

Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild

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President's Message

By Sandie Cockerill

The holiday season is right around the corner. We all have plans for our celebrations and are busy with decorating, sending cards, shopping, making menus, finishing the hand made gifts... the list goes on and on.

Those among us who are Sagittarius (November 22 – December 22) thrive on all the hustle and bustle. The Archers are optimistic, restless, progressive and adventurous. If a sign were a theme park ride, Sagittarius would be the rollercoaster. A Sagittarian would be an excellent Guild member to teach workshops and schedule field trips because of their love of learning and generosity in sharing knowledge.

I wonder if the main character in the movie Elf has a December birthday because according to him, "the best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear". So, raise your voices in merry harmony.

News*** December Program***News

With the recent Iowa Governor's proclamation of only 25 attendees for an indoor event the Board has voted to cancel the December MVQG Guild meeting.

Please watch the website, MVQG Facebook page, open your Mississippi Valley Quilter Guild Emails or check with a board member or person in charge of your event to know if there are cancellations.



Please watch for emails from Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild. Please watch for these important emails.

December Calendar

Status for capacity is still ever changing, so check with the event coordinator to verify. Watch for email updates to know what is happening

◆ **Guild Meeting**
December 1: 1 & 7 pm
CANCELED

◆ **Board Meeting**
December 8: 6-8:30 pm
ZOOM

◆ **Quilt Get Away**
December 11: 8am-9pm
Deere Wiman Carriage House,
817 11th Avenue, Moline, IL

◆ **Charity Quilts**
December 10: 8:30 am-3 pm
Deere Wiman Carriage House,
817 11th Avenue, Moline, IL

◆ **Quilt Queens**
December 15: 9am-3 pm
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 2363
W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Audit Committee noted in its 2020 report that the cost to print and mail the newsletter to a small number of members exceeded the dues paid. The issue was discussed extensively at the September Board meeting and determined that the Guild will no longer provide a printed newsletter. The Board of Directors has determined that the Guild will stop mailing newsletters to members, effective with the March 2021 newsletter. The final printed newsletter will be the February 2021 newsletter. Newsletters will still be available on the MVQG Website.

Doohickey Drawing

An Americanism dating from 1910-1915, a doohickey is a gadget; a dingus; a thingumabob; a nifty quilting tool that a quilter may want, has never heard of, or is too expensive to purchase.

Each month a new Doohickey is offered to our membership. It may be a new "cool" tool or it may be something tried and true; expensive or not so much. Tickets are \$1.00 and monthly prizes are determined by the number of tickets sold the previous month. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of evening meeting.

The November doohickey drawing was won by Diana Engelbrecht.



The December guild meeting is canceled and therefore there is no doohickey drawing for December.

Newsletter-Deadline for January's newsletter is **December 11, 2020.** Diane Schloemer 563-508-0463 Dmschloemer@gmail.com (Please note new email address)

Our Mission:

Organized in 1983 to educate and encourage members in the quilting arts; to encourage high standards in color, design, and construction of the quilted medium, and to stimulate interest in quilting in the community.

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The Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild is a non-profit organization open to anyone interested in quilts or quilting. Monthly meetings are 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post 26, 702 35th St., Davenport, IA. Guests are welcome. A \$5 fee is charged to guests at meetings with featured speakers. \$35 yearly dues are renewable in September.

To change your address contact Elaine Giesecke at (309) 496-2166.

Find us online at:

www.mvqg.org
www.facebook.com/mvqguild
MVQG Email: mvquiltersguild@gmail.com

Newsletter submissions:

Contributions to the Newsletter are welcome. Articles and ads are due no later than the second Friday of each month and can be submitted to Diane Schloemer at dmschloemer@gmail.com. All contributions must be accompanied by the name and phone number of the author.

