

# Alaska Sewlutions

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American Sewing Guild

## Eagle River Chapter of the American Sewing Guild

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Use this link to check the Guild calendar and upcoming events. (Email us for the members' password)

ASG <https://www.asg.org/>

(You will need your ASG password for the members only area. Lots of great sewing info there)

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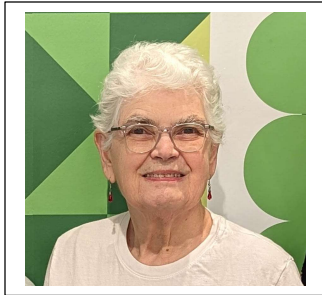
### A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT RAE LONGBRAKE

All the signs of spring are making their appearance: 12 hours of daylight, gradually receding snow drifts, daffodils on sale at the grocery store, and fun memories of our spring retreat. We have some exciting changes coming up in our guild as well, starting with a combined Neighborhood Group meeting in Eagle River on **May 6**. This all day sew will be hosted by our Fair Coordinator Alice Stevens. Members Megan Cate and Janai Comer are our new coordinators for the Fall Retreat. Rena Hite and Tess Gleason are teaming up to organize the Community Sew Day in the fall. Plans are also in the works to have an offsite catered Holiday Party in the valley this December. **May the changing of the season also get your creative juices flowing and projects going before we are drawn outside to enjoy summer!**

## Welcome to our New Members!

We have gained five new members since last December: Kelly Clouse, Mary Dodge, Delma Ann Edwards, Sarah Solano, Nancy Sopp, and Mary Sperry. Hope everyone has a chance to meet and greet them.

### Featured Member: Ada Gleason



Ada has been an active member of the guild since 2003 and is currently the group leader for Anchorage Neighborhood Group. She has long been involved in the sewing arts including crafts, fiber arts, crochet, home décor as well as garment construction and pattern design. Additionally, she has brought her three daughters into our "fold" and is well known for her fabulous Ginger Cookies!

What do you love best about the guild?

I heard about the guild at our State Fair. I had just retired and really wanted to talk with someone about sewing, especially since none of my kids sewed. By circumstance, I met Beverly Holmes, we met for lunch at The Arctic Roadrunner & talked sewing for a couple hours and the rest is history! The guild has my kind of "people"!

What are your earliest memories of sewing?

In my house, both my grandma and Mom sewed and made our clothes. I made some doll clothes and then a roller-skating skirt in elementary school. I made most of my clothes in high school using commercial patterns, then in college I took a night class on "fitting" that was an \*aha\* moment! My parents bought me a "portable" sewing machine as a graduation gift, and I later made my own wedding dress. Four girls later also kept me sewing.

What project are you working on currently?

I am making a pair of custom fit jeans: a pattern from a pair of my deconstructed favorite, best-fitting jeans. Being in the guild has improved my skills over the years!

# Upcoming Events!

There is a full schedule of Sewing Fun and Learning Opportunities coming up. Mark your calendars and don't miss out!

Apr. 15: Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting

Apr. 22: Valley Neighborhood Meeting

May 6: Combined Anchorage & Valley Neighborhood Meeting (at Alice's in Eagle River)

\*July 8: Palmer Midsummer Garden & Art Faire booth & Summer Guild Picnic (tentative - will need to confirm after March 15)

Aug. 18-Sept. 4: Alaska State Fair

Sept. 16: Valley & Anchorage Neighborhood Meetings

Oct. 7: Community Service Sew

October 24-29: Fall Retreat

Oct. 28: Chapter-wide Guild Meeting

Nov. 11: Valley Neighborhood Meeting

Nov. 18: Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting

Dec. 2: Annual Meeting & Holiday Party

## Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings

Alaska Sewlutions neighborhood group meetings 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: [April 22](#), 12-2pm

Northern Light Chapel, 7550 E Palmer-Wasilla Hwy

For questions, contact Julie Gleason, [907-244-9610](tel:907-244-9610), [ladyjulia75@gmail.com](mailto:ladyjulia75@gmail.com)

Anchorage: [April 15](#), 1-3pm,

Joann Fabric, 3801 Old Seward Hwy

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## Alaska State Fair

Aug. 18-Sept. 4, 2023

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.

