happier note a new sewing shop has opened in Old Ellicott City, Ready, Set, Stitch. Cute little shop focusing mainly on teaching sewing to all ages, some notions, kits to make, fabrics limited to fat quarters, 10" squares and some jelly rolls. Stop in if you have the opportunity.

Thank you to all the sewists who remain members. Keep Sewing Alive!

Thank you!
Luanne Hargadon
MD ASG President

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American Sewing Guild, Inc.
Maryland Chapter
Membership Report
March 21, 2024

	<u>Since February 2023</u>
New Members	0
New Junior Members	0
Tranfers in	0
Renewed memberships	18

	<u>Total Members</u>
March 2024	203
February 2024	203
November 2023	216
October 2023	218
September 2023	221
July 2023	221
January 2023	213

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Fricks

Mark Your Calendar

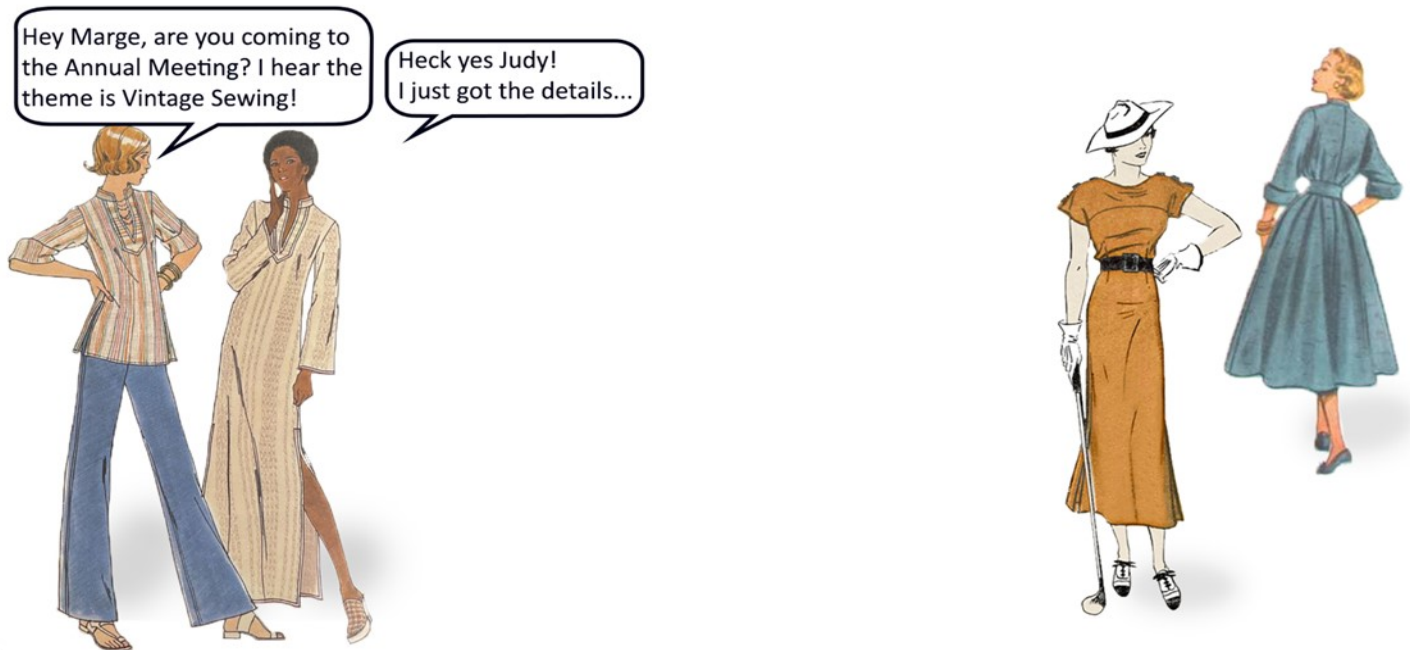
Sewing Related Activities

Listed below are some upcoming events of interest relating to sewing. Please contact Jeree Payton, newsletter@marylandasg.org if there are items you would like to add.

