

# 2019



## 1. JULIANNE BRAMSON

Julianne Bramson is a textile artist who loves the bias cut. Using bias along with shibori, ice-dye, indigo, and botanical printing, Julianne creates uniquely interesting garments with movement and flattering fit. She has written several articles for *Threads* and teaches about textile art and bias-cut garment design all over the country. Julianne co-authored "Bias Cut Blueprints", a geometric method for clothing design and construction. (www.fashioninharmony.com)

## 2. JEANETTE BUSSARD



After finishing a career in accounting in the Chicago area, Jeanette Bussard moved on and opened a fabric shop in Bluffton, SC called High Sew-ciety Boutique. Jeanette loves all things sewing and quilting, but especially loves creating garments with couture details. Author of instructional booklets, she is excited to share with other sewists how to create these high-end features in their own designs. Jeanette has had garments featured in *Threads* and has won or placed well in many national and state level sewing contests. (www.highsewciety.com)



## 3. RUTH CIEMNOCZOWSKI

Ruth is happiest when sewing and watching her students learn new things. She is a *Threads* author, winner of 2015 Passion For Fashion and 2015 Half Scale Challenge, three time winner of the Association of Sewing and Design Threads Challenge. She lives in Omaha NE, and loves her job as a Cutter/Draper at the Omaha Community Playhouse.



## 4. VICKIE CLONTZ

Vickie Clontz is an award-winning designer, teacher, author and fiber artist specializing in wool and fiber art. Her pattern company, Annie's Keepsakes, has

over 100 original designs for sewing, quilting, and wearables. Vickie has been sewing since the age of five and teaching felting for over a decade. She loves sharing her skills and expertise with others through the classes and workshops she teaches nationwide. (www.annieskeepsakes.com)

## 5. JUNE COLBURN



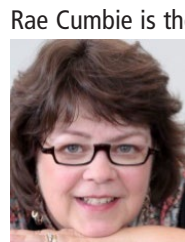
Twelve years in Japan! What a wonderful opportunity to learn about Japanese textiles, design and color! June took advantage of her time to visit museums, galleries, kimono shops and fabric stores. June is a recognized teacher and lecturer known for her depth of knowledge, ability to share her insights, and promotion of international understanding through the textile arts. (www.junecolburn.com)

## 6. NICK COMAN



Nick has been a lifelong sewer and this passion for sewing has carried him into a career as a Surface Designer and professional Pattern Maker. Nick has a degree in Fashion Design from FIDM in Los Angeles. He owns Dragonfly Threads, a private studio for custom clothing. He also keeps a busy schedule traveling to shows, teaching pattern making, fitting and surface design along with business partner, Chase Wong for Dragonfly Dyeworks. Nick has been published in *Sew News*, *Threads* (co-author), and *Machine Quilting Unlimited*. One of his gowns appeared in *Brides* magazine. Nick also co-authored a book about surface design. (www.dragonflydyeworks.com)

## 7. RAE CUMBIE



Rae Cumbie is the Creative Director at Fit for Art Patterns, which offers patterns for modern wardrobe basics that focus on fit and include artful design options. She coaches sewers of all skill levels, in classes and on her blog, to stitch up a fun and comfortable wardrobe and design more creatively. Catch her blog, Sew! Let's Get Dressed at fitforartpatterns.com for everything from basic sewing education to artful inspiration. (www.fitforartpatterns.com)

## 8. PAM DAMOUR

Pam Damour learned early in life, on her grandparents' farm, that making something from "scratch" was not only a way of life but it was the better way of doing things. Holding on to these values she went from farm to fabric and has had a very successful 30+ year career as a sewing and quilting educator. Author of ten books, she has designed patterns, notions and rulers. A designer by profession and a quilter by passion, Pam lives on Lake Champlain, where she offers sewing and quilting retreats. (www.pamdamour.com)



## 9. CHERI DOWD

Retirement from public school teaching allowed Cheri Dowd to pursue her creative passion. During her career, her skills in sewing, jewelry, and design grew and now she combines those skills with her teaching experience. Cheri enjoys sharing her knowledge with students and friends in Central South Carolina as well as National Conference attendees. She has published in *Threads* and other Taunton Press publications. Her motto is stenciled on her studio wall – "Imagine, Create, and Grow". She is open to new ideas and enjoys solving problems in a variety of media.





