

ASG Gold Country Chapter
Placerville—125 Members Strong
August-September
2024 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2024

I think bears have this whole hibernation thing backwards; hiding during the winter months. For me, these triple-digit scorching days we've been experiencing lately have forced me to crank up the air conditioning, turn on all the fans and hide inside! The best part is that I sure get a lot of sewing done because I don't even want to drive anywhere in the dangerous heat.

Our 3-Day Summer Day Sewing Camp was great fun! There were a lot of happy faces and chattering, plus door prizes were won. Most attendees were sewing by machine but I was glad to also see embroidery and cross-stitch hand stitching. The large number of magazines, patterns and fabric swatches on the "free" table dwindled throughout the event as they found new homes. I found an Applique book that has instructions for dyeing your own fabric for the floral designs to piece together. I can't wait to start with my dyeing group next Saturday (who are also quilters).

We enjoyed an comfortable room set-up at the Light of the Hills Lutheran Church. The cool A/C, and a large tasty fruit salad, prepared for us by our Event Coordinator Huong Doan hit the spot. Some members contributed additional nibbles for us to munch while we pondered our next project. Sadly, I lost all willpower on the last day and ate too many leftover donuts.

Our Election committee has been hard at work encouraging members to step into available positions for next year. It's been heartwarming to find that there is enthusiasm within our Chapter to be part of the team that keep us going. Remember our Fall Event this September is when we will finalize the election – and enjoy a Potluck lunch, fashion show, and more.

Remember our Chapter has a Facebook page where ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to post your successes, questions, news items, or information that

sew Onward, Terry

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Gold Country ASG Neighborhood Groups 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, 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, kstarkel@icloud.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, randckinzel@gmail.com

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 Jan Hopkins bjhpkns49@gmail.com

Specialty Garment Techniques

2nd Tuesday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Raley's O-N-E Market, 3935 Park Dr., El Dorado Hills

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Sew-n-Sews Reno - All Things Sewing Related

Reno, Nevada

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ELECTION TIME

As you should already be aware, our Nominating Committee is now actively talking to our members to solicit volunteers for our Chapter Advisory Board for 2025. Sue Van Atta has graciously volunteered to function as the Nominating Committee Chairperson for the 2025 CAB. Thank you, Sue!

Sue is working with two more volunteers, Gail Butler and Callie Neville in this important annual task which culminates this September at our Fall Event.

Elected Positions that are open are:

President

Vice President (new in 2025)

Open Volunteer Positions are:

Newsletter Editor

Social Media (Facebook and Group Emails)

Publicity

WE WANT YOU





ASG Gold Country Chapter, Placerville
Fall 2024 Event
Potluck Luncheon- Project Runway - Show and Tell

Saturday September 21st, 2024
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Light of the Hills Lutheran Church
3100 Rodeo Road, Cameron Park, CA 95682



- ❖ CAB Election.
- ❖ Project Runway.
- ❖ Neighborhood Groups' Show and Tell.
- ❖ Basket Drawings & Door Prizes.



The event is FREE.
for planning purposes, please RSVP by Tuesday 9/17/2024.
Bring your favorite dish to share.
Last name A-H: Main Dishes, I-P: Desserts, Q-Z : Appetizers and Salads

RSVP by sending email or text to
Huong Doan, 916-425-9551, hdoan54@yahoo.com, or
Louise Mast, 909-493-0350, lbmast@yahoo.com

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING

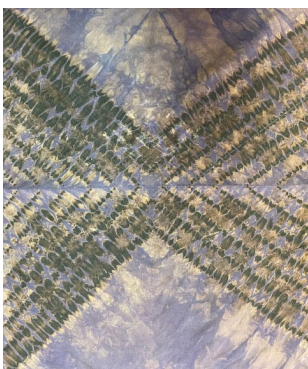
Neighborhood Group Activates

Clothes Fit had 2 great programs: June was Shibori Pole dyeing on Silk scarves taught by Sandy Wagner and July was the many uses and types of Rayon fabrics taught by Sue Harrington. August was a planning meeting for the next project. Following a demo and discussion by Bobbie Bullard on the Burda Crotch Curve it was decided to do pants.



The Art of the Stitch July meeting was a slide show presentation by Sandy Wagner followed with a discussion on “The many ways to do Shibori Stitching and Dyeing and Discharge of Color.” Shibori is the ancient art of Japanese stitching and dyeing using indigo dyes made from the plant.. It is becoming a dyeing art as the young people of Japan don't want to learn the art.

Left: folded in half and hand stitched then pull up tight. After dyed the threads were pulled out.



Right: folded to the center, tied on a pole and color removed to show the colors under the black fabric.



Our President Terry Has Been Busy



The purple scarf in the scarf trio picture is the one I made at Clothes, Fit Fun. It turned out great!

The set of tote bags I pieced and quilted. Donated to All About Equine for their annual fundraiser along with the 3 scarves.



The bright potholder was an experiment with the new Sharpies brand "Stained Fabric" markers. They have brush-like tips and different flow rates. The darker colors flow - spread more across the cotton fabric than the neon colors. Of course the sewing lady here has been using lousy store-bought potholders for too long. Now I'll be rockin in the kitchen.

