



President's Highlights

Hello Fellow Sewist,

Another month has come and gone; and, thanks to COVID 19 I find myself needing to repeat my words from before...hoping this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and staying safe. Dallas is starting to open up but for myself and my family we are continuing to self-quarantine.

The Face Mask Project is wrapping up; to date we have made and donated 3,045 masks to Baylor Hospitals in the area. WOOHOO! We are quite the powerhouse! Baylor has been very appreciative of our donations. If anyone would like to continue with this project, please contact me. There is some fabric and elastic left over.

Also, National is asking for totals of how many masks all of us have made during this time. So please email me with the amount you have made for

family, friends, neighbors, other organizations, but do not include the amount that you have sewn for Baylor. If you're not a control freak like me that kept accurate records, just send an estimate. I'd like to send them a fairly accurate account of all face masks sewn.

More and more of our Neighborhood Groups have started using Zoom as a platform to stay in touch with members. If you need help setting this up, please let me know. You can run a 40 minute Zoom meeting for up to 100 people free of charge and everyone can see each other and talk together. I've joined the Saturday meetings and they are refreshing. It's wonderful seeing what other people are up to these days. And you can join in your pj's (you won't be the only one) and no make-up is required!

Sheryl has done a fantastic job of interviewing interesting sewing "names" during these unprecedented times. I've watched and learned from Gail Yellen, Heather Lou, Claire Cochran, Jenny Rushmore, Suzy Furrer and Emily Hallman. We're very lucky to have such a talented social media manager in our ranks. If you missed the interviews, go to our [website](#) and enjoy! They're all there.

Sadly, but safely, there will be no National Conference this year. The San Antonio National Conference that was to be held later this summer in San Antonio is being moved to 2022. If you reserved a room at the hotel or a B&B, please remember to cancel. But what about 2021? It's being held at the Newport Beach Resort and Spa. I'm so excited about this venue. I'm envisioning going to the spa after a day at the conference. And I'm guessing by July of 2021 we will all be wanting to "get out of town".

And now for some sad news. Blueprint is closing down. This is all I know for now. Stay tuned and I will be glad to pass on any knowledge that I learn. [Click here](#) for a link to the article.

Until next month, stay safe and healthy.

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.



Baylor Mask Effort

It's so nice to see the masks we've been making
in the hands of people who needed them!

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



A Plano ASG Tutorial Short

Did you know you can accomplish the look of a
hand stitched hem with your sewing machine?

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

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



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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 the T.A.G. Groups



**IT'S NEVER
TO EARLY TO TEACH
ANOTHER
GENERATION**



**Americo
Sewing
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We have 2 Teach Another Generation (T.A.G.) groups that both offer hands-on sewing projects for the younger generation. T.A.G. is open to 8-18 year olds and meets 2nd Saturdays at Plano Sewing Center during the school year. Tiny T.A.G. is open to 6-7 year olds and meets 3rd Saturdays at Markita's house in McKinney. Both require advance registration, available on our website and a \$5 kit fee.

To join the mailing list and receive monthly emails about T.A.G. meetings, scroll to the **very bottom** of this email and click "Update Your Preferences" and check the box by the West Side Sew 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.

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!)

- Special Events Photographer: [Barbara Pena](#)
- Storage Unit Team: [Pam Walker](#), [Mary Anderson](#), and [Jane Dempsey](#)
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