

SPECIAL EDITION

The American Sewing Guild (ASG) is a membership organization that welcomes sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels and from many different walks of life. Chapters are located in cities 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. Membership in the Guild gives you an opportunity to experience your love of any type of home sewing with others who share your interest. Members can take advantage of:

- Monthly meetings
- Special workshops and events
- Online sewing classes and webinars
- Contests
- Special offers from industry resources
- Annual conference
- Sewing-related travel and tours

ASG CHAPTERS

The Guild is made up of over **125 Chapters** with nearly 1,000 Neighborhood Groups. Chapters promote sewing in local communities through encouragement education and support. For more information, see www.asg.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

A neighborhood group (NG) is a part of a chapter. Chapters often have neighborhood groups in several towns. A neighborhood group's attendees are members of the chapter and get together to hold informal meetings — usually once a month. Some neighborhood groups specialize in programs about one topic such as embroidery and others cover all sewing topics.

RALEIGH, NC CHAPTER

The Raleigh, NC Chapter of the ASG has been a chartered chapter of the National ASG organization since 1993. It is the largest chapter in North Carolina with about 150 members and has enjoyed steady growth.

The Raleigh, NC Chapter currently has neighborhood groups in

- Angier (1)
- Cary (1)
- Chapel Hill/Durham (1)
- Fayetteville (1)
- Louisburg (1)
- New Bern (1)
- Raleigh (4)
- Washington, NC (1)

OTHER CHAPTER EVENTS

We also have chapter-wide workshops and sewing retreats. Many members also participate in a variety of sew-ins.

In keeping with the ASG's mission statement — *Advancing Sewing as an Art and Life Skill* — we sponsor several sewing events throughout the year. Regular events include:

- Sewing Retreats — escape to sew for four days in the fall and winter
- Periodic local Saturday sew-ins
- Scheduled seminars and workshops by nationally and locally known speakers
- An annual meeting for all Chapter members
- A Saturday morning Spring Fling

Our Chapter programs are all planned by the Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) with as much input as possible from chapter members. Occasionally, we conduct surveys to be sure our plans are meeting member interests, and we encourage members to submit requests and suggestions to the CAB.

CHAPTER WEBSITE

Check out www.asgraleigh.org, our chapter's website. It is available to everyone and provides lots of details.

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Our Chapter Newsletter, *Sew What's New*, is distributed electronically every other month to all chapter members in addition to being posted on the ASG national website, www.asg.org (in the Members Only section).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is often a part of NG activities where members use their sewing skills to help those less fortunate. Past community service projects have included sewing

- comfort caps and port pillows for cancer patients
- bibs for senior residents of nursing homes
- Bereavement Envelopes for Wake Medical Center
- Layettees with Love for the Maternal Health Center
- a variety of blankets, warm hats, mittens, and scarves for local charities.

We invite you to join the Raleigh, NC Chapter of the American Sewing Guild and see our *sewing friends network* in action. The membership application form is on the last page and also on the ASG national website, www.asg.org.

Please note that membership in the Raleigh, NC Chapter entitles you to nationwide ASG membership benefits. ✂



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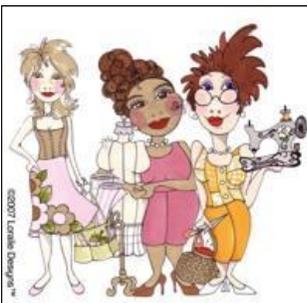
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OUR CHAPTER WEBSITE:
<http://www.asgraleigh.org>

OUR FACEBOOK Group Page
[http://www.facebook.com/groups/
RaleighChapterASG](http://www.facebook.com/groups/RaleighChapterASG)

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETINGS

ASG members are welcome to attend *any or all* Neighborhood Group meetings. Non-members may attend TWO meetings; thereafter ASG membership is required.

In case of inclement weather, contact the NG leader for meeting status.

FOR TOPICS, REFER TO WWW.ASGRALEIGH.ORG

ANGIER — SEW INSPIRED NG

LEADER EMAIL sewinspired@asgraleigh.org

TIME Second Thursday, 6 PM

CARY DAY NG

LEADER EMAIL caryday@asgraleigh.org

TIME Second Wednesday, 10:30 AM

CHAPEL HILL-DURHAM DAY NG

LEADER EMAIL chapelhilldurham@asgraleigh.org

TIME First Wednesday, 2 PM

COUTURE NG

LEADER EMAIL couture@asgraleigh.org

TIME Third Thursday, 10AM

DOWN EAST NG

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TIME Third Thursday, 10 AM

FAYETTEVILLE NG

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TIME Third Tuesday, 6 PM

LOUISBURG — STICHIN' SEW-CIETY NG

LEADER EMAIL louisburg@asgraleigh.org

TIME Second Friday, 11 AM-4 PM

MACHINE EMBROIDERY NG

LEADER EMAIL embroidery@asgraleigh.org

TIME Third Thursday, 1 PM *All skill levels welcome*

NEW BERN — COUTURE NEW BERN NG

LEADER EMAIL newbern@asgraleigh.org

TIME First Wednesday, 10 AM

NORTH RALEIGH EARLY EVENING NG

LEADER EMAIL northraleigh@asgraleigh.org

TIME First Thursday, 4 PM

RALEIGH DAY NG

LEADER EMAIL raleighday@asgraleigh.org

TIME Third Tuesday, 10:15 AM

What's in YOUR Wallet?

Raleigh, NC Chapter Member

Last time I checked, my ASG Membership Card was securely snuggled into a multi-pocket vinyl card holder inside my wallet. I took a second look at all the features and benefits of being a card-carrying ASG member. There are so many more than the discount at stores (although that can be substantial during the course of a year's purchases of fabric, notions, crafts, yarn, etc.).

In the few moments of sanity left before a sewing frenzy really took hold, I spent a few minutes browsing the www.ASG.org website.

The Membership Benefits link takes you to information about chapter meetings, online sewing classes, discounts, and *Notions* magazine. *Notions* has great articles written by experts in the sewing industry and is available online.

The *Find a chapter in your area* link helps with finding an ASG chapter in a specific area, for example if you are traveling or moving to a new location.

Online sewing classes and webinars are a terrific resource to learn new skills, sharpen focus on specific areas of interest, or just relax and learn over lunch or during a break from sewing. Topics range from learning the basics of sewing to specific techniques, using a serger or embroidery machine, projects, and starting a business.

If you love to travel, take a look at the *Sew Much Fun* tours.

On the Members Only page, there are links to chapter newsletters and to information about machines, apparel, patterns, fabric, notions, supplies, events, publications, videos, and other sewing organizations from around the world. ✂





ASG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone _____

E-mail _____

New ASG Member\$50

New ASG Junior Member\$25

Chapter (city/state) **Raleigh, NC**

ASG Member at Large\$50

Renewal Member\$45
(if received before membership expiration date)

Late Renewal\$50
(if received after membership expiration date)

Junior Renewal\$25

Junior Member Information:

Birthdate (MM) _____ (DD) _____ (YYYY) _____

School Name _____

Grade/year in school _____

Payment:

Check payable to "American Sewing Guild"

MasterCard | Visa | AmEx | Discover (circle one)

Account#: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV# _____

Signature: _____

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(Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing)