

# Chapter Information

The Appliqué Society® (TAS) chapters are a forum for members to come together as a group to discover new techniques, make new friends, and learn about the art of appliqué. Here we provide the requirements and policies for chapters of TAS, guidelines for forming a chapter, and suggestions for chapter meetings. If you love appliqué, chapters are a wonderful way to find inspiration! TAS is an international organization devoted to the promotion, teaching and sharing of the enjoyment of all forms of appliqué. **If you have any questions, please contact our TAS Chapter Coordinator, [chapters@theappliquesociety.org](mailto:chapters@theappliquesociety.org).**

## Guidelines for Starting a TAS Chapter

### Getting started:

- 1) A minimum of three TAS members are required to start and maintain a chapter. Non-members are welcome to participate provided the minimum membership requirement (3) is maintained.
- 2) One member must be committed to serving a minimum of one year as Chapter Leader.
- 3) Register the chapter with TAS by downloading a chapter application from the TAS website, filling it in and sending via email or by mail to the address on the bottom of the form.

### What you will receive:

- A charter as a new TAS chapter!
- Chapter Administration document outlining the organization and containing info and guidelines on how to run your chapter.

### Your options:

- You can stay small and meet in each other's homes or you can grow as large as you want.
- Church halls, recreational halls, libraries and clubhouses are among the favorite meeting places.

### Obligations:

- Updating your chapter information to the TAS Chapter Coordinator when necessary
- Ensuring that at least 3 of your chapter members are current in their TAS membership.
- Completing and submitting a TAS financial form the first of each year for tax purposes.

### **Chapter meetings:**

- Meetings can be as long as the group wants them to be.
- Chapters normally meet once a month but the meeting frequency is up to the chapter to determine.

### **Some suggestions as to what to include in meetings**

- Sit and stitch
- An update on what is going on in the appliqué world and your local area.
- A discussion of something in the newsletter.
- Group encouragement for members who need help with a project.
- Time for tea, coffee and goodies.
- Demos of appliqué techniques.
- Block of the month of some particular technique, e.g., Baltimore, Celtic, machine appliqué or whatever is of interest to the chapter.
- Guest lecturer
- Discussion of new books that might be of interest.
- Always - SHOW AND TELL!