

September 2021

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## **September 14, 2021**

#### **Guild Meeting**

Tabar

- Program:
   "Embellishment
   Techniques" by Mary
- Hotseat Poker

#### Volunteer Needed:

 QOV Production: See job description on page 5

Contact Diane Provost, (561-409-3114) paquinprovost@gmail.com or Rochelle Staiano (203-505-0273) sashakins@hotmail.com

for information.

#### **Guild Address:**

Quilt Guild by the Sea

PO Box 64

Boca Raton, FL 33429

Meeting Place: Zoom until further notice



#### **President Letter**

Dear Guild Members,

Happy September! I hope this letter finds you and your family all well. Here in Florida, we have been blessed with better weather than expected, and as for me, I'm really glad. I am so very grateful to have my quilting to keep my mind busy and on other things with all the crazy things going on in the world. We get a wonderful return for our time and energy with beautiful finished projects.

We had to cancel our sewing meeting this past month as the Covid numbers were really high. This month we will be meeting in the parking lot at the Boca Raton Community Center on September 17<sup>th</sup>; it is a Friday, and we will be parking by the street at 11:00 AM.

Please bring any of your finished community outreach projects: QOV quilts, Fidget quilts, Comfort quilts, and Comfort Bears to turn in. There will also be kits available for anyone to pick up at that time. Hope to see many of you there.

Our Guild Meeting is September 14th via Zoom at 10:00 AM; don't forget to preregister for the meeting. Our speaker for this month is Mary Tabar. Mary will present a PowerPoint presentation and trunk show to demonstrate different embellishment techniques; nine Surface Embellishments shown with a quilt that clarifies these techniques including Fabric Collage, Stenciling, Machine Appliqué and Swarovski Crystals, Crayons, Inks and Fabric Markers, Applique Silk Flowers, Photo Printing, Discharge Dyeing, Machine Embroidery, and Free Motion. Remember that you can invite a guest to attend the meeting. There is a \$10.00 fee and the guest must register in advance. Looking forward to seeing you all on Zoom.

I hope that you are all working on your challenge project called "Words To The Wise". It will be wonderful to see everyone's entry. We will be having the judging at the November Guild Meeting. Pictures of entries, in JPEG format, should be sent to Deb Shoemaker no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>.

December is coming quickly. Don't forget to start collecting your items for our "What Was I Thinking". Please mark each item with a price so it will sell. If you are donating fabric please measure the fabric and list the amount near the price. All the funds raised are a donation to the guild. We are hoping that this sale is a huge success.

Stay safe and healthy. We will see you on Zoom. Pat

## SAVE THE DATE: QOV AND OUTREACH PROGRAM DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

A pick-up and drop off date has been scheduled for QGbtS QOV and all Outreach programson **September 17th at 11:00 AM** at the Boca Raton Community Center.

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#### **UPCOMING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:**

"Embellisment Techniques" presented by Mary Tabar

Mary Tabar will present "Embellishment Techniques and Discussion of "Snip and Flip" Workshop.

A short PowerPoint presentation and trunk show demonstrate different embellishment techniques; nine Surface Embellishments shown with a quilt that clarifies these techniques including Fabric

College, Stenciling, Machine Appliqué and Swarovski Crystals, Crayons, Inks and Fabric Markers, Applique Silk Flowers, Photo Printing, Discharge Dyeing, Machine Embroidery, and Free Motion.

# Program: Gloria Loughman via Zoom from Australia presents Quilted Landscapes

"Having the opportunity to travel to many unique and fascinating parts of our continent, I am continually challenged to reproduce these images in fabric"

"Underlying all my work is a passion for colour and the ongoing challenge to capture light in my work."

After completing some studies in design and colour as part of a Diploma of Art in 1996, I began to make my large vivid landscape quilts depicting the Australian bush. Having the opportunity to travel to many unique and fascinating parts of our continent, I am continually challenged to reproduce these images in fabric. Most of the textiles used have been hand dyed or painted and feature extensive machine embroidery. These quilts have won many major awards in Australia, Europe, Japan and the United States. My quilt 'Kimberley Mystique' was the winner of Australia's most prestigious national quilting award in 2003.



