

Heritage Quilters Guild Newsletter

Meetings at VFW Post 5788

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Hello Members!

It's hard to believe that we haven't met as a group since March. So much has happened in the past six months, yet it seems like time has stood still. We have all experienced the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on our families and communities while current events are tearing our Country apart. Life as we know it has dramatically changed for all of us in such a short time. We must have positive thoughts that things will get better sooner rather than later.

I have personally called and spoke with a number of members over the summer and many have said you miss meeting as a group, the social time with your guild friends, the show and tell, and all are disappointed but understand that the quilt show needed to be postponed. After much discussion, the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Quilt Show was made. We are hopeful that things will get better and we can look forward to a show in 2022. However, we will move forward with drawing a winner for our beautiful quilt.

The meeting room we normally use at The SOS Village will not be available to us until further notice. Please see the message from Joanne and Sharon later in this newsletter regarding Christmas stockings for the children. We will make arrangements with the VFW to utilize the hall to stuff the stockings for the children. Stay tuned!

As summer is coming to an end, the board has been discussing ways for members to meet virtually or live at the VFW following safety restrictions and guidelines. On Tuesday, September 8th we will attempt to hold a business meeting via Zoom. If you haven't already done so, visit zoom.us and take a look at how Zoom Meetings work. You may want to add the app to your smartphone. More information on the Zoom meeting will come in a separate e-mail.

On Tuesday, September 15th, we are planning to meet at the VFW. As the State updates restrictions on a daily basis, plans for this meeting will be discussed during our Zoom meeting and in a future e-mail. This will be an opportunity for dropping off raffle tickets, dropping off school supplies for the Christmas Stockings and meeting with friends safely, wearing masks, and social distancing. We understand that some of you are not comfortable meeting in a group but would still like an opportunity to drop off raffle tickets and school supplies while saying hello to other members. We also understand that some of you are comfortable attending a meeting while wearing a mask and social distancing. This is new for all of us and we will do our best to meet as a group, be it virtually or in person. Again, please watch your e-mail for updates as things are changing daily.

In times like these, we must move forward, finding new and different ways to connect. We will do our best to keep our guild active while restrictions are in place. In the meantime, keep wearing that mask. "We can't spread the germs but we can spread the love!" – Rick Braun

Take care,
Gwen Malinowski

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Klimasara, Mary – 7

Belke, Celeste - 9

Moloney, Arlene - 10



Hanks, Gail - 13

Kirnbauer, Barbara - 20

Frederick, Bernice - 26

Board Update:

The 2020-2021 Board Members of the Heritage Quilters Guild are:

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| Co-Presidents | Gwen Malinowski & Martha Sayles |
| Acting 1 st Vice-President-Programs | Diane Juskelis |
| 2 nd Vice-President-Workshops | Barb Wrobel |
| Secretary | Theresa Davis |
| Treasurer | Barbara Kirnbauer |
| Historian/Photographer | Dolores Kettman |
| Hospitality | Kathleen Becker |
| Membership | Edna Droz & Diana Vukonich |
| Newsletter | Bobbie Molony |
| SOS Committee | Sharon Fritz & Joanne Smith |
| Social Quilting | Mary Mandernach & Bobbie Molony |
| Quilts for Veterans | Judy Gaines |

The board would like to thank Diane Juskelis for agreeing to stay on as acting 1st VP-Programs until a replacement is found. Diane will continue to work with the speakers currently under contract and reschedule, as necessary. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of this position, please contact Diane Juskelis. If you are interested in taking over the position of 1st Vice-President-Programs, please contact one of our Co-Presidents.

OCTOBER RETREAT CANCELLATION

Due to restrictions in place at the Carmelite Retreat Center, it was decided to cancel the October retreat for 2020. No decision regarding the January 2021 retreat. We expect a decision will be made in the October/November timeframe.



Treasurers Report from Barbara Kirnbauer

No expenses and no income



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| Balance as of July 28, 2020 | |
| | \$23,301.28 |
| Expenses | 540.00 |
| Income | 165.00 |
| Balance as of August 25, 2020 | |
| | \$22,926.28 |

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

Condolences to Pat Burke on the death of her sister-in-law.

2020-2021 Guild Workshop and Lecture Schedule

The programs and workshops for the 2020-2021 year have been planned, however due to the pandemic situation the Guild board has made the difficult decision to cancel the October and November programs. We are working with these speakers to reschedule their presentations and workshops for the 2021-22 program year.

The Guild has not made any decisions regarding programs for February, March and April at this time. Decisions about these programs will be made closer to the date of the program, so 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 –**CANCELLED**

November 10, 2020 – Penny Sturges (Quilts Illustrated) –**CANCELLED**

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.

Note: Sally was a featured artist at AOS Quilt Week in Daytona Beach, February, 2020. Come take her workshop at the guild and learn the same techniques and support your guild!

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

If you have additional questions, please text or call:

Diane Juskelis, Acting VP of Programs – 708-525-3046

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



We are planning on meeting on Sept 15 AT THE VFW! If you have not yet turned in your stubs and raffle money - you can turn everything in at the meeting at the VFW on the 15th.

It is very important that we have the stubs back. We believe we have a legal obligation to collect all of the stubs and then we will have a drawing for the raffle quilt on Sunday Sept 20th, which would have been the date of the drawing at the quilt show.

HQG T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

I have 3 long sleeve t-shirts for sale. \$12 each

2 Extra Large and 1 Medium

Contact me if interested. 815-768-9346 Gail Stepanek

Block Lottery is on hold until regular in person meetings resume

Social Quilting—we talked at the board meeting about having a social quilting project via Zoom. Please let me know if you are interested. I will look for a project that will lend itself to Zoom.

