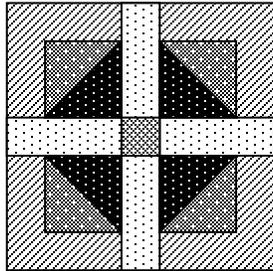


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# COUNTRY CROSSROADS

## QUILT GUILD



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### THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Wow!! It's "2020"! Where did 2019 go???

As I ponder over the last year, I'm in awe at the rollercoaster ride of ups and downs. The ups being – birth of babies, graduations, weddings, swearing in to the armed forces. The downs being - our son's emergency heart surgery in June, which he continues to recover from nicely (so that turns it into an up for me). God has been very good to me.

We all ride on our very own rollercoasters as they go up and down. I guess that's what we call life.

My Christmas holiday was wonderful. We were delighted to have our daughter Jennifer and her service dog "Rizzo," from Texas,

home with us for 3 weeks. Our grandson, Aaron, was home with us for 2 weeks from Fort Huachuca, Arizona where he is in Army intelligence school. I'm so proud of him. Other children and other extended family came and went for meals and visits. Christmas Day dinner we had my sister Kathy and brother-in-law Ed join us. It was a wonderful time for everyone. On December 30, we took our daughter and grandson to the Allstate Arena Stadium and saw "The Trans Siberian Orchestra," which was amazing! New Year's Eve we stayed home, watched movies, and OVER-ATE AGAIN!

As we begin yet another new year, let us all show enthusiasm, support, and love for one another. You know..... Quilters are a special breed of people. We are intelligent, kind, helpful, caring, creative, forgiving, and sometimes a little wacky. We're connected

and woven together much like the threads of our quilts and we have so much to offer each other and our guild.

I am looking forward to this next year, filled with anticipation, preparing for our quilt show of "2021." Please jump in and help wherever you can. There are so many different areas that need help. Before you know it, they will all come together to create another fantastic quilt show.

As for 2020, our program directors have some very fun workshops and great presenters lined up. We will also have some workshop time for our quilt show. Lots of good things will be happening. I'm sure 2020 will speed by with as many ups and downs as 2019 did and I can't wait to hop on the rollercoaster! Come along for the ride! Together, we will accomplish many good things.

Wishing all of you a very Blessed year filled with Happiness, Good health, Prosperity, AND the finishing of quilt projects!

Happy New Year 2020!!!!

*Barb Gaertner*

### **Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Minutes November 17, 2019**

Following our potluck, Jill Shaulis, owner of Yellow Creek since 1992 presented "Through the Years at Yellow Creek Quilt Designs." She originally was a Phys. Ed teacher at Chadwick and Eastland School Districts prior to being a Quilt Shop owner with her sister. About 3 years ago she bought out her sister. She started the concept of the Shop Hop to try and get her shop name out there. She emphasized the concept of supporting your local Quilt Shops and reminded people that most shops will special order almost any item for you. She started designing patterns around 1994 to accommodate a request for a BOM and then started selling patterns to other shops around 1997 because people were requesting them after seeing the quilts at shows or in the shop. Eventually that led to being asked

to design fabric and write a book. (She now has done 2 books). She stood on a table and gave a Trunk Show of all her beautiful quilts. "Making Memories" will be her next Fabric line coming out.

### **Secretary and Treasurer's Minutes were approved as written.**

Thank you to Shelly Holverson for donating an ironing board to the Guild.

**Refreshments for January:** Fran Kaminski, Carol Bellows, Sandy Sheely, Jeannine Price

**Guests:** Nancy, Jennifer

**Name Tag winner:** Crystal Geerts

**Show and Tell winner:** Ritarose Polley

**Community Programs:** Fran reports that they are hoping to present about 30 quilts at the January Meeting to the Madonna House. Ann reports that 20 quilts were sent to the Humane Society of Sonoma County in Santa Rosa, California because of the wild fires. Today she received 56 more kennel quilts. In total, around 120 kennel quilts have been made and sent out by the Guild! Thank you!!

**January Program:** Jessie Ross' brother will be doing a presentation on spinning wheels and spinning. There will be no workshop.

**Bee News:** 8 people were in attendance today.

### **New Business:**

- Kay Walker reports that a request to rent our quilt racks was received by Pins and Needles. \$100.00 was the agreed to amount. Kay will put them in touch with Rhonda who is housing them.
- Suggestion made to consider raising dues to \$25.00 or \$30.00 for 2021

### **Election:**

**President:** Barb Gaertner

**VP:** Shelly Holverson

**Secretary:** Ann Olujic

**Treasurer:** Dawn Vehmeier

(Because all positions were unopposed, through acclimation, this will be the new board for 2020.)

