

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

On the last Tuesday of the month QGbtS holds its monthly Board Meeting.

Contrary to what I thought, our meetings haven't gotten any shorter partially because of the new technology we have to use but also, because we still have so much to say to each other. Yes, our committee reports have gotten shorter (or non-existent) due to Covid but we are a) enjoying each others company after months of separations and b) trying to think of ways to keep all of us connected.

Every day we are learning about some new ways to bring ideas of interest to all of you and do it easily. We are going to attempt to put together some type of virtual meeting for July. We will try to make it very much like our regular meetings including reports, show and tell, and a guest speaker as well as using a user friendly platform to do it. We are all working on this and hope to be able to bring this to you so we can all be together again.

All of us are learning to adjust to this new normal. And we at QGBTS are no different. We are a community of quilters but more importantly friends. We need to be together.

I welcome any suggestions anyone may have as this is new to all of us just like the last 3 months have been new to us. We are all trying to find some path to normalcy.

The hardest part for us is determining how long we will need to stay in some form of quarantine. We don't know when the Community Center will open again. Every day is just a wait and see. So, we are going to proceed and try to be as normal as possible without physical contact. The good news is our Snowbird members will be able to attend summer meetings. Yippee

More information will be forthcoming during the month of June. We have not listed any dates yet until we can firm that up. Please bear with us.

In the meantime, let's all continue to sew, sew, sew. I am getting more proficient with Sue Spargo wool projects. I have always loved hand sewing so this has been a perfect time to practice. Hopefully, all of you have found your passion and are enjoying our wonderful hobby and learning or practicing new techniques. Whatever you are working on, have fun!

Be well and please stay safe. Wear all those handmade masks.

Rochelle

Guild Address:

JUNE IS SEWING MACHINE MONTH

Quilt Guild by the Sea PO Box 64 Boca Raton, FL 33429

Meeting Place

Boca Raton Community Center (BRCC)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

SHOW 'N TELL-JULY

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 July 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 <u>debshoemaker22@gmail.</u> <u>com</u>or text to 954-629-1720.
- The deadline for all pictures is no later than June 30th.



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	UPCOMING WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS	
DUES	We are asking members to sign up now for fall workshops. These workshops, of course, will be contingent on the state of wellness as declared by Palm Beach County and Florida protection rulings.	
Important	NO PAYMENT REQUIRED NOW. We will ask for payments as we are closer to the date of the workshop.	
	Email your response to one of the following :	
QGbtS annual membership	Linda Roraff Iroraff@gmail.com. 561-254-8108	
dues for 2020 are \$45.00 through December.	Sheryl Platt <u>sherylplatt3@gmail.com</u> . 561-756-5179	
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PRIVILEGES'		
Paid members of the QGbtS are eligible to:	August 12, 2020 Mesh Bag Workshop by Marie-Christine Leavitt	
 participate in Guild pro- grams 	Fast and easy tote. Great gift. Great use of leftover quilting fabrics	
 participate in workshops 	Location: Boca Raton Community Center	
receive monthly newsletter	Time: 10 AM-4 PM	
• place ads in the classifieds.	Fee: 25.00 (Mesh material can be purchased at locally or online.)	
 Guests are welcome to attend all of our meet- ings with a donation of \$5.00. 		
Dues are non-refundable.		
For further information contact:		
Ellen Heckler <u>561-245-8280</u> or <u>quiltquildbythesea2011</u>		
@gmail.com		

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



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

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UPCOMING WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

September 9, 2020

Wooly Pines Workshop by Mary Annunziato and Jackie Burke

Mary and Jackie teach the art of fringing and twirling wool to create adorable wool pine trees. No prior experience necessary for this unusual class. Trees stand about 20 inches tall (Additional kits will be available)

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10 AM-3 PM

Fee: \$40.00 plus 30.00 kit





November 11, 2020

`Liberated Houses' Workshop by Deborah Krajkowski

An improv class in which we will learn to make wonky houses using scraps and background material in a quilt or wall hanging. Use your own theme, perhaps Christmas wall

hanging, maybe including your family in the windows. Deb will also teach the stars and trees.

