



# Bent Fibers

**Cosplay Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Sewing Guild**

*A Special Interest Chapter*

## Next CAB Meeting

**August 10 7.00 pm**

## Zoom Meeting link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5334906164>

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## President's Message - July 2020

Hello all,

Well, here it is July and we are still socializing virtually in most cases. All major events continue to be cancelled for this year.

Our small, but mighty Chapter has been meeting using Zoom since March with no end in sight. Member participation has been remarkably high and members who live too far away to attend in person are able to attend Zoom meetings. It has been fun getting to know each other better and there has been great sharing of many diverse projects. Many masks have been made and continue to be made.

The June meeting discussed supplies and tools needed for costume repair particularly when at a Cosplay. Chapter member and avid Cosplayer, Kiara stated she brings a complete repair kit with her to all her Cosplays. As a chapter we are itching to offer costume repair and patch (CPR) at local events when large events open again. In the meantime, we are preparing for that time!

For the July meeting, Keeley shared with us the process she is using to plan and create her personal character cosplay costume. Followed by Q&A session by attendees.

The CAB has worked on creating a new member welcome. Our webmaster, Dave continues to improve our website by adding Contact Us (<https://cosplaypnwasg.org/contact-us/>) functionality and automating the information a new

member receives upon joining. Now we just need new members! The growth we anticipated in March has been delayed and is dependent on our Chapter being out at Cosplay venues. It is time to re-think how to get the word out about ASG and our special-interest chapter! I welcome your ideas.

I have been working on a number of sewing projects – making a mess of my sewing room, then spending days cleaning it up only to start the cycle again! I am now making kid-size masks in the hopes that the kids will be able to spend some time in school come September. I have done more weeding in the garden than ever before and even managed to tag on to a neighbor's garage sale to clear out a few things accumulated in the garage. The cars turned out in droves with most of the people wearing masks and everyone practicing social distancing.

I hope you are healthy and staying safe and finding good things to do during these crazy times.