## Fall Retreat

October 24-29, 2023

Prices and more details about the Fall Retreat will be available early next year from our new retreat coordinators, Megan and Janai.

I can highly recommend the book Ada Gleason bought to aid in making her jeans.

"Sewing Jeans The complete step-by-step guide" by Johanna Lundstrom.

I used the instructions to put in my first fly zipper in a snap after struggling for several hours with pattern instructions. The illustrations are super and the text clear. A must have text if one takes on jeans or pants!

A food hit from the Spring Retreat by Janai Comer:

Asparagus Spears:

Trim woody end from thin spears

Place in bag to coat with virgin olive or avocado oil, salt & pepper, minced garlic (optional) & finely grated parmesan cheese

Wrap 1/2 slice of bacon around 3 spears & place on foil lined cookie sheet

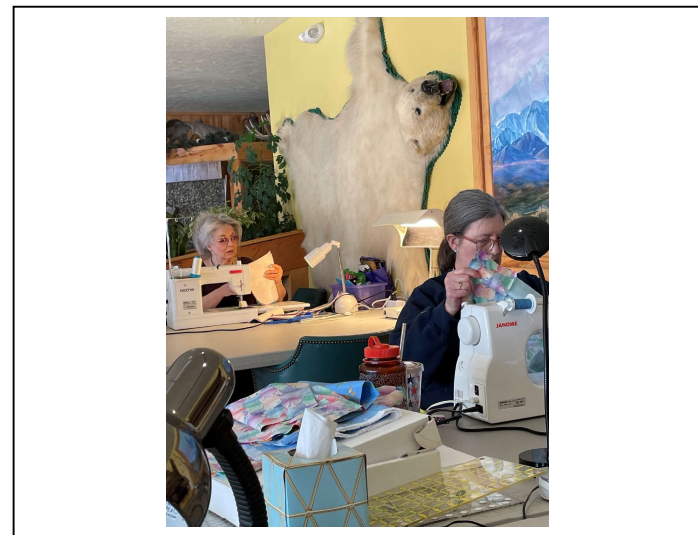
Bake at 400 degrees for 20 min., then broil 5-6 minutes.

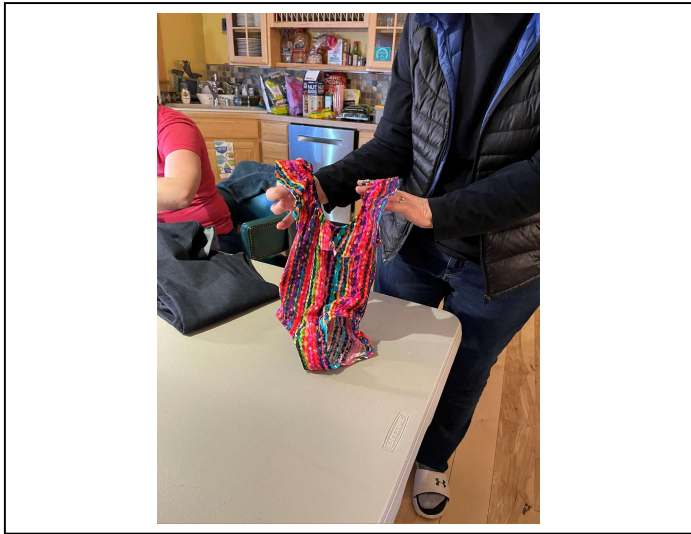
Serve & taste the deliciousness



I've received permission from Angelyn Starr to copy her article for our newsletter. She was delighted we were interested!

You should see what we are up to!









Pictures from the Alaska State Fair, and the Spring Sewing Retreat.

*Thththththththhhhaaaaattt's all, Folks!*

*Happy Sewing!*