



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER - AUGUST 2020

Hello fellow quilters,

And here we are in August, almost 5 months on lockdown. I'm sure by now most of us have figured out ways to reach out to friends and loved ones without endangering anyone or have tried new styles of quilting while watching endless TV. Someday this will end, but for now I'm trying to make the best of it.

This morning, I had a bit of an epiphany. We all know the year 2000 was the start of the 21st Century. But, I'm not sure if it actually isn't 2020. You think that a new century means new things; really not much changed in the first 20 years. But look at all the changes we have been dealing with this year.

The world changed literally overnight. Without the latest technology we would all have been at a real loss. No family gatherings, no working from home, and no Guild Meetings to name just a few. (I saw a story the other day that even the future of our bathrooms will be changing dramatically in the future).

Zoom has enabled us to keep in touch, learn, and even go to Special Events. No one could have ever imagined this 20 years ago. Let's go with the flow and be glad we have all of this at our fingertips.

I also want to say that I'm so pleased that our first ever Zoom meeting went off so well. I only wish more of you were all on the call. Sheryl is in the process of bringing new Programs to you for the coming months. We must have people who are prepared to work remotely. Again, new world. As an incentive to join the Zoom meeting, we will be giving away two \$25 Gift Certificates to the quilt store of your choice - just join us on August 11th. All you need to do is join the call and stay on to the end when we will announce the two winners. Please read more about this in the newsletter. Also, be sure that you are able to log in.

Please reach out to any of the Board members if you have any ideas or comments going forward. We need your help.

Stay safe
Rochelle

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**Meeting Place via
Zoom until further
notice**

... and now

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING
AUGUST GUILD MEETING
AUGUST 11th 10- 12 AM**

Hello QGBTS members:

As some of you know we had an almost perfect July meeting via Zoom. We clearly had a problem with entry into the meeting for some of you.

If you wish to join the August meeting here are some things you need to do to your Zoom Information.

1. Download the Zoom app for whatever device you wish to use, computer, tablet or phone.
2. Open the Zoom app and click on (again, depending on your device) Meetings>Start, or New Meeting.
3. Click on or touch Participants (you will be the only one in the meeting)
4. Click on or touch your name, or if on a computer hover over your name and click on More.
5. Click on or touch Rename.
6. Enter your full name.
7. Click on or touch Rename
8. End > End Meeting for All.

The issue of security is of utmost concern. For us to let you into the meeting you must follow these instructions. If we don't know who you are - no entry. Your ZOOM entry must contain your full name.

I will suggest that if you have any problems before the meeting please contact Ann Ford.

Remember, this must be done prior to the meeting on the 11th.

It was so nice to see everyone at the July meeting and hope we can see even more of you in the coming months.

**\$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE
GIVEAWAY**

Join the Zoom General Meeting on Tuesday, August 11th, and be entered into a drawing to win one of two \$25 Gift Certificates to the quilt store of your choice who advertises in our newsletter.

All you need to do is join the call and your name will be entered into the drawing. Remain on the call until the end when we announce the names of the two winners. **You must be present to win.**

**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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Volunteers Needed for the following positions:

- QOV Group Leader
- Comfort Bear Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENT

SHOW 'N TELL—September

I would like to ask everyone to participate in **"QUARANTINE QUILTING" SHOW 'N TELL** for the September Newsletter and the virtual Guild Membership meeting. It's easy!

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

- Take pictures of any entries you wish to submit on your phone.
- There is a limit of 4 quilt submissions.
- Please include your name, the name of your quilt, and your inspiration, if you wish, 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 August 25th.**



