



From Our President...

Happy February to all of you-

Our January meeting was a lot of fun. I loved Kelly's photo on Facebook about watching the Brady Bunch. It did kind of look like that. We may go back to the Zoom format being as the consensus of opinion was that it was better than what we did in January.

Unfortunately, the retreat is still up in the air. Denise has been unsuccessful in getting any response from KY Dam Village. All I know at this point is that we have 14 cabins reserved. We will need to know at the February meeting who all is committed to going. Hopefully Denise will have some answers from the Village for us.

Truthfully, I have not gotten a lot of quilting done during this shut down. I have been working on some tops for a couple of friends, and always making aprons for the Center- other than that, not much. I really do need to get on the ball. So many UFO's and not enough time. I am doing the Block of the Week for our BOM. I have decided I love that block. The State Guild, surprisingly, has chosen the same block for our Friendship Block for the Spring Retreat. Different size though. Speaking of the State Guild, if you would like to attend a really fun retreat in April, I would love to have you join us. Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO. Susan Marth is going to be the featured speaker and teacher. Please go to msgq.org and click on the January newsletter for all of the information.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in February, either in person or virtually.

Keep quilting,
Madeline





February Birthdays

Glenda Faber 2/1
Carol Gallaher 2/1
Melody Loveless 2/3
Jane Rosenbarger 2/3
Nancy Bishop 2/7
Betty Brooks 2/11
Deanna Easley 2/11
Mary Beth Parish 2/14
Roni Curry 2/18
Barb Egbert 2/22
Beverly McMeel 2/27

The following members have not received their Anniversary Pins that were awarded at the **March 2020 Birthday Party**.

- **5 Year** Dee Carter, Linda Biri
- **10 Year** Linda Gast, Betty Meyer
- **15 Year** Donna Irwin, Karla Kiefner, Pat Smith
- **20 Year** Darlene Jackson

Please attend the February meeting to receive your Anniversary Pin or contact Madeline to make other arrangements.

*****Anniversary Pins will be awarded to those celebrating a 5 Year, 10 Year, 15 Year, 20 Year, 25 Year & 30 Year – Membership in the RHQG. Pins are given out at the Annual Guild Birthday each March. If you are celebrating your anniversary this year, please attend the March 2021 meeting. *****

February 8, 2021 Meeting Details

We will be surprised as the speaker is a **MYSTERY**. Those not wishing to attend in person will have the option of joining in virtually. Instructions will be forwarded to the membership in an email prior to the meeting. Any questions please contact Rosie Conrad

Guild Webpage:

If you are an officer, a committee chair or member at large and notice that changes or updated information is needed on the guild website, contact Linda Tansil. Please check and make sure the information about your office or committee is correct.

Please send the following information to make changes to the website:

1. **The page where the change needs to be made (copy the URL example: <http://riverquilters.org/community.htm>)**
2. **Describe what needs to be changed or updated.**
3. **Describe the change or updated information.**

Send the above listed information in an email to Linda Tansil. (email listed in member yearbook)

Community Projects:

Community Projects **will not** be meeting due to the pandemic and the building being closed, we will be notified when we can meet again.

However, there are quilts that still need to be finished. (Binding, Quilting, Piecing, etc..)

If you can help with any of the above please contact Darla Snider or Deanna Easley.



MEMBER FORM – (Circle One) **New / Renewal**

ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO RETURN A COMPLETED MEMBER FORM BY February 8, 2021
Mail Forms to: Priscilla Kirby, 2184 Sussex Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Date: _____ (mm/dd) of
 birthday: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: (_____) _____ Work: (_____) _____

Cell: (_____) _____

Email: _____

*IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE NOTICE THAT THE NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON ONLINE, WE NEED AN EMAIL ADDRESS. NEWSLETTER IS ONLY ONLINE.

Please indicate which committees you would like to serve on and/or be chairperson. Check "M" for Member or "C" for chairperson.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>M</u>
Community Projects (Make quilts to be given away, i.e. trauma quilts, Birthright, LFCS, etc.)	___	___	Publicity (Publicity chairperson and Members coordinate publicity needs of The guild in reference to special events, etc.	___	___
Hospitality (Coordinates refreshments at Birthday meeting, Guild Picnic, and Christmas Dinner)	___	___	Quilt Show (Quilt Show chairperson(s) and members plan and oversee quilt shows and appoint chairs of sub-committees.	___	___
Membership (Keep the roll, door prizes, collecting dues, etc.)	___	___	Audit (audit the financial books)	___	___
Newsletter (Put out monthly newsletter online)	___	___	Comfort Quilts (give quilt to member who loses spouse / child)	___	___
Yearbook (compile member's addresses in book, publish)	___	___	Correspondence (emails entire guild)	___	___
Pattern of the month (Presents members with Monthly block pattern)	___	___	Retreat (organizes yearly retreat)	___	___
Special Events (Coordinates Workshops, Seminars, Bus Trips, etc.)	___	___	Website (maintains guild website)	___	___
Opportunity Quilt (Planning and construction of fundraiser quilt; Coordinating ticket sales)	___	___			

Updated 11/2019

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED
 TO RETURN
 A COMPLETED MEMBER
 FORM BY
 Monday, February 8, 2021**

River Heritage Quilters' Guild Board Meeting

January 9, 2021

9am to 2pm

Board members present:

Merle Deneke, Madeline Gieselman, Priscilla Kirby, Deb Jung, Sally Miller, Mary Green, Darla Snider, Linda Tansil, Crystal Wekenborg, Danny Freed, Evelyn Beussink, Glenda Nations

Madeline welcomed and thanked Board Members for being here.

-Board members discussed 2021 budget including income and expenses. This information will be shared at the next Guild meeting.

-After a discussion, the Board took a vote regarding 2020/2021 Guild memberships. Three Board members voted to collect dues for 2021 memberships. Nine Board members voted to extend all 2020 Guild memberships through 2021 due to the COVID19 Pandemic. Anyone who has already paid additionally for their 2021 membership will be reimbursed. New members for 2021 will need to pay \$25 dues for their membership. In order to update the Yearbook, if members have changes/additions to their contact information from the 2020 Yearbook, they will need to contact Priscilla Kirby with that information by February 8th, 2021.

-the Board is committed to holding in-person monthly guild meetings in 2021 (with masks and social distancing) as long as the church is open. LaCroix church is flexible as far as changing rooms as needed according to how many people RSVP for meetings

-the Board plans for 5 paid presentations from outside speakers at RHQG Meetings in 2021. We expect these may be a combination of in-person and virtual presentations and will depend on the preferences of the speakers. We would like to have at least one or two in-person workshops from speakers as well.

-there was a discussion about roles between Vice President and Special Events chair. In the past, Vice President set up programs and Special Events chair set up classes. In more recent years, the Vice President has been setting up the special events/workshops along with the programs. Discussed whether we need a separate Special Events person. Reviewed bylaws regarding roles and discussed. Vice President and Special Events committee will be combined this year so that one person is communicating with presenters/teachers of workshops. Madeline will talk with Rosie about it and make sure that she will ask for help as needed.

-regarding Show and Tell at meetings, if members are showing quilts virtually and they would like to get a pin, they can access the form from the website, fill it out at home, and present it to the president at next meeting they attend to get their pin

-We are hopeful that conditions with COVID will be such that we can have the annual Guild picnic in September, Quilts of Valor presentation in November, and also the Christmas Dinner in December

-the Opportunity Quilt that was made in 2020 will be raffled in 2021

-discussed fundraising and the obstacles to fundraising such as low meeting attendance and uncertainty due to the ongoing pandemic. Board made the decision to suspend any fundraisers in 2021 (aside from the Opportunity Quilt).

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-Community Projects is not currently meeting as the Abbey Road church building is still closed, but guild members continue to work on projects, and Darla has delivered several quilts to local charitable organizations

-Madeline plans to make a donation to the Abbey Road church in thanks of their support

-Guild Retreat – info from Denise

-14 cottages are reserved for the first week of March 2021

-there is a new coordinator at Kentucky Dam Village, she is unsure about the cost at this time

-Denise will be getting in touch with the cabin mothers once she has more information

-Gadget of the Month is currently being presented on the RHQG Facebook page; plans are that this will continue through 2021.

-next Quilt Show is planned for 2022

-Madeline mentioned that when it comes to the Guild Board membership, each committee (not each individual on the committee) gets one vote.

-Madeline shared about a new quilt guild in Jackson called the Jackson Scrappers. Dues are \$10/yr and they meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 11am at Delmonico's in Jackson.

Respectfully submitted by Evelyn Beussink



Inclement Weather News Announcement -

If Cape Public Schools are closed, the 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 attend a meeting. Please use good judgement when considering driving conditions.

Updated: January 5, 2021



January 2021 Minutes

River Heritage Quilters' Guild

La Croix Church, Cape Girardeau MO

- This was a “hybrid” meeting of the guild, some members met at the church and others joined on a virtual Google Meet
- President Madeline Gieselman welcomed members and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
- There was one guest present, 16 members in person, and 13 members joined the virtual meeting for a total of 30 participants for the meeting tonight.
- Madeline shared the minutes from the recent meeting of the RHQG Board meeting
- 2020 Guild memberships will be extended through the end of 2021. Priscilla asked that members still send in their membership forms, with no payment, to her for the guild records and yearbook
- Priscilla moved to approve the minutes from the December 2020 guild meeting; Cheral Benthall seconded, and members voted to approve the minutes.

Committee Reports

- Glenda Nations gave the treasurer's report. She mentioned that those who sent in a payment with their new membership forms should watch their mailboxes for their returned check or refund.
- Crystal Wekenborg shared information on the 2021 Block of the Month, which can be found online or on Facebook under Stashbuster Challenge. Crystal and Madeline showed blocks they have made for the challenge already.
- Sally Miller reminded members that newsletter items should be turned in by the 20th of the month for the next month's newsletter.
- Merle Deneke shared that Opportunity Quilt for 2021 is completed and Merle will be distributing tickets later this year (but earlier than usual to give us more time to sell tickets). Drawing will be in the fall.
- Mary Green reported on Quilts of Valor: guild members can continue to work on quilts and let the QOV committee know when you have one you would like to donate. We hope to be able to have the QOV presentation in November as usual this year.
- Madeline shared information from other committees:
 - Community Projects is not meeting at the church as it is closed, but members are still working on projects.
 - Look for the Gadget of the Month on the RHQG Facebook Group
 - Quilt Retreat: each cabin should work together to decide whether or not they are going and then contact Denise regarding details.
- Four Guild members have birthdays in January, including Pat Leech who attended the meeting in person tonight. The group sang to wish a Happy Birthday to Pat and the other birthday gals.
- Members shared Show and Tell
 - In Person:
 - Kelly Irvin
 - Glenda Nations
 - Sally Miller
 - Crystal Wekenborg
 - Betty Brooks
 - Evelyn Beussink
 - Via Google Meet
 - Betty Phillips
 - Jewel Egglely

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting February 8, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Evelyn Beussink

In Loving Memory... It is with the deepest sympathy we need to inform the guild of the passing of our dear friend and fellow RHQG member Elizabeth Brewer, January 10, 2020. Please remember the Brewer family in your thoughts and prayers.



Dear River Heritage Quilt Guild,



Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas quilts! Your kindness and generosity is appreciated. Thank you for thinking of us. We are blessed by your giving.

Merry Christmas,
A Birthright Volunteer

News from the Quilters Hall of Fame

Website: www.quiltershalloffame.net

The Crystal Thimble Award

- In 2021, The Quilters Hall of Fame is introducing a new award, The Crystal Thimble. This award is to recognize not-for-profit organizations that have had a significant impact in the world of quiltmaking. In 2021 we will present the award to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) - Mission Quilts for their significant impact in the world of quilting. In the days and weeks after a disaster, LWR is on the ground helping to meet people's immediate needs. And in the months and years following, they are dedicated to working to ensure communities can rebuild better and stronger than before. A major part of the help LWR provides is their Mission Quilts. These quilts are highly regarded throughout the world because of their quality and consistency. From LWR's first quilts in 1945, given to families in war-torn Europe, to today's annual average world distribution of 300,000 quilts, it is clear why the Lutheran World Relief has been chosen for the Crystal Thimble Award in 2021.

Celebration July 15-17, 2021 – Featuring the Induction of: Marti Michell

– A popular teacher, Marti travels extensively, having now taught in 49 states and 26 countries. Look through your library of quilting books and you'll surely find one of Marti's books. At last count, nearly 1.75 million books authored by Marti have been sold. Likewise, you undoubtedly have fabric, patterns or tools that she has designed in your collected sewing materials. Furthermore, Marti's influence in the quilting industry is enormous. Marti is the recipient of two prestigious quilt industry "Lifetime Achievement" award, The Silver Star (2004), and the Michael Kile Award (1991).

Heritage Honoree – Mary Gasperik

- You've always known Mary Gasperik. She's the grandmother who gave you a love of quilting. She's the guild member who is always trying new things. She's you when you do your best work. She's an ordinary person who make extraordinary quilts. She's the 2021 Quilters Hall of Fame Heritage Honoree.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

02/08/2021

LaCroix UMC

(Second Monday of each Month)

3102 Lexington Ave, Cape Girardeau, MO

Program: Mystery Guest

**Due to safety concerns the following
drawings will not be done until further
notice: Fat Quarter/Door Prize
Attendance/50-50**

**2021 RHQG Quilt Retreat
Kentucky Dam Village
March 1-7, 2021**

**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

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