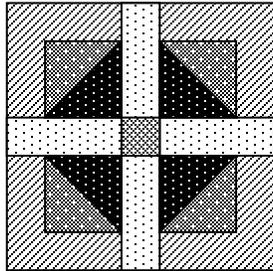

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QUILT GUILD



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THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Greetings!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day in spite of the staying home rule. Staying connected with family friends via modern technology will hopefully keep us safe and healthy. We definitely need to stay connected any way that works for us. We will continue with our newsletter which gives us a means of communication. I'm hoping that we may be able to get together this fall but if not, we must stay connected! We have a big year next year with our quilt show. Due to the virus many things will obviously have to be postponed.

Our quilt show will be in the fall of 2021 instead of the spring of 2021. Ann Olujic will fill everyone in on those details.

In lieu of having only met once this year, if your 2020 dues are paid, we will wave dues for 2021.

It has been suggested to me that we keep the same officers for 2021. We would need to vote on this. So, I am asking everyone to either E-mail or USPS mail me directly.

Simply state:

"KEEP the 2020 Officers" for 2021

Or

"ELECT New Officers" for 2021.

When I get everyone's vote I will tally and let you know in June's newsletter.

Barb's email: gaertnerbarb@gmail.com

Barb's address:

THANK YOU.

So, what has everyone been doing during this time? One would think I could surely get all of those UFO's completed! Very funny! I feel like I just wander through the house and pace a lot.

I have however been making lots of face masks and surgical caps for our three children who are medical and on the front lines. After making several styles, I came up with my own interpretation for a mask that I actually like. Imagine liking a face mask. Every time I get another batch done I say, "I think I'll work on one of my quilts now." I have completed 3, so the stack is shrinking but not by much.

I sure do miss everyone! I will never again take for granted a quick cup of coffee or a short visit with family and friends. I look forward to the time we are all together again.

Yours Truly,
Barb

BOUTIQUE NEWS

Thoughts for the boutique at the quilt show....

Just as the quilt shows in the past, our boutique is a very important part and has been a huge success thanks to all of you members with your generous donations. I always think it's fun to have some challenges. Well, I'm thinking since our 2021 theme is "It's All About Love" let's try these:

- one challenge could be that it must have at least one of the following colors in it: red, pink or purple (one, two, or ALL three colors)

OR

-another challenge could be to pick your favorite season: spring, summer, fall, or winter.

If you have a favorite season that you "LOVE," go with it!

Some Holiday Ideas within the seasons would be: St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day, Easter, 4TH of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

I would "LOVE" to see ideas from all of the above which will be displayed and sold at the boutique.

Some items which are usually good sellers are: placemats & napkins, mug rugs, bowl cozy's, Kleenex holders, hot pads, dish towels, zipper pouches, tote bags, pillowcases (especially Halloween theme sold very well when it was in the fall), table runners, table toppers, baby items, of course lap quilts and some larger quilts. I already have two lap quilts which have been donated. Thank You!!

Please have fun with this! When we get together again, I can collect them and store them until the quilt show. If anyone has an idea that they would like to share, please contact me. Our newsletter will be a great source for sharing these ideas.

Happy Quilting!

Barb Gaertner

Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Minutes April 20, 2020

There was no meeting in April due to the COVID-19 virus. Here's a little from Ann Olujic

As I sit here typing this, it is a rainy, dreary day more fit for aa April Day, not May!! However, I also need the rain for my pasture to grow for the horses as well as for the hayfields! With next week looking simply marvelous, the sun and heat will allow the grass to grow. The horses are chomping at the bit to get out on that fresh grass! So am I as it really reduces the hay expense! We are all tired of winter and being stuck in our homes! And because of our current situation, if we are going to be stuck being home, at least most of us would like to be outside! Anyway, I have been extremely busy working at Lucky Quilt Company and then home with the horses and Spring farm activities. It is so good to see people supporting local small businesses, helping them survive during this time. I know Cassie is extremely grateful, more than words can express, all the support people are giving her with online orders, phone orders and window shopping while the shop is closed to in-store traffic. I am very busy filling those orders and helping others window shop. I have even seen and spoken to some of you who are shopping here as well. Needless to say, I have not been able to do as much sewing as I would like, but am managing to get some projects done. Hopefully you are too! I also recently added a new "kid" to the herd. A couple weeks ago I bought a mule from Montana and she arrived about a week ago! She is very cute (ok, so I'm biased), but she really is! She is 6 years old and well trained already especially for trail riding. So of course, I have been spending time with her trying to earn her trust. It takes a long time for mules to trust but once they do, it is a lifetime bond. I am looking forward to a bunch of riding on her as soon as she settles in. When we meet again, ask to see her picture!!

Finally, just a few quick words about the Quilt Show as your Quilt Show Chairperson. The Board discussed the Show and I suggested that we move the show to next Fall seeing as we

don't know when we will meet again and it will give us plenty of time to prepare. On top of which, since the Coliseum is being turned into a museum, we don't even have a place to hold the Show or a date set. Barb and I had an appointment to go look at a facility in Oregon, but had to cancel because of the State shutdown. As soon as we can reschedule that appointment, we will and then we will be able to move forward. In the meantime, I know the raffle Quilt is being put together and there is no reason why we all can't be making things for the boutique!

Anyway, I hope you are all well and staying safe!

Ann Olujic

Your Country Crossroads Quilt Guild Executive Board is pleased to announce that in light of the number of meetings we've had to cancel this year (and thus lack of expenses for programs and speakers), **2021 dues will be waived for all members who are current with their 2020 membership.** Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging year!

PROGRAM/WORKSHOP

Hello everyone, I miss you all! I hope everyone is healthy and doing the best possible under the "stay at home; social distancing" situation we find ourselves in right now. I have tentatively canceled our programs for the year, but still hope that we may be able to meet again this year. If so, we will consider a program at that time, if that seems feasible.

I have been making masks like crazy, some for the hospital, some for nursing homes, but mostly for family and friends. After the requirement of wearing a mask was put in place, I found many friends and family did not have them. Then, since there is so much unknown, I made each one at least 2. I found some elastic by ordering online, but that was the hardest part.

I also did finish two quilts, which amazed even me! I hope to get into sewing in a big way this month. I have many, many unfinished projects and a lot of new ones that haven't been started. I hope you are all enjoying this time off to sew, enjoy reading, knit, crochet, or any other craft or project that you enjoy. I love TV so have watched a few series that I enjoyed also. Take care and hope to see you soon!

Bonnie Lawfer

QUILT BY SLICE

If and when the next meeting is called, please remember to bring your Quilt By Slice.

If you can't make the meeting have a friend bring it for you.

If you have any questions, call Deb at 779-348-1638 or Nina at 815-275-6384

Happy Quilting
Deb Ley and Nina Mueller



Shelly Holverson sent the following:

SWEET PERIL **BY GEORGE MACDONALD**

Alas, how easily things go wrong!
A sigh too much, or a kiss too long,
And there follows a mist and a weeping
rain,
And life is never the same again.

Alas, how hardly things go right!
'Tis hard to watch in a summer night,
For the sigh will come, and the kiss will
stay,
And the summer night is a wintry day.

And yet how easily things go right,
If the sigh and a kiss of a summer's night
Come deep from the soul in the stronger
ray
That is born in the light of the winter's
day.

And things can never go badly wrong
If the heart is true and the love be strong,
For the mist, if it comes, and the weeping
rain
Will be changed by the love into
sunshine again.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Shelly Holverson	3
Judy Barnard	11
Mary Meier	19
Barb Fagan	20
Lorna Wolfe	25
Ginnie Townsend	27