



ASG ~Gold Country Chapter Placerville, CA

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April 2023
Newsletter

Gold Country ASG – 138 Members Strong

President's Message

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL 2023

Did you enjoy our two sunny days recently? It was magical to walk outside and feel the sun on our faces and hands. Atmospheric River. Although this term was first used in the early 1990's, I had never heard of it until this soaking-wet phenomena impacted California. Some of our members in the higher altitudes of Gold Country were snowed in for many days and often without power! Let's hope they can soon get dug out so we can see them at future Neighborhood Groups and other gatherings.

Our **March Sewing Day Camp** was a great success! We had several tables loaded with donated "free" items. I added a hoard of yarn from my stash, and came home with a couple of balls more suited to what I knit now, sewing patterns, and a stack of interesting fabric. The members' projects-in-process were so inspiring with wonderful colors. We were presented with catered lunches and salads every day. I just love salads when somebody else takes the effort to make them.

During Camp, I experienced a couple of equipment failures. First, on day 2 my little 47-year-old Elna Lotus sewing machine would no longer sew. The needle wiggled loosely side to side. I was just bragging about how faithful she had been over the years; moving back and forth across the USA, going on vacations, and sailing 13,000 miles at sea. Guess I should have kept quiet. She's been my only machine that I've ever owned after my now-husband bought it for me on our first Christmas together. So tomorrow I am delivering her to the "master service repair person" and hoping for the best.

Then next, my name badge fell apart at Sewing Camp. Name badges are an important accessory when we attend guild meetings. There are new people amongst us and some long-time members who pop in and out a couple of times a year. **Please wear your name badges.**

You will notice that there are many **open positions on the board**. Please consider volunteering for one of them! Some of us have had to take on more than one position so we can function cohesively as a group. This has to be a short-term solution as burn-out is a risk if we can't get some helpful volunteers. Please, please ask any board member or past position holder about these roles if you have any interest. There's no commitment in "just asking", give it a try.

You should have received a notification from the American Sewing Guild about the new, higher annual membership rate. I hope you took advantage of the opportunity to renew at the special price offered. I did and now I am a member to 2026! You'll not getting rid of me for a while, I'm in it for the long term.

Terry



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Webmistress - Open

Looking For 3 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.

Webmistress Suzanne will share her process with the webmistress.

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

Neighborhood Group Leader Establishing good relationships with group leaders, attending meetings when possible, being a friendly liaison between cab and the leaders.

Neighborhood Groups

The Art of the Stitch – Using the Concepts of Art and Technique's in Your Work
Meets Virtually – 4th Monday 9:30am
Bobbi Bullard 530-903-0843
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Clothes Fit Fun – Clothing Construction and Fit
1st Thursday 10am – 3pm
Light of the Hills Church
Nancy Wagenseller 530-672-8923
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Knotty Knitters – All Levels of Knitting and Crocheting
1st Friday 10am-12pm
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Sew Scrappy – Quilting Projects
3rd Wednesday 9:30am to 1pm
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Sew Elegant – General Sewing
3rd Monday 10am-1pm
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1st Wednesday 1:30pm-3:30pm
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Sew Threads of Love Too - Charitable Projects for the Community
Meets 2nd Friday 9am-2pm
Grace Nolan
Rollingwood Clubhouse in Jackson. Amador County

So n'Sews - Reno
Verla Jackson - verlaj@gmail.com
Reno, NV

It's Official



“A Very Big Welcome to Our Neighbors over the Hill – It is a pleasure to welcome Reno ASG as a new Neighborhood Group to our Gold Country Chapter.”

Nancy Stevens Juanita Stocke Alyce Takhashi Jane Ann Bode



Laurie Bray Alice Bowers Janet Inda Verla Jackson
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**Spring Events -- Save these dates
Meet our new chapter members and have fun.**

Camp Sew and Sew – April 2-7, 2023 (Sunday through Friday) registration form page 12

Spring Picnic – June 3, 2023 Flyer below.

