

## From Our President...

Dear Quilters-

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Lots of friends, family, and, of course, food. We went to Pacific to celebrate with our family and had a wonderful time. I hope you were able to work in some quilting over the long holiday weekend. I was, most definitely.



Wasn't our QOV presentation outstanding? Karla, Donna, and Mary go over and above to make this celebration special for all of the recipients and our guild. I plan on making a quilt for this event next year. I have a nephew that lives in WI that retired from the Marines. Some of you may remember meeting him about eleven years ago when he was here for my sister's death. Hopefully he will be able to attend.

I am looking forward to our December meeting. New Christmas Dinner venue, BOM quilts will be displayed, items for the LFCS tote bags, so much going on. Rosie has some games planned even though she is in sunny Alabama!!! I would love to have some help making that happen!!! If you didn't make a tote bag, please feel free to donate some items. The list is on our webpage.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Delmonicos on December 13, at 6PM.

Fondly,

Madeline





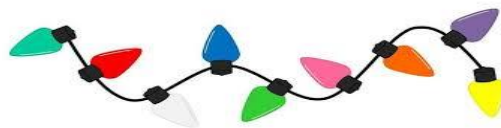
Our Christmas party will be December 13 at 6 pm at Delmonicos between Cape and Jackson. We will have our own separate room, cost for the buffet is \$13 + drink, + tax, and + tip. You will pay Delmonicos.

If you have not signed up yet, please just text me that you plan on coming so they know how much food to prepare.

Remember to bring any bags and items for Lutheran Family and Children's Services gift tote\*\*.

Hope to see you there.

- Maxine 573-579-9616



\*\*This year instead of an ornament exchange at our December Christmas meeting, please bring donations for Lutheran Family and Children's Services. Birth Mother Comfort Bags are provided to birth mothers choosing adoption for their child during their hospital stay after their child's birth, with the hope the bags will bring them comfort, peace, and help them feel supported as they go through a very difficult time. More information on these bags is included below and on the RHQG website.

LFCS is also in need of donations to help mothers with crisis pregnancies who are preparing to become a parent. Helpful items include baby wipes, receiving blankets, burp cloths, pacifiers, baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, diaper rash cream, health items for newborns (thermometers, medicine dispensers, bulb suckers, humidifier, baby monitor, safety gate), baby bottles, and household items such as detergent, paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products for moms. Thank you so much for your care and concern for our neighbors who are struggling in our community.

### **Birth Mother Comfort Bags**

When a parent chooses adoption for her child, she makes the choice out of love, because she believes it is best for her child. Birth mothers often experience strong feelings of grief and sadness around the loss of their child, leading up to and after their child's birth. We provide these bags to birth mothers during their hospital stay after their child's birth, with the hope they will provide some comfort, peace, and help them feel supported. We thank you for helping us provide this nurturing support to parents making adoption plans.

#### **Items for bags:**

Canvas/Tote Bag  
Puzzle/Crossword Book  
Pencil Sharpener  
Journal  
Chapstick

Adult Coloring Book  
Colored Pencils  
Fuzzy Socks  
Plastic Document Folder  
Small Lotion





## Happy Birthday

- December 1 – Ann Beggs
- December 1 – Anne Marietta
- December 3 – Denise Steck-Carpenter
- December 4 – Mary Tripp
- December 11 – Linda Biri
- December 11 – Rita Keele
- December 12 - Elke Powell
- December 12 – Sharon Bucher
- December 17 – Linda Tansil
- December 18 – Kathy Keith
- December 27 – Cookie Little
- December 29 – Karla Kiefner
- December 30 – Kelly Irvin

## Community Quilts

Meets the

First & Third Tuesday

of each month

9:00AM - 11:30AM

Abbey Road Christian Church

2411 Abbey Road

Cape Girardeau

**Mark your 2022 calendars now to volunteer and get involved in your quilt guild and also give back to your community.**



### URGENT MESSAGE...

Being a member of RHQG enables you to participate in our annual Quilt Raffle. It is important that this is taken care of for the future of our guild. If you have not yet picked up your envelope of tickets, contact me. If you haven't returned your tickets, the drawing is December 13. If you have left over tickets they need to be returned. Also, if you would like for me to fill out tickets for you, send me a check and address labels. Because of the pandemic we did not have a raffle last year, so we need to be very successful this year.

Merle Deneke

573-576-642



## INCLEMENT WEATHER NEWS

If the Cape Girardeau public schools are closed then our quilt guild will not meet.

The decision to cancel a meeting will be made by the President who will then contact the correspondence chairman. This will immediately be sent out in an email to the members and be posted on Facebook.

***If bad weather strikes during the day of our meeting pay close attention to your emails! Guild members are responsible for checking their emails for this cancellation notice. This will also be posted on the guild's Facebook page.***

We do not want our members risking injury or accident to go to a meeting. Please use good judgment when considering driving conditions.

