



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THESE DATES "SEW HAPPY HOUR"

We will hold our last two "Sew Happy Hours" of 2020 on **Wednesday, December 2nd and December 16th from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM** via Zoom.

This happy hour will be specifically for hand work and socializing; everyone is welcome to join in.



President Letter—December 2020

Fellow Quilters:

Here we are finally at the end of a very, very strange year. We have all survived and that's a great thing. Although we know that it is not over yet, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We have accomplished so much for our community this year from Quilts of Valor to little masks for babies not to mention finishing off those UFO's.

However, for me, it is the end of the road. I have been your president now since April of 2019. Some of it expected some not. It has been one of the highlights of my life. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure and hope I have guided us through the good times and bad gracefully.

As I mentioned once before, we finally entered the 21st century in 2020. So much has changed and so much is new. I believe that we must change to grow. As we are about to reach the Guild's 10th Anniversary, we find ourselves doing things completely differently than we did during the first 20 years of the century.

During my tenure I have also tried to bring our guild more into the digital and electronic age. At the December meeting we will be presenting our totally revamped website. I am so excited to present this as our entry into the future. Once we are up and running, our website will be your destination for everything you need including the ability to pay for membership, workshops, etc. via credit card. We'll tell you more on Dec. 8th.

I am exceptionally happy to turn over the reins of QGBTS to Pat Lynes. I know she will do the best job possible. We also want to thank Sarah Crew and Ellen Birnbaum for stepping in to the open positions of President-Elect and Membership. As for the opening in QOV, well I'm clearly a glutton for punishment, and will step into the position of QOV Group Leader beginning in January. I'm stepping into some pretty big shoes. Thanks Diane Provost for the 10 years you have shepherded this program. I am looking forward to new challenges in the coming year, I hope you are too.

I can't express enough what a wonderful group we have running our guild and what wonderful members we have. I am so proud to be an active part of QGBTS and can't wait until we can all meet again in person.

Happy Holidays

Rochelle



Volunteers needed:

Webmaster

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**Meeting Place: Zoom
until further notice**

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NEW OFFICERS FOR 2021

During our annual meeting in November we elected a new slate of Officers for 2021. Let me introduce them:

President: Pat Lynes

President Elect: Sarah Crew

Secretary Marcia Degner

Treasurer: Marie-Christine Leavitt

In addition, we have a wonderful team of Directors, Chairs and Co-chairs. Some are new, while others continue to offer our Guild their long-standing service.

QOV Director: Diane Provost

Program Director: Sheryl Platt

Membership Director Ellen Birnbaum

Publications Director Deb Shoemaker

Technology/Historian Ann Ford



UPCOMING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

December 8, 2020: General Meeting

QGbtS 10th Anniversary Celebration
Stitch Challenge Reveal and Awards

January 12, 2021: General Meeting

Program: Beth Helfter, Trunk show and presentation

January 13, 2021 "Oompah" Accordion Triangle HST's™ Workshop with Beth Helfter via Zoom

Cost: \$55.00

Checks can be sent to: Marie-Christine
Leavitt



February 9, 2021 General Meeting

Program: Lisa Ruble "Confessions of a Quilt Magazine Editor"

March 9, 2021 General Meeting

Program: Tammi Silvers (Tamarinis) "Interrogating Your Quilt"

MEMBERSHIP DUES, WORKSHOP FEES, DONATIONS, ETC.

Should be sent to:

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QOV AND OUTREACH PROGRAM DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

A pick-up and drop off date scheduled for November 18th, 2020 was a success for QGbtS' QOV and all Outreach programs. Rochelle Staiano, Diane Provost, Linda Eddy, Janet Fredricks, Janet Copens, and Ellen Heckler were greeted at the Boca Raton Community Center by members of our guild to drop off: 54 Quilts, 44 quilt tops, 33 knit hats, Care bears , Fidget quilts and QOV quilts. WOW!