UPCOMING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

August 2020: Quilter's Journey

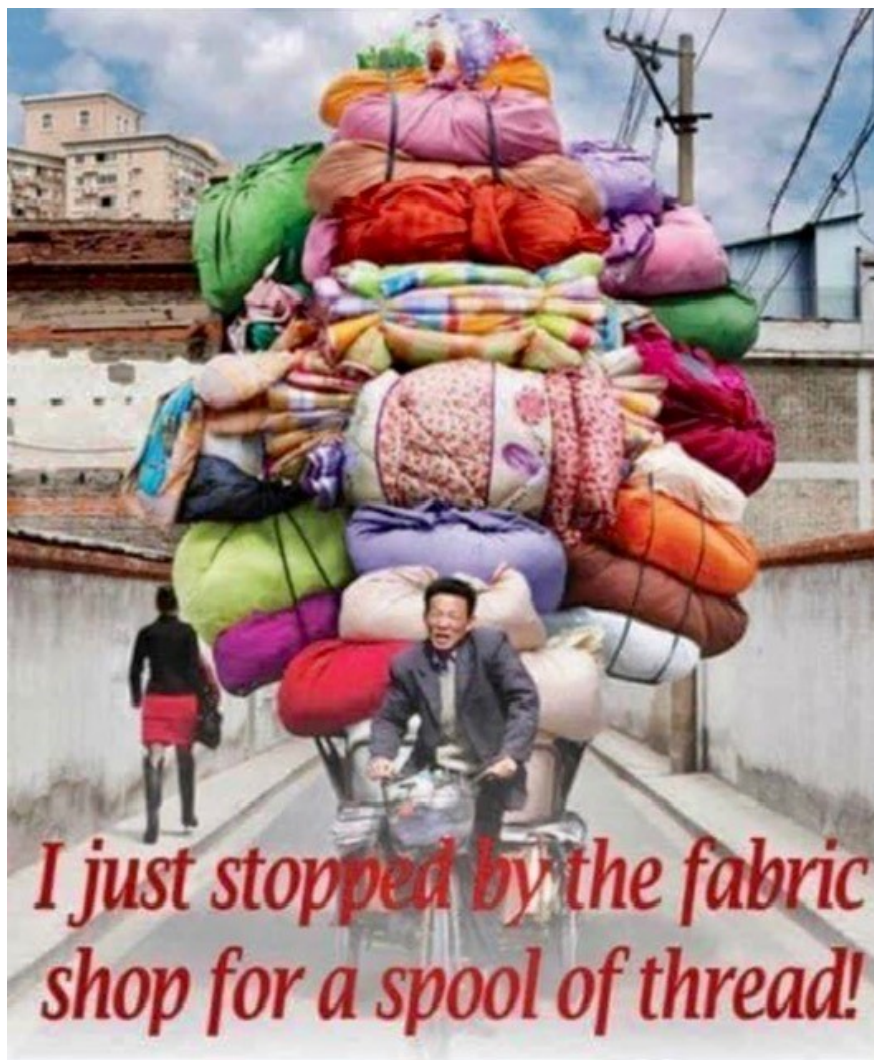
Presented by Sue Glasnapp and Ellen Anderman

September 2020: Underground Railroad

Presented by Carole Murphy

October 2020: Schmetz Needles and Trunk Show

Rhonda Pierce



*I just stopped by the fabric
shop for a spool of thread!*

"THE FRANK MCGEE MEMORIAL QOV WORKSHOP"

The QOV Workshops

Due to self-isolation and social distancing, the next date for the QOV Workshop is undetermined. We will notify you when we can restart our program.

Nominate a Veteran

Do you know a deserving Veteran that was touched by war? It is time to nominate them. We are hoping to restart our Quilts of Valor awards in 2021 and we have many quilts available right now to present. Reserve one for a family member, a friend, a colleague, a neighbor etc...or tell them how to nominate themselves.

It's easy to nominate a Veteran in 4 easy steps

- Sign in to **QOVF.org**
- Click the red rectangle in the center of the page
- Read the Eligibility and Mission of Quilts of Valor
- Click and fill out the form

In the comments area, please write that you wish to have this quilt request going to Quilt Guild by the Sea.



∴ quilt of valor ∴

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What is AmazonSmile?

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://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.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to bookmark smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

