

Gig Harbor Quilt Guild

Quilting in the Time of Covid: August 2020

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Sew What's New?

Several people have asked when we will be getting together again, and why aren't we exploring alternatives to keeping in touch?

First, we have already determined that we can't even think about getting together until Pierce County is in Phase 3. We have set our sights on the first Wednesday, in January, but it is with fingers crossed. I have spoken to Leah at the Yacht Club, and of course they have restrictions for opening, as well. They are giving us credit for the months we have paid for, but haven't used, and won't charge again until we are able to meet there. We have gotten a reduced rate because Colene had a membership at the club; but they are withdrawing from the Yacht Club. If anyone else has membership, could you let me know so I can pass that information on to the Yacht Club?

While limiting attendance was suggested, logistically it doesn't work. More guilds and speakers are moving towards using Zoom to keep in contact. Regi and I are working on a meeting now. When I have it set up, you will receive an "invitation" to the meeting in your email. The invitation has the time, date and passcode to get into the meeting. When you click on the link, you will go to the "waiting room," and remain there until admitted. This process prevents interlopers from hacking into the meeting. You will also be muted upon entry to avoid interruptions. In the meantime, please install the Zoom app now(ish) to be ready.



Our communications should be better now. We have subscribed to Constant Contact which has the capability of sending out mass emails without dropping people. We also thought that CC was going to be able to act as our web host, but they cannot. I was told they had the ability to have secure pages on the website, but they can't. So, back to Wix. I will be working on the site for us to have a single point of reference for Guild events. We will need to have someone dedicated to monitoring the site. Outdated information is as frustrating as no information.

I do apologize for my slow communication. My PC was hacked in June and, when repaired, EVERYTHING was deleted. All my files, programs – everything. I can't access my gmail account on my laptop, but I can on my phone. It is a very arduous task to remove 7,000 unread emails from the phone, especially when a new batch comes in daily. The closures of Pacific Fabrics and Pier One, means two less emails every day, but I will miss the stores.

So how are those UFO's coming along? In my camp, it seems like one pandemic is not enough time to get through them. I'm becoming more disoriented on days of the week, dates – heck even the month! I need friends to act as a rudder to give me direction.

If anyone is up for a challenge, let's talk about Halloween—more in the meeting.

Keep your sunnyside up!

Mary Ann

“Your connections to all the things around you literally define who you are.” – Aaron D. O’Connell



From the Editor:

How does one create a newsletter when there are no upcoming meetings to report, no quilt shows to advertise, no classes or small group meetings? Nonetheless, we need to **connect!**

Thanks to all of you who have **Connected** with each other through telephone calls, checking in on each other, sending me photos of the beautiful things you have created during this time of separation and high anxiety. You have connected with each other and with the greater community, expressing your care for others by the making of masks by the thousands (Regi Sadono!), by creating beauty and warmth. As the days continue when we are physically isolated, continue connecting and creating. Call a quilting friend to check in. Check out You Tube to video to learn a new quilting skill and share it! Immerse yourself in the beauty of a virtual Quilt Show (see suggestions in this issue). Keep creating—and connecting. We will get through this together.

Marilyn Colyar

Pam Binns	August 2
Victoria Jonas	August 2
Janet Larson	August 4
Jo Woodward	August 7
Jan Sachs	August 10
Rosemary Van Dyke	August 18
Candy Jackson	August 14
Patricia Keehn	August 25
Kathleen Eagan	August 27
Diane Elliott	August 28
Wendy Moore	August 28
Penny Specht	August 29



Some words about connections.

**Concerning Necessity
by Hayden Carruth**

It's quite true we live
in a kind of rural twilight
most of the time giving
our love to the hard dirt
the water and the weeds
and the difficult woods

ho we say drive the wedge
heave the axe run the hand shovel
dig the potato patch
dig ashes dig gravel
tickle the dyspeptic chainsaw
make him snarl once more

while the henhouse needs cleaning
the fruitless corn to be cut
and the house is falling to pieces
the car coming apart
the boy sitting and complaining
about something everything anything

this was the world foreknown
though I had thought somehow
probably in the delusion
of that idiot Thoreau
that necessity could be saved
by the facts we actually have

like our extreme white birch
clasped in the hemlock's arms
or our baybreasted nuthatch
or our mountain and our stars
and really these things do serve
a little though not enough

what saves the undoubted collapse
of the driven day and the year
is my coming all at once
when she is done in or footsore
or down asleep in the field
or telling a song to a child

coming and seeing her move
in some particular way
that makes me to fall in love
all over with human beauty
the beauty I can't believe

"Whatever affects one directly,
affects all indirectly." – Martin
Luther King Jr

**The World Has Need of You
by Ellen Bass**

*everything here
seems to need us*
—Rainer Maria Rilke

I can hardly imagine it
as I walk to the lighthouse, feeling the ancient
prayer of my arms swinging
in counterpoint to my feet.
Here I am, suspended
between the sidewalk and twilight,
the sky dimming so fast it seems alive.
What if you felt the invisible
tug between you and everything?
A boy on a bicycle rides by,
his white shirt open, flaring
behind him like wings.
It's a hard time to be human. We know too
much
and too little. Does the breeze need us?
The cliffs? The gulls?
If you've managed to do one good thing,
the ocean doesn't care.
But when Newton's apple fell toward the
earth,
the earth, ever so slightly, fell
toward the apple.

