



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

April 2020

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APRIL EVENTS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID 19

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Betty Pillsbury

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- Comfort/Fidget Quilts
& Comfort Bears
Workshops

April 15, 2020

- "Crazy Hearts" By
Betty Pillsbury

April 17, 2020

- American Legion QOV
Presentation

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Meeting Place

Boca Raton Community
Center (BRCC)
150 Crawford Blvd.
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Quilters:

I'm really not even sure how to begin this letter.

I guess overall there really are no words for the unprecedented position we find ourselves in. This is such a surreal situation.

How many of us over the years have said "I wish I had more time to quilt"? Little did we know that we would get our wish, but wish we hadn't. Certainly not this way.

But we do have the time so let's use it wisely. First and foremost, try to make something that makes you happy and relaxed. Then you can look to our Outreach program needs including QOV, Fidget, Comfort, Bears and NICU, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, projects. And you can throw in some masks along the way.

Now's the time to catch up on all those YouTube videos we never had the time for, read our magazines and try something new. I think I'm going to give machine quilting a whirl on a project I just finished.

Personally, it's been a very interesting journey for me that started last April when Lisa was unable to complete her term as president. So, I became president 9 months before I was supposed to (the best part was I didn't have to write this letter every month).

Now, here I am having to cancel the April meeting of 2020 due to a pandemic. What!!!!

I so enjoy our monthly meetings and our programs and workshops and am so disappointed that we can't do any of this right now. Hoping we can all get together in May. Fingers crossed.

Since March is National Quilting Month we have plenty of time to truly make it a quilting month.

Lets all give thanks to our first responders, a nurse, doctors etc who are doing this awesome work. I know we have a few nurses in our guild who still work so a special shout out to them and an extra special be safe.

Please everyone be safe I want to see you all at our next meeting.

"Sewing every day turns our "busy time" into "productive time" and leads to a sense of pride and accomplishment!"

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COMING SOON

THE "QUILTING THREAD"

Be on the look out for an E-mail message announcing a new way for us to stay in touch and reach out to other Guild members in these difficult times.

Everyone keep safe.



ANNOUNCEMENT

SHOW 'N TELL—MAY

Due to social distancing and the inability to have a Guild meeting, I would like to ask everyone to participate in "QUARANTINE QUILTING" SHOW 'N TELL for the May Newsletter.

Sharing a "QQ" Show 'N Tell quilt is easy:

- Take pictures of any entries you wish to submit on your phone.
- There is not a limit on the number of submissions.
- Please include your name and/or the name of your quilt to the body of the email or text if you would like it included in the newsletter.
- Send your picture(s) to Deb via Email at debshoemaker22@gmail.com or text to 954-629-1720.
- The deadline for all pictures is no later than April 27th.



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
DUES**



QGbtS annual membership dues for 2020 are **\$45.00** through December.

**'MEMBERSHIP HAS IT
PRIVILEGES'**

Paid members of the QGbtS are eligible to:

- participate in Guild programs
- participate in workshops
- receive monthly newsletter
- place ads in the classifieds.
- **Guests are welcome to attend all of our meetings with a donation of \$5.00.**
- Dues are non-refundable.

For further information contact:

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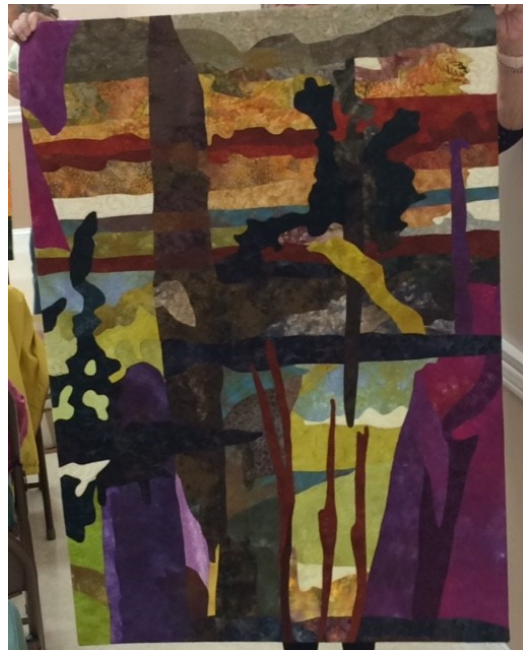
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April 17, 2020 (Cancelled)

- American Legion QOV Presentation

May 12, 2020 (Cancelled)

Guild Meeting

- "Fabric Arts" by Andrea Huffman
- Fat Quarter: Dots
- 50/50 Raffle

May 12, 2020 (Cancelled)

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

May 13, 2020 (Cancelled)

- Fabric Arts Mini Journal by Andrea Huffman

May 19, 2020 (Cancelled)

- QOV Workshop

UPCOMING WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

April 15, 2020

Crazy Quilts By Betty Pillsbury

CANCELLED

Textile Artist and Instructor Betty Pillsbury has won hundreds of awards for her homages to the elegance of Victorian crazy quilting. Grounded in traditional methods but crafted with elements of whimsy, each of her pieces stands on its own as a work of art.

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Fee: \$50.00



May 13, 2020

TENATIVELY CANCELLED

Fabric Arts Mini Journal by Andrea Huffman

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10:00AM—4:00 PM

Fee: \$40.00



Workshop Policies: Payments for workshops must be received at the time of sign-up. CHECKS ONLY, please. Workshop fees are refundable up to 7 days prior to scheduled date. If you are unable to attend a workshop at the last minute, please be courteous and notify our Workshop Chair, Linda Roraff (roraff@gmail.com) so someone else may attend.

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

June 9, 2020

Guild Meeting:

- Program: Quilts by an Artist—Brian Fitzgerald
- Fat Quarter: Patriotic
- 50/50 Raffle

June 9, 2020

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

July 14, 2020

Guild Meeting:

- Program: Shop Talk by Laura & Dave Jordan, Laura's Sewing and Quilt Shop
- Fat Quarter: Juvenile
- 50/50 Raffle

July 14, 2020

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

August 11, 2020

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

August 12, 2020

- Mesh Bag Workshop by Marie-Christine McLeavitt

"THE FRANK MCGEE MEMORIAL QOV WORKSHOP"

The QOV Workshops scheduled for April and June will be cancelled due to self isolation and social distancing. **The next tentative date for the QOV Workshop will be in September.**

Anyone in need of sewing and want to get a QOV Kit?

There are lots of QOV kits ready to be sewn, and about 10 quilts need binding.

Diane will leave a kit of your choice or a quilt to bind at her front door for you to pick up in Boca Pointe at Powerline & SW18th Street.

Contact Diane via email at: Paquinprovost@gmail.com or by phone or text: 561- 409-3114.



:: quilt of valor ::

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- **Longarmers Needed:** We need two additional volunteers as longarmers for QOV. Many tops are ready to be quilted, so if you are a longarmer and have time to volunteer to quilt QOV tops, please contact Diane Provost.

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

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EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

September 8, 2020

Guild Meeting:

- Program: Underground Railroad and Quilts by Carole Murphy
- Fat Quarter: Autumn (not Halloween)
- 50/50 Raffle

September 8, 2020

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

October 13, 2020

Guild Meeting:

- Program: Schmetz Needles presentation by Rhonda Pierce
- Fat Quarter: Black & White
- 50/50 Raffle

October 13, 2020

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

QOV PRESENTATION:

Fifty-one (51) veterans were awarded Quilts of Valor at a ceremony on March 5, 2020. Quilt Guild by the Sea members joined Gold Coast Quilters Guild and the Palm Beach Patriotic Quilters as the South Florida Coalition of Quilts of Valor Quilters. The Patriotic Guard Riders also assisted during the ceremony held at the Sunrise Civic Center.



EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

November 10, 2020

Guild Meeting:

- Program: "Photography of Archiving Quilts" & Trunk Show by Deborah Kajkowski
- Fat Quarter: Bright Solids (not Holiday)
- 50/50 Raffle

November 10, 2020

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

November 11, 2020

- "Liberated Houses" Workshop by Deborah Kajkowski

December 8, 2020

Guild Meeting:

- Program: "What was I Thinking" sale
- Fat Quarter: Stripes
- 50/50 Raffle

December 8, 2020

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts & Comfort Bears Workshops

QOV PRESENTATION:



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March 31, 2020

The Universe is
saying to you today:
"Use your communication
skills to aid,
assist and uplift
others in whatever
ways resonate with your soul
and communicate honestly and openly
with everyone you interact with.
Stay positive and open your heart."
Healing Energy Tools



Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Retreat Chair
- Historian

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:



MEETING REMINDERS:

- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AT THE GUILD MEETING!
- PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES
- PLEASE DO NOT WEAR PERFUME
- PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANIMALS TO GUILD MEETINGS. SERVICE ANIMALS ARE WELCOME WITH THE PROPER CERTIFICATION.

