

The Sew & Tell

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> Thank you to Gail Fisher and her team of volunteers for creating our 2020 Opportunity Quilt!

President's Message

By Ron Carlton

Dear Quilters,

And you all seem especially dear right now. I am glad to be part of our Guild. We are fortunate that we have the skills, the tools, and the stash to contribute to the effort keeping us safe. I made eight face masks this morning.

You hear a lot of conflicting information about face masks. Some say hospitals won't accept them, or that they don't do any good anyway. Well, one thing that is very good about wearing a face mask, is that it shows other people that you are taking the pandemic seriously and that they should, too.

The Guild will not be meeting until it is safe to do so, but we have already communicated with the folks at the church and they have agreed to let us have meetings in the summer months. We normally don't meet then, but this could be a great opportunity to get out of seclusion and get social again. And, the air conditioning has been improved at our venue so it can be a relief from the hot weather too.

In the meantime, be sure to post some pictures of your projects (including face masks) on our Guild FaceBook page. Let's keep our Show and Tell alive.

The April Board Meeting has been cancelled.

Our APRIL Guild Meeting is CANCELLED

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1087 Country Club Lane Escondido, CA 92026

April Meeting Program

By Alice Johnson

SCCQG (Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds) has notified Guilds that meetings should not be held in April. The speaker previously scheduled for our April meeting has been cancelled.

Fat Quarters Contest

By Janis Newlin

There will be no contest as there will not be a meeting in April. I am so grateful to have a hobby like quilting to keep me busy as these current times have cancelled everything else. So far I have made 5 quilts for foster children that receive them as they come into the system. I hope you are all well and are finding that quilting is adding some brightness to your days too.

White Elephant Table

By Karolyn Hart

I have been "staying at home" since March 16! Time seems to have come to a stop. Going for long walks and working in the yard is a refreshing break from organizing closets and cabinets! But, staying at home will save lives and help our medical workers.

Did you see the email from Sewing Machine Plus asking for volunteers to pick up free kits with 10 face masks? Return the completed masks to them. They are sending the masks to Palomar Hospital, Temecula Hospital, and Tri-City. I've made 10 so far. Also, Sewing Machine Plus in Escondido is asking for donations of cotton fabric. It must be one piece of 3 yards or longer. The Guild has donated eleven, 3 yard pieces to the cause.

We miss all of you!! Our thoughts and prayers of protection are with you.

Good Cheer Quilts

by Claire Jungersen

Since our meeting was cancelled last month, we did not receive any quilts. However, we do have kits. If you would like one, give me (Claire) a call at 760-351-6737 and I can drop one off at your doorstep. If you like, you can always make a quilt with your leftover fabric. Any size quilt is accepted, but the typical quilt size is about 43" x 54" and you don't have to piece the back. Thank you for all you have done this year with both quilts and pillow cases.

Happy April Birthday!



Sue Crass (4/1)
Maureen McClellan (4/1)
Elaine Payne (4/12)
Suzan Fornof (4/15)
Sue Ragan (4/19)
Pat Parniani (4/20)
Paula Huntington (4/29)

When our Guild meetings resume, be sure to stop by the White Elephant Table to select \$5.00 worth of items for your birthday gift!

Security Blankets

by Maureen McClellan

I hope everyone is well. So much has happened since our last newsletter, it seems like much longer than one month. Thanks, Deb, for bringing us a little bit of normalcy in these trying times.

Some members have reached out to me to ask what to do about their fleece blankets/yardage donations, since our March meeting was cancelled. I can either pick up your donations from your doorstep or you can drop off at mine, thus maintaining the social distancing order. Please call or e-mail me (760-224-3494, englittlemo@cox.net)to make arrangements.

If anyone is bored and looking for something to do, we would be very grateful for some help with finishing/hemming the donations of unfinished fleece yardage. As always, the need is great and may become greater in the coming weeks, unfortunately. Therefore, it is so important for us to continue supporting Palomar Health Forensics with our fleece blankets.

A huge thank you to our Guild members for all you do, whether it be security blankets, Good Cheer Quilts, or face masks for the medical community. You are awesome! Be safe!

Block of the Month

By Jill Conger

Well, we have extra, extra time to finish the blocks! Hope they don't get buried under projects you may be doing during self isolation! Hopefully, we can see each other in May.



Membership

By Susan Peters

March 2020 was disappointing month for the Guild...we couldn't get together! We couldn't share what we enjoy – bummer. But.... and it's a Big But... we have the time available to sew – Whoopee!!