Save the Date: Fall event **September 8 and 9, 2023**

Sewing in the Woods Fall Retreat – October 1-5, 2023 – NOTE camp is one day shorter this year.

Education Chair Julia has wonderful ideas brewing – See below for the questionnaire. Also a Save the Date for Rita Traxler. **June 23 and 30, 2023.**



HEAR YE HEAR YE Clothes Fit is looking for more members who love making garments. They meet the 1st Thursday from 10-3 at Light of the Hills. I know I will



be there.

2023

Spring Sewing Retreat – Camp Sew and Sew

Reno Neighborhood Group

Come join us for a sewing retreat in the mountains and a fantastic view of Lake Tahoe! Reno's annual sewing retreat, Camp Sew & Sew is now our sewing retreat because we are one chapter. The dates are Sunday, April 2, through Friday, Apr 7, 2023 and the event is held at the Zephyr Point Conference Center. The sewing area will set up for up to 24 participants with ironing and cutting stations in the room or nearby. Food is provided by the Center and the rooms have 2 (or 3) queen size beds with its own bathroom. We will be making some adjustments inside the workroom - all tables will be separate (one/table) and the center.

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, ohs and ahs 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 handmade).

The price is \$570 or \$895 for double or single occupancy per room. Our new chapter - Gold Country ASG, is happy that we are continuing our springtime retreat and you can also attend their fall retreat! Fill out your registration form and remit with payment as soon as you can commit (members can delay payment until Mar 15 but should provide a registration form early to get their "spot"). We must have a headcount by March 15, 2023. There is a late fee added to applications sent after Feb 1, 2023. We are limited our numbers to 24 so that we have maximum workspace per attendee. **Registration form is below.**



As sewing machines have evolved so have we as sewers. Think back to when you started to use needles, machines and fabric as your art. Sewing for family, self, and others or just for fun.



CAMP SEW & SEW 2023

April 2–7, Sunday–Friday

Zephyr Point Conference Center -- 660 Hwy 50, Zephyr Cove, NV

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:** **\$570.00 (shared) \$895.00 (single) LATE: \$595 (shared) \$920 (single)**
- **Non-Members:** **\$595.00 (shared) \$920.00 (single) LATE: \$620 (shared) \$945 (single)**

Registration Policy: Gold Country ASG members may pay at any time before March 15 but we recommend you submit your registration early to reserve your space. Registration for camp closes on **March 7, 2023.**

Make checks payable to Gold Country ASG. NO refunds after February 7, 2023.

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 space).



Name: _____ Name on nametag: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ASG Chapter: _____ ASG Member #: _____

- Check here if you want to participate in Secret Pals Room/meal options
- ROOM choice: [] single, [] double room, [] seeking a roommate to share the room, or [] triple room 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: \$570 member / \$595 non-member On Time single room: \$895 member / \$920 non-member LATE shared room: \$595 member / \$620 non-member LATE single room: \$920 member / \$945 non-member



Gold Country ASG
Spring 2023 - Picnic in the Park



LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
1821 Francisco Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Saturday June 3rd, 2023
10:00am- 2pm

• **Admission : \$15** •

• **A Big *Welcome* to the Reno Neighborhood Group**

- **Catered lunches • Door prizes •**
- **Feature presentation: Fashion Show and Show & Tell - TBD** •

On-line Registration

<https://events.eventzilla.net/e/gcasg-spring-2023-picnic-2138596645>

Register by mail and Pay by check: Make checks payable to **Gold Country ASG**, with a note regarding any dietary restrictions, and mail to **Callie Neville at 6661 Thunder Head Lane, Placerville, CA 95667.**

For more information: Contact Huong Doan, 916-425-9551, hdoan54@yahoo.com, or Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968, sew-happy@sbcglobal.net

EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

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: 2vintage@zoho.com 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!!

Save the Date

Join Rita Traxler in a two-day workshop...

June 23rd & June 30th

10:00 – 4:00

Learn how to make your own T-Shirt Quilt in this specialized workshop.

For more information please email Julia at 2vintage@zoho.com

*Seating is limited.

