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Alaska Sewlutions

EAGLE RIVER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 14: Valley Neighborhood Meeting

Jan. 21: Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting

Feb. 11: Valley Neighborhood Meeting

Feb. 18: Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting

Mar. 9-12: Spring Retreat

Mar. 11: Chapter Meeting

Apr. 8: Valley Neighborhood Meeting

Apr. 15: Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting

May 20: Combined Anchorage & Valley
Neighborhood Meeting

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year everyone! Has anyone made New Year Resolutions pertaining to sewing goals for 2023? I did not buy any fabric in '17 (very painful) so did not go to such an extreme but cleaned my sewing room of the chaos from last minute sewing projects & gift wrapping just before guests arrived at Christmas! The new plan is to list projects to tackle in '23 & hang it next to my machine to increase focus and productivity. There is a certain satisfaction in checking off one's to-do list!

Our December Holiday Party at Beverly's home was again a great success. Who would have thought brown paper bags would be a hit? Give Kathy Rockey a high five: she volunteered that day to take over the job of our newsletter editor. Thank you, Emily, for all your work!

I added a new notion to my collection: a Hot Ruler by Clover. It works magic pressing long hems. I purchased mine locally but found the price is considerably less online. Also new to my reference

collection is "Make, Sew and Mend" by Bernadette Banner: Traditional Techniques to Sustainably Maintain and Refashion Your Clothes. This book has great detailed illustrations and instructions that are often glossed over & techniques I use so infrequently, that I forget how.

Speaking of learning new tricks & techniques, Julie will be demonstrating the downloading of PDF files for garment construction at the next Valley Neighborhood Group Meeting on January 14. The Anchorage Group will be tackling "Pattern Fitting" on January 21. The Valley meeting on February 11 will be led by Kathy Lunning who will be discussing the humble "thread". Hope you can take advantage of these events and bring those show-n-tells!

I look forward to hearing what you are all doing also. May we all be inspired to sew what gives you the most joy this coming year!

Rae Longbrake, President
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UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Alaska Sewlutions neighborhood group meetings now include a short educational talk to enrich your sewing knowledge as well as show-and-help. Bring a project to share with the group or get help with a tricky sewing problem. Pictures and resources to share with other members are always welcome.

Valley: January 14 & February 11, 12-2pm, Northern Light Chapel, 7550 E Palmer-Wasilla Hwy
For questions, contact Julie Gleason, 907-244-9610, Ladyjulia75@gmail.com

Anchorage: January 21 & February 18, 1-3pm, Joann Fabric, 3801 Old Seward Hwy
For questions, contact Ada, 907-244-9614, adaknik@alaskan.com

REGISTER NOW: SPRING RETREAT, MARCH 9-12, 2023

It is a new year and time to organize for our Spring Retreat! Registration is now open for you to make plans for 4.5 days sewing with your sewing siblings! Our Spring Retreat at Pioneer Ridge Bed and Breakfast in Wasilla will begin with check in at 10am on Thursday, March 9 with check out in the morning on Monday, March 13.

Breakfast will be provided by the B & B on Saturday and Sunday. Breakfast items such as yogurt, oatmeal, and toast will be available on Friday and Monday. Look for a separate email about volunteering for the evening meal and clean up. We will provide two irons, ironing boards, and a large cutting mat for your use.

There are no room assignments: it is first come, first served. 2023 rates are listed below. Local fabric store discounts are being arranged and will be announced later. Members of the AK Sewlutions chapter will be offered retreat registration first until Wednesday, February 2, at which time, if space allows, we will open up to for non-members (registration at a higher fee.)

Rates: 1 night - \$85.05 | 2 nights - \$132.30 | 3 Nights - \$174.83 | 4 Nights - \$217.35

You can attend for a day and are able to arrive after 12 p.m. and pay \$15. If you wish to attend before 12 pm and/or be included in the Saturday or Sunday breakfast, the fee is \$25 per day.

To reserve your spot, please make your checks payable to AK Sewlutions, note the dates you will be attending and mail them to me (address listed below). You will be notified when they are received and your check will be deposited upon receipt.

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

Can't wait to see all of you there! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. My cell is 907-414-9600.

Kathy Lunning, Retreat Coordinator

2023 ALASKA STATE FAIR AUG. 18-SEPT. 4

It's never too early to start a project for the Fair or help a new sewer get started on their first entry! Entry dates, volunteer opportunities and more will be shared by our Fair Coordinator as they become available.





2022 HOLIDAY PARTY

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

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