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| MAY EVENT CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID 19 <br> May 12, 2020 (Cancelled) <br> Guild Meeting <br> May 12, 2020 <br> (Cancelled) <br> - Comfort/Fidget Quilts \& Comfort Bears Workshops <br> May 13, 2020 <br> (Cancelled) <br> - Fabric Arts Mini Journal by Andrea Huffman <br> May 19, 2020 (Cancelled) <br> - QOV Workshop | PRESIDENT'S LETTER <br> Hello Fellow Quilters, <br> We are getting to almost two months of enforced confinement. For some of us that is a good thing, but for some of us - not so much. Regardless of how you feel, these are certainly unprecedented times. <br> I hope that our "Quilting Thread" initiative was well received. I know I like to receive calls from others to just "check in". We will continue this program for as long as it takes. It's especially important to reach out to others in difficult times. <br> Zoom has become an integral part of life. We hold our Board Meetings on Zoom once a month and friends are holding quilting bees via Zoom. It's not quite the same as getting together in person but it is the next best thing. Talk to your "group" and see if you can start doing this. It truly helps to make you feel less isolated. Now, if I could only find a way to do our general meetings this way; wouldn't that be great! <br> Unfortunately, very few changes will be taking place for a while, so why not find a new method of quilting to try and become an expert: Paper Piecing, Wool, Scrap, Free Motion. Try something you have never had time to do before. There are unlimited videos on how-to's available for free. I know I am a visual learner, so these have been extremely helpful. <br> Also, once this is over the hospitals will be looking for Comfort Quilts. People still want and need them in the infusion centers. Babies are still being born and placed in the NICU units so make a few of them; easy peasy. Do not forget Comfort Bears and Fidget Quilts. |
| Guild Address: <br> Quilt Guild by the Sea PO Box 64 | Lots of veterans are waiting for their Quilts of Valor quilts. So, let's make sure we have them ready to go, also. Hopefully, we will never have a time like this again, so let's make the most of it. |
| Boca Raton, FL 33429 | Stay safe and keep in touch, Rochelle |
| Boca Raton Community Center (BRCC) 150 Crawford Blvd. Boca Raton, FL 33432 |  |


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| CURRENT OFFICERS: | ANNOUNCEMENT |
| President: <br> Rochelle Staiano (561-509-9914) <br> sashakins@hotmail.com | SHOW 'N TELL—JUNE |
| President-Elect: <br> Pat Lynes 909-331-7549 pjcreation@aol.com | 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 June Newsletter. |
| Secretary: <br> Marcia Degner (561-243-1776) msdegner@gmail.com | Sharing a "QQ" Show 'N Tell quilt is easy: <br> - Take pictures of any entries you wish to submit on your phone. <br> - There is not a limit on the number of submissions. |
| Treasurer: <br> Marie-Christine Leavitt 561-699-2216 mcglquilt@gmail.com | - 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. |
| Membership Director: Ellen Heckler <br> (561-245-8280) <br> Ellen.Heckler@gmail.com | - Send your picture(s) to Deb via Email at debshoemaker22@gmail. com or text to 954-629-1720. <br> - The deadline for all pictures is no later than May 28th. |
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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

November 10, 2020
Guild Meeting:

- Program: "Photography of Archiving Quilts" \& Trunk Show by Deborah Krajkowski
- Fat Quarter: Bright Solids (not Holiday)
- 50/50 Raffle
"THE FRANK MCGEE MEMORIAL QOV WORKSHOP"
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. 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.

## 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.

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## EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS \& WORKSHOPS
November 10, 2020

- Comfort/Fidget Quilts \& Comfort Bears Workshops

November 11, 2020

- "Liberated Houses" Workshop by Deborah Kajkowski

MEETINGS \& WORKSHOPS
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

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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 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.

## COMFORT QUILTS

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

- Thank you to

Janet Fredricks who has quilted 31 Comfort Quilts. Way to go Janet!

