



**Heritage
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Welcome March!

As we turn the corner into a new month, I for one, am happy to bid farewell to February. It's been many years since we have seen this much snow! Usually with March, we still will have cold and snow, however it doesn't seem to stick around as long. We look forward to seeing the return of more birds, more "green" and warmer temperatures.

With the approach of spring comes the hope of a fresh start and new beginnings. It's been one year since this horrible virus shut down the world. With the availability of vaccines and businesses reopening, our guild will set our sights to restarting our live monthly meetings. As long as the VFW remains open, we will host a live meeting on March 9th. Please watch our Facebook sharing page and your e-mail for more information as we get closer to that date. The business side of our meeting will be abbreviated to make more time for show and tell and a community service activity. More information about this activity is mentioned later on in the newsletter.

Although we were unable to host our live meetings or meet in groups, the guild was still able to distribute many quilts to the Veterans and children at SOS. Thank you to everyone who participated in these projects. Our guild does play an important part in the community and it's heart-warming to know that we will be able to continue to provide these services. The board is pleased to present a slate of candidates for the 2021-2023 term. The idea of planning for and forming a dissolution committee was the last thing we wanted to do. Thank you to the Nominating Committee and the members who volunteered for the board positions. We are grateful!

COVID put a damper on most of our 2020-2021 guild year with minimal expenses needing to be paid. It is by unanimous decision of the board that dues for the term of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 will be waived for all members who paid their dues last year. Your membership will automatically be renewed. If you have any updates to your contact information in the Membership Directory, please contact Diana Vukonich or Edna Droz. Hopefully things will progress enough that regular live meetings, workshops, and programs will be back on schedule in the fall. Thank you for your continued support of our guild.

Keep working on those Challenge quilts, stay healthy, and be safe. I hope to see you, socially distanced and wearing your mask, at our March Guild Meeting.

Take care,
Gwen Malinowski



We are saddened to report the passing of our Veteran Quilter Sue Barnhill on 2/5/2021. She put up a valiant battle with her heart condition as well as Pneumonia. Her trademark smile and laughter will be sorely missed.

The Barnhill Family
153 W. Briarcliff Rd.
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Hi ladies!

I hope you all have had a nice month! Our current membership count is 68.

Please make sure that Dianna Douglas only has a cell phone number of 815 210-5028. Change your copy of the membership list accordingly.

Your membership team, Edna & Diana

SOS info March 2021

How nice it was to deliver 11 beautiful quilts with individual children's names on them to the director at SOS Children's Village in Lockport. Each quilt was made, quilted and name embroidered by our Guild Members participating in different steps along the way: piecing a top, quilting, binding and embroidering the name. Certainly a group project we can be proud of! Thank you to all who have helped.

About a month ago Marie Blunk and myself (Martha Sayles) volunteered to be the new Co-Chairs of this committee for the Guild. First of all we want to thank JOANNE SMITH and SHARON FRITZ and their committee for doing all the planning and work the last 6 years. That is a long stretch of time to keep doing the work and we are so very grateful to them!

Our opportunities at SOS include making a Christmas Stocking filled with a pillowcase, candy cane and school supplies for each child and in addition every new child, as they come to the village then gets a quilt with their first name on it from HQG.

Currently SOS Children's Village has about 70 children living on their Lockport campus in family units. Brothers and sisters are kept together when their parents are unable to care for them. Illinois DCFS sends the children to this campus.

Tuesday March 9, 2021 will be our first live Guild meeting in a long time. As a guild activity that night, we will have a supply of pieced tops that need backing, binding and batting pieces cut, to be ready for a quilter. Each top will have measurements attached and fabrics will be available for you to help cut the amounts needed to give to a quilter who in turn can give it to someone else to bind. We felt like this could be a pandemic safe activity as we will all be wearing masks and keeping our distance as has become our habit of late.

If it is convenient, you could bring a cutting mat, rotary cutter, scissors and/or tape measure.

We hope to see many of you on March 9th and that you can help us begin to put more quilts together for SOS!

