

The Silhouette

February 2021 Newsletter of CAMEO Quilters Guild

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A Message from the President

Sharon Cratsenburg

A Happy Valentine's Day to you. I hope everyone has been doing well. I really miss everyone and hope we can meet in person soon. Have you been able to get the vaccine? I know it has been a struggle to get appointments, but keep on trying.

A few dates to remind you of upcoming activities:

Saturday, February 13 10:00am-11:30am at Clawson United Methodist Church parking lot - pick up for:

Valentine Swap - Bring your heart item in a paper bag and in exchange receive the love from another member. Look for Jan R. (Thank you, Henya for organizing.)

Charity Day Kit Pick-Up - look for Linda W., Jolene B. or Theresa N.

Clawson Church Layette Program - Another charity we sponsor so bring any items such as onsies, receiving blankets, quilts, afghans or if you wish to give a cash donation the church group will buy more items they need. These boxes are for NEWBORNS so please bring sizes 0-3 months.

NO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 GUILD MEETING.

Saturday, February 20, 2021 CAMEO Charity Day by Zoom and text. 9:00 am start time on Zoom. You can come and go throughout the day.

We will have a *short* CAMEO guild meeting at 9:00 and then let the sewing begin. Henya will send out the link in an email to everyone with a password to join the group.

Thanks to Linda W. and Theresa N. for planning our Zoom Charity Sewing Day on February 20. A shout out to Carol H. for cutting the pillow case kits for us to sew. 100 kits are ready for you. There will also be quilt kits and quilts that need to be bound. Something for everyone to choose. Even though we won't be physically together on Feb. 20, let's be bound together in spirit and Zoom.

Please contact Linda W., Theresa N. or Jolene B. if you are participating.

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 10:00 am Return your charity items and any layette items; meet at the church parking lot.

In March, we celebrate National Quilting Day. Updates will be shared if we can meet in person.

Don't forget the Calendar block challenge Jean S. started in January. If yours is done, send a picture by email to Henya for our Show and Tell.

Well it's time to take advantage of these cold snowy days to spend it in my sewing room. I have a week to finish my heart. Sew see you soon.



ENQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW...

Our Quilt Show is postponed until May 13 & 14, 2022.

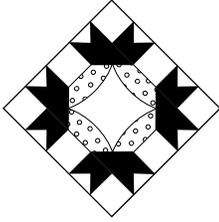
Spring 2021 Retreat at Columbiere is cancelled. The retreat center is used as a retirement home for priests, so it is under lockdown.

Fall 2021 Retreat at Bear Lake Camp is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 15-17, 2021.

Nominations & Elections Committee needs two more members to contact guild members (by phone, text or email) about Board positions for the 2021-22 Guild year. Kathy D. is the liaison; please step up and contact Kathy if you can help.

**Deadline for the
March issue is
March 6.**

Membership



Laurie J.
VP, Membership

Twenty-two members joined the January Guild meeting online. If you have questions about Zoom, please contact Henya R., she can walk you through downloading the free app and how to use it. Members are using their laptops, tablets, phones and desktop computers.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Darlene B: 2/5
Joline B: 2/18
Pat B: 2/27

Some pop artists from the past are revising their hits with new lyrics to accomodate baby boomers. Here are a few:

Herman's Hermits: "Mrs. Brown, you've got a lovely walker"

Bee Gees: "How can you mend a broken hip?"

Bobby Darin: "Splish, Splash I was having a flash."

Ringo Starr: "I'll get by with a little help from Depends."

The Commodores: "Once, twice, three times to the bathroom."

Marvin Gaye: "Heard it from the Grape Nuts."

Leo Sayer: "You make me feel like napping."

Willie Nelson: "On the commode again."

Procol Harem: "A white shade of hair."

Johnny Nash: "I can't see clearly now."

Helen Reddy: "I am woman, hear me snore."

Abba: "Denture Queen"
submitted by Sandy P.

Charity

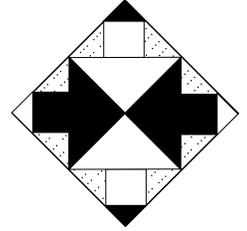
Linda W.

