

Happy New Year 2021



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Happy 2021!

I think we can all agree that we are happy to have 2020 behind us. What a year it was! The COVID-19 pandemic is still with us although with the arrival and distribution of vaccines we will hopefully be able to climb out of our shelters and start getting back to a sense of normal, albeit a bit different.

Many of you saw there was a need and jumped in to make masks for family, friends, total strangers, and businesses. You worked on those UFOs, utilized your fabric stashes and learned how to use social media and electronics to keep in touch with others. We never could have anticipated a pandemic cancelling our planned activities, including our quilt show, however, we held abbreviated meetings when we could, we were able to distribute quilts to our veterans and we were able to provide SOS with quilts and their Christmas stockings. With all the negatives we have faced in 2020, there were some positives. Now, we must look forward and move on to 2021.

On January 12th, our usual meeting day, we will hold a Zoom Guild Meeting. We would like members to share what tool or gadget designed for something else that they find useful for quilting. For example, Bonnie Hunter uses old hotel room key cards as a seam guide on her machine. If you don't have one to share, I'm sure you have a favorite quilting tip you can share with us. During the meeting Martha and I will also announce our President's Challenge. We are excited about it and we hope you will be, too! Please watch your e-mail for a separate message with the link to the Zoom meeting.

In May of 2021, we have a number of board positions that will need to be filled. We have been highlighting the available positions in the newsletters each month and this month, we are highlighting the position of President. Remember, this position can be held by one person or two as co-Presidents. This term has been quite different than others have served in the past and there was nothing that could have prepared us for everything that happened this past year. I feel very fortunate to have served as co-President with Martha Sayles. We have enjoyed working together making our role a true shared position. Please consider taking on this very important role with our Guild.

As we move into a new year, many people make resolutions and others choose a word to focus on. Whatever you choose to focus on in 2021, may you be successful.

Happy New Year!
Gwen Malinowski



BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2021 TO 2023

PRESIDENTS.....This position is waiting for you if you like to facilitate getting things done for the good of the group. The last several years we have had Co-Presidents but for many years before that it was just one person. One of the two or the one person needs to have previously been a board member. So....there are a number of you out there who would fill the bill. There is always good support from the board and the guild to see that things get done. Hopefully we will be back meeting in person within the new year. Do you like to be in charge and see that things get done? Then this job is for you, and would be very much appreciated!

** It will be important to have people who are comfortable with electronic communicating as that may be our basic way of staying together in the near future.

Also openings in the following 2 year positions:

2nd VICE PRESIDENT WORKSHOPS AND CHAIRS FOR MEMBERSHIP & HISTORIAN

(We have expressed interest in SOS and TreasurerThank you so much to those people.)

In the next few months we will be naming a nominating committee with 2 board members and 3 guild members at large. An enthusiastic response to those requests would surely be appreciated.

LET'S ALL BE INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE OF THIS WONDERFUL GUILD.

2nd Vice President—Workshops

Want to meet some amazing people in the quilting industry? Take them out to lunch? Chat with them at a relaxed dinner? Learn some innovative techniques? Get to know your fellow guild members? Then this is the position for you! Your responsibilities include reporting to the guild - information about the upcoming workshops and collecting the workshop fees. You will be in charge of getting to SOS early on the day of the workshop to set up the tables, chairs, ironing boards and irons and other supplies as needed. Meet and greet the speaker. Get lunch for the speaker. Enjoy a dinner out and enjoy conversation with the speaker and anyone else who comes. And the biggest perk is you won't need to pay the workshop fee!!!! Don't hesitate. Volunteer now for 2nd vice-president, workshops. Contact Barb Wrobel or Gwen Malinowski if you are interested.

Position is needed for Historian who shall be responsible for taking pictures of quilt guild events and monthly meeting show and tell quilts. There is a guild camera which will go along with the position. Those pictures are then stored onto a flash drive. I no longer use this camera but take pictures from my phone which I then upload to our Facebook group as a monthly show and tell album for all to see. Especially those who were unable to attend that months meeting. Whoever fills this position will decide how they would like to proceed. Any questions can be directed to Dolores Kettman.

HQ GUILD Wants YOU!

To be our next Membership Chairperson



You will be responsible for collecting membership dues, registration of members and guests at each meeting and updating our yearly membership book.

Some computer skills needed. It's a perfect position to share with another co-chair.

Please contact Diana Vukonich for any questions or further information at

630-969-5373



WORKSHOP

2021-2022 Guild Workshop and Lecture Schedule:

October 12, 2021 – Coleen Merte – So far October 12, 2021 is a firm date. Expect Coleen to work on Spectrum as several members have purchased the pattern and fabric.

November 9, 2021 – Sally Manke – Working on addendum to contract.

February 8, 2022 – Monique Jacobs - Addendum needs to be sent to Monique to confirm date.

March 8, 2022 – Catherine Redford – Need to discuss pricing as Catherine increased her original pricing.

April 12, 2022 – Penny Sturges – New contract has been signed and received.

November 8, 2022 – Karen Combs – Addendum signed and received.

If anyone has 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

Barbara Wrobel, VP of Workshops – 630-257-3286



Join Co-Presidents Gwen Malinowski & Martha Sayles on Tuesday, January 12th during the HQG Zoom Meeting as they announce the next quilt challenge.

Watch your e-mail for the link to the Zoom Meeting!

