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Quilters Guild of Indianapolis

June 2021

## President's Message

Come Together!!!

YEAH!! We get to gather in person this month and I can't wait. Please join us on June 12<sup>th</sup> as we gather at the shelter at Broad Ripple Park. The fun includes doing a mystery bag swap – fun quilting items worth about \$5-\$8 value in a brown bag. You must bring a bag to get a bag. In the spirit of the QGI evening program on UFO's just two days earlier, we'll do an 'ugly' UFO show and tell. Dig out an old UFO to share with your fellow quilters! And if you don't have an 'ugly' one, bring an old one! I truly hope to see you there! Let's hope for good weather and a wonderful day. See more details on page 7.

It must be the upcoming program on UFO's that has spurred my recent desire to finish all the completed quilt tops I have. I keep an Excel spreadsheet of all my quilts, and I have a strong desire not to not have anything in "to quilt" and "to bind" sections. I'm down to two old tops that need to be quilted and bound and I'm just not sure one of them will ever be completed. I'm hoping to get inspiration at the June meeting.

Two years ago, my nephew made his first quilt – a king-size quilt for his bed. He had lost his job and decided to quilt to use his extra time productively. When he finished, he said this was a one-time venture and he wouldn't make another quilt. Then the pandemic came, and we raided my 'in queue' projects (note: not 'stash' but committed fabric for specific projects) to find a quilt for him to make. His Covid quilt is basted and waiting for him to quilt it. He learned a friend is having a baby and he is now working on his third quilt! He says he's not a quilter but I think at this point, we know otherwise!

It's summer, our world appears to be opening up and there is hope in the air. There seems to be more and more things to do outside. Remember to take time to quilt, to reach out to your fellow quilters and to enjoy this craft that fills us.

I truly hope to see you, yes, SEE YOU, in person, on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Until then, quilt on my friends. Quilt on.

Lynn Thomas  
2021 QGI President



# QGI Notes - Evening Meeting May 13, 2021

By Jacquie Griswold, Secretary

Lynn Thomas (President) opened the virtual Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM. There were 52 attendees.

**Birthdays:** Well wishes to all celebrating a May birthday.

## Announcements

**Face to Face Meeting – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of June.** An outdoor meeting at Broad Ripple Park is planned **from 11-1 pm**. We have reserved the shelter all day. There are picnic tables but you can also bring a chair.

- Just for fun we will have a mystery bag exchange. Put together quilty things (fabric, tools worth \$5-8) in a brown bag and if you bring one you can take one.
- Bring an ugly UFO (unfinished object) to show

**Sew-in –** As many bee's are not meeting during the pandemic, we will facilitate virtual sewing time via Zoom connections. The bee recently formed to sew Suzie's stash has ended but people are encouraged to join these general virtual gatherings to sew and talk

- Third Saturday from 11-1 pm May 15
- Fourth Friday from 2-4pm May 28

Our paid membership is currently 248 quilters.

**July meeting – “I'm a Quilter and also....”**We ask everyone to send a picture of yourself, one of your favorite quilts and a picture showing another talent or hobby you have. It can be a craft or culinary skill or gardening or whatever else you do that you would like to share with quilters to help them get to know you.

**Unraveled Quilts –** Mary Ellen visited this store in Spencer IN (80 minutes South of Indianapolis) It was recently named by Quilt Sampler Magazine as one of the top shop picks from 3000 applications.

**Spring Retreat –** Shipshewana June 4-6<sup>th</sup>. Maureen Weflen sent information about what to bring and what is planned for the weekend to those registered.

**Fall Retreat –** will be at Clifty Falls State Park **Friday Nov. 12 through Sunday Nov14** at 3pm, 2021. Some meals will be included. There will be a limit of 50 people.  
(Get more details later in the newsletter)

**Quilters Hall of Fame in Marion IN -** Sherry McConnell shared that Hollis Chatelain, an internationally recognized and award-winning artist specializing in textile arts, has an exhibit which opened May 11<sup>th</sup> and will display 30 of her quilts until July 24<sup>th</sup>. The Hall of Fame is open Tues-Sat. 10-4pm

Sara Buchwald reviewed the **upcoming 2021 Programs** (see the Program Schedule and individual write ups for more information)

**Breakout Rooms:** 5 minutes with about 5-6 members to share – **pictures of an early quilt you made**

**Door Prize:** On [www.quiltguildindy.net](http://www.quiltguildindy.net) home page, scroll down to click button in lower right, click *Enter for Door prize* and enter door prize word given by Lynn during the meeting **Better Together**

**May Guest speaker: Suzanne Miller**

**Topic: Sewing Machines: History, Scandal and the Hidden Gem in Your Closet**

Suzanne talked about the development of the sewing machine. She had pictures of early things submitted for patents around 1859. Many individuals had good ideas but they realized they needed all the patents to make a good machine. So the patent holders pooled their patents and formed a Sewing Machine Combination Mfg. group that could all use the patents and would license them to other manufacturers for \$15/machine. This combination group expired in 1877.

