ASG Gold Country Chapter

Placerville—127 Members Strong

February—March

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2024

Welcome to a new year of sewing fun, adventures and successes! I'm quite happy to remain as president of our guild for another year. Thank you for supporting me with your votes and I'll say "better luck next time" to my opponents. Oh, right, there wasn't anyone else on the ballet. What an easy election!

Has anyone else made plans for what you'd like to accomplish or learn in this new year? I'm exploring Free Motion Quilting after experimenting on the Mug Rug monthly projects from our local fabric shop High Sierra Quilts. There wasn't a requirement to quilt these little mugs, but I wanted to practice.

There certainly are a lot of opportunities both within our Gold Country Chapter as well as some of our nearby chapters. Remember, as an ASG member you are welcome to attend meetings in all of the nationwide chapters! Traveling this year? Stop in for a visit at a local chapter and see what they are enjoying. Then bring those ideas back to us! We all love new projects and techniques.

As you may have experienced in other social/affinity groups that you attend, there has been diminishing participation of members and volunteers for leadership positions. The reasons I've heard are the aging population in our communities, and the number of families that need two incomes to maintain a good quality of life. As we age it gets harder to commit to being fit and ready for a day in the future. Parents are distracted and exhausted from outside work plus household responsibilities.

Those of us who have the energy and time need to participate if we wish our group activities to continue. You could volunteer to help at just one event, or team -up with a buddy to fill one of our open positions and share the work. Think about car-pooling to a meeting, taking turns at driving, or picking up those who no longer drive. We could also "attend" ZOOM presentations in a shared meeting room so those folks who don't have computers/phones can watch with the rest of us (and chat, share).

Help us help you get the most out of your membership! Share your thoughts and ideas for a great new year!



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Social Media Chairperson - Open

Publicity Chairperson—Open

Looking For 2 Talented Members to Join the Board

Publicity In addition to writing blurbs for local papers, you will be asked to drop a card to our members who need cheering up.

Social Media Chairperson Occasionally send out emails, Coordinate the photos and jpegs from members and manage the Facebook page.

Gold Country ASG Neighborhood Groups 2024

The Art of the Stitch - Using the Concepts of Art and Techniques in Your Work 4 th Monday 9:30 a.m., meets virtually Bobbi Bullard 530-903-0843
bobbibullard@gmail.com
Clothes Fit Fun - Clothing Construction and Fit 1 st Thursday 10:00 a.m3:00 p.m., Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park Teri Prouty <u>sewist4fun@gmail.com</u>
Patty Garcia <u>nursepattyg@yahoo.com</u>
Knotty Knitters – All Levels of Knitting and Crocheting 1 st Friday 10:00 a.m12:00 p.m., Betsy Kerr's home, Placerville
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Sew Scrappy – Quilting and Small Pieced Projects
3 rd Wednesday 9:30 a.m-1:00 p.m., Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park Liz Harris 530-363-0981
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Sew Elegant - General Sewing
3 rd Monday 10:00 a.m1:00 p.m., Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park Karen Starkel 916-817-1524
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Sew Threads of Love - Charitable Projects for the Community

1st Wednesday 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Placerville Senior Center Trish McCrum 530-622-5505 <u>biltrish@comcast.net</u>

Cathy Kinzel 530-303-3568

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Sew Threads of Love Too – Charitable Projects for the Community 2nd Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Rollingwood Clubhouse, Jackson, Amador County Grace Nolan gracenolan@comcast.net

Sew-n-Sews Reno - All Things Sewing Related Reno, Nevada Verla Jackson verlamj@gmail.com

Reno Sew and Sew

This is just a quick reminder that our summer sewing retreat (aka Camp Sew & Sew) is filling up. Get your application in soon and make your payment (with application or later if you are a current member of Gold Country ASG). This email is going out to the current members of Gold Country ASG. We already have 3 newbies coming this year (from the chapter), max is 24 attendees.

I've attached the application form to this email and below is a description of our camp at Zephyr Point.

Come join us for a sewing retreat in the mountains and a fantastic view of Lake Tahoe! Our annual Camp Sew & Sew is scheduled for Sun, March 24, through Friday, March 29, 2024. As we have for several years, we are holding this at the Zephyr Point Conference Center and we'll be using the Inspiration Point conference room (again) and rooms at the Tallac Center. The sewing area will be set up for up to 24 participants with ironing and cutting stations in the room or nearby. Food is provided by the Center and our rooms have 2 (or 3) queen size beds with its own bathroom.

