



President's Highlights

Hello Fellow Sewist,

The State Fair drop-off dates are here...August 4-6. If you have entered and would like to drive down with Debbie Reid and myself, please let me know. We will be leaving my house at 1:00 PM on Friday August 4th. If you don't want to drive down to the Fairgrounds but have entered and would like us to drop it off for you, please let Debbie or myself know. And please take a picture of what you are entering and send it to Debbie Reid at debbie.r.reid@gmail.com along with a write up about your creation such as how you got your inspiration, what materials you used, etc. She can then do a blog post about all of the entries!

The Special Events Team is in the process of putting together a fabulous Annual Luncheon on October 28th with a guest speaker. Mark your calendars. At that time we will also be announcing the new Board members for 2024. This is an event you won't want to miss!

We went to Eureka Springs for a long weekend and visited the Crystal Bridges Museum. If you've never been, I encourage you to visit. It's beautiful. Following is a picture of a sculpture there. Can you guess what it's made of?



The Quilters Guild of Plano is holding their annual show on August 11-12 from 9-5 with admission \$12. To learn more about this event, [click here](#).

The Original Sewing and Quilting Expo in Irving Texas is scheduled for August 17-19. I have some free admission tickets for anyone interested.

I recently learned that there are now two recycling centers for art, sewing, quilting, and craft supplies in the DFW area. Before the pandemic, there was a great place Scrap, in Denton, but it closed.

Fort Worth: The Wellman Project Creative Reuse center. Drop off your donations and shop. Teachers shop free! 3950W. Vickory, 76107. 817-924-4000. Wed -Fri 12-6, Sat-Sun 9-6

Denton: Thistle Creative Reuse center, 421 Oakland St. 76201.
940-243-2191 Mon & Sun 12-4, Tues-Sat 11-6
www.thistlecreativereuse.com

Also one in Austin:

Austin Creative Reuse 2005 Wheless Lane, Austin 78723, www.Austincreativereuse.org
512-375-3041. Tues-Sat 11-7, Sun 12-6

This month I'm going to show you some of what the Beader's Workshop is doing. This first picture is a Texas Blue Bonnet which was made by Diane Montgomery using a technique called French Bead Wiring.



This next picture is work done by Catherine Seles. She took her inspiration from a pattern entitled Bougainvillea bouquet. And this is what she came up with! So talented.



We're running a contest now and everyone has a chance of winning. We're running out of teachers/business owners who could present at our monthly Wednesday night Zoom meetings. Also we need names of local teachers who would be willing to present a workshop for us. It seems the "big" names are cost prohibitive to bring here. But we know there is loads of local talent we could tap into. Anyone have any ideas? We're looking for local people, if possible, but will contact anyone who may be of interest to our Chapter. The more entries (names of possible teachers, business owners) the better chance you have of winning a gift card. The person with the most useable entries will be the winner. This contest opens August 1st and ends August 31. Any names of people who we've already had on Zoom will be eliminated. In the case of duplicate entries, we will accept on a first come basis.

Here's an interesting article - The Looming Crisis in the Bridal Industry? Not Enough Seamstresses. [Click here to read.](#)

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.

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



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