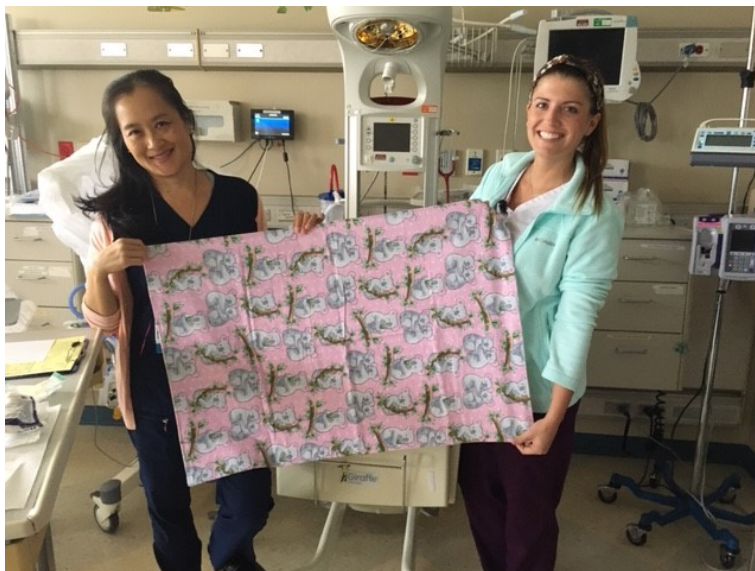
COMFORT QUILTS

- The next date for the Comfort Quilts workshop is undecided due to continued isolation. We will notify you when we can restart our workshop.
- Seventy-one (71) Comfort Quilts were delivered this week to BRRH Lynn Cancer Center.
- Approximately thirty (30) more Comfort quilts are ready to go; keep making them ... they will be much appreciated!
- Year-to-Date we have completed 155 Comfort Quilts.
- 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.
- Comfort Quilt kits are available. Janet will be available for you to pick up a quilt kit at her house or meet you. Contact Janet Fredricks [954-242-9010](tel:954-242-9010) or email at: quilthoney@aol.com.



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".
- 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



COMFORT QUILTS



FIDGET QUILTS:

- The next date for the Fidget Quilts workshop is undecided due to continued isolation. We will notify you when we can restart our workshop.
- 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! We have 7 Fidgets waiting to be homed.
- Fidget Quilts are needed for children as well.
- Approximately 50 Fidget Quilt kits in plastic bags are available if someone would like some. They can be mailed or dropped off. Please contact Linda Eddy: [561-376-3996](tel:561-376-3996) or email: eddylinda1007@yahoo.com



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

COMFORT BEARS:

- The next date for the Comfort Bears workshop is undecided due to continued isolation. We will notify you when we can restart our workshop.
- 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!!
- **Pattern and instruction for the Bear and Mask can be found on Page 8-11 and on the QGbtS website.**

For additional information, contact Janet Copen:
954-632-1181



COMFORT BEAR AND CHILD MASK INSTRUCTIONS:

MASK:

- For ages 4-12- You need two pieces of fabric measuring 5"x 7" and 2 pieces of 1/8th" elastic measuring 6" long. If you can't find skinny elastic, you can cut wide ones. If you can't find any elastic, you can use long strings and tie at the back.
- For ages 2-4- You need two pieces of fabric measuring 4"x 6" and 2 pieces of 1/8th" elastic measuring 5" long.
- Pin elastic about 1/2" from corners of short side of front side of one fabric.
- Lay the other piece of the fabric right side facing down and pin all the way around.
- Sew both pieces of fabric together all the way around. It may be hard when you get the corners with the elastic so, go slow. Leave about 2" open so you can turn it inside out.
- Turn inside out. Fold down the opening and top sew closed.
- Make two pleats in the center of sides of mask. The pleats are about 1" each.
- Sew around mask including sides



BEAR:

Supplies:

