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For more details about the open positions and how to contact Melissa Miller or Lisa Moallemi, See Page 5

President's Message

WHAT A RETREAT!



It was great to see so many familiar faces at the Retreat this year, although we all missed Kathleen

Swanson's smiling face and fitting help. There was a hole that usually she fills.

I was able to make a number of outfits in preparation for my nephew's wedding over July 4th weekend. I believe the count was 4 pairs of pants (from the Fit Nice pattern I got from the Judy Kessinger workshop last year), and 5 shirts that are mix and match with the pants. All in all, it was a very successful retreat for me.

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President's Message

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The Chapter Advisory Board has been working hard to set up events for everyone to benefit from. We have the Fitting/Sewing workshop with Lynda Maynard on September 12th, and the free serger workshop on Zoom with Janet Yellen October 17th. Those registration forms, along with the call for nominations for the annual meeting, were sent out in the Mid-July Newsletter on July 18th.

On a more sober note, our chapter is at a critical crossroads, and we need dedicated members like you to step up and lead. We have retiring CAB members and for 2027 we currently have four open board positions: President, Vice President of Programs/Special Events, Vice President of Membership, and Newsletter Editor. We are urgently seeking volunteers to fill each one. Most critically, the position of President must be filled, or we will be forced to close our chapter, an outcome none of us want to see. These roles are a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful impact, strengthen our community, and help shape the future of our organization. No prior experience is necessary, as training will be provided for all positions. Please consider giving your time and talents to keep our chapter thriving. Reach out today to learn more about how you can make a difference.

— Melissa



CHAPTER ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Sundays @ 1:30 pm via Zoom
Sept 13, Nov 8

Please sign in 3-5 minutes early so we can start meetings on time. Board members, please notify Melissa if you can't attend. All members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please email Melissa at president@sandiegoasg.org for the Zoom link.



SAN DIEGO CHAPTER ADVISORY BOARD

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MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Lisa Moallemi

OPEN COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

- VICE-PRESIDENT PROGRAMMING
- COMMUNITY SERVICE



You're invited to the

Annual Meeting

AMERICAN SEWING GUILD — SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

DATE	Saturday, October 10, 2026
TIME	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
LOCATION	Oaks North Community Center 12578 Oak N Dr.; San Diego, CA 92128



Guest Speaker: Kristi Naranjo

About Kristi

Kristi is a quilt teacher certified in the Scrappy Appliqué® technique developed by Shannon Brinkley. She loves helping quilters feel confident with the skills they already have — and unlocking the creative side they may not realize is there.

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- View the Neighborhood Group Tables
 - Bring your Patriotic themed Bowl Cozy for the Cozy Swap
 - Door Prizes





AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

San Diego Chapter

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2027 Chapter Advisory Board (CAB)

NOMINATION DEADLINE

September 1, 2026

Please consider serving on the San Diego Chapter Advisory Board, submitting your name, or nominating someone you feel would be an asset to our chapter.

Open positions for 2027

- ☐ President
- ☐ V.P. Membership
- ☐ V.P. Programs
- ☐ Newsletter Editor

To be eligible for election to the ASG San Diego Chapter, Board of Directors, an individual must be:

- A current ASG San Diego Chapter member in good standing at the time of nomination and election.
- Willing and able to attend CAB meetings (6 CAB meetings per year).
- Willing and able to volunteer time to the San Diego Chapter.
- Have a computer and online access.
- Self-nominations are encouraged.

Submit nomination information to:

Lisa Moallemi, Nominating Committee Chair

1052 Sagebrush Rd., Carlsbad, CA 92011 | Phone: 858-735-4314 | Email: lisa.moallemi@gmail.com

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:	
Nomination for:	☐ President ☐ V.P. Membership ☐ V.P. Programs ☐ Newsletter Editor
Nominee Phone:	
Nominee Email:	
Nominated by:	
Nominator Phone:	
Nominator Email:	

You may nominate yourself or another ASG San Diego member.

