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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mary Long

As our Guild enters another month without meeting, it seems like a very long, long time since we have gathered to enjoy each other's company and to share our common passion of quilting. Thank goodness for the newsletter that lets us keep in touch. Especial thanks to Diana Weber for compiling the news and to Joy Mease for keeping us informed via news blasts. The Board does not know when we will be able to meet again. Restrictions have not been lifted enough to allow our gathering as a guild yet.

Sadly, during our time apart, we have learned of the deaths of members. We have been informed about other news items, but have missed the oral reporting of Sunshine and Shadow. We have enjoyed seeing the handiwork of members through pictures in the newsletter. We have continued to think about members and perhaps contacted them by phone. We have been contacted by several people who want to join the guild and who want to become a part of us as soon as we begin to meet again. Life sure has taken a path we could never have imagined. Prayers for all members and prospective members, our state, our country and world as we are faced with what seems to be one crisis after another.

On a positive note, I am including information which should make us feel honored. Connie Engart from the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center nominated us for the 2020 Catawba County United Way Volunteer Center's Giving from the Heart Award! We were nominated for the quilts and pillow cases we have selflessly and willingly made and donated to their agency.

I know there are many other agencies as well as individuals who give to them generously with time and finances. That we were recognized as valued contributors is outstanding! To be nominated is in itself some-

thing we can all be proud of, no matter who wins the award.

Debbie Swartzel, my co-president, and I will be attending a webinar November 18 when the award will be given. Joy Mease will send information about live streaming the event on Facebook.

So, congratulations, Guild for your hard work in supplying items to the Advocacy Center!

And keep on turning out your beautiful creations.

Mary Long, evening president

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*** Note from Teena McRary (Treasurer) to Amanda Truett and membership: Thanks to Amanda Truett, Peggy McCosh and all the faithful who have continued the QOV program despite a pandemic! We have received \$2,525 in QOV donations so far this year!

Teena



SHOW & TELL

Janice Setzler: I made this quilt for a special two-year old little boy.



This quilt is for my neighbor's daughter as a combination graduation and wedding present.



Chris Appenzeller:
Oh Happy Day!
pattern/kit by McKenna Ryan
from her 12 Months of Happy. I'm loving her patterns during this COVID-19 period and am now on my 3rd. They just make me smile!



Frances Allen: A Birthday gift to my dear friend Joyce. Thanks to Rebecca for the quilting!



Pat Carson: My entry for the Homemade Tula Pink Quilt Challenge at Sew Original in Boone. A major percent had to be Tula Pink fabric so that was all new to my collection. I drew the birds in the circles.





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Robin Walker: I just finished the top of a king size quilt. It was my first large quilt and I am very pleased with the outcome. It was fun and challenging handling all of that fabric.



of MSQC's "Pins and Paws." One is a wedding gift and the other a Christmas gift. Both are for "cat ladies."



Catherine Caswell:

Here are some pictures of my latest projects, fronts and backs. My sewing room has been taken over by cats! These are my version





SHOW & TELL

Peggy Poe: Recently we decided to switch TV, Internet, and Voice services to Spectrum. During the transition we had numerous problems, duplicate shipments of equipment and loss of telephone service. The technician who arrived was so patient, gracious, concerned, appalled over all the problems we had experienced that, when he left, he gave me his name and his cell phone number and told me to call him directly if I had any more problems.

Unfortunately, we did, so I called him. He called his supervisor, rearranged his schedule and was at my home two hours later to fix the problem.

During his visit I learned that he was a Marine veteran. So when he returned the second time, I presented him a Quilt of Valor. I figured he had more than earned my gratitude. As you can imagine, he was absolutely stunned by the gift.

His name is Davin Isovich.



QUILT FOR SALE

“Disappearing Pinwheel “ quilt 50 x 78 \$ 165
Contact : Pat Carson cell: (828) 228-6738
patmcarson@icloud.com





SHOW & TELL

[Editor's comments: **Libby Sigmon's** Protea** Quilt highlights this unusual flower. Libby and Joyce Pearce put their heads together (look out, world!), and combined fabric scraps and each made their own version. A closer look reveals the flower appliques. It is a stunning quilt hung on a wall. We'll try to get Joyce to send her picture for next month's newsletter.

