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Outgoing President's Message

by Debbie Ramseyer

Dear Sewing Friends,

The time has come to say so long as president of the Plano Chapter. However, it is not goodbye. I will still be actively involved in Chapter events and serving as Newsletter Editor, begging you for articles and pictures on a quarterly basis.

These past two years have been both fulfilling and challenging. The satisfaction of seeing a new chapter rise up and take flight has been enormous. The challenge now is to keep it growing and thriving. Plano is one of the most respected chapters in the country. We have a relatively young group (at least in spirit if not in calendar years) with educated backgrounds. We have a passion for sewing and take delight in sharing our experiences with others. We are receptive to new ideas, proactive in our innovative programs and willing to volunteer when the need arises.

And yet we can do more. When we shop, we can ask those other shoppers what they will be making out of that gorgeous fabric. We can let the store owner we appreciate the discount they offer ASG members. We can offer to teach a program at a neighborhood group. We need to have the confidence to take actions to promote ASG without being begged. Your Chapter Advisory Board is just waiting for people like you to call them and say "I just sold an ad for our newsletter, what do I do next?" Or, how about, "I learned a new sewing technique and would love to share it with the group - what month is available for me to teach a program?"

Jane Johnson, your new president, and the other members of the Chapter Advisory Board, will need your help. Please don't wait to be asked. The CAB can always use a helping hand.

So, have a wonderful year, keep sewing and sharing, and I'll see you all soon!

Deb Ramseyer

Incoming President's Message

by Jane Johnson

Dear ASG Plano Members:

Thanks for your vote of confidence last October. As we roll into our third year as a chapter, I expect that we will continue our progress to grow and excite our sewing juices. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie Ramseyer for her fantastic leadership during our first two years. We have accomplished so much in so little time through her efforts as well as our Chapter Advisory Board members and more importantly you, the members.

Going forward I see many exciting events that will be offered to you. In January we will be having some incredible fun at our annual retreat in Gordonville, the home and resort of member Jan Worstell. If you have not attended one of these retreats and have the opportunity don't miss it. There is no agenda and you sew whatever you want. This could be the time to work on those UFO's in your sewing studio. You could also try something that you always wanted to but were afraid to start. Our members are so talented that someone probably has experience with your project. Or you just want to get away from it all and enjoy to laughs and atmosphere.

February finds us attending ETA Dallas at SMU. I attended last year's program and have been anticipating this one ever since. The instructors on the brochure are wonderful and I hope you check it out on the website (see Peggy Sager's ad). We will be having a booth at the conference and I hope that you will volunteer an hour or so during the conference.

Keep watching for e-mails about upcoming events and other important items and keep sewing to stay sane in this sometimes crazy world.

Yours in friendship and sewing,
Jane Johnson

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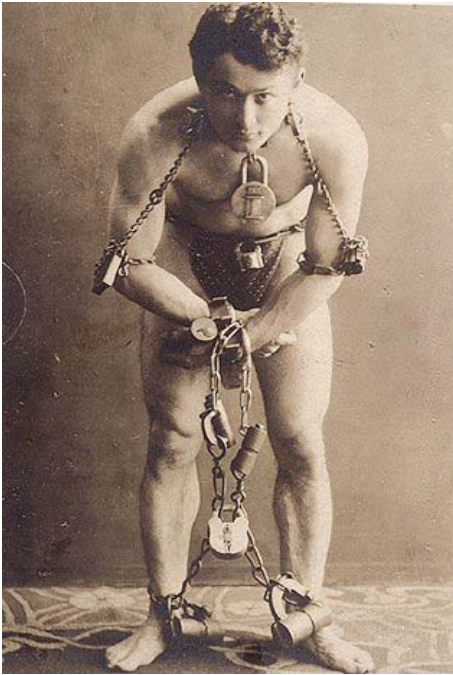
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3rd Annual **WINTER RETREAT** at **Cedar Mills Resort** on Lake Texoma.

January 19-21, 2007.

There are deluxe cabins available with two double beds, a full kitchen with stove, refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot and dinette, full bath with shower and separate dressing area, cable television, A/C, heat, covered porch, fireplace, and separate living area with sofa and armchair.