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT

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2021 ANNUAL

MEMBERSHIP DUES



'MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES'

Membership dues have been lowered for 2021 to \$36.00.

Please note that as a not-for-profit organization, we **can** accept donations. So, feel free to pay whatever you would like - but no less than \$36.

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:

Ellen Heckler [561-245-8280](tel:561-245-8280)
or quiltguildbythesea2011@gmail.com

"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.



∴ quilt of valor ∴

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.

QVF ON AMAZONSMILE

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 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.

QOV GROUP LEADER:

Rochelle Staiano has volunteered to take on the position of QOV Group Leader. Thank you Rochelle.

Quilt of Valor for a Purple Heart Recipient.

Diana Urban



LOST AND FOUND

This quilt was found in a QOV bag from the drop off at BRCC on November 18th. Please email Diane to claim it: paquinprovost@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

QOV AND OUTREACH PROGRAM DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

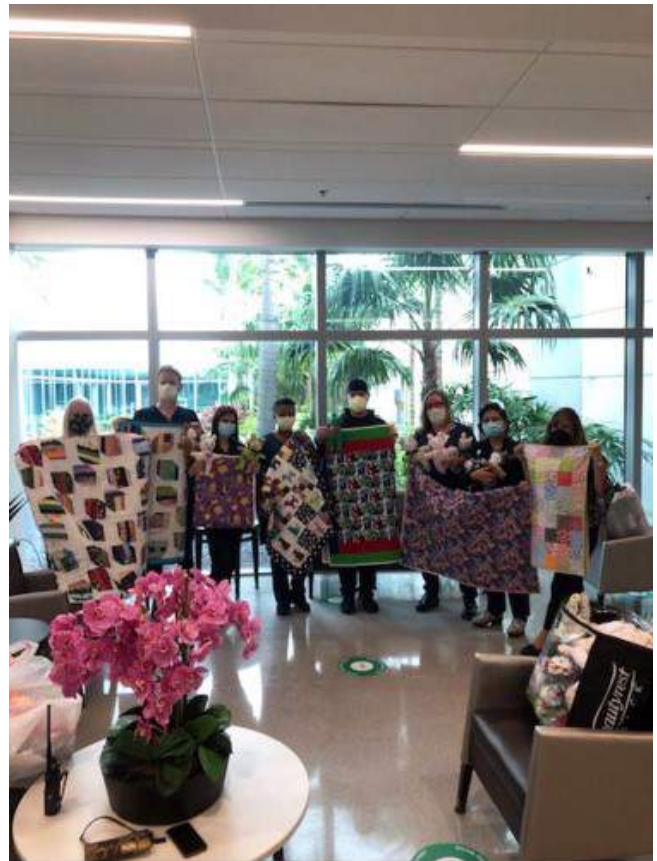
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COMFORT QUILTS

- Due to self-isolation and social distancing, the next date for the Comfort Quilt Workshop is undetermined. We will notify you when we can restart our program.
- Cancer Center expressed their thanks for all the quilts that we gave them and the crocheted hats. The recipients really love and appreciate them.
- YTD 236 in 2020 Comfort Quilts have been delivered to various organizations in our area; Last year we delivered 218.
- Last month we also delivered 57 hats.
- Twenty (26) Comfort Quilts and Comfort Bears were delivered this month to Delray Trauma patients by Linda Bouvier.
- Keep making Comfort Quilts, Hats and Isolette Covers ... they are much appreciated!
- **Needed: Men's and teenage boy/boy 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 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".
- **For Knitters and Crocheters:** Knit and Crocheted Caps have been well received. Additional caps have been requested.
- 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



MASKS

- Masks are needed for Delray families that were unable to purchase them. Thank you Linda Bouvier and Sheryl Platt for your donations.
- Additional masks, any type and all sizes. If anyone would like to contribute, masks are needed in trauma as well as the ER.
- If you need elastic please contact Linda Eddy (561) 376—3996.
- Contact Linda Bouvier at (561) 498—9777 for additional mask information.