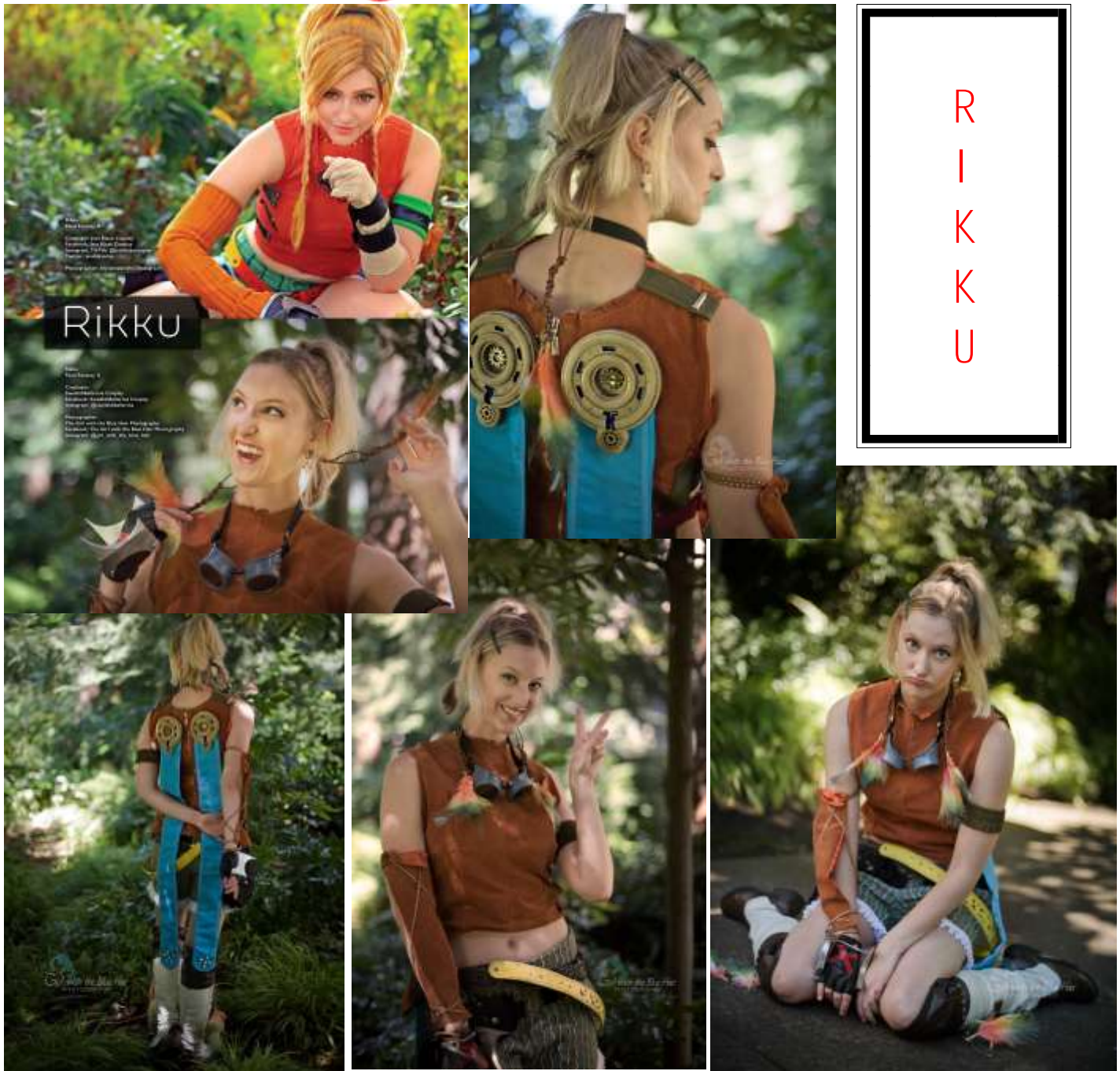
June Scott, President  
Cosplay PNW



## Member WOW!

COSPLAY PACIFIC NORTHWEST member **Kiara Boggs** was featured in *Cosplay Realm* Magazine. Her costume is of Rikku from Final Fantasy X, an action role-playing game. **Kiara** is a very creative and talented costume maker and we are very blessed to have her in our chapter.

*Congratulations*





## A Bunch Of Thanks...

Sue Woods and June Scott deserve a shout out also.

They sewed an overwhelming amount of masks early on in the COVID-19 crisis for food service workers. These generally overlooked workers were in need of masks and yet they continued to work daily.'

In appreciation of Sue and June's huge donation of time and materials each store created beautiful hand made cards thanking them for their efforts.

Many thanks from us too for your efforts in keeping our communities safer.

thank you!



## Masks, Masks and More Masks

### On-Going Face Mask Challenge

In this time when there are shortages of PPE we all know someone who is sewing face masks, someone who wants face masks (usually a lot of them), or we ourselves are sewing (a lot) of them.

There are patterns galore on the internet for different styles, sizes and features. I myself have assembled over 400 masks that have been donated to various health care providers and friends and family. I am tired of the same thing over and over again. Are You?

If so, please join in the **Face Mask Challenge** and create something new, just for you.

It looks like face masks may be around for a while!

Create something that showcases you, maybe something that stands out in the crowd. The challenge is in creating our own, one-of-a-kind mask. Funny, sexy, colorful, whimsical, animal, musical, you dream it and create it!

Take a break from assembly-line sewing and have fun. Share your creations at the next meeting and submit photos to be published in the next newsletter.



Masks by Laura Kosko

## Cosplay PNW Monthly Meetings — 2020

Monthly meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of each month

**As a result of COVID-19 in-person monthly meetings at our Olympia location have been temporarily suspended**

Virtual meetings will be held using Zoom until at least November.

All Chapter members will receive email notification with the meeting details prior to each month's regularly scheduled time.

If you would like to join us as a guest, please use the Contact Us link on our website.

