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Quilters Guild of Indianapolis Newsletter

April 2020

President's Message

I had written a completely different topic for this month's newsletter, but like all of you, things have changed dramatically in the last few weeks. My plans for quilting with friends, taking a workshop, visiting quilt shops and everything else in my life that's normal, are now derailed by the COVID-19 Virus.

These are very stressful times with lots of uncertainties. As president of QGI, I've had to call off meetings, cancel speakers, and postpone workshops until we are finally beyond the dangers of this epidemic. When that will happen and life will return to some normalcy is not known. It could be weeks or months. In the meantime, I wait at home, take walks around the neighborhood, catch up on my reading, watch the news and work in my sewing room.

The upside of this situation is that it's given me time to clean closets, deep clean the house and start the endless process of decluttering. In my sewing room, I have pulled out UFOs that I intended to finish long ago and are getting the attention they deserve. Now I have no distractions or excuses anymore.

I've also been posting more on Facebook just to stay in touch with people. I avoid the scary pandemic posts out there (there have been lots) and I bypass the angry rants. I belong to several groups on Facebook and my hope is that I will be inspired by seeing the beautiful projects other people are working on.

There have been news reports about good things people are doing to help other people. As a friend of mine pointed out after 9/11, it's important to focus on the heroes and the positive things that happen with any disaster. We will get through this together.

Till we meet again, KEEP CALM AND QUILT ON!

Mary Ellen Straughn
2020 QGI President



QGI General Meeting - March 12, 2020

Update: All guild activities/meetings (QGIS, QGIN, and QGI) for March 19-April 9 were cancelled due COVID-19 restrictions. If Carmel Clay Schools are closed, there will be no meetings at Orchard Park Church. The Spring Retreat dates changed to October 23-25, 2020. Charity work and the Eiteljorg event were also cancelled.

Mary Ellen welcomed everyone and had the following announcements:

- Requested members to continue to wear name tags at the meetings.
- Asked anyone who picked up the newsletter to turn it in at the end of the meeting in order for it to be used at QGIS or QGIN meetings.
- Shared happy thoughts about upcoming springtime!
- **The June QGI meeting will be on June 4th** (first Thursday; rather than the usual second Thursday of the month) due to Vacation Bible School at the church.

We sang Happy Birthday for all of the quilters with birthdays in March.

Announcements:

Melissa Snyder, bee keeper, requested information (bee name, meeting location and times, open or closed to new members, etc.) from existing bees in order to compile a list of bees and help new members find a bee to join.

Christine Hurley introduced a new QGI member, Libby Haynes, who is starting a QOV group in Noblesville. They will be meeting at the Noblesville VFW on the 1st Saturdays of each month from 10-3. Christine is collecting patriotic Ohio Floating Star blocks throughout the year, put your name on them and she will draw a winner in December for a prize.

Nancy Trullinger, 2021 quilt show co-chair, will have a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering and sharing ideas for the upcoming quilt show next year. Saturday, March 21 at 1PM New Joy Lutheran Church, 316 W 156th Street, Westfield.

Amy O'Connell announced the following upcoming programs/workshops:

- Mary Strinka will offer Stack and Whack workshops on April 4 (has openings) and June 13 (full),
- Kathy McNeil at the May meeting and 2 workshops: Feathers are Flying (full) and Wonderful World of Landscape Quilts (has openings),
- Susan Brubaker Knapp at the August meeting and 2 workshops: Thread Sketching-Still Life (has openings) and Whole Cloth Painting-Botanicals (full),
- Mark Sherman at the October meeting and 2 workshops: Remarkable Faux Applique and Remarkable Machine Trapunto (both have openings).

Margaret Duke announced the next monthly charity workday will be March 19th.

For National Quilting Day, March 21, the charity group will be hosting a quilting demonstration at the Eiteljorg Museum in conjunction with the Quilts: Uncovering Women's Stories exhibit. There will be a presentation at 1 PM by Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi. Also, Dallas Reed will have a charity workday on March 21 at the Irvington United Methodist Church from 9-3 with a pitch-in lunch.

Chris Robertson has the logo items that have been ordered. In addition, there are QGI mugs (\$5), water bottles (\$25), and jackets (two XLs and a 2XL) available for purchase.

Maureen Weflen and Chris Robertson reminded members of the upcoming spring retreat May 8-10 in Shipshewana, IN. Payment due in full by March 27th, and QGI dues have to be paid (if not already done). If not signed up, you would now be put on a waitlist. There will be prize for the person who makes the most QOV blocks. There is an optional Think Spring name tag contest. Retreat room is open Friday (9AM to midnight), Saturday (8AM to midnight), and Sunday (8AM to noon, to be confirmed). Breakfast is provided; lunch and dinner are on your own.

Diana Stuckey shared the March block of the month pattern, a 12.5" churn dash block with a pinwheel in the center. Patterns for March were available at the meeting. Betsy LaBell won the prize at the March meeting.

Show and Tell:

Six people shared 9 quilts with the group.

QGI Program:

The planned speaker, Johanna Blume, from the Eiteljorg Museum was unable to attend.

Connie Lancaster presented a slideshow program entitled Leftovers. She shared many great ideas for cutting, organizing and using your scraps to make various multi-fabric quilts. Ideas included string piecing quilts and 8" finished 16-patch blocks made from 2.5" squares. Also, Connie and members recommended the following websites with free patterns: artgalleryfabrics.com, Moda bake shop, Jordan fabrics, and QGI charity quilts.

Hospitality:

Connie Lancaster reported that we had 45 members present. Five door prizes were distributed including a set of tickets to the Quilter's Hall of Fame Celebration (July 16-18).

IMPORTANT NOTE: All 2020 guild programs shown below are subject to cancellation or postponement should the COVID-19 virus restrictions on group meetings and facilities availability change. Please check our website for the latest news on QGI events.