- One of our guests, Belle Goh-a mother of one of the nurses Linda Eddy works with finished a Comfort Quilt and returned two for two more kits; she is almost finished with her fourth (4th). She says she is having so much fun, she wants more to do! Thank you Belle.
- 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. Please stop by the Comfort Quilt table. Janet will be available for you to pick up a quilt at her house or meet you hallway. Contact Janet Fredricks 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 $36^{\prime \prime} \times 36^{\prime \prime}$ with rounded corners.

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

## FIDGET QUILTS:

- Due to self-isolation and social distancing, the next tentative date for the Fidget Quilt Workshop might be 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!
- Fidget Quilts are needed for children as well.


Any questions, please contact Linda Eddy: 561-376-3996 or email: eddylinda1007@yahoo.com

## COMFORT BEARS:

- Due to self-isolation and social distancing, the next tentative date for the Fidget Quilt Workshop might be in September. We will notify you when we can restart our program.
- Florence Fuller Child Development Center sent QGbtS a lovely thank you letter acknowledging our gift of Comfort Bears (Page 9).
- 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

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## COMFORT BEARS:



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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 meetings. Service animals are welcome with the proper certification

LINCOLNWOOD BEE
(CANCELLED)

QGbtS 2020 DECORATIVE STITCH CHALLENGE
Size: No one side shorter than 12" or larger than $24^{\prime \prime}$. Therefore, any size you wish between $12^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ and $24^{\prime \prime} \times 24^{\prime \prime}$ 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

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

CARING HEARTS


- Condolences to Janet Fredricks for the loss of her brother, Donald DiPetrillo.


## "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 FACEBOOK.


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

FAT QUARTERS - 2020

| June | Patriotic |
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| July | Juvenile |
| August | Plaids |
| September | Autumn |
| October |  <br>  <br> November |
| White |  |
| Bright/ |  |
|  | Solids |
| December | Stripes |



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Raw Edge Appliqué, Courtesy of Quilting Board
Raw edge appliqué is a fast and fun way to finish quilts. Raw edge appliqué is simply appliquéing the patch, without the use of a fusible product, leaving the raw edges unturned.

Any shape can be raw edge appliquéd. There are many traditional quilt blocks that utilize curved piecing such as drunkards path or orange peel. Many of these blocks could be constructed by using raw edge appliqué technique.

For raw edge appliqué simply lay down a fabric shape on a piece of background fabric. Then machine stitch $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ to $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ inside the raw edge of the shape. To decide the width of the seam allowance needed for raw edge appliqué decide how much fraying you prefer. If you prefer a fuzzy look use the larger seam allowance. If you wish appliqué pieces to be more defined, stitch shapes with a $1 / 8$ " seam allowance. You will have to adjust your seam allowances according to the width you choose for your seam line.

## Quilt Options

You can stitch the entire quilt top together as usual and then layer the top with batting and backing. Quilt in your usual manner and bind.

Or you may choose to stitch and quilt the raw edge appliqué at the same time. Simply layer the quilt top background fabric with batting and backing. Then place the raw edge appliqué pieces on the quilt top. Stitch the appliqué pieces to the quilt top and quilt the sandwich at the same time.

## Wash the quilt

After you have finished assembling your quilt, wash and dry it. The washing and drying process will give your quilt the necessary fraying to soften the raw edges. Repeat washing and drying to achieve the amount of fraying you prefer.

## How To Cut Bias Strips From A Fabric Square

In a recent newsletter I mentioned cutting bias binding from a square. By cutting bias binding or bias strips for appliqué vines from a square you will save fabric. If you compare the amount of fabric needed to cut bias from a square and to cut straight grain strips, you will find the same area of fabric is used for each method.

Binding strips cut on the cross grain would simply be cut the width of fabric and be stitched together. If they are stitched on the diagonal, there would be a small amount of waste on each strip. When cutting bias binding from a square the strips are already angled for stitching together and there is very little waste.

For example if you cut several bias strips from the center of a large cut of fabric obviously you will have two fairly large triangles that will be remaining. While scraps are not a waste to a quilter it is still disconcerting to cut a few strips out of the center of a large cut of fabric and have such large triangles remaining.