1862- Bobbin winder developed

1863 – 1<sup>st</sup> paper pattern in US from Butterick

1865 - Singer Letter A developed

1882 – Zig zag developed

1885 – Singer model that we think of as a vintage machine developed

1889 – Singer introduced the 1<sup>st</sup> electric machine

1900 – Sears mail order available for machines

At one time there were 200 sewing machine manufacturers in US. Brown Rotary Shuttle was located in Indianapolis (discontinued operation in 1878)

Scandal followed Issac Singer who started out wanting to be an actor but worked at making and repairing machines to pay the bills. He had multiple wives and many affairs over the years. His estate was contested at his death because there were 2 wills and multiple claims. (He had 24 children)

Suzanne talked about different vintage machines that are valued by collectors: Singer 221 featherweight, Kenmore 158.1040, Necchi (Italian made in 1950's) best engineered, Husqvarna Viking 6460, Pfaff 1862, Elna grasshopper, Bernina X30 series introduced proprietary feet and knee lift.

ISMACS (International Sewing Machine Collectors' Society) database – a website with information that could help you determine age of your vintage machine



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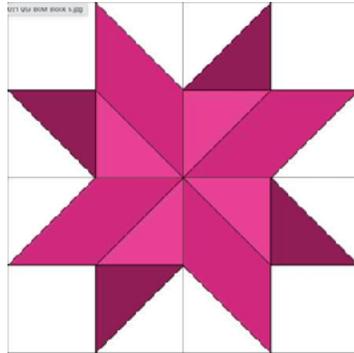
## QGI General (Night meeting) BOM

led by Lynn Thomas, 2021 QGI President

Check out details in the member forum: [www.quiltguildindy.net](http://www.quiltguildindy.net)

*It's not too late to join in the fun with our 2021 QGI BOM!*

**Block 5: May**



## QGI Evening Show and Tell May 13, 2021

From our Diane Murtha workshop:

Carol Marlin



Jeanette Bagley



## More QGI Show and Tell



Jacqui Griswold



Mary Ann Frank



### HOSPITALITY REQUEST

Connie Lancaster, aka Hospitality Committee, is accepting donated items for door prizes.

Items must be in good condition, things that quilters would enjoy.

You can drop off at Quilts Plus (<https://www.quiltsplus.com>) or call Connie Lancaster to make pick up arrangements.

## And Even More Show and Tell

Just how many quilts can you make out of 10 one yard cuts of fabric?  
Lynn Thomas says..... SIX!! And she has leftovers!



## **June 10 Meeting - Tackling UFO's**

Speakers: Catherine Carvey, Judy Pleiss and Connie Lancaster

The challenge of UFOs and how to tackle them is a hot topic right now.  
Many of you have been trying to do just that!

Catherine Carvey, Judy Pleiss and Connie Lancaster will present some strategies to help you continue or get started on your UFO challenge and Judy will show some of her recently completed projects. Then, we'll issue a challenge of our own!

## **June 12 Outdoor Gathering**

**11am - 1pm Broad Ripple Park Pavilion  
1500 Broad Ripple Ave, Indianapolis, IN**

- Bring lunch and chair
- Mystery Bag swap – brown bag, value about \$5-\$8, bring one to get one
- Ugly UFO show and tell
- Quilts to lay out to show (have name on it)
- Limit of 50 people, register online (free)
- Ride share (limited parking due to construction)

## **July 8 Evening Meeting - Program Leader: Lynn Thomas**

**“I am quilter, but I also....”**

In addition to quilting, many of our members have other amazing and creative talents, such as beading, gardening, knitting, embroidery, cake decorating, specialty cuisine, athletic pursuits, etc.

Our July meeting will be member-driven, during which we will get to know our fellow guild members just a little bit better. Every member is encouraged to submit photos of their pastimes. During the meeting, each person will have 3-5 minutes to share their quilting and other creative talents with the guild. Members who wish to participate must sign up in advance by sending a photo of themselves and one of their favorite quilts, along with 2-5 photos that illustrate their other creative outlets.

**Please send your photos to [lynnstomas@att.net](mailto:lynnstomas@att.net) by July 3, 2021.** You'll narrate your photos during the meeting, but Lynn will handle the slide show, so there's no need to fear the technology!

We expect this to be a fun way to learn more about each other and our talents and interests. Please consider sharing yours with your fellow guild members!