- Or time to finish up those dreaded un-finished projects
- Or time to re-arrange our sewing room (or our kitchen?)
- Or time to sew new projects (like fabric face masks for Palomar Hospital)
- Or time to plan out sewing projects
- Or time to organize all those patterns that are scattered about
- Or time to list all the rulers that we have and find a place to store them properly (no more fingers getting jabbed when reaching for a ruler.)
- Or time to clean out the garage (or whatever room you've been ignoring for how long??)
- Or time to try out a new recipe or two (only if we already have all the ingredients in the cupboard)
- Or time for old fashioned spring cleaning (that's when my mother would always find that one present she hid at Christmas and couldn't remember where she hid it!)
- Or time to pull weeds or plant new seeds, plants, flowers or trees
- Or time to bug your neighbor by using your weed whacker or weed blower!
- Or time to read a new book
- Or time to re-read an old favorite book (Harry Potter anyone?)
- Or time to watch TV that can be a good thing or a bad thing, huh?
- Or time to watch all those YouTube sewing videos you've always wanted to watch
- Or time to call friends & family and chat like a teenager reminiscing about the 'good old days'

And, last but not least...

 Plan on how you can serve the Guild in the coming year. We cannot have a Guild without people participating, it's that simple. We need officers and committee people.

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Membership (cont'd)

By Susan Peters

Job descriptions are in your Guild directory or you can speak with who has done it this past year or even team up with someone to share...

- VP of Programs
- Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor
- Public Relations/Advertising
- Hospitality
- Block of the Month
- Historian
- Opportunity Quilt Committee
- Quilt Show Committee

Whatever you've chosen to do during isolation, we have at least another month in which to do it. I'm tickled that so many people can see what it's like being "retired" with noooo deadlines. It isn't all what it's cracked up to be, is it?

I wish all our members a productive month, whether we get together or not. I do know that I can hardly wait until we can see each other again and give/get the hugs we all need.

Until then...sew on and sew forth!

Rare Bear Army

By Tonita Waters

Boy, do I miss you all. I am sure you are working on projects that have been started and somehow not finished, or the fabric waits on the table ready to start the project. As most of you know, I am not a qualified quilter. Usually you will find me making bears, although I did make bunny rag quilts for the great grandchildren—look for the photo.

Bears continue to come in, awaiting the day they can be mailed to that special child. In the meantime, we could use a little help. We have bears that are made, but need to be sewn up, or their eyes and noses sewn down. If anyone is interested in helping, please let me know (769-815-8244). Everyone stay well.

Show and Tell

By Margarita Kent, Historian

Most importantly, I hope that everyone and their families are keeping safe, sound, healthy, calm and positive, in spite of what is going on around us. I hope that all of you are keeping yourselves busy with some new projects or, just like me, have been tackling those UFOs that have been waiting to be finished. Mine have been in my sewing room closet hiding from me for a long time. They are a bunch of little rascals, you know!

Keeping in mind that we really don't know for sure when we are going to resume our regular meetings again, I can't take pictures of your sweet faces and beautiful quilts to include in the newsletter. So, like I said in my email to the Guild, we can still have pictures in the Sew and Tell. I am inviting you to take a picture of your quilt project (or not-quilt project) that you are working on now so it can be posted in next month's newsletter. If you can include yourself in the picture holding the project, that would be awesome. Maybe it can be called The Show and No Tell section. After all, no need to tell anything, for pictures really speak for themselves, right?

Please send your picture to the Guild email at newsletter@ncountyquilters.com. I think this is a way to share how we are doing and how we are coping at this difficult time. For me, it will be very nice to see that every is okay, and even though for now we cannot be together in person, we are still connected by our quilting threads. Stay safe.



Face Masks Info

From Paula Huntington:

You have probably received a lot of face mask patterns via email, etc. Deaconess Midtown Hospital put out a video with a pattern that I made and liked at:

https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask

Face Mask/Headband Idea



Dear Valued Customers,

To combat the Face Mask shortage in Southern California Hospitals, Sewing Machines Plus in conjunction with Quilter's Paradise will be cutting fabric to make thousands of face masks. Maywood Studios a subsidiary of EE Shank is donating all the Fabric to make the masks. Sewing Machines Plus will be calling on employees and customers to use their sewing machines at home to help make the face masks.

These masks will be donated to the local Hospitals because of the massive shortage that exists. The donated masks will allow caregivers to save N95 masks for healthcare workers that are involved in front line COVID-19 situations.

If you want to get involved, you can pick up the kits at both Sewing Machines Plus retail store locations. Kits will be given out in quantities of 10. Once the masks are completed, we ask customers to drop off their completed masks at either Sewing Machines Plus retail locations.