Annual Meeting and Election of 2027 Officers: October 10th, 2026

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER ADVISORY BOARD OPEN POSITIONS

For more information or questions, please reach out to:

Melissa Miller: cptmelissa@aol.com or **Lisa Moallemi:** lisa.moallemi@gmail.com

CHAPTER PRESIDENT ROLE:

- Serve as the official chapter representative
- Lead and preside over all meetings
- Oversee chapter finances
- Encourage member participation
- Ensure effective communications
- Support and guide CAB members

V.P. PROGRAMS/

SPECIAL EVENTS ROLE:

- Develop and propose event plans
- Budget and plan each event
- Arrange all event logistics
- Promote and staff each event
- Ensure tax compliance for paid speakers

V.P. MEMBERSHIP ROLE:

- Maintain accurate membership records
- Monitor membership reports
- Welcome and engage new members
- Retain existing members
- Grow chapter membership

NEWSLETTER EDITOR ROLE:

- Plan newsletter production, 4 newsletters per year
- Collaborate with chapter leadership, NG Leaders to secure content
- Edit all content
- Secure president approval of final draft
- Email to appropriate person for delivery to membership

HOW TO GET AN ASG NAME BADGE



Please contact Dell Awards directly by email or phone. They are super friendly, and when you let them know you are with the San Diego Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, they will know the type of badge you want.

DELL Awards, 7949 Broadway, Lemon Grove, CA 91945, 619-469-2100,
www.dellawards.com | service@dellawards.com



AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

San Diego Chapter

Presents

ZOOM PRESENTATION

FEATURING

Gail Yellen

Gail Patrice Designs

Using Your Serger — Beyond the Basics

A demonstration & discussion



◆ **Saturday, October 17, 2026**

◆ **9:00 am - 12:00 pm** Pacific Time

◆ Hosted via **Zoom**

ASG MEMBERS

Free

NON-MEMBERS

\$10.00

Specialty Feet & Techniques Covered

- Beading foot
- Piping foot for zipper insertion
- Decorative stitches
- Thread fusion
- Stacked cover stitch
- Creating fringe
- Raindrop stitch
- Differential feed for garment construction

Includes a **live Q&A session** — bring your serger questions!

**If you would like to register for this Gail Yellen class,
please send an email to Lisa Moallemi at lisa.moallemi@gmail.com
and let her know you want to register for the Gail Yellen class.**



ASG San Diego Presents

Fit and Sew Lab

with Lynda Maynard, Fit Expert

Join fit expert Lynda Maynard for a full day of sewing with personalized fit instruction on the project(s) of your choice. If you've struggled with achieving the perfect fit on garments, Lynda's knowledge and expertise is unsurpassed.

She will guide each attendee through achieving a flattering fit in their garments, sharing tips and tricks that will take fitting skills to the next level. Gather your projects and sew all day in the comfort of our spacious, well-appointed workspace.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COST
Saturday, September 12, 2026	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Quilt In A Day 1955 Diamond Street San Marcos, CA	\$100.00 members \$150.00 non-members

■ Small class size (maximum 8 students) to ensure Lynda can give each student individualized attention.

YOUR INFORMATION

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

In case we need to reach you about the class.

HOW TO REGISTER

Send an email to lisa.moallemi@gmail.com with your details as requested above, then submit payment using one of the options below.

OPTION 1 – ZELLE

Send to American Sewing Guild, Inc., San Diego or treasurer@sandiegoasg.org

OPTION 2 – MAIL A CHECK

Print this form and mail with your check to: Lisa Moallemi, 1052 Sagebrush Rd., Carlsbad, CA 92011

REFUND POLICY: Registrations are non-refundable unless there is a waiting list or you are able to find someone to take your place.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

- Choose a commercial sewing pattern (or patterns) to work on during the class.
- Sew a muslin test garment in advance of the class for use during the fitting process.
- Be comfortable using your own sewing machine independently.
- Have prior garment sewing experience.
- Once registration form and payment are received, you will be sent additional details about what to bring.

Questions? Contact Lisa Moallemi — 858-735-4314 · lisa.moallemi@gmail.com

SUMMER RETREAT 2027 HIGHLIGHTS



The retreat was a lot of fun this year! A total of 17 members attended over the 4 days at the Viña de Lestonnac Retreat Center in June. The center itself had great food, clean rooms, and the retreat room was set up with enough tables, most of us had a full table to ourselves.