Martha and Marie





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

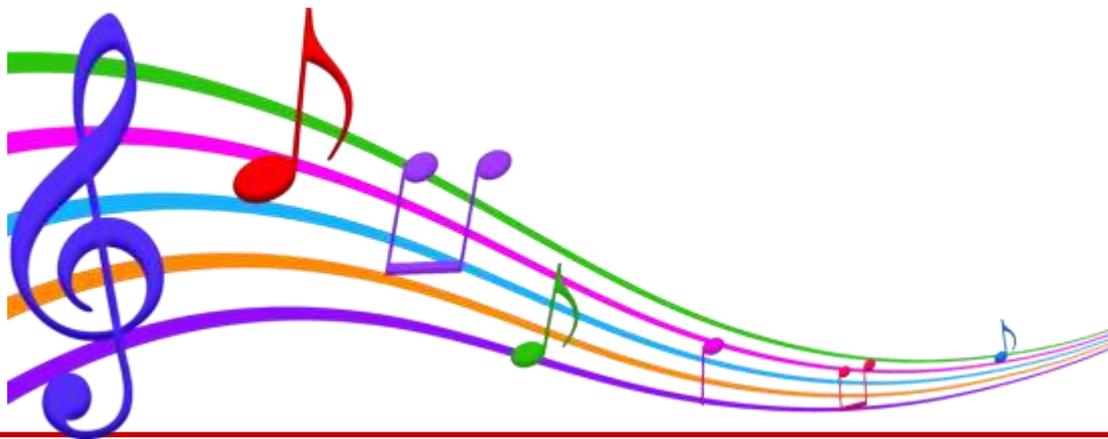
Barbara Wrobel, VP of Workshops – 630-257-3286

HOSPITALITY UPDATE

Hope everyone has survived the snow and is now enjoying the sunshine and milder weather. It seems as though the health situation we have been in for almost a year may be resolving itself soon with the release of the various vaccines. I am so happy that we will be having an in person meeting this March.

At this time we are still unable to have refreshments at our meetings, but it will be wonderful to see those who can come. Please continue to practice the safety guidelines and hopefully get the vaccine if you are able. Looking forward to seeing you at the March in person meeting.

.Kathy Becker



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2021

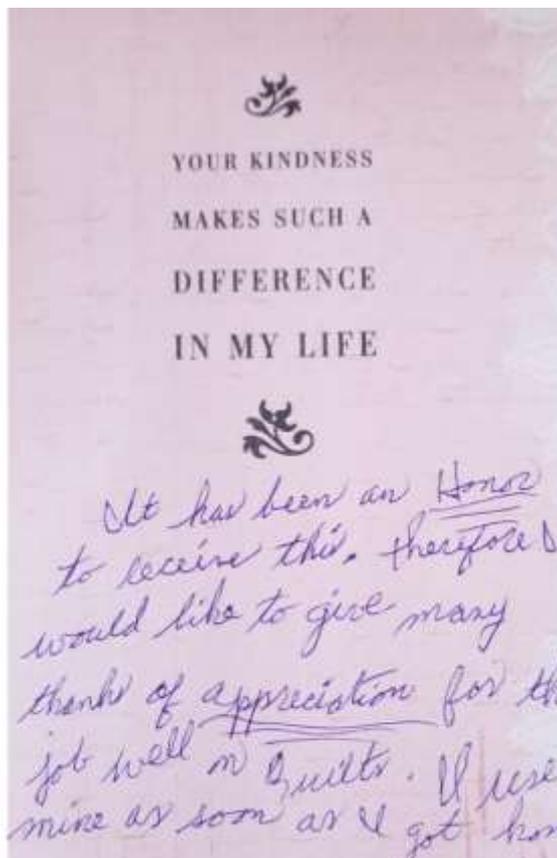
♪ Sew-A-Song ♪

President's Challenge 2021

So many songs and only one quilt to make. Have you chosen a song? Have you started your quilt? Putting on those finishing touches? Do not miss out on this opportunity to win a cash prize of \$75 for 1st Place, \$50 for 2nd Place, or \$25 for 3rd Place. We have officially received our first entry of hopefully many more.

Remember, a photo of your finished entry must be sent to Gwen Malinowski by e-mail or text by April 30th. Only your name and a photo of your quilt will be needed for the virtual voting. Please keep your song title a secret for now. All members will be asked to vote for their three favorites and the winners will be revealed at our May meeting. The plan is for everyone to bring their challenge quilt to the May meeting where the attendees can guess your song title.

Enjoy and have fun!



Veterans Quilts!

This project, of making quilts for our Veterans, has been so rewarding!

We collected about 27 quilts, all together for last year! Our hope is to finish the Viet Nam Vets during this next year! I am told that there are about 20 more members, from that era.

The "Crown and Star" pattern for a 16" block has been chosen for the Feb. and March lottery blocks.

We have used red and white for February, and blue and white for the month of March.

It is going to take 9 blocks for each quilt! So - - - make as many as you want! And bring your February red and white blocks to the March 9th meeting.

Thanks!

Judy Gaines 1-815-545-2938

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In case you missed the address before here it is again.

Crown and Star
quilterscache.com



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3—Joanne Smith
 7— Patti Murphy-Weierman
 11— Dorothy Brumbaugh
 11— Rita Miller
 13— Pat Burke
 13— Bobbie Hunley
 14— Pam Swyndro
 26— Diane Greenfield



TREASURY REPORT

Balance as of 1/25/2020	\$23,644.43
Expenses	- 16.82
No Income	
Balance as of Feb 28, 2021	\$23,627.61



Veterans Quilts Pictures

