



President's Highlights

Hello Fellow Creators,

I have quite a few items to let you in on and to remind you of, so here goes...

The Red Hot Mess Challenge is still going on. You have until September 15th to get your pictures and a short blurb to me or Sheryl Belson at mbelson@swbell.net Judging will be on-line and there are prizes! I'm always amazed at what the members create.

Craftsy is back!!! As of today they are back and you should be receiving an email detailing their new format. If I understood the video correctly, we will be able to access all of our classes. And as an added bonus for the first 45 days we will be able to view all 1300 classes for free! WOOHOO!

Our Annual Meeting for 2020 is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th at 9:00AM via Zoom. Please plan on being in attendance since we will be announcing the outcome of our election and a quorum is needed. It will be a very short meeting with a Treasurer's Report along with the State of our Chapter. We will also have the results from the election.

Monica Tetteh has graciously agreed to be our Election Judge this year and will handle the mailing of the ballots and count, along with the destruction of said ballots. She will be sending out the ballots on September 12th. Please plan on voting. We need a quorum to make this successful.

I have been discussing various ideas with the CAB members, Markita especially. And she has helped me a lot in coming up with ideas to keep our membership growing and diversifying. We've decided to start a Pattern Sew Along which would be showcased on Facebook and Instagram. A specific pattern or type of pattern would be chosen and we would include short blurbs with photos of our garment(s). Included in the info we would mention our Plano Chapter and where we learned a certain technique that was used.

But for this Sew Along to work we need volunteers and quite a few of you at that! You would sew, write, photograph. What do you say Plano Chapter? Ready to take the plunge? And if you don't want to sew or take a picture but are good at writing a blurb, we could use that also.

I have received a request from Friends of the Elderly, Veterans and Disabled in Need of Masks. The person to contact is Cheryl Ann Blood at lighthouse1261@gmail.com to volunteer. They are a group that makes washable, reusable, fabric facial masks and donates them to "affordable living" residences across the United States and plan to continue through March 2021.

At the bottom of this message we have highlighted Designing Divas this month. Take a peek to see what they have done in the past. Also there is a pop quiz that was posted on social media asking if you'd rather have \$1,000 in cash or fabric. Click below to see what people had to say. And finally Fashion

in the Time of COVID.

Lots of things to think about. We need to keep our minds and hands busy in these crazy times. Looking forward to the day we meet in person.

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.

WOULD YOU
HAVE \$10

CASH?

FABRIC?



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**COVID LIFE
CHANGED
MORE THAN
WHERE WE WENT ...**

**... IT CHANGED
WHAT WE SEW AND WEAR!**

Just for Fun

COVID Fashion Trends

Which would YOU choose?? Covid confinement has driven the trends of 2020
[Read the comments on Face](#) to a much more casual style ...

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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 peeks your interest, go visit and join the fun!

Meet the Designing Divas

<p>D e s i g n i n g D i v a s</p>	<p>February 26 Check the calendar on our website for details.</p>	
	<p>Drafting the Two-Piece Vented Sleeve with Miter</p>	
		<p>American Sewing Guild www.planoasgsews.org</p>
<p>LEARN HOW TO DRAFT BASIC CAPES CAPELETS AT DESIGNING DIVAS MARCH 26, 10 AM CHECK THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS</p>		
<p>DESIGNING DIVAS JAN 29 10 AM</p> <p>LEARN TO USE YOUR SLOPER WITH COMMERCIAL PATTERNS</p> <p>WWW.PLANOASGSEWS.ORG/CALENDAR FOR DETAILS</p>		 <p>Come to Designing Divas LEARN HOW TO DRAFT THE PERFECT SLEEVE! TUESDAY, SEPT 24 Check the calendar on our website for details!</p> <p>American Sewing Guild</p>
 		

Designing Divas meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at Mary Jo Forbe's house in Plano 10 AM ... during "normal" times. Today they meet only online but one day they will meet in person again!

This group focuses on flat pattern drafting to enhance the basic sloper pattern. They design all garment types: tops, pants jackets, outerwear, and more. They also provide time for fitting adjustments and help new members draft a sloper to help them design flat patterns that fit their body.

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](#)
- Membership Co-Chairs: [Debby Bowles and Linda Davis](#)
- 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](#)
- Treasurer: [Sandie Griego](#)
- Website Co-Chairs: [Kelli Robertson and Sheryl Belson](#)



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