



**Heritage
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Newsletter**
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Hello everyone on this Spring afternoon!

“The hills are alive with the sound of.....”

*HQG quilters creating a “Sew-A-Song” Challenge quilt!

*Plants coming alive and appearing all around us!

*Gratefulness for our Officers of the past 2 years and the soon to be elected Slate of Officers for 2021-2023!

*Tentative return to “In person Meetings”!

* Donations of many quilts to SOS Children’s Village, Veterans, Sunny Hill Nursing Home, Misericordia and Lockport Resource Center!

We are blessed and fortunate to be up to the challenge of starting anew.

Be sure to read carefully all the details in this newsletter about our many activities!

Sew long for now!.....Martha Sayles, Co-President

TREASURY REPORT

Balance as of 3/23/2021			\$23,627.61
Expenses	Rent	\$540.00	
	Insurance	267.00	- 807.00
No Income			
Balance as of 3/23//2021			\$22,820.61



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 1—Diane Juskelis
- 5—Barb Wrobel
- 9—Linda Bromer
- 9—Martha Sayles
- 28—Susan Gentry





The Nominations Are In

On May 11, 2021 the Heritage Quilters Guild will hold their annual election. On behalf of the Nominating Committee this year, we put forth the following members for the open board positions:

Co-Presidents	Kathy Becker and Judy Grandys
2 nd Vice President – Workshops	Dianna Douglas
Treasurer	Judy McCune
Membership Chairperson	Karen Simnick
Hospitality (filling vacancy for 1 year)	Nancy O'Connor

The board would like to thank the Nominating Committee; Celeste Belke, Linda Bromer, Edna Droz, Nancy Grizzle, Gwen Malinowski, and Martha Sayles for making the calls to the membership.

Come Join Us on April 13th

The guild will have a meeting at the VFW on Tuesday, April 13th beginning at 7:00pm.

Feel free to arrive early to socialize and bring some hand-work or a cutting project to work on. We will be discussing the May Banquet (see page 3) and we will have Show & Tell.

Don't forget your mask!



HOSPITALITY UPDATE APRIL 2021

Hospitality Update April 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.
You may also bring this form to the April 13 meeting.



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2021 SEW – A - SONG

Are you working on your entry? Almost done? The entries are coming in and, I must say, very interesting.

Remember, choose a song, any song; your favorite, a family favorite, a song that makes you happy or one that brings back memories. Choose a song and create a quilt to describe your chosen song.

The rules are few and simple:

Your quilt can be any size, any fabrics, any colors.

Do not use any words, lettering, titles, etc.

Keep your song title a secret. Guessing at the May Banquet will be part of the fun!

Your one entry must be completed by April 30, 2021. Text or e-mail a photo of your completed project to Gwen Malinowski (text to Gwen Malinowski, or email gm2153vsd@gmail.com)

Members will vote for their 3 favorite quilts via on-line viewing. Prizes will be awarded;

1ST Place \$75.00,

2ND Place \$50.00, and

3RD Place \$25.00.

We will announce the winners of the Challenge at the May Banquet on May 11TH at the VFW. Keep watching the Facebook Sharing Page and your e-mail for more details as the challenge goes on.

Please direct any of your questions to Co-Presidents Gwen Malinowski and Martha Sayles. We can't wait to see your musical quilts!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Attention all members!!!

We are starting to gather our information for the new Member Directory. Since we are continuing your membership for the 21-22 year with no fees, there are no membership forms that need to be filled out.

If you have MOVED, changed EMAIL or PHONE, we need to know. We want to have your most up to date contact information for the new directory.

Please contact either Edna Droz or myself with the updated information.

From your membership team, Edna & Diana



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

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

OPPORTUNITY QUILT—2022

When you come to the April 13th 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

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

Social Service Committee (SOS)

The SOS committee, along with The Veteran's Quilts, is really a part of the larger Social Service Committee as described in our by-laws.

SOS village will still be our primary focus but we will also provide quilts to other deserving organizations. When Martha and I took over the committee we met with Gail Stepanek and Diane Greenfield to take inventory of supplies at SOS. We discovered an amazing collection of fabric and finished tops. In the past few years the SOS committee distributed approximately 30 quilts per year to the village. We discovered that there were more than that number of finished tops available.

We also had a number of finished quilts that had been donated.

At the March meeting we asked the members present if we could look for other places to distribute some of these quilts. This idea met with favorable approval. On March 18, Martha and I delivered 10 quilts to Sunny Hill Nursing home.

Danette, at Sunny Hill, was thrilled to get them and distributed them to some residents. The residents were delighted to get the colorful quilts for their beds.

Also at the March meeting, we brought 12 tops, backing fabric and batting. Guild members cut backing and batting to pair with the tops. Martha and I asked for volunteers to take the tops home and quilt them. 9 out of the 12 tops are now in the hands of some of our members and we thank all those who helped out on March 9th.

We will continue to bring bundled tops, backing and batting to meetings and to ask for volunteers to complete them. With the number of tops that we currently have, we ask members to **ONLY DONATE FINISHED QUILTS** at this time. Please contact myself (Marie Blunk) or Martha Sayles if you have any suggestions of places that we could donate quilts as they are completed.

You are an amazing group of women and we are proud to be a part of this Guild.

Marie Blunk and Martha Sayles (Danette of Sunny Hill is on the left. Martha is in the middle and Marie is on the right



Veterans Quilts

Happy Spring everyone!

We are working toward a goal of completing a quilt for each of the Viet Nam Vets at our VFW.

We do have a quilt top that was given to us from the SOS committee. The coloring makes it a great choice for the Veterans quilts. This needs to be put together and quilted. It is 66" x 80".

Anyone available to do this? Remember, we do have batting and some fabrics for backings. Call me!

As our lottery blocks we have done the "Crown and Stars" blocks the last 2 months. Red and white was our March lottery, and Blue and white is for April. The link to the instructions is [Crown and Star \(quilterscache.com\)](http://quilterscache.com)

The block for the May meeting, will be a "catch up" block! You can use up some of your small scraps and strips! You will start with 9" squares. Using 4 squares to make a block, the finished block should be 16 1/2".

You will need something to start your block; either paper or a thin fabric, for the backing. I used a threadbare pillow case that I rescued from the rag bag! Cut this into 9" squares. I started with my pile of random width blue strips. Strips of fabric can be any size, from about 3/4" to 3" wide. See pictures.

Different sizes will give the block some character. The first 2 strips (right sides together) should be sewn down together on a 45 degree angle, corner to corner. Press open. Then lay down another strip on top of the pressed strip, sew with a 1/4" seam. Continue adding strips, in both directions, until the square of backing is covered. If you have used paper as backing, at this point you may remove the paper.

Trim squares and sew 4 squares together.

Trim to 16 1/2" block.

Easy! Uses up some scraps! You can make them in all blues, all reds, or a combination. These will be a nice addition to some of the Veterans quilts! Thanks for all of your creative help!

Judy Gaines

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If you have any questions about making these really cute scrappy blocks, feel free to call Judy at 815 545 2938