



The Thimbleful

Capital Quilters Guild

Raleigh, North Carolina

September/October 2020

Next Meeting

Until further notice all
Capital Quilters Guild
meetings are

CANCELLED



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So I held up the newsletter because I drove up to visit my daughter, grandson and great grandchildren. It was so much fun and I really relaxed for the first time in a long time.

What that means is that I have had time to think (14 hours in the car going up and 11 coming home). I will be talking with the Board about the best way to get the new Board voted in, the committees changed over and the President Challenge done this week. We have been unable to do a lot and that has not changed but we can come up with ways that we can still do things.

For the President Challenge I am going to post on Facebook and maybe send out an email blast. What we need are pictures of the quilts. They can be put on Facebook or they can be mailed in, whatever is the easiest way for the owner to do. Then Guild members can look at them and vote and decide which is the winner of the challenge. I am thinking that maybe ...but I have to think hard on this...that sending an email vote to me directly will be the easiest for the Guild and the hardest for me. But we have to move forward. We have been stagnant way too long and need to find ways to be a guild again.

Do I have all the answers, no...do I have *some* of the answers, maybe, but not sure. I do know that there are things we can do to interact with each other and still follow the rules set down. Any and all ideas will be accepted and we will try to work with them all. This is OUR Guild, not the Board's not the President's. It belongs to all of us and we are a very creative group of people and we just have to put our mind to this.

The hospitals, nursing homes and Safe Child are still taking quilts so please keep up the awesome work that you are doing and we collected quilts on Sept 13. More information will be on Facebook.

There will be more to follow as we decide the best way to go forward. But forward we will go. **Remember to pay your dues so you can get into the fun that we will be having...**someway.

Stay healthy and enjoy the weather as it cools off some.

Alma Mellish
President
Capital Quilters Guild



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Membership

With all that is (and isn't) going on, it doesn't seem like it's time to renew your membership with the Guild. But, those membership dues are what support our missions, including our ongoing charity work. If you haven't yet, please consider mailing in your membership dues. The membership form is on the next page in this newsletter.

We had a drive-by membership activity on Sunday Sept 20 where we had many members drop off their membership forms. It was really great to talk with everyone who stopped by to pick up their membership cards and pins. We will try to set up another time / place to do this again. In the meantime, we've had 75 members join the guild this year, 3 of whom are new members!

And, once again, if you need any assistance, even if just to find contact information for a member you haven't seen in a while, please let us know. We are very happy to help you.

Nancy Honeycutt & Debby Femia
Membership co-chairs



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July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

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If you are a member of a bee, what is the name of your bee? _____

If you would like to join a bee, tell us your preference (please circle ALL of your preferences): Day/Night Weekday/Weekend North/South/East/West/Any Region Art/Hand/Charity/other _____

Membership Fees:

Please note that **all** members are required to pay dues.

Regular Membership	\$40.00
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Junior Membership (18 years and younger; full scholarships are currently available).....	\$25.00 0.00
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Optional donation (tax deductible)	\$_____

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Capital Quilters Guild

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WE ARE BACK



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We have been incredibly quiet waiting, as a lot of people have, to see what is going to happen. Now we are moving forward.

There are a lot of things planned, and all you must do to be part of it is make sure that you have joined the guild, and then all the upcoming events are open to you. Here are just a few of the events we are planning and or working on a way to do them.

- ◆ Vote in the Board
- ◆ Do the President's Challenge
- ◆ Start Sew Society again
- ◆ Block Party again
- ◆ Quilt Show
- ◆ Virtual workshops
- ◆ Quilt pickups
- ◆ Do Christmas Stocking for Interact

And of course, we are open to all ideas from the membership.

To contact the Board with your ideas please email Alma Mellish at information@capitalquilters.org

ELECTIONS:

This is the slate that membership will be voting on. If there is anyone that you would like to nominate please add the name to your ballot. **To vote just email information@capitalquilters.org a simple Yes or No with your name so we know it is coming from a paid member. Membership must be in by 10/8/20. You have till 10/10/20 to get your vote in.**

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Teachers & Workshops:

Member at Large: Diana Jones

Member at Large: Marie Grasso

Fund Raising: Anna Norris



Our Stories, Quilting, Quilters, Why We Quilt and More

When I read Nora's story last month it reminded me a lot about my life and how I got started in sewing and quilting. I have been sewing since I was big enough to sit at a sewing machine. My grandmother was a 4-H leader and taught Home Economics (as it was referred to back then). She taught my mom to sew and then my mom taught me. My mother had entered many 4-H contests over the years and won numerous awards for her craftsmanship. Being a "middle" child with an older sister and a younger brother, I wanted to get mom's attention so I asked her to teach me to sew. My sister never had any interest in learning to sew. Mom taught me so much. When I was 12 years old I entered a sewing contest on the "Peggy Man" show. Some of you may remember it. I won an honorable mention for the wool plaid suit that I made and modeled on the show. And yes, every plaid had to match exactly perfect or mom would make me rip it out and start over. Many a tear was shed trying to please my mom and be as good a seamstress as she was.

I went on to making most of my clothes because it was too expensive to buy them in those days. I made clothes for my children. I even created my own patterns and made costumes for a children's play at church which included kangaroos, Galapagos tortoises, fleas, and other animals. My sewing also included making costumes for our church Christmas shows as well as a major anniversary for our church in which I made costumes from the 1800's for a large number of people, including a bustle dress and fancy hats. That was quite a learning experience.

We learn more from our mistakes than our successes. And quilting taught me a lot about mistakes because you cannot make a "perfect" quilt. About 15 years ago a friend of my mom's invited her to attend a Quilt Guild meeting. She asked me to go as well. That is when I got hooked on quilting. Mom and I even started our own business making quilted bags and table runners. Unfortunately, my mom passed away about 13 years ago from cancer. I not only lost my mom but my best friend as well. I took a vest that she made along with some of her embroidery and sewing notions and put them in a shadowbox that hangs in my sewing room. She continues to inspire me every day. She was such a talented lady. I miss her so much!!!

