

Dear Members,

I hope this note finds you all safe and sound, busy with your sewing. 2020 will forever be known in sewing circles as the year unfinished projects actually got done! Many of you have expressed interest in future meetings and ASG activities so I thought I would bring an update concerning our neighborhood groups. This information has been shared with the CAB as well. I have called all of our host meeting rooms and have gotten as much information as they have available for our future meetings. Please know that as difficult as our change of plans have been for our group, it has been a nightmare for the hosting sites! Utmost in the minds of all have been the need to provide the safest environment for our groups.

Currently most of our meeting rooms are closed but are thinking of opening in June/ July for groups. There are several issues that will need to be addressed prior to our attendance including how to socially distant and how to clean before and after our meetings. Included also are concerns about our equipment, supplies ,etc. Each meeting location has their own set of concerns about providing us with the safest environment possible. I am heartened with the response from everyone I spoke with today that they are excited to have us resume using their space when it is felt that we will be safe.

As of now, each meeting place has stated that they will be following guidelines recommended by the Governor of the State of Arizona, the Arizona Department of Public Health and the CDC. Currently that includes the wearing of masks while in the buildings, social distancing and possibly group size limits. These are not negotiable items; if we want to continue to met at the current locations we **must** follow their rules. Each building has committed to a continual re-evaluation of their recommendations as the health and condition of the pandemic improves.

What does this mean for YOU? Only you can decide if you are comfortable with the requirements that we will be confronted with. If you feel the requirements do not fit with your personal views then please make a decision for yourself on your participation in the group event. As someone pointed out to me, we are adults... So the choice will be yours personally. If masks are required then masks will be worn by members attending the meeting until we are given the go ahead from the facility that they are no longer required. It will not matter if you've done your google research and have a differing medical source about the effectiveness of wearing one, ALL attendees will wear one if required by the facility. So if you have a strong feeling against this, please stay home. If you just know you are not ill but the facility requires a temperature to be taken, we WILL take temperatures.

This is indeed a trying time for all and I'm sure there will be some members who are angry or upset with the enforcement of the meeting requirements BUT remember, we are grateful to each facility for letting us use their property and we must abide by their rules. Until we can sew together again, I wish you a very safe, happy and possibly productive summer. If you have any questions concerning this please feel free to call either me or Millie to discuss.

I'm thinking the amount of show and share will be awesome when we meet again!
Stay safe and try to smile,

Linda Wankel
Neighborhood Groups chairman