### 10. SARAH GUNN & JULIE STARR

Blogger and author Sarah Gunn has helped thousands of women nurture their creative spirit through her fashion sewing blog Goodbye Valentino. Co-author of "The Tunic Bible", Sarah has served as an ambassador for SVP International for the Pfaff Brand, as well as a contributor to the Coats & Clark website and PBS series, It's Sew Easy. Recognized for creating 'The Ready to Wear Fast', Sarah has led dedicated followers through the 365-day pledge to sew rather than shop.

Julie Starr is co-author of the award winning "The Tunic Bible". She is a favorite contributor to the Sewing Pattern Review, where her clothing has won six consecutive annual awards based on member votes and was profiled as their "Member in Focus".

### 11. CECELIA HARRIS

Cecelia Harris is a calligrapher, commercial lettering artist and sometime font designer. She owned and operated Wordsworth where she created rubber stamps and scrapbook products and was also a lead designer for Cricut, a personalized cutting machine.



Cecelia has loved fabric and sewing her entire life. She creates most of her clothing and recently has enjoyed various ways of creating her own fabric – from direct painting to computer-created designs.

### 12. HELEN HAUGHEY

Helen Haughey owns the custom couture business, Helen Haughey Designs based in Orlando, FL. Helen began sewing for herself



at an early age, later expanding to family and friends. She enjoys working on a variety of garments but especially tailored day wear, bridal

and evening wear. In recent years she has published in *Threads* magazine and taught classes in a variety of national forums, including Craftsy.

### 13. MARLA KAZELL

Marla Kazell has created beautiful couture garments in her custom clothing business for more than 35 years, focusing on fit and fine construction. Her love of sewing comes through in her classes and workshops which she teaches in Lake Oswego, OR and across the country.



Marla's patience, humor and easy manner help students learn in a relaxed atmosphere. She has also shared her expertise by writing for *Threads*, *Notions* and *Sew News* magazines. ([www.marlakazell.com](http://www.marlakazell.com))

### 14. LINDA KUBIK

Linda Kubik is a designer, sewing educator and weaver. She has taught weavers to sew since 1991 and originated many of the handwoven sewing techniques now used. Linda has provided countless home sewers



the opportunity and joy of using handwoven fabric over the past 30 years. Her pattern line, Elements, currently lists 17 patterns. ([www.lindakubik.com](http://www.lindakubik.com))

### 15. LINDA LEE & NANCY SHRIBER



Starting with making and selling felt hats in 6th grade, Linda's business ventures have ranged – from a life-long career in interior design to producing avantgarde sewing patterns for the adventurous sewer under the name The Sewing Workshop Pattern Collection.

One pillow-making project ultimately led to thirteen books, television appearances on HGTV and traveling and teaching the fine art of combining beautiful fabrics with innovative sewing techniques for both garments and interiors. ([www.sewingworkshop.com](http://www.sewingworkshop.com)).

Nancy Shriber is a nationally recognized artist, teacher, lecturer and writer who founded and designs under the Contemporary Sashiko label. She has written and been featured in several national publications including *Threads*. Nancy published "Sashiko Handbags 14 on 14".

### 16. PAMELA LEGGETT

Specializing in pattern fitting and garment construction skills, Pamela has developed a fun and informative teaching style that's available



in her patterns and DVDs. Her desire to help women make flattering garments led her to create Pamela's Patterns, which have built-in fitting solutions and adjustments. Pamela is the instructor for Palmer/Pletsch Workshops in PA and CT. She is the author of two DVDs and a book, "Sewing Essentials – Serger Techniques" with Taunton Press and an online Craftsy class. Pamela has guested on Sewing with Nancy and Canada's The Shopping Channel. She is a frequent speaker for ASG groups around the country. ([www.pamelaspatterns.com](http://www.pamelaspatterns.com))

