



Gig Harbor Quilt Guild

July 2020 Newsletter: The Good Stuff

No July guild meeting. All activities have been cancelled or postponed.

Sew What's New?



When Marilyn sent out her question asking us to fill in what we're going to do this "wild" summer, for me it was almost asking what my New Year's Resolution is. Like most everyone else, the plans I had made had to be canceled, so I had to regroup (mentally) and think about it from a different angle. So far, I've wasted most of the last few months, when I could have been getting a lot accomplished, but haven't. It doesn't take long for that "manana" attitude to take over.

The other side says, "What would you do if you were stranded on a desert island and surrounded by every quilt UFO you had ever started?" Perhaps with no distractions, I'd complete them, but with distractions it's another story – because don't the patterns and fresh arrivals of fabric turn your head just a little bit?

We really thrive on the companionship of others, even the introvert in some of us. It's the sugar high that sparks enthusiasm for what we do. It's the inspiration we get from someone complimenting us at show and tell.

Some of those UFOs might just have to stay where they are or get boxed over to Goodwill, if they're bringing you down. Take a little advice from Cher, in Moonstruck, and "Snap out of it," or Nike's advice, "Just Do It." Start with phoning a friend – it probably helps the most.

Missing you all!

Celebrate Covid Summer by focusing on the good stuff!



GOOD THINGS
HAPPEN.

LOVE IS REAL.

WE WILL
BE OKAY.



July Birthdays

<i>Terri Costa</i>	<i>July 3</i>
<i>Carol Bertozzi</i>	<i>July 13</i>
<i>Judy Redder</i>	<i>July</i>
<i>Robin Storset</i>	<i>July 30</i>
<i>Brenda Bowles</i>	<i>July 31</i>

*The Good Stuff:
our charities*

** * * Comfort Quilts*



For Northwest Harvest:

At the end of April, Quilted Strait quilt shop in Port Gamble organized a “mystery quilt” challenge. Owner Kris charged \$25 per person to participate and pledged 100% of the proceeds to Northwest Harvest, which provides funds to our local food banks. **As of May 1st, she was able to wire Northwest Harvest an amount totaling \$3575.00!**

No doubt, more has come in since then. The generosity of quilters not only helped feed the unemployed, but helped quilters use up fabric from their stash!

If anyone in our Gig Harbor Guild pieced their mystery quilt from this challenge, please send a photo for the newsletter.

From Carol Arnold: We have not been able to meet as a group since February but people have still been busy cutting, sewing, quilting and binding. In the past two weeks I have delivered 49 quilts to the Gig Harbor and Tacoma infusion centers for Dr. Senecal’s Hematology/Oncology practice. They are so grateful for these quilts. Once again I was stopped in the parking lot and thanked for a quilt by someone who had received one and told how much it meant to her.

From Kristin Tow:

This summer I’ll be the Comfort Quilts contact for kits. HELP! I have 10 kits and more in development in a variety of skill levels and colors/patterns. Some of life may be stalled, but the need for Comfort Quilts goes on. Come pick your preference to sew at home, or I’ll bring options to you. Call me, Kristin, at 253-265-1411 or email kristintow@yahoo.com. (No CQ sew-ins in July or August.)

From Candy Jackson:

NICU (NeoNatal Intensive Care Unit) Baby Quilt Project

First of all, I would like to thank Janet Larsen for all her hard work and dedication in organizing this project, collecting fabrics and finished quilts and blankets, and making many of the flannel receiving blankets herself. She has done a wonderful job and I think the hospital must be very grateful for all of her efforts. Just recently, she delivered another 30 blankets and quilts to them. Here are pictures of a few of them. She has also put together lots of quick and easy kits for making the flannel receiving blankets. The goal with the kits is to be able to supply many more items than we could if we only made quilts, which take a lot longer to complete.

But it is time for Janet to shift her energy to some other projects so I have happily agreed to become the new POC for this project. It warms my heart to think of those little ones leaving the ICU, headed home in cozy, warm blankets and quilts made by members of our guild. I am looking forward to when we can all get together again and I can collect your finished quilts and blankets to deliver on to the ICU. I will



also have some of Janet's kits available for you to take home and put together for us. My goal is to collect enough blankets and quilts to be able to deliver another large group to St Joe's by the end of the year.

