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### **Connie Crawford- 2009 Inductee to the Sewing Hall of Fame**

*Saturday, July 18, 2009, Fashion Design Specialist, Educator and Author, Connie Crawford, became the 9<sup>th</sup> Inductee into the Sewing Hall of Fame during the American Sewing Guild's annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

Crawford's career spans everything from fashion designing to patternmaking and design consultant. Drawing on her 35 years of experience in apparel manufacturing and 23 years teaching fashion design classes in patternmaking, sewing, and draping at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in Los Angeles, Connie created her own pattern line with true-to-body fit from sizes X-Small to 6X.

The Sewing Hall of Fame was instituted in 2000 to recognize those who have made unique contributions to the sewing industry through innovative educational programs and products. In 2001 the American Sewing Guild assumed guardianship of the award and offered a permanent home (at its national headquarters) to a gallery of Sewing Hall of Fame Inductees.

Connie Crawford joins Nancy Zieman, Sandra Betzina, Ann Person, Martha Pullen, Sue Haussman, Kerstin Martenson, Fred and Joyce Drexler, and Pati Palmer as the ninth inductee to the Sewing Hall of Fame.

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The American Sewing Guild, Inc. (ASG) is a not-for-profit education based organization, founded in 1978. ASG is comprised of 136 chapters with over 1,000 community and special interest groups within the chapter umbrella. ASG's over 20,000 members promote the mission to "advance sewing as an art and life skill" by providing a network of sewing education and support for sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels, serving as preservers of the sewing arts in America, promoting community engagement through service projects, sharing sewing arts with new generations and being key participants in both consumer and industry-wide events that promote sewing activity.