

Heritage Quilters Guild Newsletter

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A message from Martha (Co-President)

Because our program for December 10 is the "Singing Quilter" and because I have been involved in singing and sewing/quilting almost my whole life..... I found myself thinking about the songs of the Christmas/Holiday season. Why do certain songs become our favorites?

Perhaps the song has a special mood we like or need.....quiet, reflective, or comforting. Maybe it is cheerful and uplifting or does it make us think about people we know? Perhaps we can't figure out exactly what it means so it challenges us.

Wait a minute now! Couldn't we also say the same things about the quilts in our lives? They certainly comfort, uplift and often challenge us.

This calls to mind the guild retreats I have been to and the music that people like to play as they stitch along. I imagine you probably will be playing your favorite Christmas melodies in your own quilting space at home.

We are truly lucky to have our quilting skills and the music we like all around us. They inspire us to share with others. Thank you so much for doing just that as HQG members.

May you all have a very peaceful Christmas in these turbulent times!

There are a few details for the Guild meeting on December 10

There will be **NO SHOW AND TELL**.....we need plenty of time to enjoy the meal, visit with friends and appreciate the special music program.

And since there is no Show and Tell there will be **NO MEETING ASSISTANTS** needed to hold up quilts.

Thanks for volunteering, we will need you in January!

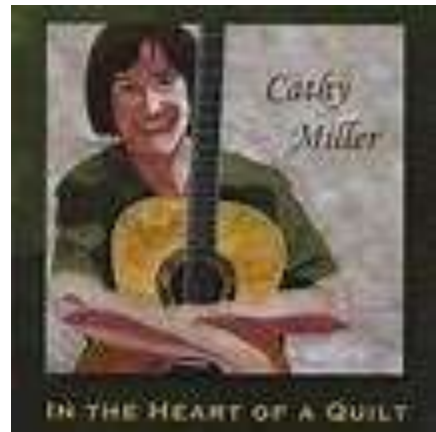
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kettman, Dolores – 5
Molony, Bobbie – 8
Barr-Pederson, Jackie - 9
Cullen, Marcia—11
Turnock, Jeanne – 19
Conran, Ron - 22
Mancke, Nancy - 27
Droz, Edna – 28
Byrne, Joni - 29
Malinowski, Gwen - 30



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Workshops—continued

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The programs and workshops for the 2020-2021 year have also been planned. Start thinking about attending one of the workshops planned by these great speakers! Check out their websites for additional information on each presenter.

October 13, 2020 – Catherine Redford – workshop on “Walking Foot Quilting – Beyond the Ditch”
www.catherineredford.com

November 10, 2020 – Penny Sturges (Quilts Illustrated) – workshop TBD – designs bags and will be doing a new pattern for the workshop www.quiltsillustrated.com

February 9, 2021 – Monique Jacobs (Open Gate Quilts) – workshop TBD
www.opengatequilts.com

March 9, 2021 – Sally Manke, Fiber Artist – workshop on “Mixed Media Flower Art Quilt”.
www.sallymanke.com

April 13, 2021 – Karen Combs – workshop on “Patchwork Illusions”
www.karencombs.com

**If you have additional questions, please text or call:
Diane Juskelis, VP of Programs – 708-525-3046
or Barbara Wrobel, VP of Workshops -630-257-3286**

HOSPITALITY FOR THE December Pot Luck

Our December meeting will be our annual Holiday Pot Luck dinner. We would like to have dinner start promptly at 6:30pm. Please plan to arrive a little early.

In the past we have had a lot of food left over, so as we did last year, we have divided the membership list in half. At the November meeting those whose names begin with the letters A through K picked a slip with a suggested dish to bring to the dinner.

If you were not at the November meeting and your last name begins with A through K please bring a salad or a side dish for the pot luck. We could also use a few desserts. Those whose names are at the end of the alphabet will be asked to bring food for the May banquet.

As always the Guild will provide plenty of chicken.

We will be having entertainment at this December meeting, so in order that this meeting not last too long, **the board has decided that we will not have Show- and- Tell during the December meeting this year. If you have Show – and-Tell please bring it to the January meeting when we will have more time to admire your beautiful hard work.**

We are looking forward to celebrating a successful quilting year with all our quilting friends. Any questions about what to bring, please call Kathy Becker at 815-838-0931.



Treasurers Report from Barbara Kirnbauer



October 22, 2019			
Cash Receipts		\$26,469.46	
Expenses	November Speaker	375.00	
	November Workshop	625.00	
	Expenses for Speaker	78.74	1097.64-
Income	Raffle Tickets	275.00	
	January Retreat	210.00	
	November Workshop	80.00	
	Membership	35.00	600.00+
Balance as of November 12, 2019			\$25,971.82
November workshop total expenses \$625.00 less \$200.00 = \$425.00			

BLOCK LOTTERY FOR THE December 12th MEETING!

Pat Sloan's Solstice block for December is block #19. We have asked **EVERYONE** to make one of these blocks to donate to the Quilts for Veterans. This is a big block—the equivalent of 4 blocks. 6 of these can be used to make a lap quilt. We have seen some really great pictures of this block. And if you don't want to be bothered with those stair steps up each side, please look at page 4 of the instructions, Pat gives the size to cut for a solid piece on each side.



The pattern is available at <https://patsloan.typepad.com/files/pat-sloan-block-19-directions-solstice-challenge.pdf>

Pat Sloan's Solstice Block for January is block #20—Hugs and Kisses

Make this block with a white background, and make your X's and O's in any combination of scrappy colors. You could do X's in black and O's in a variety of pinks and reds as shown in Pat's picture. Or you could use any combination of colors. Let yourself go! You can go scrappy on the 2 inch squares as well. Anything goes. The picture on the left shows several combinations I am going to make.



SOCIAL QUILTING ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!!!



DECEMBER SOCIAL QUILTING WILL BE CANCELED SINCE IT IS CHRISTMAS EVE! SO, SEE YOU ON THE 4TH TUESDAY IN JANUARY! (January 28th)



If you have an idea for an easy project, please let me know. Easy means—fun and quick to complete!



Bobbie Molony



From your Membership team—Diana and Pam,

We had 50 members present at our November meeting AND 1 new member

Please add the following to your membership book:

Lynn Samalea
515 North Reed St

Joliet, IL 60435
815-274-6577
lynnsamalea@gmail.com
January 15

and an address correction for your directory
for Joni Byrne

Correct Address is:
1324 Wabena Ave.
Minooka, IL 60447

Winter Quilt Retreat 2020

2019 WINTER RETREAT SIGN UP OCT 8

Join us at the Carmelite Spiritual Center Jan. 24 - 26, 2020 retreat in Darien, IL.

December 10th is your last chance to sign up. There are private baths, no stairs and no elevators. Pricing includes 2 nights, 5 meals, a large sewing room & 1 small meeting room.

COST: \$210 for double occupancy and \$285 for single occupancy. Please let us know your roommate preference. Also, please let us know if you have any special dietary needs.

For further info please contact Peggy Coons or Celeste Belke.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Quilts for Veterans

The December Guild meeting / Holiday Party will be the date to turn in your 24" block for the Veterans Quilts.

We would like to provide 6 to 10 quilts this year for our Vets! This campaign kicked off in November with Veterans Day. Our goal is to have the finished quilts for a Memorial Day presentation in May.

Please call Judy Gaines (815-545-2938) if you need any patriotic fabrics or information on these.

Judy Gaines 815-545-2938

If you keep a prayer list—the following people are in need of our prayers:

- Member Barb Kirnbauer is undergoing treatments for breast cancer.
- Member Jeanne Turnock's daughter Susan Padilla is also undergoing treatments for breast cancer.
- Guild President Gwen Malinowski's brother Larry Dzielak was recently diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer.
- Member Bobbie Molony's sister-in-law, Carolyn Molony, has just been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer.

*****Mentors Needed*****

Your board has been discussing having volunteer MENTORS for new members who do not know anyone in our guild. The details are yet to be decided but if this appeals to you as a way to help welcome new quilters, please let Gwen or Martha know.

SOS QUILTING

SOS Quilting usually meets monthly, on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9AM to 3PM. If SOS needs the room for meetings, we will get cancelled, so check here to see if the sewing day has been cancelled. Drop in anytime, or bring your machine and spend the whole day, it is up to you. Refreshments are usually there, and if you plan on spending the whole day, bring your own lunch.

You can contribute time to making quilts for the kids at SOS, or you can bring your own projects to complete.

WE DESPERATELY NEED QUILT TOPS QUILTED!

SOS refers to the SOS Children's Village located at the SW corner of Bruce Road and Briggs Street.

This is a live-in facility for children who cannot live with their parents.

SOS kindly lets us use a work room with storage space in exchange for quilts for the children.

A win-win situation for all.



SOS Village Work Days

Please note there will be no SOS sewing in December.

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2020 dates will be published as soon as they are available.

A bunch of members gathered on November 16 to stuff the stockings for the children at SOS. It took only about 45 minutes to finish the job!



Just checking in—how is your little 24 x 24 WINGS quilt moving along? I cannot wait to see what everyone comes up with. **In case you don't remember—we would like to see the finished projects at the MAY BANQUET!!!!**

And just to reiterate that if you are overwhelmed with many design ideas—that's entirely OK—you can submit more than one!

Anything with WINGS will work.

I accidently found in my stash an applique/embroidery piece with a butterfly. And then I found a fabric bundle with butterflies all over! Do you think there is a theme developing? So it's hardly any work at all, and it's pulling itself together!

If you have never tried to do anything with collage quilting or thread painting—if these terms sound like Greek to you—this might just be the perfect small scale project to test your own Creative Wings! After all, it's only a 24 inch square—what could possibly go wrong? If you don't like it, it is only a small amount of fabric—not a king sized quilt that is going to cost oodles and gobs of money and energy. Give it a try, and as the saying goes—jump right in, the water's fine! At the very least how about a flying geese quiltlet—after all—geese have wings, don't they? And there is always that old standby block Birds in the Air.

We hope you will consider doing something/anything along these lines.

Looking forward to an explosion of creative energy! Give one of us a call if you want to chat.

The 2 Bobbies
(Hunley and Molony)



2020 Quilt Show



A note from the STRIP LADY—Betty Drzal

Many thanks to all who donated fabric strips. Please remember.....
Seasonal, neutrals and children's prints are still being accepted.

Thank you all.
Betty (a.k.a. the stripper lady),

P.S. Use your patriotic fabrics for the Quilts for Veterans at our VFW.

Raffle Baskets

Special thanks to those members who donated kits, fabric and other items after the "Saturday Sale". I think that I have enough fabric for the baskets!

Starting in December, I will be passing around clip boards with lists of specific needs to complete baskets. If every member can donate a couple items on those lists, it would really, really help.

Split the Pot
Congrats to Linda Bromer who won the November pot!

Don't forget your \$\$\$\$ for this coming meeting.

Gail Stepanek

Travelers needed for the Raffle Quilt

The Raffle Quilt needs to get out and be seen!

In the past we have taken our raffle quilt to other Guild meetings.

We need people willing to go visit a meeting in the near future. The dates we have so far are:

Heritage Quilters Guild, South Holland	Tues evening Feb 18 th <u>or</u> March 17 th
Chicago Modern Quilt Guild, meets at Oak Park Hospital. Sundays 2 to 5 pm	Dec 15 th , Feb 16 th , April 19 th , <u>or</u> May 17 th
Quilt Connection, Norther Chicago area	Thursday, March 6 th .

Please call Judy Gaines - 815-545-2938 if you are willing to go once to a meeting and sell raffle tickets. This has always been a good money maker for us, so please consider it. This is really important for us to do this.

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