



BITS AND PIECES

Quilters Guild of Indianapolis Newsletter

May 2020

May President's Message

Hello to everyone,

I hope this finds you all well and staying safe. With the new social distancing, we are all confined to our homes except for essential shopping at groceries stores and pharmacies. I think "social distancing" will be the word of the year.

I don't mind staying at home because I'm retired, but I know there are many of you with jobs that may be able to go to work. This is tough and my sympathies are with you. I'm confident that this, too, shall pass and that we will all emerge in a new world where masks are commonly worn and some social distancing is still practiced. We'll figure this out and be better for it.

There are many things I have missed in the past few weeks like going out for a meal at my favorite restaurant, getting together with friends to talk and sew, going to the movies and, of course, shopping at quilt stores.

Rather than dwell on the negative aspects of daily events, however, I now wait until the end of the nightly news to catch the stories about the good things that are happening. For example, in New York, people are cheering every night at 7 pm for the medical workers on the forefront of this virus. In other cities around the world, folks are out on their balconies singing to each other. There was even a story about a couple who met each other, he on his balcony and she on the roof of her building across the street, are started a new relationship via email. I love the stories about the Zoom and video chats that bring families and friends together for a "meeting."

As quilters, we have adapted, too, by sewing masks for our families, neighbors, first responders, fire departments, hospitals and nursing homes. This warms my heart to think how generous people are and how willing to give up their time to help others.

Because of the uncertainty that still exists at this writing, we are going suspend all QGI meetings at least through the end of May. I am exploring other ways we might be able to have meetings online or through the website, so keep a watch for future developments. If nothing else, consider using Zoom for small meetings with your quilting friends. Don't forget we have Facebook, so post your projects if you feel inclined.

Till we meet again, stay well and stay safe.

Mary Ellen Straughn

2020 QGI President



Update for QGI Programs

Kathy McNeil lecture and workshops for May 14 - 16 have been cancelled and we will be issuing refunds. We hope to try and do an online lecture with her sometime and are also working on rebooking the workshops for 2021.

No other lecture or workshops have been cancelled at this time. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding as things change everyday.

We are trying to figure out ways to do more online and keep everyone connected.

Stay safe, keep on quilting!

QGI Calendar of 2020 Events (subject to Covid-19 restrictions)

2020 Calendar			
Month	Speaker	Date	Lecture/Workshop
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 Mary Strinka workshop	Sept 10 Sept 19	TBD Mary Strinka - Stack and Whack
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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Indianapolis, IN 46240

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Indianapolis, IN
46240

E-mail questions to: qgiprograms@gmail.com

QGIN MEETINGS

The May 1, QGIN meeting is obviously cancelled. The next QGIN meeting is June 26, a combined June/July meeting. At this point Judy and Anita are hoping it will be a Zoom meeting with a panel discussion. Please watch for announcement prior to the meeting.

QGIS MEETINGS

The May 28 QGIS meeting is also cancelled. 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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Making Masks in Quarantine Aka: 5200 masks made in a week!

Like so many of us, I have been alternately captivated by current events, and weary of all the news reports. Inactivity is not a strong suit for us creative people and we all want to help. But would any of our sewing abilities and supplies be needed and approved by medical personnel? Reports were conflicting. As a former scientist and teacher, I like to go to research reports and the CDC. Fabric masks are a last resort. But eventually, we reached that point. Hospitals, medical facilities and related groups began requesting masks. Even better, they wanted specific patterns and designs. Quilters and local quilt shop owners organized and are making masks at an amazing rate.

I joined the Eskenazi Hospital mask making effort started by Crimson Tate shop owner, Heather Givens. Heather reached out to someone she knew at the hospital to see if they needed any and how could she help. This simple gesture turned into an enormous effort by nearly 140 quilters making anywhere between 15 and 41 masks in a week. 4,000 masks went to Eskenazi Hospital to be used by visitors and non-Covid-19 patients. 1,200 masks went to Community Health. Heather contacted a targeted list of people on April 1st who became team captains. The team captains then recruited others and served as drop off sites for fabric on April 7th and finished mask son April 15th. Whew!

It was really something incredible. Eskenazi provided material and it was a struggle for us. The fabric was a home decorating weight – difficult to pin, sew and press. The pattern was also a challenge and made for slow sewing, or least a slow production rate. For some people it was disappointing that they were not able to work with the fabric. I am happy that they stepped up in the first place!

I am very proud of all our guild members (more than 40!) who stepped up to work on this project. We made the news on The Indy Channel (<https://www.theindychannel.com/open/central-indiana-quilters-and-sewers-make-5-2k-masks-in-less-than-7-days-for-indy-hospital-workers>), but even more importantly we knew that our hard work was needed and appreciated.

All this makes me grateful that I belong to such a great group of people. May you all stay healthy, productive, creative and kind in these challenging times.