Exhibit	Location	Dates	Website
Polly Apfelbaum: Sampling a sampler sampling	Mitchell Art Gallery	January 20–April 14, 2024	https://www.sjc.edu/mitchell/exhibitions
Eyewinkers, Tumbleturds, and Candlebugs: The Art of Elizabeth Talford Scott	Baltimore Museum of Art	November 12, 2023 — April 28, 2024	https://artbma.org/exhibition/eyewinkers-tumbleturds-and-candlebugs-the-art-of-elizabeth-talford-scott
Joyce J. Scott: Walk a Mile in My Dreams	Baltimore Museum of Art	March 24, 2024 — July 14, 2024	https://artbma.org/exhibition/joyce-j-scott-walk-a-mile-in-my-dreams/
Fashion Sleeves	The Museum at FIT	January 24 – August 25, 2024	https://www.fitnyc.edu/museum/exhibitions/index.php?exhibitions=upcoming
Irresistible: The Global Patterns of Ikat	The Textile Museum	February 24-June 1, 2024	https://museum.gwu.edu/irresistible-global-patterns-ikat
Africa's Fashion Diaspora	The Museum at FIT	September - December 2024	https://www.fitnyc.edu/museum/exhibitions/index.php?exhibitions=upcoming



Maryland ASG
Annual Meeting & Luncheon



SAVE THE DATE

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136

6900 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

October 26, 2024

11am – 3 pm

Registration Opens July 1, 2024

Vintage Sewing

Featuring ...

Runway Fashion Show - You may feature your creations in a variety of ways that include this year's theme "***Vintage Sewing***". It can be anything you want to share with us, be it a garment, tote, purse, hat, quilt, or an accessory etc... Using this year's theme is not mandatory, but encouraged.

Guest Speaker – Vintage Sewing Machines by Victor

Famous Stash Sale – Proceeds go to our many Chapter service projects (see guidelines for acceptable items in the Nimble Thimble newsletter)

Plus ...

Door Prizes

Elections for President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Inspiration Table – bring any of your sewing projects to share to inspire us

50/50 Raffle

Seating:

Open, seating

Anne Arundel or Prince George 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.

Annual Meeting Stash Sale Guidelines

This is your chance to clean out all those new or gently used notions, patterns, books and fabric that you are not going to use. We **accept**:

Fabrics

Trims

Yarns

Books

Notions

Patterns

Fabric and trims should be clean and stain free, notions should have all their 'parts', books should be in good condition, and patterns should have all their pieces.

You can drop off your stash donations beginning at 9:30 on the day of the luncheon. The stash sale will be open throughout the day, but will be closed during lunch, the program, and the fashion show. That still allows for lots of shopping time!

Items are not priced. We ask that when you purchase from the stash sale your donation reflects what you feel your 'purchases' are worth. Remember, the funds from the stash sale support our community service projects so please **be generous!** Give your donations to the ladies with the cash aprons. Don't forget to bring cash or your check-book. No credit cards are accepted.

We Care

Acts of Sewing Kindness

SAVE the Date

When: Saturday, June 1, 2024

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Where: Laurel, MD

Project: Chemo Port Pillows



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

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ANNUAL SEWING RETREAT

November 6-10, 2024

Hallowood Retreat & Conference Center

7300 Banner Road

Dickerson, MD 20842

MD ASG Members: \$575/dbl or \$625/sgl

Other ASG Members: \$600/dbl or \$650/sgl

\$150.00 Deposit due June 1, 2023

Check-In 2 pm Wednesday, 11/6

Check-Out 11 am Sunday . 11/10

Wednesday (dinner only)

Thursday – Saturday (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Sunday (breakfast only)

Final Payment due October 15, 2024

It's a sewing slumber party!!! Pack up your sewing machine/projects and sew the time away!!! Sew, sleep, in the same facility. Roaring fireplace, great food, beautiful scenery and fun!!!!