Location: Boca Raton Community Center

Time: 10 AM-4 PM

Fee \$40.00







The QOV Workshops

Due to self-isolation and social distancing, the next tentative date for the QOV Workshop might be in September. We will notify you when we can restart our program.

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

There are lots of QOV kits ready to be sewn. Kits will be available when Diane returns from Chicago at the end of July.

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 the fall 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 themself.

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.

QOVF 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 <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as <u>Amazon.com</u> 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 <u>smile.amazon.com</u> from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to bookmark <u>smile.amazon.com</u> to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.



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COMFORT QUILTS

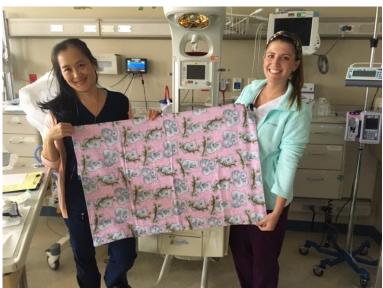
- The next date for the Comfort Quilts workshop is undecided due to continued isolation.
 We are hoping to resume in September. We will notify you when we can restart our program.
- Approximately forty (40) Comfort quilts are ready to go; quilts will not be accepted in the hospital until around June 1st. Keep making them ... they will be much appreciated!



- Year-to-Date we have completed seventy-four (74) 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 <u>954-242-9010</u> or email at: <u>quilthoney@aol.com.</u>

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 <u>954-242-9010</u> or email <u>quilthoney@aol.com</u> or Wanda Goldfarb <u>516-592-7575</u> or email: <u>unity777@hotmail.com</u>



- The next date for the Fidget Quilts workshop is undecided due to continued isolation. We are hoping to resume in September. We will notify you when we can restart our program.
- 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 Fidgit Quilt kits in

plastic bags are available if someone would like some. They can be mailed or dropped off. Please contact Linda Eddy: <u>561-376-3996</u> or email: <u>eddylinda1007@yahoo.com</u>

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COMFORT BEARS:

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- The next date for the Comfort Bears workshop is undecided due to continued isolation. We are hoping to resume in September. We will notify you when we can restart our program.
- 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!!



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



Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Retreat Chair
- Historian

ATTENTION MEMBERS:



MEETING REMINDERS:

- Don't forget to sign in at the Guild meetings
- Please silence all cell phones
- Please do not wear perfume
- Please do not bring animals to Guild
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 2020 are welcome with the proper certification
 Prize

LINCOLNWOOD BEE

(CANCELLED)



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 ex-





ceed 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. 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 with the first fall General Membership meeting, 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!



FRIEND US!