## QGI Evening Programs - 2021 & 2022 7 - 9pm on 2nd Thursday

2021 QGI Program Calendar March - December			
Month	Speaker	Date	Lecture/Workshop
Mar 2021	Adelle Scott <a href="http://www.adelescott.com">www.adelescott.com</a>	Mar 11	Lecture - Traditional Quilting with Modern Methods
Apr. 2021	Maria Shell <a href="http://www.mariashell.com">www.mariashell.com</a>	Apr 8	Lecture - Tradition, Art, Modern - Notes from the Field
		April 30	Workshop – Blow It Up! Proportion and Scale
May 2021	Suzanne Miller	May 13	Lecture – Sewing Machines: History, Scandal and the Hidden Gem in Your Closet
June 2021	Catherine Carvey, Connie Lancaster and Judy Pleiss	June 10	UFO's – Finishing Them with a Little Help from Your Friends
June 2021	Outdoor Gathering 11 am – 1 pm Broad Ripple Park Pavilion	June 12	Socialize-Mystery Bag Swap-Ugly UFO show, Quilt Show and Tell
July 2021	Lynn Thomas	July 8	I am a quilter but, I also.... Member participation! Send pictures to Lynn....
Aug 2021	Mel Beach <a href="http://www.melbeachquilts.com">www.melbeachquilts.com</a>	Aug 12	Lecture - Dancing with Threads
		Aug 14	Workshop - Crazy in Love with Free-Motion Quilting
Sept 2021	Cindy Griselda <a href="http://www.cindygriselda.com">www.cindygriselda.com</a>	Sept 9	Lecture – Anatomy of an Improv Quilt
		Sept 11	Workshop - Improv Puzzle Blocks
Oct 2021	Annie Smith <a href="http://www.anniesmith.net">www.anniesmith.net</a>	Oct 14	Lecture - My Stash in Growing and It Won't Stop!
Nov 2021	Carol Lyles Shaw <a href="http://www.carolelylesshaw.com">www.carolelylesshaw.com</a>	Nov 11	Lecture - What Is a Modern Quilt? The Myths and the Magic!
Dec 2021	Guild Christmas Party	Dec 9	
2022 Calendar			
Jan 2022	Lisa Dodson	Jan 13	Lecture – Small Quilts
Feb 2022	Linda J. Hahn <a href="http://www.froghollowdesigns.com">www.froghollowdesigns.com</a>	Feb 10	Lecture - Rock that Quilt Block
		Feb 12	Workshop - Wicked Wahini
Mar 2022	Tinna Tarr <a href="http://www.timnatarr.com">http://www.timnatarr.com</a>	March 10	Lecture – Working in a Series
May 2022	Karen Combs <a href="http://www.karencombs.com">www.karencombs.com</a>	May 12	Lecture – Quilts of Illusion
		May 14	Workshop – Patchwork Illusions

Meeting programs may change from those published.

Workshop fees may vary based on speaker policy. Check the QGI Website:

Events >Workshops at [www.quiltguildindy.net](http://www.quiltguildindy.net) for workshop specific information \*Workshop fees may be refunded up to two weeks prior to the class.

Send complete form and check made out to "QGI" to:

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E-mail questions to: [qgiprograms@gmail.com](mailto:qgiprograms@gmail.com)

## QGI Daytime Programs - 2021 1 -3pm on 1st Friday\*

Month	Speaker	Date	Topic
March	Nina Clotfelter <a href="http://www.ninaquilts.com">www.ninaquilts.com</a>	Mar 5	Threads - What's the Big Deal?
April	Liz Johnson <a href="http://www.sew4home.com">www.sew4home.com</a>	April 2	Color Mixing/Matching
May	Jennifer Titus <a href="http://www.zigzagcorner.com">www.zigzagcorner.com</a>	May 7	Sewing Machine Maintenance
June/ July	JoAnn Burke <a href="https://www.accomplishquilting.com">https://www.accomplishquilting.com</a>	<b>June 25</b>	How Hard Is Longarm Quilting, Anyway?
August	Beth Braun	Aug 6	Quilt Storage Solutions
Sept	TBD	Sept 3	
Oct	Brita Nelson <a href="https://questioningquilter.com">https://questioningquilter.com</a>	Oct 1	Now You See It, Now You Don't. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks
Nov	Jill Repp <a href="https://www.junetailor.com">https://www.junetailor.com</a>	Nov 5	TBD
Dec	Holiday Party	Dec 3	TBD

### QGI Day New Block of the Month!

The National Quilt Museum has given our QGI Day group permission to use their 2021 Block of the Month. Each month's block will have a different designer and look. You will have the option of using the Quilt-As-You-Go method for your quilt.

The blocks will finish at 12" and the completed quilt will be 46" x 60". I hope you can join us! Please see below for the links to the instructions for May & June blocks (aka Jan & Feb on NQM website).

[botm-jan21-final2.pdf \(quiltmuseum.org\)](#)

[BOTM-Feb-Final.pdf](#)

**Email QGI Day photos for Show and Tell** to Betsy LaBell at [b\\_label@hotmail.com](mailto:b_label@hotmail.com) or Libby Gilbert at [elizgilb87@yahoo.com](mailto:elizgilb87@yahoo.com).

To access the meeting zoom link, log into our website ([quiltguildindy.net](http://quiltguildindy.net)), click on Members then click on Forum where you will find Meeting Links.

Click on the link for the June 25 meeting.

## QGI Day Meeting Notes - May 7, 2021

Libby welcomed everyone and Betsy shared a quilt themed birthday cake and read a poem for May birthday celebrants. She also wished everyone a happy Mothers' Day.

