

## Cromwell Creative District INTERVIEWS

### Rose Morse



**Rose Morse** is a hidden resource #inthedistrict. Hidden, because her shop does not face 321 Main Street, but rather is off a parking lot, and hidden because *Lia Rose*, the current name of her shop, doesn't really explain her talents. Therefore, she is changing its name to *Rosie's Costume and Tailor Shop*. While you may want a costume, you surely will be happy to learn about Rose's ability to alter your clothing. She works by appointment.

Her shop is a wonder, a veritable rabbit warren of possibilities. Multiple types of sewing machines pepper tabletops. Every possible thread color sit on pegs ready to match your cloth, or the cloth she can provide for you. Do you have grandchildren who want to learn to sew? She is happy to provide lessons. Creativity bursts the seams of this shop. And it's not just clothing, Rose delights in making accessories. If she doesn't have the exact feather, lace, button or zipper in her stash, she knows where to order. Add to all of this: she is great to work with. Her ideas are at the ready, but she always wants the client to be pleased and listens intently in order to assure a happy outcome.

Rose is a proud Sicilian Italian who learned to sew at 8 from her Grandma Rose. She started making costumes at 14 and taught for 20 years. Of course, with all theaters shut down, costume making has been on hold except for students in dance classes. Rose's talents are not limited to sewing and teaching. She is also a writer. In *Kissing the Frogs*, her first book, she wrote with honesty and humor about a stroke she suffered in 2015. Her recovery has slightly affected her speech but not the creative side of her brain. You can make an appointment by calling 860-870-3813 or visiting Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Rosies321Main/>.