In the meantime, I hope you are all safe, healthy, busily sewing, and enjoying the sunshine. I hope to see you soon.

Thanks, Candy



Good Stuff: A Good Poem

The Summer Day - Mary Oliver

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean –

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down –

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

*Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?*



Wild and Precious Summer Plans. . . . This summer I plan to

. . . create 8 small charity quilts, dig deeper into started projects & complete 1-2. I want to visit relatives in Vancouver, WA and Florida- virtually at least. On the practical side I need to have at least one garage sale of hubby's tools & my Quilt Shop fabric. I might have to ask Quilters to come at assigned times!? Oh & make a few more masks for family.

~ Corliss Lester

Shower love upon my husband Dave

Spend time (while social distancing) with my best friend Yvonne Edmonson

Work on the next Opportunity Quilt section assigned to me

Go camping nearby with my hubby and 16-year-old dog Wally - xoxo

Study the book of Leviticus.

~ Janet Mullin

FRANCE 2016



**Paris, Tours, Bordeaux, Sarlat,
Viking – Chateaux, Rivers & Wine
June 24 – July 9, 2016**



In this wild and precious summer, I am planning to **complete photo books for trips we have taken over the last few years, since we won't be leaving the country any time soon.**

I finished the books for the two trips we did in 2018 and am working on the one for our 2016 trip. Since our first "organized" trip in 2008 (to Egypt with Insight through AAA), I started making books, by creating album pages in Powerpoint, then adding any brochures, maps, etc. into Pioneer albums in sheet protectors. With digital cameras, I end up taking sometimes 1000's of pictures, then they would sit in a folder on my computer's auxiliary hard drive, never to be looked at. I've gotten a few years behind, so started to work backward and finished the two trips we took in 2018 - to Tahiti and Russia. I am now working on the one

from 2016 to Bordeaux, France.

~ Anita Grumer



“In this wild and precious summer, I want to recover from injuries to both ankles and literally get on my feet, spend more time in the yard, pull weeds, fuss over my geraniums, visit the Dairy Queen, make gazpacho, and soak up every ray of sunshine.”

~ Jan Sachs

(and this is her healing view from the deck!)

*In this wild and precious summer I am planning to Eat fresh veggies from my garden, Pray that we all stay safe and healthy and Love living in the Pacific Northwest.
~Jen Bolentino*



This is my wild “covid spring” quilt that I started and named in March. It is going with me on our wild adventure to Nashville. Our two daughters are driving out in an r.v. to pick us up and keep us isolated on our way back to Nashville with them. It will bring back memories of the unmasked travels the four of us had in camper vans throughout the U.K. And New Zealand when we were all a bit younger. Then we will continue our precious time with their families, including our five and seven year old grandkids. We will stay in the little house that we built in the backyard of the family in Nashville. Hoping to be able to fly home in September.

~ Carol Arnold

In this wild and precious summer, I joined an online Facebook block of the month by the Triplet Sisters, anyone can purchase a pattern and join. The quilt is a red and green Applique wedding album with 20 Blocks and a border. I'm more than halfway done with the top.

Yvonne Jones

In this wild and precious summer, I am planning to keep cool and quilt on!

~ Terri Costa



I am planning to hike a little, sew a little, plant a little, and unfortunately weed a lot!

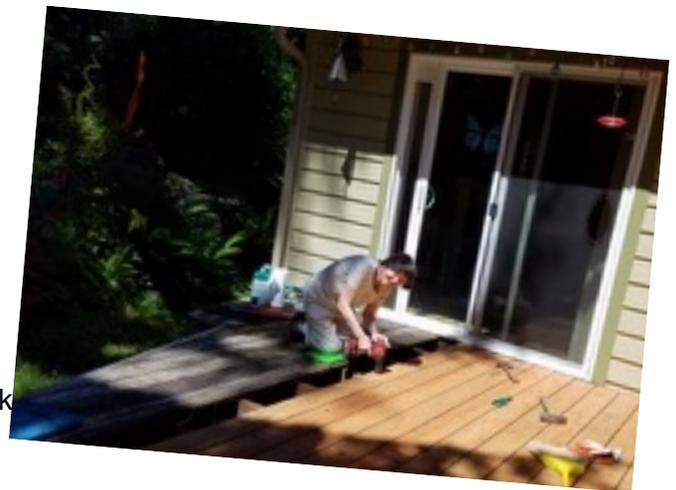
Barb Treese

I have gotten to be with my granddaughter and that is the best! Otherwise feeling the days go by broken by zoom calls, yard work, neighborhood walks and sewing projects. I finished this one! *(and it is really beautiful, Mary!)* ~

