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QUILTERS GUILD

STITCHING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE

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Letter from the president:

Ladies,

It seems to me that, through all the turmoil of the past twelve months, this might be a good time to count our blessings. Gratitude for the good things in life make the difficult times more bearable.

- We have a wonderful place to meet. I was in a Guild in Wisconsin that had to pay for their meeting space - \$175. per month. Plus, they had no storage, so they had to pay for a storage unit. They also had to pay their own insurance costs and rent a space for the Quilt Show. We are so lucky. We don't have to pay for any of these things. If we did our dues would likely be many times what we pay now.
- We have savings. Because we had to cancel the quilt show, we had no income for 2020. Luckily, we had some money in the bank to carry us through until the show in 2022.
- We have our groups and charities. This gives us the opportunity to share our care and compassion with our community. We should be immensely proud of everything we do from making masks, making ditty bags, to supplying Children's Hospital with quilts, and all the kind things we can use our talents to do.
- We are lucky to live in an age of technology that enables us to communicate by email, phone, zoom, YouTube, Facebook, and more. More importantly, we can get more fabric online any time at all.
- Personally, I am grateful that I can wear yoga pants and sweatshirts every day!
- We have each other.

We could add to this list all day. I am sure there are lots of personal things you could add.

Stay safe,

Betty

Board Minutes - Jan. 5, 2021

The January meeting was held via Zoom with the following

participants: Betty Lerner, JoAnne Castiglia, Rebecca Ribis, JoAnne Greco and Mary Carroll

Betty Lerner opened the meeting with a report on the guild's access to the museum during the Covid crisis. Our guild meeting in January is canceled. One of our subgroups could meet once during the month but they would be limited to a maximum of ten participants. Betty expressed concern about keeping all of our members interested in the guild even though we do not have direct contact with each other.

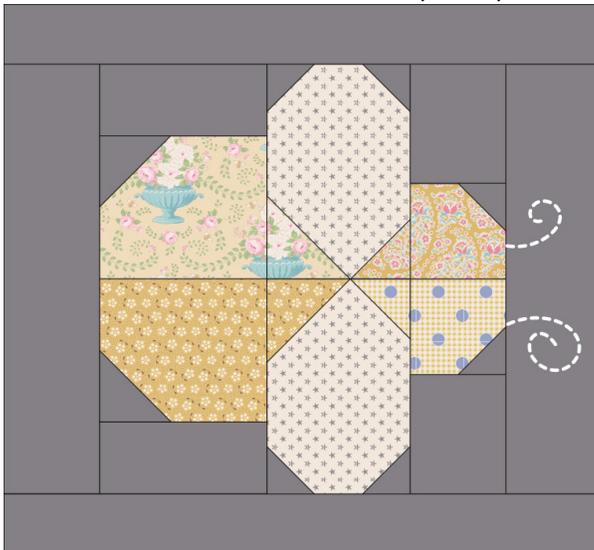
JoAnne Castiglia has worked out a budget for 2021 and has emailed copies to the board members. A discussion followed on the various money allocations but no decisions were made. We do not know when monthly meetings and activities will resume. Rebecca made a motion to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mary and passed. We will require all subgroups to submit a formal request to spend large sums of money. We should also consider fundraising activities.

Rebecca has ideas for programs but we are in a state of flux. Betty will do another You Tube video on her progress on her challenge quilt. Betty hopes that the members are making the quilt block pattern in the current newsletter. Three related patterns will be in subsequent newsletters. Members completing these blocks will be eligible to receive a quilt label.

Until the meeting regulations change, the board will meet via Zoom on the first Tuesday of the month at 2 pm. We are checking into the possibility of having a general meeting in via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Carroll, secretary

Block Of the Month - by Betty Lerner



I thought it might be fun to have a virtual block of the month. For the next four months, a pattern will be included in the newsletter. The theme is Spring. Keep that in mind as you select fabrics.

You can put 4 blocks together for a runner or wall hanging or repeat them for a larger quilt.

In April or May send me a photo of your quilt or top (you don't have to rush

to quilt it), and I will send you an incredibly special printed label for your quilt. Hopefully we will all be able to share at a meeting, but you can email (blerner628@yahoo.com) or text (716-689-6995). Pictures will be posted on Facebook for everyone to see. Patterns are free block patterns from -

<https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Bird-Block-TEXT-FIGS.pdf>

Community Service by Jackie Groszkowski

Even though the pandemic has prevented any of the guild groups from meeting, the Community Service projects have been continuing. In the past two weeks I've received eight quilts that have been finished for the three groups we donate to. I sent Betty Lerner photos of those quilts. She's thinking about producing a new video featuring quilts that have been made during the shutdown. I don't know if she's working on this now, but look for it in the near future. If you see a quilt or two that looks familiar it's probably because it's made up of quilt blocks that have been made while we've been on hiatus.

Here's the block for this month. Since it's a simple 9 patch I don't think you need a photo of it.

Colors: off white
dark solids or tone on tone (darks please)

Cut: off white 4 (four) 3"x 3"
darks 5 (five) 3" x 3"

Sew a nine patch. (Darks will be in the corners and center)

Thanks so much for helping out the Community Service group. Since Gov. Cuomo has lifted the yellow designation hopefully we'll be meeting again soon (maybe even this month).

Good news! The museum is reopening for small groups. We will not have an in-person meeting in February, but the museum is available for subgroups on the following dates:

February 3 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
25 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

March 3 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

18 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
25 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

April 7 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
15 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
22 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

May 5 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
20 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
27 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

June 2 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
17 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
24 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

July 7 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
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22 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

August 4 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
19 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
26 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

September 8 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
16 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
23 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

October 6 Subgroup 10:00-2:00
21 Guild Meeting 6:00-9:00
28 Subgroup 10:00-2:00

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Sorry ladies but here are the articles I missed in this mornings newsletter.

Meeting:

The February meeting will be held at 7 pm February 18 via Zoom. We will not meet in person since the infection rates are still high. However, we can have a zoom meeting. When we have it set up, you will receive a link through email. All you need to do is click on the link and you should be connected. We don't know what we are doing, so we will learn as we go.

Show and Share:

I am putting together a video show and share for YouTube. If you have a quilt to show, please send it to me by text (716-689-6995) or email (blerner628@yahoo.com). I am also going to make an Early Bird short video on Boro stitching. Both should be posted by February 18.

Early Birds:

It would be great if we could make a collection of the early bird demos we have done or would like to do. All you need is a smart phone or a camcorder (you probably have one stored away) to film a skill or technique you would like to share. If you send the video to Betty Lerner (CD, email, SD card, phone, whatever), the video will be edited and posted. Let's all share our skills. Remember, none of us is professional and you are among friends.

Quilt Show 2022: Co-Chair Needed

MaryAnn Krafft has agreed to continue her chairperson-ship of the 2020 show to create the 2022 Show. We hope that all chairpersons for 2020 will continue for 2022. She would like to have a co-chair. This makes it easier to run the show since responsibility will be shared. *Many hands make light work.*

Helping with the Quilt Show is a wonderful experience and a highly creative outlet. If you are interested (or need some encouragement) in being a co-chair, contact MaryAnn Krafft or Betty Lerner.

If you are using your COVID-19 isolation time to clean house and have quilt books you do not need, please hold on to them. We will have a book sale at the show.

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