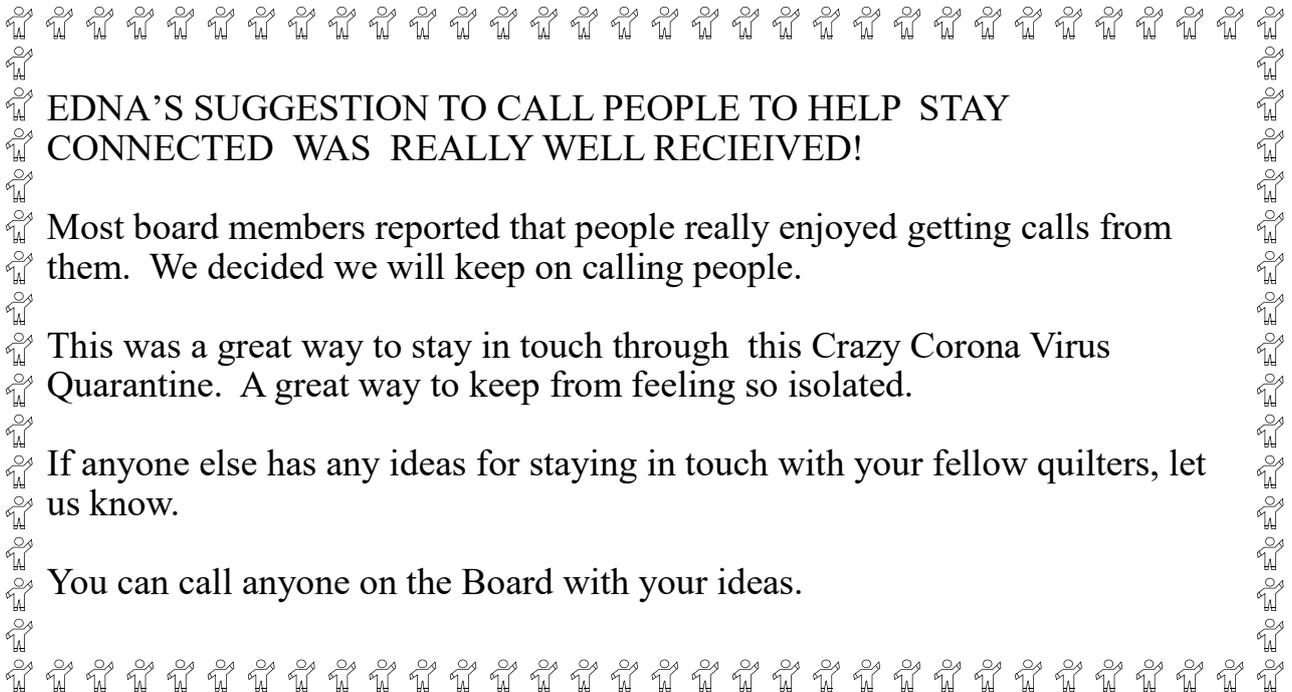
Would anyone be interested in small workshops using Zoom or Facebook Live??
If in Zoom, we could plan a get together that would only take about 40 minutes. Any ideas of what to do? It would be really great to be able to hang out virtually with other quilters.

Please contact Bobbie Molony if you are interested. 815 258-5859

BLOCK LOTTERY

We are not ready to resume the Block Lottery, but a couple of us (Judy Gaines and I) have been giving this a lot of thought. It seems we really had a huge response when we were making blocks to be put into a Veterans Quilt. We were really impressed by the generosity shown by our quilters here. Read Judy Gaines report on page 5. If you are interested in this route, please reply to the email that this newsletter came in. Drop us a note with ideas to continue reaching out to Veterans that we have started. I hope to hear from you.

Bobbie Molony



EDNA'S SUGGESTION TO CALL PEOPLE TO HELP STAY CONNECTED WAS REALLY WELL RECIEIVED!

Most board members reported that people really enjoyed getting calls from them. We decided we will keep on calling people.

This was a great way to stay in touch through this Crazy Corona Virus Quarantine. A great way to keep from feeling so isolated.

If anyone else has any ideas for staying in touch with your fellow quilters, let us know.

You can call anyone on the Board with your ideas.

HOSPITALITY UPDATE

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We all are hopeful that the current health situation will be resolved quickly with the release and distribution of the vaccine, and that we will soon be able to resume our monthly meetings in person. Until then, please be safe and follow the IDPH guidelines. Looking forward to seeing you at the January Zoom meeting.

Kathy Becker

OPPORTUNITY QUILT—2022

Has anyone been hanging on to a quilt pattern that you just might make in the future but it is a little bit more than you can handle? Or have found a stunning quilt in a magazine or online but it is just too much for one person to put together? Well, the guild is looking for any and all ideas for our opportunity quilt that will hopefully be showcased for our 2022 quilt show. Any and all ideas are welcomed and in this socially distance age we live in, just send a picture to Dolores Kettman. We really would like a variety to choose from and appreciate any and all input.

Barb Wrobel and Dolores Kettman

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1—Betty Drzal
5—Sharon Fritz
9—Sue Schroeder
13—Karen Edgar
24—Ronnie Summers
26—Diana Vukonich
27—Maria Smith



Treasurers Report from Barbara Kirnbauer

Balance as of Dec 1, 2020	\$23,769.28
Expenses	40,00
No Income	
Balance as of Dec 31, 2020	\$23,729.28

VETERANS QUILTS



I currently have 1 lap quilt for someone in a wheelchair. Let me know if you know of someone who fits the bill!

Anyone that would like to work on a quilt, can check with me, to look through our "stash" of fabrics and supplies.

Judy Gaines 815 545-2938

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