



Australian Sewing Guild Inc. Discovery Tour to North/West USA – February/March 2011

The next adventure begins: USA 2011 – San Francisco, Portland & Puyallup! One you've heard a lot about, one you've heard a little and ... who's ever heard of Puyallup? Textile, fashion and pattern 'phoebes' have!

San Francisco is the cultural, artistic heart of west coast USA, Portland is the biggest hub of fashion fabric stores and renowned sewing authorities of all genres, and once a year Puyallup hosts the world's biggest and best fashion sewing and stitchery show. So where do you want to go next year?

This tour is about inspirational people, fantastic textiles, beautiful findings, patterns and sharing and furthering the art of sewing with like-minded old friends and new.

Dates: 17 day tour – Saturday 26th February to Monday 14th March 2011

Following is a snippet of what we'll be doing. For the full itinerary look up the ASG Website www.aussew.org.au or contact the ASG Travel Coordinator.

Day 1 Saturday

Australia to San Francisco (2 nights hotel – downtown San Francisco)

Members will stay at a beautiful heritage hotel in the heart of this fantastic city. Once we are regrouped, we head out, on foot, to explore downtown San Fran. Discover 'Britex Fabrics' and 'Discount Fabrics' before finishing a BIG day with a welcome dinner in China Town. Dinner.

Day 2 Sunday

Travel over the Golden Gate Bridge to start a full-day coach tour of four amazing fabric

stores. There will be something for garment sewers, quilters, embroiderers, dyers and embellishers. Finish the day with dinner at Fishermans Wharf.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 3 Monday

San Francisco to Portland (2 nights hotel – downtown Portland)

Morning flight to Portland that flies low over Oregon forests and snow-capped mountains. Spend the afternoon exploring. Visit the Hat Museum, 'Changes' – Design to Wear and Powell's City of Books.

Our before-dinner speakers are travel experts, designers, patternmakers, authors and teachers. Susan Foster (nee Pletsch), author of Smart Packing and Marsha McClintock of Saf-T-Pockets Patterns.

Dinner at Jake's Famous Crawfish Restaurant. Breakfast, Dinner.

Day 4 Tuesday

Presentation visit to Josephine's Dry Goods and The Button Emporium & Ribbonry.

On to the Willamette River to board the luxury Portland Spirit for a lunch cruise. Return to your hotel to prepare for a gala night at the Portland Theatre or Symphony. Breakfast, Lunch.



Day 5 Wednesday

Portland to Puyallup (4 nights hotel – downtown Puyallup)

Full-day tour as the guests of Pendleton Woollen Mill. We will have an

escorted tour of their fully functioning mill, the headquarters and design centre and finish at their 12,000-square-foot

store. Then it's straight onto Puyallup and our next adventure begins! Breakfast, Lunch.

Day 6 Thursday

8.30am – 6pm daily – Sewing & Stitchery Expo, Puyallup

The biggest sewing party in the USA!

Workshops – Who's Who at the Show

Pati Palmer – Palmer/Pletsch Patterns and Books; Marta Alto – Palmer/Pletsch author; Marsha McClintock – Saf-T-Pockets Patterns; Connie Crawford – Butterick Patterns; Kathy Monaghan – Pendleton

Woollen Mill; Peggy Sagers – Silhouette Patterns; Linda Lee – The Sewing Workshop; Louise Cutting – Cutting Edge Designs; Marcy Tilton – Vogue Patterns; Barbara Alexander – Batik Butik; Lyla Messinger – L.J. Designs; Jan Bones – Lingerie Secrets Patterns; Kathleen Cheetham – Petite Plus Patterns; Cecilia Podolak – Material Things and The Classic Patterns; Sandra Betzina – Power Sewing & Vogue Patterns and many, many more. Dinner - Olive Garden. Breakfast, Dinner.



Day 7 Friday

Sewing & Stitchery Expo Show

Fashion Parades

Six inspiring fashion shows, on the hour... every hour.

At the end of another huge day, pick up a quick dinner at the show

before settling into the show's annual special Entertainment – Puyallup Friday Night Live. Breakfast.

Day 8 Saturday

Sewing & Stitchery Expo Show
Workshops & Shopping

Dinner – Mama Stortinis Italian.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9 Sunday

Puyallup to Portland (6 nights hotel – Clackamas Town Centre)

Sewing & Stitchery Expo

Our last day at the Show starts with the annual Charity Fashion Show. Then you're free to catch that last workshop or two, or shop that last booth before an early departure at 3pm. On the way back to Portland we will stop at the beautiful Falls Terrace Restaurant for an early dinner and then an early night. Breakfast, Dinner.

