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Guild Meeting

Program: "How your Machine May be Working Against Your Accurate Piecing" by Bernie & Shelley Tobesch

Hotseat Poker

Guild Address:

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

Meeting Place: Zoom until further notice



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The following positions are open and we need help:

- Newsletter Assistant
- Photographer, for in-person meetings only, is needed. No experience necessary.

President Letter:

One of the duties of the Guild president is to write the monthly President's Letter. My problem is: I never know how to start. Do I say, "Dear Guild Members"? That sounds too formal for me. Or "Hey Y'all"? No, too Southern. "My Fellow Quilters"? No, too much like a Politian. I spend hours not knowing how to begin. So, I am throwing the door open for salutation suggestions. Just shoot me an email or text with your suggestions, and I'll use one each month. Problem solved. Oh, if only everything were that easy!

I have great news! We now have a Program Chair but instead of one, we have two! Ellen Heimlich and Frieda Toback have volunteered to co-chair this position. I really am happy and excited to welcome them. I know they will be an asset to the board and the guild. I look forward to working with them and to the upcoming programs and workshops they will find for us. Thank you both.

Thank you to Sheryl Platt for your untiring and generous work as Program Chair for over 2 years. Your programs have been wonderful, educational, and inspiring. Sheryl has also compiled a reference book, and guidelines for future Program Chairs; this will be an invaluable asset to us. Sheryl, thank you, thank you thank you.

Unfortunately, we are still in the clutches of Covid, and most of us are staying isolated. We are slowly venturing out, but very carefully. We will be having our monthly meetings on Zoom for the next few months, but we are starting to meet in small groups for bees and classes. This is a wonderful way to see our friends in a small and safe group. I must say, I really am enjoying the two bees that I belong to.

Marcia Degner will be introducing our Challenge this month. Marcia's challenges are just that—a challenge. They are a step beyond the usual "make a quilt using 3 colors". Marcia challenges us to think and be creative, while setting no boundaries. How exciting! I am really looking forward to this one.

We are announcing a fun event to keep us in touch – a Postcard Swap. Deb Shoemaker will give us all the details later in this newsletter. This is an easy little project and a wonderful way to stay in touch with another quild member.

Stay warm, stay safe, stay healthy. I'll see you at the meeting.

Sarah



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UPCOMING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

February 8, 2022

Bernie & Shelley Tobesch, owners of Little Oak Pattern Company present "How your Machine May be Working Against Your Accurate Piecing"





Bernie is a sewing machine technician with 44 years of experience. After moving to Canada from Germany at the age of 6, he traded his lederhosen for jeans and has never looked back. In his career, he has serviced over 50,000 sewing machines of all brands. He is the author of "You And Your Sewing Machine" and "Sewing Machine Reference Tool" from C&T Publishing.

Shelley has been a passionate quilting instructor for 30 years. She has developed many new methods and tools, to help you get spectacular results. She is the author of " Easy Precision Piecing" from C&T Publishing. Shelley's new System for accurate piecing, and organization, are getting rave reviews from beginners and seasoned quilters alike!

Whether it's Easy Precision Piecing or Build a Better Relationship with Your Sewing Machine, we are sure you will learn a lot and have some laughs doing it! Our goal, is to give information in a very understandable and fun way that makes learning a pleasure. By having two instructors, we are able to offer more one on one time than you would normally get in class. It's a great way to learn!

Location: Zoom

Guest Fee: \$10.00

CARING HEARTS



Condolences and prayers are being sent to Ellen Heimlich for the passing of her father.

Caring Hearts is an on-going part of our newsletter. Any information to be included in this portion of the newsletter should be emailed to: DebShoemaker22@.com.

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2022 are \$50.00. They may be paid by check; send to the Guild's PO Box or directly to our Treasurer, Karen Berman, at 8716 Sunbeam Mountain Terrace Boynton Beach FL 33473.

Dues may also be paid online on the guild website: QuiltGuildbytheSea.com

If you have any additional questions, please contact Karen at (954) 729-7893

UPCOMING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

March 8, 2022

"Creativity in Times of Covid" presented by Ana Buzzalino

Covid-19 has changed our lives. We have been enveloped in a tsunami of news about the virus. We've had to self-isolate, social distance, wash our hands, etc. All that, on top of everything else that's going on in the world, has taken a toll on our creativity and motivation.

In this PowerPoint presentation, I share my views – together with some experts – on how to stay creative and motivated in times of stress. And how important it is to our wellbeing and mental health.

I share ideas that will help you stay connected with your own creativity and find the motivation to move forward.

Location: Zoom

Guest Fee: \$10.00





Welcome to our new Program Chairs

A big "Thank You" to Ellen Heimlich and Frieda Toback for volunteering to co-chair this position.

