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October
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Newsletter

Gold Country ASG – 126 Members Strong

President's Message October 2023

Hello again from the golden foothills, the majestic mountains of California and the high desert of Nevada. Temperatures have dropped so we can now enjoy time outside and immerse ourselves in the scenery that surrounds us. But wait! This also means that the holiday season festivities are just around the corner. Have you started working on those special projects to make your celebrations bright?



A couple of weeks ago I taught a friend how to make pieced and quilted potholders. She chose fall colors from my SABLE (Stash Accumulated Beyond Life Expectancy) collection of scrap fabric for her project. I was so impressed with her selections, that I “borrowed” (stole with pride) her color sense to make a pumpkin decoration.

The base is a Styrofoam pumpkin shape that can be found at the Dollar Store. I cut pieces of fabric in wedges on the bias for stretch and glued them to each pumpkin section with a glue stick. Using a butter knife, I pressed narrow channels in the canyons between wedges, and then worked the 1/8” selvages into the foam using dots of glue. Temporary pins secured each end until the piece dried. Finally, I added rat-tail cording (glue and pins again) in the canyons to accent the shaping. Small rounds of felt were glued over the base and on the stem top to finish.

For the first time after a long dry period, I felt a sense of fulfillment. Finally, I actually had **finished** a project! I know a lot of you have WIPs that scream at you from across the room. My goal for next week is to work only on WIPs at our guild's **Sewing Retreat in Lake Tahoe**. Surrounded by guild friends and happy voices should mean that I can make some meaningful progress. The bonus is that I don't have to cook!

Looking forward to seeing all of your holiday creations at the Neighborhood Groups meetings!!

Sew Onward,
Terry



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Social Media Chairperson - Open

Publicity – 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.

Neighborhood Groups

Gold Country ASG Neighborhood Groups 2023-2024

The Art of the Stitch - Using the Concepts of Art and Techniques in Your Work

4th Monday 9:30 a.m., meets virtually

Bobbi Bullard 530-903-0843

bobbibullard@gmail.com

Clothes Fit Fun - Clothing Construction and Fit

1st Thursday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park

Teri Prouty sewist4fun@gmail.com

Patty Garcia nursepattyg@yahoo.com

Knotty Knitters – All Levels of Knitting and Crocheting

1st Friday 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Betsy Kerr's home, Placerville

Betsy Kerr 530-295-1922

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Sew Scrappy – Quilting and Small Pieced Projects

3rd 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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Anne Mintmier 530-644-2739

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Sew Elegant - General Sewing

3rd Monday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park

Karen Starkel 916-817-1524

tstarkel2000@yahoo.com

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

biltrish@comcast.net

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

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Sew-n-Sews Reno - All Things Sewing Related

Reno, Nevada

Verla Jackson

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Neighborhood Group Leader Coordinator - Louise Mast lbmast@yahoo.com

(Updated 09/13/2023)

Neighborhood Groups: Louise Mast

Clothes Fit Fun

“Welcome” to the new co-leaders of the **Clothes Fit Fun** group, Teri Prouty and Patty Garcia. This group meets the first Thursday of the month, 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park. The morning is spent with individual clothing construction and help with fitting. After a lunch break, members participate in sharing, discussion or a demonstration. The September topic: “What is your go-to gadget for completing a sewing project?” resulted in an interesting sharing of tools and tips.

Upcoming topics include:

October 5 - *Interfacing, what not to do!* With Elizabeth Young

November 2 – *Don't be afraid of your serger: using your serger to construct a travel bag*, with Teri Prouty

Sew Elegant

This general sewing group meets the third Monday of the month, 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. at the Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park. During the August meeting, members made “snarf scarfs”, attractive covers to protect clothing while eating. Their September project is sewing bags to support a **Sew Threads of Love** group's community project.

Sew Scrappy

Members of this group have been working on row-by-row quilt projects. Each month they learn a new row to combine in a quilt project of their choice. Join them on the third Wednesday, 9:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. at the Light of the Hills Church.