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FIDGET QUILTS:

- Due to self-isolation and social distancing, the next date for the Fidget Quilts Workshop is undetermined. We will notify you when we can restart our program.
- 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 seven Fidgets waiting to be adopted.
- Fidget Quilts are needed for children as well.



For additional information, please contact Ellen Heckler (561-245-8280) or by email Ellen.Heckler@gmail.com

COMFORT BEARS:

- Due to self-isolation and social distancing, the next date for the Comfort Bears Workshop is undetermined. We will notify you when we can restart our program.
- Sixty (60) Comfort Bears and masks were delivered to Florence Fuller for adoption in October.
- **More Bears are needed and greatly appreciated!**
- 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 the QGbtS website.**



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DECORATIVE STITCH CHALLENGE ENTRY PREVIEW

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DECORATIVE STITCH CHALLENGE ENTRIES

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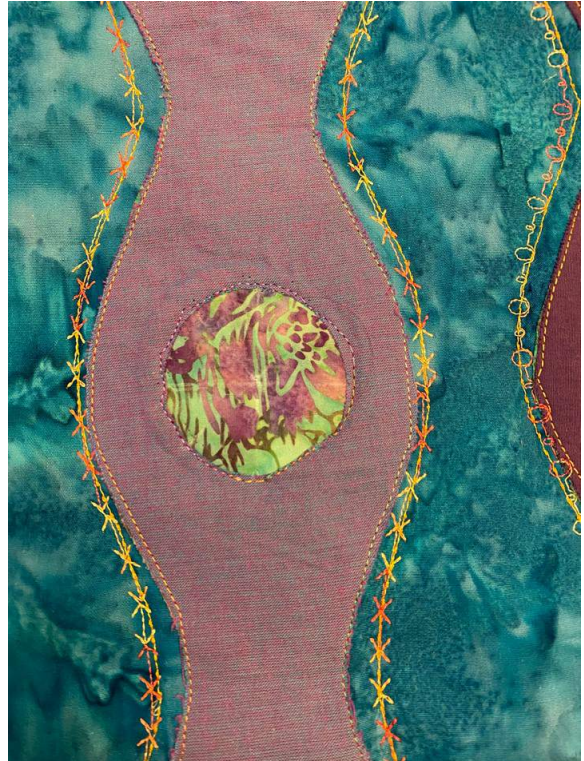


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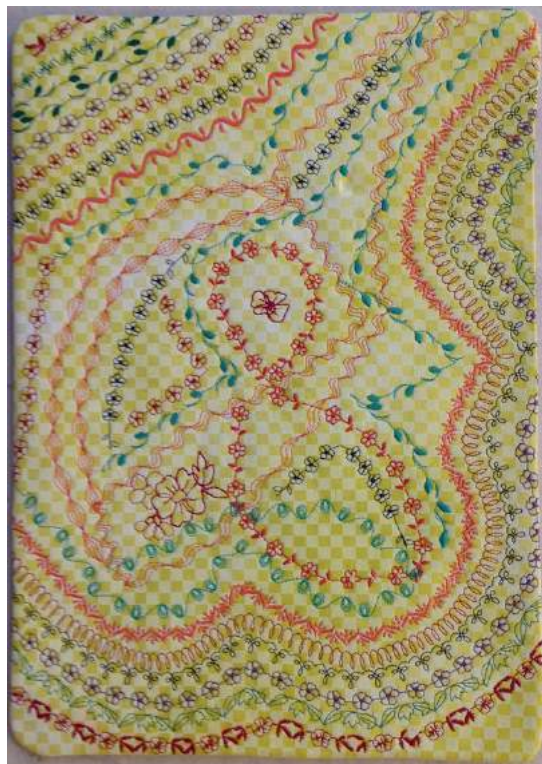


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DECORATIVE STITCH CHALLENGE ENTRIES

