



Pine Needles Newsletter

Gold Country ASG Placerville CA

Advancing Sewing as an Art and Life

Second Quarter 2026, August 1, 2026, Final

President's Message

Wow, here we are in the dog days of summer, and I've not gotten much sewing done. I KNOW I haven't gotten much gardening done, I did get a few seeds planted and a couple of tomato plants and it's just about enough for the hubs and I to have something fresh every day, that's a win! He did, however, ask me the other day about my thousand-dollar strawberries, lol! They're good.

The thing about summer is that it goes so fast and then we have Fall and so many activities! Huong is busy planning our Annual Meeting with a great class on Friday and meeting/lunch/activity on Saturday and another Fall Sew Camp in October; we can work on those Christmas projects/gifts. ALL the neighborhood groups have great plans for super projects; it's a great place to be!

I'm having a fun time with Rose stuff, started my reign off by visiting the Capitol and being recognized on the House Floor for our 50th Anniversary and then lunch in the Plaza Building, a gorgeous historic building downtown Sacramento. Have done a couple of Ribbon Cuttings, 4th of July Celebrations and Pollock Pines Logging Days...no wonder I'm not sewing! Thank you all again for sponsoring me and being so supportive. The picture is my Pageant dress. It consists of my Great Grandmother's Blouse, and I made everything else to go with it. I was so happy that I could fit into it and was able to wear it. I'm going to have it framed in a shadowbox, it's way too fragile to keep wearing but I just love it!

We need a new Treasurer, please think about joining CAB in this very necessary job. I've heard there's not a lot to it and Callie will be available to help/train.

Progress is happening with the new website, slow...but progress is better than where we've been, please be patient!

Keep cool and enjoy!

Gail



Gail won the Jubilee El Dorado Rose competition!



Special Dates to Remember

Sept 18-19— Fall Annual Event, Light of the Hills Church (page 2)

Oct 4-9 — Sewing in the Woods, Zephyr Cove (page 3 and 4)

Oct 29-31 — Fall Sew Camp 2, Light of the Hills Church (page 5)

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 13



**Recurring
Dates to
Remember**

Fall Annual Event



ASG Gold Country Chapter, Placerville Fall 2026 Annual Event

Exciting Workshop w/award-winning artist Rami Kim
Project Runway - Catered Luncheon
Fri 9/18 & Sat 9/19, 2026

Light of the Hills Lutheran Church
3100 Rodeo Road, Cameron Park, CA 95682

Friday, Sept 18, 9 - 4pm
Workshop with Rami Kim

Fee: \$35

BYOL (Bring/buy your own lunch)

Part of Rami's award-winning series TWO BY TWO, these 3-Dimensional textures and designs can be incorporated into wearable arts, quilts, dolls and bags.

Seats are limited.

No Refund after Friday 9/11/2026

Saturday, Sept 19, 9:00am - 2pm
Project Runway & Competition

Admission: Free

RSVP by Monday 9/14/2026

- ❖ CAB Election
- ❖ Project runway & Competition
- ❖ Catered lunches,
- ❖ Door Prizes
- ❖ Free tables

Register by Mail Only

Friday workshop, write a check, payable to **Gold Country ASG**. Mail the checks with your phone #, email address to Callie Neville at 6661 Thunder Head Lane, Placerville, CA 95667.

Contacts: Gail Butler, 530-306-1057, gail.butler@hotmail.com,
Huong Doan, 916-425-9551, hdoan54@yahoo.com, or
Louise Mast, 909-493-0350, lbmast@yahoo.com

Sewing In the Woods

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, Zephyr Cove NV 89448
October 4 - October 9, 2026

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home 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: _____

**Sorry
Registration is Closed**

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



American Sewing Guild
Gold Country Chapter - Placerville, CA

Fall 2026 Sewing Camp-2

Light of the Hills Lutheran Church
3100 Rodeo Road, Cameron Park, CA 95682

Thursday- Saturday
Oct 29th - Oct 31st, 2026



Member: \$30; non-member: \$40

Seats are limited- No Refund by Monday 10/26

- Bring your sewing machine & supplies. They will be securely locked overnight.
- Show and tell. Door prizes.
- Free tables: Disperse your extra fabrics & notions and make someone happy.
- Thurs - Catered lunch, Fri - Pot luck, Sat – Catered lunch
- Friday potluck: Bring your favorite dish to share (Details will be sent out later)

Register by Mail Only

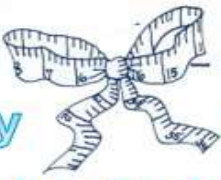
Write a check, payable to Gold Country ASG; and mail it to
Callie Neville at 6661 Thunder Head Lane, Placerville, CA 95667.

For more information, please contact

Huong Doan, 916-425-9551, hdoan54@yahoo.com, or
Louise Mast, 909-493-0350, lbmast@yahoo.com

If you don't belong to ASG or know how to sew or have anything you want to sew, we have an event for you. Try out a Sit-n-Sew meeting!