If you have any ideas for a program, a teacher, or a workshop, please let these ladies know.



NEW! EXCITING! THE 2022 QUILT CHALLENGE



Clint Eastwood's famous quote as "Dirty Harry" leads us into our 2022 Challenge.

WHAT IS IT THAT WOULD "MAKE YOUR DAY"?

What is it that would make your spirit soar—that would "make your day!" Dream big. Think about what would be the most wonderful thing in your life that could happen... did happen...will happen...or you wish would happen. Could it be a very special family event like the birth of a grandchild? Perhaps it's a fabulous trip you long to take to Venice, seeing Machu Picchu, a safari or riding a camel to the great pyramid. Maybe it's something on your dream bucket list, a dream of having a quilt in the Houston show, winning the lottery or how about world peace?

The Challenge: Create a quilt that expresses the theme "Make My Day!"

Rules: There are none! The quilt can be any size or shape. All quilting techniques and surface embellishments are allowed: piecing, hand or machine appliqué, embroidery, photography, painting, foiling, beading, any type of quilting. The style is up to you. A hanging sleeve is optional.

Details: One entry per member. There will be a \$100 prize for Viewer's Choice, and a \$50 prize by random drawing from among all participants. The same member cannot be awarded both prizes. Please submit an entry that has not been shown to the Guild before.

Due date: Email one overall photo and one closeup of your quilt, in JPEG format, to Deb Shoemaker at DebShoemaker22@gmail.com by Friday, October 21.

Quilts will be shown, and winners announced, at the November meeting, either via Zoom or in person as the situation requires.

Questions: Email Marcia Degner at msdegner@gmail.com



SPECIAL SHOW 'N TELL IN MARCH

The theme of the March Show 'n Tell is "The Oldest UFO You Completed During the Pandemic".

Send a picture (JPEG format) of your completed UFO to Deb Shoemaker **no later than March 1, 2022** either by email: DebShoemaker22@gmail.com or by text 954-629-1720.

A \$25 gift certificate will be awarded in a random drawing from all participating members.



HOT SEAT POKER

Make sure you stay until the end of the meeting to play Hot Seat Poker.

Two lucky winners receive a \$25.00 Gift Certificate from one of the quilt shops or long-armers advertising with us. Your choice!

January's lucky winners:

- Joan Wing
- Sheila Solen

"The best kind of sleep beneath theaven above Is under a quilt, handmade with love."

HAPPY

VALENTINE'S

DAY



NEW IN 2022

Quilt Guild by the Sea's 2022 POSTCARD SWAP

We are announcing a fun event with a little project to help relax us. The Postcard Swap is a great way to keep in touch and share with other guild members. Anyone can participate. Here is what you must know:



- Each member is to create only one 4" x 6" postcard.
- Any technique (piecing, paper pieced, etc.) may be used to create your postcard. The postcard should be quilted but embellishments are not required. You may spend as long as you like on this project but having FUN is required!
- Pictures of your postcards (JPEG format) should be sent to Deb Shoemaker via text at 954-629-1720 or email <u>DebShoemaker22@gmail.com</u> no later than **March 30th** to be included in the newsletter and to receive the name and recipient of your postcard.
- Go ahead, mail it!

SUPPLIES:

- **Postcard top fabric:** Enough to make a 4.5" x 6.5" top.
- **Batting:** One 4.5" x 6.5" piece of any batting.
- **Fusible stabilizer:** One 4.5" x 6.5" piece. My two favorite stabilizers for quilted postcards are <u>Pellon Peltex #72F</u> and <u>Pellon Fuse-N-Shape</u>. These are both ultra-firm, double-sided fusible stabilizers. If you can't get either of these, any ultra-firm or heavyweight fusible stabilizer will do.
- **Postcard backing material:** You can use either light-colored fabric or <u>cardstock</u> to back your postcard. Cardstock is easier to write on, but fabric is easier to work with; you need a 4.5" x 6.5" piece.
- **Binding fabric (optional):** If you choose to add binding to your post-card, you will need a 2" x 24" piece of quilting cotton.
- **Thread:** I use <u>50wt cotton thread</u> to piece my postcards. For finishing the edges with a satin stitch I usually 28wt or 12wt.



SUPPLIES (Cont'd)

- **Shipping materials:** If you send your postcard without an envelope you just need a stamp! Ask the post office to hand stamp. If you choose to use an envelope, I use a 5" x 7" padded envelopes.
- Straight pins or binding clips
- Basic quilting supplies

INSTRUCTIONS:

Start you Postcard Top:

Quilted postcard tops can be made using any technique. This can be a great opportunity to try out some quilting techniques, appliqué, fussy cutting, or improv piecing.

