



BITS AND PIECES

Quilters Guild of Indianapolis

November 2020

President's Message

As I look around my quilt studio, I feel a bit overwhelmed this month. I've been so inspired by some of the online quilt shows I've seen lately and have so many quilts in my head I'd like to make that I don't know where to begin. Does that ever happen to you?

Quilting has been a passion of mine since the eighties. That's nearly forty years of quilting and I just can't seem to stop. At first, I was reluctant to use printed fabrics. I got so confused by the prints because I couldn't see the color and I mixed lots of things that didn't seem to go together. After a number of "duds" I finally began to see things differently. I just needed to step back sometimes to see what was happening on my design wall. It also helped that I took several classes on color theory and read books about quilt design. Things started to come together for me.

At some point, I started designing my own patterns using Electric Quilt software. This also helped me "see" the design and organize my colors better. I studied quilts at shows to see which ones really caught my eye and then started to analyze why they did. Often color was a factor (I have my favorites), but beyond color is value or the variation in lights and darks. As they say in the art world "value does all the work, but color gets all the credit."

Linda Luggen, who was a judge at our last show and our latest speaker at the guild, talked about how she judges quilts and I wondered how she can be so objective. After years of study and training, she has learned to look at certain aspects of the quilt to determine workmanship and whether the quilt merits an award or not. Her passion is applique but her role as a judge forces her to look at all types of quilts. As a judge looking at hundreds of quilts, I got to wondering what really knocks her socks off. When I go to shows, I'm always looking at the winners and trying to figure out why one quilt wins over another.

So that brings me back to my studio and the quilts I want to make. I'm not a very competitive person, but someday I would like to make a quilt that knocks the judge's socks off. This means not only picking an outstanding pattern with plenty of "wow" factor in it, but I have to make it perfectly. I must match the seams, not cut off the points, make sure it lays flat and the quilting has to be exceptional. When I think about what goes into the perfect quilt, I find it overwhelming at times, but it is also a goal worth striving for.

In the meantime, I'm going to make quilts that make me happy, perfect or not. Life is short so make the things that make you smile. Don't forget, the guild has three meetings a month that can give you a lift and inspire you on your quilt journey.

Until we meet again, happy quilting!

Mary Ellen Straughn
2020 QGI President

Reminder to all Quilt Bee Leaders!

Are you the organizer of your quilt bee? The one who sends the time and location reminder emails? Yes, I'm talking to you.

I am collecting and refreshing our list of quilt bees. When we emerge from COVID restrictions, I know members will need to reconnect in person with each other. Maybe we'll even get a surge of new members who might be looking for a community of quilters near them. So if you're a quilt bee organizer, please email me at longarmlouise@yahoo.com with the following information by October 1, 2020.

Bee Name

Short description of the bee

Location and time of meeting

Open or Closed Bee?

Number of QGI members:

Number of non-QGI members:

Bee Leader's Name, Email, Phone

How is your bee currently meeting?

Are you looking for a bee? Are you willing to start a bee? Please contact me at the same email.

Thanks, Melissa Snyder
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QGI October 8 General Meeting

The virtual Zoom meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Mary Ellen Straughn. There were 42 participants.

Announcements:

Mary Ellen shared a special birthday video for quilters with October birthdays!

QGI elections: Nominating committee (Mary Strinka, Melissa Snyder, and Lynn Thomas) nominated Maureen Weflen for VP and Jacqui Griswold for Secretary for 2021. There were no nominations from the floor. Therefore, Mary Strinka cast the vote for Maureen and Jacqui.

Congratulations and thank you for volunteering: Maureen Weflen, Vice President and Jacqui Griswold, Secretary and all other 2021 QGI Board and Committee members.

QGIN: On November 6 at 1PM Maureen Weflen and Judy Barmann will present a program on the history and uses of feed sacks.

QGIS: On Oct 22 at 1PM Mary Huey will give a trunk show on “Staying the Course: How I stayed interested and excited about my quilt making during the historic period of Covid isolation.”

The SullivanMunce Center in Zionsville has extended the “Lines and Layers” quilt exhibit until November 6.

