

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER - VOL 20.3

Alaska Sewlutions

EAGLE RIVER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7: Annual Meeting & Holiday Party
Jan. 4, 2020: Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting
Jan. 11: Valley Neighborhood Meeting
Feb. 1: Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting
Feb. 8: Valley Neighborhood Meeting
Mar. 12-15: Spring Retreat
Mar. 14: Chapter Meeting
Apr. 4: Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting
Apr. 11: Valley Neighborhood Meeting
May 2: Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting
May 9: Valley Neighborhood Meeting
June-August: no meetings; State Fair
Sept. 19: Anchorage & Valley Neighborhood Meetings (tentative)
Oct. 3: Community Service Sew
Oct. 27-Nov. 1: Fall Retreat
Oct. 31: Chapter Meeting
Nov. 14: Anchorage & Valley Neighborhood Meetings (tentative)
Dec. 5: Annual Meeting & Holiday Party

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Sewing Sisters,

As I unpacked my machine from its case after the retreat, I realized that I only changed the needle once or twice during the 5 day retreat. That prompted the question of "how often should I change the needle?" Here is what the experts say:

- *It is recommended that you change your needle after every 3 full bobbins used or every 2 pre-wound bobbins used.*
- *It is also recommended that you change the needle after each project or if using a fabric that naturally dulls the needle such as leathers or heavy fleece.*
- *It is ideal to change every 8 hours of sewing or with each new project unless it is a small project.*

So, as you start your next project take a moment to clean out the dust bunnies and insert a new needle.

I'm happy to announce that for the 2020 Alaska State Fair, the Alaska Sewlutions is going to award two \$25 Jo-Ann gift cards on behalf of the American Sewing Guild. These awards will go to the Judges Choice winners for both junior categories (Junior A and Junior B). We feel these awards are fitting with the purpose and mission of ASG which is to engage in activities for educational and charitable purposes, to further advance the art of sewing. We love seeing the projects submitted by children and look forward to this award as a way of encouraging them.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party!

Julie Gleason, Chapter President



UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

In January, our neighborhood groups will be making microwave popcorn bags. If you can't make it to the meeting but still want to join in, check out instructions at tinyurl.com/microwave-popcorn-bags.

ANCHORAGE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 11:30-2:30PM

SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER | 1300 E 19TH AVE

VALLEY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 12-2PM

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPEL

7550 E PALMER-WASILLA HWY

HOLIDAY PARTY • SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 12-4PM

BEVERLY'S HOUSE, 8261 SUNDI DRIVE, ANCHORAGE

Directions: Call 907-243-8333 if you need help finding the party.

Elections: officer elections will be held, so be sure to attend and vote!

Potluck: Please bring a dish to share based on your birth month:

January-March: desserts, April-June: appetizers, July-September: sides, October-December: salads

Optional white elephant gift exchange: Linda McClure will collect new, unwrapped child & teen gifts for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree toy drive. Teens are always in special need during the holidays: great gift ideas include earbuds, blankets, handheld toys. Gift cards for MyHouse teens are also welcome and will be collected and donated. For more about donations for kids and teens, visit myhousematsu.org and alaska.salvationarmy.org/alaska-division/angel-tree.



ALASKA STATE FAIR UPDATE

Increased entries: 2018: 171 entries, 2019: 199 entries; ~70 entrants

New for 2020:

- Garment divisions will be updated to consolidate knits & wovens.
- Additional judges' choice ribbons will be available: 1 for Open/Professional, 1 for Junior A (12 and under), and 1 for Junior B (13-18).
- New prizes: a \$25 gift card for Joann Fabrics will be awarded to both Junior A and Junior B Judges' Choice winners.
- More entrants are highly encouraged! More volunteers are also welcome for judging and sit & sew: tell a friend and save the date.

