



SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER - VOL 23.3

Alaska Sewlutions

EAGLE RIVER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep. 17: Anchorage & Valley Neighborhood Meetings

Oct. 1: Community Service Sew (Eagle River)

Oct. 25-30: Fall Retreat

Oct. 29, 10am: Chapter Advisory Board Meeting

Oct. 29, 11am: Chapter Meeting (for all members)

Dec. 3: Annual Meeting & Holiday Party

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The signs of fall in Alaska are making their appearance: fireweed that has gone to seed, flocks of sandhill cranes making their way south daily, noticeable yellow leaves on the birch trees, the State Fair is over, and our daylight hours will soon be less than 13 hours! This all means it is time to set your sights on the fall and winter events. Opportunities abound to attend neighborhood meets, participate in the community service project October 1, attend the Fall Retreat at Pioneer Ridge B&B, and lastly the Annual Christmas Party for all guild members.

The satisfaction survey I collected at the Spring Retreat indicated that the fellowship of kindred sewing "spirits" joining together to sew, learn, challenge, and share, are what is loved best about our guild. It is our goal as your officers to nurture these needs with social and educational opportunities. The Neighborhood group leaders, Julie Gleason (Valley) and Ada Gleason (Anchorage), welcome any offers to assist with meeting agendas. We sit on a gold mine of talented people in this guild, so it is time to start panning (pardon the cliché)! Bravo to all those of you who communicate through Facebook and/or have regular friends they sew with on weekly or monthly basis. Maybe you know a member or two who would want to meet just to talk "sew"?

Feel free to connect with any of us on the Chapter Advisory Board- C.A.B. by phone or email if you have questions or concerns. We are all in this together!

Happy sewing,

Rae Longbrake

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SEPTEMBER NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

This month, we will be prepping for the community service sew in addition to regular show and tell.

Valley: 12-2pm, Northern Light Chapel, 7550 E Palmer-Wasilla Highway
Please bring a rotary cutter and 24" ruler.
For questions, contact Julie Gleason, 907-244-9610, Ladyjulia75@gmail.com

Anchorage: 1-3pm, Joann Fabric, 3801 Old Seward Hwy. Please bring a small cutting mat, a small or regular rotary cutter, scissors, a 12" ruler, iron, and ironing mat or board.
For questions, contact Ada, 907-244-9614, adaknik@alaska.com

FALL RETREAT: OCTOBER 25-30, 2022

CAB MEETING: 10AM | ANNUAL MEETING: 11AM

Now that the State Fair is over, it is time to turn our thoughts and plans to the Alaska Sewlutions Fall Retreat. The Retreat will begin with a 4 p.m. check in time on Tuesday, October 25 with checkout on Sunday, October 30 in the afternoon.

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 deserts are always welcome! There is a space limitation in the one refrigerator.

When sending in your registration, please let me know if you would like to participate in having pizza delivered on Saturday night for dinner. The cost would be between \$5-10, each.

There are no room assignments: it is first come, first served. The 2022 rates are listed below. The store discounts are being worked on and will be announced later. Members of the AK Sewlutions chapter will be offered the retreat registration first until **Friday, October 7**, at which time, if space allows, we will be accepting registrations from non-members at a higher rate.

Fall Retreat rates are:

1 night - \$85.05 | 2 nights - \$132.30 | 3 Nights - \$174.83 | 4 Nights - \$217.35 | 5 Nights - \$259.88

Day attendees are able to arrive after 12 p.m. and pay \$15. If they wish to be included in the Saturday or Sunday breakfast the fee is \$25. per day.

Your spot at the retreat is reserved when your check is received. Please make your checks payable to AK Sewlutions and will be deposited upon receipt. You can mail them to me at :

Kathy Lunning, 13706 E Grassland Cir, Palmer, AK 99645

Looking forward to spending time with my sewing siblings for 5 days of sewing and fun!



COMMUNITY SERVICE SEW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 10AM-4PM, HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 17545 N. EAGLE RIVER LOOP, EAGLE RIVER

The Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Eagle River has graciously allowed us to use their facility! We will be using the downstairs area with parking and access in the back of the building: no lugging machines & gear upstairs or elevators! Sub sandwiches (meat & vegetarian options) will be provided for lunch. Bring your own drinks or special dietary needs.

We will be sewing for 2 organizations this year: Family Promise and Heartreach Center in Wasilla. Our goal is to produce 30 baby bibs, 40 pillow cases, and 50 dish towels as requested from their wish list. We'll use an assembly-line system for the pillowcase & towel projects.

Supplies:

- Fabric for the pillow case cuffs 26" x 40" that compliment white muslin
- 15" long trims for one end of the white kitchen towels & matching thread
- Several sergers loaded with black thread for the bibs

Please make a special effort to attend this service workshop. It is amazing what we can do as a team, and you will be helping your community!



HOLIDAY PARTY: SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 12-3PM
8261 SUNDI DRIVE, ANCHORAGE

Beverly Holmes is hosting the party this year: thank you Beverly!

For those of you who are new, this is a casual dress event (Christmas theme wear &/or headgear is encouraged but optional always) starting with a potluck, then a short business meeting and lastly an anonymous gift exchange with a twist.

This year's gift exchange is to be a holiday theme cloth gift bag you make of any design or reasonable size with a small sweet treat inside. Bring your gift to the party secured in a plain brown paper bag for anonymity.

For the potluck, Beverly will provide the meat course (usually ham), and you're invited to bring an item per your last name: **A-G a dessert, H-R a salad, & S-Z a side dish.** See you then!



MEMBER PROJECTS

From left:
Julie Gleason
Amanda Roylance
Charity Lovelace

FEATURED MEMBER: KATHY LUNNING

Kathy is currently our special events chairperson. She initially joined in 2006 as a “baby seamstress” and has grown to mentor status! She served as our President from 2011 to 2014 until moving to South Dakota, then rejoined in 2016 after returning to Alaska and has since served as events chair which includes our 2 annual retreats.

What do you love best about the guild?

I love the fellowship for sure, but especially the educational aspects! I have learned so much through our guild in neighborhood meetings, retreats. & being a runner at fair judging! Online classes are nice but no substitute for in person learning.

What are your earliest memories of sewing?

I was in my early 30's when my 1st project resulted in 3 broken sewing machines! I quit for 2 years. At 38 years old, a friend & fashion instructor in Minnesota said she would teach me and I made my 1st project; a satin lined, ultrasuede, 4 dart, 16 button vest that fit beautifully! I have named my embroidery machine “Roberta” as a tribute to that sewing guru & friend.

What project are you working on currently?

I am preparing for the retreat. I have a sewing project and embroidery lined up. Can't wait!



ALASKA STATE FAIR: THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

The Alaska State Fair 2022 Sewing Department was a mega success thanks to the terrific leadership of superintendent Alice Stevens and all of you who helped in varying capacities from August 5 through Labor Day! It is truly a labor of love. The added lighting really made our section shine. There were 157 entries of which a huge percentage were from you members!! Many, many visitors commented on the quality of the entries. A giant thank you to all who participated and inspired others!



MEMBER PROJECTS

From left: Cathy Baldwin-Johnson, Kathy Rockey, Marilyn Mapes

See more and join the community discussion with questions or projects at facebook.com/groups/AlaskaSewlutions

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