Sit n Sew



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

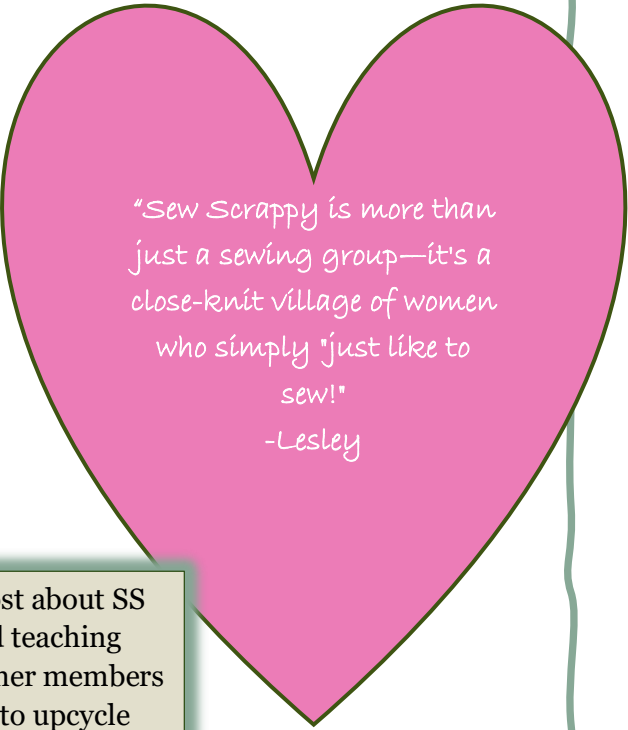
Sew-n-Sews Reno - All Things Sewing Related
Reno, Nevada
Verla Jackson verlamj@gmail.com

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

Sew Scrappy

Anne summarized the group's activities with the following: "Sew Scrappy worked on several smaller projects in 2026 including Bird Blocks and paper piece House Blocks. We also made Twist and Turn potholders and appliqué door hangars. During the next two meetings we will be making items using fabric selvages. In the past we had yearlong quilt projects, but we are now branching out. Future projects include learning to add a split rail to a quilt and making Christmas gifts. "



"Sew Scrappy is more than just a sewing group—it's a close-knit village of women who simply just like to sew!"
-Lesley

Lesley says that one of the things she loves most about SS is that "they take turns sharing techniques and teaching projects. She has learned so much from the other members — from paper piecing to finding creative ways to upcycle fabric she would have otherwise tossed away."

Along with working on such a wide variety of projects, they also manage to have a good time as they do so.

Willa shared that "This is the group that got me into ASG. I walked into a group of strangers and walked out with new friends. After 2 visits I joined the Gold Country Chapter of ASG."

Meeting Information

3rd Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park

Contact facilitators:

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Anne Mintmier 530-644-2739, amintmier@gmail.com



Sew Scrappy



More Sew Scrappy Fun!



Sew Scrappy
does quilts!



Sew Threads of Love Too – Community is the focus!

Another Neighborhood Group Spotlight

Sew Threads of Love Too is one of our two neighborhood groups that focuses on community service projects. Their work is a labor of love that spans over a decade.

Jan Hopkins has been the facilitator for 12 years, but she states with absolute certainty that the members of the group are the real driving force of the group.



An example of this teamwork is that one of the group members is the coordinator. She will contact the various volunteer organizations to find out if they need any items and if so, what items are they?

Then, these organizations and their needs are carefully tracked so the appropriate projects can be scheduled.

Several examples of the organizations are Amador Lifeline, Amador Residential & Memory Care, Senior Center Amador County, American Legion Women's Auxiliary.



Socializing happens too!

More Threads of Love Too..

This is a well-oiled machine. Projects require definition and fabric. There is a nearby storage area with pre-cut pattern pieces for those projects most asked for by the various organizations



Members bring their sewing machines and sewing notions. All the fabric and projects are provided for them at the meeting.

Members are busy either cutting out pattern pieces or sewing them together.

And then some members are busy sewing & cutting at home too!



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**Chapter
Advisory Board
Meetings
You are invited!**

**CAB meets the second Monday of
each month at 1:30pm
In the Bel Air Community Room in
Cameron Park**

The Gold Country Chapter was very well represented at the El Dorado County Fair!



Terry Ogino entry was a winning boxy tote



Carol Jurcak won a blue ribbon with her gorgeous backpack

In addition to her becoming the El Dorado Rose, Gail Butler also got Best of Show for this amazing gown.



Callie Neville had quilted and knitted entries



It is fun to just enter something you've made.
Maybe we will be seeing you at next year's Fair!

Please welcome the newest members to our chapter

Sheryl Wheeler
&
Donna Brooks

Renewal Reminder

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 <mailto: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*

