

FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER - VOL 23.1

Alaska Sewlutions

EAGLE RIVER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Valley Neighborhood Meeting: Sat. February 12, 12-2pm, Northern Light Chapel

Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting: Sat. February 19, 1-3pm, Joann Fabric, 3801 Old Seward Hwy

Spring Retreat: Thurs-Sun, March 17-20, Pioneer Ridge B&B

March Annual Meeting: Sat. March 19, 10am, Pioneer Ridge B&B & Zoom

Valley Neighborhood Meeting: Sat. April 9, 12-2pm, Northern Light Chapel

Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting: Sat. April 16, 1-3pm, Joann Fabric, 3801 Old Seward Hwy

Valley Neighborhood Meeting: Sat. May 14, 12-2pm, Northern Light Chapel

Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting: (tentative) Sat. May 21, 1-3pm, Joann Fabric, 3801 Old Seward Hwy

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Valentine's Day! There are 34 more days from now until the Spring Equinox (March 20) to take advantage of the wintery snow/sew days! As some of you are planting seeds for the garden or envisioning summer flowers, consider "planting" ideas for summer projects including items to enter in our state fair. No project is too big or too small.

It is with great joy that both our neighborhood groups can meet "live" & all have venues. A special thanks to Ada Gleason & her persistence in securing the JoAnn Fabric craft room for their meetings.

The Spring Retreat planning is also well underway. It is also an opportune time to crank out those projects you have been wanting to tackle. Our chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19 at 10am and all are non-retreaters are also welcome. Zoom will also be available for anyone who wishes to join remotely.

Dust off those 2022 sewing resolutions and share with our guild!

Happy sewing,

Rae Longbrake, 907-863-0800, ralongbrake@gmail.com



A recent project for granddaughter and new sewist June

VALLEY FEBRUARY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Sat. January 8, 12-2pm, Northern Light Chapel

Bring show and tell items, and for our project, we will make heart zipper pouches. Here is the free tutorial: patternsforpirates.com/heart-pouch-tutorial. Please print a copy of the pattern and these supplies:

- 2 – 8"x8" pieces cotton woven for main + lining fabrics
- Lightweight Fusible Interfacing
- 1 – 9" zipper
- Machine , a zipper foot is helpful
- Basic sewing supplies (a cutting board and iron is available)



ANCHORAGE FEBRUARY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Sat. February 19, 1-3pm, JOANN Fabric & Crafts, 3801 Old Seward Hwy, Anchorage

Join us at our new meeting location for show and tell and preparation for the spring retreat. We're looking forward to it!

SPRING RETREAT: MARCH 17-20

In case you missed it, the 2022 Spring Retreat will begin with a 10 a.m. check in time on Thursday, March 17 and end with checkout on Monday, March 21 in the morning. Just think: five days of sewing, creating, eating, and enjoying time away from the family!

The Retreat is scheduled to be held at Pioneer Ridge Bed and Breakfast in Wasilla. Breakfast will be provided by the B & B on Saturday and Sunday. During the week, the usual breakfast items are available such as yogurt, oatmeal, and toast.

Volunteers are needed to sign up for dinner. You can team up with others or perhaps sign up to bring an item(s) similar to a potluck. Please remember that desserts are always welcome! There is a space limitation in the one refrigerator.

There are no room assignments: it is first come, first served. The 2022 rates are listed below. The retail discounts and a massage therapist will be announced later. Members of the AK Sewlutions chapter will be offered the retreat registration first until Friday, February 25, at which time, if space allows, we will send out the non-member fees for the Retreat.

Fall retreat rates

1 night - \$78.75	Day attendees can arrive after 12pm and pay \$15. If they wish to be included in the Saturday or Sunday breakfast the fee is \$25 per day.
2 nights - \$126.00	
3 Nights - \$173.25	
4 Nights - \$220.05	



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Above: projects from Facebook, [facebook.com/groups/AlaskaSewlutions](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlaskaSewlutions)

FEATURED MEMBER

Alice Stevens has been a member since 2010 and is currently the Sewing Department Head for the Alaska State Fair. Read on to learn more about Alice!

What do you love best about the guild?

Sharing, and the people!

What are your earliest memories of sewing?

Making doll clothes on my grandmothers treadle sewing machine while sitting next to my mother who was sewing clothes for me on her Singer. She would not let me touch her machine!

What project are you working on currently?

I am starting a "quilt as you go." Once a block is pieced, I will quilt the 3 layers on my embroidery machine & then join the completed blocks to finish.

Who, or how were you recruited to join AK Sewlutions?

I inquired to ASG and was directed to call Phillis McIntosh who blew me away with her warmth and enthusiasm. I felt right at home after my first neighborhood visit!



January Valley Neighborhood Group Meeting project: slipper socks

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

Sewing and Stitchery Expo

March 2-6, 2022, online only

The Sewing & Stitchery Expo is where your creative community connects. It is five full days of learning, connecting, and inspiration for sewing enthusiasts of all levels. Whether you're a lifetime quilter, me-made wardrobe expert, devoted cosplayer, or a whimsical DIY-er, find details at sewexpo.com

American Sewing Guild Annual Conference

June 30- July 3, 2022, San Antonio, Texas

Our annual in-person and online conference gives sewing enthusiasts a place to celebrate all things sewing, quilting and embroidery. Features include shopping, education, a fashion show, fellowship and more. Details at asg.org/resources/conference/



ASG SENSITIVITY STATEMENT

"The American Sewing Guild (ASG) is committed to equal access and opportunity for all. No person shall on the basis of age, race, color, religious creed, national origin or ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, disability or handicap be subject to discrimination whether in employment or any program or activity within ASG.

"To foster the spirit of community within ASG and between ASG and the community at large, we will demonstrate respect and sensitivity toward one another through word and deed. In any way representing ASG or participating in an ASG activity, we will not promote or endorse divisiveness regarding any of the above or any other area that may fall into the category of sensitive subject matter.

"What does this statement mean? It means that as a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization, we, even more so, are behooved to be kind and considerate of others. We have members of our organization as well as our communities who have different cultural backgrounds, different religious beliefs, and different abilities. It is so easy to offend without intention; we will lessen the opportunity for that by insuring that nothing we do under the auspices of ASG can be in any way interpreted as exhibiting or endorsing any personal beliefs or prejudices."

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