Advertising rates

Prepay 5 issues and get the 6th issue free
* Business card \$5.00 * 1/4 page \$12.50
* 1/3 page \$15.00 * 1/2 page \$ 25.00

November Meeting Statistics

Afternoon Meeting: 40 Members, 0 Guests, 0
New Members, 20 Zoom members
Evening Meeting: 27 Members, 0 Guests, 0
New Members, 20 Zoom members

Name Tag Winners

Afternoon Meeting: Pam Ehrecke, Debbie Schladt, Sally Stewart, Judy Nelson, Cindy Anderson, Diane Murtha

Evening Meeting: Bev Salmonson, Cindy Anderson, Mary Korrekt, Shelly Moore

Programs

Mary Korreect. 563-940-8565 – MJKorreect@hotmail.com

Border of the Quarter Sew-Along

The MVQG Border of the Quarter Sew-Along was launched at the October 6 meetings!! See the guidelines below. Hope you'll join the fun!!

The color to be included in the first border is *PURPLE*, and the task is *String Piecing*.

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UFO Challenge 2020

The final UFO 2020 number was drawn at the October meetings.

Get busy finishing up **UFO #1** on your lists!!

Photos of your completed UFO #1 are due by January 3, 2021 via email to Sandie Cockerill.

Complete directions for the UFO Challenge can be found in the March 2020 newsletter, available on our website. Questions?? Call Sandie Cockerill or Mary Korreect

UFO Challenge 2020 Wrap Up/Awards Show

will be the program at the January 2021 meetings.



During this Holiday season while we are battling a pandemic, I am reminded to have a grateful heart for all the good things that happened in 2020.

We are still a quilt guild that cares for each other and wants to help others less fortunate than ourselves.

We can't see our families like we used to, so I appreciate the time we have had with them in the past, the conversation on the phone and in person distanced time we can have with them this year, and the time we will have with them in the future. So thankful for technology and the abilities we have now to keep in touch compared to 25 years ago.

We have been able to do things outside this past 6-8 months that can get us out of our houses and in fresh air even when we are still distancing and being more aware of our surroundings than ever.

It has been a time we can be reflective about our lives and regenerate from burnout and stress.

A time to clean out in areas that we have had not time to take care of.

A time to catch up in areas we have avoided because

2020 Reflections

of lack of free time to do things that are on our hearts to do.

I am grateful for good friends who care to check in to see if all is okay, good conversations with them, and just knowing that someone cares.

I miss time sewing with friends, hugs, going shopping on a whim, family time, and so many little things that I always took for granted.

This too shall pass and we will be back together again in full swing. I will get my hugs, close proximity time with others, and be able to be around family and friends without questioning whether I may be exposing them to something that could take their lives.

I also am thankful for the lives of those who are no longer with us and the part they played in my life and all those around us. Some have passed because of Covid, but others passed at the time they would have from other conditions without the pandemic. They will always hold a spot in my heart that can not be filled. It is a privilege to have known them and now to carry on their memories.

—Diana Enngelbrecht

2020 MVQG CHALLENGE

DOUBLE DOUBLE QUILT CHALLENGE DELAYED

New date to be determined

The Board extended the deadline for the **Double Double Challenge to the December meeting.** With Covid-19 there have not been sufficient meetings to promote the challenge and allow for sign ups, and many have been busy sewing necessary masks.

For those of you who have completed your challenge entry, I apologize for the delay and look forward to seeing your entry in January.

The theme for the 2020 MVQG Challenge is Double 2020. There is a \$1.00 fee per challenge entry. Quilts must be 20" by 20." Bring your challenge to the next meeting. They will be displayed and voted on at the meeting that night. Top three vote getters will win a prize valued at \$25 first place, \$15 second place, and \$10 third place.

Incorporate "double" into your quilt theme—anything duplicated, such as twins, double dutch, double vision, double negative, double down (maybe including feathers?), double play, double trouble, double chocolate, double cheese, etc.

Imagine the possibilities—no restrictions except the size 20 by 20. When combined with your creativity you're sure to enter a winner!

