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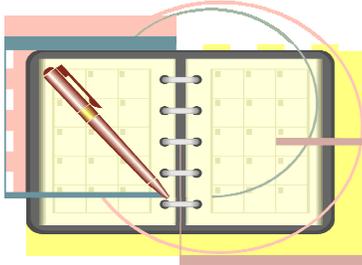
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Important Dates:

April 6—*Serger Coverstitch Techniques*

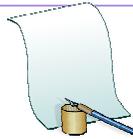
June 3rd—*Get Organized Now!*

June 23-24—*Islander Shirt Workshop*

Nov. 28 -December 1 *Fit Nice Retreat in Tempe, AZ*

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From the Guild President

Welcome Spring!

We have another trio of workshops for ASG: On Thursday, April 6th, Sandy Langs will be teaching Serger Coverstitch Techniques at Goodyear at Christ Presbyterian Church (see page 13).

On Saturday June 3rd, Tina Sitek of **Get Organized Now, LLC** on organizing our sewing workspaces (see page 16).

On Friday and Saturday, June 23rd and 24th, Jim Culley, an authorized Janet Pray instructor will teach the Islander Shirt over two days in Apache Junction at La Hacienda Resort (at U.S. 60 and Ironwood) (see page 14).

We worked on getting a balance of locations and workdays to answer requests from our members. So sign up now! With the new *Taste of ASG* membership promotion, for a \$10 two-month membership you can bring a friend or neighbor as well (page 12).

Now is the time to think about putting your name forward for election in November (see page 3). Our website has links to both the job descriptions and the policies and procedures. Please consider running - we need your input.

Sincerely,
Rita Erickson
Phoenix ASG Chapter President

Phoenix ASG Chapter Board 2017

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IMPORTANT

Managing your ASG Membership Information

ASG National website, www.ASG.ORG, Members Only area login has a temporary password until further notice.

You will receive this temporary username and password from National when you are confirmed as a member. For renewing members, the username and password are on the back of your membership card.

[The American Sewing Guild](http://www.ASG.ORG) is a non-profit organization of home sewists. Our purpose is to provide information, education and programs for our members and the community.

Membership in the Guild is open to the public.

Membership in the American Sewing Guild is \$50 for new members, \$45 for renewing members.

Changes of address Don't miss an issue!

If we do not have your current mailing and email address, you **WILL NOT receive ASG information or newsletters.**

Chapter Affiliation If you wish to change your Chapter Affiliation to one other than the original one you joined, you must notify ASG about the change.

Changes to chapter affiliation, and adding an Email for the first time, must still be done by National ASG.

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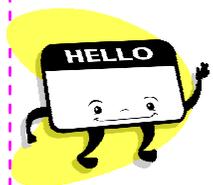
Website: www.asg.org

Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) meetings are open to all ASG members. We welcome your participation and input.

Date: Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6
Time: 8:30 am

Location: Check website for location/time.

Do you have an ASG Name Badge?



Chapter name badge is white with blue lettering.

Price: \$10.00

Includes shipping

Send your name as you wish it to appear on the badge, along with your check (*payable to Phoenix ASG Chapter*), and your return address to:

Phoenix ASG Chapter

Attn: Debbi Starkebaum

P.O. Box 3505

Apache Junction, AZ 85117

National ASG nor Phoenix Chapter use Email for anything other than communication of our organization's business.
ASG Sensitivity Statement: To Foster the spirit of community within ASG and between ASG and the community at large, we will demonstrate respect and sensitivity toward one another through word and deed. In any way representing ASG or participating in an ASG activity, we will not promote or endorse divisiveness regarding any of the above or any other area that may fall into the category of sensitive subject matter.

Call for 2017 Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) Nominations

Yes! –We Need You!

It's that time of year again when we ask you to think about giving back to your chapter and consider running for one of the positions on the Chapter Advisory Board, "the CAB".

There are many pieces to running a chapter smoothly and the old adage *Many Hands Make Light Work* is true here as well! If you enjoy your neighborhood group and chapter events, please consider volunteering to fill one of the 3 elected positions we elect each fall, or one of the 7 appointed positions we need!

