



President's Highlights

I am sending my April email early because in times like these, we just need to communicate when we need to communicate. And communicating with you right now feels appropriate.

I have heard from so many of you asking if we will mobilize our chapter to help with the COVID-19 mask shortage. I want to assure you that we are busily trying to do just that.

I am in daily communication with the Baylor Hospital Administration and we hope to finalize the specifics of their request in the next few days.

Here is a run down of what we have done:

- We have designed a process for you to sign up to make masks that includes:

- We will distribute an email with the Baylor approved pattern and fabric requirements as well as post it on our blog.
- You will be able to select either porch pick up or porch drop off as the way you return your masks. Our target for mask completion is March 31.
- We will deliver the masks to Baylor for distribution within their network
- Our original plan was to use the widely circulated Deaconess Hospital mask pattern and instructions. Fortunately, before we sent that out to you we learned it would not be accepted by the hospital. The last thing we want to do to you is waste your time and materials on something that the hospital can not use. And the last thing we want for the hospitals is to burden them with an unusable donation they ultimately have to figure out how to dispose.
- We now have an approved pattern from Baylor Hospital. I have made a prototype for them. As recent as this morning I spoke to the administration and clarified the available fabric, 100% quilting cotton, explaining it is breathable and tightly woven but not water repellent. My contact was taking this information into their meeting but said this is likely to be a problem. They may prefer to provide us with the fabric or in the face of the current crisis, may determine which standards they feel comfortable relaxing.
- I know there is an elastic shortage, which we will only further contribute to if we make unusable masks. However, we also know that fabric ties are accepted so even if there is no more elastic to be had, we will be able to mobilize once we have final details from Baylor.
- Finally, I want to assure that our caution is appreciated by Baylor. Because of our diligence in working with them on mask specifications, they have asked if we could help coordinate this effort statewide once the details are finalized. I have assured them that I can reach out to other Texas ASG presidents to invite them into their own local effort.

I hope by sharing the details of what is happening behind the scenes, any concerns you may be feeling that we are not stepping into this crisis the way we should will be eased. Our approach is a slower one, but I believe it is one that will help us be effective in our efforts.

My deep desire for each one of you is that you remain safe and healthy during this time. Take moments throughout the day to take care of your mind and body in the ways that are most life-giving to you. We will get through this and we will eventually look back on it as a memory.

Best regards,

Marie

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Let's Get Together at Our Chapter Events

Due to the COVID19 restrictions on gatherings, all face-to-face meetings have been cancelled. However there are two ZOOM meetings scheduled. One is on March 28th and the other is April 14. For a link to either of these meetings, contact virtual@planoasgsews.org

What New on Social Media?

In case you missed it, here are the a couple of our most popular posts from last month.



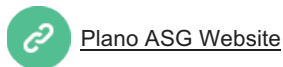
We ALL want to help! A Plano ASG Tutorial Short

If you want to see our post a Do miters give you fits? Watch and learn
mask making details

[Watch the video on Instagram>>](#)

[Find out more about this recent Facebook
post>>](#)

Click the buttons below to follow us on social media and keep up with the latest
sewing community and chapter news.



Monthly Neighborhood Group Highlight

Every month our neighborhood groups host fun and educational meetings. Each month we will highlight one of them to help you get to know them better. If something peaks your interest, go visit and join the fun!

***Meet our Quilting Groups
Maggie's Minions and Quiltin'B's***

COME VISIT ONE OF OUR QUILT GROUPS



Maggie Tinnin - Group Leader

**4th Thursday at 7 PM
OR
4th Sunday at 2 PM**



These groups meet **in Maggie's home** located in Plano on the **4th Thursday of each month at 7 PM** and **4th Sunday of each month at 2 PM**. They focus on learning more about the EQ Quilting software, participate in monthly sew-alongs and learning through various quilting lectures together. They are a very friendly bunch and would love to include you in the fun of sewing and learning together. If you want to know more about either group, just [click here](#) to reach out to Maggie. She would love to tell you more and get you involved!

To join the mailing list and receive monthly emails about these meetings, scroll to the **very bottom** of this email and click "Update Your Preferences" and check the box by Maggie's Minions or Quilting B's or both!

Don't Forget Your Member Benefits!



- [Conversations](#): Member only discussion board
- [ASG Online! Videos & Projects](#) plus [Chapter tutorials](#)
- See our [website](#) for store discount details and exclusions.

Your Chapter Advisory Board (& More)

- President: [Marie Barrese](#) (click on the name to email)
- Co-VP and Special Events Chair: [Karen Neal and Beverly Vance](#)
- Community Service Chair: [Carol Boyd](#) (volunteer!)
- Donations Manager: [Mary Anderson](#) (donate!)
- Homegrown Workshop Coordinator: [Terri Baker](#)
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- Retail Liaison: [Maggie Tinnin](#)
- Retreat Coordinator: [Sharon Carter-Merlo](#)

- Social Media/MailChimp Manager: [Sheryl Belson](#) (send me pictures!)
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