"I am a part of all that I have
met." – Lord Tennyson

Connecting through Technology



(the following links are shared from Quilted Strait Newsletter with thanks to Kris Cornell!)

The Visions are Museum has had a [virtual opening to their new exhibits and the new exhibits are now online.](#)

[Bisa Butler has an exhibit at the Claire Oliver Gallery](#) Some of the photos of her quilts are slow to load - but worth the wait!

The Victoria & Albert Museum in London: [Highlights from the Quilting and Patchwork Collection](#)

[Virtual Tour of the Rosie Lee Tompkins Exhibit](#) at the Berkley Art Museum. If you only have time to check out one link - pick this one!

Textile Talks are an ongoing virtual lecture series produced by a collaborative effort by the International Quilt Museum, The Modern Quilt Guild, The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, SAQA, Quilt Alliance, and the Surface Design Association. [Find out what is coming up and view recorded past lectures.](#)

While not a virtual exhibit, Humble Stitches, Generous Threads: Quilts from Indian Country took place at the end of February at the Tulalip Tribes Administration building north of Seattle. [You can, however, read about the exhibit and see photos of some of the quilts.](#)

from Cathy Stone: Some fabulous websites

superiorthreads.com

Fabulous threads! Sign up for newsletter and blog, and check out "try me" specials.

susancarlson.com

Collage artist. Sign up for blog. Great photos and tips.

cindyneedham.com

Excellent machine quilter! Lots to explore on site. Check out blog.

thequiltshow.com

Special stay-at-home membership rates. You can be a member at no cost, but must pay for access to videos.

quiltskipper.com

Jenny Lyon's website, a quilter from Granite Bay, CA. Be sure to sign up for her blog. Lots of good stuff.

terryaskeartquilts.com

Great art quilter from Canada. Check out her blog and tutorials.

and more links from Janey Herrera

Helen Godden Flower Power 9 block free motion quilt along
- <https://helengodden.com/product/flower-power-quilt-a-long/>

Angela Walters Quilting is my therapy – Echo & Curves Free Motion Challenge quilt along
- <https://quiltingismytherapy.com/>

Charming Strips Quilt Pattern - <https://go.nationalquilterscircle.com/A16613/>

Quilt Block Challenges - <https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/article/quilt-block-challenges/#>

The Crafty Gemini youtube video – Paper Piecing made easy
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uaW26igygE>

Jacquelynne Steves Silver Lining Sew Along - <https://jacquelynnesteves.com/the-silver-lining-is-here/>

2020 Crazy Quilt Challenge - <https://pintangle.com/2020-crazy-quilt-guidelines/>

Alex Anderson Live – Tons of videos on You Tube

Bernina Kids Busy Book - <https://weallsew.com/how-to-sew-a-kids-busy-book-part-1-rainbow-page/>

In a world
of algorithms
hashtags
and followers,
know the true importance
of human connection.



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"If only you could sense
how important you are to
the lives of those you
meet; how important you
can be to people you may
never even dream of.
There is something of
yourself that you leave
at every meeting with
another person."

- Fred Rogers

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NICU NEWS



If any of you have finished baby blankets or quilts you would like to drop off, or if you would like to pick up a kit or two for flannel receiving blankets to work on, I will be in the parking lot at the Gig Harbor Library on Wednesday, Aug 12, from 10-11 am.

Thank you in advance! I hope to see you there.

~ Candy Jackson

Quilt Expo Covid Style

Sadly, because of the virus and Oregon's restrictions that limit indoor gatherings, the NW Quilting Expo will not be held this, it's 20th year.

To help with withdrawal pains from not being able to attend quilt shows, and perhaps gain some inspiration for future projects, visit the Expo's website and scroll through pages of past winners. nwquiltingexpo.com

The Expo encourages support of its vendors through their websites, some of which can be found on the Expo's Facebook page under "related pages." <https://www.facebook.com/nwquiltingexpo/>

Some shops make special appearances at shows, but others may do a combination of shows and online or shows only. With local resources dwindling, it's a constant search for reliable, quality online vendors. And when we find them, they need our support.