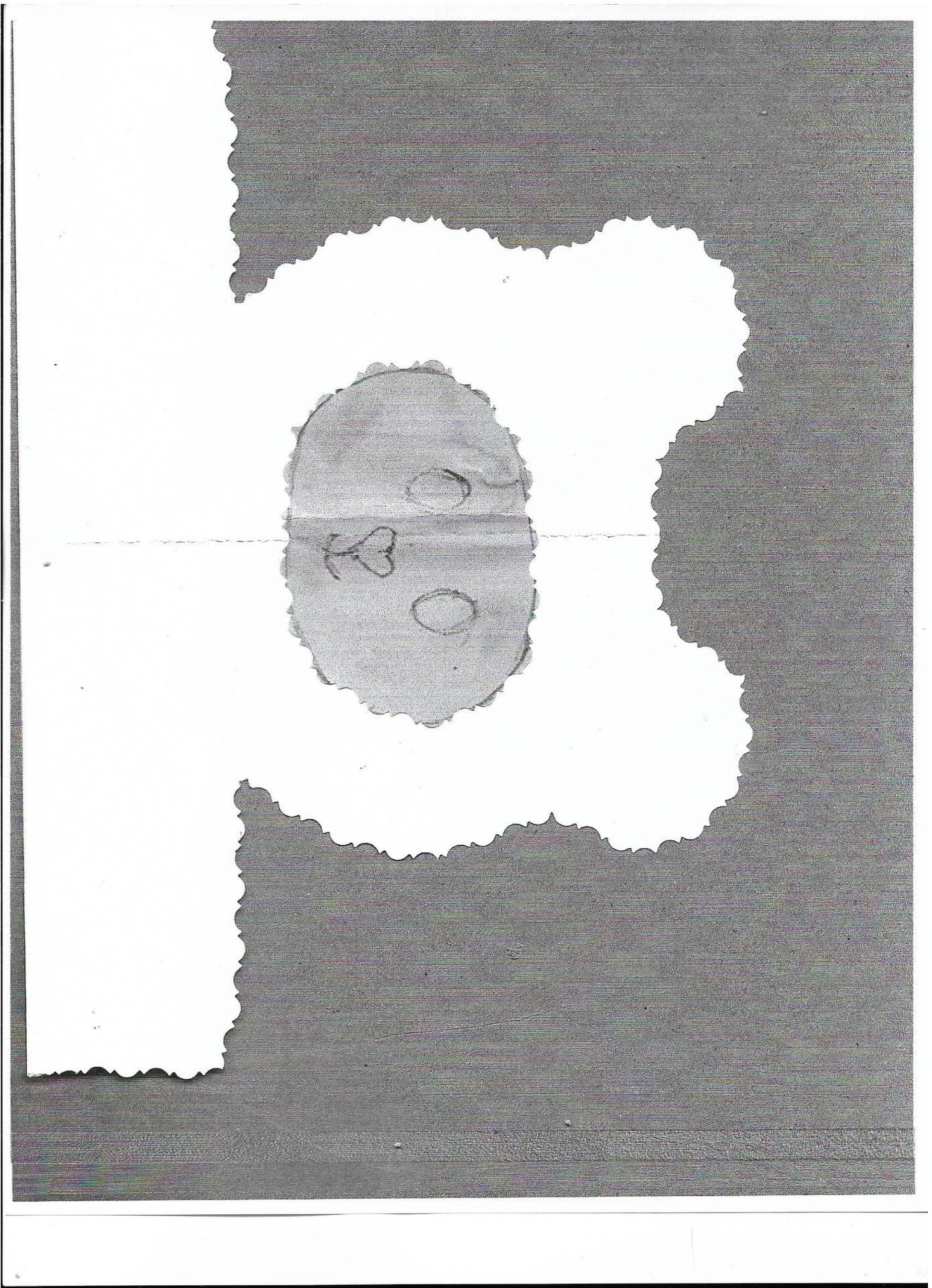
- Fabric—2 pieces 13" x 15"
- Scissors
- Marking Pen or Pencil
- Sewing Machine or Needle and Thread
- Stuffing
- Bear Pattern
- Optional: Template plastic or cardstock to make a reusable pattern, embroidered bear face, floss or thread to add features, ribbon for around his neck.
- We ask that you don't use buttons for eyes or other embellishments that can be a choking hazard).

