



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Making Our Dreams Come True

How many of you used to watch Laverne and Shirley? It was a popular sitcom back in 1976 – 1983. They got into all sorts of crazy situations, but they were always in them together. The theme song for the show was called Making Our Dreams Come True. If you don't remember or weren't even alive yet when the show aired, watch this clip of the intro to the series.



So why all this Laverne and Shirley nostalgia? It's because just like Laverne and Shirley, we are always on our sewing journey together. And because a key element of our first Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) meeting last month was planning for, just like Laverne and Shirley, making our dreams for Atlanta ASG come true.

We spent time during this half-day meeting dreaming of new ideas to create exciting new opportunities for the coming year. We want to bring all of you and all our future members inspiring opportunities to learn new things, meet new people, and dream new sewing dreams all throughout the year.

SEW IT GOES

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So, in 2024, we will be focusing on growing in 3 primary areas:

- Membership
- Participation
- Community Visibility

Upcoming Classes



FITTING CLASS

SEAMS EASY: EFFECTIVE FITTING AND PATTERN ALTERATION

WITH MASTER FITTER LORRAINE HENRY

Learn about fitting adjustments for busts and arms using the newest seam method of pattern alterations.

Learn about fitting pants. How to look at and measure for specific curves and how to make pattern adjustments in the pattern itself!

WHEN:
MARCH 10, 2024 1PM- 5PM

WHERE:
SOUTHEASTERN FIBER ARTS ALLIANCE
3420 W. HOSPITAL AVE SUITE 103
CHAMBLEE GA 30354

COST:
\$45 FOR ASG MEMBERS,
\$55 FOR NON-MEMBERS
MAXIMUM 15 STUDENTS

SEAMS EASY: EFFECTIVE FITTING AND PATTERN ALTERATION

This presentation might just delight your senses! Master Fitter Lorraine Henry will present some very enlightening insights into looking at figures, evaluating what changes should be made and the best way to alter the pattern to meet individual needs. The first part will focus on fitting adjustments for busts and arms. Learn about often overlooked measurements, how and where to take them and how to use them on your patterns. Then practice patterns will be put in your hands, and you will do alterations on them using the newest seam method of pattern alterations. You will learn how doing alterations in a specific order will have the best outcome for a really good fit. The length before width rule and how to apply it! Then our last presentation will be on pants! How to look at and measure for specific curves and how to make pattern adjustments in both measurements and the shape changes that may be needed in the pattern itself! Please bring small scissors, “Scotch” tape, pencil, small ruler and a big smile!

CLASSES IN THE WORKS

Our Co-Vice-Presidents of Education are working on additional programs for this year. These opportunities will include working with leather, making a handbag, tailoring using interfacing and making table runners. Watch for more details of these classes in the newsletter and on the website!

- How to Work with Leather with Eileen Davie
- Handbag Class with Patsy Spence
- Tailoring Using Interfacing with Pam Howard
- Table Runners with Julie Barlow

Upcoming Events

BEGINNERS SEWING SERIES AND "MAKE & TAKE"

American Sewing Guild - Atlanta Chapter
Beginners Sewing Series

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO SEW?

Where: North Cobb Regional Library
3535 Old 41 Hwy NW,
Kennesaw, GA 30144

When: Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 6 & March 13 from 4pm-6pm

Learn how to sew! This is an after-school program where you will learn how to make a tote bag from start to finish using a pattern over four sessions starting February 21.

www.asgatlanta.org Become a Member!

"Make & Take" Summer Series

Save the Dates!
June 5, 19, 26 & July 17, 24

ASG Members
Join Us for Sit n Sew
On 2/29 from 10:30AM to 2:30 PM

Be a part of our community service efforts!

Bring your machine and notions, a lunch and join us for a great time!

We will have fabric and materials there for finishing the patriotic squares for IHonorUSA and making pencil cases for school children.

Toco Hills Public Library 1282 McConnell Dr, Decatur, GA 30033
Contact: Susan Marling at asg.communityservice@asgatlanta.org

MAKE ASG Members
N Come and share your sewing skills
TAKE with the Decatur community.

We are looking for **Volunteers** to work with students to sew a quilt block.

Toco Hills Public Library
1282 McConnell Dr,
Decatur, GA 30033

Series starts Thursday March 21 and every 3rd Thursday of the month from 10AM - 12PM.

You can volunteer on one or any of the sessions.

Contact: Adele Swanson at asg.communityservice@asgatlanta.org

SPRING FLING

Mark your calendars for A Jazzy Affair where you will be transported back in time to the Jazz Era - 1920's and 1930's. Plan to attend on April 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m (doors open at 10:45 a.m.). You are encouraged to dress the part in your feathers, fringe, dropped waistlines and so on. Flapper outfit qualifies for an extra door prize ticket. Fee is \$5. Stay tuned for more details.