All positions require some computer skills and the ability to send and receive e-mails. Candidates must also be available to attend the chapter CAB meetings scheduled every month. In addition, the positions require the following:

President oversees the running of the chapter. The job requires coordinating correspondence to and from national headquarters as well as working with members of the CAB to see that national guidelines are followed. The president sets the agenda for all CAB meetings.

Secretary Records, types and distributes the CAB meeting minutes to CAB members and NG Leaders.

Treasurer All money coming into or going out of the chapter must be overseen by the treasurer. The job requires reconciling the bank statement monthly as well as submitting the quarterly reports to national.

If you are willing to serve the chapter by running for office, you may nominate yourself, or nominate a chapter member, with their permission

Please email all nominations to our Membership Chair:

***Jim Culley
16664-B East Westby Dr.
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268***

All nominations must be received by September 25, 2017.

Ballots will be in the fall issue of the newsletter for you to mail in; or available at the Annual Meeting. The actual elections will take place at our Chapter Annual Meeting in November 2017.

As stated above, the Chapter President, Secretary and Treasurer are *elected by the general membership of the chapter*. Other CAB positions are *appointed by the CAB* from chapter members who are willing and able to serve. You may volunteer for these positions at any time.

Appointed positions include Vice President, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Rusty Barn Chair, Retail Liaison, and Community Service Coordinator.

Vice President/Membership the VP takes over in the absence of the President. The VP may be asked to chair a committee and assist the President as needed.

Membership Keeps membership file updated with new and departing members for email and newsletter distribution. See the Standing Rules on the Phoenix ASG website for more details www.phoenixasg.org

Newsletter Editor publishes the newsletter making sure all info submitted is correct. Must be able to use/learn Publisher software (supplied by ASG), and send out emails. See the Standing Rules on the Phoenix ASG website for more details www.phoenixasg.org

Webmaster keeps the Phoenix Chapter website up to date, and may assist in uploading the newsletter to the Phoenix website, as well as the national ASG website. See the Standing Rules on the Phoenix ASG website for more details www.phoenixasg.org

Neighborhood Group Coordinator keeps in touch, and visits every neighborhood group to keep them up to date on what the Chapter is doing, and to address any questions or issues.

Retail Liaison handles soliciting Ads from vendors, making sure their Ads are up to date for the current newsletter, and invoicing and collecting fees for Ads posted. . See the Standing Rules on the Phoenix ASG website for more details www.phoenixasg.org

Community Service Coordinator contacts local charities to see what they need made, and how many. They contact local NG to see which charity projects they want to make.

Rusty Barn Chair handles the setup and scheduling for the Phoenix ASG booth at the annual Rusty Barn Show.

Please consider giving a few hours a month to help make our Chapter a success!

There are people who make things happen,

People who watch things happen,

And people who wonder what happened...

Be a person who Makes Things Happen

Phoenix ASG Membership Drive 2017

The National Notes column, in the Winter edition of *Notions*, was devoted to building the ASG membership. The initial question asked was “whose job is it?” Briefly, recruiting and retaining members is everyone’s job, from ASG Headquarters personnel down to individual members. We are all called to be ASG ambassadors.



When the current Chapter Advisory Board assumed responsibilities in July 2015, we had 305 members. As of February 2017, the membership is 255. We have lost 50 members in the last year and a half. I have been told that a few years ago we were one of the largest chapters in the country.

We are not adding new members to replace those who have not renewed. At the recent Rusty Barn, we did not recruit any new members. We distributed many of the ASG Brochures, which, I hope, will lead to new members.

But, the Rusty Barn cannot be our only recruitment effort. Recruitment is a continuing process. How many times have you had a conversation with a new acquaintance who mentioned that they were a sewer? Did you tell them about ASG and the many benefits available through membership? Just this past weekend, I was sitting next to a man in a workshop who sewed. I had some brochures and invited him to our next NG meeting to see what we do. Remember, a prospective member can attend two meetings before they must join.

