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President's Letter **Hi Quilting Friends,**

The end of the year 2021 is fast approaching. We hope that everyone can slow down a bit and enjoy the last few weeks of this year and the coming holiday season. Our Guild has been truly blessed this year and we are grateful for the many blessings we have received. We have been able to meet in person, and to have in-person workshop and lectures. We were able to enjoy each other's company during the summer months. Our fabric sale in November was a great success and we are thankful to all who helped with the set up and actual sale.

We are happy to say that we can resume our holiday tradition of a pot luck dinner at our December meeting. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the details.

The coming year has many exciting events for us to look forward to. Several interesting programs have been planned by our program chairpersons. Many of our generous and talented members have agreed to present demos at our Schoolhouse in January. Since many of our members were generous with their time at the Endangered Species Exhibit, we have been gifted with two sew-in dates at the Sugar Creek Nature Center. More information and save the date information will be coming soon.

We also can look forward with great anticipation to our Quilt Show in September of 2022. Keep working on your beautiful creations so they will be ready to display at the show. Also, please be willing to offer your help when needed by any of the Quilt Show Committee chairpersons.

We have an informative and fun-filled quilting year ahead of us. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting/banquet on December 14. We wish everyone a happy and joyful holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year.

Kathy and Judy
Co-presidents

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Good News

Our December meeting will be our Christmas holiday celebration, with a buffet dinner.

Members who were at our November meeting picked dishes that they will bring for our buffet. If you weren't at our November meeting, and wish to bring a dish to share, feel free to do so.

Fried and baked chicken will be provided by the guild, along with the appetizers, salads, sides, and desserts provided by our members. YUM!

Water and soft drinks will also be provided by our members. Bring your own drink if you wish. Also, if you do not wish to eat from the buffet, feel free to bring your own dinner.

Dishes for the buffet should be brought by 6pm, so that we can start dinner at 6:30 pm.

Thank you in advance to all who volunteered to bring a dish to share.

Nancy O'Connor

The Block Lottery for December is Annie's Choice. Please make your block or blocks using Christmas Colors. There are 16 Half Square Triangles—pay close attention to how you lay the squares out.

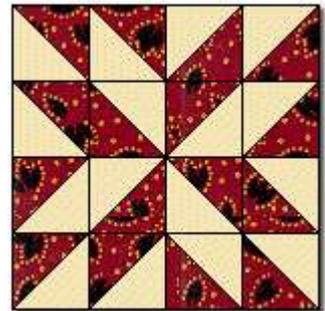
And bring your finished block to the meeting on the 14th of December.

If you really like this block, you can stuff the ballot box! Remember you get a ticket for each block you turn in.

If you have any questions please call Bobbie Molony at 815 258 5859

Here is the link to the pattern:

[Annie's Choice \(quilterscache.com\)](http://quilterscache.com)



Our Betty Drzal has been a busy quilter.

See the complete article on page 3.



FRIDAY FEEDBACK



News and Notes from the Hospital VP/CNO
Lynn Hennessy, MS, MBA, RN, NEA-BC
November 12, 2021



SSU's COVID-19 Quilt

A beautiful handmade quilt created by Ruth Harding, NA-HUC,
now hangs in the Short Stay Unit.



The story behind the quilt...

"March 10, 2020 changed the lives of so many people at Advocate Christ Medical Center. Unbeknownst to us, a new pandemic was on the horizon. Its name was COVID-19. In one night, our Short Stay A and B was converted into what would be the first designated COVID unit, receiving admissions from those suffering from the virus.

After working the first few weeks on the COVID unit and watching everyone adapting to the constant changes that came along with this new virus, I began to wonder what I could do to show my peers that they are valued as an important part of history. After all, none of us had ever experienced a pandemic before. The stress, fear, and constant updates of new information had everyone on edge. On June 19th 2020, I began the process of brainstorming what I could do with my hands and some fabric that would reflect the sense of unity we were all experiencing.

During my many visits to crafts stores, my inspiration was sparked through things like stencils, paints, pens, and fabric. For months I played around with the paint on the fabric, and then using a list of our team members, began hand stenciling the name of my peers onto the white fabric. I fell in love with the signature look. It was like they signed it themselves. I received assistance from Kelly Mercer and Ameca Grass in confirming names and sorting through team members who came to our unit to help us during this difficult time. I worked on ten names at a time. Time had passed and the one-year anniversary of this experience was approaching.

With the names all stenciled, I needed to get the border finished and framed. I brought it to work and showed Caryn and Carolyn Piersanti that I had been working on and they loved it. Carolyn informed me her mother is a quilter and stated her mother would be willing to offer her expertise on finishing the final touches. Mrs. Betty Drzal called me to ask what I had in mind. We talk and texted our ideas back and forth. I told Mrs. Betty she brought our piece to life. I am ever so grateful for everyone that played a part in bringing my vision to life. I wanted to the all-stars of Short Stay to have something they could always remember as we grow from this experience. SSU will always be in my heart.