While it seems like a lot of effort to schlep your gear to Lake Tahoe, the benefits are many! Lots of good cheer, bragging rights abound, oohs and aahs as your projects progress during the week, and no interruptions except to socialize. Once set up, you are free to work when you want, and for however long you want! Best of all is no food prep - it's supplied by the Center! We have a coffee bar outside of the workroom, and someone is always up early to get the coffee started. Many bring munchies to go along with that coffee, tea, or whatever (I suggest you wrap them separately if they are hand made).

The price is \$600 or \$950 for double or single occupancy per room - our fees just cover our expenses - so we really NEED to have 21-24 attendees to clear that hurdle. Fill out your registration form and remit with payment as soon as you can commit (Gold Country ASG members can delay payment until Mar 10 but should provide a registration form early to get their "spot"). We must have a headcount by March 10, 2024. There is a late fee added to applications sent after Feb 1, 2024. We are limit our numbers to 24 so that we have maximum workspace per attendee.

You can access the form at this website (https://drive.google.com/file/d/ 10LfTe0h9Lr7XWd9N48vQCnMypQ21E ksL/view?usp=drive_link <https:// drive.google.com/file/d/10LfTe0h9Lr7XWd9N48vQCnMypQ21EksL/view? usp=drive_link>).

But you can also obtain a copy at the Gold Country ASG website (not sure when it will go online)

—Lydia

2024 Events

RENO NG CAMP SEW & SEW 2024

March 24-29, Sunday-Friday Zephyr Point Conference Center 660 Hwy 50

Zephyr Cove, NV 89448

CAMP SEW & SEW 2024 March 24-29, Sunday–Friday Zephyr Point Conference Center 660 Hwy 50, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448 Bring your choice of projects and enjoy the camaraderie, continuous sewing, food, and more. The sewing area is very large so we do anticipate having cutting tables available. We will be working in the Inspiration Point conference room (great views of the Lake).

NOTES:

• The sewing workroom is open/available from 4pm Sunday until noon on Friday.

• Also, there is no large parking area near our rooms/workroom, so you will have to drive down, drop off your sewing and personal items at the workroom,

pick up your keys and settle into your room, then park back by the main lodge (and parking garage).

• Bedrooms will be in the Tallac Center on the first floor and the workroom access is from the first floor, middle of the building. Entrance at the middle of the

building is on the 2nd floor; there is an elevator.

• No alcohol is allowed in public areas (cafeteria or sewing workroom).

ROOMS: All rooms have 2 queen size beds and a private bath. There are a limited number of 3-bed rooms.

FEE/person (ALL prices increase \$25 after Feb 1):

- Members: \$600.00 (shared) \$950.00 (single) LATE: \$625 (shared) \$975 (single)
- Non-Members: \$625.00 (shared) \$975.00 (single) LATE: \$650 (shared) \$1000 (single)

Registration Policy: Gold Country ASG members may pay at any time before March 10 but we recommend you submit your registration early to reserve your space. Registration for camp closes on March 9, 2024. Make checks payable to Gold Country ASG. NO refunds after February 7, 2024.

MAIL REGISTRATION TO: Callie Neville, 6661 Thunder Head Lane, Placerville, CA 95667

For information: contact Lydia Stang, ld.stang@sbcglobal.net. Limit is 24 attendees (for sewing space).

Name:	Name on nametag:	_ASG Member #:		
Full Address:		Phone:		
Email:	ASG Chapter:	ASG Chapter:		
Do you want to participate in Secret Pals? Yes N	o			
Room/meal options				
ROOM choice: [] single, [] double, [] seeking a roommate to share, or [] triple				
My roommate(s):	and			
I'd like vegetarian or vegan meals (please circle your preference)				
I'd like to try one of the softer mattress tops from the Conference Center.				
Check payment amount:				
On Time shared room: \$600 member / \$625 non-men	nber On Time single room: \$9	50 member / \$975 non-member		
LATE shared room: \$625 member / \$650 non-membe	r LATE single room: \$975 r	nember / \$1000 non-member		

FROM CALLIE AND CAB — IMPORTANT TIME SENTATIVE

ALL HANDS ON DECK PLEASE!!

For several years, Gold Country ASG has had the luxury of renting a storage facility in Placerville. However, the facility has more than quadrupled the rent and we can no longer afford it. This means we are facing a labor intensive move.

We have large wooden shelves that need to be disassembled and reassembled in a new location. And lots of bins and bolts of fabric, plus other kinds of supplies.