If you are interested in signing up, please contact me at 309-644-1179 or through my email at caroltriebel52@aol.com. - Carol Triebel

MVQG Border of the Quarter Sew-Along Presented by Jan Ragaller and Mary Korrekt

1. **Kick off/Launch** was at the October 2020 General Meetings--**Trunk Show and Instruction**
2. Each participant will make a center block of their choice. Center blocks should include many fabrics/colors. The finished size of center blocks should be of dimensions that are easily divisible by 2, 3, 4, or 6. Make a block you love or design your own.
3. Participants will add borders to their own project. No trading involved.
4. Participants will be asked to submit "tasks" at the October meetings. Tasks include shapes, type of block, techniques, for example: stars, circles, flying geese, churn-dash, paper piecing, applique, etc.
5. 10 different Crayola Crayons will be used for the "drawn" color.
6. A new color and task will be drawn and announced quarterly. Everyone will have the same color and task. Each border is to be completed by the next draw date. The task and color **MUST** appear in the border for that quarter, (*not necessarily dominate*.) A variation on that color will be allowed. For example, if RED is the color drawn, you may use a tint or tone of that color: pink or maroon...

Draw dates for new task and color:

January 5, 2021 – Draw round 2

April 6, 2021 – Draw round 3

July 6, 2021 - Draw round 4

October 5, 2021 – Draw round 5 (or) your choice**

January 4, 2022 – REVEAL finished Border Challenge quilt tops



Quilts of Valor

Well I pray this finds you all healthy. The group has been missing the sew days! I know I have, however better to be safe.

So just to let you know where we stand on our numbers so far.

Since May of 2012 we have awarded, as of yesterday, 1604. Even with Covid and our restrictions we have awarded 210 this year. So THANK YOU! QOV has, since 2003 awarded 260,000+. 12,000 volunteers nationwide and 70+ locally. I am blessed.

Thanks to all of you who have hung in there with me. I received a call yesterday from a VietNam vet who had received one. He was crying and thanked me for this award. He said it was quite a work of art. He wanted all of you to know how grateful he was to receive it. He said how he wasn't welcomed home and this took that away. So we truly make a difference in their lives. They keep me humble.

So here's a few thank yous to lift your spirits and inspire you.

Dear Terry, thank you for the beautiful quilt. I am truly honored to receive it. I appreciate the time and effort put into this piece. What a wonderful gift to the veterans of our great nation. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. David

Dear Terry, I am a VietNam vet. Recently I was invited, along with other veterans to a QOV award presentation. It was very impressive.

When my name was called, I was stunned. It's been 53 yrs since I served in VietNam. It brought tears to my eyes. It is so touching to know that there are people that care about what we went through. The work you and your team are doing is wonderful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, respectfully, Larry

Dear Terry, Thank you and all the members of Quad City QOV for the beautiful quilt. I don't really believe that I merited this honor, but I am receiving it for the real heroes, the ones who never made it back. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please pass on my thanks to all the members of QC QOV. Jim

So as you can see, if I am having a bad day, all I have to do is bring out this book of thank yous. It warms my heart.

So keep up the amazing work, So humbly grateful,
Terry Austin QC QOV

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Charity Day

Our next Charity Day is Thursday, December 10th from 8:30 to 3:00. I will reassess whether it is safe to have it as we get nearer to the date.

Please call me if you wish to attend as I am keeping the limit of volunteers at ten. If there is a cancellation, I will contact you.

I delivered 11 quilts to Centennial Rehab and Healthcare (formerly Rosewood). They were so happy and appreciative to receive them.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who make this possible.

Paula Hardi (309) 797-3986

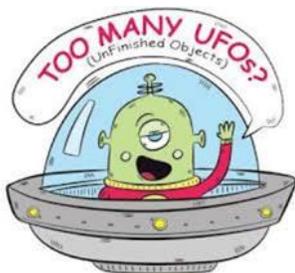


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UFO Challenge 2020



Begin working on UFO #1 on your lists!

The due date for UFO #1 is January 3rd, (the Sunday prior to our January Meeting). Please send Sandie Cockerill a photo of your completed UFO #1 via email to mike-sandie@att.net.

Sandie is keeping track of your progress.

Complete directions for the UFO Challenge can be found in the March 2020 newsletter, available on our website.

Questions??

Call Sandie, 309-755-1193 or Mary Korreect, 563-940-8565

Smile for Charitable Donations

Support MVQG Through [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) When shopping Amazon, please go to their [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) sight and choose Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild for charitable donations. They donate 0.5% of eligible purchases, sent to us quarterly, when you use the smile website.