The Eiteljorg Museum quilt exhibit “Women Telling Their Stories” is open until January 3. The InFiber group has their 3rd group of quilts showing there now as well.

Contact Marie Harnish if you are interested in making a neck tie quilt for someone who has contacted her.

The Quilter’s Hall of Fame: Current exhibit--AQSG 200 Years of Solid Color: Oct 6-December 12. Call to make a reservation for a visit (open Thursday – Saturday 10-4). Masks are required. They will have an online auction (2 weeks) from October 25 to November 6 to raise money to make needed repairs to the Marie Webster home.

Joyce Byllesby, a long time QGI member, passed away in September.

Spring retreat in Shipshewana March 19-21, 2021; information is on QGI website and in the newsletter. There are 2 rooms available. Contact Maureen Weflen at maureenweflen@att.net if interested.

QGI Program:

Linda Luggen who is a judge for the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges presented her program—”Judge for Yourself.” Linda was the judge for our 2019 QGI show. Linda’s program was fun with her various hats as a quilt judge and informative with oodles of information that she shared about what quilt judges look for and evaluate when judging quilts.

Show and Tell:



Judy Pleiss shared her Covid 19 quilt.

Leigh Layton shared her lion quilt. She had the picture printed on fabric by Spoonflower and then thread painted it.



Mary Ellen shared 3 quilts: one with bright fun fabrics, a stack and whack quilt, and one from a Missouri Star Quilt Book.

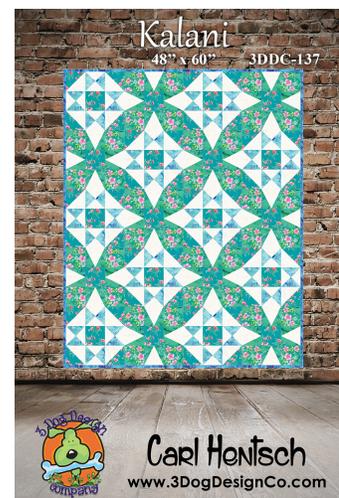
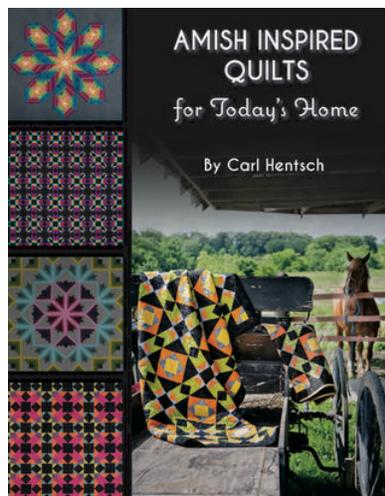
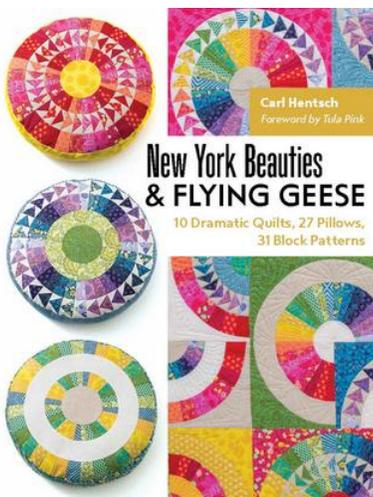




QGI Program - November 2020

Carl Hentsch: “Making the modern traditional, and the traditional modern, one quilt at a time.”

