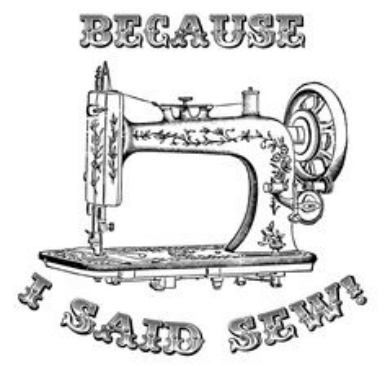


RIP N SEW

For Members and Invited Guests
Club Room: (623) 546-4050

February 2019

Wow, I think all our winter residents are now back in town. The club has been super busy some days. All available machines are in use. This is a good thing! I like seeing familiar faces and meeting and greeting new members. I hope all of you are having the same opportunity.

I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to fill a role in the club. In particular, Sue Steele who is our Housekeeping Chairperson. She and her committee have done an excellent job cleansing and reorganizing our club and supplies. If you see her give her a BIG thank you. If you are on her committee, thank you too.

Our Vice Presidents have been working hard to get classes available. Remember, if you sign up for a class you need to include you receipt number. If we don't see a receipt number, we will go to the waiting list to fill your spot with someone who has a receipt. Also, if you find you can't make the class, let the teacher know so your spot can be filled from the waiting list. Your receipt is like "cash". It's good forever and may be used for another class.

Our Vice Presidents have also taken the time to rewrite the Monitor's Bible, located on the monitor's desk. This should answer questions you have while monitoring. Take the time to browse thru it and become familiar with the contents. It will help you and our club. Procedures do change over time, so take a look.

Also, everyone still needs to monitor 4 times by December 31, 2019 to be eligible to join next year. Remember, you may monitor in the Village Store for ONE monitor credit. Also, if you have health or caretaker issues, you may request a medical exemption.

Our newest rule, if you are 85+, you can get a monitor exemption but you need to let us know you qualify and are requesting this exemption.

I didn't realize I had so much to say. I better quit now. I forgot the best thing, as I see the weather in other parts of the country, I'm very happy to be here in Sun City West. Take care and enjoy our club and one another. Socialization and laughter with friends always makes our lives better.

Sue DeLucia
Co President

DASH TO THE STASH SALE!

Saturday, February 16th
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon
Rip 'n' Sew Clubroom

Here's an update on the upcoming stash sale

As of this writing, we have 24 people going to participate in the stash sale. The following people will be selling items:

Joan Hardy, Susie Somers, Sue DeLucia, Judy Nelson, Robin Saindon, Pat Toney, Lynn Craig, Louise Howden, Roxanne Jahn, Laura Ferreira, Judy Pfeiffer, Lill Mueller, Susan Staldine, Eva Weisberg, Shay Wright, Edith Richards, Jacque Humphries, Denise Bryant, Sherry Scribner, Char Heins, Sheela George, Sharon Root, June Racus, and Kathy Boehnlein.

If you signed up and don't see your name, please call me at (623) 377-6026. So save the date, and please invite all your friends and other clubs!

from *Joan Hardy*

For the schedule of upcoming events and classes please visit the club room and get a "hard copy" of the current calendar for your records or go on our google calendar for a complete listing of classes, events and times or visit our website www.ripsew.scwclubs.com.

If you would like to teach a class or have an idea about one, please call or text me (Joan Donar) on my cell phone 630-640-3452, or Nancy Passarella (pasrnjsm@vbe.com) 920-539-6619 (cell) or 920-921-6965 (home).

Thank you
Joan Donar & Nancy Passarella
Co-1st Presidents

Spring Craft Fair right around the corner

This year's Spring Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, March 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The committee is busy working on ensuring we have another successful fair.

The inventory form, instruction guidelines and price tags will be available starting on/around February 17 at the Rip 'N Sew Club. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will also be posted at the same time.

Years ago (rumor has it) the Quality Control process for items submitted for the Craft Fair was rather intimidating. However according to this year's QC chairman, Eileen Horan, members now enjoy a kinder, gentler process.

"All items submitted should represent the quality of workmanship one would expect from a club devoted to sewing skills," Eileen said. "However, we don't expect perfection. None of us are perfect and as long as the imperfection doesn't mar the beauty or usability of the item we will let it pass. We are really here to offer another set of eyes and help you sell your items successfully."

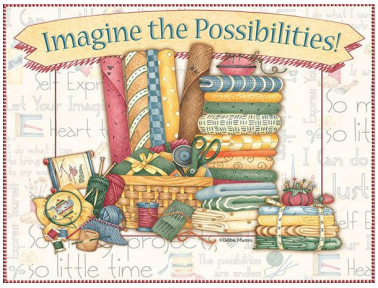
Eileen did offer some tips on helping members to experience a great QC experience during the take-in process.

First, all items must be new, clean and unscented. Soiled, pilled or worn items will be rejected. No scented items or containing scents like potpourri or sachets are eligible. If you're making microwave bowls, only 100% cotton can be used. Also, be sure you use flame-resistant fabric for children's items.

"Of course, members should pay attention to neatly constructed and good quality workmanship," Eileen said. "Most rejections are the result of simple oversights such as broken or crooked stitches or gaps in stitching."

If what's stopping you from participating as a seller is concern about the quality control (QC) process, we encourage you to participate in our new "Pre-QC" event. Now you don't have to wait until the day prior to the Craft Fair worrying if your items will pass inspection. Eileen has graciously volunteered to individually and privately review items you are currently working on – starting now. That way you'll get feedback far in advance of the Craft Fair. Please contact Eileen who is often at the Club or call her on her cell phone at 651-890-6805 to schedule a time to meet.

As a reminder, take-in days are Thursday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your items to the club where they will be tagged with an automatic pricing gun and then gone through our QC process. You must also bring along your completed inventory form detailing all of the items you are submitting for the fair. If you have more than 20 items, please make an appointment for take-in with Eileen at 651-890-6805.



Laurie Brammer Spring Craft Fair chairman
Joan Hardy Spring Craft Fair co-chairman

Club e-mails are sent out the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month with announcements, invitations to specialty groups, neighbors' requests ($$$), and other items of members' interest. If you are not receiving these e-mails, and would like to, send a brief e-mail to: ripsewclub546@gmail.com. Connie Wozniak will send you a request form to put you on the official mailing list.

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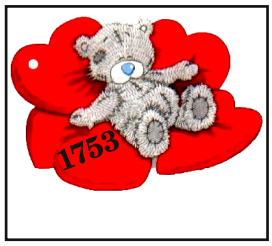
Did you find the hidden number? If it's your badge number, you are entitled to a free $6.00 class. * *

You can read this newsletter <u>IN COLOR</u> on our website:

www.ripsew.scwclubs.com

PLUS you'll get to read it early before the Thursday club meeting each month.



<u>Remember RNS now has Open Sewing on two days:</u>
Sunday afternoons from 12:30-4 pm
and Wednesday nights from 4-7 pm.

Please remember that Rip N Sew is a:

NO Scent
NO Animal Zone.

Consideration of your sewing sisters and brothers is greatly appreciated.

When using the badge scanner in the room, ***PLEASE LOOK at the screen*** to make sure your scan was received.

Thank You