QGI Calendar of 2020 Events

2020 Calendar			
Month	Speaker	Date	Lecture/Workshop
May 2020	Kathy McNeil http://kathymcneilquilts.com	May 14 May 15 May 16	Razzle Dazzle Your Quilts Feathers are Flying Wonderful World of Landscape Quilts
June 2020	TBD	June 11 June 13	TBD Mary Strinka - Stack and Whack
July 2020	Guild Summer Party	July 9	
Aug 2020	Susan Brubaker Knapp http://bluemoonriver.com	Aug 13 Aug 14 Aug 15	The Artist in You Thread Sketching - Still Life Whole Cloth Painting - Botanicals
Sept 2020	TBD	Sept 10	
Oct 2020	Mark Sherman www.remarkablequilts.com	Oct 8 Oct 9 Oct 10	Man Quilter Lecture and Trunk Show Remarkable Faux Applique Remarkable Machine Trapunto
Nov 2020	TBD	Nov 12	
Dec 2020	Guild Christmas Party	Dec 10	

*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

MAY 1 QGIN PROGRAM

Join us for a lecture by Maureen Weflen and Mary Ellen Straughn called "Quilts, Kimonos, Textiles and the Beauty of Japan" all about their trip to Japan and the Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival. Both will provide pictures, stories and samples of Japanese fabrics. Invite some friends! Here are a few teaser photos. There will be many more in May!



APRIL 23 QGIS PROGRAM

Kay England has **cancelled** her program for the April 23 QGIS meeting. However, Cheryl Otter and Cindy Newell are working with her to reschedule a presentation later in the year.

2021 QUILT SHOW MEETING

Nancy Trullinger and Marcia Hackett will advise when and where the first meeting will be held following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions on meetings and facilities availability.

Save the Date for QGI 2020 Fall Retreat!

Date: Friday, August 7 – Sunday, August 9, 2020

Location: Clifty Falls Inn, Clifty Falls State Park

Address: 1650 Clifty Hollow Rd, Madison, IN 47250

Phone: (812) 265-4135

Jean Dyer reports that the QGI 2020 Fall Retreat planning is underway. Please save the date and watch for more information in the coming months.

CHANGE OF DATES FOR SPRING RETREAT

New Dates: October 23-25, 2020

Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana IN

On March 17 Maureen Weflen contacted the Farmstead Inn to get information on whether they will be open for our Spring Retreat. With the spread of the corona virus and in an abundance of caution for the health of Farmstead guests and employees, and our guild members,, we have changed the dates of the Spring Retreat to October 23-25. Maybe we can call it a "Trick or Treat Retreat!"

We have again booked 30 rooms and will keep your names on these reservations. However, if the new dates don't work for you due to other commitments, vacations, etc., let Maureen know you want to cancel your reservation. (Email Maureen at maureenweflen@att.net.) Be sure to let your roommate know as well as they may need to change the size of the room to a single, or get another person to share the room.

If you cancel your reservation (through Maureen) your deposit(s) will be refunded to you by the Treasurer. The Farmstead Inn is keeping the same room rates for us in October. For those of you who plan to attend in October we will apply your prior deposits to those dates.

For those who booked a room for May 7 through Elaine, she will cancel those reservations. If you booked a room for May 7 with any other Inn employee, you will need to call the Farmstead (260-768-4595) and cancel your reservation.

New Due Date for Final Payments: September 11, 2020

Please mail your payments to Maureen Weflen, 3247 Autumn Ash Dr., Zionsville, IN 46077.

Reservations for the night before the retreat--October 22-- should be made through Elaine at 260-768-4595. Identify yourself as part of the Indianapolis Quilt Guild's retreat. She will take your credit card information as this night is not part of the retreat costs. By arranging your reservation through Elaine she will put you in the same room that you will be assigned to during the retreat.

Maureen and Chris Robertson hope those who signed up for the May retreat will be able to come in October. For any other retreat questions, please contact Maureen at the email address above.



UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS*

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

Franklin County Quilt Show: May 15 (10am-5pm), May 16 (10am-4pm) 2020
Old Brookville High School Gym
1010 Franklin Ave., Brookville, IN 47012

Admission: No cost shown.
Questions: 765-647-5661 or 765-647-6360
fcquiltshow@gmail.com

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

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.

Quilts From The Heartland: 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
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

Other Contacts:

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.



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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:

5/13/20, 7/8/20, 9/9/20, 11/11/20

6:30 pm - Old National Bank

1430 S. Rangeline Rd, Carmel IN

All paid members are welcome to attend.

President	MaryEllen Straughn
Charity Quilts	Margaret Duke
Preemie Quilts	Sandy Haneline
Quilts of Valor	Chris Hurley
Charity Hats	<i>Open!</i>
Vice President	Lynn Thomas
Bee Keeper	Melissa Snyder
Spring Retreat	Chris Robinson Maureen Weflen
Fall Retreat	Jean Dyer
Secretary	Betsy LaBell
Block of Month	Diana Stuckey
Hospitality	Connie Lancaster
	Jacqui Griswald
Logo/Pins	Chris Robertson
Treasurer	Maggie Carr
Member At Lg.	Shari Harrison
Quilt Assn.	Anita Harden
Publicity	<i>Open!</i>
Advertising	<i>Open!</i>
Newsletter	Maureen Weflen
Social Media	<i>Open!</i>
Website	Leigh Layton
	Diane Burgan
Programs	Dawn Barach
	Amy O'Connell
2021 Quilt Show	Nancy Trullinger Marcia Hackett
QGIN Chairs	Anita Harden
	Judy Barmann
QGIS Chairs	Cindy Newell Sheryl Otter