

Neighborhood Groups (NG)

At the heart of each Chapter is the Neighborhood Groups (NG). Each NG meets at different locations and times to provide an informal opportunity for "hands-on" sewing experiences; give friendly support, and a place to meet other Guild members to share sewing ideas and information. Members may participate in as many Neighborhood Groups as they wish. Guests may attend up to two Neighborhood Group meetings prior to joining a chapter.

NE Day NG

1st Monday, 11am-3pm
Faith Lutheran Church
Bring bag lunch, beverage
Marie 363-1237, Joan 866-2544

NE Evening NG

3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm - ?
Plainfield Senior Center
Renee 361-1197, Pam 866-3769

SW Wyoming NG

3rd Thursday, noon - 4:00 pm
JoAnn Fabrics, Wyoming
Bring bag lunch, beverage
Sharon 453-4897, Mary 269-795-7181

Muskegon

4th Thursday, 10am-2pm
St. John's Episcopal Church, Grand Haven
Bring bag lunch, beverage
Nancy 842-2863, June 231-780-1249

Lowell NG

2nd Wednesday, 9:30am- noon
Cumberland Manor, Rm 105
Marilyn 897-7282

Alma Bishop Group

2nd Thursday, except winter months, 9:30am
Members homes, Lake Mecosta Area
Trudy 231-972-8040, Pat 231-856-7802

Please contact the listed NG Leader **BEFORE** attending so that space and material list (if necessary) can be prepared. Also, note: Many NG's do not meet during summer months.

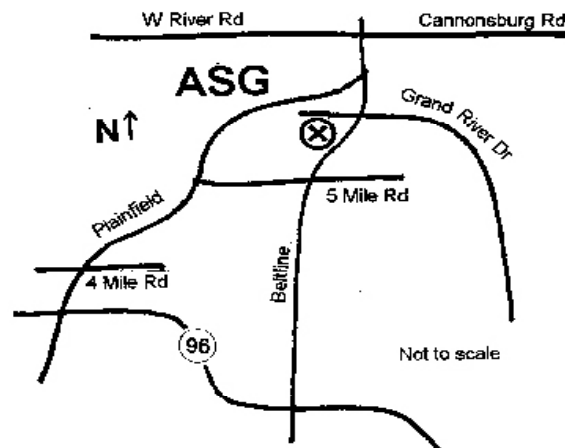
American Sewing Guild Grand Rapids Chapter Monthly Programs

- 2nd Tuesday of each month except July.
- Social Time 6:30 p.m.
- Program & Sew 'N Tell 7 p.m.
- Plainfield Senior Center, (D.W. Richardson Center), 5255 Grand River Dr., one block west of East Beltline.
- Members \$1.00, Guests \$2.00
- Guests may attend up to two meetings or Neighborhood Groups prior to joining a chapter.
- Annual Spring Fashion Show is open to the public.
- See Neighborhood Group (NG) listings inside.

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President Mary SiskoSmith 269-795-7181
Membership Pam Hart 616-866-3769

Directions: From 96, take Exit 33 North Plainfield to Northland Drive.
Turn R (South) on E. Beltline to Grand River Dr.
Turn R (West) on Grand River Drive.
The Plainfield Senior Center is on the Left Side, approx. 1/2 block up the street.



**Grand Rapids Chapter
invites you
to join us for**

**Sewing
Sewing
Creating
Creating
Sharing
Sharing
Caring
Caring**

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American Sewing Guild

The American Sewing Guild is an organization for people who think sewing is a creative and rewarding activity. People who feel that sharing the benefits and joys of sewing is almost as much fun as sewing itself. The Guild provides up-to-date sewing information and a friendly support system for sewers at all levels of experience.

ASG Headquarters

ASG National Headquarters is the link to all Chapters in the Guild network. Chapter records and membership files are maintained in a central database. The management of ASG affairs is conducted by Headquarters Staff. Through ASG, the sewing consumer has a voice to the sewing industry.

Each year ASG hosts a conference giving all Guild members the opportunity to meet sewing professionals, industry representatives, and other sewing enthusiasts from around the country and to participate in sewing seminars and sewing related special events and tours.

Publications

Guild members receive the American Sewing Guild's national publication **Notions** ... filled with an inspiring variety of projects and tips, the latest sewing industry news, new products, introductions to sewing experts, and Guild news.

The Grand Rapids Chapters' local newsletter, STITCHES ON THE GRAND, publishes four issues a year. This publication communicates Chapter events, neighborhood group locations and activities, lists of discounts with retailers and features inspirational articles.

Guild Chapters

The Guild is made up of over 120 chapters with nearly a thousand Neighborhood Groups. Chapters promote sewing in their local communities through encouragement, assistance and instruction. They also host social events such as **fashion shows** or **sewing fairs** and many do sewing related **service projects** for their community. Through their Chapter, Guild members can increase confidence and expand individual skills at **classes**, **demonstrations** and **lectures** by experts.

Chapter Advisory Board

Each Chapter operates under the guidance of a volunteer Chapter Advisory Board comprised of chapter officers and committee chairs. Members are encouraged to become actively involved with their chapter by volunteering to serve on chapter committees. It is the sure way to make lots of new sewing friends fast!

ASG Mission

**Advancing sewing
as an art and life skill.**

Benefits of Membership

- **Annual National Convention** featuring workshops and seminars by national speakers and professionals.
- **National Publication**, *Notions*, four issues per year.
- **Chapter Newsletter**, four issues per year.
- **Special member rates** to all ASG activities.
- **Chapter events** presenting local and national speakers.
- **Members Annual Spring Fashion Show.**
- **Discounts** from national and local fabric stores and independent retailers.
- **Contacts** with new sewing friends and sewing professionals.
- **And much more.**

American Sewing Guild MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

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**Please allow 4-6 weeks
for processing**

- New Member dues** - \$40.00
Chapter nearest you **GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**
- Renewal Member dues** - \$35.00
- Late Renewal dues** - \$40.00
(If received after expiration date)
- Check enclosed payable to:
"American Sewing Guild"
- Please bill my **MasterCard / VISA** (Circle one)

Account Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____