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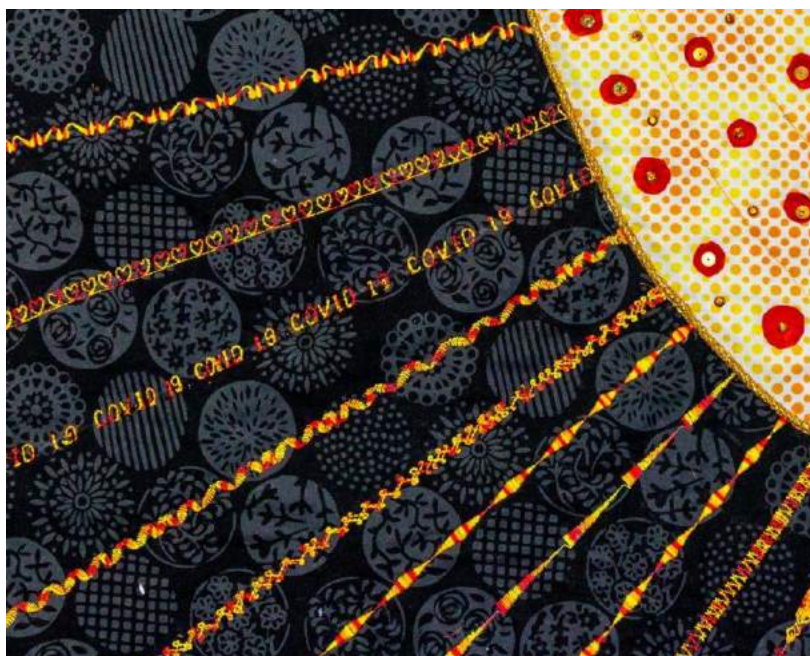
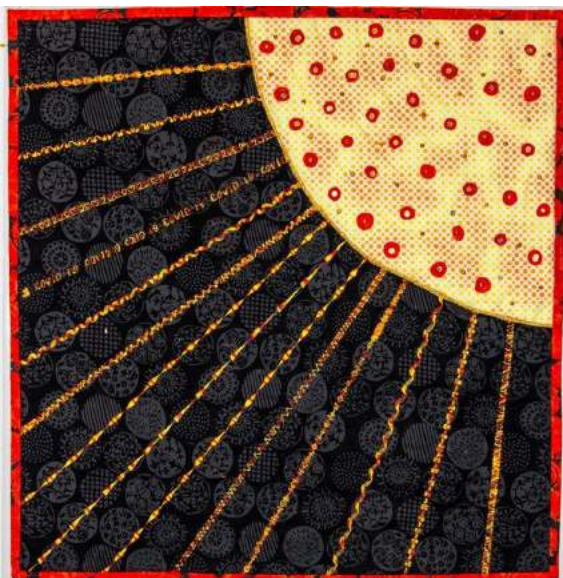
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DECORATIVE STITCH CHALLENGE ENTRIES

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DECORATIVE STITCH CHALLENGE ENTRIES

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DECORATIVE STITCH CHALLENGE ENTRIES

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DECORATIVE STITCH CHALLENGE

Decorative Stitch Challenge Reveal and Voting Information:

The Decorative Stitch Challenge reveal presentation has been moved to the December 2020 General Zoom Meeting, instead of November as originally planned.

- A slideshow of all challenge quilts will be sent to all members PRIOR to the general meeting.
- Each entry will be anonymous and will have a number to identify it giving members time to look over the entries.
- An email will be sent to members containing a link to Marcia Degner's email address with a request to vote for Viewer's Choice by sending her the number of your choice."

During the General Meeting:

- Each participant will speak about their entry during the Reveal Slide Show. Please be prepared to give the name, size, and inspiration for the quilt. Also include the number of stitches used and what you have learned from the challenge during your discussion.
- Votes will be tallied. Results and prizes will be announced.
- A random drawing from participant numbers will be conducted and the winner announced.

