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Gold Country ASG – 126 Members Strong

President's Message 2023

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE December 2023

Greetings! Tomorrow is Thanksgiving and I sincerely hope that most of our members are enjoying some time with family and/or friends. Social interaction with other humans (dogs should count too) is supposed to be good for our mental health. That's one reason to get up and go to a Neighborhood Group Meeting. The other reason is that you usually get to play with fabric!

At the Sew Elegant Neighborhood Group in November we were not only socializing and playing with fabric, but we also got to dive into a pile of *BLING*! We made cute little Pine Tree Ornaments from fabric and batting which were adorable just as they were, but then we got to embellish them with shiny objects!

Some of us had sewn strips to muslin for a scrappy look (as was shown in the notice about the event). Gail B. led us on this adventure and she even supplied plastic templates that she had prepared for us so we were able to dive right in. As I'm a slow-poke (and talk too much) I only managed to cut out some ornaments from my fabric so I did the sewing and *blinging* at home.

We are so lucky to have talented members who share their sewing skills with us and also take the time and effort to organize supplies and instructions for these events. Everybody is welcome to volunteer to lead a project or share knowledge learned from another resource! Many of our 2-hour meetings are the result of a member sharing in the Show 'n Tell time.

The end of the calendar year is fast approaching. We are still functioning nicely as an ASG Chapter. Please say a "Thank You" to those folks who have stepped into new roles (Group Leaders and Board Members) this past year, stayed put, and those who have had to step away for whatever reason.

Remember, we have TWO open positions that we'd really like to fill: Publicity and Social Media Person. Or, of course, you can always ask if any of the groups or CAB members need help. We certainly don't want to over-burden our volunteers. Sometimes we simply need a person to haul supplies from the car, set up tables, visit Fabric Stores with ASG information, etc.



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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.

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 nursepatty@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
d.bkerr@sbcglobal.net

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
harris5296@yahoo.com
Anne Mintmier 530-644-2739
amintmier@gmail.com

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
gracenolan@comcast.net

Sew-n-Sews Reno - All Things Sewing Related

Reno, Nevada
Verla Jackson
verlamj@gmail.com

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



New Neighborhood Group



New Group Starting 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 garments, 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 is 10-3.

For our first meeting bring your sewing machine and ideas - a free fabric kit will be provided for you to learn a new surprise technique.

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 sewsensual (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

Reno's NG Invitation to Sew

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 handmade).

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 limiting our numbers to 24 so that we have maximum workspace per attendee.

You can access the form at this website (click [HERE](#)).

But you can also obtain a copy at the Gold Country ASG website:



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: _____

Full Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ ASG Chapter: _____

ASG Member #: _____

Do you want to participate in Secret Pals? Yes ___ No ___

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-member

On Time single room: \$950 member / \$975 non-member

LATE shared room: \$625 member / \$650 non-member

LATE single room: \$975 member / \$1000 non-member

LOOKING FOR GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER STORAGE

We have been notified that the cost of our current storage is more than quadrupling as of March, 2024! We have been paying \$24 (below market rate) for our 10' x 10' for many years but soon the rate will be \$100/month. Now we must consider other options for our Placerville Sew Threads of Love Community Service Group and our chapter documentation storage.

Does anyone have any recommendations for other storage facilities that might not be so costly (10 x 10 unit)? Or would a member consider having us use some available space on their property such as a garage or storage shed?

We've been using the generous donation of an unused section of a 2-car garage space for Community Service fabric and equipment in Jackson for the Sew Threads of Love Too group. This has been very much appreciated!

If you can think of alternative ideas, we would love to hear them! Let's save our chapter's funds for the FUN stuff! Thank you.

GOT TOUGH SEWING PROJECTS?



If you need to sew through dense materials such as leather, multiple layers of canvas or Sunbrella brand acrylic outdoor fabric, you know that you need a big, powerful motor in an industrial sewing machine. But for small repairs, or attaching leather straps to fabric totes there is a neat little hand tool for these jobs. The "Speedy Stitcher sewing awl" has been around for over a century. I was introduced to it when I lived aboard my sailboat and was trying to repair the thick binding on our main sail in the hot sun at anchor. A friendly boater nearby rowed over and suggested I use his sewing awl (he must have heard me grunting and fussing). Anyway, it worked beautifully! The stitch that it creates is the same as that of the sewing machine: you make a loop from top to bottom, thread the other end of the waxed thread through the loop and pull the loop back up. The hard part is getting that point where the loop and bottom thread connect hidden in the seam.

HISTORY OF OUR GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER

Curious minds want to know...when and how did our Gold Country Chapter of ASG get started? When we attend our Events and Neighborhood Group meetings, do you know who has been around since the beginning? We should cherish these big thinkers who had the gumption to break off from a large ASG Chapter and form their own, new group! Since we started to ask, we've heard a little bit about it, but would love to get some tidbits, photos, etc. If you have any information or good stories let us know! If you'd like to start this project of collecting documents, etc. GREAT! Right now we don't have a 'point person' but it could be YOU!

HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY to the PLACERVILLE CHAPTER of ASG

It began as a small neighborhood group, actually it was a sub-chapter of the Sacramento Chapter. The Placerville Neighborhood group was started by 5 ladies: Ernie Bolduc, Darlene Aniasco, Doris Woods, Marcia Russell and Arlette Peterson.

I'd like to mention that Arlette Peterson just recently retired from the Chapter's Board where she served as our Membership Chair. Arlette has seen the Chapter grow extensively over the years. I think she's currently serving as our unofficial Chapter Historian. I know we would all like to thank Arlette for her many years of support and for her part in starting our Chapter.