Here are some things that we can all do to spread the word about ASG:

- Clip an ASG a pin to your bag when you go out. We have some “Ask Me About ASG” pins.
- Take some brochures with you or keep them handy in your car so you can give one out when someone shows interest.
- Leave brochures with the merchants you patronize. It will build membership and bring additional business to the merchant. Remember that many merchants give discounts to ASG members.
- Ask the merchants where you buy supplies and fabrics (many are already ASG sponsors) if you can setup a recruitment table for a few hours on a Saturday when there are more people shopping. I saw this done by one of the quilting guilds at Mulqueen’s a few months ago. Maybe the merchant will let you do this in conjunction with a large sale or special event/open house.
- Do you work with the 4-H or a church group of adults or young people? Would they let you present to their members? We have a Junior Membership and interest in sewing is increasing. Think Project Runway Junior. Encourage both the adults and youth to become members to spend sewing time together.
- Many charitable groups, such as Stitches of Love for the Back To School Programs, are all about sewing. The group consists of over 400 sewers in the Phoenix area who sew school clothes for needy children. Obviously, they are not all ASG members, but may be a good target for recruitment, as are many similar groups.

Read the full article on member recruitment in the Winter edition of the *ASG Notions*, page 2.

Jim Culley, Membership Chair



Neighborhood Group Meetings

All Neighborhood Groups are open to any member and guests.
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 Guest may attend two (2) consecutive meetings before joining the Guild.
 This information is also posted to the website under "[Neighborhood Groups](#)".

Group - Place - Day - Time	Leader (s)	Date	Agenda
<p>1. <u>Chandler – C</u> 35th Ave Sew & Vac 4939 W. Ray Rd., #27 Chandler, AZ 85226</p> <p>2nd Tuesday 1:30pm</p>	<p>Linda Nicolin 480.802.3142 mnicolin@msn.com</p>	<p><u>Apr 11th</u> Bear with Judy Sharp</p> <p><u>May 9th</u> Jewelry Hanger with Barb Rice</p> <p><u>Jun 13th</u> Continuation of Jewelry Storage with Barb Rice</p>	
<p>2. <u>East Mesa – EM</u> La Hacienda RV Resort 1797 W. 28th Ave Mesa, AZ 85210 (This a gated community— contact NG leaders for the gate code.)</p> <p>1st Tuesday 9:30am</p>	<p>Judy Sharp 480.461.3699 imnrnu@gmail.com</p> <p>Rita Erickson 480.215.7860 rperickson2001@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Apr 4th</u> Swoon Bag with Kathy Halverson (Location change to La Hacienda RV Resort)</p> <p><u>May 2nd</u> Dopp Kit with Peg Wier at La Hacienda RV Resort</p> <p><u>June 6th</u> Witch Towel with Barb Rice (at La Hacienda RV Resort)</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;"><i>Check website for project pictures, instructions, and supply list.:</i></p> <p>http://www.phoenixasq.org/neighborhood-groups/east-mesa</p>	
<p>3. <u>Mesa Saturday - MS</u> Mulqueen Sewing Center 3716 E. Main St . Mesa, AZ 85205</p> <p>2nd Saturday 10:00am</p>	<p>Arlene Hafermann 480.985.4650 fluffy55372@yahoo.com</p> <p>Merrienne Geisdorf 480.654.2062 merrianneg@reagan.com</p>	<p><u>Apr 8th</u> Meeting Cancelled</p> <p><u>May 13th</u> Simple Nightgown (Simplicity #0314)</p> <p><u>Jun 10th</u> Southwest Place-mats or Braid Table Runner "quilt as you go" design</p>	
<p>4. <u>Northwest Valley– NWV</u> The Sewin' Asylum 10050 W. Bell Rd. Sun City, AZ 85351</p> <p>4th Monday 10:00am</p>	<p>Erica Doyle 623.398.6235 sewinasylum@yahoo.com</p> <p>June Ball 623.974.2951 asgphxnwv@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Apr 24th</u> Scrap bin: making items from your fabric scraps</p> <p><u>May 22nd</u> Sewing for boys/men</p> <p><u>Jun 26th</u> Sewing with double needle</p>	