Mark your calendars for September 23- 25, 2021 to help NW Quilting Expo celebrate 20 + 1 years!

~ Kristen Tow

A Washington Summer

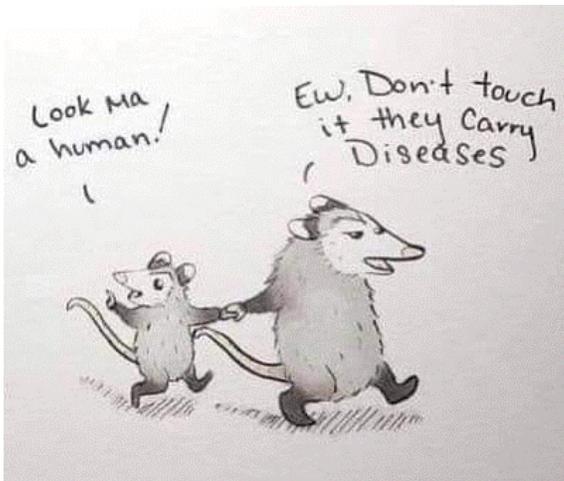
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Photos by Janie Herrera





Eastern Washington lake beauty- photos by M. Colyar



And a Covid Chuckle.

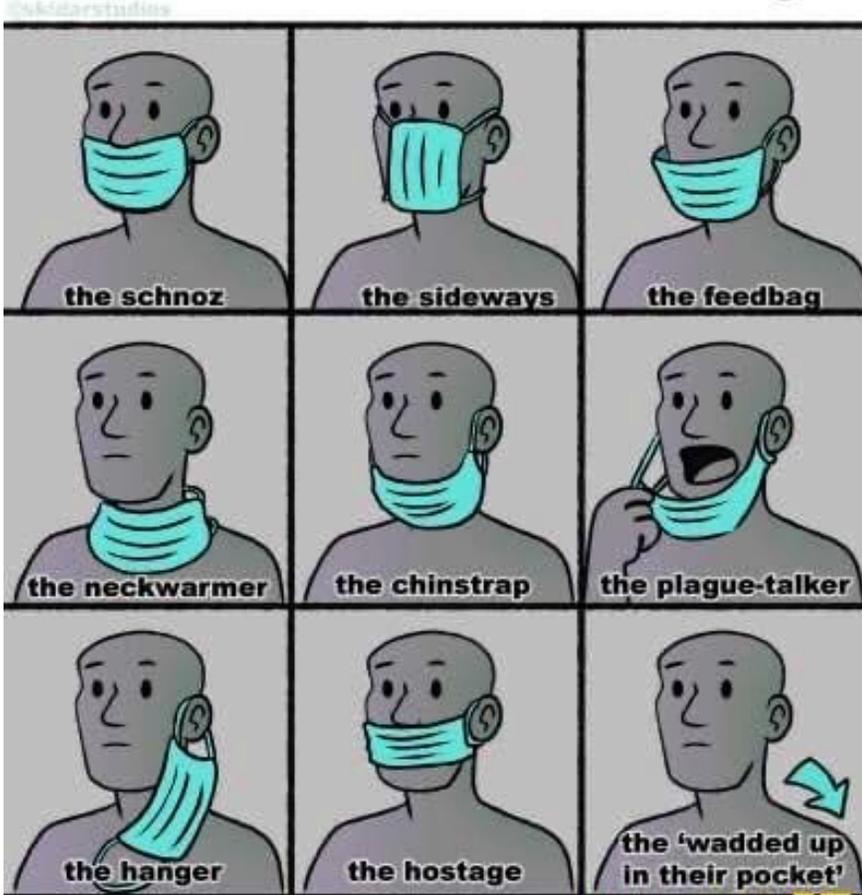


Thoughts to ponder.



“The purpose of life is not to win. The purpose of life is to grow and to share. When you come to look back on all that you have done in life, you will get more satisfaction from the pleasure you brought to other people’s lives that you will from the times that you outdid and defeated them.” ~ Harold Kushner

Ineffective Face Mask Bingo



“I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship.” ~ Brené Brown, [The Gifts of Imperfection](#)

And Speaking of Face Masks. . . .

A small portion of the more than one thousand masks our Regi Sadono has made and distributed all over the country. Be sure to click on the link that provides complete Regi instructions for fabulous face masks!



August Showcase: quilts and more



Pam Binns



Janey Herrera



Carol Bertozzi



Pam Binns



Carol Bertozzi



Carol Bertozzi



Donna Blum

Jan Sachs





Donna Blum



Barbie Thorstad



Kristin Tow



Lynn White



A purple cape
for a beloved
granddaughter
—
Jean Ann
Williamson