Shari Harrison, Member-At-Large



News from Dallas Reed on April 23: During these times, that I have been planning for since I started quilting, I am staying busy. I have been cutting out masks and I have a great support group helping me with them. A lot of people do not like cutting out, only sewing! I usually average 100 a day. The 8 to 9 sewers--guild members and non-members--are very productive. I want to give a shout out to Anita Harden, Leigh Layton and Ruth Rose for their labor and contributions of masks as well. On Monday April 20, I turned in around 300 masks, making our total that was turned in to Community East to over 1200. I have around 130 that I will take over Thursday or Friday. All of them are given from the quilters guild of Indianapolis.

In my spare time, I am working on two different quilt designs. The string quilt was started last week and I have 43 blocks done, out it a total of 80. Below is my progress on these quilts.



Musings from Sheryl Otter: Hello Quilters. My wish for today is that all of you are healthy and staying home, if possible. Hopefully, before too long we will be able to meet and share our many new Show and Tell projects.

I thought that staying home would allow me to do many jobs around the house. One day I even resorted to cleaning my sewing room and discovered at least 13 UFO's. I have been trying to finish them but in my cleaning, I discovered lots of fabric awaiting a design. So I had to address that problem and started some new projects. One of my completed quilts was for my granddaughter who adores cats. Since she is quarantined with a little sister who would get jealous if she did not get a cat quilt, I was forced to order a cat themed quilt kit for Grace. I also made some "home school" uniforms for my grandchildren, also called PJ pants. I also have made several face masks. As the weather gets warmer I will have to leave the sewing room to do some needed yard work. However, working on a quilt and listening to music, helps calm the fears of these uncertain times.

(More member Show and Tell projects are shown later in this newsletter.)

Charity Quilts

I know we are all wondering daily what our life is going to look like in the time when we begin to get out and around again. There are certainly many things to be considered, like when can groups like ours get together again.

What have you been doing with all this time apart? (besides cooking 3 meals a day and sleeping in and wearing your pj's all day)

- Making masks?
- Spring cleaning?
- Working on Bonnie Hunter's Unity quilt?
- Working on UFOs?
- Learning a new craft?
- Meeting with groups on Zoom?
- Shopping for toilet paper?
- Working in your yard?
- Reading books or listening to audio books?
- Taking a walk?
- Cuddling with you pet(s)?

What could you add to the above list? Maybe you have completed one or more projects for Charity (besides masks)?

I feel sure there will be a "surge" in donations when we are able to get together again. In no way do I expect the giving curve to "flatten out." Notice the terminology I've picked up since I've seen so many press conferences. (Just trying to interject a little humor into these serious times.)

Maybe Charity will get to meet in June. This is the dream right now. To those interested in our 3rd Thursday meetings, what would you think if we also could meet in July this summer, restrictions permitting? Watch for Jenny Quilter announcements about future meetings.

Something else to think about: The Eiteljorg Museum may be interested in rescheduling us for a visit toward the end of July, or the first of August when their quilt exhibit is ending.

If anyone is in need of fabric, particularly, for making masks, contact me. I have fabric for you to "shop" or I can place some in a bag for you to pick up.

Margaret Duke
Charity Quilts

OCTOBER 23-25, 2020 RETREAT

All 30 rooms are sold out. If you would like to attend the retreat and be put on a waiting list for possible cancellations, email maureenweflen@att.net . Here's hoping we will be able to meet with minimal restrictions by that time. Stay Calm and Quilt On!

In Memoriam

Dolores Irene Martina

Alice Martina Smith's mother died March 18, 2020. Dolores Irene Martina was 91 years old and lived through the Great Depression and World War II. She worked, raised a family, and volunteered. This talented woman always wanted to be busy and stay productive. If you read her obituary, you can see where Alice got her vim, vigor, and vitality! Our sympathy and love go to Alice and her family.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heritage/obituary.aspx?n=dolores-irene-martina&pid=195943899>

Marti Louk

Martha (We knew her as "Marti.") Louk, a long-time QGI member, died April 11, 2020. She had been in a long-term Alzheimer's health care facility for some time. Marti was very active in QGI from the 1990's through 2012 and was part of the "Tuesday Morning Menders" bee with Connie Litfin, Mary Sue Riggs, and others. In 1994 she was secretary of the guild and later she chaired various committees, including Logo, Historian, Sunshine, and Baby Quilts. She made and shared many beautiful quilts with us. Her love of quilting is shown in her obituary, "While she dabbled in redwork and embroidery, her true passion was quilting, and it showed. Her quilts have been published in books and magazines, and each of her grandchildren has been blessed with a 'Grannah Original' to told dear. Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Carmel continues to display banners, paraments, and wall hangings she made with incredible detail and love." Our condolences go to her husband John, and her children, Jennifer, Greg, and Eric, and their children. To see Marti's complete obituary go to:

www.indianafuneralcare.com

The above information was provided by Peggy Greene.

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.

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

Admission: \$5

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.

MORE PROJECTS QUARANTINED MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON!

Betsy LaBelle



Lynn Thomas



Maureen Weflen



Amy O'Connell



Jean Manna



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.

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	Judy Barmann
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	Sheryl Otter