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## Heritage Quilters Guild Newsletter

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### President's Letter                      August 2021

We hope everyone is having a good, restful and safe summer. We have been able to enjoy some wonderful time together at our trial summer meetings to socialize and get in some fun quilting time. Let's hope the trend will continue.

A huge thank you to all members who gave of their time to docent at the Endangered Species Quilt Exhibit at the Sugar Creek Nature Center. The staff at the Nature Center was very appreciative of our participation and the quilts were outstanding and very creative. We hope many of you were able to visit the four sites while the quilts were on display.

During the summer we were also able to resume Social Quilting. Be sure to watch for information about future Social Quilting projects to be presented during the fall.

We will have one more informal meeting on August 10 and also Social Quilting and a board Meeting on August 24. We will resume our regular business and program meetings in September.

Be on the lookout for the programs planned for the coming year.

#### AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please be sure to read over the revised by-laws that are attached to this newsletter. (pages 2 thru 5) An in-person vote to accept the revised by-laws will be taken at the September meeting.

Until then,

Happy Quilting  
Kathy and Judy



## Heritage Quilters Guild By-Laws Revised: September, 2020

### **Article I - Name and Purpose**

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Heritage Quilters Guild, hereinafter called “the Guild.”

Section 2. The purpose of the Guild shall be to foster the art of quilting and to encourage through education, a high standard of design and technique in all of its various forms.

Section 3. The Guild shall be nonprofit, non-partisan and nonsectarian. The Guild is not organized for pecuniary profit, no one may profit financially from membership in the Guild; however, the Guild may contract with members in their professional capacity.

### **Article II - Membership**

Section 1. **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** Any person over the age of 18, with a serious interest in the art of quilting shall be eligible for membership upon payment of annual dues. Membership shall be limited to 150 members.

Section 2. **DUES:** Membership dues shall be at such rate, schedule or formula as may from time to time be prescribed by the Executive Board and approved by the general membership. The annual dues are payable at the May meeting and each year thereafter. ***If membership is not paid by June 1, a member shall be subject to loss of all privileges of membership until dues are paid and may be subject to a late fee for renewal.*** New members joining after January 1 shall pay half the annual dues.

Section 3. **GUESTS:** A nominal guest fee may be charged for a guest at the discretion of the Executive Board. Guest privileges are limited to one meeting prior to joining the Guild.

Section 4: ***FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year shall begin June 1 and end May 31.***

### **Article III – Officers, Board of Directors and Executive Board**

Section 1. **OFFICERS:** Officers for the Board of Directors shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any office on the Board of Directors may be held by 2 members as co-officers, as needed, ***with the exception of the Treasurer.*** Co-officers will have 1 Executive Board vote. In the case of President, one of the 2 Co-Presidents must have served at least 1 year on the Executive Board.

Section 2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members and shall serve for a term of two years. No officer shall serve more than one consecutive term in the same office. Unexpired terms shall be filled to their expiration date through appointment by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. “Unexpired term” is defined as a term left open due to non-performance of duties.

The following officers shall be elected in odd-numbered years: President, Second Vice President and Treasurer.

The following officers shall be elected in even years: First Vice President and Secretary.

Section 3. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected officers of the Guild.

**Section 4. EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board shall consist of all officers of the Board of Directors and six elected **Chairpersons** in charge of Publicity, Hospitality, Membership, Newsletter, **Webmaster/Public Facebook** and Historian/Photographer. The immediate past President shall also serve on the Executive Board for one year in a non-voting capacity. *Any elected chairperson position on the Executive Board may be held by 2 members as co-chairpersons, as needed, and will have 1 Executive Board vote. Any elected chairperson position on the Executive Board may be re-elected for 1 additional term of 2 years, unless determined otherwise.*

The following Executive Board Chairpersons shall be elected in even-numbered years: Publicity Chairperson, Hospitality Chairperson and Newsletter Chairperson.

The following Executive Board Chairpersons shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Membership Chairperson, Webmaster/ Public Facebook Chairperson and Historian/Photographer Chairperson.

**Section 5. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:**

**President:** The president shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and the Executive Board, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, shall appoint all committees not herein otherwise provided for, and shall perform such other duties as are incidental to the office. The President must have served at least one year on the Executive Board prior to being elected, *or in the event of co-presidents at least one shall have served at least one year on the Executive Board.*

**First Vice President:** The First Vice President shall, in the absence of the President perform all the duties of the President. The first Vice President also shall serve as Chairperson of the Program Committee, with all the duties which pertain thereto.

C. **Second Vice President:** The Second Vice President shall, in the absence of the President and the First Vice President, perform all of the duties of the President. The Second Vice President also shall serve as Chairperson of the Workshop Committee, with all the duties which pertain thereto.

D. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board, general meetings, and assume all duties usual of the office. The Secretary shall conduct general correspondence as required.

E. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds, collect necessary monies, and present an itemized accounting of receipts and disbursements at each **Executive Board and Guild** business meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping all financial records having to do with financial obligations to any organization with which the Guild is affiliated. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of services rendered by any individual who has been engaged by the Guild for the purpose of lecture or workshop, or other purposes as approved by the Executive Board. An annual audit may occur at the discretion of the Board of Directors, *but minimally should occur before a newly elected treasurer assumes office.* The Treasurer shall deposit all funds to the credit of the Guild in such banks or other depositories as the Executive Board may select. *Serves as Chairperson of the Budget Committee.*



## Article IV - Committees

Committees shall be appointed as needed by the President with approval of the Executive Board.

### Section 1: SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- A. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, composed as follows: The President shall appoint two Executive Board members and three Guild members at large. The Nominating Committee shall be approved by the Executive Board and announced at the February general meeting. By the March Executive Board meeting, the Nominating Committee shall prepare and report to the Secretary one nominee for each office to be elected at the May meeting. These nominees will then be published in the April Newsletter and announced at the April general meeting. Also, at this time, nominations from the floor will be heard ***providing that prior consent has been obtained from the proposed nominee. Any additional nominations from the floor must be approved by the Nominating Committee and Executive Board before their names will appear on the ballot.***

Each candidate must be an active member in good standing and must have agreed to accept the responsibilities of the position.

In the event of multiple nominees for an office, a paper ballot will be used at the May meeting. Members must be present to vote. A sample ballot will be published in the May newsletter. Elected officers will be announced and installed at the May meeting.

- B. Quilt Show Committee: If the general membership indicates a desire to host a quilt show in even-numbered years, the Executive Board will begin the process in May of the odd-numbered year to form a Quilt Show Committee to organize a show in the fall of the following year. ***A quilt show committee will be formed from the general membership and will include a Chairperson or Co-Chairs and the following sub-committees: Publicity, Registration, Lobby, Display, Vendors, Kitchen, Awards, Member Boutique, and Opportunity Quilt.*** Sub-committees may be deleted or added as necessary as determined by the Chairperson(s). ***The Chairperson(s) will submit monthly written reports to the Executive Board and/or attend monthly Executive Board meetings.***

Community Service Committee: In May of each year, the President shall nominate a Community Service Chairperson(s). The Chairperson(s), who shall report to the Executive Board, will form a committee of at least two members to determine an appropriate annual community service project(s), if any, and organize general membership participation.

***Budget Committee: Prior to the end of the fiscal year, the President shall nominate three members for a Budget Committee which shall include one member from the general membership and two members from the Executive Board, one of which shall be the treasurer as Chairperson. The Committee is responsible for preparing a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year based on input from the Board of Directors, Executive Board and Special Committees to present to the Executive Board for approval. The approved budget will be presented to the general membership for endorsement at the first meeting of the fiscal year.***



## **Article V - Meetings**

Section 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNUAL JOINT MEETING: There shall be a joint meeting of the outgoing Executive Board with the incoming Executive Board, which shall be held shortly after the May Election Meeting.

Section 2. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING:

The annual meeting of the general membership shall be held in May of each year, at the time and place of the regular May meeting, for the purpose of electing officers of the Board of Directors and Executive Board and for conducting such business as may be deemed necessary.

Section 3. REGULAR MEETINGS:

- A. General Membership: Unless otherwise ordered by the Guild or by the Executive Board, regular meetings of the general membership shall be held monthly, with the exception of the summer months, a total of nine meetings each year.
- B. Executive Board: Unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board, regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held monthly or at the discretion of the President.

Section 4. QUORUM: A quorum for conducting business shall consist of a simple majority of the total attending membership.

## **Article VI - Dissolution**

On dissolution, all remaining funds shall be distributed to the Department of Textiles of the Art Institute of Chicago for the specific purpose of the preservation of antique quilts.

## **Article VII - Parliamentary Authority**

The current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall be the final source of authority in all questions of parliamentary procedure when rules are not consistent with the By-Laws of the Guild.

## **Article VII - Amendments**

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws adopted at any business meeting of the Guild by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided a quorum is present to conduct business. Notification by newsletter one month in advance of any changes is required.



David Boo, husband of past guild president, Cathy Boo, received a veterans quilt for his 75th birthday party.

Kathy Becker and Bobbie Molony dropped into the party to present his quilt.

Thank you David for your service to our country, and may you have many more years ahead of you.

## Personal News in the Guild

This column will be for anyone with personal news or prayer requests for anyone that wishes to share.

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Stephanie Jachna has a new address:  
Alexi Senior Living  
6301 Lincoln Highway  
Matteson, IL 60443

Betty Drzal's husband Don is seriously ill and Betty said all prayers will be welcome.

Ella Keto's husband is seriously ill and is in need of our prayers.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our guild welcomed a new member last month. Make sure you say hi to Pat McKinney from Frankfort when you see her.

