

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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Dates to mark on your calendars

Spring Retreat: **March 13-17, 2024** Pioneer Ridge B and B

Valley Neighborhood Group Meeting April 13, 12-2 at Rae Longbrake's

Anchorage

Neighborhood Group Meeting April 20, 2024, 11-2 Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

All Chapter Sew

Day: **May 4, 2024** 10-4 Alice's Sewing Room

Alaska State Fair: Aug. 16-Sept. 2, 2024 "Enjoy the Ride"

Thoughts from the President

We are only about 3 weeks away from Spring already! Thus, I started mucking out my sewing room last week in a brief fit of spring fever and discovered a significant number of UFO's. Was able to finish the reuseable hand warmers we made at the last Valley NG meet. It took all of about 10 minutes, and they really work!!! Also finished 3 quilted greeting cards we started at the previous meeting just in time for Easter. Will be able to bring some of my UFOs to finish at the March Spring Retreat as a personal challenge. Don't forget to give your sewing machines a little TLC for all the work they do if you get the spring-cleaning bug too! March is also the start of Iditarod on the 2nd, the Arctic Winter Games from the 10th-16th right here in the Matanuska Valley/ Palmer, and the Ski Train to Curry. Lots of activities in addition to our retreat. Also, April 13th is the 25th Anniversary Gala for The Children's Place. As a side note, while researching community service projects, I found out the Covenant House (youth shelter) can use basic lap blankets for their clients. If any of you have the urge to make one (or more), I can collect them in the fall at our community service project sew day to put with our other service items. Word on the street is that the new meeting venue for the Anchorage NG is the "bees knees"!! Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, 10955 Elmore Road Anchorage, AK 99516. There is ample room now for everyone to bring their sewing machines, etc.. Please note that they increased the meeting time to 3 hours to allow sufficient time to finish projects. Their next meeting will be held April 20th, 11am-2pm. Project TBA. Hope more Anchorage and Eagle River members can attend. Our webmaster is keeping our guild calendar updated regularly, so please check it out to confirm meeting times and locations. Just go to Alaska Sewlutions and open "Calendar". The ASG site in your email has had some great sewing tips recently too; it is available with your membership. Also, please join us for the Chapter Meeting on Saturday, March 16th at 10am on Zoom or in person at Pioneer Ridge B & B Wasilla. Just a reminder, that attendance at the meeting in person is free for any guild member, or guest of a member and registration at the retreat is not required.

Sew Much for now,

Rae Longbrake, President



Featured Member: Emily Longbrake

Emily has been a member of our chapter for over 6 ½ years and served as a webmaster for 4 ½ of those. She is an accomplished graphic artist and incorporates her love of the sewing arts in much of her work.

What do you love best about the Guild?

I find the mentorship wonderful. Receiving help from the other members has saved me hours! Literally!

What are your earliest memories of sewing?

Hand sewing on punch cards with my sister. Also, watching my Mom sew. I felt so special wearing my Bumble Bee print Kuspuk and coordinated stretch pants that no one else had!

What projects are you working on now?

I am continuing to perfect custom fitted shirts for my husband, explore quick-sew child clothing items, and do hand sewing on my laser wood items.

Who or how were you recruited to join ASG?

My Mom paid the 1st membership fee for me to attend my first retreat and I was hooked. I have been a member ever since.

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Pictures from Community Sew Day and Neighborhood Group Meetings

Stitched Greeting Cards



Community Sew Day



The spacious Anchorage meeting place at Amazing Grace Lutheran Chi



Handwarmers



Aaannnd, That's all, folks!
Happy Sewing!