Baste And Quilt

Baste your postcard top and batting together, as desired. I prefer to use a walking foot but is

not necessary when free-motion quilting. The walking foot will help feed everything through nice and evenly.

Fuse Stabilizer To Postcard

Place your fusible stabilizer between your quilted postcard top and your backing material. Follow the instructions on the stabilizer packaging and adhere all postcard parts together.

NOTE: I prefer to use cardstock on the back of my postcard. The Pellon 2-sided Foam fusible that I use requires a wet press with water to activate the glue. I use a very fine mist from a small spray bottle; do a test! That's it! Hope you had fun.

Trim

Using a rotary cutter and quilting ruler, trim your postcard down to $4" \times 6"$. If you're using a cardstock baking for your quilted postcard remember that paper dulls blades quickly; use scissors and blades that are for paper use only.

Finish Your Quilted Postcard

Use a Zig Zag Stitch

To finish the raw edges of your card, an easy method for finishing your postcard is to use a short, wide zig zag stitch (3.5 wide x .5 long) around the edge. I use an accent thread and a walking foot unless I decide to do some free motion quilting.







2022 POSTCARD INSTRUCTIONS (Cont'd)

With the cardstock side up, slowly stitch around one side of your postcard until you reach a corner. At the corner, when your needle has reached the end of your card and is in the left position, lift your presser foot up and pivot your card 90 degrees. Keep your card as close to the needle as possible while you're pivoting, to avoid any long stray threads. Continue stitching until you reach the beginning of your satin stitch, joining the two ends together. I usually stitch around the card twice.

Use a Binding

Binding can be another option to finish your card! This method adds an extra "quilt" touch.

Press the 2" x 24" piece of fabric in half the long way to create quilt binding. A quilted postcard binding differs from a regular quilt binding because the two binding ends are joined together before sewing them to the card.

To do this, take two straight pins and insert them through the center of the binding 20" apart (the perimeter of your postcard), leaving about 2" extra on each side of the pins. Lay the two pinned fabric strips on top of one another, right sides together, so each pin essentially goes through the same hole as the other. With your two ends at 90-degree angles from each other, sew at a 45-degree angle, joining the two ends. Trim the excess off and press the seam open.

Sew your binding loop to the back of your card just as you would binding to a quilt. Turn your binding to the front of the card, and pin or clip in place. Finish with your preferred method. I prefer to finish mine by hand.

Mail Your Postcard

Add a short message to the back of your postcard and add the address if you are planning to use traditional mail. You may also place your card into an envelope, put a stamp on the back, or take it to the post office for a hand stamp.

Postcard tutorials may also be found on the Internet and YouTube.

6 Ways to Make Easy Fabric Postcards

https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/easy-fabric-postcards-2821813

Fabric Postcards: Easy Sewing Tutorial with Rob Appell of Man Sewing:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtlGFdexJD0

Stitched Fabric Postcard Tutorial

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xq41v0wBvPo

How to Sew a Fabric Postcard - Updated Version

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77BD_EynT4s



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 2022 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.

QOV FOUNDATION QOV .: quilt of valor:.

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

- Sign in to QOVF.org
- Click "Nominations and Awards" at the top of the page
- · Read the Eligibility and Mission of Quilts of Valor
- Click the box for "online nomination form" and complete the form
- In the comments area, please write that you wish to have this quilt request going to Quilt Guild by the Sea.

WRAPPERS NEEDED:

 Volunteers are needed for Broward County to attend QOV quilt presentations, and assist with wrapping the quilt around the recipient. Anyone interested should contact Rochelle Staiano, QOV Program Chair, at 561–509-9914 or via email, sashakins@hotmail.com.

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This is a reminder that QOV membership renewal dues should be sent to me as soon as possible; if paying by check, I need to have your \$10.00 check payable to **Quilt of Valor Foundation** by January 31, 2022 which is only a few days away.

Mail dues to: Sheila Solen

13278 Avila Beach Cove

Delray Beach, FL 33446

Membership dues may also be paid by credit card on the National Quilts of Valor website, https://www.qovf.org/membership/ by selecting Individual Membership "Join". An online membership renewal must be completed by February 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, contact me at 305-799-5772.

Thanks,

Sheila

QOV PRESENTATION:

A Quilt of Valor was presented to Dwight Hines January 20, 2022.





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QOV PRESENTATION:

Below are additional photos of Quilt of Valor presented during the December WW II event.