Funny story.... Libby came over to show us the quilt before it was finished, but when she took it off the hanger and unfolded it, she had only brought the back! Nevertheless, we fell in love!]

**pronounced pro—teah; an exotic flower from South Africa which I've only found in florist shops.





QUILTS OF VALOR

Pastor Mark Seaman, USAF / Pieced and quilted by
Carol Carman. Quilted by Rebecca Mullins.



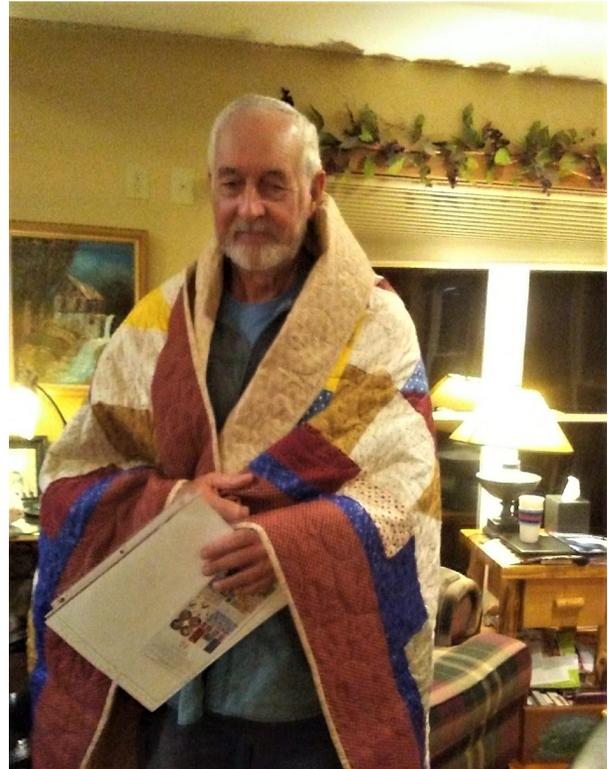
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QUILTS OF VALOR

Charles Kohnle. Pieced and bound by Lynda Benfield. Quilted by Rebecca Mullins



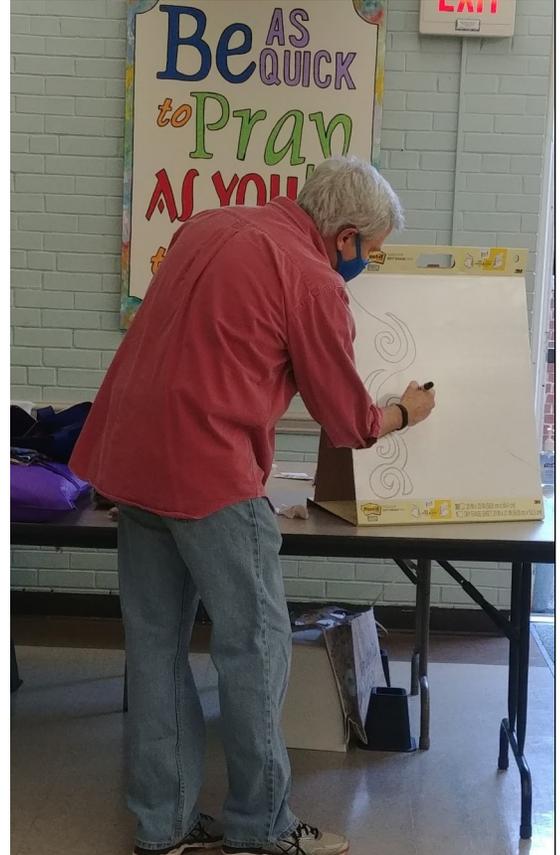
Molly and Cole Setzer Pieced by Ann Lutz. Quilted by Peggy McCosh. Bound by Susan Bisulca



GREGG COLSON'S FREE MOTION QUILTING PROGRAM OCTOBER 3, 2020

by Gigi Miller

Thanks to all! I just wanted to share pictures of our wonderful class, the last scheduled workshop for the guild for 2020. Two others scheduled for August were cancelled. Registration was full with 17 people, but due to COVID we allowed people a refund if they were not comfortable going. Gregg said he would like to do it and brought an air filtration system and we followed the church's protocols.