## Raw Edge Appliqué (Cont'd)

Add the measurements of the four sides of the quilt together. Multiply by the width of the bias you will be cutting and push the square root button. (The square root button looks like a check mark with a flat tail.) Round up one full number plus any fraction.

Example -- the size of your quilt is 72 " $\times 90$ ". That would be $72+72+90+90=324 \times 2.5$ (width bias will be cut) $=810$. Now push the square root button $=28.46$. Round up one full number plus any fraction so your total will be 30 . You will need to cut a 30 inch square to cut your bias.

The simplest way to cut a large square is simply fold fabric in half and in half again. Take your largest square ruler. Place the fifteen inch line along BOTH folds of fabric and cut along the edges. If you don't have a large square you may need to draw a few chalk or pencil lines and use your 6 " $\times 24$ " acrylic ruler.

When your square is cut, place it on the cutting table and slice on the diagonal once to form two large triangles. Your new cut is on the bias and your square is cut on the lengthwise and crosswise grain.

Simply pick up the crosswise grain side of the triangle and with right sides together flip it over to the crosswise grain side of the other triangle. (The crosswise grain has a small amount of stretch, the lengthwise grain is firm.)

Place a few pins and carry to the sewing machine. Remember to offset the seam $1 / 4$ " - stitch the seam. Press seam open. You now have a very large parallelogram. Simply cut strips, using your predetermined width, parallel to the bias edge. Stitch strips right sides together remembering to offset the quarter inch at the beginning and end of the seam. This seam is stitched on the straight grain to minimize stretch.

When all strips are stitched together you have just made bias binding from a square. Press seams open and prepare as needed for bias binding or appliqué vines.

## Quilt Lessons: How to Resize Quilt Blocks

By: Brenna Riley
Gates, Quilting Daily
Posted On January 15, 2019
For many quilters, resizing quilt blocks is something to avoid. And if you've ever tried to resize a quilt block, you know there's some math involved. Don't let that scare you away!

Changing the size of quilt blocks is much easier than it looks. Plus,
 learning how to modify the size of your quilt blocks can open the door to new quilt design possibilities. Once you know the basics, you can adapt quilt patterns to the finished quilt size you desire.

Quilt Lessons: How to Resize Quilt Blocks (Cont'd)

Resizing quilt blocks just takes a few simple math formulas-no calculus involved! The first step in modifying any quilt block is to decide on the size of your finished quilt block. You can come to a decision based on a number of factors: doubling a pattern, cutting your pattern in half, or choosing the size based on your available fabric.

NOTE: When working from a pattern's cutting instructions, make sure you remove the seam allowance before doubling or tripling the size. For instance, if your pattern calls for $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares, first you'll subtract the sum of the seam allowances (1/2"), double the finished block size (from $3^{\prime \prime}$ to $6^{\prime \prime}$ ), and add the seam allowance back in (1/2"). So, when all is said and done, you will cut a $6-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ piece of fabric.

## Resizing Square Blocks:

Square blocks are the easiest to resize. Simply add to your finished block measurement. For example, if you'd like your finished block to be a 4" square, you'll need to cut a 4-1/2" square of fabric.

## Resizing Rectangular Blocks:

Similarly to the square, for rectangle blocks, you'll add


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## HOLIDAYS IN MAY:

May 1: May Day
May 3: Lumpy Rug Day
May 4: Bird Day
May 5: Cinco de Mayo
May 9: Lost Sock Memorial Day


May 10: Mother's Day
May 12: International Nurses Day
May 14: Dance Like a Chicken Day
May 15: National Chocolate Chip Day
May 18: No Dirty Dishes Day
May 20: Pick Strawberries Day
May 23: International Jazz Day
May 25: Memorial Day


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## ATTENTION:

The Postal Service will send any masks that you are making FREE to their destination.

The entire Postal Service through out the country is doing this to get masks to the front lines.

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Let Carlos know you major cross streets or zip code, and he will provide the address of your nearest post office.

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