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<p>5. <u>Northwest Phoenix - NWP</u></p> <p>35th Ave Sew & Vac 3548 W. Northern Ave Phoenix, AZ 85051</p> <p>2nd Wednesday 10:00am</p>	<p>JoAnn Woodfill 602.942.5682 sosewaz@aol.com</p> <p>Rosemarie Solomonson 602.841.5789 romyandharry@cox.net</p>	<p><u>Apr 12th</u> <u>Casserole Carrier</u></p> <p><u>May 10th</u> <u>TBA</u></p> <p><u>Jun 14th</u> <u>No Slide Foot Pedal</u></p>	
<p>6. <u>Pedal Pushers- PP</u></p> <p>Christ Presbyterian Church 925 N. Sarival Goodyear, AZ 85338</p> <p style="color: purple;">New location</p> <p>Every Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm</p>	<p>Faith Kalback 623.536.1152 kalback2@cox.net</p> <p>Hope Adams 623.972.7715 johoadams@q.com</p>	<p><u>Apr 5, 12, 19, 26</u> <u>Mystery Challenge</u> <u>Quilt: Helen will provide topic for a quilt of any size or shape that shows our interpolation of what the topic means to us.</u></p> <p><u>May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31</u> <u>Prairie Points. Jo will demonstrate the use of metal triangle to make uniform prairie points.</u></p> <p><u>Jun 7, 14, 22, 28</u> <u>Charity Projects: Pillow cases for Haiti</u></p>	
<p>7. <u>Paradise Valley / Phx-PV</u></p> <p>Desert Skies Clubhouse 19802 N 32nd St. Phoenix, AZ 85050</p> <p>3rd Tuesday 6:00pm</p>	<p>Kay Newberg 480.471.8493 kankan01@cox.net</p>	<p><u>Apr 18th</u> <u>Runa Wrap demo with Suzanne Hartley</u></p> <p><u>May 16th</u> <u>SAS Shop HOP</u> <u>This is a Daytime Meeting with time TBA</u></p> <p><u>Jun 20th</u> <u>Little Something Jacket with Kay</u></p>	
<p>8. <u>Scottsdale - S</u></p> <p>Scottsdale Quilts 15444 N, 76th St., #105 (Scottsdale Airpark facing Greenway) Scottsdale, AZ 85250</p> <p>1st Saturday 10:00am</p>	<p>Phyllis Rettke 480.248.9102 prettke04@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Apr 1st</u> <u>Doll Workshop</u></p> <p><u>May 6th</u> <u>Favorite Notions</u></p> <p><u>Jun 3rd</u> <u>Special Event - Get Organized Now Workshop (See page 16).</u></p> <p><u>No meetings for Summer (Jul, Aug, Sept)</u></p>	

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C-Chandler, 1:30 pm.

EM-East Mesa, 9:30 am.

MS-Mesa Saturday, 10:00 am

NWP-Northwest Phoenix, 10:00 am.

NWV-Northwest Valley, 10:00 am.

PP-Pedal Pushers, 9:00 am.

PV-Paradise Valley, 6 pm.

S-Scottsdale, 10:00 am.

Why Do You Sew?

Has anyone ever asked you about sewing? What is it about sewing that peaks your interest? What frustrates you the most and what gives you the most pleasure?

Share your sewing story with other sewing enthusiasts from the Phoenix area! Submit your story to Mary Erickson, at newslettereditor@phoenixasg.org

Thank you, Vicki, for sharing your story!

My Sewing Story by, Vicky Portwood

I have been around sewing all my life. I was born and raised in Missouri and watched my Grandmother and Mother sew and mend their families clothing. My Mother took hand me downs and remade them into dresses and coats for me and my 5 sisters. Because of her sewing talent we always had the latest styles. You would think with all of this sewing going on that I would have jumped right in. NO. I did not really start sewing for myself until I was in college and first married. I spent \$100 on my first machine a Sears model that could do a few fancy stitches built right into the machine. I had some successes and some misses. Fabric and patterns became my obsession. I still have some of the old patterns in my stash. When my two boys came along I sewed for them and my husband. I was always trying to get better and better. What I found with my sewing was a sense of creativity and it was so relaxing. I was always fortunate to have a sewing room but I still relied on the dining room table to cut things out. The family moved to Alaska and I kept on sewing. Fabric and supplies were harder to get so every time I flew somewhere I made sure I knew where the fabric stores were. I watched sewing programs on PBS to learn how to alter patterns and I got better and better at it. I started entering projects in the Alaska State Fair. I wanted to see what the judges thought of my work. The first entry was a set of Mother/Daughter dresses I had made for a friend. To my surprise they did not win a ribbon. The comments were not what I wanted to hear but I really did need to hear them. I worked for the next year determined to get a ribbon. I