Complete and mail, with check payable to ASG Maryland, to Jeree Payton, 14150 Spring Branch Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Questions---please email Jeree at jereesstudio@msn.com

Name: _____ ASG Member No. _____

Contact no _____ Email _____

Emerg. Contact name/no. _____

Roommate's Name: _____ Handicap Accessible Room ___ Yes /No_

Dietary Restrictions _____

Food Allergies _____

Medical Concerns _____

Sewing is a Part of Me

By Ivalyn "Tee" Jones-Actie
NG Leader Coordinator

Back around September of last year I started having a pain in the top of my left hand around my knuckles. It actually started to get really dark in one area of my hand like near my vein. I went to my primary doctor and she examined it and she said well, you do a lot of gardening maybe a bug bit you, so she just told me to put some antibiotic ointment on it and if it doesn't get any better you might want to go see a hand specialist.

In November it still was hurting, dark, and a little swollen. My ortho doc examined me and advised me to put hot compresses, soak it in warm water with Epson salt. I did all of that, and it did help. But the pain didn't go away completely. A few weeks after my husband passed, I was sitting on the couch and my hand was feeling funny, so I kind of massaged my hand and lo and behold a piece of a sewing needle just eased out of my hand - like it came out of my knuckle. I was like oh my God all this time I had a piece of a needle in my hand. I put peroxide on it and didn't think about it anymore. In the meantime, I was scheduled to have my left thumb surgery on February 23. Fast-forward February 23 I'm in the operating room and the doctor x-rays my hand and discovers the remainder of the sewing needle was still lodged in my vein. Of course they were flabbergasted. He had to come out into the waiting room and get permission from my sister to remove the needle because I was still under. When I awoke from surgery, my sister is sitting there and she's cracking up and she's like you're sewing too much! I'm like what are you talking about. She informed me that they found a sewing needle in my hand. The doctor and nurses said they will never forget me because of the bazaar occurrence! I will never be able to explain how a hand sewing needle got into my hand without me feeling it, but it happened!

I was telling a friend about the story, she says oh you really you have "Sewing Is A Part of You"!

Ladies please be careful with your hand sewing needles. I will never be able to explain how one got in my hand, but I am thankful and blessed that it didn't cause any serious damage.

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
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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 via Zoom
Co-Leaders: Rirette Wilkerson
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lettewilkes@gmail.com

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
cm.ciepiela@verizon.net

Crofton Sew Life Seamers

3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm
Tomorrow's Treasures Quilt Studio
(To the left of the store)
2151 Priest Bridge Drive

Eastern Shore Sewists

3rd 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
deirdre.dorr@gmail.com
Liz Jevitts
lizjevitts@hotmail.com

Maryland Cyber Sewists

Virtual Online
Meets on rotating days
(Check GroupWorks for meeting dates)
Leader: Janet Chiancone
jchiancone@gmail.com

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: Ann Foley
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Wheaton Sew Wonderfals

1st Saturday 10:15 am
Jo-Ann/Wheaton Shopping Mall
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CAMP SPRINGS TREADLE PUSHERS

Submitted By: Jannie G. Ferrell, Reporter

Little Girl Dresses and Little Boys Shorts for Africa

These pretty dresses and awesome shorts were made to donate to little girls and boys in Ghana Africa.

Co-Leader Rirette Wilkerson, as the leader of St. Stephen Baptist Church's Missionary Ministry (in Temple Hills, Maryland), once again solicited the [members of Camp Springs Treadle Pushers](#) to help with making dresses for a mission trip to Ghana in November 2023. The sewing sisters once again came through and added short pants for boys this time.