Day 10 Monday

This morning we coach to Cannon Beach on Oregon's fabled coastline. A short walk from the beach is the local quilt shop specialising in gorgeous 100% cotton fabrics, as well as books, patterns, notions, and gifts. Return in time for dinner at Sams' Restaurant, Monarch Hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 11 Tuesday

Our coach wends its way north toward the majestic snow-covered mountain range of Mt Hood. We will enjoy a fireside brunch buffet at the national historic landmark, Timberline Lodge, the frontier Village of Hood River, the Hood River Fabric Store before our journey continues to the end of the 'Oregon Trail' and the Pioneer Womens' Cemetery.

Return to Portland for a rowdy night at Gustav's Bavarian Pub & Grill

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



Day 12 Wednesday

The Fabric Depot with Pati Palmer and Ethel Harms

Pati Palmer hosts an unforgettable day today and the sewing world's 'Fit Guru' shares

30 years of invaluable experience and expertise. But while Pati focuses on the fit problems that confront us all, this tour is also about rediscovering the real you and taking a fresh look at your personal colours, image and style. Ethel Harms is the most notable Image Consultant in the USA today. Ethel has spent a lifetime in

fashion, colour and style and shares her expertise with fashion sewers via the seasonal 'Fashion for Your Figure' web-mag on the Palmer/Pletsch website www.palmerpletsch.com. Tour members can choose to have their colours done by



Ethel, including a new look at make-up and hair; at various times during our stay in Portland and today Ethel will show you how to 'shop your colours' in Portland's largest

fabric store, The Fabric Depot (more than 73,000 square feet of fabric).

To finish off the whole image picture, tonight, after dinner at the Spaghetti Factory, we will be going to a Lingerie Party, hosted by Nordstrom's certified Fit & Prosthesis Specialist, Cailin McGibbon. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 13 Thursday

You'll want to have your camera ready this morning as we journey through the spectacular vistas and ancient landscapes of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. We'll visit the great Multnomah Falls and we'll stop to enjoy lunch at the Falls Lodge.

Pati Palmer will lead today's coach tour along the spectacular Columbia River Gorge to the legendary Maryhill Museum of Art. Among the museum's collections are; Rodin sculptures, Faberge creations, Native American artefacts, American and European paintings ... and the world renowned Theatre de la Mode French Fashion Mannequins.

The mannequins are one-third-sized models that originally made their world debut at the Louvre in 1945. Tiny zippers that really zip, handbags that include little wallets, and compacts, real pearl buttons, gloves...and even jewellery by Cartier, Van Cleef and Arpel! The show was a huge success, and the little mannequins toured the USA in 1946, establishing Paris, once more, as the centre of world fashion. Free night. Breakfast, Lunch.

Day 14 Friday

Fabric Tour Day – The Final BIG Push! Mill End Store, Bolt, Mamma Ro – rustic hand-loomed Italian cottons and Rose City Textiles.

As all good things come to an end there could be no better place to say goodbye than at a Farewell Dinner at Pati Palmer and Paul Tucker's historic home

Day 15 Saturday

Portland to San Francisco to Sydney After a leisurely checkout, we board the coach for our final excursion. Portland's famous Saturday Market at Waterfront Park. Pick up that last-minute local art or craft piece, listen to the live music and sample the array of exotic foods before heading to the airport and HOME. Breakfast.

Day 16 Sunday

LOST IN SPACE!

Day 17 Monday

HOME!

This tour includes:

14 nights' accommodation; 14 breakfasts; 6 lunches; 10 dinners; theatre ticket; Puyallup Friday Night Live ticket; 4-day entrance to Puyallup Sewing & Stitchery Expo; air-conditioned coach; Australian Tour Coordinator and Guide – Sue Neall; specialty guided tours by Pati Palmer; Specialist American Tour Guides; sightseeing and entrance fees; travel insurance (compulsory); group tipping and gratuities



Not included:

Your personal selection of Puyallup Show workshops and seminars; international and domestic airfares and airport taxes; beverages at

lunch and dinner and all services not mentioned. Single room supplement – NOT AVAILABLE

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