For November we have a Zoom lecture from Carl Hentsch of 3 Dog Design Company. Carl is a quilter, quilt designer, and author. He will share his story with us in a presentation titled “My Life in Quilts”. Carl will share his journey from the beginning of his quilting career to the present. Learn more about Carl, 3 Dog Design and how he got his start in quilting. He will show many quilts that he has made, including his original designs from his books “Stars 'N' Strips Forever”, “Amish-Inspired Quilts for Today’s Home” and “New York Beauties and Flying Geese”, as well as quilts completed for various magazines and fabric manufacturers. See and hear how his quilting aesthetic has changed through the years “making the modern traditional and the traditional modern.” As a preview, check out his designs at 3dogdesignco.com



QGI Calendar of 2020 Events

2020 Calendar			
Month	Speaker	Date	Lecture/Workshop
Nov 2020	Carl Hentsch - Zoom lecture	Nov 12	My Life in Quilts
Dec 2020	Guild Christmas Party	Dec 10	
Jan 2021	TBD	Jan 14, 2021	
Feb 2021	Lisa Walton	Feb 11, 2021	Leap and the Net will Appear

*Workshop fees may be refunded up to two weeks prior to the class. You can register online or send complete form and check made out to "QGI" to either address:

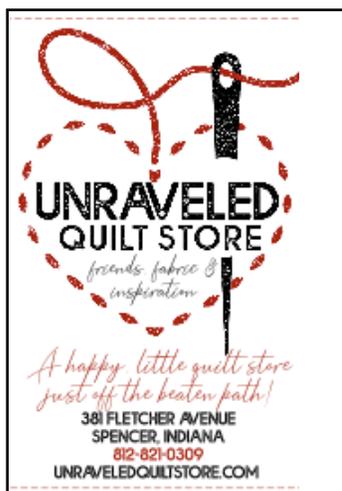
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E-mail questions to: qgiprograms@gmail.com

March 19-21, 2021 Quilt Retreat

We still have two rooms available for our retreat. Email maureenweflen@att.net if you are interested in attending.

Recently the Farmstead Inn furnished the following information on how they are sanitizing each guest's room. Staff are sanitizing multi-points in the rooms including: countertops, dresser tops, night stands, toilets, showers, floors, door handles, light switches, TV remotes, refrigerators, microwaves, coffee pots, telephones and the binder of hotel information. Instead of the buffet style breakfast their staff will now serve you your breakfast. More details on how other areas of the hotel are ensuring the safety of their guests will be furnished early in 2021.





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QGIN OCTOBER MEETING

QGIN met via Zoom on October 2, 2020. Judy Barmann welcomed everyone and wished a happy birthday to the October birthdays.

Anita Harden introduced our speaker, Kaye England, for an “informal chat.” Kaye’s quilting career has spanned many facets of the business, from owning quilt shops, designing fabric and patterns, and teaching internationally, to authoring books and blogging, to name just a few. Though she had dabbled in quilting before the late 1980s, she really got her start when she bought her first quilt shop in Carmel. She brought in nationally known quilters for workshops, and they attracted the attention of quilters who weren’t able to get to major shows. She expanded her shop to include locations on the south side and in Avon. She got into fabric design, she says, by “being in the right place at the right time.” She is an avid collector of vintage quilts and textiles, and still designs 3-4 lines of fabric per year. This year’s quarantine has forced Kaye into spending more time at home than she has in twenty years, and she loves it. She has completed well over a dozen quilt tops, and has gotten into journaling. In addition, she raises llamas and is boarding some goats. You can follow Kaye on Facebook and YouTube, and also find her at KayeEngland.com. She’s a very energetic, entertaining, and accomplished lady!



Announcements were next on the agenda. Mary Ellen Straughn noted that the speaker for QGI on October 8 will be Linda Luggen, a certified quilt judge who judged our last show.

Leigh Layton said the Oct. 22 QGIS meeting will feature Mary Huey, author of the blog, “Quilting through Rose-colored Trifocals.” Send show and tell for this meeting to Leigh. If you have any questions for Linda Luggen, please submit them to Amy.

Maureen Weflen reminded everyone to check the newsletter for announcements, and said there are 2 rooms available for the March 19-21, 2021 retreat in Shishewana.

Mary Ellen reminded everyone that elections take place in October. This year we are electing a Vice President and Secretary for 2021. The nominees are Maureen Weflen for Vice President and Jackie Griswold for Secretary. Contact Lynn Thomas, Mary Strinka, or Melissa Snyder if you wish to nominate someone.

Amy O’Connor said that Mary Strinka will do two Stack ‘n’ Whack workshops at Quilt Quarters in October. There will be a limit of 9 participants in each and masks will be required.

