

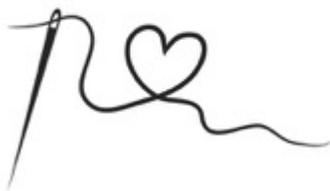


Gig Harbor Quilt Guild

June 2020 Newsletter:

Quilting in the time of
Covid-19 #2: Keep Calm
and Carry On

No June guild meeting. All
activities have (once again)
been cancelled or
postponed.



Sew what's new?

Hopefully, many of you have found a rhythm to your days. I'm getting so accustomed to freewheeling, that when I get a call to set an appointment I

mentally whine, "I don't want to go" and that's even to take the dogs to the groomer!

The Board met electronically via Zoom with guest Anne Puckett to make decisions about meetings, activities, and membership. We have both good news and bad.

First, we are delaying our next meeting to August where will continue the tradition of a Charity Sew-In. We will probably have one heck of a show and tell, as well. Further in this newsletter you will find an idea brought forth by Janet Mullin for a group charity project to work on now, and complete at the charity meet.

See Penny's article about the revisions to the programs. She and our speakers are working very hard to coordinate schedules. Everyone needs to practice patience and flexibility during these times.

With Anne in complete agreement, we have decided to cancel the Quilt Show. Your health and safety are our primary concern. Pulling together a quality show takes a lot of planning, but we'll have to adjust our energies to next year.

We also discussed bringing the boutique to our holiday party. Many of our members have already contributed items to the show boutique, and many others were looking forward to shopping there. I talked to Terri Costa and Pam Binns about the idea, and they're onboard. However, this means that there won't be an auction during this fiscal year.

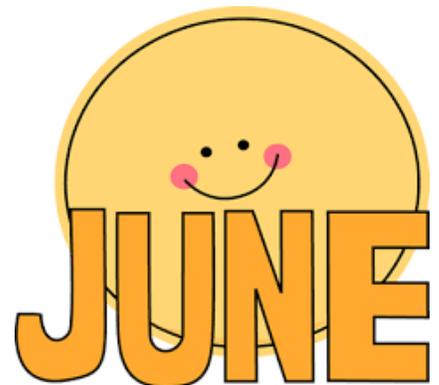
The Board decided to reduce the membership fees to \$30 for this fiscal year due to the reduction of meetings and activities. Fees for in-house instructors has also been reset to be more equitable.

Kudos go out to super mask provider, Regi Sadono who has assembled 600 masks and not slowed down yet. Her beautiful masks have been mailed all over the country, given where need is great locally (including the cashiers at Albertsons), and set out on her doorstep for grateful neighbors.

Lastly, a giant thank you to Marilyn Colyar who has assembled and distributed this newsletter in the middle of her move into her new home.

She always gives over 100% under normal circumstances.

I miss you all 🌸



Mary Ann

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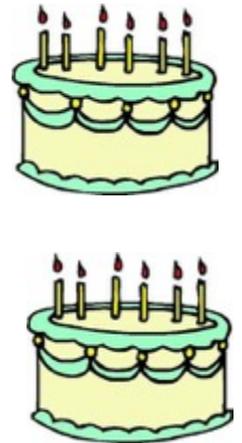
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Olivia Richmond	June 6
Ellen LeVita	June 9
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Marilyn Newton	June 12
Joy Ross	June 12
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Shann Wheaton	June 16
Linda Russo	June 17
Patti Vincent	June 21
Nancy Davenport	June 22
Debby Hill	June 25
Lisa Street	June 2



From the Editor:

And so we carry on in a world which seems very dark:

- 100,000 + lost to the Corona Virus
- Civil unrest and violence in our cities
- Still sheltered with hair needing to be cut
 - Wearing masks when we leave the shelter of our homes
 - Socially distancing when we do venture out.

And we have established a new sense of normal

- Cooking more often than we might usually-
- Spending more time at our sewing machines-
- Reading more books-
- Perhaps binge-watching more Netflix series-
- Hugging our children and grandchildren more often (at least virtually!)-
- Walking in the spring splendor of the natural world-
 - Baby ducklings on the ponds
 - Shy fawns hovering close to their mother
 - Fox gloves awakening in the woods
 - Peonies and roses showing off in the garden

And we work to stir up our own sense of gratitude for these things,

Creating beauty with fabric

- Nurturing our families and ourselves
 - Making masks to keep the vulnerable (and ourselves) safe.

And so we carry on. Thanks to all who sent me things for this issue when there is little news to report!



Spring 2020

Poetry Helps Us Carry on. . . .