A number of fun projects were sewn. Tobi made her first ever jean jacket, which turned out great! Rinda had a set of fabric prints of National Parks to give to her son, who is a Park Ranger, so she was using applique and thread painting to embellish them. Melissa sewed a new wardrobe in preparation of a wedding she was attending a couple of weeks later. Mary Ellen made a darling dress from special fabric which, as she put it, "I decided to sew through my stash and bring a summer weight fabric to the retreat. The fabric I found was from a shopping trip with my daughter about 25 years ago. It was never sewn because we disagreed on who it belonged to. Needless to say it is now mine." Jeanie sewed a beautiful dress with dreamy butterfly fabric. Our prolific Phyllis, of course, completed several quilts and purses. Teri Ang, who I believe was a first-time attendee, made a cute hat and purse.

So many great projects were done, but not everyone had their picture taken with their completed projects. Please forgive me if I missed anyone!!

— Melissa Miller, President, San Diego ASG

Rinda with the
applied and
fabric painted
Parks Service
pictures.



SUMMER RETREAT SNAPSHOTS



Teri Ang's hat and purse



Phyllis with some of the projects she completed.



SUMMER RETREAT SNAPSHOTS



Tobi's first ever jean jacket. Look at that top stitching!!



Kathy Sterling's cute shirt with piping



Kathy White's shirt with the excellent stripe matching



Yvonne with a baby quilt she finished.

SUMMER RETREAT SNAPSHOTS



Some of the pieces that Melissa completed (not matching)

Jeanie's
Butterfly
Dress



Mary Ellen's
completed
outfit.



Mary Ellen's Safari
inspired jacket.
Love the zebras!!



MARKETPLACE



BABYLOCK EUPHORIA COVERSTITCH — \$1,400

Like new. Only used 2 times Includes Babylock Trolley,
Manual, Knee Lifter and all accessories.
Plus 4 spools of slightly used black serger thread.

Contact: Cindy Deninger

760-445-3622; cindydeninger@gmail.com

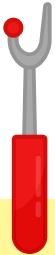
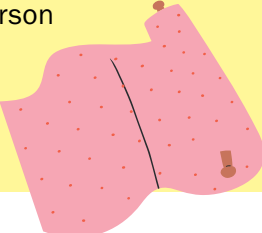
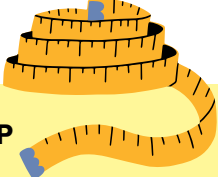
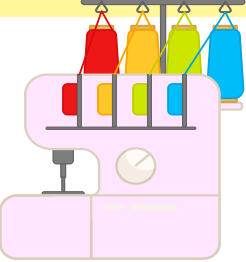
Neighborhood Group Meetings

Please note that most NG group meetings are now being conducted in person. El Cajon offers in person and via Zoom. Contact the NG group leader for the Zoom link.

ASG members are welcome to attend any or all Neighborhood Group meetings.

Non-members may attend two meetings; thereafter, ASG membership is required.

For the most up-to-date meeting topics and locations, please contact your group leader or [visit the San Diego ASG website and click on the Neighborhood Groups tab.](#)

GROUP/LOCATION	DATE/TIME	LEADER/TOPICS
EL CAJON SEW CRAZIES EL Cajon Sew & Vac 1077 Broadway El Cajon	 1st Wednesday 10am-Noon Zoom & In Person with Restrictions	Ruth Gesler, 619-448-6058 elcajonsewcrazies@sandiegoasg.org Aug 5: Tie Challenge; Sep 2: Stain removal 101 with Sally Moore; Oct 7: Christmas ideas; Nov 4: Planning session; Dec 2: Making Prairie Points with Phyllis Griffin.
FIT & SEW NORTH COUNTY INLAND North County Mall Community Room 272 East Via Rancho Parkway Escondido	 1st Monday 10am-Noon In Person	Jeanie Nishime & Nancy Donnelly fit&sew@sandiegoasg.org Aug 3/Sep 14/Oct 5/Nov 2: Sewing a reversible quilted jacket Dec 7: Holiday luncheon
NORTH COUNTY COASTAL New Song Church Hall 3780 Pio Pico Dr. Carlsbad	 2nd Saturday 10am-Noon In Person	Yvonne Key & Kathy Sterling northcountycoastal@sandiegoasg.org Aug 8: Folded Fabric Star Demo; Sep 12: M & L Fabrics in Anaheim Field Trip; No Meeting October. Nov 14: Rope basket demo
POWAY DAY GROUP Paradise Sewing 13242 Poway Rd Poway	 2nd Wednesday 10am-Noon In Person	Kathy Hodges, 858-254-6828 poway@sandiegoasg.org Aug 12: Ann Tipps heirloom serger sewing demo; Sep/Oct: TBD; Nov 11: Candy Mattig Twisted Trivet demo; Dec 9: Year-end brunch
SAVVY SERGERS Mira Mesa Library 8405 New Salem St. San Diego	 4th Tuesday 12:30-2:30pm In Person	Andrea Towle & Pat Stilwell savvyserger@sandiegoasg.org Check with group leaders.