### 17. LAURA NASH

Laura Nash is the smiling owner/designer behind Sew Chic Pattern Company where she creates fashions that are stylish, flirty, modern, classic and retro all rolled into one! With a BS in apparel design and expertise in fit and evening wear, Laura teaches enthusiasts how to look great and sew beautifully! She is also



a Craftsy instructor, *Threads* magazine author and Special Collections Designer for Simplicity. ([www.sewchicpatterns.com](http://www.sewchicpatterns.com))



**18. NANCY NIX-RICE**

Nancy Nix-Rice is a wardrobe consultant with life-long sewing roots – award-winning fabric retailer, Baby Lock training manager, writer for *Sew News* and *Vogue Pattern* magazine. Her new book “Looking Good Everyday” is an updated and expanded edition of the long-time consumer favorite. It has been selected as the textbook for the image consulting programs at F.I.T. in New York and City College of San Francisco. Her Craftsy class, “Sew to Flatter: Plan Your Best Wardrobe” is one of the platform’s top sellers. Nancy presents all-day workshops for ASG chapters across the country. ([www.nancynixrice.com](http://www.nancynixrice.com))

**19. JANET PRAY**

Janet Pray is an author, pattern designer and entrepreneur who enjoys teaching the world to sew in person as well as in her popular on-line classes through [craftsy.com](http://craftsy.com) and [sewbetter.com](http://sewbetter.com). Janet is also the recipient of such prestigious awards as The Lifetime



Achievement Award, by Association of Sewing and Design Professionals in 2012 as well as the ASG Sewing Hall of Fame award in 2017. ([www.islandersewing.com](http://www.islandersewing.com))



**20. ANNE ST. CLAIR**

During the past 35 years as owner of Needle Nook Fabrics (a brick & mortar) store, Anne has taught numerous classes and assisted thousands of ladies with fitting and teaching sewing techniques for knit and lingerie fabrics. Her knowledge is unparalleled and her “thinking out of the box” techniques are unique. Her passion is sharing everything about sewing knits with as many ladies as possible. She has also created her own pattern line, Elite Patterns, which includes bras, tops, skirts, slacks and lingerie. ([www.needlenookfabrics.com](http://www.needlenookfabrics.com))

**21. JOE VECCHIARELLI**

Joe Vecchiarelli has worked in the fashion industry for over 40 years. Joe’s notable career includes the entertainment industry working



in production with shows like *Dancing with the Stars* and *The X Factor*. Recently he has been working with NBC to help produce *Fashion Star*, a competitive design talent show. He is busy helping fashion design students and enthusiasts grasp their dreams and become successful in the industry. ([www.frencheuropeaninc.com](http://www.frencheuropeaninc.com))

**22. MONICA WALKER**



Monica specializes in teaching fitting and patternmaking. She’s certified to teach and fit the Fit For Art Eureka! Pants that Fit pattern. After decades of studying fitting and patternmaking, Monica loves introducing sewers of all sizes to proper fit for flattery. A member of the Association of Sewing and Design Professionals and American Sewing Guild, her business WalkerWear is headquartered in Northern Virginia.

**23. GAIL YELLEN**



Gail is a member of the American Sewing Guild CT Chapter. She teaches classes and workshops across the country including American Sewing Guild National Conferences, the Puyallup Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Original Sewing & Quilt Expos, American Sewing Expo—Novi, MI (2015 Teacher of the Year), Sewcial, Stitches United Expo and numerous American Sewing Guild Chapter events. Her Craftsy classes, 40 Techniques Every Sewer Should Know and Coverstitch: Basics & Beyond, are among their bestsellers. Gail is a contributor to *Threads*, *Sew News* and *Notions*. In December 2015 F+W Media published Gail’s book, “Serger Essentials: Master the Basics and Beyond!” Find her free Serger Tip Clips on YouTube.

Her Pinterest Board, “Serge Outside the Seams,” is loaded with fun “Pinspiration.” ([www.gailpatrice.com](http://www.gailpatrice.com))

**24. ERIC DREXLER**

With over 35 years in the sewing industry, Eric is passionate about inspiring students of all ages. He has very diverse talents, from sewing machine repair to Free Motion Quilting and



Thread Painting. He has been with Sulky for 15 years, but still makes the time to indulge his passion for sewing machine repair and Thread Painting in the evenings and on weekends. ([www.sulky.com](http://www.sulky.com))