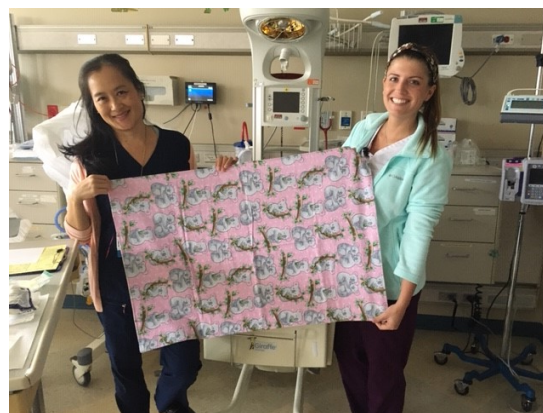
COMFORT QUILTS

- **The Comfort Quilt Workshops scheduled for April and May will be cancelled** due to self isolation and social distancing. **The next tentative date for the Comfort Quilt Workshop will be June 9th.**
- Juvenile Comfort Quilts are needed in Trauma Centers. Crib size is suggested.
- Novelty and juvenile fabrics are needed as well as 2 yard measures of fabric for backings.
- New Comfort Quilt kits are available at the Guild meeting. Please stop by the Comfort Quilt table.



Comfort quilt size specifications are:

- ♦ a minimum of **38 - 42" wide**, and a minimum of **48 - 54"** in length. If you are using your own backing and batting and are doing your own quilting, feel free to make them wider and/or longer.
- ♦ Quilt tops should be 40" wide so that we can use one width of fabric and do not have to piece the backs.
- QGbtS received a new request for small quilts to cover NICU Isolettes in the Neonatal Unit at Boca Raton Regional Hospital; so far twenty (20) covers were delivered for the NICU. The nurses were so excited and very impressed with the sewing.
- The size of the NICU coverlets quilts is 36" X 36" with rounded corners.



Any questions, contact: Janet Fredricks [954-242-9010](tel:954-242-9010) or email quilthoney@aol.com or Wanda Goldfarb [516-592-7575](tel:516-592-7575) or email: unity777@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

LINCOLNWOOD BEE

(CANCELLED)



The Lincolnwood Bee is scheduled for the **1st and 3rd Friday** of the month. Join us!

For additional information contact Sarah Crew: 561-620-2856 or sfcrew41@gmail.com

FIDGET QUILTS:

- **The Fidget Quilt Workshops scheduled for April and May will be cancelled** due to self isolation and social distancing. **The next tentative date will be June 9th.**

- The demand for Fidget Quilts is higher than we are able to meet. Think about using a UFO or some unfinished projects and turning them into Fidgets!

- Fidget Quilts are needed for children as well.

Any questions, please contact Linda Eddy: [561-376-3996](tel:561-376-3996) or email: eddylinda1007@yahoo.com



FRIEND US!

QGbtS now has its very own **FACEBOOK**.



Send in your pictures, comments, etc. to Ann Ford at: ann.k.ford@gmail.com

COMFORT BEARS:

- **The Comfort Bear Workshop scheduled for April and May will be cancelled** due to self isolation and social distancing. **The next tentative date will be June 9th.**

- We have a need for more bears! Stormy Schevis has requested more bears ... in addition to new organizations that have shown interest in Comfort Bears. The children are always grateful.
- Comfort Bear kits complete with paper pattern, fabric, and ready-to-sew-on bear faces are available. This is a quick and easy project that will make a child smile. **Please do not fringe corduroy bears — they shred!!**



FAT QUARTERS - 2020

May	Dots
June	Patriotic
July	Juvenile
August	Plaids
September	Autumn
October	Black & White
November	Bright/ Solids
December	Stripes

For additional information, contact Holly Failace: hfailace@bellsouth.net

QGbtS 2020 DECORATIVE STITCH CHALLENGE

Size: No one side shorter than 12" or larger than 24". Therefore, any size you wish between 12"x12" and 24"x24" and in any shape.