Doll quilts....

Thanks so much for the doll quilt production and especially to the faithful who come to the work day, keep the production moving, and also to the prolific ones who beautifully do dozens, either from our kits or their own stash..of fabrics and ideas!

Distribution is happening in different ways, so I hope we will be able to reach as many of the eligible children as possible...if



you are connected with any of the charities that serve the children, please call or email me.

We are likely to have some extras.

Thanks again, keep healthy and keep in touch.
Margaret Paulos, dq chair.

Block to Raffle

Our new block is a great one to use up small strips of fabric. The kit will include the solid strips for two blocks. Hopefully I have worked out all the kinks. I love the results & hopefully you will also. Each kit will be \$1 & if you would like one & unable to attend the next two meetings I will be happy to get it to you. Thanks, Vicki Hamilton



Ready to be a Podcast star?



National Quilt Week at the Figge Art Museum(March 16-22) will be celebrated with a virtual podcast of selected quilters sharing a quilt of their own choice. This will be a creative way to demonstrate our creativity in place of a display so grab your phone/ipad/camera and let's hear from you by December 31st!

The theme is "What Famous Artist inspires my Quilting?"(through design, colors, theme and/or fabrics) Send a 1 minute video clip of you with your quilt telling us why it meets the theme. (mkhymes@gmail.com)

We will select 6+ of you from these entries to be in the final podcast and will give you details on how we will do the final 3-4 minute tapings by mid January.

Want to explore various artist inspirations? Join Mary Kay Hymes for a private 1+ hour tour of the Figge (text or call 717-344-4144)
Date: Wed. December 15 @ 1:00



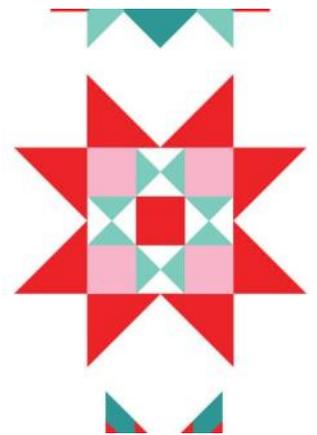
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MASKS For First Line Of Protection **Contact the following if you are still willing to help making masks.**

The Moline-Coal Valley School District, Stephanie Jordan cell: 309-235-7995

The Figge is providing masks for the Humility of Mary Shelter. Contact Brian at BAllen@figgeartmuseum.org

Sara Detweiler is still accepting masks for Head Start in IL.

Shelli Eng is now providing masks for **SCHOOLS** and Genesis and Unity Point Hospitals. Drop off Donations and pick up kits which includes fabric and elastic: Mondays 3-6 PM at the Freight House in Davenport, 421 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.



2020 Mini Quilt Show.

The Botanical Center in Rock Island will be displaying approximately 25 of our quilts that were made for the 2020 show.

The display went up November 2, 2020 and comes down on January 31, 2021.

Visit the Botanical Center to view the beautiful display of quilts.

A grateful Clayton C. Peterson



There is such enthusiasm for the UFO Challenge that we have decided to continue in 2021. Attached is the Sign-up form. There are just a few explanations concerning the Challenge.

First, identify your UFO and what YOU want to accomplish. For example, your goal may be to finish piecing a quilt top. Your goal should be something you can accomplish within the time line. That does not mean you should have the entire quilt top pieced, quilted and bound. Just what you have identified.

Four prizes will be awarded. One for each of the 3 drawings. The fourth prize will be drawn for those who have completed all five UFOs. Again completed means only what you identified as your goal.

You must provide photo proof no later than the Sunday before the project is due. This allows enough time to get the names ready before the drawing at the meeting. You may show your UFO project at any meeting.

Call or email me with any questions.

Kathee Secor



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Upcoming Member Opportunities.

All are welcome!

•Pin Pal Quilters

Faye Kunz (563)323-3593

Diana Engelbrecht (563)285-4348

This group meets on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Butterworth Education Center, 701 12th Avenue, Moline, IL. We work on our own projects so you must bring everything you will need. Any guild member is welcome. Bring your sewing machine or handwork. Beaders and others interested in embellishing with beads are welcome to come work on their projects during this time also. Large tables are available to baste and mark quilts.