Libby then welcomed Jennifer Titus from Zig-Zag Corner Quilts and Baskets in Greenfield, Indiana (<https://www.zigzagcorner.com>) to talk to us about sewing machine maintenance. Jennifer shared lots of tips and advice on cleaning, oiling, threading and recommendations of the best products for the job.

### Announcements

Spring Retreat update from Maureen Weflen. Handouts being sent to participants with lots of agendas and helpful information.

Sara Buchwald reminded us of May 13<sup>th</sup> Suzanne Miller program and May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> All Star Sampler

June 10<sup>th</sup> Connie Lancaster will have a UFO meeting.

Sew-ins May 15<sup>th</sup> 11-1 and May 28<sup>th</sup> 2-4

Fall Retreat Nov. 12-14.

Gloria Stahlhut having a sale in her home May 20-21, 9-3 in Fishers

More information about all these events and how to attend them is on the website and in the newsletter.

The next QGI Day meeting will be a Zoom meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> with special speaker JoAnn Burke on long arm quilting. (<https://www.accomplishquilting.com>)

### **NOTE THE DATE!!! QGI Daytime Program - Friday, June 25, 2021**

This is the combined June/July meeting - Please join us!

**Our featured speaker will be JoAnn Burke from Accomplish Quilting:**  
*How Hard Is Long Arm Quilting, Anyway?*

JoAnn Burke became interested in sewing when she was a small girl of 8 and has been sewing and quilting ever since. She loves all aspects from design and color to techniques and skills.

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But they also have long arm rental!!! You take a short class to learn how to use the machine and then schedule time to do your own quilting! She looks forward to meeting you!

<https://www.accomplishquilting.com/>



## QGI Day Block of the Month - Pictures!

### May Block

Segmented Circles

Pattern and Instructions:  
[botm-jan21-final2.pdf \(quiltmuseum.org\)](#)



### June Block

Beach Dreams

Pattern and Instructions:  
[BOTM-Feb-Final.pdf](#)



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## Having trouble finding zoom meeting links?

Here is how you can do it easily!

1. Go to our website. The correct website address is: [www.quiltguildindy.net](http://www.quiltguildindy.net)
2. You then must enter your password. Click on Members on the right side of the top line. This is the members only way to find zoom meeting links, blocks of the month patterns, quilting bee meeting zoom links, workshop sign ups, recordings of past zoom meetings, etc.
3. Click on **Go To Forum, Go Now** (in the green square).
4. Click on Meeting Zoom Links, then click on the date of the meeting you want to attend.
5. Zoom will ask you to allow it to open Zoom on your computer — click yes.
6. It will then ask you to join using your computer's microphone — click yes on that button too. When the host of the meeting opens the zoom meeting you will be automatically joined in.

**Ta Da! You are in the meeting!**



## Spring Retreat - Hope to See You There! June 4-6, 2021 at the Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana IN

**Check your May 11 email from Maureen Weflen** -We suggest you print a copy of these handouts to use while in Shipshewana or keep the document on your smart phone for reference while at the retreat. Check previous Bits and Pieces newsletters for more information.

Bring your projects, your "What Freedom Means to Me" challenge mask ( or supplies to make it) and any scissors, etc. that need sharpening as Snippy Jim will be with us Friday afternoon and all day Saturday for \$5 each.

## Quilting at the Crossroads: QGI Quilt Show 2022

The 2022 quilt show committee has great things happening. If you want to be among the first to know, join our committee. We still have some areas that we need help. It's a wonderful way to be active in the guild and to meet new people, especially if you are new to the guild.

Contact Nancy Trullinger– [nancytrullinger@frontier.com](mailto:nancytrullinger@frontier.com) or Marcia Hackett– [mkhind@aol.com](mailto:mkhind@aol.com) with any questions. We would love to have you join the fun. We are seeking members for the following positions to help make this show a success - no previous experience necessary! Except the long arm quilting..... :)

Long arm quilter to do custom quilting on our opportunity quilt  
Peony Shop Assistants  
Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales  
Set up and Take Down Coordinator  
Volunteer Coordinator

**Our next Quilt show meeting is June 27th at 2:00 in person at  
New Joy Lutheran Church in an outside pavilion.  
The church is located at 156th street and Sprinamill road in Westfield.**

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## QGI Quilt Show 2022

*Hey, did you know that we are having a quilt show in October of 2022?  
It will be spectacular - and the Quilt Committee needs your help!  
No experience necessary, just a willingness to make friends and support the guild.  
It's a great way to meet people and work together to make it a memorable event.*

### **A message from Co-Chairs Marcia Hackett and Nancy Trullinger...**

The 2022 quilt show committee is actively planning a great show. We still have some areas that we need help. It's a wonderful way to be active in the guild and to meet new people, especially if you are new to the guild.

Peony Shop Assistants

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

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Contact Nancy Trullinger – [nancytrullinger@frontier.com](mailto:nancytrullinger@frontier.com)

or Marcia Hackett – [mkhind@aol.com](mailto:mkhind@aol.com) with any questions.