Way to go Terry

Sew Elegant

In July, the Sew Elegant group did some sewing for Community Service. The project we worked on this year was making toiletry bags for Willa's Sew for Vets group. For our August meeting, we will be learning how to make denim feathers which could be used as embellishments on any number of projects. The September meeting will be for making a small heart pouch that could be used for ear buds or change or any other small items. Details will be posted around the first of each month on our group email and on Facebook. We meet on the third Monday at 10 at Light of the Hills Church.



CONGRATULATIONS to Gail Butler for presenting herself so well at the El Dorado Rose ceremony. Gail was undeniably the audience favorite. All of the period outfits she made for this contest were beautiful in every detail. While sewing garments, researching and attending events, Gail also managed to lead the Master Gardeners of El Dorado Co. in designing and setting up a memorable Garden Building Exhibit.



El Dorado and Amador County Fair 2024 Winners

Celebrating the El Dorado County Fair

Thank you to our members who displayed their work at the El Dorado County Fair, June 13-16. They are an inspiration to so many of us. CONGRATULATIONS to Callie Neville, Linda Babineau and Pat Skaggs for winning ribbons for their beautiful quilts.



Amador County Fair 2024

Hilary Wagner took Best of Division, Heirloom Sewing Dress

Sandy Wagner took Best of Show, Coat



2024 Events and Save the Date

Sewing in the Woods Fall Retreat

September 29 – October 5, 2024

NOTE camp is back to 5 days.

Registration is closed

Fall Event—Date: September 21st.

See flyer for information

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”



Who Who

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Looking for CAB and general volunteers for the 2025 year.

September is a special month for ASG with elections and volunteer positions opening up . Remember that what we do for the community, each other and ourselves is based entirely on volunteers. We enjoy the friendships that we have made while working within the ASG structure so think about what you can do to help keep the wonderful fun things that we do continue.

New Members

Lisa Mastropieri of Placerville on July 18. Email is Mastropieri3@gmail.com

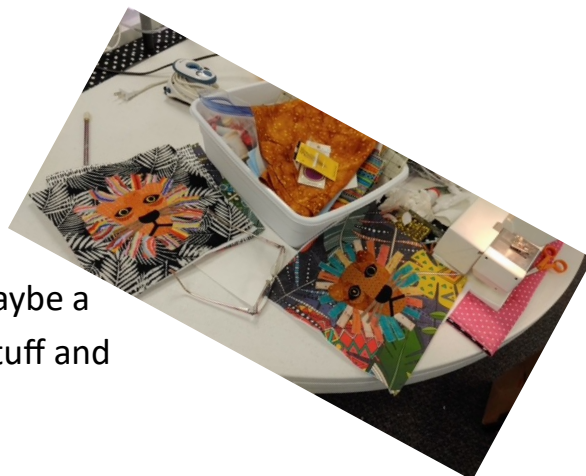
Have you moved? Or changed your email address or phone number?

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.

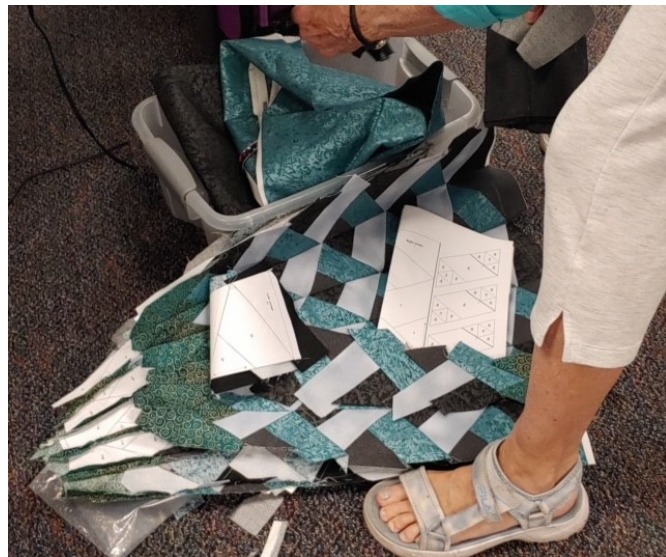
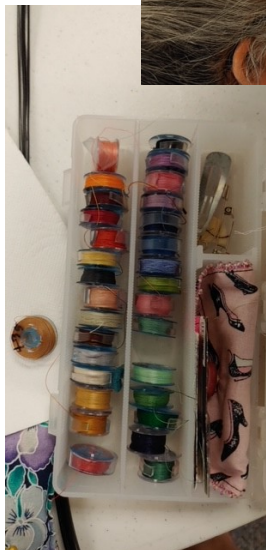
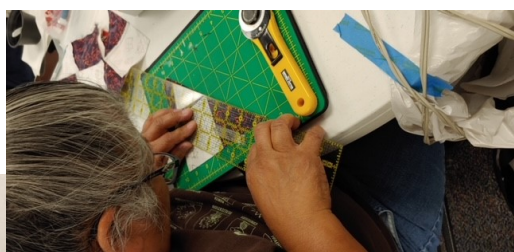
Roxann Harris

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Sewing Camp 2024 WAS A Hugh Success



Hand and Machine work, Maybe a big OOOPS-spools of good stuff and perfect cutting



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_kwN9ra8Gq8Zdnpt3eORE7qrjLh6RyQV0bW2T14s/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: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DNT2_8XVw8GY7vW2QWvZ6r0OwvXOf_xo7QdidOE1FQk/edit?usp=sharing

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

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.

