



President's Highlights

Hello Fellow Creator,

Is everyone staying healthy and following the CDC guidelines? Have most of you received at least your first vaccine shot? Hopefully by this summer we will all be vaccinated and resume our meetings in person. Or at least a few in person with the rest watching via Zoom. This is new territory for all of us. I cannot wait until I walk into a live meeting room again.

Here's a note from Ginny Stein: "I was in the Michael's in Murphy yesterday and discovered that they have cotton fabric, fleece and other types of fabric and sewing notions and a cutting table. So you may find fabric in other Michael's stores that are larger than the store in Murphy. Also Hobby Lobby in Murphy has a great fabric and sewing notion area which looks to be larger than last year (last time I was in)."

News from The Best Retreat Center in Texas - they have reopened with limitations. For more information, check out their website.

We have started recording our Neighborhood Group meetings that meet via Zoom. There are two that I have for you.

In case you missed it, following is the link to the recorded Tuesday night Zoom meeting held on March 9th. The topic was your fabric stash.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/fzP7gzBunxLzN6l0vnfrKaTWc_Pbp8RsZjRtzyd6PM2OgkwOQXwwAygehzYQHmGt.kskGZaj81kYEg8wD

The second one was recorded on March 23rd - Designing Divas. They had a speaker, our own Debbie Baker, who does not cut out her garments using paper patterns. She strictly uses digital and has a projector mounted in her ceiling above her cutting table. Check out this hi-tech gal and what she has done to achieve this. I was fascinated as I'm sure you will be.

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Brave Creek Academy in Prosper, Texas is looking for someone to make weighted blankets for their students. They have a FB page for those who may be interested in helping out.

We have someone who is willing to take on the task of revising the Fabric Map on our website. If you know of any stores sadly closing or happily opening, or moving, please let us know. This will be a task that will be ongoing for a few months.

And I've received good news from National this morning. They are negotiating with the Newport Beach Resort to move our Annual Conference to October of 2021. More details to follow.

That's all I have for now.

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 in the hands of people who r
[Find out more about this rec 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>>](#)

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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



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.

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