Check the *Neighborhood Groups List* to find meeting information on all of the neighborhood groups.



Please welcome our newest members to our chapter.

Patty Garcia, Placerville, July

Belinda Coffin, El Dorado, September

Bethany Darnell, Sutter Creek, September

Linda Telegan, Placerville, September

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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2023 Event

Sewing in the Woods Fall Retreat – October 1-5, 2023 – NOTE camp is one day shorter this year. **DEADLINE has passed-check with Gail.**

Education Chair Julia has wonderful ideas brewing – See below for the questionnaire.

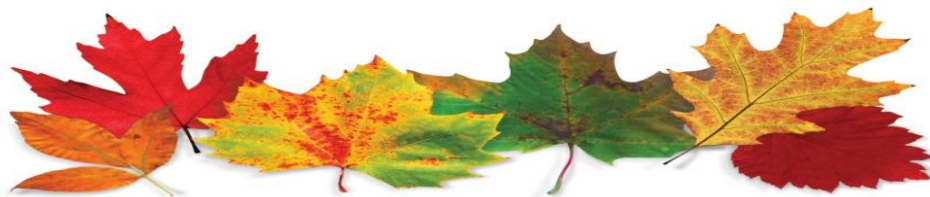


November 9: Holiday Sit and Sew – flyer below.

Sew Timeless: January 24, 2024 – Kandi Blackwell – Info below

May the Ghost and Goblins of the season delight you and the Turkey out run you.

Fall has come in with a steady rain – such a good smell, Sewing camp, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.



EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Sew Timeless with Kandi L. Blackwell

If you missed ASG's National Conference this year, you're in luck! Kandi L. Christian-Blackwell will host the workshops she presented in New York earlier this year for our Chapter.

The classes are great fun and teach interesting and useful sewing techniques including special methods and tips for sewing with silk. These full-day hands-on classes are described below and list the class-specific kit fee. Each workshop will be held via Zoom. The link for YOU to register is below – then let Julia know you are taking the class.

Sewing with Silk – The Queen of Fabrics: The Basics

Working with silk requires special techniques. In the introductory class you'll learn hands-on special skills for recognizing and sewing different kinds of silk that can be used for any future project. You'll practice seam finishes such as Hong Kong; how to prevent puckered seams and learn a tailor's hem that is perfect for silk and more. You'll add your samples into a workbook so you'll be able to easily remember the techniques later.

Date: January 24, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m. Cost: \$25.00 for ASG members; \$35 for non-members

Kit Fee: \$25 To register for The Queen of Fabrics: The Basics use the link below:

<https://www.sewtimeless.com/classic/wwiz.asp?wwizmstr=PL.ZOOM>

Sewing with Silk – The Queen of Fabrics: Beyond the Basics

Working with silk requires special techniques. **This class builds on the material covered in the introductory class.** In this class you'll learn hands-on special skills on different types of silk. You'll learn how to sew a Hong Kong seam around a curve, how to cut and sew slippery silks, the perfect French seam and more. You'll add your samples into a workbook so you'll be able to easily remember the techniques later.

Date: January 25, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m. Cost: \$25.00 for ASG members; \$35 for non-members

Kit Fee: \$25 Use the link below to register for: The Queen of Fabrics – Beyond the Basics

<https://www.sewtimeless.com/classic/wwiz.asp?wwizmstr=PL.ZOOM>

Introduction to French Sewing Techniques

French hand sewing or heirloom sewing, incorporates fine fabric, embroidered insertion, lace, entredeux, puffing and tucked panels creating delicate garments and other items. It's the art of manipulating fabric and often involves making strips that are all sewn together using special techniques to make a piece of fabric. Traditionally, this was done by hand and took hours to complete a garment. You'll use a sewing machine to create the same techniques in a fraction of the time.

