



Pine Needles Newsletter

Gold Country ASG Placerville CA

Advancing Sewing as an Art and Life

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President's Message

What a busy and beautiful spring! As y'all know, I'm running for the 50th Anniversary El Dorado Rose, at the ED County Fair in June, thank you to CAB for voting to sponsor me. There will be an invitation to a reception coming soon, in case you would like to find out more about the program. I'm working on displaying some Rose costumes at various places around the county and will have all of mine marked with "American Sewing Guild" in some form or fashion, maybe including a "Sit n Sew" flyer, not sure yet, but I'm always thinking of ways to spread the word about you amazing ladies. I'm in the midst of creating a "Mourning Dress", YES, ME. ALL BLACK. HEAD TO TOE! For a "Save the Graves" event in Coloma in May. I'm nervous but I think it will be fun. All I have left to finish is the blouse.....then, I need at least one ball gown and possibly two...and the pageant outfit...y'all know where I'll be for the next couple of months!

Exciting stuff is happening in my personal family as well. Granddaughter #1 is having another GR Granddaughter in late May, right after Granddaughter #3 graduates from UNR, another Teacher in the family! She hopes to be teaching FFA/Agriculture/Science, and the VERY EXCITING NEWS is that she is learning to QUILT!!! I'm so excited to share my stash with her, so proud of all the Grandies! Have a wonderful spring, ladies!



Special Dates to Remember

May 16 – Bodice Drafting Workshop (see page 2)

June 12 – Reno Quilt Show Bus Trip (see page 3)

Mid-Sept – Fall Annual Event, Light of the Hills Church (details later)

Oct 4-9 – Sewing in the Woods, Zephyr Cove (page 4 and 5)

November – Fall Sew Camp 2, Light of the Hills Church (details later)

Sit-n-Sew – Second Saturday of each month. See page 6

Neighborhood Group meetings. Eight of them! See page 7

Chapter Advisory Board meetings. Second Monday of each month. See page 12

**Recurring
Dates
to Remember**



Bodice Drafting Workshop

Where Structure Meets Elegance
Crafting the Perfect Fit Bodice from the Very First Line
Hosted by ASG Gold Country Chapter's Elizabeth Young

Event Details

Saturday, May 16

10:00AM – 2:00PM

Light of the Hills Church, 3100 Rodeo Rd
Cameron Park, CA

Fee: \$35

Register by Mail Only

Write a check, make it payable to **Gold Country ASG**

Include your phone number and email address

Mail the check and information to the following address:
Callie Neville at 6661 Thunder Head Lane, Placerville,
CA 95667

Supplies Needed to bring

- o Long straight ruler: either a large square or a QUILTING ruler
- o 1 " wide piece of elastic and a safety pin to mark natural waistline



Optional Items

- o Close fitting T-shirt you can write on with a pen to make measuring process easier
- o Wear your best fitting bra
- o Bring lunch; water and fruit option provided

Questions?

Linda Gomez-Ortigoza,
Got2 sew@sbcglobal.net. 714-308-8643



✦ Perfect for sewists ready to elevate their skills and create garments that truly fit.

A Hands-On Sewing Experience ✦

Learn how to draft a beautifully fitted bodice with confidence and precision

Reno Quilt Show Bus Trip



NO DRIVING, NO HASSLE.

Join us to explore quilting arts, special exhibits, exciting workshops & vendors presented by **The Reno Quilt Show**. We will also make a fun stop at the **Reno Mill End fabrics store** for bargain supplies & fabrics.

Friday June 12th, 2026; 7:00am- 6:00pm.

Transportation: Charter bus with air conditioning & on-board bathroom

Pickup and drop-off location: Light of the Hills church in Cameron Park.

Admission: \$75, Non-member: \$85

Water & snacks will be provided.

(Lunch and Quilt show admission are not included)

Seats are limited. Reserve by May 29th, 2026 to save a seat.

Register by Mail Only

Write a check, make it **payable to Gold Country ASG**

Include your phone numbers and email address.

Mail the check and information to the following address:

Callie Neville at 6661 Thunder Head Lane, Placerville, CA 95667.

For more information, please contact

Huong Doan, 916-425-9551, hdoan54@yahoo.com, or

Louise Mast, 909-493-0350, lbmast@yahoo.com

Sewing in the Woods

ASG Gold Country Sewing Retreat

Zephyr Point • Lake Tahoe, NV
— October 4—9 —

Escape to the Beauty of Lake Tahoe!
Sew ♦ Relax ♦ Create

- ♦ Double Occupancy: \$695
- ♦ Single Occupancy: \$1095
- ♦ Sewing in Inspiration Point
- ♦ Lakeside Sewing Fun!

Limited Space!
Reservations Open June 1st

Contact:

✉ Gail Butler ✉ gail.butler@hotmail.com
✉ Carol Jurcak ✉ caroljurcak@yahoo.com

Registration Form on next page

Sewing in the Woods Registration Form

Gold Country ASG Fall 2026
Zephyr Point Conference Center
6600 Hwy 50, Zepher Cove NV 89448
October 4 - October 9, 2026

Registration: June 1-31 ASG
Non-Members +\$25/Late +\$25

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Allergies: _____ Special Needs (Diet): _____

Roommate: _____

5 Day: Sunday 4:30 pm – Friday am

\$695 dbl occupancy _____ \$1,095 single occupancy _____ +\$25 Late/non-member fee _____ =Total _____

ASG Membership # _____ Check # _____ Amount: _____

Make checks payable to: Gold Country ASG
Mail check and registration form to:
Callie Neville, 6661 Thunder Head Lane
Placerville CA 95667

Secret Pal

If you would like to participate in Secret Pal, please respond to the following questions. Feel free to add any additional information you Secret Pal may find useful.