We distributed an informational flyer to the Will County Forest Preserve locations that are displaying the Endangered Species exhibit.

If anyone wants some flyers about our guild to give out or display at a fabric store etc just let me know.

Karen Simnick

Membership Chair

### Treasurer's Report from Judy McCune



Balance	June 1, 2021	\$21,941.83
Deposits		
	Membership: Dues	155.00
	Programs: Coleen Merte 10/12/21	240.00
Total Deposits		395.00
Expenses		
	SOS - Batting	170.37
	Banking Fee-reorder checks	20.00
	Membership: Printing of HQG brochures	25.00
	Veterans Quilts: Labels, fabric, supplies	234.26
Total Expenses		449.63
20-Jul-21	July 20, 2021 Ending Balance	\$21,887.20



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8– MariLynn Bergmark  
 9– Judy Gaines  
 12-Heather Rowswell  
 16-Beth Braun  
 20-Barb Root  
 25-Karen Simnick



## SOCIAL QUILTING REPORT AND SCHEDULE

Social Quilting on July 27th was really good. Beth Braun showed us how to make small cloth wallets from a fat quarter. Beth's instructions were quite good. I am looking forward to making them. (you get 2 out of 1 fat quarter.) I used my phone video function and recorded the whole thing. The only thing wrong is that the video is quite large and I cannot get it to email to anyone! So, I have a lovely video on my google drive on my phone (Samsung). If anyone knows a ways around this problem, please give me a call. (Bobbie 815 258 5859)

August 24th—Dolores Kettman will show us how to make a no-sew witch or fall table decoration. (no sewing machine required.)  
 You will need to bring 1 roll of toilet paper  
 And 1 18" square of non-directional Fall or Halloween fabric  
 OR 1 FQ of non-directional Fall or Halloween fabric. This looks like it will be fun.

September 28th—Kathy Becker will demonstrate an over the shoulders kitchen / hand wipe that looks like fun as well. More news to follow.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE 2021—2022

Good news! We've gotten our workshop space back. We will be back at SOS Villages, in Lockport, for our workshops. Many thanks to Roberts and Thimbles Quilt Stores for offering their classroom spaces as back up.

See below for workshop details .

October 12, Coleen Merte will be teaching us her paper pieced pattern Spectrum.

November 9 brings us Sally Manke and her Landscape Confetti art quilt project.

In February 8, 2022, Monique Jacobs of Open Gate Quilts will be with us.

and March 8, 2022 brings us Catherine Redford.

Penny Sturges will be teaching a bag project on April. 12, 2022.

At this time we don't have anyone for October or November. 2022 Any ideas? We are also starting to think about our January 2022 Schoolhouse meeting. Can you teach us something?

If you have any questions, please text or call:  
Becky Kamysz, Co First VP of Programs – 630-846-0561  
Nancy Grizzle, Co First VP of Programs – 708-288-1291  
Dianna Douglas, 2nd VP of Workshops – 815-210-5028



## Social Service Committee (SOS)

Message from SOS Committee and the Christmas Stocking project:

More pillowcase kits will be available at the next meeting in August. I will also have an assortment of "headers" that need to find matching bodies in your stashes. Please consider taking one home to create a pillowcase.

Gail Stepanek



## Veterans Quilts

We have discussed the fact that there are about 20 more servicemen on the Viet Nam War veterans list, from the VFW. It would be great if we would be able to give a quilt to each of these persons.

We did complete the WWII, Korean War, and some from Viet Nam list last year.

It would be a push to complete this venture. We actually are doing well so far, by using the monthly lottery blocks for these quilts.

The quilts will use 9 blocks each. With sashings of 3", and 6" at top and bottom, we will end up at 60" x 66". This will make the measurements needed to be considered a "Quilt of Valor". The minimum size for a Quilt of Valor is 55" x 65". The maximum size is 72" x 90".

The plan is: I will bring all of the Veterans fabrics to the July and September Guild meetings. Everyone can pick through these donated fabrics, or pick up a kit to complete a quilt.

Let me know if you are able to work on a quilt top, do free motion quilting, or binding.

Every stage is important! Many hands make short work!

It would be best to try to complete all the quilts in October, so that we can give them out for Veterans Day, the beginning of November.

If you want to donate some fabric, especially for backings, bring them to those meetings. You could also call me to come and pick any of these up.

We do have batting for the quilts, call me with the size you need.

We presently have 2 completed quilts ready to be given out.

We do have one lap quilt that is smaller, to be used by someone in a wheel chair. If you know of any one that would meet that criteria please let me know.

We have 2 completed quilt tops.

We have 6 sets of blocks prepared and ready to be put together.

We do have several panels that would be a great focal point in a quilt.

The push is on!

Please consider helping to get this done!

Judy Gaines

Call me at 815-545-2938