Date: February 6, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m. Cost: \$25.00 for ASG members; \$35 for non-members

Kit Fee: \$25 to register for Introduction to French Sewing please use the URL below:

<https://www.sewtimeless.com/classic/wwiz.asp?wwizmstr=PL2.ZOOM>

Registration for each workshop starts October 1, 2023. Please register early to allow time for your kit to be mailed to you. The deadline for registration is January 12, 2024. The links will be available on our website. If you don't want to click on the URL links you can register and pay at: www.sewtimeless.com and click on ASG Classes and then choose the class you want to register for.

If you have any questions, please email me at: me@sew-vintage.org Julia Johnson, Education Chairman

Holiday Sit & Sew Social

Let's work on any sewing, knitting/crochet, handwork, charity project or just come to socialize with your fellow members.

Date: Thursday November 9th

Time: 9:30 -1:30

Where: Raley's O-N-E Market at the Extra Special Gather Room
3935 Park Drive, El Dorado Hills

Price: Free

Bring a snack to share with everyone.

We will have 2 last-minute gift demonstrations!

There is a kitchenette with a sink. (No refrigerator)

3 cozy chairs to sit in with a small table for the members who want to socialize.

Limited to approx. 12 people (6 sewing machines). Possibly more.

There is a kitchenette and 3 cozy chairs to sit in on the side.

Bottled water will be available for \$1.00.

For more information or to RSVP please contact:

Julia Johnson at Me@sew-vintage.org

Roxann Harris at rox090522@aol.com





Hello Everyone,

To get started I need your help. The educational workshops are for you not me. I need each of you to tell me what kind of workshops you are interested in. For instance:

Sewing

- Garment construction
- Advance garment construction
- Fit
- Sportswear
- Sewing review & sewing basics
- Know your fabrics
- Home décor
- Sewing by hand
- Vintage sewing
- Let's sew a jacket/coat
- Pattern adjustments
- Summer wardrobe planning
- Quilting
 - Beginning/Basic quilting
 - Intermediate quilting
- Embroidery
- Knitting
- Crochet
- Beading

The above is not a complete list. You can give me your suggestions and ideas for workshops by emailing me at: me@sew-vintage.org or call me at (415) 889-0899.

Last but not least, my name is Julia Johnson. Can't wait to hear from all of you, including Reno!!



SEE WHAT OUR CHAPTER IS DOING



Clothes Fit--Looks like fun was had by all.



A Day at Hard Work
Sew Elegant Members



How Much Fun is This
Sew Scrappy

Boo



Fall Event—Jacket Class –Fashion Show and Luncheon



Terry and Sandy



Claire



Anita



Karen



Darlene



Karen



Leslie

Fun Class – Good Food – Fun Garments – Great Friends

Sewing is food for the soul --- Creating is fun, offers many surprises and warms the heart. Go forth and stitch-stitch and stitch.

Thank You Hong for a fun filled event.

Classes – Classes - Classes

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: www.goldcountryasg.org

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

Check out some of what National ASG has to offer:

1. A blog with many new and old ways of doing things – a good resource
2. Over a 150 videos and online classes
3. Contact with members from around the globe
4. Many ideas from other chapters
5. Storage of Bobbins, Humble Seam Ripper, Drape and Shape 1 hour Vest, Beautiful Button Holes.
6. 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.

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 slwagner2015@gmail.com by the **15th of the month**. **Regarding photos Lydia has set up a Google Group Page for ASG and there is a place to post all pictures PLEASE post them there, and then send me an email that they are there.** The newsletter is being published 6 times a year but I will gather the information as you send it. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND INFO FOR THE NL AS A PDF.** The next Newsletter will be published December 1. Thank you, Sandy”

PIQF is again in Santa Clara – dates October 12-15. The next two years it will be held in July. www.quiltfest.com

ASG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone number _____

E-mail _____

How did you hear about ASG? _____

Return to: American Sewing Guild
9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510, Houston, TX 77096

New Member \$50

Junior Member (New and Renewal)
to age 17, or age 22 with student ID \$25

Chapter _____

ASG Member at Large \$50

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

Late Renewal \$50

Chapter Placerville Chapter

Payment

Check payable to "American Sewing Guild"

MasterCard | Visa | AmEx | Discover

Account#: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV# _____

Signature: _____