The Lodge, where we can all sew together, is a warm spacious building with large wooden beams, a rock fireplace, and it overlooks Lake Texoma. There is also a full kitchen in the Lodge, as well as a large TV with VCR.

There is a wonderful restaurant on the premises with a varied, reasonably priced menu.

The members' price is **\$55.00** per night (Friday and Saturday nights), per person, **double occupancy** (\$75 non-member). Please submit your reservation, with at least one night's deposit, as soon as possible as there is a **limit of 20 people**. We will take reservations on a first come, first served, basis. Please also indicate if you wish to room with a particular individual.

The prices above include lodging only. After registration has been completed, meals may be arranged at an additional cost for those who want to participate. Details will be sent to you as more information becomes available. Sorry, no refunds unless cancellation of the event is due to severe weather (e.g. ice storm).

For questions, contact Jane Johnson, (972) 442-9851.

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Directions to Cedar Mills Resort:

From Plano: Drive north on U.S. 75, turn west (left) at Sherman on Hwy. 82 to Whitesboro for approximately 16 miles.

Exit Hwy. 377, go north (right) for approximately 12 miles, until you reach the large billboard for Cedar Mills Marina & Resort and Pelican's Landing Waterfront Restaurant (on the right side of the road).

Turn east (right) on Cedar Mills Road. Follow road for three miles and it will take you directly to the resort.

Coming from the western side of Dallas, drive up I-35E to Gainesville. Exit at Hwy. 82E at Gainesville to Whitesboro. Take exit 624 at Whitesboro, which is Hwy. 377 (the exit for Lake Texoma, Whitesboro and Madill, Oklahoma). Turn north (left) and continue on Hwy. 377 for approximately 12 miles until you reach the large billboard for Cedar Mills Marina & Resort and Pelican's Landing Waterfront Restaurant (on the right side of the road). Turn east (right) on Cedar Mills Road, follow road for three miles and it will take you directly to the resort.

Pat Fritze Elected as Region 6 Representative

I am excited to have been elected to serve a 2 year term as your Region 6 Representative for ASG. What does a regional representative do? Well my job is to be your leadership connection between the chapter and the Board of Directors, Executive Director and staff of ASG. I am responsible for organizing the regional Meeting for Region 6. I work with chapter presidents and their chapter advisory boards to keep them informed of news within our organization. And I may be called on to be;

A referee for a squabbling board
A teacher for a chapter who do not know what is expected of them
A boss to a chapter that doesn't follow the rules
A doctor to an ailing chapter
A big sister to a new chapter
A town crier to spread the news of a successful chapter's accomplishment
A cheerleader for a chapter that needs encouragement and
A mentor to all the chapters.

But most of all I am there for you our members. I hope to meet with each of the chapters in the Region during my 2 year term. We have great chapters in Region 6 and also great members. If you have any questions about my role as regional representative, feel free to contact me either by e-mail: skipat@cox.net or by phone: 405-366-8296.

Sewingly Yours
Pat Fritze
Region 6 Representative

The American Sewing Guild is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to people who believe sewing is a rewarding and creative activity. Its mission is "advancing sewing as an art and life skill." Membership in the Guild is open to the public. For information, contact Maggie Tinnin, Membership Chair.

Upcoming Events

Plano Chapter events are in **Bold Type**. If locations are not yet determined, information will be updated on the website and in future newsletters when it becomes available. www.planoasg.org. Most events are free. Guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

January 19-21, 2007	Annual sewing retreat at Cedar Mills Resort Gordonville, TX on Lake Texoma
February 10-11, 2007	Education of the Textile Arts at Dallas For more information, link to http://www.etadallas.com/index.htm
February 17, 2007	No Chapter meeting
March 17, 2007	Sewing With a Plan Presentation by Jan Shurtleff Location TBA

Neighborhood Group Meetings

In addition to regular chapter meetings, smaller Neighborhood Groups meet monthly to offer you even more sewing and learning opportunities:

When We Meet	Group Name	Where We Meet	Contact Information
Second Thursday of each Month 1:30 p.m.	Frisco Neighborhood Group	Bernina of Frisco 7151 Preston Road	Becky Bieri uniqueimage@tieless.net 972-625-6684
Second Monday of each Month 10:00 a.m.	Plano Neighborhood Group	Plano Sewing Center Custer Road & Spring Creek Parkway	Terry Jerden (469) 952-2049 terrysews@tx.rr.com

Any ASG member may attend any or all of the Neighborhood Group meetings at any chapter across the country! If you are interested in forming a new Neighborhood Group, please contact Maggie Tinnin.

