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This month our meeting is again being held online using ZOOM. This month we will have a speaker, Kathleen Littfin presenting "Quilting to Celebrate, Comfort, Create and Contribute"

Please join us!



Peggy Couvrette, President

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day! What a month I have had! I am getting back into my quilting life and am enjoying it immensely. I still remember how to do it!



Thank you for all your kinds words during this time.

We have a good speaker this month and looking forward to the Pop-Up at my house on the 20th. We have a new Zoom invite address I will be sending out to you before the meeting.

Hope to see you at our Zoom meeting and then the following Saturday at our Pop-up.

Peggy



Upcoming Dates to Remember

2/10 - Guild Board meeting online on ZOOM. All are welcome Contact Peggy for Information about connecting to the ZOOM meeting. Starts 6:30 p.m.

2/17 - Guild General meeting online on ZOOM. The ZOOM meeting opens 6:15. The meeting starts 6:30. Program speaker is Kathleen Littfin – “Quilting to Celebrate, Comfort, Create and Contribute”

3/10- Guild Board meeting online on ZOOM. All are welcome Contact Peggy for Information about connecting to the ZOOM meeting. Starts 6:30 p.m.

3/17 - Guild General meeting online on ZOOM. The ZOOM meeting opens 6:15. The meeting starts 6:30. Program is speaker Kathryn Diamond – “Domestic Machine Quilting”.

4/14- Guild Board meeting online on ZOOM. All are welcome Contact Peggy for Information about connecting to the ZOOM meeting. Starts 6:30 p.m.

4/21- Guild General meeting online on ZOOM. The ZOOM meeting opens 6:15. The meeting starts 6:30. Program is a presentation by a few guild members “Celebrating YourStory”.

April Program – “Celebrating YourStory” Speakers Needed

Our April program is going to be presentations by our members of their personal and/or quilting stories. It doesn't need to be a very fancy presentation, just some pictures and stories to go with them is all we need!

If you think you might be willing to do this, please contact Debbie Sherrell and you and she can chat about what it entails. She will be happy to create the computer work to make your pictures visible to everyone. It should be easy!

New Member Margie Wees

We have a new member of the guild. Her name is Margie Wees. She is a friend of Kathryn Diamond. We are very happy for her to be with us and we all are looking forward to meeting her on Zoom and in person in the future!

Our February Birthdays

Patty Smith	2/18
Earthleen Briggs	2/22
Diane Hamann	2/26

Happy Birthday Everyone!

All of our Meeting Presentation Recordings Available

We have on Google docs of all meetings and the presentations we have made on Zoom. Here is the link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AOvjF3FfxP4wh1Z_SFOLgig5LWMJ9b7x?usp=sharing

Kaleidoscope Monthly General Meetings

When: 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meeting starts 6:30.

Where: Meeting online with ZOOM.

Kaleidoscope Monthly Board Meetings

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month starts 6:30 p.m.

Where: Meeting online with ZOOM.

Who to Call:

President: Peggy Couvrette 619-466-6103

Newsletter: Debbie Sherrell 619-277-2672

Programs/Workshops: open position

Newly Refurbished Kaleidoscope Website

Our new website is up. Please check it out! www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

2021 Victory Garden Challenge

Hi everyone!

It seems like forever since I have submitted anything for our newsletter. As you know, Lori King and I are doing the quilt challenge for 2021. Another challenge! But this is an easy challenge and hopefully a fun one too.

During the pandemic and being home, I have made so many masks, that I seem to have lost interest in my sewing machine. I have turned to crocheting and knitting and a few small sewing projects. I have felt down and upset one day, and then happy and up the next. I am sure everyone can relate. So, in keeping with our theme of the Victory Garden Challenge, and having a house somewhere in our creation, I have decided to do the house pattern as a wonky house. I have felt wonky! I am including that for you to see. Plus, I thought about the Victory Gardens which people planted to help them get through the war. The food from the gardens helped to sustain them, but the mere act of planting and growing and sharing, helped them even more.

