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Quilters Guild of Indianapolis Newsletter

June 2020

## JUNE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When this year began, I couldn't have imagined the changes that were about to take place in just a few short months. We keep hearing people say these are unprecedented times. The world as we knew it is no longer; cultures are changing, economies are affected and the very essence of what it means to be human has been turned upside down. Humans rely on connectedness to keep us going – through our families, our churches, our schools and our communities.

And yet, we survive. We find ways to adapt and we go on. That's exactly what the guild is doing as well as other guilds around the country. We are adapting to the changes around us and we will find a way to make it through.

In the last few weeks, I have been learning more about Zoom meetings and exploring the possibilities of moving the guild forward in a virtual capacity until we can physically meet again. My small group has been testing the capabilities of this technology for our future meetings. We have had a few "get togethers" and it's been so nice to connect visually, hear what people have been doing with their time and see what everyone's been working on.

Going forward, the QGI Board and I have decided that we will have virtual meetings at our regular meeting times until we feel it is safe to get together again. Pursuant to that goal, we are offering Zoom Bees which will help familiarize members with Zoom basics so that they are able to attend meetings and participate. After the Zoom Bees, we hope to have Kathy McNeal (who was supposed to give a lecture and workshops in May) give us a virtual lecture on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the announcement in Jenny Quilter or on the website.

Later in the month, we hope to have QGIN and QGIS meetings via Zoom as well and then continue with this until further notice. At the moment we don't know what the status of our regular meeting places are and whether they will want us in their building until the pandemic is over. Even though the country is experiencing a gradual reopening of business (including quilt shops!), it may take some time before we all feel safe and comfortable enough for a get together in person.

I was recently interviewed by Bonnie Browning of the American Quilters Society about what our guild is doing during the pandemic. She plans to interview guilds across the county and air them on their Facebook page over the next eight weeks.

My interview was aired on May 27<sup>th</sup> so please check it out at [https://www.facebook.com/AQSONline/videos/590973634855725/?tn=%2CdKCH-R-R&eid=ARDmdqe6b8RHVR6guf7J2eyrC5J1HAapP8\\_x3GTuJ1MkAfhQTq6KhCN0DhzzcggMMeMrX8MNIETGinM&hc\\_ref=ARRMilOta5RSf7UetaBfcXxDtqJL9\\_tgARxp-eJ3YwYQjD2pPDMToIEx0ZmrHvnKplA&fref=nf&hc\\_location=group](https://www.facebook.com/AQSONline/videos/590973634855725/?tn=%2CdKCH-R-R&eid=ARDmdqe6b8RHVR6guf7J2eyrC5J1HAapP8_x3GTuJ1MkAfhQTq6KhCN0DhzzcggMMeMrX8MNIETGinM&hc_ref=ARRMilOta5RSf7UetaBfcXxDtqJL9_tgARxp-eJ3YwYQjD2pPDMToIEx0ZmrHvnKplA&fref=nf&hc_location=group) . Also, check out the AQS page and your favorite quilters on Facebook and YouTube because everyone is starting to put interesting videos out there. It beats watching Tiger King, anyway!

So, until we meet again, stay safe and busy and I hope to “see” you on Zoom one of these days.

Mary Ellen Straughn

2020 QGI President

### **QGI Programs Update**

We have Zoom online meetings scheduled for June and July. A link to join these programs via Zoom will be sent via a Jenny Quilter email before each program.

JUNE 11: Kathy McNeil will present a lecture.

JULY 9: Johanna Blume from the Eiteljorg Museum will talk about the museum exhibit - “Quilts: Uncovering Women’s Stories.”

AUGUST: Unfortunately the lecture and workshops by Susan Brubaker Knapp scheduled for August are cancelled. All those signed up will be contacted and receive refunds. We are working on rebooking her for next year.

We are also working on more possible online lectures and ways to keep connected as we navigate this ever changing situation.

### **QGIN ZOOM MEETING JUNE 26, 2020 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM "Meet our Entrepreneurs"**

The next QGIN will be held via ZOOM on June 26, 2020 at 1:00 pm. The link to the meeting will be accessible through a Jenny Quilter email issued before the meeting date.

A panel of entrepreneurs will share how they got started turning their love of quilting into business ventures. This lively group of panelist will share their thoughts and experiences. They are truly inspirational.

Panelists: Jennifer Fulton, Connie Lancaster, Stephanie Brokaw and Cathy Franks. There will be an opportunity to ask them questions through the ZOOM chat room. We will not have Show & Tell, but we are working on door prizes.

