

Central Illinois Sew Special 2009 Goes Oriental

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PEORIA - Sew Special 2009 Goes Oriental is a day of workshops, demonstrations, and classes related to home dec, sewing, purses and totes, machine embroidery, quilting, machine maintenance, sergers and more. The event features Deon Maas with "A Touch of Old Japan in the Sewing Room".

Enjoy an overview of traditional Japanese garments and textiles and create a piece of fabric origami and a drawstring bag decorated with sashiko. Sew Special, brought to you by the Central Illinois/Peoria Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, will be held on October 3 at PARC, 1913 W. Townline Rd, Peoria from 8:30 to 4. The charge, \$50 for members, \$35 for students, and \$60 for non-members, includes continental breakfast, lunch, and door prizes. The Illinois Make It With Wool contest winners will be announced at the lunchtime "Make It with Wool" Style Show. For information contact Pat West (309) 452-6682 songbirdww@comcast.net or Peg Wier (309) 647-1667, pegwier@yahoo.com

Deon Maas traveled to Japan in October, 2008 on a trip sponsored by the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Each year, the Japanese government enables 320 U.S. teachers to travel and study in Japan for three weeks to help foster understanding between the two countries through their teachers and students. While in Japan she and other teachers spent time in cities as well as villages gathering information (and fabric) about Japanese culture and people. Her presentation at Sew Special will include a brief travelogue with slides. Deon is an art teacher in the Avon school system with a lifelong interest in Japanese garments including kimono. She creates stunning fashions from her own supply of Japanese fabrics.

The American Sewing Guild is a membership organization which welcomes sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels and from many different walks of life. Chapters are located all across the country, and members meet monthly to learn new sewing skills, network with others who share an interest in sewing and participate in community service sewing projects, special events, and trips. Membership in the Guild gives an opportunity to share a love of sewing with others who share the same interests, enjoy sewing publications, and receive discounts from many retailers. For membership information contact Peg Wier, (309) 647-1667 or pegwier@yahoo.com