



President's Highlights

Hello Fellow Sewist,

Happy New Year! I personally am very glad 2023 is her. Last year was quite rough for my family, therefore, am welcoming 2023 with open arms!

We have been looking high and low for new places to hold monthly meetings (recreation centers, libraries, etc.) and have come up empty handed. Every place we've contacted has a charge. Is there anywhere you may know of that has a room we could use monthly? Does anyone have a recreation room in their HOA that could be used? A room at their church? Please look around - there's got to be somewhere we could meet!

Our Annual Retreat set for February 8 through 12 is sold out! BUT you can

attend for a day if you'd like. That's what I'm going to do. It's \$92 for the day, meals included. Check with Sharon for further details. slcarter617@gmail.com

Since Valentine's Day is our next "holiday", how about having lunch with sewing buddies you love? We're planning a casual lunch for Tuesday February 14th, place to be determined. So if you're free that afternoon, mark your calendar. We'll be sending out specific information in a few weeks.

Our Special Events Team is planning an event for March 25th so mark your calendars. It's to be called "All Things Beautiful" referring to ALL of the items we make, not just clothing we sew. Stay tuned for further information from the Team.

We've had an inquiry about looking for an artist who creates work from wedding dresses. If you are interested, please contact Alyssa Wilken at abickford92@gmail.com. If you don't hear back from her, contact me. It may have gone into spam.

Ginny Stein sent me this interesting article regarding a company that is moving production back to the US, actually to Dallas. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Sew Essential is moving it's headquarters and changing it's name. They will not meet in January but resume in February on the 2nd, if we can find a room! Stay tuned for further details.

Sew Magical Expo is coming to Texas, actually at the Gaylord Texan Hotel in Grapevine, Friday February 17th. Here's a clip of what they are all about on their [website](#):

What is Sew Magical Expo?

An immersive weekend of classes, vendors, inspiration, and getting to meet or hangout with like-minded people! Sew Magical hosts an array sewing and crafting events curated specifically for creatives. From immersive 3-day expos

with tons of classes and vendors, to cruises for relaxation and creativity.

And here's the broken record again...we have several little "jobs" that need to be done in the Chapter to keep us running smoothly. Please consider offering up a few hours a month of your time. Data entry, phone calls, IT work, social media input, help at the storage unit, help with TAG or Community Sew...the list goes on. We can't always depend on the same few to do the job. We need to expand or this Chapter will fade away!

Happy creating,

Marie

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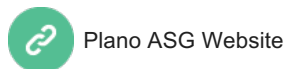
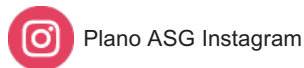
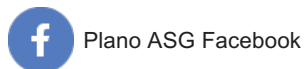
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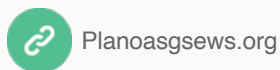
Let's Get Together at Our Chapter Events

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

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



- [Conversations: Member only discussion board](#)
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