**Programs:** Bonnie Lawfer and Kay Walker

Barb Gaertner reported on the Quilt Show for 2021. Currently the following people have filled these positions:

**Chair:** Ann Olujic

**Boutique:** Barb Gaertner

**Raffle Quilt:** Dawn Vehmeier, Donna Saxby

**Bed Turning:** Doreen White

**Decorations:** Ann Tully

**Appraisals:** Jessie Ross

Please consider volunteering to help out or Chair one of the other Committees. Still needed are: Raffle tickets, Vendors, and Publicity. Please contact Ann Olujic if you are interested in helping out on a Committee or Chairing one. Remember, NO QUILT SHOW, NO money for Programs.

**VP News:** Barb presented our President Beth Kalbfus, her blocks totaling 98!

Question was raised about bringing in an appraiser to do a Program next year but we needed to have 6 people who would want a quilt appraised in order to justify the expense. She would speak on appraising vs. judging quilts. Six people expressed interest in the quilt appraisals so the group approved bringing her in.

**President News:** Beth thanked her “team” for a wonderful year and expressed her gratitude for all they did and then passed out Thank you gifts to each of them.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Olujic

## **JANUARY PROGRAM**

Jared Monroe, brother to Jessie Ross, will be discussing the history of spinning from drop spindles to the development of the spinning wheel; the variety of spinning wheels, and the 3 drive systems of spinning wheels. He will end with demonstrations of drop spinning and spinning on a modern wheel.

If you're interested in joining us for dinner at Mimmo's at 5 p.m. before the program,

please text or call Bonnie at 815-275-5308 with your reservation.

*Bonnie Lawfer and Kay Walker*

## **QUILT BY SLICE**

Bring your pizza box on the 20th. (If you can't come, have a friend bring it for you.) At the end of the evening pick up a different box. If you have any questions call Deb at 779-348-1638 or Nina at 815-275-6384

Happy Quilting  
*Deb Ley and Nina Mueller*

## **JANUARY REFRESHMENTS**

Carol Bellows  
Fran Kaminski  
Jeannine Price  
Sandy Sheely

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Laura Bak-Mahlkuch	1
Karen Bolen	2
Sharon Campshure	3
Carole Robeson	3
Marian Bak	6

### THANK YOU

To all my quilt guild friends: Thank you for the lovely quilt blocks you all made for me. They are beautiful. I have a couple of ideas how I want to arrange them, and I am having fun moving them around into different patterns. It was an honor being your president. I can't believe how fast the year passed. I know you will give Barb the same helpful support you gave me. Here's hoping you all have a very happy new year. Thank you again so very much.

Fondly,  
Beth

## CROSSROADS QUILT BEE

The Bee is held in the afternoon of every meeting day. Everyone is welcome. We start at 1:00 p.m. but you may come anytime 1:00 p.m. and after. Stay as long as you like. You may work on whatever you like, quilting, hand sewing, knitting crocheting, your own or whatever. Bring whatever you need to do what you are working on. Maybe you want to come just to visit or get help with a project. That is great, too. Snacks to share are always welcome but not required. For dinner we have options of brown bag, share a dish, or go out to a restaurant. We would love to see lots of you join us. All are welcome.

## THE LEARNING BEE:

Some of the gals have decided to do a learning bee on Bee Days at 1 p.m. They will be demonstrating easy/simple techniques.

*Bee Committee*

*Carol, Judy, and Kay*

## General Notes and Reminders

**Refreshments:** There are two containers in the back room of the church that contain paper supplies for refreshments and other guild items. These supplies have been purchased by the guild and are intended for this use. Please check this container before you purchase any new paper products.

**And:**

The church has asked that we put away the tables and chairs that we take out of the back room for our meetings. Anyone who could stay a few extra minutes after the meetings to help do this would be greatly appreciated.

**Also:**

We need to keep the kitchen clean, so please clean up after yourself. The refreshment committee is supposed to take the garbage out to the dumpster after the meeting, so please make sure you've tossed your trash before then.

**Boutique:**

At each meeting, we will set up a table to hold any quilt related boutique items you wish to sell or give away. Have the price clearly marked and put your name on everything so that the buyer can pay you (it sometimes helps to have an envelope with your name on it to put the money in).

## Reminders:

**Bring Community Project**

**Bring Show and Tell**

**Bring a Guest**

**Wear Name Tag**