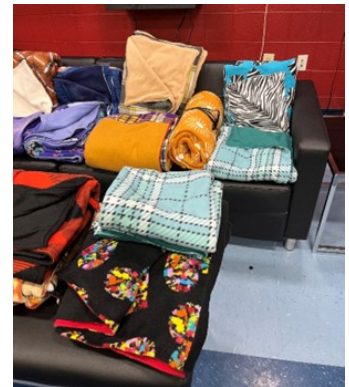
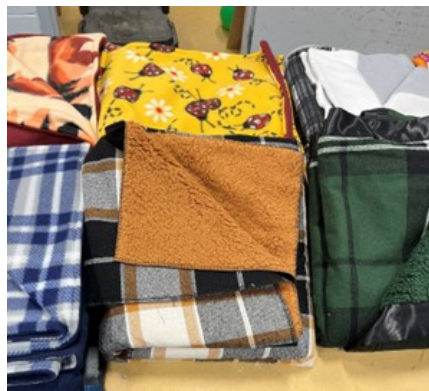
CAMP SPRINGS TREADLE PUSHERS (cont'd)

Blankets for Seniors

Some members of Camp Springs Treadle Pushers delivered 36 beautiful fleece blankets to Joseph A. Gilmore Sr. Adult Daycare Center of Upper Marlboro, MD. Several members participated in this community project by making bright, colorful, and most importantly, warm and cozy throw blankets.



Claudine Hawkins, Co-Leader Joyce Jackson, and Jean Stewart representing all CSTP members with two staff at the center.



CROFTON SEW LIFE SEAMERS

Submitted by Vergie Thomas, Reporter

Our February meeting, was “Sleeves: How Many Types” by Suzzie Schuyler. She gave us a very good hand out on sleeves. She bought in muslin garments showing the different type of sleeves. Suzzie demonstrated how to fit sleeves in garments easily. She referenced several articles from the thread magazine.

Show and Tell for February:

This is a picture of quilt top of Yo-Yo's that Cheryl Brown's Great grandmother made. Cheryl is looking to preserve this quilt top her great grandmother made. She lived in West Virginia. Any suggestions would be helpful. Cheryl also made the doll clothes.



CROFTON SEW LIFE SEAMERS_(cont'd)

On Saturday, March 16th , we were at the Crofton Library ,10am – 4pm to work on our community service project for “Operation Smile”, gowns and arm slings were made.



FREDERICK THREADS

Submitted by Liz Jevitts

Do you know someone looking for a NG that meets on Saturday? Refer them to the Frederick Threads. We are about an hour from west Baltimore, Hagerstown, and Montgomery County. Make a day of it, visit a Joann Superstore or Charlotte's quilt shop. Enjoy our food scene, take a walk on Carroll Creek and see the Claire McCardell statue. Email deirdre.dorr@gmail.com for more info or to schedule a meet up.

Frederick Threads sends a fond aloha to longtime member Mary Susan Dinkle. She is relocating to Carlisle, PA. She was a founding member of our group, quick to share her over 50 years of sewing expertise. We will miss her leadership, enthusiasm and knowledge. She has promised to attend the Annual Luncheon and the occasional NG group meeting. Our loss is central PA's gain.

Group projects:

Our members have been up to great things! Between group volunteer projects and creative workshops, our members have been engaging with each other and sewing wonderful and fulfilling projects.

This year, Louise headed up a group volunteer project for us. She showed us how to make pillowcases for Project Linus. Our group made a colorful array of pillowcases that were donated to children that received new beds through Project Linus.



Also this winter, Mary Susan and Debbie lead a workshop on “Upcycled Felted Wool”. Mary Susan kindly donated wool fabric to our group and we were challenged to use it in a felted, or “boiled”, wool project. Debbie showed us gloves and a hat that she made with felted wool, including these gorgeous fingerless gloves that she embroidered.

FREDERICK THREADS (cont'd)



Our members learned how to use wool in a felted project, then returned in February to show what they made. We saw some wonderful and creative use of the wool! For example, Sandy made the moccasin boots below and Deirdre made the patchwork blanket.



Individual projects:

Here is a sampling of the phenomenal work our members have been doing on their own this year. They inspire the rest of us to try new things! We have outstanding teachers and a wealth of inspiration in our own group.