## QGIN NOTES – MARCH 2020

Anita Harden opened the meeting with the reminder to silence cell phones. Judy Barmann led the singing of Happy Birthday to the March birthdays while birthday gifts were distributed.

Anita introduced the speaker, Tish Wright of Cotton Candy Quilts in Gaston. Tish presented a program on using the Internet to enhance your quilting. She talked about Facebook, which has many quilting groups covering many styles of quilting. Pinterest also offers much in the way of inspiration, while YouTube has lots of instructional videos. Instagram is another source for visual inspiration, while Twitter can be a good way to receive information on upcoming shop sales.

During a short break, those participating in the 5" block exchange were able to select their squares. This was the final swap. In December we will have a mini quilt show of projects people have made with their 5" squares.

Irmalou Schmucker offered several tips of the month. If your stash is stored where lighting is not optimal, wear a headlamp to be hands-free when looking for something. A stylus, purple thang, bamboo stick or scissors with curved blade can all be used to help guide fabric under the presser foot. Keep your scissors on a ribbon around your neck to avoid losing them. She added that if you want to feel good about yourself, finish a project; but if you want to have fun, start something new. It was added that yoyos can be sewn on a quilt before pulling the string – and then no hand work is needed.

**Announcements below are pre-Covid-19 restrictions. Consult current information about programs listed above this page.**

Anita announced that the August meeting will be on August 7<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled, as moving it to a different date did not work. Margaret Duke reminded everyone about the charity quilts activities for International Quilting Day 3/21. Amy O'Connell mentioned that there are still a few openings in upcoming classes by Kathy McNeil, Susan Knapp, and Mary Strinka, and workshops are being added by Mark Sherman on faux applique and machine trapunto. Leigh Layton encouraged everyone to see the Indiana Fiber exhibit of quilts at the Eiteljorg Museum through August 9<sup>th</sup>; the three rounds are Relationships (through April 15), Identity (through June 15), and Political Agency and Power. Chris Robertson said the logo merchandise is in and a few extra items are available. Also, all money for the spring retreat is due by March 27.

Five members showed projects for Show & Tell. There were 69 members present including one guest who joined. Five door prizes were distributed. The April program was to be Michael Stephens.

## QGIS MEETINGS

Plans for a possible June meeting, if held, will be announced via Jenny Quilter. Cindy and Sheryl advised that Kaye England has been rescheduled for the potential July QGIS meeting.

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**In Memoriam:** Laurie Gordon advised that guild member Mary Alice Curtis passed away May 7, 2020. For those who would like to send a card the address is:

To the Family of Mary Alice Curtis  
930 Hadleih Pass  
Westfield, IN 46074

## **RETREAT UPDATES**

Jean Dyer reports the August retreat will be rescheduled to a fall date in 2021.

Maureen Weflen advised that our October 23-25, 2020 retreat in Shipshewana is still on. The Farmstead Inn has now reopened. However, as the pandemic is ever changing our usual activities, please know that the safety of our quilters is our first priority. Should this retreat need to be rescheduled too, our final decision will be made mid August and members will be advised.

## **UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS\***

**\*Check with the source sponsoring the event to be sure it is still being held!.**

### **Brown County Historical Society Quilt Show:**

June 5 (9am-6pm), June 6 (9am - 4pm), 2020  
Brown County History Center  
90 Gould St., Nashville, IN 47448

Admission: Adults \$8, children 12 and under free  
[browncountyhistorycenter.org](http://browncountyhistorycenter.org)

**Common Threads Quilt Show:** August 28 (9am-5pm), August 29 (9am-3pm)  
Fortville Christian Church  
9450 W. 200 North, Fortville, IN

Admission: \$7  
No contact information given.

### **The Biennial Quilt and Traditional Rug Hooking Exhibit:**

Sponsored by Frankfort Quilt Guild

September 18 & 19 (9am-5pm)  
Hubbard Gallery, Frankfort Community Public Library

Admission: Free  
No contact information given.