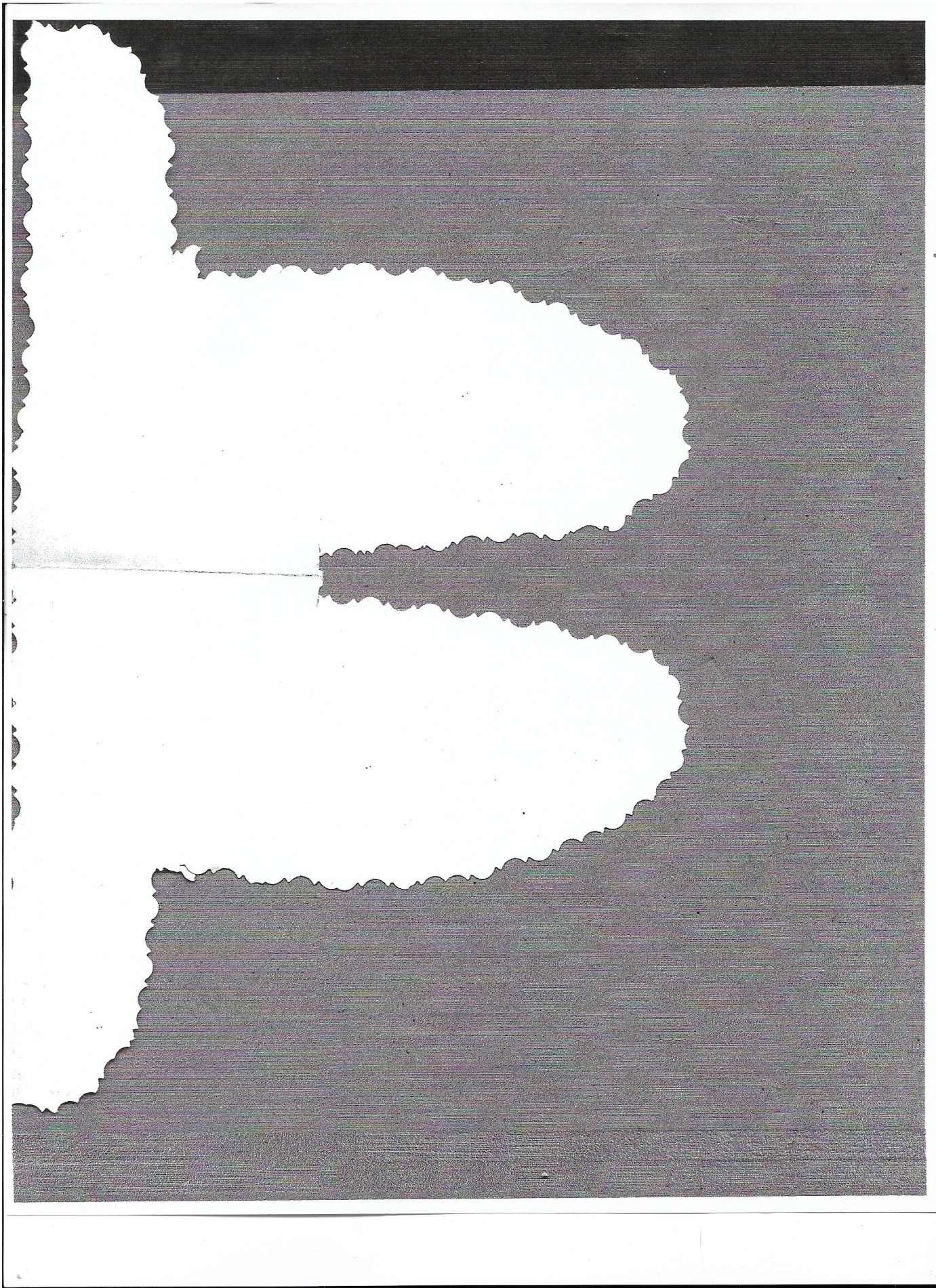


Comfort Bear Instructions (Cont'd)

1. Tape the bottom edge of the bear pattern to the bottom of the bear at the dotted line. Use scissors to cut the bear pattern along the outline. Trace on to a piece of template plastic or cardstock for a permanent, reusable pattern.
2. Trace the bear shape on the wrong sides of the fabric pieces with a marking pen or pencil. Cut out leaving a quarter inch seam allowance.
3. Decide which piece will be the front and add a face. Stitch a pre-embroidered design with your favorite method (satin, button hole, raw edge..) or design your own with floss or machine stitching.
4. Pin right sides together and stitch along the traced line, leaving a two inch opening on the side for turning.
5. Clip curves and turn right sides out. Press.
6. Stuff with stuffing. Tuck raw edges under in the opening and stitch closed.
7. Tie a ribbon around the bear's neck and attach the matching mask to the bear's arm.
8. Send the bear out into the world to bring a smile and joy to a child's face.

For questions or more information, please contact Janet Copen at: jecopen@aol.com or by phone (954) 632-1181.





FRIENDSHIP WEEK

By Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words. Rooney passed away but was known from 60 Minutes on CBS.

I've learned....
That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned....
That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned ...
That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned...
That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned...
That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned....
That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned....
That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned....
That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned....
That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned....
That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned....
That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....
That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned...
That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned...
That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned....
That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.



(Cont'd)



FRIENDSHIP WEEK (Cont'd)

I've learned....

That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned....

That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned....