Date: October 12, 2021 Time: 7 PM—9 PM

Location: Zoom Guest Fee: \$10.00

!!MEETING TIME CHANGE!!

#### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:**

Workshop: "Snip & Flip" Animal Designs presented by Mary Tabar

Snip & Flip designs are applique. The beginning of the workshop will be an introduction to Notan design, and bilateral balance. These symmetrical designs will be traced, cut and flipped around to make each animal unique. These whimsical patterns bring out the child in all of us. Students will have one of the nine options: Dogs, Owls, Bears, Cats, Elephants, Rabbits, Monkeys, Pigs, and Frogs.

Date: September 15, 2021

Location: Zoom

Time: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

Fee: \$55.00

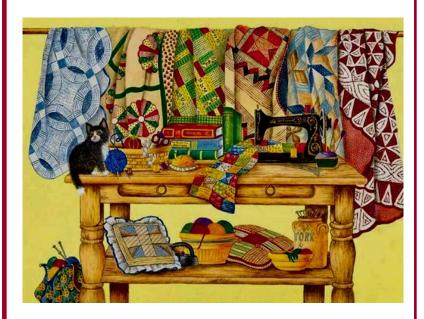


#### **SAVE THE DATE**

### "SEW HAPPY HOUR"

We have scheduled a "Sew Happy Hours" for Wednesday, September 22nd **from 4:00—6:00 PM** via Zoom. Please join us!





#### CARING HEARTS

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our newsletter. Any information to be included in this portion of the newsletter should be emailed to: DebShoemaker22@.com.



Sherry Ramstrom

#### **HOT SEAT POKER**

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

Two lucky winners receive a



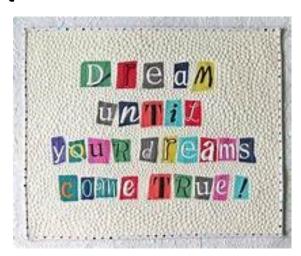
\$25.00 Gift Certificate from one of the quilt shops or long-armers advertising with us. Your choice!

August's lucky winners:

- Frances Student
- Judy Shelton

### DATE CHANGE

THE 2021 QUILT CHALLENGE "WORDS TO THE WISE"



Make a wall quilt using a phrase, quotation or meaningful words as your inspiration. The wording must be readable on the front of the quilt, in any size. Pre-printed commercial fabric cannot be used for the inspiration wording.

All quilting techniques and surface embellishments are allowed: piecing, appliqué, embroidery, painting, foiling, beading, free-motion, etc. It's YOUR quilt!

Size: No smaller than 18x18" (or a 72" perimeter) and no larger than 24"x24" (or a 96" perimeter). Any shape is acceptable within the perimeter measurements.

The due date for entries has changed from October 12, 2021 to the November 1, 2021. All photos should be sent in JPEG format to Deb Shoemaker via email: DebShoemaker22@gmail.com or text: 954-629-1720. The presentation of entries will take place during the November General Meeting via Zoom instead of October to allow maximum time for our speaker from Australia.

Details: One entry per member. There will be a prize for Viewer's Choice and a prize by random drawing from among all participants. The same member cannot receive both prizes.

Some thoughts: Your inspiration can come from a statement by a famous person, from a book or movie title, from your quilting passion or from those things your mother taught you. Put on your thinking cap and have fun with it!

Questions? Email Marcia Degner at <a href="msdegner@gmail.com">msdegner@gmail.com</a>.

#### **2021 ANNUAL**



# MEMBERSHIP DUES 'MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES'

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

Please note that as a not-forprofit 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:

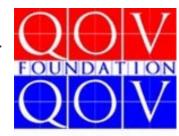
- participate in Guild programs
- participate in workshops
- receive monthly newsletter
- place ads in the classifieds.
- Dues may be paid by credit card or PayPal on the Guild's website: <u>QuiltGuildbythe-</u> <u>Sea.com</u> or checks may be sent to the PO Box.
- Dues are non-refundable.

For further information contact:

Ellen Birnbaum by email: twinee38@gmail.com

## "THE FRANK MCGEE MEMORIAL QOV WORKSHOP"

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#### **Nominate a Veteran**

Do you know a deserving Veteran that was touched by war? It is time to nominate them.

.: quilt of valor :.

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 themself.

#### 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.

#### **QOVF ON AMAZONSMILE**

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#### 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.

**QOV VOLUNTEER NEEDED: PRODUCTION** 

#### **QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA**

#### **QUILTS OF VALOR JOB DESCRIPTION**

- Cut and prepare enough small kits (such as Saw Tooth Stars) and larger kits for QOV tops for members to sew at home
- Collect completed kits from members. Bring them home to organize small kits by style and color.
- Arrange for completed quilt tops to go to the longarmer.
- Bring uncompleted quilts for members to bind and to make pillowcases.
- Collect completed quilts, bring them home.
- Plan quilt tops based on scrap blocks (i.e. using all strips) completed.
- Order appropriate fabric as needed.

#### **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, <a href="mailto:sashakins@hotmail.com">sashakins@hotmail.com</a>.

#### **OOV PRESENTATION:**

Dan Godin was awarded a QOV for his service in the Marines during WWII in the Pacific. The event held at VFW in Delray Beach.





#### **COMFORT QUILTS**

- A pick-up and drop off date has been scheduled for QGbtS QOV and all Outreach programs. on September 17th at 11:00 AM at the Boca Raton Community Center.
- Year-to-date, 181 Comfort Quilts have been delivered.
- 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.
- The size of the NICU coverlets quilts is 36" X 36".
- Please contact Linda Eddy (561) 376—3996 for additional information.

#### FIDGET QUILTS:

- A pick-up and drop off date has been scheduled for QGbtS QOV and all Outreach programs. on September 17th at 11:00 AM at the Boca Raton Community Center.
- **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.

#### **COMFORT BEARS:**

- A pick-up and drop off date has been scheduled for QGbtS QOV and all Outreach programs. on September 17th at 11:00 AM at the Boca Raton Community Center.
- Year-to-Date, 60 Comfort Bears have been delivered.
- 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.

#### For Knitters and Crocheters:

- Year-to-Date, 115 Hats have been delivered.
- Knit and Crocheted Caps have been well received. Additional caps have been requested.
- Contact: Janet Fredricks <u>954-242-9010</u> or email <u>quilthoney@aol.com</u> with any questions.

#### **MASKS**

- 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.

#### **Things You Might Not Know About Bobbins**

Courtesy of Quilting Contessa, Quiltinghub

#### Summary

Quilting Contessa researched bobbins and shared some interesting things you might not know about bobbins.



#### Things You Might Not Know About Bobbins

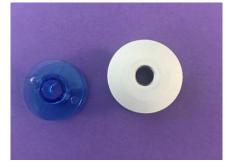
"Bobbin!" is a swear word in my house. My husband and I both make quilts, so we have two sewing machines and our mid-arm quilting machine to run out of bobbin thread. The wise women say that you should always wind 5 bobbins at the start of any quilt. What they don't tell you is that the last one will always run out anyway!

Given how often that word gets used, I decided to do a little research into bobbins. This article won't tell you everything you need to know about bobbins. You would need a book for that. However, it can make you aware of what deserves your further attention.

In history, bobbins were made to hold wire, yarn, and thread in sewing machines, cameras, and electronic equipment. In other fiber arts, bobbins are also used in spinning, weaving, knitting, and lacemaking.

Bobbins come in different sizes, shapes, and materials. They come pre-wound, or you can wind them on your machine or use a separate bobbin winder. Some come with holes, some don't. They have names like "L" for the regular sewing machine or "M" for a long-arm.

They have names like "15" and "15J" for different brands of sewing machines. Some are flat, some are more domed. The number of holes can vary from none to many. Some are plastic, some are metal. Some are aluminum, some are steel. Some bobbins drop in from the top and some insert from the front.



What you need to know is that THEY ARE NOT INTERCHANGEABLE!

The purpose of the bobbin case is tension. The sewing machine must have this tension for the bobbin thread to interlock with the top thread to create a stitch. If the bobbin is the wrong size or type or material, the bobbin case can't do its job. If you have more than one machine, please remember to mark your bobbins or store them separately! We bought blue tinted bobbins for my husband's machine and clear for mine, and we do store them separately.