QGbtS now has its very own **FACE-BOOK.**



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

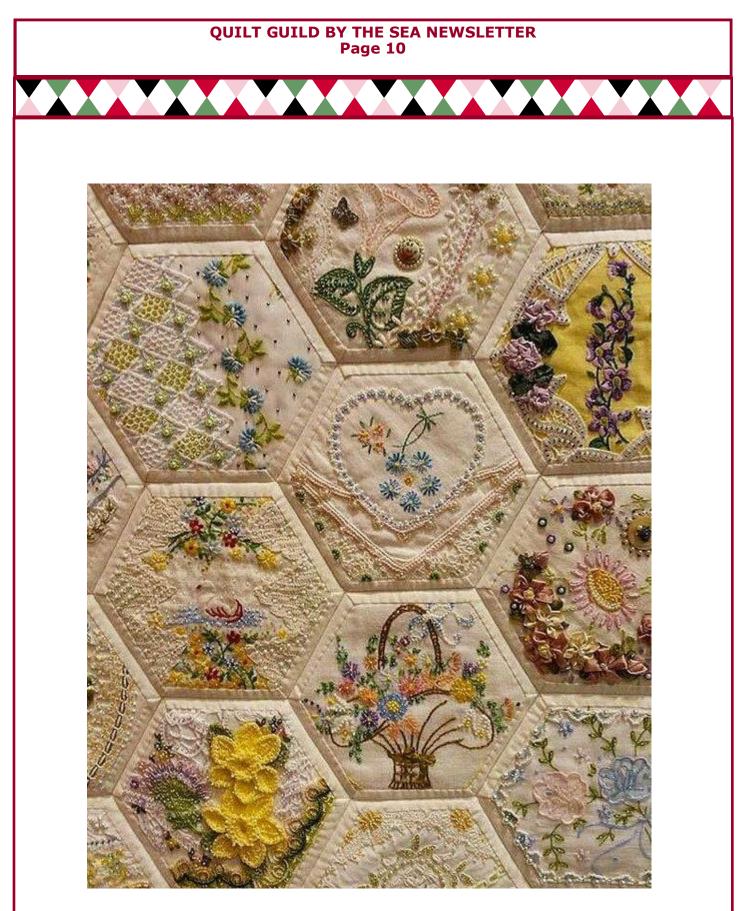
FAT QUARTERS - 2020

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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO START OUR OWN



This 86 year old grandmother and her needlepoint chair; "25 years in the making at 14 threads per inch. She picked up road kill at the side of the road to compare thread colors. She also bought a peacock for color comparison".



Gorgeous handmade quilt of hand embroidered blocks... gorgeous!

Maker Rhonda Cox Dort

QUILTING LESSONS OUR READERS LEARNED THE HARD WAY

Courtesy of American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine

Every quilter has learned the lesson "measure twice, cut once" the hard way. We asked our Facebook readers what quilting mistakes they've made and compiled a list of their answers. From rotary cutter accidents to seam miscalculations, we've seen it all.

Fabric

- "Don't buy cheap fabric! You'll watch blocks shrink right in front of your eyes while pressing."
- "Different fabrics will shrink differently! If you don't want it to fall apart, pre-wash everything." -- Yvette A.
- "Make a test block with your fabric choices before committing to cutting all of the fabric." --Molly S.



- "Buy enough fabric...the first time!" -- Cindy H.
- "Use colors and patterns that make you happy-it's hard to finish a piece if your heart isn't in it." --Jenni S.
- "Always test red fabric to find out if it will bleed, even if it is expensive fabric." -- Bernie A.

Cutting

- "Don't drink wine and cut fabric!" -- Dorothy C.
- "Press first, cut second." -- Jenny S.
- "Accurate measurement on the smallest pieces equal an accurate end product." -- Karen T.
- "When I first started, I ignored the word lengthwise for a fairly wide border. I did a huge amount of appliqué on it before adding to the quilt and then ran into big problems putting it on the quilt. The stretchiness of the crosswise fabric made the whole border 7-1/2 inches too long. The appliqué had to be cut off and never quite worked out." -- Catherine H.
- "Don't cut your borders until after the center is complete." -- Molly S.
- "Don't trim down the blocks before you sew them together. My first attempt at a Bear Claw pattern, all my "claws have clipped nails," instead of nice points." -- Lynn B.
- "Never cut the batting and backing layers too close to the quilt top before basting. The layers always shift!" -- Kyria O



Piecing

- "Everything matters! Reading all the instructions thoroughly. Cutting accurately. Sewing accurately. Placing accurately. And DO NOT quilt when you're tired and cranky. You will make a mess of it." -- Donnamarie F.
- "Take my time when working on a quilt, never rush to finish a quilt so you can start another project. It can lead to many unwanted mistakes. If it takes a little longer, it's not the end of the world." --Myree W.
- "Be careful when putting a complicated quilt top together! Use your design wall to pin the blocks up on before you start sewing. Nothing is more frustrating than discovering you had two quilt blocks reversed, after you have put the top together! Lots of quality time with your seam ripper!" -- Lorraine M.
- "I've learned a few lessons, but the most painful was to take my foot away from the pedal when threading the needle or trying to figure out the next step-and make sure the cat is away from it too." -- Rebecca S.
- "Slow down, especially if you are a beginner." -- Peggy B.
- "Check the tension!" -- Carrie C.