The class numbered 9 members plus Gregg. It was a big success and Gregg will hold another over the winter/spring if we have interest, and are able. It will stay small and use the large Community rooms at Holy Trinity as well. It was nice to have something close to normal. Gregg is a great instructor.





MINUTES OCTOBER ZOOM JOINT MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2020

President Debbie Swartzel convened the meeting at 6:30 pm. She welcomed the 25 members participating via Zoom, including new member, Kathleen Dukelow, who has been quilting for 40 years and joined the guild last month.

The topic of the October program was “Deb Tucker Rulers.” Debbie introduced Jennifer Rycroft, her long-time personal friend and a former part-owner of Sew Creative in Concord.

Jennifer opening by saying that her mother and grandmother both sewed, but no one quilted. Her own crafting path began with crocheting at the age of 10, then sewing clothing for her own children, making curtains, etc. In her 40s she decided to make a quilt, and was quickly hooked. Not only does she enjoy the creative side of quilting, but she actually loves doing the math.

She said this program would focus on using the Studio 180 tools, which she was introduced to 7 years ago when she attended Quilt Market, and was offered a personal demo of Deb Tucker’s tools at her booth. All of Deb’s tools came home with Jennifer, and she has been using them ever since. In January, she became a certified instructor with Studio 180. Deb Tucker now lives in the Chapel Hill area, so she is close by if needed.

Jennifer said Deb likes to oversize and then trim down, which allows for correcting what might not be quite so perfect. Some of the rulers she has designed are the Tucker Trimmer 1, 2, & 3 (think: Half-Square Triangles), Wing Clipper 1 & 2 (think: Flying Geese), Corner Pop

1, 2, & 3 (think: folded corners), V-Block Trimmer (think: Peaky & Spike), Square Squared (think: Square in a Square, or Economy block), Wedge Star (think: Kaleidoscope, or Spider Web), Four Patch Square Up, the Lemoyne and Hunter’s Stars rulers, etc. So many different rulers, each created with better piecing and accuracy in mind, without the need for templates.

A couple of favorite tips shared were that Deb uses Invisi-Grip on the backside of her tools, and Jennifer loves using Acorn Precision Piecing Products, for pressing and creating very flat seams with sharp points. The product she discussed comes as a 3-piece kit, which Terrie Townsend offered to find for interested guild members to purchase from Bill’s Sewing.

Members can visit the website to find the rulers (studio180design.net) and lots of Deb’s patterns, both free and for purchase, but all designed to use with her rulers. Anyone who missed Jennifer’s program should consider watching the recording – 1½ hours of time well spent. In closing, Jennifer said she is available to come and teach a quilt workshop for guild members, which is a great idea.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Starnes, Evening Secretary





2020 TREE QUILT

CHALLENGE

from Jan Carpenter and Barbara Mahnke

Keep working on your Tree Challenge quilts for the December meeting which still questionable. At some time in the future we will collect and display your quilts. Check the guild website or previous newsletters for the guidelines.



**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
1 HOUR ON OCT. 31**





WHAT TIME IS IT? TIME TO PAY YOUR 2021 DUES

By Elle Clemens

Hi all!

Gearing up for another wonderful quilting year and certainly hoping we can get back to meetings soon. Please send dues of \$20 (checks made payable to Catawba Valley Quilters Guild) along with current contact info for the membership book to:



Elle Clemens
1442 NC Highway 127
Taylorsville, NC 28681.

I will be collecting money until December 1st which will guarantee your inclusion in our 2021 member handbook. Remember 2021 is the year for our next wonderful quilt show and you must join to enter the show.

Thank you.

Elle



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