Gail Butler has graciously offered some space at her home, but is not able to accommodate all of it. We are still searching for options. Ideally our goal is to be out of the storage unit by March 1st. It looks like we will be storing fabrics in different places than other equipment. Ideally Huong Dong will be storing all the supplies she uses for our special events, Carol Jurcak will store items needed for retreats, etc. This is far from perfect, but unless we can find an affordable location for everything, it may be what happens.

The purpose of this short article is to let you know we will be sending out a plea for help once we are able to set a work day or days. We were originally going to set it for February 17 and 18, but Gail's space she is offering will not yet be available.

If you, your spouses, your kids, your grandkids (anyone need documentation of community service?), call Callie Neville at (916) 995-7200 and leave a message, or email her ImaBRNfan@gmail.com Other than lots of lifting, carrying and transporting, the biggest task will be disassembling shelving and reassembling them. This would take someone with power tools and skills.

New Neighborhood Group



New Group Started in January

"Specialty Garment Techniques"

2024 will begin with a new neighborhood group and you're invited to help us get started. If you like sewing gar-

ments, then this new group is just for you with a slight twist: We'll be sewing **men and women's casual wear**,

coats & jackets, and a touch of vintage sewing.

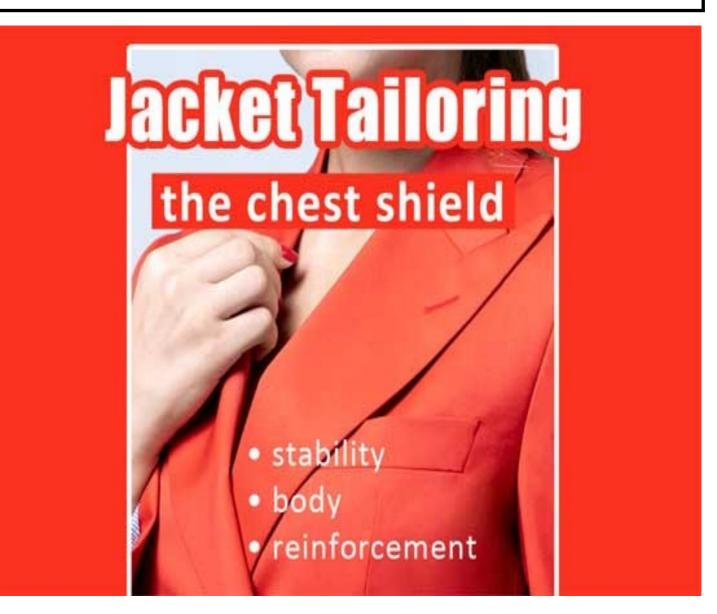
The new neighborhood group will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Raley's One Market, 3935 Park Drive, El Dorado Hills. Our meeting time is10-3.

I would like to hear from anyone who has suggestions or questions because now is the best time to get your ideas included. You do not need to have advanced sewing skills because we're going to teach you the techniques you need while you make garments.

This is your invitation to join us at our very first meeting. Let's make Specialty Garment Techniques sewsessful (that's not a typo).

Last, but not least, your group leader is me, Julia Johnson. If you have any questions or suggestions, you want to share please email me at: me@sew-vintage.org

How to information comes just in time. Check this out before you go to the new garment group.



The chest shield is a layer — or, sometimes, multiple layers — that provide stability, body, and reinforcement to the upper front of a jacket. Every woman, even if large-busted, has a little crease or hollow next to the armhole in the chest area that can cause vertical wrinkles or folds in the upper chest of a jacket or coat. To remedy this, we put in a chest shield.

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From National

From: Sue Langley- Raleigh

Date: Sun, 17 Dec 2023 05:08:28 PST

Good Morning All! I want to share with you that the board would like to offer an article each quarter to be included in your newsletter. It will be some update from national of interest for your membership. I realize that every chapter does their updated newsletter at different times but I hope it will be timely for every-one. If your newsletter editor is not on Groups.io then please pass it on. The first one is...

You might not have heard, so I want to inform you, that the conference this year in San Francisco will be our last in-person conference for a while. The board of directors looked at the past attendance and we realized that only a small percentage of our members attend the conferences.

So we want to make this one very special and hope you can attend! June 27 – July 1. Be on the lookout for other opportunities for education, shopping and fellowship!

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Sue Langley

National Liaison

Past President

Raleigh Chapter, NC

Raleigh, NC Chapter of ASG



2024 Events and Save the Date

Sewing Camp: Thursday February 29-Saturday March 3, 2024. More information to come.

Spring event: May 18, 20249am-2pm.