2020 Schedule:

No meeting in December

•Charity Quilts

Paula Hardi

(309) 797-3986

Valerie Schissel

(309) 4241602

Charity Quilts Day is held the **second Thursday** of the month, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, IL unless otherwise noted in the calendar.

2020 Schedule:

December 10

•Quilt Queens

Marlis Beechamp

(309) 797-6267

Bev Hoy 563-391-8685

This Sit-n-Sew group meets every **third Thursday**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Mark Lutheran Church, 2363 W. 3rd Street, Davenport. Coffee, irons, and boards are Provided. Just bring your lunch and enjoy the day!
December 15



The group also meets on the **fourth Thursday** of the month at the Eastern Avenue Library. **The Library is closed for meetings until further notice.**

Contact Judy Nelson (563) 359-3253 with questions.

•Davenport Library Sit-n' Sew

Sharon Maroney (615) 483-2430

Davenport Library on Fairmount Street. Please come and bring a friend. On the third Friday of the month 9:30 am-3:30pm **Cancelled**

Contact Carol Schroeder at 563-324-9341 or Sharon Maroney at 615-483-2430 if you have any questions.

•Doll Quilts

Margaret Paulos—(563) 323-5745

Doll quilts are small quilts made by members and given to Head Start and selected preschool programs. Come to the workday, **3rd Tuesday** most months at the Deere Wiman Carriage House, Moline, 8:30-2, to plan, cut and sew with donated fabric, about 24" square. Bring whatever tools and machines you like to work with.

Donations always welcome. Quilts are distributed by December guild meeting.

2020 Schedule:

October 20

No meeting in December or January

•Quillow QTees

Janet Zahrt (563) 332-7365

Second Wednesday of every month make a quillow for a cancer patient. We meet at Davenport Masonic Center, 511 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Davenport on the second Wednesday of the month 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

2020 Schedule:

Cancelled through the end of the year

•Quilt Get Away

Gloria Kloos (309) 762-9616

Bev Hoy (563) 391-8685

If you have projects to finish—Quilt Getaway is the place for you and open to all guild members. We meet at the Deere Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, unless otherwise noted, from 8am-9pm on Fridays and Saturdays and Noon to 5 pm on Sundays. Stay all day or leave your things and come and go as you like. Microwave and refrigerator are available. You may want to bring a light and an extension cord.

2020 Schedule: Limit 10 people, Call Gloria to reserve your spot. The rest of year is to be determined probably month by month by Butterworth.

December 11

•Quilts of Valor

Terry Austin (309) 797-8584

Make quilts to honor our veterans. Meets on the Wednesday following the Guild meeting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 1901 29th St., Moline, IL. **Cancelled through December**

•Fiber Arts Group

Inspire & Create 9-4 **Cancelled**

Fiber Arts Meeting 1-3 **Cancelled until further notice**

Eastern Branch, 6000 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, IA, demos, information, and show and tell at 1-3 PM. The room will open from 9 AM-4pm for an Inspire & Create time for anyone who would like to work on any non messy project of their choice. It will be an open creative time for all fiber mediums. The kitchen will be open for our use.

•Doodle Day

12-3 pm 3rd Tuesday of the month

Davenport Public Library, Eastern Branch, 6000 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, IA

Doodling is a great way to design and train your hand and brain for free motion quilting.

Cancelled

MVQG 2021 UFO CHALLENGE

1. List 5 UFOs. Fill in both top and bottom with a brief description, current status and your goal for the UFO.
2. Keep the top half. Turn in or mail the bottom half and \$5 fee to Kathee Secor at the January meeting. See membership book for address.
3. Drawing Schedule: January 2021 due May meeting; 2nd drawing May due August meeting; 3rd drawing August meeting due January 2022. A prize will be awarded for the 3 UFOs drawn plus an additional drawing for those who finish all 5.
4. Photo proof of completion must be emailed to Kathee@frontiernet.net by or on the Sunday before the meeting.
5. Please bring your UFO and show it at the meeting where it is due.

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MVQG 2021 CHALLENGE

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