Bobbie Molony

The WINGS Challenge is being planned for the Nov 10th virtual meeting The plan is to post a picture of your finished Wings project and we will take votes for the best WINGS project!

Send your picture via email to either one of the 2 Bobbies listed below.

Do NOT put any identification on your Wings piece, so that everyone can vote anonymously. Each member can vote for their favorite.

There will be 3 prizes awarded –1st, 2nd and 3rd. Try to get your projects finished so we can vote on them.

The winners will be announced for the December meeting. We have some great prizes.

**Bobbie Molony bbmolony@comcast.net OR
Bobbie Hunley bobbiequilts@yahoo.com**



MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

From Gwen:
As of August 31, 2020 we have 67 active members. Thank you for continuing to support your Guild.

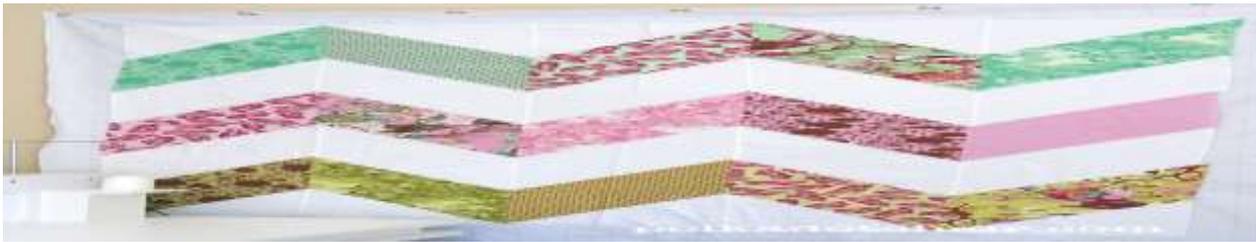
From Diana V:.
I am almost finished with our 2020-2021 membership booklet. This year it will be a bit different as it will be sent by Email as a PDF. Please be looking out for it soon!

From your membership team Diana & Edna

QUILT SHOW NEWS

It is with heavy heart that I announce the cancellation of the 2021 guild quilt show. We come to this decision as school buildings are still closed, vendors are wary of signing contacts and guild workshops and retreats are cancelled. Who knew that the wings challenge would take on greater meaning as we all dream of just flying away from all this mess! So continue to wash your hands, wear a mask and patiently wait for things to improve. In the meantime, keep on quilting! Don't forget to connect with members on the guild Facebook page and share your quarantine quilts.

Barb & Theresa



The Quilt Raffle Is Still On!

The drawing may be held “virtually,” but the plan is to draw a winning ticket on September 20, in the afternoon which would have been the Sunday afternoon of the 2020 HQG quilt show.

The new deadline for turning in members’ required \$25 worth of ticket sales is Tuesday, September 15, 2020. That is the new date for our September meeting. If we are not meeting in person by that time, please mail your check and ticket stubs to Dorothy Brown Brumbaugh at 1100 N. River Road Unit 4307 Shorewood, IL 60404 or to Rita Fagan at 1001 Kris Dr. New Lenox, IL 60451.

In the meantime ticket sales are continuing and stubs are being collected. Let people know we will proceed with the raffle on September 20 and then we will announce the winner! Watch the guild newsletters for more details.

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SOS report:

Because of the virus, we will not be able to meet for the rest of 2020 on our regular Saturday. We will determine future meetings when 2021 starts.

Currently the room is arranged for tutoring with tables and plexi-glass shields so it's mostly a classroom setting for the children.

We do need to finish sewing and then filling the Christmas stockings. Joanne Smith has the cut out stockings. There may be a September 15 meeting at the VFW and stockings to sew may be picked up then and sewn stockings dropped off. If you prefer to sew them now please call Joanne and she will make arrangements for you to pick them up.

We also need school supplies. After talking to Amy, our SOS contact, she recommended fewer pencils but adding small pads or sticky notes for everyone. We also can use pens, colored pencils, and lots of colored markers. But probably we won't use glue sticks this year. We will need Post It Notes. So while you're out shopping you might pick up some of these school supplies for us. And you can drop them off September 15 at the VFW or again, call Joanne or Sharon and make arrangements to drop them off to them. We will probably fill the stockings at the VFW this year.

We also need several quilts for boys. We picked up tops and backs at SOS but they need to be quilted. Please, if you are willing to do that, call Joanne and make arrangements to pick those up. As Always, your contributions are very much appreciated.

And special thanks to Barb Wrobel for putting out the word early to have volunteers make masks for the children and house parents. Those were very much appreciated.

JoAnne Smith (708) 275-7045

Sharon Fritz (708) 744-2003



VETERANS QUILTS

Our Guild has done an amazing job on the Veterans Quilts! The response has been great. A wonderful way to give tribute to the men and women who have served our country! The picture on the left was taken of the quilts that had to be washed (per Quilts of Valor instructions)



We have 15 quilts ready to be distributed soon! They are all just beautiful!

Does anyone else have a quilt ready for the Veterans at this time?

The VFW plans to have a "socially distanced" delivery of each quilt in the next few weeks. They have decided not to wait out the end of this pandemic, but to try and get

these beautiful quilts into appreciative hands.

We will still accept quilts, if you have them. I have fabrics that can be used as sashing, or backings. We do have batting for the quilts. Just call me to get any of the supplies you need. If you are not able to complete the quilt, that you started, it might just be time to turn it over to another person to finish. Like a Round Robin idea!

Our hope is to get as many as possible out to the Veterans that so bravely took care of us in the past. We have the 2 remaining World War 11 vets done, the 5 Korean War vets, and about halfway through the Viet Nam Vets list.

Thank you to everyone involved!

Thanks, Judy Gaines judy.gaines@sbcglobal.net 815 545 2938



Veteran Dan

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