Everything will be included in the kit to complete the mask. Please follow the directions included in your kit.

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SewingMachinesPlus.com San Diego 4606 Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 (858) 225-2739

Thank you for your support,

Blaine Austin CEO, SewingMachinesPlus.com Give a call to SMP to confirm availability before going to pick up mask kits. Also, if anyone has yardage they would like to contribute, SMP would love donations of 3 yard fabric pieces to create additional kits.



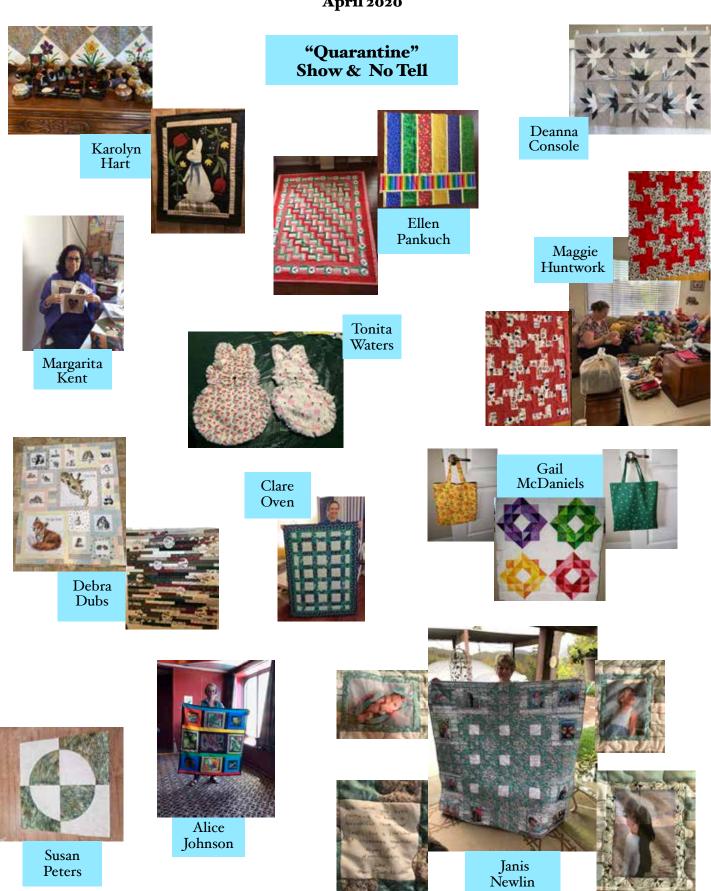
Fabric Painting Class with Melanie Chang







		YEAR - 2020
NCQA Treasurer's Report		Month – FEBRUARY
Checking Account		Notes
Beginning Bank Balance	\$5,061.67	
Total Monthly Deposits	\$1,184.00	
Total Monthly Withdrawals	\$1,002.86	
Ending Bank Balance	\$5,242.81	Balanced to Bank
Savings Account		
Beginning Balance	\$7,110.14	
Interest	\$0.17	Monthly Interest Accrued
Ending Balance	\$7,110.31	Balanced to Bank
Income		
Block of the Month	\$15.00	
Bus Trip	\$949.00	See list attached to deposit.
Membership	\$40.00	See list attached to deposit.
Mini Quilts	\$10.00	1
Opportunity Quilt 2019	\$40.00	Jungerson, Strickland paid at Dec. mtg.
White Elephant	\$130.00	
Total Income	\$1,184.00	
Expenses		
Opportunity Quilt 2020	\$72.73	Joanne Eichler (ticket printing) #1689
Bus Trip	\$50.00	Carrie Harrison (tip RTC driver) #1690
Programs	\$413.25	Grace Errea (speaker) #1691
Programs	\$125.00	Gloria Dei Lutheran Chuch #1692
General	\$119.88	Go Daddy (email addresses renewal)
	\$222.00	Outstanding checks cleared from last month
Total Expenses	\$1,002.86	Balanced to Bank
Summary		
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	\$200.00	Outstanding Check #1693
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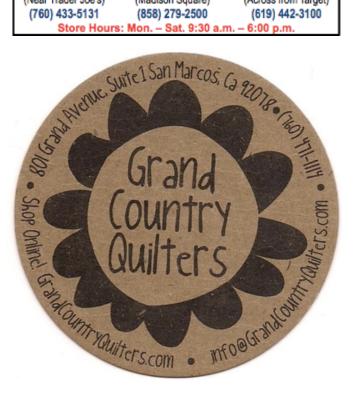
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