



President's Highlights

Hello Fellow Sewist,

WOOHOO!!! 2021 is here and 2020 is OVER!! I don't know about you, but I am so glad to see the back of 2020. It's been a year that I do not want to ever do over. We can now see light at the end of the tunnel and I for one am grateful.

This pandemic has taken a toll on our Chapter as well. We no longer have the Toujour Couture Neighborhood Group as well as Community Sew. It makes me sad to see two vibrant groups disbanding. Leaders are needed to run these groups, and no one has stepped up.

On a brighter note we do have several volunteers who will take over our Zoom meetings and Social Media. A very big THANK YOU to Debbie Baker, Maria

Quian and Ginger White for taking over these responsibilities.

I've been contacted by Cheryl Anne Blood who is part of "Friends of the Elderly, Veterans and Disabled. This is what she wrote me..."For Valentine's Day 2021 we will be adopting six veterans residences through the states. We are hoping that your group can help us Brighten Their Holidays for these veterans. In the month of April we will do about six residences for disabled individuals and so on. Some members send cards. These vulnerable populations have basically been shut in since February 2020. Please help us brighten their holidays." If you are interested, please contact her at lighthouse1261@gmail.com.

And here is a business opportunity that was sent me from the Dallas ASG..."I was contacted by a small business manager whom needed someone to sew around appliques that are applied to mainly Tee shirts. The manager is willing to meet at a designated location to drop off or pick up merchandise. They would like someone confirmed by January for the Valentines day merchandise. If you are interested, and for more information please contact me via email asgsouthdallas@gmail.com. Thank you. Antoinette"

If you are in the market for a sewing cabinet, please check this out. <https://www.planoasgsews.org/sewing-cabinet-for-sale/>

And that's the end of the "Penny Saver" portion of our monthly Newsletter! :-)

Here are a few words from a member who is FAR away...

To all at Plano ASG,

May you all have a very Happy Christmas, and may 2021 be a wonderful and positive year for all.

My husband has had heart surgery and is recovering well. I have postponed my back operation to somewhere in the near future.

We are both keeping out of trouble and looking after ourselves as best we can.

I am still beading and crocheting as I find it keeps my mind occupied and

“sane”!

Love to all

Annette

South Africa

Everyone stay safe and healthy. I'm looking forward to the day we can all gather together again.

Happy creating,

Marie

In this email: Chapter events | Member benefits | CAB information

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.



Exciting Projects

We've heard from many of you struggling to get excited about projects right now.....

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

A Heartfelt Thanks

We just wanted to say thank you! Over the past couple of years we have been trying lots of new things.....

[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.



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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 ZOOM Groups

We have 2 ZOOM Only groups to choose from. One meets **every Saturday morning** for just 40 minutes. Usually they just catch up on the sewing news from the group but about once a month there is a guest speaker or a member program. The other meets once a month on the **2nd Tuesday** for a program and show and tell.

To join the mailing list and receive monthly emails about either of these group meetings, scroll to the **very bottom** of this email and click "Update Your Preferences" and check the boxes by the ZOOM groups.

JOIN US SATURDAYS AT 9 AM FOR A SEWING CHECK-IN

ZOOM

2nd TUESDAY 7 PM CT

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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](#)
- Donations Manager: [Mary Anderson](#) (donate!)
- Homegrown Workshop Coordinator: [Terri Baker](#)
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- Retreat Coordinator: [Sharon Carter-Merlo](#)
- Social Media Manager: [Maria Quian](#) (send me pictures!)
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