Dawn Hunt mentioned that she is moving and has some items to donate to the Peony Shop.

Margaret Duke has been contacted by the women’s prison, who will be picking up some items, and another organization with some surplus quilts to donate.

For tip of the month, Kaye advised storing your pins and needles properly so you don’t step on them, and also said to do what makes you happy (as long as it’s legal). Judy added that with

all that's available on the Internet, do some research and share with the guild if you find something interesting. Jeannette added that cleaning your machine with a pipecleaner and rethreading it when it's acting up can both be helpful.

There were 64 people participating. The door prize code word was Llama. The November 6 program will be "Feed Sacks – The Colorful History of a Frugal Fabric," presented by Judy Barmann and Maureen Weflen.

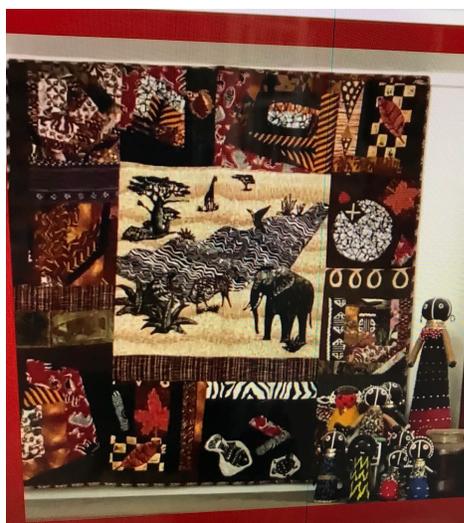
Three people submitted 4 quilt pictures for Show and Tell.



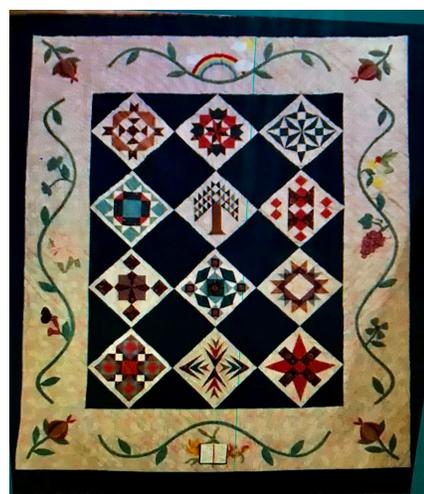
Marie Harris



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Caryl Schuetz



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QGIS OCTOBER MEETING

October's QGIS presentation was by Mary Huey from Willoughby, OH. Her topic was "Staying the course – How I've stayed interested and excited about my quilt making during the historic period of Covid isolation". Mary showed us how she "redesigned" her UFOs into different quilts than originally designed and making them original and beautiful! You can view the second half of the meeting that was recorded on the website. On the next page is a handout Mary shared with members (download available on our website too).

QGIS' last meeting of the year will be on 11-19 at 1:00. We will have a presentation by Amy Friend called "Intentional Quilting- Using Fussy Cutting in Quilting".

Show and Tell:



Jeanette Bagley



Jeanette Bagley



Libby Gilbert

Quilting Items Holder

Ideas from Mary Huey

Machine Quilting in Sections by Marti Michell and look for videos by Marti on YouTube for more information about this useful approach!

A closer look at one of my quilting-in-sections projects --

<https://maryhueyquilts.blogspot.com/2020/05/birding-wins.html>

Star sampler style quilt pattern Little Miss Sawtooth – from blogger, Melanie at

<https://southerncharmquilts.com/blog/>

Kinship Sampler by Angie at <https://www.gnomeangel.com/>

Adding borders to a quilt as you go finish --

<https://maryhueyquilts.blogspot.com/2020/06/another-finish.html>

Layering a quilt on a table by yourself --

<https://maryhueyquilts.blogspot.com/2017/08/layering-quilt-another-viewpoint.html>

Chain piecing tutorial for set-in piecing – SET-IN PIECING SIMPLIFIED by Mary Huey – downloadable PDF available for \$8 at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/MaryHueyQuilts>