In my little community here at Bonita Hills, many of us planted tomatoes for the first time in a LONG time. We grew herbs and shared them with one another. We have made pickles, bread, and Mexican carrots. We have cooked meals and delivered them to one another's porches. Every once in a while, a little porch fairy delivers cookies, brownies, word puzzles, painted rocks, little succulents or new masks. So, our Victory Garden is quite varied and successful! We have grown things, baked, crafted items and shared them to perk one another up, plus ourselves! Knowing we could do this together, has been our Victory.

I am planning on my fabric representing the Victory Garden we have grown here in my community. Lori and I look forward to seeing what your Victory has been through your creation for the 2021 challenge.

**My best to you all,
Patty Lawrence**

Membership

The "highs" and "lows" as we transition from a long month (Jan) to the shortest (Feb)!

Highs: new member: Margie Wees to meet; glorious days of rain & hail & wind - just like I remember from my childhood in Chicago; vaccines have arrived in SD; and 2020 is GONE!

Lows: food, gas & fabric prices have risen; house looks naked without Christmas decorations; and UFOs not magically completed by Santa's sewing elves!

Barbara and I are thrilled at the near prospect that Guild meetings in person will soon resume. We so look forward to seeing everyone and hearing the laughter of happy ladies!

**Best always!
Susan Stewart**



February Program

Kathleen Littfin

Quilting to Celebrate, Comfort, Create, & Contribute

I began quilting 37 years ago when my twins were turning a year old. I'd had little sleep and less adult conversation in a long time, so in January 1984 I responded to an ad offering quilting classes at a fabric store. The teacher, Helen Thompkins, was well into her 80s. She made quilts entirely by hand – she didn't even own a sewing machine! As a result, I learned piecing and quilting the old-fashioned way. Although I moved on to mostly

machine piecing and quilting, I'm very glad I learned to do it first by hand.

The 1980s and 90s were my busy years, raising 5 children, returning to school, starting a new career, and trying to juggle it all as my Navy husband was often deployed. I continued to quilt when I could but it wasn't as much as I would have liked. While attending San Diego State, I planned my classes as best I could around my Tuesday morning quilt group – *Stitch and Bitch*. I credit that group with helping to keep me sane!

We moved from San Diego to Port Orchard, Washington in 1999. My work kept me extremely busy, and quilting took a back seat for a long time. In 2014 I retired and have since been free to pursue my quilting habit with reckless abandon. And what opportunities it has opened up for me! Over the last few years, I've been fortunate to have my quilts accepted into 3 major juried quilt shows and an international travelling exhibit. Since retiring, two of my quilts have received *Best of Show* awards at local shows, I was selected as Featured Artist for my regional quilt show, and I have sold several quilts to raise over \$4000 for our local Mental Health Center.

Right now, I'm in the process of moving to Kalispell, Montana, to start the next life adventure. My presentation will take you through my quilt journey and show you how to get *your* quilts considered for a national show, or used to contribute to a cause dear to your heart.

Driveway Pop Up at Peggy's house

on Saturday February 20th 10 am – 12 noon. Here is what you can do that day:

- 1. Pay Dues – We voted dues will be \$12.50 this year.**
- 2. Opportunity Tickets Available. Pick Up Opportunity Tickets. If you paid for your opportunity tickets in 2020 you aren't required to pay them in 2021. If you would LIKE to take more tickets that would great.**
- 3. Boutique Kits Available. We are anticipating that we will be able to have our Quilt Show in October. We want to thank Toni Mohondro for the fabric donation she left us when she moved to Spokane. Karen Brixner, Debbie Sherrell and I have been busy making kits for members to take. We will have demos at the January meeting on the three items. Kits available will be:
 - A. Tortilla Warmers**
 - B. Microwave Bowls**
 - C. Snap Bags****
- 4. Jaime Johnson Green – Baby Shower. Since we can't have an in person baby shower for Jaime we will be collecting items for her if you would like to participate. She is registered on Amazon.... Here is the link**

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/jaime-johnson-february-2021-santee/22ZBV9T2Z4YXX>

If you have made something or have a gift card we will be collecting them on the 23rd.