IDEAS FOR THE 2021 CHALLENGE NEEDED

**Send to
Marcia Degner via email msdegner@gmail.com**

SHOW 'N TELL—DECEMBER

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 December 28, 2020.**



32 Charming Quilting Facts By Madeline Thatcher, Associate Writer, Published February 19, 2019

1. "Quilt" is derived from the Latin word *culcita*, which means "stuffed sack."
2. The earliest depiction of quilting was discovered in Egypt; it was an ivory figurine of a pharaoh wearing quilted clothing, ca. 3400 BC.
3. Quilted clothing was popular in Europe, especially under chain-mail armor for soldiers. It kept the metal from rusting and kept the knights comfy under all their heavy gear.
4. European settlers brought quilting to the Americas, and the earliest-known quilt made in America is from 1704.
5. During the expansion into the Western United States, quilts were used as window coverings, doors, and walls for temporary housing as well as currency for pioneers.
6. "Quilting bees" originated in the Midwest United States during the 1800s, where a lack of neighbors and a need for socializing drew women together to finish quilts and make new friends.
7. Most quilts are built with squares, ranging from 8" x 8" to 16" x 16" (20 cm x 20 cm to 40 cm x 40 cm).



Quilts come in all shapes, sizes, and patterns, but patchwork and simple squares are really common

32 Charming Quilting Facts (Cont'd)

8. A quilt is made of three layers: a quilt top, batting, and a bottom layer. The top and bottom layers are made of fabrics stitched together. Batting (usually made of cotton or something similar) is insulation that makes the quilt warm.
9. There are three basic types of quilts: plain, or whole cloth quilts; appliqué quilts; and patchwork quilts.
10. Whole cloth quilts use single pieces of fabric on both the top and the bottom. Cords or stitching are used to make a design on the fabric.
11. An applique quilt has a top layer made of a single layer of fabric with additional pieces stitched on top. It was more popular with wealthier quilters, since nicer fabric had to be purchased and more time was spent adding intricate detail.

“After all, a woman didn't leave much behind in the world to show she'd been there. Even the children she bore and raised got their father's name. But her quilts, now that was something she could pass on.

- Sandra Dallas

12. Patchwork quilts were common in areas where women had few resources to make them. Using leftover fabric from earlier projects, old clothing, or other cheap materials was very common.^{[3][4]}
13. A “summer quilt” doesn't have batting inside, making the blanket lighter and more suitable for warmer temperatures.
14. In the 19th century, it was customary in certain parts of the United States to have a girl make a selection of quilts before she got engaged. Twelve would be made for everyday use, and one be used to show off her quilting skills and be placed on the bed she would share with her husband.
15. Even though the sewing machine was invented in 1790, hand-quilting was still more popular for the next 100 years.
16. Quilting became popular again in the 1960s, when the counterculture movement encouraged people to get back to their early, industrial roots.
17. In 1971, Jonathan Holstein opened the first quilt exhibition in a major museum. It was entitled, “Abstract Design in American Quilts” and helped launch the craft into a realm of appreciation and criticism it had not known before.
18. The “crazy quilt” was introduced during Victorian times. In order to showcase their wealth, high-brow women would use expensive fabrics, like velvet or silk, and brightly colored thread to make quilts. They were intended to be admired as art, not used for warmth or protection.



This crazy quilt from the 1990s draws its inspiration from the Victorians, who, despite their reputations, could get a little wild!



