

More Summer News

State Fair of Texas 2024

July 29th is the last day for online entry registration in the State Fair Arts & Crafts contests. If you have sewn or completed an item in the past year and you love it, chances are the judges will too. So consider submitting items. Go to www.bigtex.com/creative for info. I also submit items in other categories other than sewing-related.

I've received inquiries about members willing to take entries in for others; delivery days are August 2-4. You would have to submit your entry online, and have a registration number. If you're a member of a Neighborhood Group, contact the group leader—they may have some ideas. I personally don't mind helping, but you would have to bring your registered items to me, and I live in Flower Mound. I plan on dropping off my entries on Friday, August 2 in the morning. Text/call me at 972-523-9272.

But, you can also submit your item(s) by mail, and the Fair will return items to you by pre-paid mail. Again, more info at www.bigtex.com/creative.

Fabric Sale Proceeds

Our recent Fabric Sale at Heard House in McKinney took in just over \$1600. Debby Bowles reported that the unsold fabric was returned to our storage shed...and there was enough room! Great job to all those who helped carry heavy boxes, measured and marked fabric, helped at our sales events as we said goodbye to our fellow sewist, Markita, who sadly passed away earlier this year. Her some studio was home to curated fabrics from around the world.

Technology Updates

One of the platforms that some ASG Chapters, including ours, used for Leadership communication—Groupworks—closed their online site very suddenly a few weeks ago. ASG National did not have a solution, but talk at the Leadership Session brought up several alternatives from other Chapters. Groups.io is one I'm going to look into. If anyone has experience using that platform, I would love your feedback.

Compared to other ASG Chapters, we have a tired looking Website, and I think we need a fresh start. If you have experience in Web design or can volunteer to help with posts on a regular basis, please reach out to me or Debbie Reid. We have so many things we can share with our membership through technology. We could also use help with Facebook and Instagram posting. Many hands make light work.