That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned....

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned....

That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned....

That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned....

That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned....

That when you harbour bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned....

That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned....

That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned...

That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned....

That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned....

That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned....

That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

To all of you...

Make sure you read all the way down to the last sentence.

HAPPY FRIENDSHIP WEEK TO YOU!



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Quilt Detail: Ladybird by Elizabeth S. Eastmond

AUGUST 12-15, 2020

SCROLL DOWN TO BROWSE ALL OF THE INSTRUCTORS

6 Keys to Metallic Thread Success in Your Fabric Art
BY: Quilting Daily Team , November 28, 2018

I love the sparkle and shine metallic thread gives to my fabric art, but the hassles—shredding, the curling, the broken threads—give me such a headache.

I always approach metallic threads with trepidation, and I could swear the spool can smell my fear. According to Liz Kettle, that may be true. “Don’t tackle free-motion stitching with metallic threads when you are stressed. The thread will know,” advises Liz, a mixed-media and textile artist.



I don’t doubt it. As the author of two books on threads and fabric embellishing, she knows firsthand the frustration that including metallic thread in your textile art can produce. But with research and a lot of practice, she has learned to tame this beautiful, shiny beast.

Liz Kettle
Free-Motion Quilting with Metallic Thread

So when I was looking for someone to offer a primer on how to use metallic threads, Liz came to mind immediately. Liz details what she calls her 6 Keys to Metallic Thread Success.

Here are the highlights:

Bobbin thread is very important. I have the most success with an ultra-fine polyester thread with a weight between 100 and 70. You could also use #100-weight silk thread.

Tension is the second key to success. Reducing the upper thread tension is critical when using metallic threads. If you are using free-motion stitching, a reduced top tension is even more important.

Using a metallic needle is helpful but not mandatory. Depending on the type of stitching you are doing, a size 90 embroidery or 90 topstitching needle will work just fine.



6 Keys to Metallic Thread Success in Your Fabric Art (Cont'd)

When working with metallic thread, stitch slower. This is especially important when free-motion stitching with metallic threads. When you are free-motion stitching, either embroidery or quilting, you become part of your machine's tension system.

You can control how wiry your thread is by modifying your thread path. If it springs off your spool when you unwrap it, you should probably consider using a thread stand or placing the thread in a cup or jar a little distance away from the machine.

Stabilizers are very important when using metallic thread as a surface embellishment or for embroidery in your fiber art projects. Which stabilizer to choose depends on the surface fabric and the amount of stitching you want to add.

I found Liz's metallic thread advice extremely helpful. I can now approach those gleaming spools with confidence, not fear!

Pokey

THE MASKED SINGER



SHOW 'N TELL—JUNE



Created by Amy Chiera

Play Mat 1



By Amy Chiera

Play Mat 2



Created by Amy Chiera

Summertime Quilt

SHOW 'N TELL—JULY



Created by Janet Copen



Created by Jane Gavlick



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SHOW 'N TELL—JULY



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SHOW 'N TELL—JULY



Created by Jane Gavlick



Created by Marie-Christine Leavitt

Obviously bored and making quilts
with my stash



Created by Frances Student, Deco Tumbler project

Quilted by Dotty Levine

SHOW 'N TELL—JULY



Created by Marie-Christine Leavitt



Created by Rochelle Staiano

SHOW 'N TELL—JULY



Created by Rochelle Staiano

HOLIDAYS IN AUGUST:

August 1: National Mountain Climbing Day

August 3: National Watermelon Day

August 5: Work Like a Dog Day

August 7: National Lighthouse Day

August 9: Book Lover's Day

August 12: Perseid Meteor Shower

August 18: World Daffodil Day

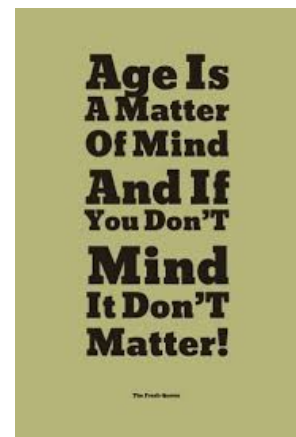
August 19: Aviation Day

August 21: Senior Citizen's Day

August 23: Ride the Wind Day

August 26: Women's Equality Day

August 31: National Eat Outside Day





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