FREDERICK THREADS (cont'd)

Sandy made this gorgeous sock doll. We were all very impressed, especially by its hair which was soft and had rich depth of color. Sandy described how she made the hair out of yarn, a painstaking process.



Laurel made the beautiful dresses, including the embroidery around the skirt of the denim dress. Her projects required her to improvise, and we all agreed that she did a wonderful job!



Louise and I shared the quilt tops we've been working on.

FREDERICK THREADS (cont'd)



Lidia, one of our newest members, showed us art quilts she made. The hummingbird applique quilt was created for a contest; it required the quilter to use beads which Lidia worked into the flower stamen. Another quilt depicts the village she grew up in. Believe it or not, Lidia is a beginning sewist!!! As one our members quipped, "If this is her practice, I can't wait to see what she does when she's good!"



FREDERICK THREADS (cont'd)



2023 Group Volunteer Project:

We also wanted to tell everyone about one of our favorite group volunteer events. Last year, Cathy shared information, ideas, and fabric for “Project Dress a Girl.” She purchased 50 labels for the dresses and challenged our group to help her use them all up! Many members answered the call. Within 2 months, our group’s combined forces produced 19 lovely dresses. We brought them together in the September meeting to share and show off. We marveled over everyone’s beautiful designs. There were so many dresses that we wanted to wear! It is clear that people put their hearts and souls into them. Cathy took the dresses to deliver to our local Project Dress a Girl coordinator. Here are our group’s first 19 dresses! Our members continued to sew dresses into the new year.

FREDERICK THREADS (cont'd)



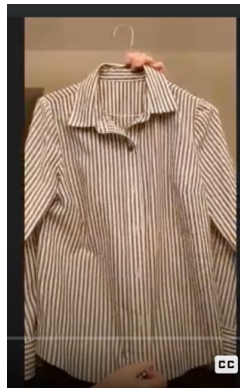
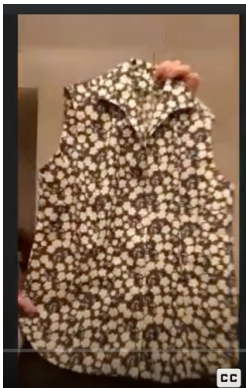
MARYLAND CYBER SEWISTS

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' first meeting of 2024 centered on **goals for the new year**, possible community service projects and whether we want to push ourselves a little more with a defined challenge. Here are some of our individual goals for the year:

Debbie [19:55] wants to stop "reinventing the wheel" and instead reproduce and improve on 3 successful tops she made in 2023 – a kind of Blouse v.2.0.



Lorraine [9:00] is undecided about trying again to make a comfortable, warm pair of pants that are suitable for wearing in public. Maybe the third time will be the charm.

Tee [26:00] needs to get her sewing room organized, one corner at a time, and then use her stash to create more casualwear [1:13:10] and less special occasion wear.

Eugenie [30:25] wants to progress from a beginner to an intermediate sewist and feel more confident reading patterns. Group members suggested joining the nearby Crofton NG and trying out Simplicity's Learn to Sew line of patterns.

Helen [42:40] decided to go ahead and sew for her current self instead of waiting till she loses weight, and also wants to sew jackets for the homeless and others in need.

Stephanie [53:45] declared that she wants to make a sloper, and thereby started a whole discussion about how to use one after it's made and various ways to choose a correct pattern size.

Kathryn [1:12:07] needs to make clothes for winter, since it turns out most of her projects have been for warm-weather wear.

We decided to check in on these goals every quarter, but since that is not enough pressure, we also agreed to **challenge** ourselves to create a warm, layering garment using a pattern we have already sewn, but with layering fabric in mind - to be completed in the first quarter of the year. (Yikes! Did we actually agree to this?)

Finally, we want to explore a community service project that will complement the non-profit work of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (shpbeds.org), which constructs wooden bunk beds for children of families in need of furniture in new homes. After consulting with two local affiliates of this organization to confirm the need, we plan to make pillowcases and blankets to accompany these new twin beds.