Theme: Make a small quilt featuring those amazing decorative stitches on your machine. Use as many different stitches as you can, with any assortment of threads (cotton, poly, trilobal, rayon, etc.) in any way you want. The finished piece must "read" as being all about decorative stitching.

Background: Can be one piece of solid, hand dyed or print fabric, or it can be pieced or appliqued. The background must be a supporting element for the main theme of decorative stitching.

Embellishments: Decorative stitches (the ones that are built into your machine). Couching techniques and use of rick-rack or other narrow trims (1/4"-3/8" wide) are permitted, but should not exceed more than 5% of the total stitching. **Free-motion quilting, machine embroidery and hand embroidery are not allowed.**

Reference Material: This challenge is based on the ideas and artistry of quilter Carol Ann Waugh. Her book "Stupendous Stitching. How to Make Fun and Fabulous Fiber Art", is a goldmine of information. She also has a Blueprint (Craftsy) video. She also has a Blueprint (Craftsy) video, AND she can be seen on Google." The video is not free and is not available on YouTube.

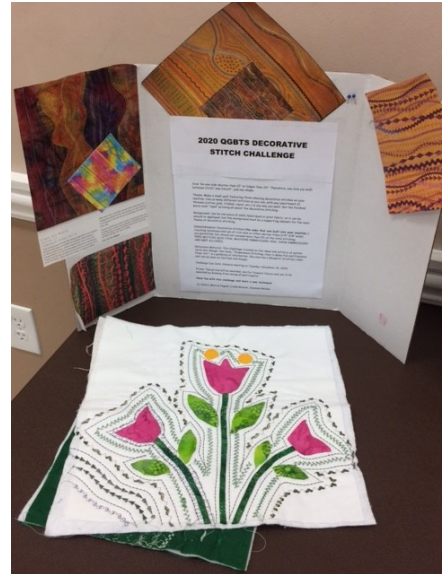
Challenge Due Date: General Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Prizes: Two prizes will be awarded: one for Viewer's Choice and one to be awarded by drawing from among all participants.

Sign-up: Anyone interested in participating in this challenge should sign up during the General Meeting.

Have fun with this challenge and learn a new technique.

Co-Chairs: Marcia Degner, Linda Bouvier, Suzanne McGee



"ORPHAN" QUILTS

Do you have an "Orphan" quilt that is hidden away, unappreciated and homeless? Does it need a new home where it will be hung, used and adored?

Beginning in April, any Guild member that wishes to donate a quilt for auction may do so. Just bring it to the General Meeting.

The proceeds from the auction will go to the guild to fund Programs, Teachers, and our Outreach Program supplies.



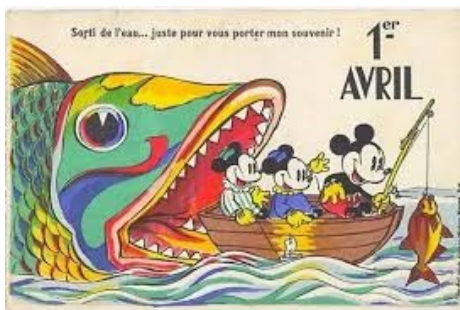
Thank you for your generosity and participation in continuing to grow our Guild and continue to improve!

SHOW 'N TELL—MARCH



HOLIDAYS IN APRIL:

- April 1:** April Fool's Day
- April 2:** Children's Book Day
- April 4:** National Tell a Lie Day
- April 5:** Palm Sunday
National Dandelion Day
- April 8:** Passover begins
- April 10:** Good Friday
- April 12:** Easter Sunday
- April 14:** Look up at the Sky Day
- April 16:** National Stress Awareness Day
- April 20:** Volunteer Recognition Day
- April 23:** Take a Chance Day
- April 24:** Pig in a Blanket Day
- April 27:** Babe Ruth Day
- April 28:** International Astronomy Day
- April 29:** National Zipper Day
- April 30:** Hairstyle Appreciation Day





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