American Sewing Guild Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
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Return to: American Sewing Guild
 Association Headquarters
 9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510,
 Houston, TX 77096
 Fax: (713) 721-9230

- New Member or Late Renewal - \$40.00
 Chapter nearest you: **Plano, TX**
- Renewal \$35.00 (if received before expiration date)
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Member Discounts

Participating Local Retailers

Please present your ASG membership card at retail stores and thank them for participating in the ASG discount program. Other stores in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex also offer discounts to ASG members. Just ask!

Benno's Buttons & Trimmings 5611 W. Lovers Lane Dallas, TX 75202	214-352-0534	15% discount on all non-sale items <i>Specializes in unique buttons, ribbons and lace</i>
Bernina of Plano 2400 Avenue K at Park, Plano 75074	972-578-9227	10% discount on all non-sale items (be sure to present ASG card before sale is rung up) <i>Fabrics, Bernina sewing machines, Classes, Embroidery Supplies, Quilting, Smocking supplies</i>
Bernina of Dallas 12801 Midway at LBJ, Ste. 410 Dallas 75244	972-247-5103	
Bernina of Frisco 7151 Preston Road, Suite 121A Frisco, Texas 75034	214-387-9391	
CompuSew 3237 Independence Pkwy., Plano	972-769-2626	10% discount on all non-sale items
Fabric Affair 339 Dal-Rich Village (SW corner Beltline & Coit), Richardson, TX	972-234-1937	10% discount 1st Friday of the month (not including sewing machines, classes, repairs or gift certificates) <i>Authorized Pfaff dealer</i>
Fabrique! G. Bush at Alma	972-234-4800	20% discount
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Kay Fabric Center 518 W. Arapaho Road #113, Richardson	972-234-5111	10% discount on all items
Plano Sewing Center 2070 W. Spring Creek, Suite 326, Plano	972- 527-7400	15% discount on non-sale items <i>Machine sales & repairs, quilt workshops, classes</i>
Richard Brooks Couture Fabrics 6131 Luther Lane, Suite 200, Dallas	214-739-2772	10% discount on non-sale items
Spectrum Thread by D.S. Access 3035 S. Shiloh Road, #175, Garland	972-926-0030	5% discount on non-sale items <i>Embroidery supplies</i>
Thread & More 1980 Nantucket Drive Richardson, TX 75080	800-705-0027	10% discount on total purchase
Viking Sewing Gallery (inside JoAnn's) 810 Preston Forest Shopping Center, Dallas 700 Alma Drive, Plano 1515 N. Town East Blvd. Mesquite 2930 Preston Road, Frisco 2325 S. Stemmons, Lewisville 1250 William D. Tate Avenue Grapevine 229 East FM 1382, Ste 150 Cedar Hill	214-962-1600 972-423-3685 972-686-2522 972-712-7288 214-488-5188 817-329-3266 972-291-9774	10% discount on total purchase; 15% discount on all items on third Saturday of each month. Discounts do not apply to sewing machines. <i>Husqvarna/Viking Sewing Machines</i>
Nancy's Notions www.nancysnotions.com	1-800-833-0690	Through Jun 6th source code (sc#) is 069411-5223 Through Sept 6th sc is 069411-5224 Through Dec 6th sc is 069411-5225 It is not necessary to use the words "source code" or sc# but they do print it in their Notions ads that way.

Plano Chapter Advisory Board

The Plano Advisory Board meetings are held monthly before chapter events or at other times determined by the Board. **All members are encouraged to attend** to stay current on Board decisions and share information with their groups. E-mail or call Debbie Ramseyer, President, for more information.

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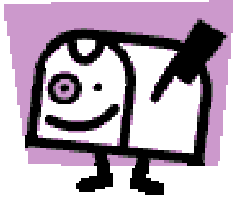
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