



Heritage Quilters Guild Newsletter

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Well, the past two years did not go as we planned. Martha and I anticipated leading the guild through the usual events. However, you know what's said about the best laid plans!

Positively speaking, members jumped in to make masks, and sharing their coveted supply of elastic!

Members sheltered in were sewing through their stashes making quilts, completing UFOs plus many of us learned to use new technology and learned some new vocabulary words. Most of all, we had time to reflect upon what is most important in life, I know I did.

Thank you, members, for sticking with us to support the guild and participating when possible. Thanks to those who lead committees and performed tasks for the guild who have retired from those positions. Thank you to the board members whose terms ended in May of 2020 and 2021 for fulfilling your positions throughout the chaos. Thank you to the members who volunteered for board positions for the next term. We look forward to supporting your leadership of the guild.

Lastly, thanks Martha for the lovely chats, sharing your knowledge, and being the best Co-President anyone could have! It has been my honor to serve with you and serve with the members of the Heritage Quilters Guild.

Gwen Malinowski, Co-President 2019-21

Two years ago when Gwen and I began as Co-Presidents of the guild, we were full of enthusiasm and new ideas for continuing to make HQG an exciting guild to belong to.

We were planning another Quilt Show, we had speakers lined up, we had other guilds bringing their raffle quilts to our meetings. We had almost 70 active members. Our meetings in the fall of 2019 were very exciting. And then.... that was all snatched away from us by March of 2020 with the Pandemic.

But we have stayed in business so to speak and now we are ready to install an excellent new crew of officers. As we welcome them, we thank the past officers for their work!

Gwen and I have enjoyed working together. We've logged a lot of telephone hours trying to make things work for everyone. Gwen's computer and internet skills have really made things go smoothly in this time of virtual communication.

The Pandemic has made us all so much more aware of what we value in our lives. Surely the Art of Quilting has a very high place.

Thank you for the opportunity to help keep HQG moving in that direction!
Martha Sayles, Co- President 2019-21



NOMINATIONS FOR THE HQG BOARD

We are pleased to present the following slate of candidates to fill the following offices for the 2021-2023 term.

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| Co-Presidents | Kathy Becker and Judy Grandys |
| 2 nd Vice-President – Workshops | Dianna Douglas |
| Treasurer | Judy McCune |
| Historian | Tess Agee |
| Membership | Karen Simnick |
| Hospitality (2021-2022) | Nancy O'Connor |

Our election will be held during our guild meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at the VFW.

THE STRIPPER LADY IS HAVING A SALE!

The Stripper Lady (a.k.a. Betty Drzal) would normally be selling her packages of 2½” strip sets at our quilt show. Due to the cancellation of our 2020 Quilt Show she has an abundance of strip sets available for sale. Betty will be selling packages of her hand cut strip sets at the May meeting for \$5.00 per package. Cash or checks (payable to Heritage Quilters Guild) will be accepted. Sorry, no credit or debit cards will be accepted.

TREASURY REPORT

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| Balance as of 4/27/2021 | \$22,820.61 |
| Expenses Awards and Batting - 353.52 | |
| No Income | |
| Balance as of 4/27/2021 | \$22,467.09 |



MAY BIRTHDAYS



1—Donna Stevens
 3—Teresa Agee
 4—Nancy Grizzle
 16— Kim Byrne
 17— Mary Mandernach
 19— Carol Richards
 31— Rita Fagan



REQUEST FOR SCRAPS FOR PET BEDS

Save those scraps!!! A dog rescue has opened up in the Lemont area. I have been making dog beds. If anyone has bags of scraps, don't put them in the garbage!! Bring them to the meeting and they will be recycled as fill for dog and cat beds.

Thanks, a lot, Barb Wrobel

Hospitality Update

May, 2021

A reminder to all that our May meeting will be our annual banquet with food ordered from Panera. Please be sure to see the attached order form.

Members should plan on arriving by 6:00 PM, so that we can eat at 6:30 PM.

We are asking that if you wish to attend the meeting but are bringing your own food please be sure to RSVP to Kathy Becker (kib726@msn.com) so that we can have adequate tables ready.

The deadline is Monday, May 3.

Masks will be required at all times except when you are enjoying your meal. Don't forget to bring your own beverage.

We are looking forward to having a great time socializing and enjoying each other's company!

Kathy Becker

MAY BANQUET MAY 11, 2021

Hospitality Update May 2021

We are happy to let everyone know that we are planning to have our May Banquet on May 11 at the VFW this year with some modifications. For the health and safety of all, instead of our usual potluck dinner, we will be ordering box lunches from Panera.

The cost for members will be \$8.00. The board has agreed that the Guild will pay the difference and the related sales tax.

Order forms and payment must be turned in to Kathy Becker no later than Monday, May 3.

All checks should be made out to the Heritage Quilters Guild. Members may bring their

own dinner if they are attending the meeting but do not want to order from Panera.

Members are also requested to bring their own beverage.

Four places will be set up at each table. Please RSVP so that we can have adequate tables ready.