Updated January 5, 2021

### November 2021 Minutes

#### River Heritage Quilters' Guild

- President Madeline Gieselman welcomed everyone, and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Carol Gallaher opened the Quilts of Valor ceremony with a prayer. QOV committee members Mary Green, Karla Kiefner, and Donna Irwin led the presentation and gave a history about Quilts of Valor.
- The group sang the Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful
- QOV recipients for 2021 were:
  1. LR Brandes, US Marines. Quilt made by Lynnore Meyer
  2. Linda Byerley, US Army (Women's Army Corps). Quilt made by members of River Heritage QG
  3. David Cantrell, US Navy. Quilt made by Deborah Denton Hall
  4. Don Eggle, US Navy, Army National Guard, US Air Force. Quilt made by Jewel Eggle
  5. Dave Hitt, US Army. Quilt made by Linda Gast
  6. Larry Martin, US Air Force. Quilt made by Harriet Martin
  7. Greg Maassen, US Army. Quilt made by Christine Childers
  8. Bobby G. Myers, US Army. Quilt made by Debbie Morris
  9. Brian Williams, US Navy. Quilt made by Carol Gallaher
  10. Howard Suedmeyer, US Army. Quilt made by Linda Gast
  11. Melba Cox Bernhardt, US Army (Women's Army Corps). Quilt made by Nancy Kester
- There were 45 members present, and 21 guests. There were also two new members for 2022.
- We celebrated November birthdays and sang to those members present.
- Laura Delgado made a motion to approve the October minutes, and Glenda Nations seconded the motion. October minutes were approved.

#### Announcements:

- Madeline shared the nominees for RHQG officers for 2022:
  - Madeline Gieselman, President
  - Marla Moore, Vice President
  - Evelyn Beussink, Secretary
  - Glenda Nations, Treasurer
  - Linda Gast, Historian

- Ellen Flentge from the Crisp Museum at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus spoke to the group about quilting and fiber related news. She shared that they are holding Fun Fiber Fridays at the Crisp Museum from 12:30 to 2pm on Fridays where anyone is welcome to bring their knitting, embroidery, felting, spinning, crocheting, sewing, weaving, and book binding projects to work on and share with the group. All experience levels are welcome. She also shared that they would be working on a Community Quilt project from January 7 – March 11 2022. There will also be an exhibition of lap quilts at the museum from March 18-27 2022, and a Large Quilt display in July 2023. More information on these activities as well as other classes and exhibits can be found on the museum website at [www.semo.edu/museum/](http://www.semo.edu/museum/)

#### Reports

- Glenda Nations provided the Treasurer's Report.
- Darla Snider brought 2 more quilts that need to be quilted and distributed to members. She also mentioned that the committee has plans to provide quilts to children living at the Hope House in Jackson, a foster care home for children. They plan to donate 10 quilts for the children currently living there.
- Crystal Wekenborg, Block of the Month: 4 guild members showed their progress on the current block of the month, The Warmth of Our Stars. Next month will be the final step for this quilt where all of the blocks will be put together and participants should bring their finished quilt top.
- Merle Deneke talked to members about selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt Raffle. Each member should sell (or buy) at least 20 tickets. This is one of the Guild's main fundraisers.
- Maxine Michel shared that the December meeting and Christmas dinner will be held at Delmonicos restaurant in Jackson MO. Members who plan to be there need to sign up so that Delmonicos can be sure to prepare an appropriate amount of food for the buffet dinner. We do not need to pay before the meeting but will pay at the restaurant.
- Quilt Retreat: Chair Christine Childers asks that cabin moms get in touch with her by December with the list of members in their cabins.

#### Winners

- Attendance Prize: Patty Lessmann
- Name tag drawing: Kathleen Wright
- Fat quarter: Linda Gast won 13 fat quarters
- 50/50: Donna Kiel
- No Gadget of the Month

Members shared their beautiful patriotic quilts and other handmade items along with their patriotic attire during a Patriotic Parade.

Show and Tell for this meeting was presented by: Bonnie Harris, Betty Brooks, Carol Gallaher, Corine Daugherty, and Evelyn Beussink

Thanks to Betty Brooks and her family for providing the sound equipment for the meeting tonight.

Respectfully submitted,  
Evelyn Beussink  
November 19, 2021

**The RHQG Annual RETREAT  
at Kentucky Dam Village  
March 21-27, 2022**

We have 14 cabins reserved and I hope to fill them all!

Check in is at 4PM, and check out is at 10AM.

The cost is \$238.46/night for the 2-bathroom cabins, and \$283.46/night for the 3-bathroom cabins. Both have 3 bedrooms.

Cabin moms, I will need to send in our rooming list in by February. The list consists of the names of all the guests in each cabin, along with each guest's arrival and departure date. Forms will be available at the December meeting. You can give the completed form to me at the meeting, or mail it to me at 5785 Hwy J, Perryville, MO 63775.

If you are looking for a cabin to join, or if you need additional quilters for your cabin, please contact me. If you'd like to form a cabin all you need is a cabin mom and a cabin name. Cabins names usually have something to do with quilting.

Christine Childers – Retreat Chairman 573-450-9822

**DECEMBER MEETING**

*Christmas Party*

**12/13/2021 at 6:00PM at Delmonicos  
2951 Old Orchard Road  
Jackson, MO**

**Fat Quarter: Giving & Best Gifts**

**2022 RHQG Quilt Retreat  
Kentucky Dam Village  
March 21-27, 2022**

**2022 Quilt Show  
October 1-2, 2022  
Theme: Flying Geese**

**NEWSLETTER & EMAILS**

Please send all information (in typed format in a Word document) to be published in the newsletter, by the 20th of each month, to the newsletter editor.

If your email changes, or for any announcements, send an email to [riverheritagequilters@gmail.com](mailto:riverheritagequilters@gmail.com)

NOTE: Please double check your information before passing it on to ensure it is correct.

Email: [riverheritagequilters@gmail.com](mailto:riverheritagequilters@gmail.com)

Website: [www.riverquilters.org](http://www.riverquilters.org)

Facebook: River Heritage Quilters' Guild

## **Membership Dues & Forms**

**2022 Membership forms can be found and printed from the guild website: [www.riverquilters.org](http://www.riverquilters.org)**

**All members new or renewing are required to fill out a new membership form and submit it with your \$25 membership dues. Copies are on the guild website or are available at regular guild meetings.**