



President's Highlights

Hello Fellow Sewists. I hope this finds you and your family all well and staying safe. So far my family is good. This "social distancing" is getting a little thin but FaceTime and Zoom help. I'm sure most of you feel the same way.

The Lynda Maynard Workshop snuck in right before the quarantine, and I for one am so glad. It was very informative. She's a delightful person with so much knowledge that she shared. She explained her couture techniques are from having a need to do something well along with quickly. Her technique for flat princess seams without a wrinkle in sight was worth the class.

Many of our spring events have been cancelled such as the "Red Hot Mess". It will give us time to make a special item that will be revealed when we're back to normal. Also cancelled is the National Conference in San Antonio for July. Members received an email regarding this.

I'd like to bring you up to date on what we have been doing this past month and a half. As you know we put out a call for volunteers to make face masks for the Baylor Hospital group. Seventy of you answered and in four short weeks we have made 2,260 face masks! Let me tell you that's quite a bit of fabric, elastic, thread and time. I'm so proud of this group of wonderful ladies. We have outdone ourselves! That's along with sewing for friends, family, neighbors; anyone who asks. As I'm sure most of you are doing as well. Right now we are taking a 2 week moratorium which is much deserved. If you would like to join these volunteers to make masks for the Baylor Hospital group, please let me know. You will be put on the mailing list and you will receive our weekly notice and update. And just for fun, scroll down further to watch a short video Sheryl Belson put together with her thoughts on this subject...Enjoy!

The Texas State Fair is still planning on opening September 25. [Click here](#) for all the information you will need to enter. The deadline for submitting your item(s) for judging is July 27th. With all this stay at home, what better reason do we have than to aim for a Ribbon? And if you want to enter but don't want to travel to Fair Park, Debbie Reid and myself will be glad to bring your item(s).

Looking forward to the time we can all be together again at our Neighborhood Group meetings. Check out our calendar to find out if your group has moved to Zoom. Until then, stay safe and happy sewing.

Happy creating,

Marie

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Let's Get Together at Our Chapter Events

Check out the [calendar](#) to get info on Neighborhood group meetings, Homegrown Workshops, Special Events and other sewing related events around town.

What New on Social Media?

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



Mask Making Memories

It's easy to get MASKED OUT
was time for a little bit of fun

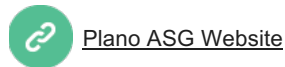
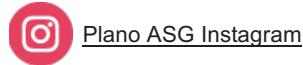
[Watch the video on Facebook](#)

A Plano ASG Tutorial Short

If you think a point turner is just a point turner,
think again!

[See more on Instagram>>](#)

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 peeks your interest, go visit and join the fun!

Meet the Toujours! Couture Group



This group meets **The Stitch House** located at 605 18th Street in Plano on the **1st Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM**. They focus on learning and sharing all sorts of couture sewing techniques and sharing ideas to inspire each other. Recent topics have included demos of how to use specialty sewing machine feet, Chanel Jacket making, making an inspiration board and so much more.

To join the mailing list and receive monthly emails about Toujours! Couture meetings, scroll to the **very bottom** of this email and click "Update Your Preferences" and check the box by the Toujours! Couture group.

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.

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- Co-VP and Special Events Chair: [Karen Neal and Beverly Vance](#)
- Community Service Chair: [Carol Boyd](#) (volunteer!)
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- Homegrown Workshop Coordinator: [Terri Baker](#)
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- Social Media/MailChimp Manager: [Sheryl Belson](#) (send me pictures!)
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