We would love to have you join the fun!

**Go to Page 19 for the QGI Quilt Show Challenge!**

## Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival

June 17 - 19, 2021

<https://kcrqf.com>

There is a large quilt show in Kansas City on June 17-19, 2021. It will be a In Person-Covid Safety Precautions in place show. It will have a large selection of quilts and over 100 vendors. They will be closing out the opportunity to sign up for classes soon, so if you are interested in classes, you need to get registered soon. This show is every 2 years and it is put on by a number of quilt guilds. For more information, please go to [www.kcrqf.com](http://www.kcrqf.com) Also, if anyone is struggling to find hotel rooms, they can reach out to Glo Stahlhut 317-696-5084 and I can contact the organizers to see if they can get additional room blocks. The show is located at Overland Park Convention Center in Kansas City. KS.

*Thank you, Glo, for sending this information to our QGI Day co-chairs,  
Libby Gilbert and Betsy LaBell!*

# QGI FALL RETREAT

WHEN? NOVEMBER 12-14 (FRIDAY – SUNDAY)

WHERE? CLIFTY FALLS STATE PARK

ARRIVE ON FRIDAY MORNING, LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

RETREAT COST INCLUDES:

- 2 NIGHTS AT THE INN
- LARGE QUILTING SPACE IN THE OVERLOOK ROOM
- FRIDAY DINNER
- SATURDAY BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER
- SUNDAY BREAKFAST

COSTS FOR CURRENT GUILD MEMBERS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY:

- SINGLE \$335
- DOUBLE \$275/EACH
- TRIPLE \$245/EACH
- QUADS \$235/EACH

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE, **SEND A \$50 CHECK PAYABLE TO QGI ALONG WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION (PHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS) AND MAIL IT TO:**

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CAPACITY WILL BE LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE

NO ON-LINE SIGN-UPS AT THIS TIME.

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# Quilter's Last Will and Testament

By Barbara Black - The Quilt Show.com

Every day we get older. And no one gets to live forever. I don't want this to sound maudlin or creepy, but if I was gone tomorrow, my family has a BIG job ahead of them, dealing with all my quilt stuff.

My friends and I have seen what happens when a quilter passes away with a huge stash.

I often say I have a "sinful amount of fabric" and that is true. As well as books, notions, supplies, patterns, magazine articles, projects under construction, etc.

For some time now, I have planned to help my family prepare for the day this all becomes theirs by creating a **Quilter's Last Will and Testament**. Here are 10 Top Tips on what I think your family needs to know about your stuff:

1. **Who to call?** Which quilter friends are willing to help your family sort through and arrange to sell or give away all this stuff.? Name at least 3 good friends, provide their phone numbers. Discuss this with those friends in advance--are they willing to take on this task?
2. **Sewing Machines:** how many do you have, where are they, serial numbers, when did you buy them and for how much? I currently have two Singer Featherweights, a Bernina 765 in an expensive cabinet and my beloved Bernina Q20 sit-down longarm. When I bought that in 2015, I told my husband it was really "expensive". Note I was not asking his permission to buy it, my money as a professional quiltmaker and teacher did that. But he only understood what that word meant when he saw the credit card bill. Your family has no idea how much your very valuable machines cost or are worth today. The Featherweights are often thought to be "toy machines". One of mine I had painted so I have almost \$700 invested in that baby--I want that to go to granddaughter Stella someday.
3. **Your Important Quilts:** Which mean the most to you and are the ones you really want to stay with your family? Do you have some that have won major awards or been published that will increase their value? These "Best Quilts" need to be documented in writing, with photos, to help ensure that information stays with those quilts. Make a LIST--who do you want to get your favorite quilts? There are a few I want to go to my grandchildren, Stella and Sam, when they are old enough to appreciate them. Yes, I have given them baby quilts and kid quilts already. I mean the ones I want them to share with their children, long after I'm gone, when they talk about their "BB".
4. **Your Quilts You Would Like to Give to Someone:** make a list of any quilts you want given to a specific friend or family member. The "quilt worthy" person who will be so happy to have a piece of you in their life. If you are lucky enough to know when your end is near, add their name to those quilts in advance. Or, BETTER YET--give that special friend that special quilt while you are able to see them receive it.
5. **Your Quilts that can be Sold or Given Away:** is there an organization you want to support? Project Linus, Quilts of Valor, Guild Comfy/Charity Quilts all come to mind. But there are organizations that conduct fundraisers which might appreciate a quilt or two. Educational organizations and those that support children in need are possible candidates. I easily have 50 small wall quilts laying around that have little value for sale but could raise a little money for charity.

6. **Put Labels on ALL your quilts.** If you don't automatically put labels on ALL your quilts, start doing that today.

7. **Important Quilts Still Under Construction**--again, if you know your time is short, find those good friends and ask them if they would be willing to finish that really important quilt you are working on, as a gift for your family. Not every quilt you ever started--just that special one you ran out of time to finish. Someone will say "yes".