Quilting

- "When doing free motion on a domestic machine, make sure the backing hasn't flipped over on itself. I had to pick stitches off half of a table topper one time due to that." -- Molly S.
- "Release the throttle (or footpedal) once you "get into trouble" doing free motion quilting. Not stopping, but forging on just makes things worse-with more to rip out." -- Riana N.
- "Always cut the large pieces of fabric first as smaller shapes can be cut out of the leftovers."
 -- Ann O.
- "I ask Alexa to check my math! I keep her in my sewing room!" -- Julie M.
- "Wear a glove when cutting fabric! Rotary cutters are sharp!" -- Mary H.

QUILTING LESSONS OUR READERS LEARNED THE HARD WAY (Cont'd)

Pressing

- "Press material first to remove wrinkles or creases. I cut into my pattern pieces first then pressed out-found it changed the sizes of the cut pieces and had to re-cut." -- Roka R.
- "Buy a good iron and learn how to use it. A mediocre seamstress is so much better if she, or "Don't bind the quilt and then quilt the border." -- June S.

Making Mistakes

- "If you make a mistake and can live with it, leave it. My mom would say that 'it proves that it was homemade, not mass produced.'" -- Ann L.
- "Stand back 30 feet. If you can't see the mistake, you're good." -- Larry L.
- "My biggest and hardest lesson has been to not be so hard on myself. I am my own worst critic. I think I have to do my piece work perfectly and when I don't it's a real bummer. But, I have learned how to move past it and continue on. It's about the finished product." -- Leslie S.
- "My best and perfect are different things. I can't be perfect but I can do my best." -- Kymberly P.

General Quilting Advice

- "I should have hooked up with other quilters long, long ago. Although I started to quilt at age 10, it was very basic piecing with hand quilting. When I developed a deeper interest in it, I was floundering on my own because I didn't glom onto the idea of advantages of belonging to a group. But now I have a variety of quilting resources and that more than satisfies my love of quilting." --Mary Lou B.
- "Quilt with friends often." -- Carla N.
- "It takes a lot longer to do things in real life than it takes on tutorials!" -- Laurie T.
- "There are NO quilt police! Use what you like, have fun, enjoy the play with color, with any machine that works for you, with any fabric you have, with any thread handy, just make it!" -- Karyl D.
- "Don't wash, in the washing machine, an antique quilt that your 95 year old mother-in-law's grandmother made." -- Marina S.



- "Don't drop your pins and needles in the shag carpet. The foot pain of my childhood-thanks mom!" -- John M.
- "Never use a standard No. 2 pencil to mark a quilt!" -- Kathy M.
- "When someone says a quilt pattern is easy, take with a grain of salt! Some are easy and some are not so easy!" -- Julia S.
- "Buy a really good seam ripper." -- Helen M.
- "Enjoy the process, it's gonna take a while!" -- Peggy N.
- "Every quilt is a learning experience." -- Juanita M.
- "You can't finish a quilt you're not working on." -- Tracey A.
- "Read the whole pattern before starting." -- Anne S.

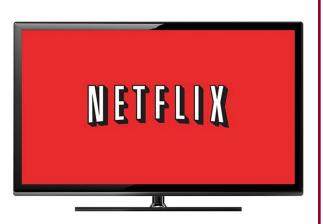
What to Watch or Listen to While Sewing

Courtesy of American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine

Many quilters like to watch or listen to something while they sew. We asked our social media audience for their favorites, so check out this list of quilter-approved picks.

TV Shows

- The Golden Girls
- Murder, She Wrote
- The Tudors
- Reign
- Friends
- Chopped
- Downton Abbey
- NCIS
- Anne with an E



- Gilmore Girls
- Dateline
- Star Trek
- West Wing
- Blue Bloods
- Bull
- Law & Order
- Unwrapped
- Call the Midwife
- Schitt's Creek
- MASH
- Sex and the City
- Little House on the Prairie
- Felicity
- Flea Market Flip
- Hart of Dixie
- The Office
- 90 Day Fiancé
- Grey's Anatomy
- Love It or List It