During my quilting career I have tried all types of quilting. But my favorites are wool applique and Hawaiian quilting. I have made numerous charity quilts and served as Chair of the SafeChild Donation Quilt Collections for the Guild for 2 years. I now serve as Member-At-Large for the Guild and am learning more about how the Guild works. I have been training under Cheryl Porter to work in the Judging Area for our next Guild quilt show. I encourage each of you to find a position on the Guild board or committees so you can get to know other members better and help the Guild at the same time.



When the pandemic hit like everyone else I was so scared. But being a Christian I knew that I had to find a way to help others in order to help myself get through this terrible time. So, I started making face masks and giving them away to anyone that needed them. I created mask patterns in 5 different sizes. As of this date, I have made about 400 masks and am still making them periodically. Great use of my fabric stash! My strong faith in Jesus Christ gets me through each day. I know that times will get better. Stay focused on the positive and not the negative and find a way to help others, even if it is just to call fellow Guild members and check on them periodically. We all need to know that we are cared about.

Diana Jones



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My mother taught all of us girls how to use a sewing machine. She was a big one for making garments, and eventually created baby quilts to commemorate the height, weight, name, and birthday of new arrivals for friends and family. I really didn't start sewing much until I moved away to college and used her old machine to put costumes together. But mostly, for recreation I took up cross stitch, and then eventually crochet and knitting. I like to keep my hands busy while I watch TV.

When my college roommate got engaged, (over 30 years ago!!) I decided that I needed to make a quilt for the happy couple. I don't know what possessed me. I made it king size and spent a year hand quilting it. I was able to give it to them about six months after they were married.

My sisters and I happened to all be at my parent's house one summer and decided to use some of Mom's scraps to make her a quilt. We spent a lot of time with a diamond template cut from the lid of an old margarine tub creating six matching pieces to make a star and being secretive. (My niece even told her grandmother that there were secret things going on in the basement!). We took the pieces home and sewed up blocks. I forget who put them together, but the end result was really stunning. It was even better when Mom was able to pick out where the scraps had come from - that was a skirt she had made, that was a blouse.

At that point I started subscribing to American Patchwork and Quilting magazine, creating quilts based on those patterns. I still have at least one UFO from that era. (I do mean to quilt it - I just haven't gotten to it. Maybe this month!)

When I moved to Raleigh, I brought another one of Mom's old sewing machines with me and started creating. Later, when Mom got a new machine, she handed off the older one to me and asked that I pass along the one I had been using to my niece (yes, the same one). I delivered that machine to her, along with the wedding quilt I had made for her on that machine.

I was in a local quilt shop when I found the pattern for a quilt with coneflowers on it. My mom had banks of coneflowers at her house, so I knew this was the one for her. When it was pieced (and appliqued), Angela Clark at Threadwaggle did some wonderful echo quilting on it, so there were coneflowers all over it. I was able to give it to Mom a few months before she passed away. She loved that quilt. Dad has it now, in a place of honor on his sofa.

I still get a little antsy when I'm not creating something, and I still crochet and knit, mostly to pass the time while watching TV. But my biggest joy is seeing how beautiful things are created with just fabric and thread.

Nancy Honeycutt



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For the sampler challenge, you'll need six different blocks from any past or future Block Party instructions. We will have a new block or two in the November newsletter, and we will put the October block on Facebook. Email Joni Amerson, Block Party at information@capitalquilters.org if you're not on Facebook but would like the block instructions.

For right now you can prepare by picking 8-10 coordinating fabrics from your stash for the sampler challenge. You can also peruse old newsletters and Facebook files for past block instructions to help you get started.

Anne Allen, Beth Van Vooren, and Joni Amerson

Holiday Blocks 2020 Cancelled

As of the end of August we only had one individual and or group contact us about supplying a block for this program. Due to the limited response and the uncertainty of future guild meetings, Holiday Blocks for 2020 is being cancelled. We all hope that 2021 will bring more normalcy to our guild and its activities.

Stay safe everyone,

Cathy and Ina



Raffle Quilts

Our next quilt has been named *Indigo Dreams*. It is a blue and neutral quilt, 97x97 inches, quilted by Angela Clark. When we met again, I will have raffle tickets available. Meanwhile, stay safe. Thank you!

Sue Ann Jatko, Fundraising Chair
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Hello, everyone! It was great to see so many of you earlier this month, as you dropped off completed quilts, and took kits or quilts to be bound. Since then I have received an additional 47 quilts that I will be passing along to each of the committees. Please keep making quilts I will pick up completed quilts any time, and will also bring you kits if you need something to do.

Ladies: thank you to all those who donated quilts at our drop off event on Sunday! We received 243 completed quilts, and a good number of kits and unfinished quilts were taken home.

QFK received 95 quilts, and the **drawing winners were Judy Jones and Gretchen Kemmer.**

SAFECHILD received 85 quilts, and the **drawing winners were Annette Lew and Lynne Farrow.**

QOW received 63 quilts (plus 26 received earlier, and already delivered). The **drawing winners were Barbara Biggs and Peggy Reaugh.**

Special thanks to Cary Quilting for donating gift cards.

—Lois McCoy



November is Purple Hat Month!

From Vickie Peoples writing about Safe Child on Facebook:

“What they really need is more of the purple caps. I will be meeting with Safe Child either Wednesday or Thursday of next week. So if any of you have purple caps made I will be glad to pick them up from you or since it is Shop Hop time I could meet you at one of our quilt shops!!!! “



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