8. **Be aware** that most of our stuff has little value to others, even quilters. The books, patterns you plan to make "someday", magazine articles you saved for 30 years, the 200 pens/markers in a box. even all your rulers, cutters and mats. People will be happy to take some of it off your hands, but not for money. Now is the best time to start purging that stuff. Have a "swap" or "giveaway" for close quilting friends. This takes work but you bought it all so you really ought to help your family by dealing with some of this stuff now, before it becomes their problem. The only special "things" I want saved for my family are my thimbles. Some are sterling silver, some are inexpensive brass topped thimbles I first learned to hand-quilt with. They are my most meaningful "tools" and take up very little room. I am looking for a special box I can store them in--I will include the story of those thimbles in the box.

9. **The Fabric:** It has value, to a lot of quilters. But, again, it's a matter of quantity. I am really in the purge mode this year as I try to reduce some of the "sinful" amount I have. There is a sale/swap/giveaway in my future this year. Just as soon as I sort through those closets again. Do you LOVE all the fabric you currently own?

10. **Antique Quilts and Tops:** I almost forgot this category--I have about a dozen antique quilts and tops, some cost me a good bit of money. some I lucked into for very little. They are stored away from my quilts, in a closet. I must take time to create a LIST of these, what I know about them, what I paid and where I bought them. Sure don't want my kids to think these are just junky old rags...

11. **Lastly, write a note to the future** about what quilting has meant to you. It has been my most important passion for more than 35 years, more dear to me than anything other than my family. It has gotten me through tough times, brought more joy than I could have imagined, and added dear friends to my life that mean so much--you know who you are. Over the years I have saved a lot of notes I have received from friends and students--they are in a beautiful basket for my kids to find someday. That is a good place for my "letter to the future" to reside.

So, what have I left out? Can you think of more steps we should take to deal with all our stuff? Any of these things can be done now, in bits of time. It doesn't have to take a month of hard work. Just get started. Take one of these ideas a month and do just that. In less than a year you'll be done. Your family will thank you.

## Quilters Hall of Fame News

### Hollis Chatelain: A Retrospective Quilt Journey.

*Opening at The Quilters Hall of Fame on May 11, 2021*

Hollis is an internationally renowned and award-winning artist who creates unique compositions that address challenging social, environmental, and political themes. Using a distinctive style characterized by a dream-like use of color and imagery, her dye-painted scenes of multi-cultural life convey the untold stories of women, children, families, and the earth. Hollis has an educational background in design and photography, and over 35 years' experience as a professional artist through which she hopes to touch and inspire viewers in their roles of making the world what it is. This exhibit of Hollis' work will feature work from her beginnings in quilting to some of her most recent work. This exhibit will be open through July 24, 2021.



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## 2022 Indianapolis Quilt Show Challenge

### “Unspoken Messages” - New Additional Options

Have you stopped to think about the ways you can send a message without using the written word, texting or speaking?

**A.** Our facial expressions, body language, mannerisms or gestures can convey any number of thoughts or feelings to others.

**B.** For those of you old enough to remember, Morse Code was invented by Samuel Morse for use over telegraph lines in 1835. The code uses a series of dashes and dots to represent letters of the alphabet. Morse code can also be sent using flash lights, whistles, horns, the tapping of stone on stone, a laser light reflected on an object or even by flags. A flag swung to the right represents a dot, to the left a dash.



**C.** Messages are also conveyed using flowers (800florals.com). For example, it is generally believed that giving someone red roses sends the message “ I love you”. A yellow tulip can mean There’s sunshine in your smile.”

**D.** Many of us use emojis on our cell phone to send a message to our friends (emojipedia.org). Did you know the World Emoji Day is July 17 each year? ;o)

**E.** Another way to send a message is using shorthand -- an older way of encrypting” your message. The Ford Improved Shorthand ([www.FordShorthand.com](http://www.FordShorthand.com)) simplified the older Gregg Shorthand Method.

**F.** You could also use Sign Language (chart below)

**G.** US Road Signs (without words) at [mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov)

**H.** How about the International Signal Flags at [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)

**I.** Other means of conveying a message without written words (your choice).

### THE CHALLENGE - REVISED

Create a quilt (measuring 18” wide by 30” long) that conveys a message you want to send to your fellow quilters, a family member or other relative, an elected official, your significant other, our first responders to the pandemic, to highlight a cause/movement you support (climate change, criminal justice, breast cancer awareness, etc.) or to celebrate an important event in life (marriage, birthday, graduation, first job, new puppy, etc.). You get the idea. Then convey that message in your quilt using one or more of the methods listed above. **Your message should not contain any written words.** We want the show visitors to look at your quilt and attempt to decipher the message you are sending. We will reveal the message on the registration card that is posted by your quilt.

Read on for inspiration and code resources!