Our zoom meetings rotate each month, Monday through Friday, at 7:00pm, so that those with regular weekly commitments can attend whenever they are free.

MARYLAND CYBER SEWISTS (cont')

In **February** we learned that our proposed community service project would not work out, as the Sleep in Heavenly Peace charity wants only new complete twin bed linen sets, not just pillowcases. Shari is compiling a list of possible service projects for ASG, and has a possible date for a Sit and Sew event. However, she is having trouble finding a suitable, affordable site. Schools and fairgrounds were two suggestions, since even public libraries are now charging several hundred dollars for meeting room rentals.

Two more members revealed their new year plans: Janet's goal [15:35] is to learn to use every presser foot, and Anita's goal [54:00] is to proactively practice doing very specific sewing techniques.

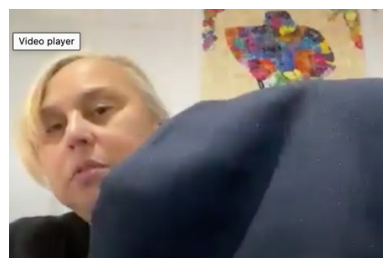
Three of our members updated their plans for our **Challenge** to make a layering garment.

Lorraine [16:55] showed the animal print faux fur fabric she received as part of the Catonsville NG Challenge project and solicited ideas for turning it into a garment layer. A Shirley Adams Bog Coat video was one promising suggestion.



Kathryn brought out her bright floral fleece fabric [25:35] and plans to make a basic jacket using an All Well pattern.

Shari [28:15] already had plans to make a wool double-breasted boyfriend coat, so this challenge will inspire her to get started on it.

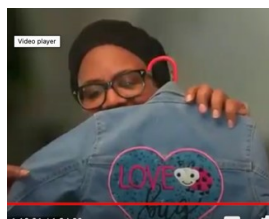


MARYLAND CYBER SEWISTS (cont')

Several members shared their **Sew & Tell** projects.

Janet [47:15] and her nephew recently took a sewing class at Three Little Birds Sewing Co. in Hyattsville where they made a tote bag among other projects. His girlfriend also showed us a stuffed bear that she had made.

Yvonne [1:02:20] embroidered a row of stitching on a bag as part of an ongoing class at her local library. She will be adding new layers of embroidery to the bag with each class.



Robin [1:12:30] showed us two children's jeans jackets on which she appliqued and embroidered designs with her new embroidery-enabled machine.



Helen [1:15:40] has been helping friends with alterations to RTW garments. She lengthened a top by removing the peplum and inserting a velvet band between the bodice and the peplum. For another friend she added a gusset into the gathered/ruched side seam of a red cocktail dress that was a bit too tight for the wearer. And she relined a very heavy Burbury wool men's coat made in the 1950s.

ROCKVILLE MORNING PINUPS

Submitted by Florie Hirsch, reporter

January meeting:

Jennifer Georgia presented a program on Costumes from “Miss Bennett’s Christmas at Pemberly”, a production that she directed and costumed. She brought a poster from the lobby showing costume inspirations. The first costume shown was a dress she originally sewed for “Dolly Madison, The Presidentress” and re-used for Mary Bennet. The second dress, white with red trim, was made for Lydia with a coat originally made for “Pride @ Prejudice”. The pattern for the coat came from “Patterns of Fashion”. Jennifer brought two more dresses from the production.

Sew and Tell:

Helen D talked about her trip to the Christmas markets in Alsace and Strasbourg. She brought a counted cross-stitch piece from Armenia.

Norma wore a top made from stash fabric and trimmed with buttons from MT

Karen brought a grocery tote bag she made, using heavy stabilizer throughout and straps across the bottom.

Elaine wore a crochet vest she made from variegated cotton. The motifs were individually made and then sewn together.

Florie wore a hand knitted sweater made of gray cotton yarn.

February meeting

Helen DeRoo gave a detailed program on elastic. She created a handout that explained the different kinds of elastic and their uses. She also brought samples of all the elastics described.