was challenging myself but also working to get it right. I made a shirt for my husband that was a stripe, I matched it top to bottom and came home with a Grand Champion ribbon! My husband still wears the shirt and proudly will tell anyone I sewed it. He has even been known to choose fabric on his own for shirts while I fabric shop.

One result of entering projects in the fair was to meet other sewers who were members of the American Sewing Guild. I did not know anything like that existed. What a dream for a sewer to have a group to meet with, learn from and make lifelong friends. The American Sewing Guild offers teaching programs and yearly conventions on all sorts of topics that was just what I was looking for. Now I had a resource with tons of help for a home sewer like me. An added bonus was all of the sewing we did for the different charity programs in Alaska. We made hats and mittens for the women's shelter. I made so many I truly believe I could sew a pair of mittens with my eyes closed!

There is something deep down in every sewer that wants to use their talent to give back to their community. Now I was not only sewing for my family but for others. What a joy!

My Granddaughter came along and now I was sewing all the frilly stuff which was new to me. I started buying trims, lace and even hot fix crystals. As she got older I was introduced to dolls and making doll



clothes. This was a world I knew nothing about. One trip to the American Girl Doll store and my head was spinning. I knew I could out-do anything they had. My husband built the canopy bed and I made the bedding -- one set a retro 70's purple and orange and of course a white set with lace, beads and pearls. Once I finished the bedding I started on the wardrobe. I was using remnants of

clothes I had made over the years for me and my family. What fun I had designing, adding trims, buttons and lace. My Granddaughter was delighted with the clothes and bedding and said it looked just like the ones in the American Girl Magazine.

Sewing the doll clothes took over my sewing room. I could not turn off creating all the new outfits I wanted to sew. My Granddaughter's doll had all the clothes she needed. I sure did not want to sew doll clothes for money. Who was I going to sew for? (continued p. 9)

My Sewing Story - Vicki Portwood (Continued)

Life stepped in and provided me with the answer. My Granddaughter's life was turned upside down when she became a foster child. I saw first hand the ups and downs she went through and that is when the idea hit me. Sew doll clothes from the fabric I had (and I had a lot of fabric) dress an 18" doll



and give it to little girls in need. The doll gives them something of their own, they can learn how to be Mommies and they have a companion to help them with the tough times.

I went to work and sewed 30 dresses in all kinds of colors and styles. Each one has some kind of embellishment.

Then I bought 30 dolls and 30 pairs of shoes. I dressed the dolls and delivered them to the Beacon Hill Foundation in Anchorage, Alaska. They work with kids going into and out of foster care. I wanted the dolls to be used all year long and not just at Christmas. They agreed and little girls get a doll when they go to a foster home or when they are being reunited with their family after rehabilitation.



I want to continue sewing doll clothes and working with a charity program. I have just recently moved to Arizona and I am looking for a place that needs dolls. I also need to find a retail store that would be willing to order the dolls and shoes for me at wholesale prices. I would pay the retailer for the dolls and shoes. My Social Security check could go so much farther to put more dolls in little girls hands if I could develop this relationship. If you know of a retailer or charity that would be a good

fit for this project I can be reached at vickiportwood@gmail.com. Sewing continues to provide me with a creative outlet that has added so much to my life!

Sewing Tips

Ideas for more efficient, effective, and enjoyable sewing.

