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## News of the Month – April 2024

Happy Spring everyone! And Happy April Fools' Day, if that floats your boat; that ship of mine sunk when I entered my teen years.

### ***Housekeeping first***

Sewists, if you want to get updates from ASG Plano, you must manage that **on your own** through ASG National. If you selected not to receive updates, you won't get any, even if there might be an event of your interest. Here's how to do get things fixed: 1) Sign in to [planoasgsews.org](http://planoasgsews.org). 2) From Home, scroll on right towards bottom and select each "Get Updates" and "Subscribe." Choose what info you want sent to you. Follow the prompts. **And while there**, check that your credentials are correct, especially **preferred phone number**. Many of us joined when we put our home phone numbers as primary, and that is often not the case now. So change your phone number in the database to the one you wish called first. Thanks everyone.

### **Whistle Stop Hop, April 6, 1-3 PM, Harrington Public Library, Plano**

Our Neighborhood Groups will be demonstrating sewing techniques at tables around the room. Stop by at each to learn something new, or add another how-to in your sewing bag of tricks. We'll also have our Challenge Reveal, a repurposing of a sewn item into something completely different. Can't wait to see all the creative ideas put to cloth.

### **Ice Dying Class**

Join us for our Ice Dyeing class in May at FiberFrolics Art Studio, 1108 Summit Avenue Suite 2, Plano 75074.

- Saturday, May 18th from 9 am to Noon *and*
- Sunday, May 19th Noon to 2 pm—to rinse and pick up fabric dyed prior day

Class participants will provide their own fabric (cotton, rayon, bamboo or linen, up to 2.5 yards) or a premade item (t-shirt, dress, skirt, pants). Cost: \$50 (\$30.00 for class, \$20.00 supplies). Class size: 8 with the potential to schedule another class if there is interest. More info, contact Margaret Montgomery ([mmonty2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmonty2@sbcglobal.net)).

### **Business Cards**

Our new supply of business cards have arrived. I will bring them to the Whistle Stop Hop next week. Everyone should take a stack and pass them out as opportunities present themselves.

### **Fabric Sale**

Saturday May 4, Willow Bend parking lot

Yes, ladies, it's almost here—our fabric sale to clear out our storage room stash. And as always there will be lots of great fabrics and lots of great bargains. But we also need lots of help with loading the trailer on Friday, unloading and setting up shop at the Willow Bend shopping center (near Crate & Barrel) on Saturday morning, and tearing it all down, hauling it back, then back to the storage center. Many hands make light work. *More information coming soon!*

### **Around the Metroplex—Non-ASG Fabric Events**

THRIFT STYLE. Thrift Style explores the reuse of feed sacks to make clothing and other household objects and illuminates how the “upcycling” of these bags mutually benefitted twentieth-century consumers and businesses. With forty-one works from patterns to garments, it serves as an example of past ingenuity that can inform today's efforts towards sustainability. Thrift Style is on view at Irving Archives and Museum May 15 through August 16, 2024.

STITCH TEXAS WILDFLOWERS. At this embroidery class at Oil and Cotton, you'll learn stitches and techniques to sew up Indian paintbrushes, Texas bluebonnets, black-eyed Susans and more. \$85 and includes all materials. April 27. Visit [www.oilandcotton.com](http://www.oilandcotton.com) for more information.

MARBLE A SILK SCARF. Learn the ancient technique of water marbling. In addition to scarves, you can also print patterns on paper, coasters, handheld fans and more. The class costs \$20 plus the price of the material you plan to marble. Multiple sessions offered at this Grandscape Studio in The Colony. Visit the studio's website [www.dallassilkart.com](http://www.dallassilkart.com) for information.

### **On a Personal Note**

You'll see me in the coming weeks sporting a good sized bandage on my schnozz. I had a suspicious dark area removed on the side of my nose and the skin graft is still healing. But all is well and the outcome is rosy.

*Stay well everyone. Enjoy Springtime in the Metroplex with lots of art shows, festivals, and events to attend and usually great weather. Peace—Joanne*



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