ALERT FALL EVENT

September 21st will be here before we know it—Huong has wonderful plans for the “Project Runway” show. Please contact Huong if you have projects you would like to share and garments you would like to model.

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

“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**. 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 October 1. Thank you, Sandy”

Roxann was in AZ and having lunch with a friend and read this in the Phoenix area ASG newsletter. The newsletter editor, Nicole Hanna, gave her permission to have it re-printed.

Phoenix Chapter American Sewing Guild (ASG)

September is National Sewing Month!

A great time to refresh our pride in sewing and review the history of our American Sewing Guild and it's current position!

It's good to know where we stand; so we can determine where we are going!



American Sewing Guild

“Advancing Sewing as an Art and a Life Skill”

What does it mean? Let's start at the beginning.....

The American Sewing Guild (ASG) is a nationally recognized organization consisting of all kinds of sewists including seamstresses, quilters, embroiderers, and others in the thread arts. ASG has been in existence for 46 years with it's first 2 Chapters being formed in 1978 in Indianapolis and Denver.

The organization arose from America's need to stimulate and maintain interest in home sewing of clothing and other home textile goods. It became a teaching venue by which women and young girls could continue to learn, and expand their sewing skills. This venue became desirable in American households because more and more women were entering the work place in the 1970's and not as focused on learning/teaching the craft in their homes and thus not able to pass on the time honored tradition of American Craftmanship and self-sustaining mentality to their kids.

ASG incorporated as a 501(c)(3) independent non-profit educational organization in 1993. It dedicated it's mission to “advancing sewing as an art and life skill”. They formed their first Board of Directors in 1992. ASG opened it's Headquarters in Houston Texas in 2001.

Today there are over 130 chapters all across the United States with more than 20,000 members. Our state of Arizona has 4 Chapters alone just in the Valley including Prescott, Payson, Phoenix and Tuscon. Our Phoenix Chapter alone has over 106 members.

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How does ASG accomplish their goals?

ASG maintains an extensive web-based archive of video publications, on-line classes & seminars available to all of it's members. They offer a discounted rate to University of Fashion, an on-line forum for Fashion Designers with over 500 on-demand

Instructional videos dealing with construction, draping, pattern-making; anything a Fashion Designer and Sewist would need to know.

ASG first started putting out it's quarterly newsletter in the early 1990's; which is now being electronically distributed and maintained. Past and present newsletters from ALL the chapters in the US are made available for members to read. This has helped to close the geographical gap between us; as well as creating an awareness of activities and events in other chapters; that we may want to participate in.

There is a current trend towards ASG group leaders to use Zoom meeting capabilities during their Neighborhood groups and seminars in order to facilitate greater participation and accessibility to events; even for members from other states!

ASG group leaders and educators strive to be in the forefront of fashion industry developments and creativity through networking and partnerships with local fashion schools/educational venues; as well as with renowned seamstress personalities/instructors, business owners, etc. As a result, neighborhood groups are able to get in person instruction from professionals in the field. We are being introduced to the latest in fashion technology that is being utilized in professional arenas as well. Members have started using Automated Computer Design for garment development and pattern-making. Most recently, Projector Pattern-cutting is now making headway into our groups as well! We also have our own accomplished members demonstrating complex construction techniques during our neighborhood meet-ups as well.

All members are encouraged to contribute their ideas and desires for future endeavors in each of the groups thus facilitating a very dynamic fluid evolution of events and creative exchanges. ASG is a member driven organization and we are as vital as our participation! You can communicate to your group leaders, board members or even contact your Newsletter Editor!

In closing, the tradition of sewing is an American necessity in our homes especially in modern times where the "The Blob" of commercialism rolls across our country producing cookie-cutter home décor and clothing as cheaply as possible while charging as much as it can. America still values quality construction, originality and high utility in our daily lives. ASG has established itself as an organization that desires to forge ahead the craft of sewing and nurtures that American Know-How, Can-do culture!

Nicole Hanna; ASG Newsletter Editor

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 \$60
- Junior Member (New and Renewal)
to age 17, or age 22 with student ID \$35

Chapter Placerville-Gold Country, CA

- ASG Member at Large \$60
- Renewal Member \$55
(if received before membership expiration date)
- Late Renewal \$60

Chapter _____

Payment

- Check payable to "American Sewing Guild"
- MasterCard | Visa | AmEx | Discover

Account#: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV# _____

Signature: _____

Join ASG today!
Go to www.ASG.org or fill out the
application form below.