Sewing Camp 2024: Is postponed until further notice

Summer event: Last in-person Conference: June 27-July 1, 2024 San Francisco

Sewing in the Woods Fall Retreat September 29 – October 5, 2024 <u>NOTE</u> camp is back to 5 days.

Registration will open May 1 and close May 31.

EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

"Educational Workshops are a big part of ASG – we inspire to learn and share our skills – SEW what tickles your fancy – come forth and tell us what you would like to learn or share with others. Let Education Chair Julia know at "me@sew-vintage.org"





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In-Person Conference

June 27 - July 1, 2024

San Francisco, CA

Plan on joining us in 2024 in San Francisco.

If interested in joining Terry and several other call Terry and let her know.



Please welcome our newest members to our chapter

Earin Pinkerton, Penn Valley, November

Circe Curley, Gold River, December

Zeta Fonseca, El Dorado Hills, January

Have you moved? Or changed your email address or phone number?

Please let ASG National know by going to the www.asg.org/members section and updating your information. Your chapter does not maintain the membership address list. If you have any questions or need help, contact me.

Roxann Harris-Membership Chair

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HOW TO ACCESS GOOGLE TO STORE YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE

NEWSLETTER AND SHARE WITH OTHERS

Just wanted to review what may help 'organize' stuff that is in storage and which is of interest to various groups or CAB members.

We could create a google folder within which are various documents or spreadsheets (preferable as it can be made to be similar across multiple users). The group would identify the their file by name. The folder would be public as would all files within it.

Here's the link to the folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/ folders/1hdvGXirYLSwdBt0aCXo6Tdpns2ENHqUJ?usp=sharing, inside of which is a spreadsheet that I created based on Callie's listing of items found in the storage unit. This is just an example of items to identify and the various qualifiers for each item (box, bag, bolt, bin), how many, and contents. The file I created was: https://docs.google.com/ spreadsheets/d/1pq_kwN9ra8Gq8Zdnnpt3eORE7qrjLh6RyQV0bW2T14s/edit? usp=drive_link

The file itself should be accessible as it is inside of a 'public' folder. I've added a screen shot of the file contents.

—Lydia

Thank you Lydia

Here's a quick rundown of features that Google offers. This is really an overview of navigation but may help to better understand what you can do with a Google account. I happen to access 4 google accounts all the time, so knowing 'which' one you're in is easily found (upper right corner). I do mention about uploading files (that's what the "New +" icon is for) - you can upload or create folders or files.

Here's the link to the file I just wrote up: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/</u> <u>d/1DNT2_8XVw8GY7vW2QWvZ6r0OwvXOf_xo7QdidOE1FQk/edit?usp=sharing</u>

SEE WHAT OUR CHAPTER IS DOING

January 2024

Clothes Fit Fun

We kicked off our first project for the year! It is a sew along of the Love Notions Melody Dolman blouse. We started with the basics- how to download and obtain a printed PDF pattern. Next we sampled several possible fabrics suitable for our project.

In our next meeting our goal is select a size and identify any fit issues and get started on a wearable muslin. For those who have already made this pattern, it will be a chance to try more difficult techniques such as pattern matching or pattern hacking. Hello All,

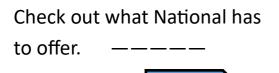
If you're ready to try sewing men and women's casual garments, then we're the group for you. Specialty Garment Techniques meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Raley's, O-N-E Market, 3935 Park, El Dorado. For more information please contact:

Julia Johnson: me@sew-vintage.org

Roxann Harris: rox090522@aol.com











COMMUNITY SERVICE – Look What They Did!

Our two community service neighborhood groups, Sew Threads of Love and Sew Threads of Love Too made and donated 776 items to organizations in the communities during 2023. Community Service is a major focus of the American Sewing Guild and our groups certainly represented Gold Country Chapter exceptionally well.

Sew Threads of Love donated a total of 132 items to local organizations this past year. These organizations included: Upper Room, Meals on Wheels, Hope House, New Morning, Marshall Cancer Center, Family Support Services, WIC, Women's Center, EDC Health Center and Hands for Hope. They donated toiletry bags, kid's book backpacks, clothing protectors, walker bags, tote bags, lap quilts, baby quilts and baby bibs.