<https://cosplaypnwasg.org/contact-us/>

Guests welcome!

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 'ish

Aug 15 - TBD

Sept 19 - TBD

Oct 17 - TBD

Nov 21 - TBD

Do you have a great program idea that isn't hand's on? Let us know and we will do it!

## Membership Message

Our Chapter's first meeting was January 2020 and we began with 15 active members. Since the appearance of the COVID-19 virus that has caused chaos for many of us, we have continued our monthly meetings through the computer app "Zoom". It is our hope that a vaccine will quickly be found to fight COVID-19 so that we can resume monthly meetings in person and find ways to encourage and grow our membership.

Our Cosplay PNW home web page at <https://cosplaypnwasg.org> was created and is maintained by Dave, an IT expert and husband to our Chapter President. By clicking the home page/about tab/contact us/Chapter Membership, you can send a message direct to Cathy Norgaard, VP of Membership, to get questions answered. Expect replies to email inquiries within 24 hours.

Contact Us at: <https://cosplaypnwasg.org/contact-us/>

## Renewing Members

Jeanne Miller-July

June Scott-October



Wear your mask, maintain social distancing so we can all get back to the good times. We are all in this together!



## Chapter Advisory Board

President - June Scott - june@nwquad.com - 253-229-1063  
Vice-President - Cathy Norgaard - cnorgaard@comcast.net - 253-797-0728  
Secretary - Sue Woods - sewsuewoods@gmail.com - 360-688-0595  
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## Committee Chairs

Membership Chair - Cathy Norgaard - cnorgaard@comcast.net - 253-797-0728  
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Mask up Matey!



**CAB** meetings are held quarterly  
**Third** Monday of the month from 7.00p - 8.30p using Zoom  
Members are welcome to attend, contact June for meeting link.

February 15

May 18

**August 10**

November 16

## Member Benefits

Looking for face masks or elastic? Sew For Less offers a discount to ASG members! ([sewforless.com](http://sewforless.com))

Log in to ASG.org to see details in the members only section.  
<https://www.asg.org/members-only/>



The Office Depot **Store Purchasing Card** lets members of Cosplay PNW Chapter save big! No points, rebates or coupons needed, just show the card to save! Save especially big on all on copy & print services.

## Poetry Corner

### SEWING HAIKU

Stay at home they said  
So I slept all day in bed  
Just woke with bed head  
Sue Woods

I sewed many masks  
Civil rights? I wear my  
mask  
Virus be gone now!

Haiku is a traditional Japanese, three-line poem. It has 17 syllables with 5 syllables in the first line, 7 in the second and 5 in the third. You don't have to worry about the rhyming pattern, only focus on the 5/7/5 syllable structure.

I would like to include member's poems or Haiku in each newsletter. Preferably a sewing-related topic.

Below is an example of Haiku and the number of syllables per line

Should I Pull It Out (5)  
Needle Embedded In Tip (7)  
My Finger Still Aches (5)

Please send your entries for the **Poetry Corner** to [lakosko@comcast.net](mailto:lakosko@comcast.net)



Cosplay PNW Chapter Minutes of the April 9 CAB Meeting  
were approved at the **May 18, 2020** Special CAB Meeting

**COSPLAY PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER**

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**Chapter Advisory Board Minutes**

Monday May 18, 2020

Location: ZOOM Online Conference

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Present on the call were June Scott, Sue Woods, Cathy Norgaard, Laura Kosko and Leah Gililland.

**PRESIDENT:**

June welcomed everyone.

**SECRETARY:**

Sue presented the Minutes from the April 9, 2020 CAB Special Meeting. The Minutes were approved as written.

**TREASURER:**

Leah gave her report. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is on file with the Treasurer.

**VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP:**

Cathy stated the chapter has 15 members to date.