Attached is a chart of the alphabet in Morse Code, the meanings of flowers, [sign language chart](#), and the Ford Shorthand alphabet. Use the emoji website noted above for 44 pages of emojis! [Use the websites noted above for examples of road signs and flags that can be used to convey your message.](#) Use your imagination in using facial expressions, body language or gestures (nothing rude please). If you chose Morse Code you could use rectangles (dashes) and squares (dots) or use buttons for the dots, ribbon or long beads for the dashes, etc. You can also chose to embroider your message on the quilt, hide your message under a flower petal, be creative. **And have fun!**

For questions about the challenge, contact Maureen Weflen at [maureenweflen@att.net](mailto:maureenweflen@att.net).

## Learn Morse Code

You can write Morse code, or send it via sounds or lights.  
Dots represent a short sound or light, and dashes a long sound or light.

A	B	C	D	E	F
..-	-....	-.-.-	-...	.	...--
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S	T	U	V	W	X
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Y	Z	0	1	2	3
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4	5	6	7	8	9
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## Ford Improved Shorthand Alphabet

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Λ	6	c	d	L	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		
o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z		

As every flower lover knows, flowers have a language of their own. Every sentiment is expressed in one form or another by these delicate blooms. Of course, even the experts disagree on the "true meaning" of many flowers and most have different meanings to different people. So, while all flowers convey thoughtfulness and love, here are some of the more traditional flower meanings, according to one source. See, if you agree. And, remember, a gift of flowers for a special someone will always create its own personal meaning, too.

- ACACIA** - Concealed Love, Beauty in Retirement, Chaste Love
- AMBROSIUS** - Your Love is Reciprocated
- AMARYLLIS** - Pride, Pastoral Poetry
- ANEMONE** - Forsaken
- ARBUTUS** - Thee Only Do I Love
- ASTER** - Symbol of Love, Daintiness
- AZALEA** - Take Care of Yourself for Me, Temperance, Fragile Passion, Chinese Symbol of Womanhood
- BACHELOR BUTTON** - Single Blessedness
- BEGONIA** - Beware
- BELLS OF IRELAND** - Good Luck
- BITTERSWEET** - Truth
- BLUEBELL** - Humility
- CACTUS** - Endurance
- CAMELLIA (Pink)** - Longing for you
- CAMELLIA (Red)** - You're a Flame in My Heart
- CAMELLIA (White)** - You're Adorable
- CARNATION (General)** - Fascination, Woman Love
- CARNATION (Pink)** - I'll Never Forget You
- CARNATION (Red)** - My Heart Aches For You, Admiration
- CARNATION (PURPLE)** - Capriciousness
- CARNATION (SOLID COLOR)** - Yes
- CARNATION (Striped)** - No, Refusal, Sorry I Can't Be With You, Wish I Could Be With You
- CARNATION (White)** - Sweet and Lovely, Innocence, Pure Love, Woman's Good Luck Gift
- CARNATION (Yellow)** - You Have Disappointed Me, Rejection
- CATTAIL** - Peace, Prosperity
- CHRYSANTHEMUM (GENERAL)** - You're a Wonderful Friend, Cheerfulness and Rest.
- CHRYSANTHEMUM (WHITE)** - Truth
- CHRYSANTHEMUM (YELLOW)** - Slighted Love
- CROCUS** - Cheerfulness
- CYCLAMEN** - Resignation and Good-bye
- DAFFODIL** - Regard, Unrequited Love, You're the Only One, The Sun is Always Shining when I'm with You
- DAISY** - Innocence, Loyal Love, I'll Never Tell, Purity
- DANDELION** - Faithfulness, Happiness
- FERN** - Magic, Fascination, Confidence and Shelter
- FIR** - Time
- FLAX** - Domestic Symbol
- FORGET-ME-NOT** - True Love, Memories
- FORSYTHIA** - Anticipation
- GARDENIA** - You're Lovely, Secret Love
- GLADIOLI** - Give Me a Break, I'm Really Sincere, Flower of the Gladiators
- GLOXINIA** - Love at First Sight