HELLO Everyone,

I would like to make a clarification. Jolene B., Theresa N. and Linda W. are working together to organize Charity Day. We plan on being in the Church Parking Lot at 10:00 to 11:30 Saturday Feb. 13th. We will have a variety of kits for you to pick up. **It will help us to know who would like to participate on Charity Day.** So far, I know that Sandy P. and Barb L. will be participating. There will be a sign up sheet when you pick up kits. **If you plan on working on something of your own, would you please contact one of us so we know who our participants are.**

Thank you
Linda W.
Jolene B.
Theresa N.

Questions on the Valentine Swap? Please call Jan Recinos.



Our quilt show is the major fundraiser during a normal quilt show year, so we don't usually form a Fundraising Committee. Now that the quilt show has been postponed until May 2022, those of you who have strong ideas on fundraising could work together (remotely) on a committee for 2021. **Your ideas do need to be approved by the Executive Board before implementation.**

Just email me, the Membership Chair, so I can add you to the Fundraising Committee and let you know who else has volunteered. membershipvp@cameoquilters.org

Laurie J.

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Programs & Workshops

Jean S.
VP, Scheduler



CALENDAR BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Have your February Calendar block of the month ready for Show and Tell. Email a photo to: showandtellcameo@gmail.com with "February Calendar BOM" in your subject line.

if you are joining in late and did not show your January block, bring it on!

Thanks for your participation! It's fun to see what everyone is doing.



John Flynn, Double Wedding Ring Quilt

MEMBERS' DOUBLE WEDDING RING QUILTS ARE NEEDED!

We are planning a tutorial on the DWR Quilt for an upcoming meeting. If you own or have made one, please email a photo to Laurie J. at membershipvp@cameoquilters.org by March 1. Include any description, dates, or comments you like. It can even be a photo of just one block. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

Quilters Calendar submitted by Ann B.



All meetings are on Zoom. Go to the guild website, and contact the guild to get permission to join a meeting as a guest. Do this well ahead of time. There may be a fee.

February 9 at 10:00am via Zoom
Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan
Albert Cote' Lecture: "An Artist's Journey - From There to Here"

St.Stephen Episcopal Church
5500 N. Adams Rd., Troy 48098
www.ntgm.org

February 11 at 7pm via Zoom
Great Lakes Heritage Quilt Guild
Timna Tarr (timnatarr.com) Lecture & Trunk Show:
"Flying Colors"

Birmingham Unitarian Church
38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
www.glhq.org

SAVE THE DATE: June 10, 2021 Jen Kingwell

February 22 at 6:30pm via Zoom
Jackson Quilt Guild
Cheri Pickett, "Ask Your Quilt for A Date"
3225 Fourth St., Jackson
www.piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org

March 4 at 7pm via Zoom
Oakland County Quilt Guild
Diane Murtha - Lecture:
"Accept the Challenge and Win a Prize"
First Congregational Church
1315 N. Pine St., Rochester
www.oaklandcountyquiltguild.com

March 9-10 at 10:00am via Zoom
Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan
Ana Buzzalino (anabuzzalino.com) "Make your Quilts with Digital Imagery - Editing Photos in Powerpoint"
St.Stephen Episcopal Church
5500 N. Adams Rd., Troy 48098
www.ntgm.org
Workshop "Monoprinting without a Press"

blusk5510@gmail.com
248-709-9212

Granny Lady Quilts

"Put Memories in a Quilt"

Barbara Lusk

Digital long arm quilting Custom designed quilts

NEW, FREE SEW ALONGS for 2021!

Join in anytime, online.

Pat Sloan 2021 Home Is Quilt Along:

<https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/home-is-quilt-along.html>

Riley Blake Block Challenge 2021:

<https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/assets/images/sewalongs/RBDBlockChallenge/2021/Invite.pdf>

Lori Holt Flea Market Flowers:

<https://beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.com/2021/01/flea-market-flowers-sew-along-bee.html>

Moda (various designers):

<https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/quilt-along-calendar>

submitted by Cheryl Cawley



Our North Star

This quilt was created with loving heart and hands by Lucy Lesperance (December 24, 1935 to July 10, 2020) for her annual holiday quilt lottery. She completed her handiwork in the spring of 2020 with only the quilting left to do.