Savvy Sergers

On June 23, The Savvy Sergers met to construct a notebook cover completely on the Serger including the outside decorative stitches. Several members completed the project and were pleased with the results.



North County Coastal



At North County Coastal NG June Meeting members made sock dolls for Gently Hugged. The sock doll is crafted using an empty toilet paper roll. One sock is the body and another sock is the hat. The bottom of the doll is wrapped in a washcloth with a hairband elastic holding it all together. The matching socks get tucked inside the cardboard roll. Gently Hugged attached a sock doll to each bag of clothing they donate to a needy mother-to-be. Everyone had fun making these cute little dolls.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW ASG MEMBERS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER!

Helga Dreher

Abigail Karin

THANK YOU RENEWING MEMBERS!

**Carolynn Baker
Carol Barrier
Lorraine Bokhari
Emily Carl
Debby Clarke
Lorine DeHuff
Maura Dunn
Bridget Garland**

**Barbara Gottschalk
Phyllis Griffin
Kathy Hodges
Ramona Horten
Rhoda Keegan
Yvonne Key
Sophia Lopez-Zimmer
Joanne Madigan
Vicky Manning**

**Carol May
Melissa Miller
Benita Peters
Shirley Pierson
Sue Robertson
Denise Segobiano
Caroline Vanlandingham
Mary Ellen Velky**

IT'S TIME TO RENEW!

EXPIRING IN AUGUST

**Kathryn Caro
Jackie Cruz
Ruth Gesler
Judith LaBarbera
Kristi Leung
Patricia Limber
Brigit Luciani-King
Jody Mason
Lindley Mason
Patricia McGrew
Amy Parrott
Amy Stirnkorb
Rain Zezula**

EXPIRING IN SEPTEMBER

**Sandra Biagini
Sveta Buyanin
Susan Cottey
Sarah Dahlgren
Liz Gaskill
Sandra LaPlant
Ryken Mansavage
Candace Mittag
Teri Nance
Gail Paris-Watson
Emily Schroder
Judith Stinton**

EXPIRING IN OCTOBER

**Diana Cozart
Penny Drozd
Bonnie Fricke
Mary Gentile
Timmithea Leeds
Barbara Malebranche
Alyce Masters
Marcella Murphy
Susan Parme
Karen Ridens
Marci Sawyer
Susan Scharton
Jeanne Skeen**

*data collected from 4/5/2026 TO 7/13/2026

BUSINESSES WE LOVE!

Please support these retailers who support ASG. Many offer discounts to ASG members so be sure to ask.

Art FORM San Diego
A Creative Reuse Store
artformsandiego.org
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San Diego 92116
info@artformsandiego.org

Cooper's Fabrics
coopersfabrics.com
2980 N. Parkway
San Diego 92104
(619) 292-8303

Cozy Creative Center
cozyquilt.com
756 Jamacha Road
El Cajon 92019
(619) 670-0652

El Cajon Sew & Vac
elcajonsewandvac.com
1077 Broadway
El Cajon 92021
(619) 442-2585
20% discount;
must show ASG ID

Fringe Fabrics
fringefabrics.com
3457 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego 92104

Grand Central Quilt n Stitch
grandcentralquilts.com
100 N Rancho Santa Fe
Road, Suite 118
San Marcos 92069
(760) 295-0446

Inspirations Quilt Shop
Inspired2quilt.com
27350 Valley Center Rd.,
Suite B
Valley Center 92082
(760) 751-9400

La Mesa Sew and Vac
lamesasewandvac.net
5346 Jackson Drive
La Mesa 91942
(619) 698-2972

Material Happiness
materialhappiness.com
3545 Midway Dr., Suite P
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 289-7802
10% discount;
must show ASG ID

Mosaique Fabrics
mosaiquefabrics.com
222 E Broadway
Vista 92084
(760) 842-4884

My Happy Place Quilt Shop
myhappyplacequiltshop.com
2405 Main St. #4
Ramona 92065
(760) 654-3060

