

# 2021

**1. LEAH BOYAN**

Combining her two passions: sewing and thinking about sewing, Leah is thrilled to present for the first time at the ASG Conference.



With a background in teaching adults both on land (for the Gates Foundation) and at sea (aboard Princess Cruise Lines), she brings a straightforward yet entertaining approach to educating adults. Her company, A Way We Sew, makes kits that help fellow sewists learn and practice sewing techniques so there is more time to do what we love: sewing! ([www.awaywesew.com](http://www.awaywesew.com))

**2. 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](http://www.fashioninharmony.com))

**3. KANDI CHRISTIAN**



Kandi L. Christian, MBA, is a well-known instructor of classes both in the US and England. She has authored fifteen books on sewing.

She frequently writes articles for major sewing magazines. Kandi has been a featured speaker at sewing events throughout the US. She was also tapped

by the BBC as an expert seamstress for their TV show "While You Were Out." ([www.sewtimeless.com](http://www.sewtimeless.com))

**4. RUTH CIEMNOCZOLOWSKI**

Ruth loves to sew and share what she knows with others. She is a winner of Passion for Fashion at the American Sewing Expo, and a three-time winner of the Threads Challenge. She lives in Omaha and is a Cutter/Draper at the Omaha Community Playhouse.



**5. ERIC DREXLER**

Eric has over 35 years in the sewing industry and has developed a wide spectrum of expertise. For the last 15 years he has been a full-time educator at Sulky of America. Since becoming a teacher he's more heavily focused on the creative side like Quilting and Free Motion Thread Painting, while continuing to indulge his passion for sewing machine repair. He is passionate about inspiring students of all ages so they can discover and enjoy a lifetime of fun. ([www.sulky.com](http://www.sulky.com))



**6. PATTY DUNN**

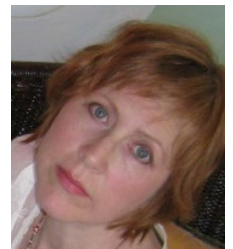
Patty Dunn specializes in simple and flattering patterns. Her ability to expand a simple pattern into different looks inspires students to put their own "spin" on their creations.



Throughout her career she has produced sewing programs involving a myriad of techniques for PBS stations. Not only has Patty taught a variety of sewing techniques at shops and guilds around the country; her projects have also been featured in newspapers and magazines. ([www.alldunn designs.com](http://www.alldunn designs.com))

**7. CHERYL KUCZEK**

Cheri has followed her love of design since retiring from public school teaching. During those teaching years 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 and National Conference attendees. Her work has been published in *Threads* and other Taunton Press publications. ([www.paradisodesigns.com](http://www.paradisodesigns.com))



**8. SUSAN LAZEAR**

Susan Lazear is a Professor of Fashion at San Diego Mesa College. She is a recognized author and wearable artist, specializing in mixed media and digital fashions. Susan owns Cochenille Design Studio which develops software and design aids for knitters, sewers, and textile artists. She has taught fashion and design workshops around the world. ([www.cochenille.com](http://www.cochenille.com))



**9. LINDA MACPHEE**

Linda MacPhee is well-known across Canada and the US as a leader and innovator in the clothing design and home sewing industries. She has received many prestigious awards including the Award of Excellence

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from her Alma Mater the University of Alberta. She and her husband are celebrating 43 years in business. They have produced and hosted the television shows "Sew Much Fun" and "Linda MacPhee's Workshop" which have aired across the US and Canada. Linda is a highly motivated, energetic and talented individual often referred to as Canada's most famous sewing celebrity! ([www.macpheeworkshop.com](http://www.macpheeworkshop.com))

**10. LINDA McGEHEE**

Having acquired an interest in sewing at a very early age, Linda has been teaching a variety of sewing techniques through her business, Ghee's, for 40 years. Very much a machinist, Linda likes to show her students how easy it is to acquire professional results when you know the proper techniques. She has designed numerous handbag and garment patterns. Her award-winning books make stitching easy and fun. She travels the globe teaching at stores, guilds and conventions. ([www.ghees.com](http://www.ghees.com))

**11. HISAKO NAKAYA**

Hisako Nakaya taught Patternmaking, Garment Construction, Pattern Grading and Apparel Production for the last 45 years. She taught at colleges, community centers and many other workshops. She retired from the Apparel Design & Development Program at Seattle Central College a few



years ago. Hisako worked in the apparel industry in companies such as Levi's, Koret of California and Spyder Skiwear. She is owner of Professional Sewing Supplies where one can find imported quality sewing supplies, like the Chakoner.

**12. 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 Every Day*, 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))



**13. VAUNE PIERCE**

Vaune started teaching smocking and garment construction over 25 years ago, A nationally known teacher/designer, she teaches for groups, guilds, and seminars around the country, and has been published in *Threads*, *Classic Sewing*, *Creative Needle* and *Sew Beautiful* magazines. She is the owner/designer of Classic Couture Patterns, as well as Vaune, a company which carries fine fabrics, laces, and Swiss embroideries. ([www.vaune.com](http://www.vaune.com))



**14. JOE VECCHIARELLI**

Joe Vecchiarelli has worked in the fashion industry for over 40 years. Endless opportunities arose for Joe, including producing shows in the entertainment industry like *Dancing with the Stars*. He is ever so busy helping fashion students and enthusiasts to become successful within the industry. ([www.frencheuropeaninc.com](http://www.frencheuropeaninc.com))



### 15. **KATRINA WALKER**

Katrina Walker is known for her expertise in construction techniques, textiles, machine embroidery, and Modern American Pojagi piecework. Her work is regularly featured in sewing magazines, and her classes for Taunton Workshops, BurdaStyle, and Sew Daily TV are enjoyed by thousands of students worldwide. She is a national educator for Husqvarna Viking and Pfaff sewing machines, a Pfaff Brand Ambassador and a Sulky Sewcialite. ([www.katrinawalker.com](http://www.katrinawalker.com))



### 17. **TAMMIE PONSLER**

Tammie Ponsler has been a Palmer Pletsch Certified Sewing Instructor for six years and has taught garment construction and textile arts for over 15 years. As a Clothing and Textile Arts Instructor for San Diego College of Continuing Education, Tammie has fit hundreds of students using the Palmer/Pletsch Tissue-Fitting Method. She teaches in person and online fashion fitting and sewing courses.



### 16. **MARY MCCARTHY**

Mary McCarthy, MBA, has an extensive background in sewing, teaching, and business. A former professor of Fashion Design at Sanford Brown College, Mary has owned a highly successful sewing and design business for over 30 years. She's also written numerous books and magazine articles on various topics, including fit, design, and sewing techniques. Her work has been featured in *Threads*, *Sew News* and *Pattern Review.com* ([www.marymccarthysews.com](http://www.marymccarthysews.com))



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