32 Charming Quilting Facts (Cont'd)

19. The most expensive quilt ever sold was a Civil War-era piece purchased for \$254,000 in 1991—the equivalent of \$470,230 in 2018 dollars.
20. While quilting has traditionally been a female activity, some men in the United States military spent time quilting in order to pass the time while enlisted.
21. Many quilts made by military soldiers were known as “convalescent quilts,” since soldiers did quilting work while recuperating after being wounded in the line of duty.
22. Some military quilts are made up of 25,000 different pieces, since fabric was scarce on the front lines.
23. There are fewer than 100 military quilts worldwide, since many were not preserved after the wars during which they were made.
24. Alice Walker, a Pulitzer Prize-winning American author, wrote a famous and often-anthologized short story about quilting called “Everyday Use.”
25. The largest patchwork quilt was made in 2000 and measured 270,174 square feet (251,000 square meters). That’s more than 54 times the square footage of the White House!
26. Marxist Jean Baudrillard claimed quilts and other antique traditions were prime examples of the 20th century's desire for a “bygone” era, a nod to why humans seem to prefer the old over the new.
27. The average quilter is 63 years old.
28. “Dedicated quilters” (those who spend more than \$500 per year on quilting) buy, on average, 99 yards of fabric a year, almost an entire football field’s worth!
29. Dedicated quilters usually spend an average of \$3,363 on quilting supplies per year.^[7]
30. Beginner quilters spend an average of 6.9 hours a week on their craft. Advanced quilters spend around 17.6 hours.
31. Dedicated quilters spend almost 8 hours online per week visiting quilting sites and groups centered on quilting techniques, supplies, and news.
32. Quilting was a \$3.7 billion industry in 2017.

SHOW 'N TELL IN DECEMBER WILL INCLUDE
HOLIDAY PROJECTS
PAST AND PRESENT
Christmas, Hannukah, ad Kwanza

Show 'n Tell—November



Created by Frieda Toback
"The Girls Next Door"

Created by Marie-Christine Leavitt
"My Mother's Pansies"



HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER

- December 4** - Santa's' List Day
- December 6** - Put on your own Shoes Day
- December 7** - Pearl Harbor Day
- December 9** - Christmas Card Day
- December 12** - Gingerbread House Day
- December 16** - National Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- December 18** - Bake Cookies Day
- December 20** - Go Caroling Day
- December 21** - Winter Solstice
- December 24** - National Chocolate Day
- December 25** - Christmas Day
- December 28** - Card Playing Day
- December 31** - New Year's Eve



HAVE YOU BEEN COOKING DURING THE PAST MONTHS OF SELF ISOLATION?

WHY NOT SHARE A FAVORITE RECIPE IN THE NEW QGbtS
"QUARANTINE RECIPES" FEATURE.

My goal is to collect enough member recipes to create a cook-
book in 2021.

Recipes can be submitted to Deb Shoemaker via email at
Debshoemaker22@gmail.com



Danish Salted Butter Cookies—Bon Appetit , December 2015

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup (2 sticks) chilled salted butter, cut into pieces
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more
- 1 cup white sanding sugar

1.

• **Special equipment:**

- A 3"-diameter and a 1 1/2"-diameter fluted cookie cutter



PREPARATION

1. Combine butter and granulated sugar in a large bowl; scrape in vanilla seeds and discard pod. Using an electric mixer on high speed, beat until very light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Beat in 1 egg. Reduce speed to low; gradually mix in 2 cups flour. Form dough into a 3/4"-thick disk. Wrap in plastic and chill until firm, about 2 hours.
2. Place racks in upper and lower thirds of oven and preheat to 350°F. Let disk of dough sit at room temperature until slightly softened, about 5 minutes. Roll out on a lightly floured sheet of parchment paper, shifting often on sheet and dusting with more flour as needed to keep from sticking, until about 3/8" thick.
3. Punch out rounds with large cutter; punch out centers with smaller cutter. Transfer to parchment-lined baking sheets, spacing 1 1/2" apart. Pat scraps into a 3/4"-thick disk. Chill 15 minutes.
4. Beat remaining egg in a small bowl with 1 tsp. water; brush cookies with egg wash; sprinkle with sanding sugar. Freeze 10 minutes. Bake, rotating baking sheets halfway through, until edges are golden brown, 10–15 minutes. Transfer to wire racks; let cool. Repeat with scraps and remaining egg wash and sanding sugar.
5. **Do Ahead** Dough can be made 1 month ahead; freeze. Cookies can be baked 2 days ahead; store airtight at room temperature.

Yields about 24



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