- To store vinyl and clear plastic, or other difficult-to-fold fabrics, use a foam swimming "noodle". From Kathy
- Serge the ends of your fabric together before pre-washing to keep it from stretching "off-grain" From Jim
- If you have trouble removing fabric markers, try using a "gummy" eraser like you had in grade school. From Arlene
- For a quick, no-cost pin cushion, use the cap from a can of spray starch (or other aerosol can without an extra inner piece in the cap) for the base. Tightly roll up an old knit sock and tuck into the lid. Cut a circle (from the sock or a scrap of fabric) the width of the cap plus an extra inch. To complete your pincushion, lay the fabric circle over the lid and tuck it into the cap. From Alice

Share your ideas with fellow sewing enthusiasts by sending your best, or most unusual sewing tips to Mary at newslettereditor@phoenixasg.org

Welcome New ASG Members

**We are SEW HAPPY
you have joined the Phoenix Chapter!
A very warm welcome to everyone. We look forward to
seeing you at future chapter events and neighborhood group meetings.**

**Wendy Folk
Christiane Ermke
Liz Alford
Marsha Mankey**

**A special THANK YOU to renewing members and
GREETINGS to those who have transferred to our chapter:**

Barbara Aegerter	Cynthia Haglin	Sonya Porter
June Ball	Kathy Halverson	Vicki Portwood
Katherine Balle	Micheal Hansberger, Jr.	Virginia Puchacz
Diana Barnum	Jeanine Hanson	Phyllis Rettke
Judy Barrette	Beth Harmon	Kathie Schmitz
Belva Barrick	Marsha Healy	Donna Smiler
Nan Bier	Susan Henderson	Mary Smith
Elaine Charvat	Jeanmarie Hepworth	Raquel Soza
Lynne Claybaugh	Myla Houle	Marjorie Thorne
James Culley	Sheila Jackman	Dorothy Tihkan
Charlene Curl	Sonja Ann Johnson	Lorie Vesterby
Jacqueline Curtis	Louise Kirkland	Vivian Vincent
Kathleen Davidson	Shirley Kudzia	Diane Voss
Sue DeRuiter	Gail Law	Clarice Walker
Mary Doud	Mavis Lieder	Jody Wendt
Rita Erickson	Linda Lindner	Faith Wilde
Muriel Farr	Jeanne MacKenzie	Nina Williams
Sue Farrar	Marcia Merna	Joanne Woodfill
Deanna Fay	Suzette Milander	
Iva Garrison	Betty Parry-Andrade	
Arlene Hafermann	Frances Peake	

2017 Phoenix Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival

Don't Put Up My Thread and Needle

By Emily Dickenson

*Don't put up my Thread and Needle -
I'll begin to Sew
When the Birds begin to whistle -
Better Stitches - so-*

*These were bent - my eyesight got crooked -
When my mind - is plain
I'll do seams - a Queen's endeavor
Would not blush to own*

*Hems - to fine for Lady's tracing
To the sightless Knot -
Tucks - of dainty interspersion -
Like a dotted Dot -*

*Leave my Needle in the furrow -
Where I put it down -
I can make the zigzag stitches
Straight - when I am strong -*

*Till then - dreaming I am sewing
Fetch the seam I missed -
Closer - so I - at my sleeping -
Still surmise I stitch -*

Editor's Note:

Do you have a favorite poem about sewing that you would like to share with readers? Or, have you written a poem about sewing that you'd like to share? If so, please submit it to Mary at newslettereditor@asg.org



American Girl Doll Raffle Winners:

Karen Adler (left)

Terry Jones

Amber Rogers

American Girl Doll Bed Ensemble Raffle Winners:

Cheryl Birdwell (right)

Pat Glass

Mary Freeland



Thank you, ASG volunteers, for sharing your love of sewing at the 2017 ASG booth during the Phoenix Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival (the Rusty Barn).



Phoenix Chapter ASG Booth

Mark your calendars to attend in January 2018 .

A Taste of ASG

Only
\$10

Sign up for your 60-day trial membership today
and get all the benefits of an ASG member!