Sew and Tell

Helen brought a dress she is altering for a client. She created a pattern for the insert to enlarge the dress, basted fabric to test, and then sewed in the matching fabric.

Florie wore a second asymmetric top she made in green and matching green pants.

Anita C wore a pieced jacket she sewed in Downton Abbey printed linen and also a coat made from estate sale fabric with a silk lining.

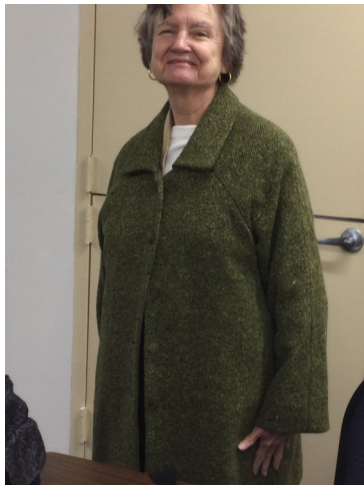
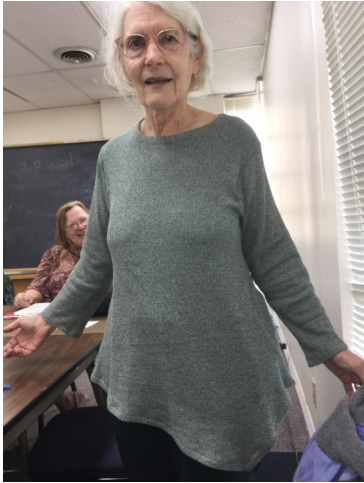
March meeting

We visited Doodle Hatch, an interactive children’s venue in Columbia MD, and Lee Anderson’s studio there. Lee and her assistant Jeneese showed us her creative garments and sewing studio. We also got to see her stash of fabric and accessories. We had an opportunity to test drive her industrial serger. Last, we had a guided tour of Doodle Hatch, the set and characters for a PBS children’s show she is creating, and the exhibit of Mannequin Art. Three hours flew by and we adjourned for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

ROCKVILLE MORNING PINUPS (cont'd)



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ROCKVILLE MORNING PINUPS (cont'd)



Sewing Tidbits

Basic Sewing Terms

1. backstitch- used at the beginning or end of a seam and you add extra stitches going back and forth to strengthen the hold
2. baste or basting- temporary long stitches that are used to hold the fabric in place so you can do your final stitches
3. bias edge- this is a 45-degree angle cut to the selvage, it is also the stretchiest part of the fabric
4. clip- these are little notches in the seam allowance that helps the fabric go around corners
5. cording- a little strip of fabric wrapped, then sewn around a cord. When used on pillows, etc., it is called piping
6. Finger press- using your finger to apply pressure to a specific part of the fabric
7. right or wrong side- this is the front pretty side that is seen by everyone as opposed to the back not so pretty side that usually is not seen by everyone
8. seam allowance- this is the amount of folded fabric between the cut edge of the material and the stitches.
9. Selvage- the factory edge of the fabric that runs lengthwise on both sides of the material
10. serge stitch- this is a stitch pattern sewn when using a serger sewing machine

Sewing Tidbits

Vintage Sewing Terms

1. binding- finishing the hem or edge of a garment
2. darning- fixing a hole in a garment or sock
3. darning mushroom- the tool to use when darning
4. eyelet- the metal piece inserted into holes to stabilize the holes
5. godet- a piece of fabric wider at the bottom than at the top and inserted into a garment to add fullness
6. gusset- a triangular or square piece of fabric inserted into a garment to add breadth or reduce the stress caused by tight-fitting clothing
7. haberdasher- a store that sells little sewing items like needles, buttons, ribbons, zippers, and so on. In America, it is a men's clothing store
8. mantua maker- is the word used in the 1700s for dressmaker
9. millinery- a maker and seller of women's hats
10. surplice- the overlapping of the left and right bodice to form a V look.

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