- 5. Scraps will be accepted**
- 6. Philanthropy Quilts will be accepted**

If for some reason you can't make our Driveway pop up let Peggy know and we can make other arrangements.



FEBRUARY 2021 PHILANTHROPY

My husband and I went walking in Mission Trails Park today, up the canyon to the old mission dam site - it was beautiful. Along the way we watched some rock climbers, way above us, scaling one of the big boulders. I saw 2 kinds of Dudleyea (native succulents) that I am particularly fond of, ferns, and a red monkeyflower in bloom. Meanwhile my grandchildren (and their parents), back in Boston, are under several feet of snow. What a contrast!

Kathryn Diamond sure has her Southbay sewing circle going full speed!! She reported that they will soon have 12 children's quilts ready to be delivered to Ronald McDonald House. (Thank you, ladies!!!) I can't wait for Kathryn's program in March where she will talk to us about quilting on our domestic sewing machines. I know a bunch of us love to quilt, but hesitate when it comes to the quilting process.

I have been working on preparing some philanthropy quilt kits, and so has Kathryn. These will be available when we get together in Peggy's driveway Saturday, February 13, 10-noon. At that time you can drop off any philanthropy quilts and scraps that you have, and pick up a philanthropy kit. I will also have the gift bags that several ladies won, at our Philanthropy Drawing at our Christmas Party ready to be picked up. Congratulations to our winners: Pat Gailband, Lois Gresham, Anna Lancia & Arleene Beckhusen!!

Hope to see you there!

Keep those sewing machines whirling! See you at the meeting on Zoom!!!

Marilyn Carnes (Roseway@cox.net), Marilyn Helkenn, Mary Weflen



Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild	
Treasurer's Report January 2021	
Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2021	\$ 11,278.11
Income	\$ -
Total Income	\$ -
Expense	
Check #2014 Becky McDaniel - Jan Speaker	\$ 375.00
Check #2101 Peggy Couvrette - P.O. Box Renewal	\$ 118.00
Check #2102 Peggy Couvrette - Boutique	\$ 432.99
Total Expense	\$ 925.99
Balance January 31, 2021	\$ 10,352.12

General Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Peggy on January 20, 2021 by Peggy. She told us that Jamie had had her baby. It was a boy and his name is Shephard Lloyd Green.

We may have to reschedule our Pop Up meeting because of rain and covid-19. our membership dues for 2021 will be halved to \$12.50.

The budget was brought up for approval. Lois Gresham moved that we accept the budget as presented. It was seconded by Julie Reyes. All present voted to approve it.

Programs-- January-- Becky McDaniel--My Applique Journey (\$375)
February--Kathleen Littfin--Quilting to celebrate, Comfort, Create, and Contribute \$150.
March--Kathryn Diamong--Machine quilting on your domestic machine
April--Celebrating your story--Need members who will tell their quilting story

2021 Quilt Show Boutique-

- Working on list of things to be done. Karen Brixner, Debbie Sherell, and ??? gave tutorials on some of the projects-- microwave bowl cozies, microwave tortilla warmers, and snap bags.

Retreat-- Do not know yet if we can hold it in Sept. but it is booked for Sept. 2-5th 2021.

Opportunity Quilt-- Holding over quilt from 2020 until October, 2021.

Sharing-

- Peggy shared pictures of Christmas cookies from Christmas party, and pictures of fabric postcards made and sent. Sharers including postcard people: Karen, Anna, Lori, Leah, Rita, Arlene, Peggy, Rita, Judy, Kathryn, Suzannah.

Mary Weflen
Secretary