2020 FAIR

THEME: SEEING IS BELIEVING

August 14-15: entry intake

August 16: judging

August 17: display

August 27-September 7: fair; sit & sew volunteers welcome

September 8 & 12: entry pick up



COMMUNITY SEW SUCCESS

65 dolls were completed at this October's Community Service Sew. They're being delivered ~20 at a time to be distributed to the Children's Hospital at Providence. There are extra dolls available for stuffing and hand sewing at upcoming neighborhood meetings and retreats.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

LASER WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

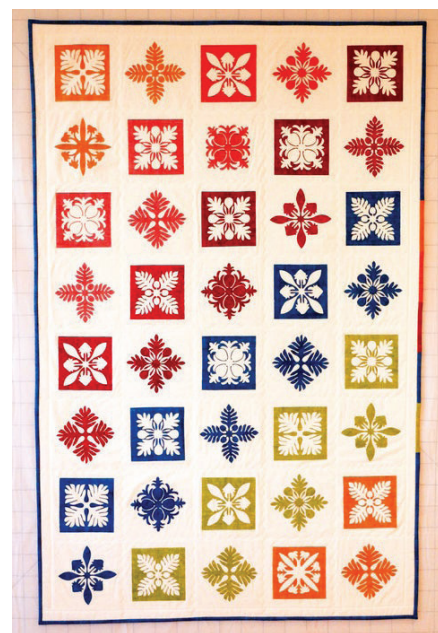
If you're interested in learning more about using a laser cutter/engraver to make your sewing dreams come to life, consider a small workshop with member Emily Longbrake:

"In January 2020, I'd like to host a **free** workshop at my house in Anchorage to make laser cut appliques. I can host ~8 people or so for a half day or evening to demonstrate basic analog and digital design techniques and use the laser to cut them out.

"I recently bought a 60W laser that can cut a wide range of materials including fabric, batting, and leather as well as 1/4" acrylic and wood. The bed size of 14x16" is great for cutting quilt blocks or small, intricate applique shapes that would be really difficult to cut by hand.

"Participants would be welcome to bring a machine to sew while taking turns with the laser. I can supply small samples of a range of materials."

GET IN TOUCH: EMILYLONGBRAKE@GMAIL.COM OR 907-863-0801



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Commemorative Air Force Alaska Wing is in need of silent auction donation items for our December 7 Stars Across Alaska Gala. Our mission is to Educate, Honor, and Inspire by bringing a living history of WWII to all people in Alaska. This year's event will be honoring Captain Howard Hunt, who passed away this year. He was a WWII veteran, and our wing founder. We have made an honor table for any WWII veterans locally we can find, as we fear our time to honor them in person is drawing to a close.

In addition to helping keep our warbirds flying, your donation will be used to raise funds to expand our aviation education program, which includes offering free warbird flights to students ages 12-17. We feel it is so important to share the impact Alaska had during WWII, and we hope you will consider an item donation if you are able.



Interested?

Please Contact:

Rebecca Brown

Volunteer Event Coordinator

Commemorative Air Force Alaska Wing

907-406-8300

SPRING RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 12-15, 2020

Alaska Sewlutions receives a 10% rebate if 15+ retreat participants stay overnight for 2 or more nights: reserve your spot early and stay for 2+ nights!

12 members must attend on at least 1 night to receive the rates below:

1 night: \$78.75

2 nights: \$120.75

3 nights: \$162.75

Day only (noon to midnight): \$15

Day with breakfast: \$25

NEW: WAITING LIST FOR NONMEMBERS

To take advantage of the generous rebate available and encourage potential new members, a waitlist will be available for the 2020 Spring Retreat. Stay tuned for more details from our retreat coordinator.



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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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☐ New ASG Member\$50

☐ New ASG Junior Member\$25

Chapter (city/state) **Eagle River, Alaska**

☐ ASG Member at Large\$50

☐ Renewal Member\$45
(if received before membership expiration date)

☐ Late Renewal\$50
(if received after membership expiration date)

☐ Junior Renewal\$25

Junior Member Information:

Birthdate (MM) _____ (DD) _____ (YYYY) _____

School Name _____

Grade/year in school _____

Payment:

☐ Check payable to "American Sewing Guild"

☐ MasterCard | Visa | AmEx | Discover (circle one)

Account# _____

Expiration Date: _____ CW# _____

Signature: _____

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