She passed away peacefully that summer. It was finished by her quilting family, a group of beloved friends. This quilt is a symbol of her vital spirit and reflects the bonds, both blood and spiritual, of a sisterhood cultivated over decades. She touched many lives. She is our North Star.

Royal Oak, Michigan

Lucy's Holiday Lottery Quilt (an annual event for her family at Christmas) was completed by Janeen S. (borders), Lynda D. (binding & attaching label), and quilted by Barb L. Lucy had sewn the blocks and assembled the quilt top. The label was written by Lucy's daughter, Theresa.

Additional “My Favorite Tool or Notion” - Sewing Machine Needles

by Rosemary S.

This article is not about asking, "Have you changed your sewing machine needle lately?" (But, have you?) This is just an addendum to January's "Favorite Tool or Notion" program and I'm excited to tell you about a sewing machine needle that I didn't even know existed until recently.

Kimberly Einmo wrote a great column on sewing machine needles in the January, 2020 issue of "American Quilter" magazine. Since machine needles are so essential to our creative work I thought I'd share some of Kimberly's wisdom.

In addition to specific types of needles, Kimberly also shared some tips that will help you in choosing your needles.

She starts by stressing brand quality. You know that old saying, "You get what you pay for." Kimberly advises **always buy quality needles** and avoiding inferior or no-name brands. Her favorite brand of sewing machine needle is Organ:

<https://organ-needles.com/english/product/#tab1>

a brand I've never heard of, but thankfully she thinks Schmetz Needles (readily available at JoAnn's) are also wonderful.

Another important tip, **choose the right needle for the job**. Frustrating experiences with skipped stitches, crooked stitches, and frayed and broken threads have taught me to be mindful of the needle that I am using every time I choose a different type of thread. I've learned the hard way that the right needle can create perfectly even and beautifully made stitches.

I also heed the advice of so many quilters before me to change my needle often. Changing my needle always brings to mind former CAMEO member, Margaret Crouch. Whenever I would complain to her about having a problem with my sewing the first words out of her mouth were always, "Did you change your needle?"

Here's a little guidance from the internet on that: It is recommended that you change your needle after every 3 full bobbins used or every 2 pre-wound bobbins used. It is also recommended that you change the needle after each project or if using a fabric that naturally dulls the needle such as metallics, leathers or heavy fleece. Paper-piecing and using fusibles are other activities that dull your needle.

Here are Kimberly's favorite speciality needles:

Titanium - These needles are more resistant to wear than other types of needles. Kimberly says they are the "ultimate in strength and function...a lot of bang for your buck!" They can last up to five times longer than other types of needles and they reflect heat and friction away from the thread to minimize fraying and breakage.

Anti-glue needles - Who knew? Sometimes labeled as LP for lubricant plating, or often called non-stick, these needles have a special coating designed to resist the build-up associated with fusible web, iron-on interfacing, and basting sprays. They are also ideal for fusible machine applique.

These anti-glue needles are the ones I wanted to share with you. Wish I had known about these needles when I recently made a Laura Heine quilt! Although the quilt is wonderful, the liberal use of Steam-a-Seam 2 fusible coated my entire sewing room in stickiness and left me continually wiping everything - including my needle - with alcohol.

Topstitch needles - They work well with thicker-weight threads or as part of quilting all of the quilt's layers. They are ideal for use with rayon or polyester threads or even heavier cotton threads with decorative stitches. When CAMEO had a program with a Sulky instructor he recommended the Topstitch needles and I've used them ever since. Here's a caution from Kimberly - size matters - as the weight of your thread increases, the size of the needle must increase, too.

Microtex - Kimberly's favorite needle for machine piecing. They have a slim, very sharp point that performs brilliantly on quilting weight cottons. Microtex needles are shaped to prevent puckering and skipped stitches. Kimberly suggests them for precision piecing as they create perfect points, especially when joining multiple pieces of fabric together at seam intersections.

The bottom line is there are different machine needles designed for specific threads and sewing jobs. Learning the differences will really make a difference in your stitching results. I have generally found that searching a particular thread (brand, type and weight) on the internet will advise me on the correct needle to use for that thread.