-Ruth Harding NA HUC

Personal News in the Guild

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

It feels a bit odd to be asking for prayers for myself, and for the AFIB that is running out of control and I thank you so much for all those prayers. I am hoping that the doctors find a solution to this problem very soon. - Bobbie Molony



Treasurer's Report from Judy McCune

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| Balance | 9/28, 2021 | | \$22,259.15 |
| Deposits | | | |
| Strip sets sold | | 120.00 | |
| Dues | | 60.00 | |
| Winter Retreat Jan 28-30 | | 4,090.00 | |
| Programs 10/12 and 11/9 | | 120.00 | |
| Fabric Sale—Table Fees | | 100.00 | |
| Fabric Sale—Start up cash | | 200.00 | |
| Fabric Sale—Sales | | 1,046.25 | |
| Total Deposits | | | + 5,676.25 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Coleen Merte Postage, Lodging, Meals, Miles | | | |
| | | 514.82 | |
| Sally Manke Lecture and Workshop Contract | | 1,250.00 | |
| Sally Manke—Lodging Measl and Mileage | | 413.00 | |
| Speaker Lunch and Dinner | | 84.89 | |
| Membership—Print Directories | | 273.86 | |
| Total Expenses | | | - 2,536.57 |
| November 23, 2021 Balance | | | \$ 25,398.83 |



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5— Dolores Ketman
 8— Bobbie Molony
 19—Jeanne Turnock
 27—Nancy Mancke
 28—Edna Droz
 29—Joni Byrne
 30—Gwen Malinowski

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE 2021—2022

February 8, 2022 – Monique Jacobs will be teaching us a very interesting quilt titled “Caligula”. Check out Dianna Douglas’ board for a picture of the quilt. We can make either a lap quilt or table runner. Pattern will be \$9.00. Supply lists are now available. A sample quilt is forthcoming. Sign up at your earliest opportunity.

March 8, 2022 – Catherine Redford workshop will be “Walking Foot beyond the Ditch”. A kit will be provided to each student—the cost \$10 each. Supply list is now available. Please contact Dianna Douglas. A sample quilt is forthcoming.

April 12, 2022 – Penny Sturges – Penny’s workshop is titled “No Wimpy Bags”.

Hopefully by the January newsletter further details will be provided for the October and November 2022 workshops/lectures.

If any questions or comments, please contact any of the following individuals:

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



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have 76 members on the roster. New membership books will be available at the December meeting for pickup, if you missed yours in November. There will be an electronic version soon too.

Last spring the board made the decision that no dues would be collected for the 2021-2022 year if a member had paid for the 2020-2021 year. So for those inquiring, unless you are new or rejoining, dues will not be collected until May for the 2022-2023 year.

Thanks

Karen Simnick Membership Chair

VETERANS QUILTS

Our hope was to have the Veterans Quilts ready to distribute in November for Veterans Day, however we do not have updated information from the VFW yet, they are not quite ready for us. We do have 17 done and ready to go! There are 3 more ready to be quilted and then bound—that makes 20! Kudo's to all of us!

We just keep on keeping on.

Please call me to plan what we can do next. Judy Gaines 815 545-2938.

In case you are looking for an excuse for a road trip>>>>>>>>

ANNOUNCING

The Decatur Quilters Guild is having a quilters rummage sale on January 26, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grace Baptist Church, 3770 N. Water Street, Decatur, IL 62526. On highway 51, across the street from Target.

We have several quilters stash clean-outs as well as lots of other stuff, all quilting, sewing, and hand work related. There might be a sewing machine or two plus much more. Come and see what you can get to add to your stash.

Good Luck to you, Theresa!

Sullivan Sewing – a new sewing company!!

I have established a new sewing company called Sullivan Sewing.

Services available include

- cleaning, oiling, and repair of sewing machines;
- non-computerized longarming (ruler work and free-motion only);
- embroidery; and
- other services upon request.

Please contact me at 630-334-5713 (phone or text) or at ctsdav@sbcglobal.net (email).

Please consider me for your sewing needs.

Theresa Davis

SOS NEWS

FILL THE STOCKINGS DAY!

Is Saturday, December 18th at 10:00 AM

At Gail Stepanek's house.

Please let her know if you will attend. 815-768-9346.

Items that we still need:

Mittens/Gloves—Toddler size.

Novelty pillowcase fabric

Novelty Christmas fabric

Quilts for Adult Foster Parents at SOS

We need 7 more adult appropriate quilts ...in the 60 x 72 inch size range. January 2022 is our gift giving goal. Looking forward to receiving those!

Please contact Martha Sayles or Marie Blunk if you have any questions.