Are we fabricholics??? Not me what about you.....Run don't walk to the Sacramento ASG Chapters annual fabric sale.



Sacramento's Largest Fabric & Notions Sale

Sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter of the
American Sewing Guild



Saturday, April 8, 2023
9am to 1pm

Cash & Checks Only
Bring your own Shopping bags

Free Parking

Orangevale Community Center
6826 Hazel Ave
Orangevale, CA

For more information regarding donating, buying or selling items, contact: fabricsale@asgsacramento.org or visit asgsacramento.org
The American Sewing Guild members share an interest in sewing and participate in community service sewing projects.

SEE WHAT OUR CHAPTER IS DOING



Attached are some photos from the tutorial that I led in February's Sew Elegant neighborhood group meeting. We made Sewing Machine Needle Storage Cases. The top grid (for storing single/gently used needles) was printed on my inkjet printer using purchased fabric sheets. I explored my stash of fabrics that I had picked up from "Free" tables over the past couple of years, and cut pieces to size. The rest of the materials (PelTex, batting, clear vinyl, zippers, and tissue paper) were cut and tucked in with the fabric to make assorted complete kits. Everyone could complete the project in one meeting because the kits saved a lot of time. At first the room was completely silent except for the hum of machines, as everyone studiously quilted over the printed lines on the grid. Then the usual chatter erupted as we worked through the project. Sewing techniques encountered were:

Use of double sided stiff PelTex -- Using a Teflon mat to protect an ironing surface -- Sewing on vinyl using tissue paper to prevent the foot from sticking -- One piece backing that is turned up at the edges to become the binding -- So we learned, sewed, laughed, and ended up with a useful sewing tool. That's what it's all about! Terry



8" squares that I've knit this past couple of months for our Knotty Knitters Neighborhood Group. Betsy Kerr sews all the squares together for blankets to donate for local charity needs. These squares are super easy to knit and are a great way to learn how to knit. We will teach you how (I am a Certified Knitting Instructor) when you visit our group meetings on the first Friday of each month, at 10:am. The ball of pink fluffy-knobby yarn was found on the "Free Table" at our recent Sewing Day Camp. Terry

The project this month at Sew Elegant was the Bijou Lovely Market Tote Bag which has a free pattern and online tutorial. Gail graciously volunteered to guide us through the assembly process. One of the ways we grow our sewing skills is from the knowledge sharing from our members. This is a core value of the American Sewing Guild, and our Gold Country Chapter.



The selvedge edge striped bag/fabric was made by Sue Van Atta, the colorful bonnet girl tote was by Teri Prouty, and the Feather Weight Sewing Machine bag was created by Gail Butler.



Sandy Wagner took a 5 day silk painting class at Asilomar in early March from Andrea Brokenshire. What a great experience – looking forward to quilting this. Painted with acrylic paints.

Classes – Classes - Classes – Gold Country Chapter of ASG offers Classes
“Be sure and check to Education 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. Boning and Waist stays – garment makers getting ready for the big nigh out. Check this on the ASG website.
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.

“A note from the Newsletter editor: If you have information – photos etc. please send them to slwagner2015@gmail.com by the **15th of the month. The newsletter is being published 6 times a year but I will gather the information as you send it. The next Newsletter will be published June 1. Thank you, Sandy”**

Looking at color with 5 things in mind.

T for texture S for activity L for lines C for relationships V for value

[Speaking of color “The Art of the Stitch” NG is moving forward with great information - the April meeting will be on “Patterns as Art” and the homework assignment on color.](#)

ASG has some fun thing to try:

Bag a Skirt – 10 easy steps for the lining.

Looking your best – sewing for your figure.

How the modify a sleeve for more movement – a video, check National ASG.

www.splashfabric.com for fabric that is back in vinyl – baby bibs etc.

Video class by The Sewing Workshop on \$/11 at 2PM ET – Fee

Magnetic Appeal with snap is on the ASG website.

ASG "Notions" on line magazine, We are mentioned for Jan's Amador County award.

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: _____