



President's Highlights

Hello Fellow Sewist,

R'Bonney Gabriel, a fashion designer, model and sewing instructor from Houston won the [Miss Universe](#) competition for 2023. One of our very own! And I read somewhere she wore a gown during the ceremony that she had made. Woohoo!

Dallas Quilt Show - Volunteer's Needed! Here is the link to the website page for the Quilters Guild of Dallas March 2023 Show Volunteer sign-up form. Slots are open for Tuesday through Sunday and a two hour shift will provide a free pass to the show. Volunteers enter through the Market Center street entrance (drive thru awning), not the main entrance. They sign in at the volunteer desk and can sign in before their shift to gain entry. [Click here](#)

If you've missed this year's Retreat, but love to get away, [Click here](#) They offer other dates for the complete Retreat experience. And if you'd still like to spend a day with your Plano Chapter sewing buddies, sign up for one day is available. Check with Sharon at slcarter617@gmail.com for further information.

Love your Sewing Buddies? Well, this year I'm organizing a Valentine's Day Lunch Get Together. No, the Plano Chapter is not paying for it...Dutch Treat, but what better way to spend part of your day with the people you LOVE to chat with...and no expectations. No challenges to present, no show and tell, no lecture or technique to learn. Just hanging with your sewing buddies. **If you're interested, please respond to me no later than February 10th.** I need a head count. We will be meeting at LaMadeline at Park & Preston in Plano at 11:30AM. They have a semi-private back room where we can meet. See you there!

Home Grown Workshops are opening again. First one will be on March 22nd with a primer Zoom meeting on March 1st. It's for an Origami Travel Tote that slips over the telescoping handles on your suitcase. We'll be meeting at the Best Little Retreat Center of Texas from 9:00 to 3:00. Further information will be forthcoming.

Mary Jo Forbes is taking Alexandra Morgan's Fitting Essentials Class. She's realized that to be successful you need a sewing buddy to take the class with. Is anyone toying with the idea of taking the class now? This would be a great time since you and Mary Jo could help each other with fitting. Enrollment is through February 2nd and the cost is \$260. It's an 8 week course with personal help.

I have great news for our Neighborhood Groups.

- Sew Essential has a new home and day of the week. We will be starting up again next week (because of the storm) and meet every first

Wednesday of the month starting in March at the Plano Sewing Center. I'm so excited to have a new home.

- Lewisville area is starting a new Neighborhood Group at the Lewisville Library. They will be meeting the third Saturday of each month at 10 - Noon in the Crawford Room.
- Lewisville Library will also host our new Beginning Garment Sewing Neighborhood Group. Details are being ironed out now.
- The State Fair Informational Meeting will be held in March, date to be determined. Kathy Bennett, Director of Creative Arts for the State Fair along with another person who works the Fair will be explaining to us all the ins and outs of participating in the Fair along with the categories.
- Quilting starting up again...stay tuned.

Our Wednesday Evening Zoom presentations will continue. For February 8th Lu Peters, President of DAFA, has agreed to present. She'll be discussing all the things she wished she had known 30 years ago! I'll bet we all have a long list such as this.

Happy creating,
Marie

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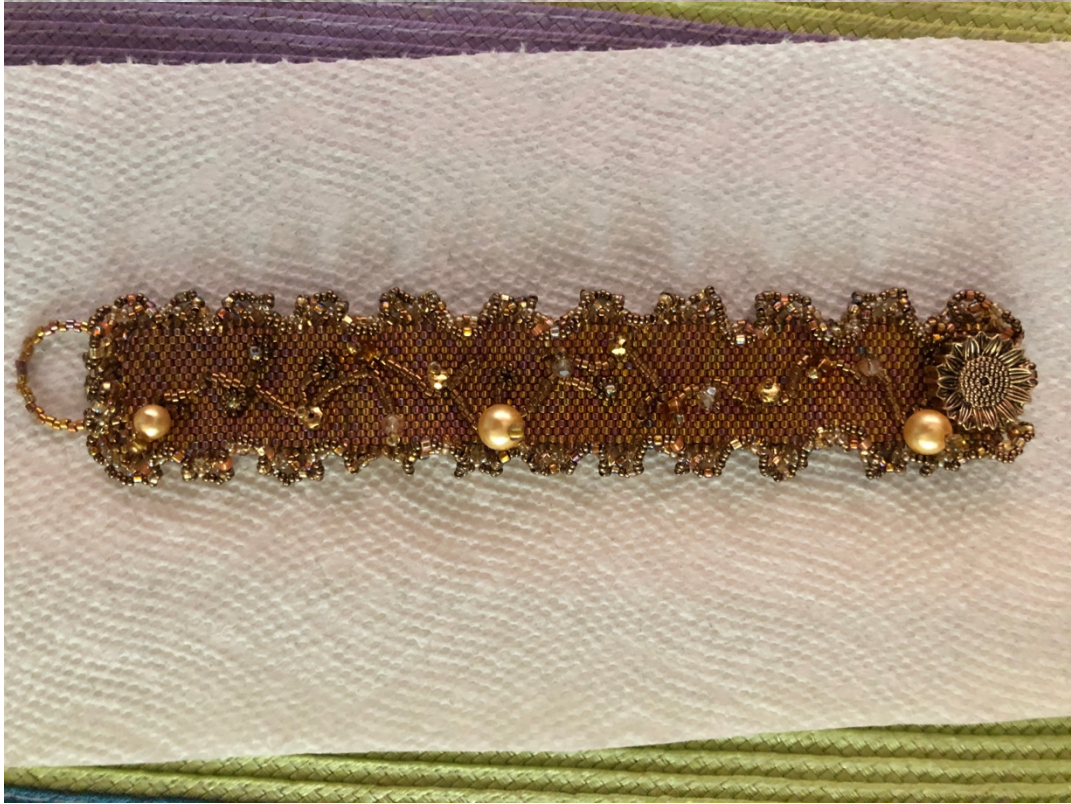
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SEE WHAT BEADER'S WORKSHOP IS UP TO







COMMUNITY SEW





Our last Community Sew meeting was such a success. We made bags, pillowcases, and G-Tube covers. And we had three Junior members join us! I think they worked harder than we did.

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.



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