If you purchase a secondhand machine, it may come with the wrong bobbins or no bobbins at all. You must do the research to get the right bobbins. A local quilt shop may also be able to help you.



#### Things You Might Not Know About Bobbins (Cont'd)

If you purchase a secondhand machine, it may come with the wrong bobbins or no bobbins at all. You must do the research to get the right bobbins. A local quilt shop may also be able to help you.

Here's a quick list of ways that your bobbin can stop your machine:

- Cleaning the bobbin case of the machine is critical. The dust that accumulates can be the size of a dust bunny!
- Plastic bobbins can overheat and distort.
- If you normally use plastic bobbins, a heavier metal bobbin can change the tension
- For your bobbin winder, the rubber ring can become worn.

For the advanced sewer, I want to mention something called "bobbin work". This is a technique that uses a decorative thread in the bobbin to create stitches that embellish the quilt.

On the good side, bobbins can be worn as jewelry. Folks make earrings and necklaces. At our last Bee retreat, we initiated the new retreaters with a bobbin necklace and a pledge to uphold the purpose of the retreat. We called this the "Order of the Bobbin"! This creates some humor in the inevitable cry of "bobbin" at retreat!









# proquiltinate

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1. to work on quilting projects when one should be doing dishes, folding laundry, or picking up one's children from school

"I had planned on cooking dinner but instead I ended up proquiltinating."



Marie Christine Leavitt



Marie Christine Leavitt



Ellen Birnbaum



Pat Lynes



Ellen Birnbaum



Ellen Birnbaum









Marcia Degner



Linda Bouvier

#### SHOW 'N TELL—SEPTEMBER

#### Is this enough fabric for my workshop?

#### **Submitted by Judy Shelton**

I've been spending forever preparing my fabrics for my Nancy Crow workshops at the end of the month, so I thought I'd share pictures of just how much I'm bringing! There's actually more: 2 more plastic bags of fabric and 14 yards each, on bolts, of black and white... Hope I have enough...





## WILD 'N WACKY HOLIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

**September 2: National Blueberry Popsicle Day** 

**September 3: Skyscraper Day** 

**September 6: Labor Day** 

September 6: Rosh Hashana begins

**September 11: 9/11—Day of Remembrance** 

**September 12: National Grandparents Day** 

September 16: Yom Kippur

**September 17: International Country Music Day** 

**September 21: International Day of Peace** 

**September 22/23: Summer Equinox** 

September 25: National Lobster Day

September 28: National Good Neighbor Day

September 30: National Mulled Cider Day

















#### **FOR SALE:**

#### **BABYLOCK CORONET MID ARK SETUP**

**Price:** \$6,500

#### **Description:**

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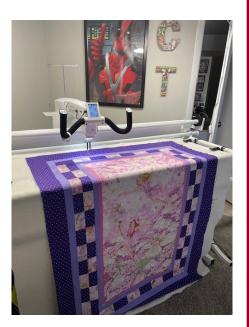
Add-Ons that do not come with the initial set up that are included in this sale include the light kit, and poles for more traditional loading of the guilt.

**Delivery Method:** Pick-Up Only

For additional information, contact Christina Tierney via email: <a href="mailto:christina.tierney@gmail.com">christina.tierney@gmail.com</a> or call (561) 699 – 9029.





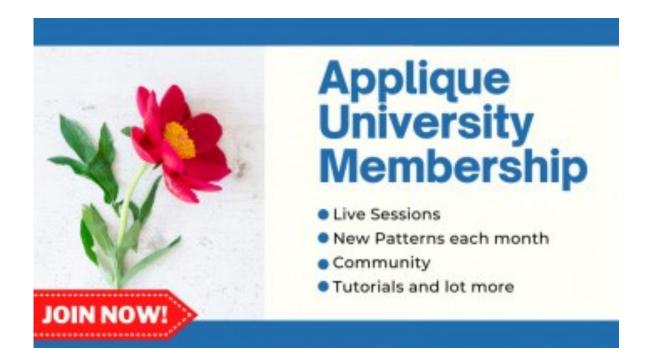




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