**CAMEO Guild Meetings Minutes
January 21, 2021
Zoom Meeting at 7 pm**

President Sharon Cratsenburg called the meeting to order at 7.17pm. Twenty-two members participated.

The December Minutes were approved and placed on file.

Jackie Considine presented the Treasurers Report. It was approved and filed. Bills paid this month include \$325 for the renewal of our trademark certification which this time is good for 10 years instead of the previous 5 years.

Jan Recinos showed photos of quilts presented at a quilt show, “Radical” that she had attended in Ohio

Sharon Cratsenburg. Nominations & Elections- anyone interested in serving on this Committee should contact Sharon. At present we have Jan Recinos and Sandra Peiss with Kathy Debien as liaison. We need two other members.

Bear Lake retreat is booked for October 15, 2021. There has been no update from Colombiere.

Charity Day will take place virtually on February 20th. An email will be sent describing the procedures for this event. The Valentine’s Day swap will take place February 13 at 10:00- 11:30 am in the Church parking lot. Bring your valentine **wrapped** and Jan will organize the swap also Linda Wallace will distribute Charity Day kits.

Our Quilt Show is postponed until May 2022. In 2020 the two Raffle Quilt raised \$2,123, the previous quilt show 2017 raffle of 1 quilt raised \$2,378.

Suggestions were made for fund raising:

-Lynda Draudt will research tote bags with cute sayings.

- Discussed Calendar showing a different Quilt for each page. Need professional photographer, consult Maggie Smith. Laurie Johnson will put it together and get printing quotes.

-If we can meet together in Fall we could consider a Quilter to Quilter Event

-online Quilt Show?

-online Miniature Quilts Auction

The Fund Raising Committee needs to be reactivated.

Jean Schlegelmann. January meeting, “Introduce members to your favorite quilting tool or notion” Tell or demonstrate how you use it and why you like it.

Barbara Lusk- cutting snips

Rosemary Spatafora-Tucker Trimmer - Winged Clipper - lint roller

Louise McCormick-Glazier- Lip edge ruler

Henya Rachmiel- Kay Buckley scissors.

Jan Recinos – Wing Needle - Circular foot

Jean Schlegelmann- Bloc Loc

Sandra Peiss- Non slip quilters ruler

Sharon Cratsenburg – Dritz quick turn

Jolene Bowdich-Tiny screwdriver – seam gauge.

Remember to send photos of your CALENDAR BLOCK OF THE MONTH to Henya

Meeting adjourned at 9.10pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Bonelli

Cameo Board Meeting
January 28, 2021
Zoom Meeting at 7pm
Minutes

Sharon Crastenburg called the Board meeting to order at 7.10 pm. Present were Darlene Baer, Pat Baldauf, Ann Bonnelli, Jackie Considine, Kathy Debien, Judy Murray, Jan Recinos,. Absent, Linda Griffin , Laurie Johnson, Jean Schlegelmann.

Minutes. From November, 24, 2020 were approved and placed on file.

President Sharon Crastenburg reported for Jean that the Laura Heine class is cancelled for April and that she is discussing something with Seven Sisters Quilt Shop. If anyone has made a Double Wedding Ring Quilt, please send photos to Laurie Johnson for an upcoming program. Ask Jean to see if people would be interested in a member taught class of Rikki Tims' famous Convergence Quilt, and/or demos of Acu Cutter and Scan 'n Cut. There will be no Thursday, February 18th Cameo Meeting, it will be replaced by the Saturday February 20 Virtual Charity Day beginning at 9am.

Need people for Fund Raising Committee and Nominations and Elections Committee.

New Officer slate must be presented at May meeting and voted on at June Meeting. Discussed who on the Board was eligible and wanted to run again.

Treasurer Jackie Considine presented the monthly report. She discussed whether it was necessary to keep up our liability insurance when we were not using the church. It is paid through October and possibly we will be back to meeting by then, our rebate would be little and maybe it would be difficult to sign up later so we voted to continue it.

Member-at-large Kathy Debien A sit 'n stitch group is finishing up a Covid Relief Quilt which they would like to auction/raffle for Cameo and asked how they could go about this.

VP Facilitator Jan Recinos . The next book discussion is February 8 at 7pm and the author to be discussed is Bonnie Hunter

Meeting adjourned 8.20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Bonnelli