Trial membership includes 60 days of unlimited, full access membership in the American Sewing Guild

- Full access to the Members Only area of the ASG website
- ASG's Online Sewing Education Library of classes, webinars and videos
- "Member's Only" special offers and discounts
- Electronic copy of Notions, ASG's Quarterly Publication
- Special pricing from ASG partners such as Craftsy and University of Fashion
- Entrance to chapter meetings, neighborhood and special interest groups and events
- Opportunity to register at "Members Only" price for the Annual ASG Conference in Orlando, FL, July 27-30, 2017

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Guild

Sign up
online using
the Join Now!
button.
www.asg.org



Coverstitch Serger Class

Do you have a Serger with coverstitch capability and don't know how to use it? Here is your chance! Sandy Langs (the "Happy Serger Teacher") is excited to teach you this unique and useful technique using your Serger. This class is limited to only 8 people.

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017

Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Christ Presbyterian Church 925 N. Sarival, Goodyear, AZ
85338

Fee: \$25 for ASG members, \$35 for non-ASG members

There is a limit of 8 people per class, with a minimum of 3 people required for class.

You will need to bring to class: Your Machine, power cord, foot control, tweezers, serger accessories and general sewing supplies, please include your snipping scissors.

- Multi purpose foot
- *Your Coverstitch foot*
- *Your Coverstitch PLATE*
- 12 Strips of good quality fabric cut 5" X 10"
- 6 squares of good quality fabric cut .12" X 12"
- 5 spools of regular serger thread

* You will not be able to do the Coverstitch without your Coverstitch foot and plate.

Remember this class is for Sergers that will do the Coverstitch and Chainstitch. If you do not have at least 5 threads and 2 sets of loopers your machine will do neither of these functions.

To enroll, please complete this form and return it with payment to Phoenix ASG:

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Mail to: Phoenix ASG Chapter P.O. Box 3505 Apache Junction, AZ 85117

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at: 480-329-1617 or sandylangs56@gmail.com

To sign up for the Islander Shirt workshop please fill out this form:



Class date: June 23-24, 2017, 10am-4pm

Location: La Hacienda RV Resort
West 28th Ave
Apache Junction AZ, 85120

Class taught by Jim Culley, Certified Islander Sewing Systems Instructor.

Class will require the Islander shirt #208. This is a unisex shirt with only minor changes for men and women.

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If you have any questions please e-mail: Jim Culley at jcphxasg@gmail.com

Newsletter questions, articles, ads, pictures, etc.

Send to: Newsletter Editor - newslettereditor@phoenixasg.org

Send check to : Phoenix ASG Chapter
P.O. Box 3505
Apache Junction, AZ 85117

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Location: Scottsdale Quilts
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Speaker: Christina Sitek
Get Organized Now, LLC
<http://www.getorganizednow.net/>

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 Send your information to: president@phoenixasg.org or newslettereditor@phoenixasg.org

Thank you....Thank you....Thank you!!!

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Member Services Directory

This list is provided as a service to Phoenix Chapter members who teach sewing or offer related services. Members who would like to be included should contact the Newsletter Editor at newslettereditor@phoenixasg.org.

Erica Doyle 623.398.6235
Basic sewing, children and adults.
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Scottsdale Quilts

15444 N. 76th. Street Suite 105, Scottsdale
(in the District Shopping Plaza at the Airpark)



Scottsdale Quilts is a place to learn, meet new friends & exchange ideas. We trademarked the name "The Quilt Campus" and offer three functioning classrooms perfect to take classes, book for mini retreats with friends, hold meetings or simply drop in to work on a project free of charge. The classrooms are available outside of scheduled classes at no charge. Reserve for sewing, quilting, discussions, needle art, altered art or one of the many charity groups that are growing & meeting currently each month. If you have a group that would like to use one of our free classrooms please call [480-951-8000](tel:480-951-8000) to book. Camp "Iwannaquiltalotta" is every second Friday evening of the month. Bring in any project you are working on and stay all evening with no curfew & No Charge! Children's Sewing Birthday Parties with a DIY make and take project in a fun party space. We also do Children Sewing/Craft Camp June through end of July where children learn to sew and participate in enrichment day retreats. Children get to use their imaginations, are encouraged in the arts and build self confidence through creativity ~ all in a safe drop-in facility. Monday through Friday. Call shop to receive email info! Perfect for working parents during summertime.



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Chapter PHOENIX

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