Standing in line—
a straight arrow
to the employee-guarded door
Of Trader Joe's—
everyone keeps an agreeable distance,
even before we reach
the sidewalk with the yellow and black
tape lines spaced
at 6 foot intervals,
when I meet an elderly man
my nearly-there slot a lady
offers her spot to me.
As I shake my head, she says,
“Please let me.”
Kindness, of course, existed long before
they sold toilet paper in a stack next to
the \$9.00 wine in my neighborhood liquor store.
But, now a wee kindness feels like it did after 9/11:
necessary,
worth noticing,
important as
forsythia, daffodils and
all the blossoming trees
who seem
oblivious to these strange,
strange times.

--Molly Saccardo

The Work of the Guild Carries on. . . .

From Penny: (VP: Programs)

We all like to look forward to something. Unfortunately, the past few months have brought us many disappointments after the events or gatherings we'd looked forward to were cancelled due to the pandemic. During this time, I've tried to adjust by focusing on those things over which I have control ... I wash my hands and wear a mask and practice social distancing. I've also started walking nearly every day, up to nearly 5 miles at a time now. I know this activity helps my health and is a great stress reducer. I've struggled as my hair gets unmanageable, but at least I'm not alone. Most of us have experienced loneliness, not being able to spend time with grandkids and other family members who live out of the area. I'm one of the fortunate who has been able to continue to work which helps the time pass more quickly, and the families I visit express gratitude that we can provide care for their newborns in the safety of their homes. I am blessed.

I am also blessed also to continue to plan fun presenters and workshops for our future. Your guess is as good as mine whether the following schedule will require further rescheduling, but at least I want to share plans for those presenters who have been contracted to be with us. All the presenters who have been rescheduled have been very understanding and flexible. Janet Mullin found many of these speakers and deserves our gratitude for all of her “behind the scenes” volunteer work for our guild. You'll notice, if you check out some of the presenters' websites, that some of them are nationally known and we are fortunate to bring them to our guild.

I will assume that those of you who signed up for the Collage Workshop are OK with the new dates, but please let me know if you can't make it in November. I am holding the April 2021 meeting as an option if we need to reschedule with Brigitte Okamoto yet again.

Sept. 2020: Paula Erickson “Story Quilts” She was once an artist in residence at Asilomar.

Oct 2020: Melody Crust “Quilt Toppings; Fun and Fanciful Embellishments “ Melodycrust.com

Nov 2020: Brigitte Okamoto “Collage Quilts -Laura Heine techniques “ with 2 day workshop following (rescheduled from 5/2020 and 8/2020) montanacustomquilts.com

Feb. 2021: Carol Porter “Lessons Learned on a Quilter’s Journey” Former Clover Educator, currently teaches at Quilting Mayhem in Snohomish. Author and seller of patterns including Color Wash Irish Chain

March 2021: Judy Irish “ Process Not Perfection” (rescheduled from 4/2020) wildirishrowsquilting.com

April 2021: held for potential reschedule of “Collage Quilts” Helene Knott (tbd) with workshops 4/8 and 4/9. Heleneknott.com

May 2021: held for potential reschedule of “Collage Quilts”

June 2021: Marianna Garrett “Scraps, Leftovers and Laughs”

Sept 2021: Suzi Parron “Following the Quilt Barn Trail,” workshop the following day . barnquiltinfo.com

So, as you see, we have much to look forward to, will just need to be patient and take good care of ourselves in the meantime. I'm praying for good health for all of you . Hope you all enjoy your sewing as we wait for our guild meetings to resume. I'm there with you!

Penny Specht, VP for Programs



2020 Quilt Show ... to Have or Not to Have

Anne Puckett, Quilt Show Coordinator

Fall will be here before we know it. I'm sure we all look forward to being safely together again. It is not an easy thing to predict what our future will bring. I have considered long and hard about whether there should be a quilt show for 2020. I have not made this decision alone, but have discussed it with the Board and members of the quilt show committee. There are many unknowns about this virus, what works and doesn't work. My sister, who is a scientist, says the problem with viruses is they mutate. They can mutate into something benign or something more dangerous. I know Zoom meetings are possible along with people making quilts and items for the show on their own. However, it is questionable whether we could or should gather for shows this Fall. Protocols would have to be in place to make the show safe. Even with protocols, people can get sick. Our demographics of quilters fall in the high risk range for complications when dealing with COVID-

19. I would rather err on the side of keeping our group safe should this virus take a dangerous turn this Fall, rather than hoping things getting better. I do not want to risk the safety of our quilters gathering for a show during these uncertain times and have recommended with the board's agreement that the 2020 quilt show be cancelled.

What about all the items we have made for the boutique? Some could be used for the Winter Holiday Party in December. The rest can be saved for one awesome boutique when we have our next show. Maybe we could look at having an outdoor show in the Spring or Summer of 2021. Maybe we establish a booth at the Farmers Market to sell boutique items and sell tickets for the next Opportunity Quilt. In the meantime, we can share what we have made on Facebook or on our website.