Directions for scrappy sashed 9-patch blocks --

<https://maryhueyquilts.blogspot.com/2020/03/what-difference-week-makes.html>

Twosy-foursy piecing tips for Mississippi Mud --

<https://maryhueyquilts.blogspot.com/2020/05/tips-for-piecing-mississippi-mud-blocks.html>

Pattern \$6 at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/MaryHueyQuilts>

Halo Quilt by Jen Kingwell in booklet, Jenny From One Block

Curved piecing tutorial -- <https://maryhueyquilts.blogspot.com/2020/04/are-you-dressing-for-success-these-days.html>

X's and O's pattern and tutorial -- <http://badskirt.blogspot.com/2011/04/japanese-x-and-scrappy-quilt-tutorial.html>

Find me at <https://maryhueyquilts.blogspot.com> or maryhueyquilts@hotmail.com

Machine quilting Baptist fan -- <https://maryhueyquilts.blogspot.com/2014/11/machine-quilting-baptist-fan.html>

Ruler Foot Echo Guide disks, made by the Sew Steady to be used with the Westalee domestic machine ruler feet -- they slip around the presser foot so you can follow along a ruler edge 1/2", 3/4", or 1"

QUILTS OF VALOR NEWS

February 6, 2021 is the next annual QOVF Sew Day! Location(s) for this event to be announced closer to that date. I hope you plan to attend! Fun Times!

In the Indianapolis Metropolitan area we are lucky to have a new group in Noblesville, IN at the Noblesville VFW Post (Non-smoking) Libby Haynes is a retired Navy veteran and is the group leader and will be holding "sew days" as this situation allows. She is also a member of QGI . I have been talking with representatives of the Greenwood VFW (non-smoking) post and they are open for a group to come and sew and see their new facility. I am an officer of the VFW Post on Kentucky Avenue; they have a non-smoking area and are very much looking forward to having QOV at the post to sew.

As the Quilts of Valor© Indiana Coordinator I have been to parts of the state that I didn't know existed! I have met wonderful quilters and had opportunities to meet many of our Hoosier Veterans. Recently, I was attempting to contact one of our guild members, Sandi Gilreath, who had nominated her father who served in the Navy during the Korean War but was unable to contact either of them. I wrote the veteran a letter and he responded. He was so grateful. I learned that Sandi had moved across the street to take care of him and his wife and she developed cancer and passed away nine months ago. Sandi's children and grandchildren were all at the quilt presentation. It was a wonderful experience.

In May 2016 I became the Indiana coordinator for the QOVF. I've had the opportunity to help facilitate new groups throughout the state. During the pandemic we are experiencing I'm sure that many of us have taken account of our lives and our loves. Being state coordinator has, in recent months, become something that I needed to reconsider. With that, I will be stepping down on November 1, 2020 to let the next person bring a fresh outlook and continue where I left off. No, I'm not quitting QOV. I will still volunteer my time with the Central Indiana QOV group. I will obviously assist the new state coordinator, whomever he/she is. I hope you are all working on your QOV blocks and tops. I've been receiving blocks in the mail from many of you. **THANK YOU!** The names of quilters who have sent blocks have been added to the list and a drawing will be held and the winner will receive a quilt kit made of Kansas Troubles fabric, as a thank you.



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AQSG 200 Years of Solid Color!

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In order to protect everyone, we will be taking appointments to view the quilts so there will not be multiple groups in the museum at once. And we will be requiring masks. Between groups, we will sanitize all frequently touched surfaces. Give us a call at 765-664-9333 or email us at admin@quiltershalloffame.net to set up an appointment.

Tuesday through Saturday, 10am – 4pm
September 29- December 12, 2020
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***All meetings will be held via
Zoom until further notice.***

General Meeting Schedule

2nd Thursday each month
7:00-9:00PM

QGIN -North Daytime Meeting

1st Friday each month*
1:00-3:00 PM

*(July meeting held last Friday in June)

QGIS -South Daytime Meeting

4th Thursday January-November
1::00-3:00PM

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11/11/20

Zoom meeting time to be
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