**NEWSLETTER:**

Laura published the chapter's first newsletter, *Bent Fibers*, on April 29, 2020. It was emailed to Cosplay PNW members and was uploaded to the ASG National website on the same date. The newsletter is available on the chapter website under the Members Only area. Following HQ's requirements, copies of the newsletter were also emailed to the ASG HQ BOD.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report

Upcoming Events:

1. ASG National Conference, San Antonio, TX has been cancelled in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic stay at home mandate
2. Chapter Annual Meeting ~ Sept/Oct/Nov: tbd/tabled

Proposals for future events:

1. Scan and Cut Workshop – June, Laura
2. Fabric Draping - Keeley
3. Making Corsets – Kiara, Patricia, Michelle
4. Shoe Making – Patricia
5. Cosplay CPR (Costume Patch and Repair) training – Patricia, Sue
6. Make costumes to wear to local events, i.e., Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire, Victorian Christmas, Comic Con, etc. – All Members

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Special CAB Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2020 (draft)

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CAB Minutes, Monday May 18, 2020  
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**WEBMASTER:**

Dave was not present. A reminder, he is available by phone to provide training support.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Chapter Standing Rules: June will forward a copy of the National CSR to the CAB for review and discussion at the next CAB meeting.
2. Guidelines for Chapter leadership positions: tabled
3. Chapter Budget: tabled
4. Discussion of ways to generate chapter income: tabled

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Welcome Letter to New Members: Cathy polished the New Member Welcome Letter and included a brief survey to help assess the interests and skills of the new member. The Welcome Letter will be uploaded to the chapter website where it will automatically generate when new member information is entered on the website.
2. Thank You Letter for Donations: Sue drafted a form letter which June refined as a template and saved it for future use.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the CAB is set for Monday, August 10, 2020, 7:00 pm, ZOOM Online Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm and the ZOOM online conference ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Woods  
CAB Secretary

## Chapter Activities

The Covid-19 Virus has drastically changed how chapters everywhere meet and attend activities. As with our meetings, activities have been accomplished with the help of the internet.

The Brother Company has created many webinars to satisfy all types and levels of sewing projects. Brother Ambassador Angela Wolf hosted a 5-day sew-along creating a beautiful and functional apron.

June Scott, Sue Woods and Laura Kosko created their own beautiful aprons following the week long show.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6g6E27m\\_lh8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6g6E27m_lh8)



By Laura Kosko

The Sulky Company has also stepped up to bring fun and creative webinars.

Their Blooming Espadrilles webcast featured Melissa Qual of A Happy Stitch. Her demonstration of making your own shoes got my creative juices flowing.

I added a Blissful Africana embroidery design by [Anitagoodesign](https://www.anitagoodesign.com) to the top of my shoes and created my own embroidery design for the heels.

It was a very fun project. My shoes turned out great. I will definitely make more.

<https://www.sulky.com/espadrille-machine>



By Sue Woods



June Scott created an entire matching ensemble; face mask, hand sanitizer holder and apron!





## Chapter Activities



Hand sanitizing everywhere we go has become a new way of life.

Sweet Pea Embroidery Designs has created a fun and easy in the hoop hand sanitizer holder that can connect to a purse or even a belt loop.

June Scott created a holder to match her facemask.

[https://swpea.com/products/handy-hand-sanitiser-holder-5x7?\\_pos=1&\\_sid=276637ab2&\\_ss=r](https://swpea.com/products/handy-hand-sanitiser-holder-5x7?_pos=1&_sid=276637ab2&_ss=r)



Laura Kosko created numerous sanitizer holders to give out at a cul-de-sac 4th of July party. Everyone enjoyed the gesture to stay "safe and sane."





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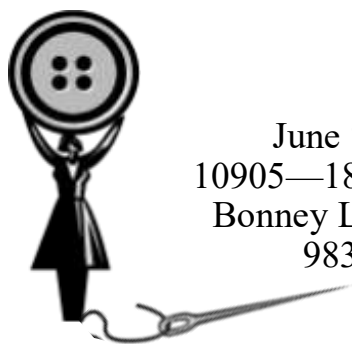
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Is it time to renew?