February 2003 the Placerville Neighborhood Group officially became a Chapter. This year marks the Chapter's 20th anniversary. Although we didn't plan a celebration, we felt it was an important milestone and worth mentioning.

If you have any stories or know someone who has information about the history of our Chapter that you would like to share, please email me or any member of the Board. It would be nice to share tidbits about our past and current members in future editions of the newsletter.

Our thanks to the 5 ladies with a vision.

Julia Johnson - me@sew-vintage.org



[In-Person Conference](#)

San Francisco, CA

June 27 - July 1, 2024

Plan on joining us in 2024 in San Francisco. For many of us, returning to San Francisco for the first time in so many years is a dream come true for many of our members!

2024 Events and Save the Date

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

Spring event: Saturday May 18, 2024 9am-3pm. More information to come

Sewing in the Woods Fall Retreat – September 29 – October 5, 2024 – NOTE 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 – **SO what tickles your fancy** – come forth and tell us what you would like to learn or share with others. Let Education Chair Julia know –me@sew-vintage.org”

Sew Timeless with Kandi L. Blackwell January 24, 2024

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



Please welcome our newest members to our chapter.

Helena Christopherson, El Dorado Hills, September

Judy Berlin, Placerville, October

Kathline Edwards, Placerville, October

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

Go to www.asg.org/Sign into the *Members Only Section* (your email address and your member number is your password)/click the upper right corner *Account Information* (dark pink box) and update 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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Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. 'Tis the season to be jolly. Eat the good stuff. Be kind and love thy neighbor. And best of all have a Good Night

SEE WHAT OUR CHAPTER IS DOING

Sew Elegant News

In October, members made handy round cornered microwave bowl cozies.



Our project in November will be making cute Christmas tree ornaments.



We're planning a party for December. Snacks and fabric will be involved!

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

KNOTTY KNITTERS

This group meets at Betsy Kerr's house the first Friday of the month, when she's not traveling. We have experts on hand to answer knitting questions and to help plan projects. Lately, members have been using up their 'stash' by knitting 8" squares suitable for baby blankets. Betsy sews them together, crochets a border around each blanket and donates them to the hospital or a social service agency. Member projects are things like a mohair scarf with tassels and a sleeveless pullover sweater in very fine yarn, using a double strand.

Love to knit or crochet? Come join us!

CLOTHES FIT FUN

Clothes Fit Fun has been busy with programs the past few months. September- The group discussed and decided on a new format. Later in the program we had a round robin each presenting our favorite sewing/measuring tools. It was a lively and informative discussion! October- Liz Young gave a presentation on interfacings. She explained the differences in fusible and sew-in interfacings with tips for successful outcomes. November- Teri Prouty lead a class project designed to get to know your serger and its capabilities. For some, it was a chance to fall back in love with their neglected sergers. We voted on the blouse we will sew as a project beginning in January. We will begin with fabric selection, fitting, through to completion of the blouse over a few meetings. The blouse selected is the Love Notions Melody Dolman. December 7, is our Holiday Luncheon and fabric gift exchange. We are meeting at Papa Gianni's in Cameron Park. If interested, please contact Patti Garcia nursepattyg@yahoo.com

SEW THREADS OF LOVE

Sew Threads of Love is a community service group that meets each month at the Placerville Senior Center. We sew a variety of items from walker bags to bibs for babies. We are always looking for people that want to contribute to our community. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 - 3:30. If you are interested in contributing, please feel free to contact us. Tricia McCrum and Cathy Kinzel

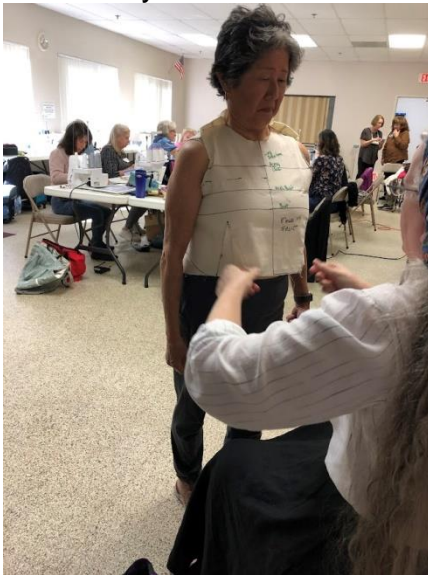
The following are some of the agencies we serve: Upper Room, Meals on Wheels, Hope House, New Morning, Marshall Cancer Center, Family Support Services, WIC, Women's Center, EDC Health Center, Hands for Hope

SEW THREADS OF LOVE, TOO - Community Service Group, Jackson

Even though our numbers are small, especially since Covid, we continue on with our community service. We have been producing an astronomical number of items to donate to the community. Last year we created almost 800 various items. Our group was awarded by the Amador Ledger Dispatch the “Best of Amador County” for 2022. Some of the agencies we service are: Amador STARS, American Legion Women’s Auxiliary, Amador Animal Shelter, A-PAL and Tri-County Wildlife Care, Assist care, ATCAA/Amador Lifeline, Head start, Homeless Shelter, Hospice of Amador and Calaveras.



Knotty Knitters



Threads of Love



Threads of Love Too

Clothes Fit

Cards Sent:

Daisy Buchignani - lost her husband (not a current member - had to give it up when she became full time caregiver but she may come back - just FYI)

Marcia Russell - root canal surgery

Trish McCrumn - knee surgery

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 February 1. Thank you, Sandy”

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: _____