Sew Threads of Love Too provided a total of 644 donations to the following organizations: Amador Stars, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, A-PAL and Tri County Wildlife Care, Assistcare, ATCAA/Amador Lifeline, Fire Safe Group of El Dorado County, First Five Amador, HeadStart ECS State Preschool-ATCCA Early Childhood Services, Homeless Emergency Shelter, Hospice of Amador and Calaveras, Senior Center Amador County (including Meals on Wheels), Sierra Wind Wellness Recovery Center, Sutter Hospital Thrift Store and WIC Mother Lode. They gave pillows, dining vests, walker bags, quilts, mats for cat cages, Christmas stockings, shopping bags, pillowcases, cool ties, burp cloths, bibs, cloth books, taggies, fidgets, scarves, blankets, hats, toiletry bags and a dog bed.

We are grateful to these special, productive members for their amazing work and the difference they make for so many people, across a range of needs. Thanks to each member for representing our Chapter with such service and "Love".

If you would like to have fun and help others, check out:

Sew Threads of Love

1st Wednesday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Placerville Senior Center Trish McCrum biltrish@comcast.net Cathy Kinzel randckinzel@gmail.com

Sew Threads of Love Too

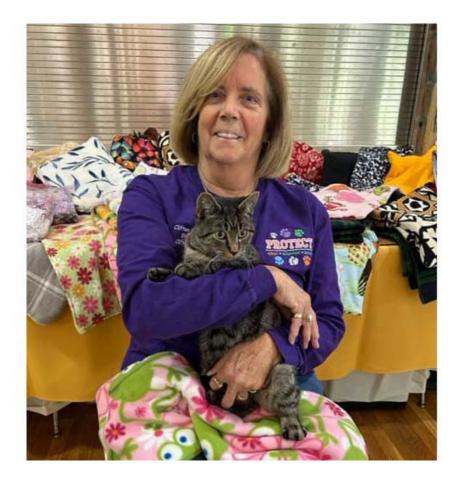
2nd Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Rollingwood Clubhouse, Jackson Grace Nolan gracenolan@comcast.net Jan Hopkins bjhpkns49@gmail.com

Louise Mast

What a Great Project, takes care of all your scraps. Looking for inspiration? Check out what the other chapters are doing

North Jersey, NJ Chapter

The Clifton Animal Shelter was this year's beneficiary of the North Jersey Clifton Clippers Neighborhood Group's annual charity sewing project. Pam, one of the shelter's volunteers, and Marty, one of the shelter's current residents, happily accepted 38 fleece cat beds, 6 cat carrier covers, 100 catnip toys, and 150 empty (ready to be filled) catnip toys, all made by their members. Great job! Thanks for making the holidays warm and cozy for the adoptable furbabies, North Jersey!



<u>Classes – Classes - Classes</u> Gold Country Chapter of ASG offers Classes "Be sure and check the Education page and see what Julia has to offer our Chapter"

Facebook –you can keep in touch: Gold Country Chapter Gold Country's website: <u>www.goldcountryasg.org</u>

Check out some of what National ASG has to offer:

A blog with many new and old ways of doing things – a good resource

Over a 150 videos and online classes

Contact with members from around the globe

Many ideas from other chapters

Storage of Bobbins, Humble Seam Ripper, Drape and Shape 1 hour Vest, Beautiful Button Holes.

www.asg.org

Online sewing classes and events through ASG website.

Go to the member's page and read the Newsletters from everywhere there is a chapter – fun and inspiring. ASG conference coming up in San Francisco

May 27—June 1 Join us

Remember to shop local: Debbie and her staff at High Sierra Quilt Shop – Placerville and Oscar and his staff at Brothers Sew and Vac – Cameron Park

Lydia has set GCASG up with an easy way to send information out to the group and there is a place called **PHOTOS** please post all pictures there and I will pull them from there for the Newsletter.

"A note from the Newsletter editor: If you have information for the Newsletter Flyers, printed info please send to me at <u>slwagner2015@gmail.com</u> by the <u>15th of the</u> <u>month</u>. <u>Regarding photos Lydia has set up a Google Group Page for ASG and there is</u> <u>a place to post all pictures PLEASE post them there, and then send me an email that</u> <u>they are there</u>. The newsletter is being published 6 times a year but I will gather the information as you send it. <u>PLEASE DO NOT SEND INFO FOR THE NL AS A PDF</u>. The next Newsletter will be published February 1. Thank you, Sandy"

ASG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	New Member
Address	ASG Member at Large
CityStateZip	Renewal Member
Daytime phone number	Chapter Placerville Chapter
E-mail	Payment
How did you hear about ASG?	Check payable to "American Sewing Guild" MasterCard Visa AmEx Discover
Return to: American Sewing Guild 9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510, Houston, TX 77096	Account#:CVV# Expiration Date:CVV# Signature: