



**Heritage  
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Greetings to everyone as we go into our 40<sup>th</sup> Year!

HQG was formed in the fall of 1981 by a group of about 15 women meeting at Central Square in Lockport. Here we are 40 years later with 69 members in a very unusual time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### WHAT IS OUR FUTURE?

Our board of 12 members is strongly urging all members to realize that if no one expresses interest in being President or Co-President, Workshop Chr.(2nd Vice-President) or Membership Chairman.....we will most likely have to DISSOLVE OUR ORGANIZATION!

Is this what we want to happen?

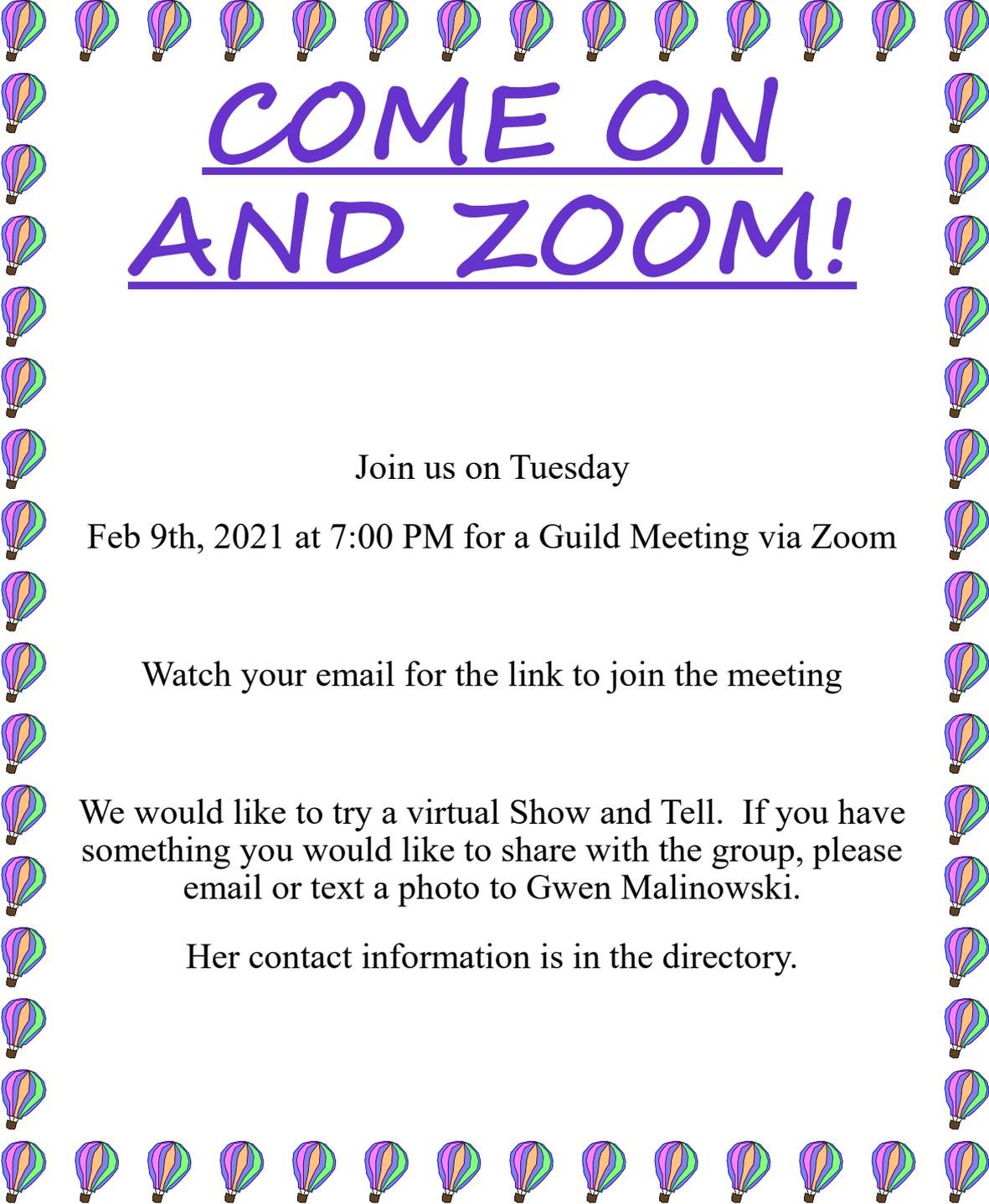
No, of course not. Please talk among yourselves about who might be willing to step up. Ask a friend about serving together. Any position can be shared. And then feel free to call any of us on the board with any questions. Our By-laws state that the President needs to have served on the board previously or one of the two persons needs to have been a board member if two wish to work together.