Needlecraft Cottage
needlecraftcottagesd.com
(Online only)

Paradise Sewing
paradisesewing.com
13242 Poway Road
Poway 92064
(858) 679-9808

Poway Vacuum
& Sewing
powayvacuum.com
12813 Poway Road
Poway 92064
(858) 486-3303

Quilt in a Day
quiltinaday.com
1955 Diamond St.,
Unit A
San Marcos 92069
(760) 591-0929

Quilter's Cottage
myquilterscottage.com
131 E. Fig St., Suite 6
Fallbrook 92028
(760) 723-3060

Rosie's Calico
Cupboard Quilt Shop
rosiescalicocupboard.com
7151 El Cajon Blvd.,
Suite F
San Diego 92115
(619) 697-5758

San Diego Sewn
sandiegosewn.com
(Online only)

Sew Hut
sewhut.com
7672 Clairemont Mesa Bl.
San Diego 92111
(858) 273-1377

Sew Treasured Quilt Shop
sewtreasuredquiltshop.com
26855 Jefferson Ave,
Suite D
Murrieta 92562
(951) 304-9787

Sewing Machines Plus
sewingmachinesplus.com
713 Center Drive
San Marcos 92069
(760) 739-8222
10% discount;
must show ASG ID
(not on machines)

Starry Night Hollow
starrynighthollow.com
(Online only)

The Quilter's Faire
thequiltersfaire.com
33500 Gateway Dr. #110
Palm Desert 92211
(760) 328-8767

Trish Tac Sew
trishtacsew.com
73608 Highway 111,
Unit #2
Palm Desert 92260
(760) 851-8101



Clubs, Guilds, and More

Bead Society of San Diego County | sdbeadsociety.org

Canyon Quilters of San Diego | canyonquilters.com

Chula Vista Quilters Guild | chulavistaquiltersguild.com

El Camino Quilters Guild (Oceanside) | elcaminoquilters.com

Fallbrook Quilt Guild | fallbrookquiltguild.com

Friendship Quilters of San Diego (Poway) | friendshipquilterssd.org

Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild (Lemon Grove) | kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

Legacy Quilters Guild (El Cajon) | legacyquilters.santee@gmail.com

Modern Quilt Guild (San Marcos) | sdmodernquiltguild.com

North County Quilters Association (Escondido) | ncountyquilters.com

San Diego Crochet Club | sandiegocrochetclub.com

San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild (Encinitas) | sandiegoknitters.com

San Diego Makers Guild (San Diego) | sdmakersguild.org

San Diego Metro Modern Quilt Guild | sdmetromodern.com

Seaside Quilters Guild | seasidequiltersguild.com

Stitching Sisters Quilt Guild (El Cajon) | Email: Edythe Brown elbssq@yahoo.com

Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds | sccqg.org

Sunshine Quilters (El Cajon) | sunshinequilters.com

Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild (Temecula) | valleyofthemistquilters.com

Village Quilters Guild (Scripps Ranch) | villagequiltersguild.org

Visions Museum of Textile Art (Liberty Station) | vmota.org

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- San Diego People of Color Quilt Guild @ La Jolla Historical Society, Underground Railroad Quilt Lecture by Patricia Kelly, August 3
- ASG NGG ZOOM Meeting: Becoming a Thread Master, August 13*
- Visions Museum: Kathleen McCabe Lecture, August 15
- Bowers Museum Quilt Fair in Santa Ana, August 16
- Visions Museum: Sashiko Stitching — Harmony Through Art, August 29
- Visions Museum: Stories in Cloth, thru September 6
- ASG Fall 2026 Virtual Conference: September 24-26
- Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild: Outdoor Quilt Show in Temecula, October 4
- Visions Museum: Quilts Japan, thru October 10



**For details on the National Neighborhood Group ZOOM Meetings, log into asg.org with your username and password and then click on “Members Only” tab)*

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- August/September/October 2026 Issue: July 20, 2026
- November/December 2026/January 2027: October 20, 2026
- February/March/April 2027 Issue: January 20, 2027

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EMAIL ADDRESSES: If you have changed your email please notify Terra Stuart at membership@sandiegoasg.org

For information about American Sewing Guild please go to ASG.org where you can find creative ideas on sewing, serging, embellishing, etc. as well as informative videos on many interesting subjects.