**Arthur's 31st Annual Quilt Show (new date):**

August 20-21 (10am-4pm), August 22 (10am-3pm)  
Quilt Auction August 22 at 12:00 pm  
Otto Center, 2056 County Rd. 1800 East (1/2 mile  
South of Downtown Arthur, IL

**Quilts From The Heartland:**

Admission: \$5  
Sponsored by the Bloomington Quilters Guild

October 9 (9am-7pm), October 10 (9am-5pm)  
Monroe County Convention Center  
302 S. College Ave., Bloomington, IN

Admission: \$7  
[quiltshow@bloomingtonquiltersguild.org](mailto:quiltshow@bloomingtonquiltersguild.org)  
[www.bloomingtonquiltersguild.org](http://www.bloomingtonquiltersguild.org)

**Quilts Along The Wildcat:**

Sponsored by Kokomo Piecemakers Quilt Guild

October 2 & 3 (9am-5pm)  
Kokomo Event & Conference Center  
1500 Reed Road (SR 931), Kokomo, IN 46901

Admission: \$8

Registration/Classes:

[www.guaranteevac.com](http://www.guaranteevac.com)

Other Contacts:

[kokomopiecemakers@gmail.com](mailto:kokomopiecemakers@gmail.com)

Facebook: Kokomo Piecemakers Quilt Show

Blog: KokomoPiecemakersQuiltGuildBlog.com

**Harvest of Quilts Show:**

Sponsored by Quarry Quilters

October 2 (9am-6pm), October 3 (9am-5pm)  
The Central Church of Christ  
1402 12th St., Bedford, IN

Admission: \$5  
No contact information given.

**A Gathering of Quilts:**

Sponsored by Columbus Star and Evening Star Quilters

October 3 (9am-5pm), October 4 (Noon to 5pm)  
Mill Race Center  
900 Lindsey St., Columbus, IN

Admission: \$5, Under 18 admitted free  
No contact information given.



## Don't Forget to Keep Making Quilts of Valor Blocks!

(A drawing for a prize will be held later this year. Each block made qualifies for a raffle ticket.)

### FLOATING OHIO STAR BLOCK - 12 1/2 INCH BLOCK - 12 INCH FINISHED

#### **CUTTING:**

**Color 1** – Background 8 – 4 1/2" squares 55060 (Go Die)

(red or blue solid or a patriotic print)

**Color 2** – Main Color 1 – 4 1/2" square 55060 (Go Die)

(white solid or white-on-white) 8 – 3 1/2" squares 55006 (Go Die)

**Step 1:** Picture 1 below shows your cut pieces. Take your eight 3 1/2" small squares and mark 4 of them corner to corner as shown in picture 2. If you feel confident, you do not have to mark. Place each on the bottom left edge of 4 background squares (picture 3). Sew them (picture 4). Trim them at 1/4" (picture 5). Press back (picture 6).



**Step 2:** Repeat with the other 4 small squares. See pictures below. You will end with 4 squares with star points.



**Step 3:** Layout your 9 squares like a 9 patch block. Sew it together your favorite way. The pictures show how I like to do it. Take your center row and lay it right sides together with the left row. Chain piece these 3 together. Do NOT cut apart. Lay open your 2 columns. Lay the the right row on top of the center row and chain piece them together. When you finish, it will look like the 4<sup>th</sup> picture.



**Step 4:** Final step is to turn top row down and sew row horizontally. Turn bottom row up second and sew it horizontally. Press it open (see last picture). Your finished block should measure 12 1/2".



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## A Little Bit of Show and Tell\*

\*If you would like to share projects that you are working on in the newsletter, please email a picture of the project(s) and any information about the project(s) to: [maureenweflen@att.net](mailto:maureenweflen@att.net)

**College Cutups Bee:** A few bee members met in Linda Heavner's yard on May 27 to say hello and visit with Susan R. Cook, a bee member who moved to Michigan last year. We were treated with chocolates and sodas and had a great time catching up on all things quilty. Here are a few projects we shared. (Yes, I know, we were not sitting 6' apart. That would have made it too hard for Maureen to reach the chocolates. ;o).



**Betsy LaBelle's Storm at Sea:**





### General Meeting Schedule

2nd Thursday each month

7:00-9:00PM

#### Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

1605 E 106th St, Indianapolis IN  
46280

#### QGIN -North Daytime Meeting

1st Friday each month\*

1:00-3:00 PM

\*(July meeting held last Friday in June)

#### Orchard Park Presbyterian Church

1605 E. 106th St, Indianapolis IN 46280

#### QGIS -South Daytime Meeting

4th Thursday January-November  
12:00-2:30PM

#### Friedens United Church of Christ

8300 S. Meridian, Indianapolis

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#### Board Meetings:

7/8/20,9/9/20, 11/11/20

6:30 pm - Zoom Meeting

All paid members are welcome to  
link in to the meetings:

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<b>President</b>	MaryEllen Straughn
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