

# River Heritage Quilters' Guild

## QUILT CHATTER

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(Meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) November 2021

### From Our President...

Good Morning Quilters-

How fun it was to see Vickie Howard back among us with her terrific Trunk Show. She is certainly missed. Fun group at the last meeting, lots of new faces and some old faces too. Hope to see everyone back again next month at our annual Quilts of Valor meeting. This is always a touching and emotional meeting for all. Lots of new surprises this time. See elsewhere in the newsletter for info on this.

I am off to a retreat with 12 other ladies at Camp Allen. If you have never been, get a group together and get in touch with Debbie Carlton and she will help you arrange your very own retreat. Price is right, sewing room is warm and cozy, kitchen facilities, or you can have your meals prepared for you. Camp Allen is near Greenville, about an hour and a half from Cape. For photos and more info, go to: [campallen.com](http://campallen.com) I plan on continuing my work on my two blocks of the month. I also have some other projects I will

take along in case I finish.



I love this cooler weather and am looking forward to winter!!!! The California girl in me has left the building!!!

Stay safe and warm, see you in November

Madeline



### **November MEETING**

**11/8/2021 @ 6:30PM**

LaCroix UMC

(Second Monday of each Month)

3102 Lexington Ave, Cape Girardeau, MO

### **Quilts of Valor**

**Fat Quarter: Patriots & Veterans**

**2022 RHQG Quilt Retreat**

**Kentucky Dam Village**

**March 21-27, 2022**

**2022 Quilt Show**

**October 1-2, 2022**

**Theme: Flying Geese**

happy  
birthday!  
i hope u know  
how special  
u are!

- November 3 - Jo Payne
- November 6 - Donna Irwin
- November 7 - Theresa Bert
- November 17 - Rosie Conrad
- November 18 - Lisa O'Brien
- November 21 - Sherry Pressley
- November 22 - Evelyn Beussink
- November 31 - Rebecca Moore

Our Christmas party will be Dec 13 at 6 pm at Delmonico's in Jackson. It will be a buffet for \$13.00 including dessert. Drink, tax and gratuity is not included. Instead of an ornament, we will be collecting items for Lutheran Family and Childrens' Services. This is optional and more info will follow. I will have a signup sheet at the meeting in November, just to get a count, so we know how much food to have. You do not have to pay ahead. If you don't sign up, please call or text me before Dec 10 that you are coming. 573 579 9616. Thank you. Maxine



**Community Quilts**  
**First and Third Tuesday**  
**of each month 9:00AM - 11:30AM**  
**Abbey Road Christian Church**  
**2411 Abbey Road, Cape Girardeau**

#### OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKET TIME

It's that time of year again when it is time to support RHQG by selling, (or buying), your allotment of tickets. There will be an envelope of tickets for each member starting at the October meeting. If you can't get your envelope, we can make other arrangements. The drawing will be during the December meeting and there will be a picture of the quilt on RHQG website.

#### 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.

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Facebook: River Heritage Quilters' Guild

## 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

If you have made a donation quilt for Christine's Community Quilts Challenge please turn them in by the December Meeting. Thank you for using your time and talent to serve others in our community! (The challenge was initially mentioned in the April 2020 newsletter.)

From April 2020 newsletter:

CHRISTINE'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS CHALLENGE Deanna Easley reported that RHQG's Community Projects made the following donations in 2019: 4 quilts to Lutheran Family and Children Services, 5 to Birthright, 5 to Building Blocks, 5 quilts & 7 tote bags to the Women's SafeHouse, 38 pillow cases to SE Hospital pediatric unit, and 4 Christmas quilts to sell at the Notre Dame craft fair. I am challenging our guild to surpass last year's total of 23 quilts! Can we donate 30 quilts this year? There are already over a dozen quilt tops ready to be quilted. It's the year 2020.  $20 + 20 = 40$ . Could we donate 40 quilts this year?



**To All Veterans**  
  
**Whether At Home Or Abroad**  
*Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired*  
**All Americans Say:**  
**THANK YOU!**

October 2021 Minutes  
River Heritage Quilters' Guild

- President Madeline Gieselman welcomed everyone, and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- There were 50 members present. There were 9 guests: Amelia Schoen, Sheila Martin, Daphna Fiehler, Mary Ann Diggory, Melissa Faucett, Shirley McCormick, Debbie Follwell, Corrine Daugherty, and Cathy Brown. Amelia Schoen is also a new member for 2022.
- The program was a trunk show by member Vickie Howard entitled Lessons from My Mother
- We celebrated October birthdays and sang to those members present.
- There were no minutes from last month's meeting as it was the picnic

Announcements:

- We are getting closer to the 2022 Quilt Retreats so Madeline recommends that cabin mothers start getting your lists of cabin members together soon and get deposits.