COMFORT QUILTS

- We donated 225 Comfort Quilts (compared to last years 218) to recipients at the Infusion Center and Trauma Center. Great job! Our goal is 250 next for 2022.
- 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 maximum of 40" wide, and a minimum of 48 - 54" in length.
- NOTE: Quilt tops should be 40" wide so that we can use one width of fabric and do not have to piece the backs. If you are using your own backing and batting and are doing your own quilting, feel free to make them wider and/or longer.
- The size of the NICU coverlets quilts is 36" X
 36".
- Longarmers are needed to quilt Comfort Quilts. If you would like to volunteer your skills, please contact Linda Eddy.
- Contact: Maureen
 Drudi at
 954-918-3377 or
 email:
 drudimo@gmail.com
 with any questions.







COMFORT QUILTS



COMFORT QUILT THANK YOU NOTE:

Ladies. 12/3/21 Joday was my first day of chamotherapy at Boca Hapital. It was a long day, made so much more comfortable by the beautiful quilt you made It is truly a prese of art. I love it and look forward to using it for my next 11 Sestions.
I used it as a lap pad to
write or hold my tablet.
Write or hold my tablet.
at home it's on our footband
in the bedroom Thank you,
in the bedroom Thank you,



FIDGET QUILTS:

- **Join the Fidget Challenge!** It's as simple as creating 1 Fidget quilt per month.
- 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.
- Needed: Embellishments, knick-knacks, and any other fun objects to create
 Fidget quilts! Please contact Ellen Heckler if you have anything to donate.

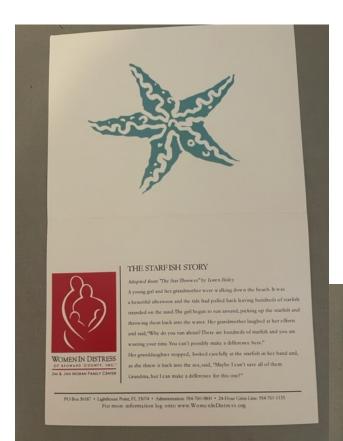
For additional information, please contact Ellen Heckler (561-245-8280) or by email ellen.heckler@gmail.com



COMFORT BEARS:

- Janet Copen reports there are bears waiting for their new homes.
- 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 can be found on the QGbtS website.
- Contact Janet Copen at (954) 632-1181 or email jecopen@aol.com for additional information.





Shank you for sharing your talett for a most worthy cause.

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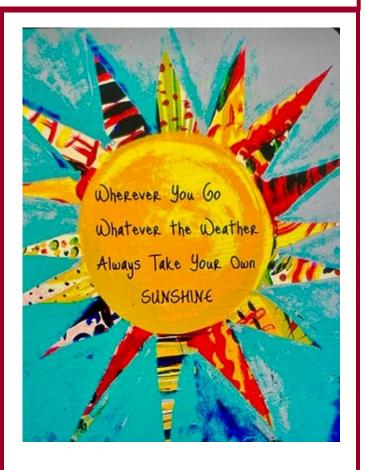
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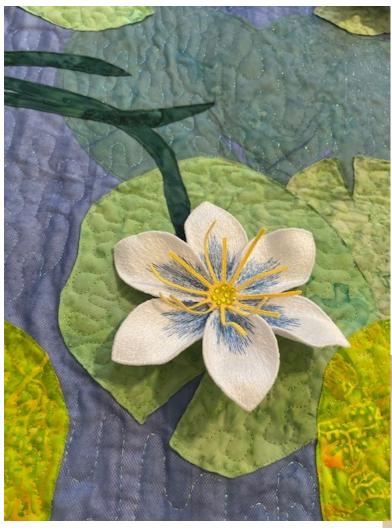
- This year, 139 Hats for Chemo patients, 26 Hats to NICU, 45 pairs of Booties to NICU, and 7 burp pads were delivered.
- Knit and Crocheted Caps have been well received. Additional caps have been requested.
- Contact Linda Bouvier at (561) 498—9777 or email lbouvier@bellsouth.net for additional information.







SHOW 'N TELL— JANUARY



Sheila Solen



SHOW 'N TELL— JANUARY



Ellen Birnbaum



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WILD 'N WACKY HOLIDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

February 1: Chinese New Year

February 2: Sled Dog Day

February 2: Feed The Birds Day

February 4: 2022 Olympics Begins

February 6: Play Monopoly Day

February 9: Read in the Bathtub Day

February 10: National Giving Hearts Day

February 12: Lincoln's Birthday

February 13: Super Bowl

February 14: Valentines Day

February 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 18: National Drink Wine Day

February 20: Daytona 500

February 20: Love Your Pet Day

February 21: Presidents Day

February 22: George Washington's Birthday

February 22: National Margarita Day

February 24: National Chili Day

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February 28: National Cupcake Day











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