I am moving, unpacking, and setting up a brand new 11x17 sewing room, vaulted, ceiling fan, two great windows and tons of light. *(and aren't we all a bit jealous of this?!)*
~Donna Smith



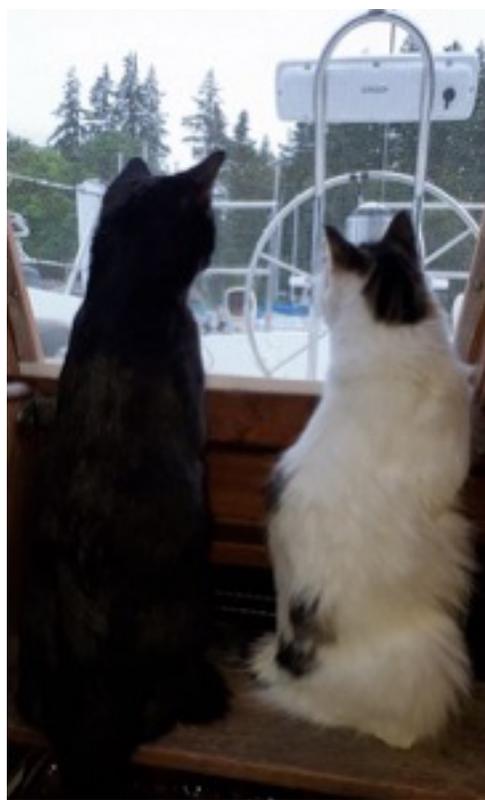
Donna Egan is tending her garden and replacing a deck — and quilting!





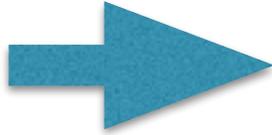
During this wild and crazy summer I am planning on a kitchen remodel. I think I'm doing this because I haven't cleaned out any of the closets that I said I would start 90 days ago when all of this began. While sitting as a couch potato watching quilting arts on TV, I noticed my interior glass door looks at nothing. So I decided to make something to go behind it and this is the result. It's not yet quilted.

~ Janet Rosenberg



Ellen LeVita is going to cruise with her husband and her cats!

Cathy Stone is completing this stunning hand appliqué quilt during the Time of Covid.



In this wild and crazy summer, my husband and I have made and canceled many plans! But in August, we are still planning on going to Captiva Island off the coast of FL for a family reunion! I can not wait to see everyone! Pray that we will still be healthy when we return!

~ Vicki Johnson



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I am planning to go to Bethesda Md to meet my FIRST grandchild!!! The beautiful little boy is due July 10th but my daughter will be induced on July 3rd.

~Margaret Ellingson

(This is one of SEVERAL quilts Margaret has made for this new little person.) He will be the "best-quilted" baby ever! — and undoubtedly the most loved!

In this wild and precious summer, I am planning to help my daughter and her family pack for my son-in-law's next duty station at Fort Benning, Georgia. This is their final summer here and I will miss them and my grandchildren tremendously. My daughter Jenny Bauer and I worked together to sew and quilt her first ever quilt! She chose the pattern and pieces the top. I sewed the rows together and we took our first try at free motion quilting by alternating blocks with each other. It was great mom and daughter memory making time!

~ Barb Archut



In this wild and crazy summer I am planning on completing all my UFOs.
~ Audrey Paulson
(and you are doing a great job of it!)

The Good Stuff: A Virtual Show and Tell

Janet Mullin's Creations



Candy Jackson's beautiful Northwest!



Janey Herrera's — two of many summer projects





The Always Creative Lynn White



Donna Blum



Kathy Kosta



Colene Acker



Jan Sachs (Note the bandaged foot)



Anita Grumer's fun things!



Terri's togs for grandkids—and a nice snuggly quilt.