**HEATHER (Lavender)** - Admiration, Solitude  
**HEATHER (White)** - Protection, Wishes Will Come True  
**HOLLY** - Defense, Domestic Happiness  
**HYACINTH (General)** - Games and Sports, Rashness, Flower Dedicated to Apollo  
**HYACINTH (Blue)** - Constancy  
**HYACINTH (Purple)** - I am Sorry, Please Forgive Me, Sorrow  
**HYACINTH (Red or Pink)** - Play  
**HYACINTH (White)** - Loveliness, I'll Pray for You  
**HYACINTH (Yellow)** - Jealousy  
**HYDRANGEA** - Thank You for Understanding, Frigidity, Heartlessness  
**IRIS** - Fleur-de-lis, Emblem of France, Your Friendship Means so Much to Me, Faith, Hope, Wisdom and Valor, My Compliments  
**IVY** - Wedded Love, Fidelity, Friendship, Affection  
**JONQUIL** - Love Me, Affection Returned, Desire, Sympathy, Desire for Affection Returned  
**LARKSPUR (Pink)** - Fickleness  
**LILY (White)** - Virginity, Purity, Majesty, It's Heavenly to be with You  
**LILY (Yellow)** - I'm Walking on Air, False and Gay  
**LILY (CALLA)** - Beauty  
**LILY (DAY)** - Coquetry, Chinese Emblem for Mother  
**LILY (EUCCHARIS)** - Maiden Charms  
**LILY (TIGER)** - Wealth, Pride  
**LILY of the VALLEY** - Sweetness, Tears of the Virgin Mary, Return to Happiness, Humility, You've Made My Life Complete  
**MAGNOLIA** - Nobility  
**MARIGOLD** - Cruelty, Grief, Jealousy  
**MISTLETOE** - Kiss me, Affection, To Surmount Difficulties, Sacred Plant of India  
**MONKSHOOD** - Beware, A Deadly Foe is Near  
**MOSS** - Maternal Love, Charity  
**MYRTLE** - Love, Hebrew Emblem of Marriage  
**NARCISSUS** - Egotism, Formality, Stay as Sweet as You Are  
**NASTURTIUM** - Conquest, Victory in Battle  
**OLEANDER** - Caution  
**ORANGE BLOSSOM** - Innocence, Eternal Love, Marriage and Fruitfulness  
**ORANGE MOCK** - Deceit  
**ORCHID** - Love, Beauty, Refinement, Beautiful Lady, Chinese Symbol for Many Children  
**ORCHID (CATTLEYA)** - Mature Charm  
**PALM LEAVES** - Victory and Success  
**PEONY** - Shame, Happy Life, Happy Marriage  
**PETUNIA** - Resentment, Anger, Your Presence Soothes Me  
**PINE** - Hope, Pity  
**POPPY (General)** - Eternal Sleep, Oblivion, Imagination  
**POPPY (White)** - Consolation  
**POPPY (Red)** - Wealth, Success  
**PRIMROSE** - I Can't Live Without You  
**PRIMROSE (EVENING)** - Inconstancy  
**ROSE (Bridal)** - Happy Love  
**ROSE (Dark Crimson)** - Mourning  
**ROSE (Hibiscus)** - Delicate Beauty  
**ROSE (Leaf)** - You May Hope  
**ROSE (Pink)** - Perfect Happiness, Please Believe Me  
**ROSE (Red)** - Love, I Love You  
**ROSE (Tea)** - I'll Remember Always  
**ROSE (Thornless)** - Love at First Sight  
**ROSE (White)** - Innocence and Purity, I am Worthy of You, You're Heavenly, Secrecy and Silence  
**ROSE (White & Red Mixed)** - Unity, Flower Emblem of England  
**ROSE (White Dried)** - Death is Preferable to Loss of Virtue  
**ROSE (Yellow)** - Decrease of Love, Jealousy, Try to Care

**ROSEBUD** - Beauty and Youth, A Heart Innocent of Love  
**ROSEBUD (Red)** - Pure and Lovely  
**ROSEBUD (White)** - Girlhood  
**ROSEBUD (Moss)** - Confessions of Love  
**ROSES (Bouquet of Mature Blooms)** - Gratitude  
**ROSES (Single Full Bloom)** - I Love You, I Still Love You  
**SMILAX** - Loveliness  
**SNAPDRAGON** - Deception, Gracious Lady  
**SPIDER FLOWER** - Elope with Me  
**STEPHANOTIS** - Happiness in Marriage, Desire to Travel  
**STOCK** - Bonds of Affection, Promptness, You'll Always Be Beautiful to Me  
**SWEETPEA** - Good-bye, Departure, Blissful Pleasure, Thank You for a Lovely Time  
**TULIP (General)** - Perfect Lover, Frame, Flower Emblem of Holland  
**TULIP (Red)** - Believe Me, Declaration of Love  
**TULIP (VARIEGATED)** - Beautiful Eyes  
**TULIP (Yellow)** - There's Sunshine in Your Smile  
**VIOLET** - Modesty  
**VIOLET (BLUE)** - Watchfulness, Faithfulness, I'll Always Be True  
**VIOLET (White)** - Let's Take a Chance  
**ZINNIA (Magenta)** - Lasting Affection  
**ZINNIA (Mixed)** - Thinking (or In Memory) of an Absent Friend  
**ZINNIA (Scarlet)** - Constancy  
**ZINNIA (White)** - Goodness  
**ZINNIA (Yellow)** - Daily Remembrance

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**2021**

*All meetings will be held via*

*Zoom until further notice.*

*Link is on the Member Forum page  
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**Daytime Meeting**

**First Friday Each Month**

**1:00 PM**

**Evening Meeting**

**Second Thursday Each Month**

**2021 QGI Board Meeting**

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

Board meetings will be every other month from 6:30-8:30 via Zoom on the Tuesday night before the Thursday night QGI meeting. In September, we will meet the Thursday one week prior to the QGI meeting.

Meeting dates are Jan 12, Mar 9, May 11, July 6 (subject to change), Thursday Sept 2, (1 week before QGI meeting) and Tues Nov 9.

All paid members are welcome to link into the meetings. Please contact Lynn Thomas.