Movies

- Hallmark Channel movies
- Harry Potter series
- Pirates of the Caribbean series
- Pride and Prejudice









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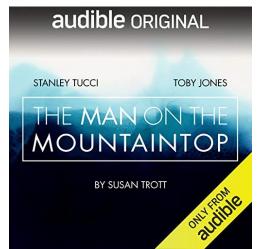
- Gone with the Wind
- Mama Mia

Audiobooks

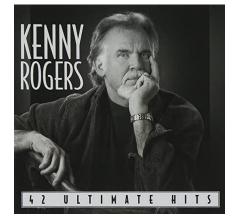
- The Man on the Mountaintop by Susan Trott
- Chief Inspector Armand Gamache by Louise Penny
- Beartown by Fredrik Backman
- The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
- Belgravia by Julian Fellowes
- Children of Dune by Frank Herbert
- Where the Crawdad Sings by Delia Owens
- The Murmur of Bees by Sofia Segovia

Music

- Simon & Garfunkel
- Michael Bublé
- Chris Tomlin
- Bob Seger
- Neil Diamond
- Kenny G
- Whitney Houston
- The Moody Blues
- Queen
- Billie Holiday
- Kenny Rodgers
- The Beatles









What to Watch or Listen to While Sewing (Cont'd)

- Lady Gaga
- Katy Perry

Podcasts

- American Patchwork & Quilting
- QuiltFiction
- Quilt Cabana
- Swindled
- Mel Giedroyc is Quilting
- The Moth
- My Favorite Murder
- This American Life
- Juicy Scoop
- Stuff You Should Know
- Hello! My Quilting Friends
- Quilt & Tell
- Just Want to Quilt
- Hip to Be Square
- Knittingnerdcast

HOLIDAYS IN JUNE:

- June 4: Hug Your Cat Day
- June 5: National Doughnut Day
- June 6: D-Day
- June 8: Name Your Poison Day
- June 9: Donald Duck Day
- June 11: National Corn on the Cob Day
- June 12: National Flip Flop Day
- June 13: Sewing Machine Day
- June 14: Flag Day
- June 16: Fresh Veggies Day
- June 20: Summer Solstice
- June 21: Father's Day
- June 22: World Rainforest Day
- June 25: Chinese Dragon Boat Festival
- June 26: Take Your Dog to Work Day

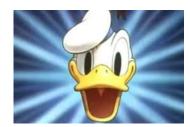




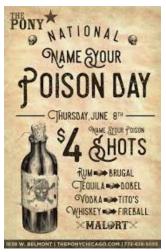




















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200 Catnip Cat Toys created to benefit the AARF Cat Rescue

By Deb Shoemaker



50 Face Masks created for volunteers of AARF Cat Rescue

By Deb Shoemaker

Fidget Quilts by By Deb Shoemaker





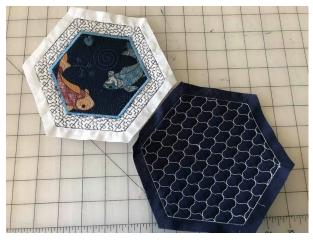






Embroidered by Ann Ford









UFO's out of the closet and finished. Created by Carol Pelligrinelli

Before.

After.



Reupholstered by Linda Eddy







Created by Pat Lynes





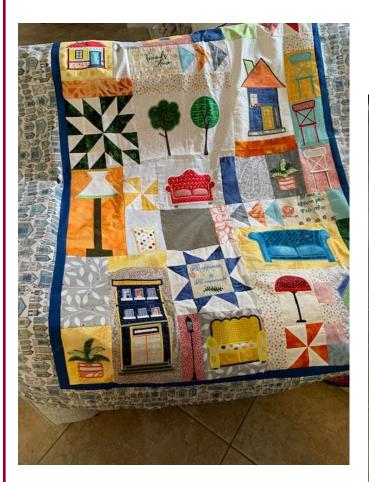


Created by Pat Lynes



From Linda Eddy: Children's masks made for Cornerstone Ministry in Tampa made by members of First United Methodist Church in Boca.





Created by Rochelle Staiano



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