**PLEASE CONSIDER THESE POSITIONS OR ENCOURAGE A FELLOW GUILD MEMBER TO CONSIDER ANY ONE OF THEM. AS STATED ABOVE...WE WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE TO CONSIDER DISSOLUTION IF WE DO NOT HAVE THESE OFFICERS.**

We should tell you with great appreciation, that two members have already stepped forward to become Treasurer and Historian. A huge thank you to them. The Nominating Committee will be calling soon. Please be willing to give these positions some consideration. It does seem like an especially important year for us to try extra hard to keep going!

The color of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is Ruby Red. Perhaps if we click our heels together three times as Dorothy did wearing her Ruby Red slippers in the Wizard of Oz, we will find the volunteers that will enable us to continue on with the good work of the Heritage Quilters Guild!

Martha Sayles, Co- President



# COME ON AND ZOOM!

Join us on Tuesday

Feb 9th, 2021 at 7:00 PM for a Guild Meeting via Zoom

Watch your email for the link to join the meeting

We would like to try a virtual Show and Tell. If you have something you would like to share with the group, please email or text a photo to Gwen Malinowski.

Her contact information is in the directory.

## QUILTS, QUILTS, QUILTS!

Our former member, Dorothy Huber, is housebound, as so many of us are in this time of Covid. She is SOOOOO busy sewing up smaller tied quilts. We picked up 20 or so quilts from her house on the 30th, and they were delivered to the Lockport Resource Center on the 31st! (SOS did not want these small quilts), but the Resource Center was stunned! They gladly took them to be distributed to families with small children, who are in need. Dorothy has found a great way to rescue her stay-at-home self, and also to use up a lot of stash, by helping out the community, all at once! Many kudos to Dorothy! This was a win/win all the way around!



Bobbie and Bill Molony





### **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

### **HOSPITALITY UPDATE**

Hope everyone is safe and cozy at home during this January snow storm. We all are anxious for the current health situation to be resolved quickly with the release and distribution of the vaccine. Hoping that all who want the vaccine will be able to get it. Once things stabilize we will be able to resume our monthly meetings in person. We are not sure if and when we will be able to have our usual hospitality. Until then, please be safe and follow the IDPH guidelines. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February Zoom meeting.

Kathy Becker

Sue Barnhill is still in the rehab facility. Pretty certain that she would like to receive cards to help cheer her up. Cards can be sent to her daughter.

Sue Barnhill  
c/o Abby Chavez  
5110 Bedford Drive  
Plainfield, IL 60586



## **PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2021 SEW – A - SONG**

When we took over as Co-Presidents of the guild, we were very excited and had many ideas that we wanted to try. Unfortunately, Covid-19 came along and threw a wrench into the spokes of the wheel. However we still have time to move forward with one of our ideas, a challenge!

As we got to know one another, we discovered that we both have a love of music. Music makes a perfect theme for our challenge; **SEW – A – SONG!**

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.

You may use whatever fabrics and colors you want to use.

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

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

Limit of one entry per member.

Your quilt must be completed by April 30, 2021.

Members will vote for their 3 favorite quilts via on-line viewing. Prizes will be awarded; 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$75.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$25.00. We will announce the winners of the Challenge at our May Guild Meeting which hopefully will be live at the VFW. Keep watching the newsletter for more details as the challenge goes on.

Please direct any of your questions to  
Co-Presidents Gwen Malinowski and Martha Sayles.

**Enjoy and have fun!**

## 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

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3—Ella Keto  
14—Kathy Becker  
28—Cathy Boo



#### **TREASURY REPORT**

Balance as of 12/28/2020	\$23,729.28	
Expenses (Zoom meetings and postage from Aug to Dec)	- 84.85	
No Income		
Balance as of Jan 28, 2021	\$23,644.43	

### VETERANS' QUILTS

We have done such an awesome job of creating and distributing many beautiful Quilts of Valor!

They have been well received. Each person who received one was almost speechless at the time!

There are 207 registered Vets that belong to the Lockport branch of the VFW. We have the WW11 and Korean vets completed. Of the 207, there are approximately 20 to 25 remaining from the VietNam era. I would like to see our Guild make a good dent in this list of VietNam vets!

I propose that all that can will join in making blocks for Quilts of Valor.

We will be sending out a 16" pattern, in the very near future, similar to the big one that we did last year. That approach seemed to make the quilts get finished faster.

We will try out some other blocks, in the very near future. Make as many as you want, using red, white, and blue fabric choices. It will be so interesting to see them all when we put them together! Very exciting!

The vets are each so honored and humbled that we thought of them!

And most of all, please have fun creating!

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