New Business:

- Evelyn Beussink shared about a project she would like to ask the Guild's help with, providing comfort bags to birth mothers placing a child for adoption. She shared a handout with an explanation and a list of items to be included. The bags are to give to mothers who have chosen adoption for their child while they are at the hospital after delivering the baby, and including items such as a journal, adult coloring book, colored pencils, fuzzy socks, lotion, chapstick, etc. Those who would like to help can bring items, either loose or all assembled in a tote bag (hand-made would be wonderful) to turn in at the Christmas party in December.

Reports

- Glenda Nations provided the Treasurer's Report.
- Darla Snider brought 4 quilts that need to be quilted to distribute. She shared that they have found a lot of quilt tops already assembled that just need to be quilted and having binding. Darla mentioned that when she took quilts to one of the organizations who works with young mothers, Building Blocks, the staff there said they like getting both the smaller quilts, and larger quilts. They said that they give the larger quilts to the young mothers, and on their home visits they sit on the floor with mom and baby to show her how to play with baby, encourage their development, read to them, etc.
- Crystal Wekenborg, Block of the Month: 4 guild members showed their progress on the current block of the month, The Warmth of Our Stars. Crystal shared the pattern for the next section of the quilt, Part 6.
- 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 some options she has been looking into for the Christmas dinner. She shared several restaurants who can cater the event: Tractor's, Port Cape, the Pilot House. Another options she shared would be to reserve the meeting room at Delmonico's in Jackson. They can provide a buffet just for our group and members would pay individually for their own dinner. Members present voted and it was decided that the Guild Christmas party in December would be held at Delmonico's.
- Maxine also announced that this would be her last year as Hospitality Chair and asked for members to consider taking on this role for next year. Main duties are providing favors for birthdays each month, arranging food for the picnic and Christmas party, and providing snacks and beverages for the Guild birthday party in March.

- Mary Green and Karla Kiefner spoke on behalf of the Quilts of Valor committee. They explained about the Quilts of Valor presentation which will take place at the November meeting. They asked members to wear patriotic clothing or bring patriotic items for a patriotic parade during the meeting.

#### Winners

- Name tag drawing: Not sure – I missed it sorry!
- Fat quarter: Joan Meyer
- 50/50: Sandy Wilhelm
- No Gadget of the Month

Show and Tell for this meeting was presented by: Caroline Tilghman, Beth Vegiard, Rebecca Moore, Lynnore Meyer, Carol Gallaher, Missy Ferguson, Karla Kiefer, Linda Tansil, Evelyn Beussink, and Rose Mary Oxley

Respectfully submitted,  
Evelyn Beussink  
October 18, 2021



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), pacifiers, 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  
Adult coloring book  
Puzzle/crossword book  
Colored pencils  
Pencil sharpener  
Journal  
Fuzzy socks  
Chapstick  
Small lotion  
Plastic Document Folder



## Quilts of Valor News

Our November 8 meeting will be the Quilts of Valor Ceremony starting at 6:30 PM in the auditorium at Lacroix Methodist Church. If you enter through Entrance 7 in the back of the church the auditorium is on the right. We will have the first 3 rows reserved for the recipients, their families and presenters. The ceremony should last between 20 - 30 minutes with a break to follow for taking pictures and visiting. We would love for our guild members to dress in red, white and blue! Hope to see you there!



### November Meeting **BLAST!**

We're going to *spark* things up with a "**Patriotic Quilt Parade!**"

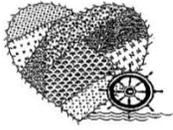
Just bring or wear your favorite patriotic handiwork (quilt, wall-hanging, wool work, vest, jacket...anything patriotic and made by you) to the meeting.

We will "parade" from the left to right in front of the stage (no steps). When you are "center-stage" you'll pause (maybe even twirl, if you're wearing your stitched "*fireworks*" or are wrapped in a large one) and then continue on to the right of the room. We'll do this in *bursts*, so we can see each other's *pyrotechnics*.

Please note that this is not in place of our wonderful Show and Tell - just another way to see a *burst* of each other's work!

It will be an *illuminating* good time! See you there!

Quilts of Valor Committee: Mary Green, Donna Irwin, Karla Kiefner



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