I have been spending much of my time in the yard, but today it's raining, so I'll be upstairs sewing. Yay! Hope you are doing well. I miss meeting in small groups and the monthly meetings. Really looking forward to getting out there again. I'm sure you are too.

Be healthy and safe. We will meet again.

Anne

We carry on by sewing for others.

A request from Jean-Ann for the foster kidlet quilts



I sure miss seeing all my quilter friends and having our fabulous meetings and classes. I'll bet that most of you have been keeping busy quilting (and/or making masks); but now you're probably taking advantage of the gorgeous Spring weather and have been outside gardening and taking walks. Well, if you'd like a slight change of pace, I have a dozen or so quilt top kits that you could assist with. I thank Kristin Tow for donating several of them, along with photos and clear directions. Just let me know and I can do a

home delivery to your porch. There are no deadlines so you can work at your own pace and if you don't complete it, just return it to me and I'll pass it along to another volunteer. I also have some quilts that need sashing added to make them larger, and others need machine quilting. Thanks to Terri Costa for doing all the bindings.

Just contact me at 253 303-1259 or jafwilliamson@yahoo.com

Stay well, healthy, and busy!
Jean-Ann Williamson
for Alta Vista Integrated Services
(foster children quilts)



This Month's Comfort Quilts: Lynn White



A Nautical Proposal from Janet Mullin

Quarantined, but Productive:

A Guild Activity to Benefit Our Charities



Stay Calm. Carry On. Participate in a fun guild project!

Those who wish to participate can piece together a **12 1/2" x 12 1/2"** block with a marine, nautical, or ocean theme. Ideas include sailboats, lighthouses, a mariner's compass, sea shells, a mermaid on a rock, orcas, a Puget Sound ferry, beach houses, sea birds, or whatever appeals to you. Quilter's may employ their favorite technique... paper piecing, appliqué, embroidery, and so on. Every block will be unique.

When (if) we get together in August for the Sew-in, we will organize the blocks on a design wall, piece in the sashing, then prepare the quilt(s) for long-arming. We will assemble multiple quilts of various sizes for two of our charities (Comfort Quilts and A Place Called Hope), depending on how many blocks are contributed. Just think, if each of us makes one block, there would be enough for several interesting and fun quirky quilts.

If you are not able to attend the next meeting (whenever it is...), you can mail your block to Janet Mullin or drop it off in a ziplock bag on Janet's front porch, prior to August 5th. 😎🐦🚤

. . . . And We Carry On Making Masks



Colene Acker - beautiful batiks



Janet Mullin: for her son in L.A.



The Title of Queen of the Mask Makers has to be bestowed upon REGI SADONO. Kudos to Regi as she carries on by sewing. . . and sewing. . . and sewing.

Some Carry On by Creating Beauty in Outdoor Spaces—



Scenes from Candy Jackson's garden

Row by Row Quilt Challenge

Early last summer, the Harbor Art Quilters group members started a row by row challenge. Member, Donna Blum, organized this by determining the row size (6" X 25") and attaching a rotation schedule to seven reusable grocery bags. Each of us created our own row first, which set the theme for the quilt: nautical, beach, woody, etc. We placed our own finished quilt row in our bag, added a few fabrics that may or may not be used, and then passed the bag along.

The bags continued to be passed along for several months. There were times we had two or three bags at once when someone was leaving for vacation or we were catching up from our own time away. It was kind of a joke figuring out where all the bags were and for a little while one appeared to be missing altogether. ☺

In January we had a big "reveal" when our own bag was returned to us. For the first time we saw what our fellow quilters had created for us. One by one we laid our rows out on the floor and stepped back to take a look. We had fun guessing who had sewn each row, based on what we knew about members' quilting styles.

During this stay at home period, our group hasn't met but some of us have finished sewing the rows together and quilted it. While we had seven completed rows, there are variations in how the rows were used. Here are a couple finished quilts. More of our row by rows will be included in future newsletters.

Submitted by Colene Acker



Colene's Table Runner

The Artistry of
Cathy Stone



Covid Spring: (begun in a Jean Wells class;
Quilted while under quarantine!

And Terri Costa. . .



And Susan Hondros



And finally. . .

We Carry On By Having Fun!



Jen Bolentino practicing social distancing on a sailboat!



Suzanne Shema and her husband fashioned a scarecrow to ward off woodpeckers!

Thanks to all for sending me photos, memes, and ideas for this month's newsletter. I apologize for being late. We sold our home, downsized like crazy, and have moved into Heron's Key where we still have at least 6 boxes to unpack. My quilt room is almost operational, and I look forward to returning to my sewing machine. Think about what you can send for next month's newsletter. And, remember to Keep Calm, Carry On, wear your beautiful mask, stay safe and healthy, and be kind.