1. Types of things you sew?
2. Favorite notion?
3. Coffee or tea?
4. Favorite candy?
5. Dedicated sewing room color/décor?
6. Other crafts or hobbies?
7. Favorite Holiday
8. Favorite color
9. Pets? Dog or Cat?
10. Other

Yes, you are reading correctly. You do NOT need to be an ASG member to attend a Sit-n-Sew. In fact, you do not even have to know how to sew! Just show up.

2nd Saturday Sit n Sew



American Sewing Guild

WHO: Everyone is welcome, even if you've never sewn before, membership NOT required

WHAT: A 'make and take' beginner sewing project, instruction and materials provided OR bring your own project, we can help if needed!

WHAT Is Required? A few basic sewing supplies. We provide the rest. Your machine or borrow ours.

WHEN: 2nd Saturday each month,
10:00 am-4:00 pm (bring your lunch)

WHERE: **The Clubhouse @**
3550 China Garden Road, Placerville

WHY: Learn something new and make new friends

MORE info / RSVP:

no membership required
gail.butler@hotmail.com
or text 530-306-1057



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Gold Country ASG Neighborhood Groups 2026

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
Patti Garcia nursepattyg@yahoo.com

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 bjhpks49@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
Julia Johnson SGT@tojulia.com

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

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

Sew Elegant

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3rd Monday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park
Contact group lead: Karen Starkel 916-817-1524, kstarkel@icloud.com

Sew Elegant focuses on fun, small projects. They've tackled projects like fabric wallets, bucket hats, and the Needle Storage Cases.

The group members are friendly, and the meetings flow well and include everyone. The projects are fun and everyone's suggestions are considered.



Her bag was a Sew Elegant project. Her clothes were Clothes Fit Fun projects. She's modeling it for the Folsom Quilt Show.

So, drop on by one of their meetings and meet this fun-loving group!

Meet the leader of Sew Elegant, Karen Starkel. When Karen retired, she started going to Sew Elegant and Clothes Fit groups and regrets not being able to fit in Sew Scrappy because she was also doing an art class!

Her favorite part of sewing is picking out and collecting fabrics. Her least favorite part is hand sewing the binding on a big quilt.

She recently took 2nd Place in the Medium Pieced Quilt category of the Folsom Quilt Show with her quilt Stargazing.



..The Sew Elegant members have lots of fun sewing great projects...did I mention how much fun they have?



Spring Sew Camp was a glorious three days of sewing, learning, talking, and getting advice from fellow sewists, and of course..eating! The best news is that there will be another Camp in the Fall so if you missed it, there will be another one coming up.



Spring Sew Camp!





More of Spring Sew Camp!



Community Service in Gold Country!

Community Service is a major focus of ASG. Thanks to our two Community Service groups, our Chapter made an impressive impact on our communities during 2025. Together the *Threads of Love* and *Threads of Love Too* groups donated a total of 453 items to 13 agencies. The variety of items included quilts, dining vests, walker bags, tote bags, pillows, cat cage covers and mats, to name a few. These donations went to:

Marshall Cancer Center
El Dorado Community Health Center
American Legion Women's Auxiliary
Amador Residential & Memory Care
Senior Center Amador Co.
Sutter Hospital Thrift Store

Family Caregiver Support Program
Amador Lifeline
A-PAL and Tri Co. Wildlife Care
Homeless Emergency Shelter
Military Veterans Donation Drive
Sierra Wind Wellness & Recovery Center

In addition, the *Clothes Fit Fun* donated 10 girls' dresses to the Dress a Girl Around the World program.

A big "Thank You" to these groups and members who helped, for serving so many needs in our communities and representing our Chapter so well.

...and here's a visual from Sew Threads of Love

A new Sew Threads of Love member brought a request for *fidget mats* through her association with Snowline Hospice. She also provided the group with lots of supplies for the project as she does this as an ongoing activity for Hospice.

The members have made more fidget mats and are donating them to EDC Adult Daycare.

Everyone had fun making them with all the cute materials their new member brought.



New Members

Please welcome the newest members to our chapter

Nadine Hogrefe

Linda Erfle

Also – a special thank you to all members who have renewed your ASG membership!

Note: If you have moved, changed your email, or changed your phone number please update your information in your profile at www.asg.org/member. The chapter does not maintain the membership address list.

If you have any questions or need help with your membership, contact Anne at amintmier@gmail.com or 530-644-2739



Keep in Touch

Gold Country Chapter

Website: <https://goldcountryasg.org/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1316075138544115/>

Email group page: <https://groups.google.com/g/goldcountryasg>

Automatically emailed to members:

President's monthly News and Notes, around the 15th of each month

Pine Needles Newsletter –5/1/26, 8/1/26, 11/1/26

National ASG

Website: www.asg.org

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sewingguild

Remember to Shop Local

High Sierra Quilters in Placerville

Website: <https://www.highsierraquilters.com/>

Location: 1263 Broadway

M-F 9:30a-5p

Sat 9:30a-4p

Sun Closed



Brothers Sewing & Vacuum Center in Cameron Park

Website: <https://www.brothersvacuums.com/>

Location: 4100 Cameron Park Dr Suite 102

Hours:

M-F 9a-6p

Sat 10a-2p

Sun Closed



Meissner in Folsom

Website: <https://meissnersewing.com/>

Folsom Location: 98 Clarksville Rd #130

Hours:

Tu - Sat 10a-5p

Sun - Mon Closed

*Note: there are two other stores –
Sacramento and Roseville*