PANERA ORDER FORM

Please indicate your choice from the selections below:

Smokehouse BBQ Chicken Sandwich Boxed Lunch

Chicken, BBQ sauce, red onion, white cheddar, frizzled onions, on white bread

Steak and Arugula on Country Rustic Sourdough Boxed Lunch

Beef, arugula, tomatoes, onions, on sourdough bread

Turkey Sandwich Boxed Lunch

Turkey, greens, tomatoes, red onion on sourdough

All sandwiches served with chips, pickle and a cookie

We have requested that all condiments be on the side for each order.

Fuji Apple Salad Boxed Lunch

Greens, grape tomatoes, red onions, toasted pecan pieces, gorgonzola and apples chips

Tossed in sweet white balsamic vinaigrette

Salad served with a baguette and a cookie

Name _____

Phone Number _____ email _____

Cost: \$8.00 Please make out check to Heritage Quilters Guild Check # _____

I will be attending, please order the above for me

I will be attending but will bring my own food.

Please return this order form and payment to:

Kathy Becker, 17036 Como Avenue, Lockport, IL 60441

No later than Monday, May 3.



Sew – A – Song President's Challenge

The challenge is over. Now it's time to cast your vote. Watch your e-mail and the Facebook sharing page for the announcement that the Challenge Quilts are posted on our website. Vote for your top 3 quilts via e-mail by sending an e-mail to Gwen Malinowski no later than 11:59pm on Monday, May 10th.

The winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at our May meeting on Tuesday, May 11th.

All entrants, please bring your Challenge quilts to the May meeting so we may see them live and guess what song you chose.

Thank you and GOOD LUCK to all our participants!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Attention all members!!!

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Summer is approaching and we will be updating our yearly directory. We want to make sure we have the most up to date information sooo..

If you have MOVED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE, or EMAIL we would love to know!

Please contact myself or Edna at the emails below:

Diana - dvuke@sbcglobal.net

Edna - marysunshine1988@comcast.net

Have a safe & happy summer!

From your membership team, Edna & Diana

2021-2022 Guild Workshop and Lecture Schedule

October 12, 2021

– Coleen Merte – Coleen is looking forward to meeting our Guild in October. Sign up can begin this summer. Sample project quilt has been received along with patterns for those interested. Several members (4) have the Spectrum pattern. Location of workshop for the October event has changed. Further info follows. Keep checking your newsletter.

November 9, 2021

– Sally Manke – Waiting for Addendum to contract—follow up email has been sent—phone call to follow.

February 8, 2022

– Monique Jacobs – Addendum needs to be sent to Monique to confirm date.

March 8, 2022

– Catherine Redford – Will be calling Catherine in the near future to discuss price increase.

April 12, 2022

– Penny Sturges – New contract has been signed and received.

November 8, 2022

– Karen Combs – Karen has decided to pivot to virtual visits only for 2021 and 2022. This will be discussed with the board as we have a decision to make.

If anyone has 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

OPPORTUNITY QUILT—2022

When you come to the May 11th guild meeting, be sure to take a look at the 4 choices for our opportunity quilt and vote on the one you prefer. No plans yet as to when actual quilt construction will take place, but at least we will have a start. Also, please indicate if you would like to chair this process or volunteer to help sew it.

Barb Wrobel and Dolores Kettman

Social Service Committee (SOS)

Our update begins with a message from Gail Stepanek who is overseeing the Christmas Stocking SOS donations for us: The Christmas stockings that we make for the children at SOS Village always include a pillowcase made by guild members. At the May meeting, pillowcase kits will be available for members to take home and make. They can be returned at the next meeting.

The next message is from Marie and Martha expressing thanks to Gail, Karen Edgar and Diane Greenfield (plus her husband Terry who fixed a door lock for us). We now have the SOS Guild storage closet organized and ready with quilt tops donated over the past few years from the guild matched with donated backing fabrics. Soon we will have some work days to make progress on these projects. More kits will be available when new batting arrives.

A dozen more finished quilts have been donated to Misericordia Residential Home by way of our guild member, Andi Tomasik.

Veterans Quilts

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Hi! And Happy Spring!

Our goal is to try to get a quilt made for each of the Viet Nam Vets, at our VFW. We are not exactly sure, but think we have about 20 more service people left to distribute to, from the era.

We have been collecting blocks for the Veterans Quilts. I have 22 blocks of the "Crown and Star" pattern. That is great and will go a long way to help with these quilts.

The "stripey" blocks will be a great addition to these quilts. You might want to keep making these, if you want to use up some scraps. In the fall, we will start putting the tops together, so the more we have, the merrier!

The next block that would be fun to undertake for next month is "the Drunkard's Chain" This is a nice looking block with a big X on it. It is 16" square and is from quilterscache.com.

This one will test some of our skills, as there are some curves in this block! Interesting! See below for the link. **Please use any combination of red, or blue, with the background of white, or off white.** The link is: [Drunkard's Chain \(quilterscache.com\)](http://Drunkard's Chain (quilterscache.com)) You will need to print the template that is listed at the top of page 1. That template will be needed to make those curvy blocks.

Let me know if anyone is ready for any backing, or batting.
Judy Gaines 815-545-2938

In trying to do the block of the month, I noticed that this may stretch our skills a bit! At least it did mine!

I am going to be at the May meeting a little early, with some samples. This may give you some insight as to how this curve thing works! Just look for me at a table with some tutorials. It will all make more sense when you see it! This should be fun! We can all learn something new!

Judy

