



POCONO MOUNTAIN QUILTERS' GUILD

The Quilt Line

November 2020

***** Guild Purpose *****

The purpose of the Guild is to promote friendship among persons interested in all aspects of quilting; to promote an interest in and appreciation of the art of quilt making; to share quilting information; and education and stimulation of high standards and technique.

Meeting Dates

See the Calendar in this Newsletter

President's Message

Dear Members,

Hello to everyone. I miss seeing all of you in person. Well a lot has happened in the past month for us as a nation and as a guild. As I sit here writing this the Presidential ballot count is ongoing. I am looking forward to less politics and more calmness.

I want to thank Ann Marie Kizer, Ann Wingert and Donna Conto for agreeing to continue in their elected positions. I need to thank Lorraine Hare for agreeing to be VP and Laura Lyman for taking on a number of projects and all of their enthusiastic involvement. We will work together to offer lots of quilting projects, inspiration and education.

The results of the survey are included in this newsletter. The majority of our responding members do not feel safe meeting in person. For at least the next several months we will meet via Zoom on line. We will have many projects that everyone can participate in even if not on the computer. I offer the suggestion that those members who feel comfortable in small group settings to arrange to meet with their guild friends and join the Zoom meetings as a group. This would be a safe option and might also include those members who are not comfortable with the computer. In the spring we will plan in person meetings in an outside forum.

Please look through the newsletter for all of the upcoming events and projects so you can be an active participant in guild activities. There will be an ornament project for November. We will have a virtual show and tell of your creations at the December meeting. Laura Lyman will be our guest speaker at the November meeting with her program "Scraps Happen". There will be a Challenge 2020 which is a fun and easy project that most members can do with their at home stash. Block of the Month will begin with the first blocks due in January. We will be using those blocks for Quilts Of Valor. A mystery table runner project will start in January, so be watching for instructions. Lorraine will be looking for inspir-

ing speakers from around the world to take advantage of the Co Vid situation. Looking to the future we will try to organize Quilt Bingo for this summer.

I will be asking for two members for volunteer to do the financial audit which should have been done this past summer. It is a simple process of reviewing the treasurer and financial secretary's records. It takes just several hours. Anyone interested please contact me. If not I will be calling you!!

The Board is very enthusiastic about keeping PMQG alive and well. We can mail information to members who are unable to print patterns from their computers. Just let me know. We are open to suggestions for other guild activities. Hopefully we can meet in the spring in person. Everyone stay healthy, stay calm and think quilts.

Kathy

Minutes

Business Meeting – October 14, 2020

16 members present via Zoom

Tonight, was an experiment to see if the members would be interested in conducting Zoom meetings for our guild during the CoVid crisis. This would be a way to connect our members during social distancing recommendations. Other quilt guilds are using this forum with success. If there is interest then we can even consider hosting guest speakers. Several members voiced their experiences with using the internet via Zoom platform to participate in workshops and classes by well know speakers. There was discussion as to how many of our members have the ability to participate in Zoom or interest. It is important to remember that not all members attended regular in person meetings. The winter months also impact in person meetings due to weather and early darkness.

Discussion was held about sending an online survey to all members on key specific issues to get their feedback. Colonial Quilters recently held a meeting with a guest speaker who charged a nominal rate to see how it was received by the members. Most speakers are still charging their normal rates even though it is virtual. There would not be the extra costs of paying for their travel. It does open up the possibility of speakers from around the world.

The survey could include items such as interest in a Christmas Party or challenge reveal. Get together could possibly be held at fire hall, evening, daytime or weekend. There was discussion about safety of members gathering in person especially around the holidays. Other important issues to include on the survey would be in regards to the elections of officers which did not occur this July due to CoVid. Several officers have agreed to extend their term- Vicki- president, Ann Marie- Financial secretary, Ann- Treasurer, and Donna Conto- Secretary. Kathy has volunteered to be VP. Shirley does not want to continue as the VP. There is nothing in the By-Laws that address CoVid issues. We should just accept that people stay in office. We should put this in the survey to get feedback from the members. If there is anyone who indicated they would like to run for a position on the board then we could have an election. Lorraine will send out the survey. Most important question is do members want to continue with monthly Zoom meetings. We are limited to 10 question on this survey format. The Board did make the decision to not have any dues this year. There was a question raised about paying for quest speakers with no income. We did not have any speakers since March even though we had some scheduled. We do not know how long the CoVid restrictions will be in place. The guild has \$11,000. Lorraine and Vicki will work together to make the survey questions.

There was discussion about other guilds and the activities they are having. Most are only doing online activities via Zoom but there are some groups meeting outside. The Board is concerned about us losing members with inactivity. If we have a guest speaker on line via Zoom we can control non member access. The cost for a Zoom membership is about \$15 a month. Motion was made by Marie Schriever for the guild to begin a Zoom membership. Seconded by Kathleen McCarthy. All were in favor. There was discussion about possible in person gathering. Cannot use library. Possibly use Firehall. Could have those who did the challenge show their projects. Need to know how many members would be interested. Discussed possible activities we can do on Zoom. Mystery quilts, Block of the Month and

Show and Tell. Charity quilts has kits and has organizations who will take them. Nursing homes, C&Y, Women's resources, Hospice will all take quilts. Meals on Wheels will accept placemats. Kathy said she can arrange for delivery and pickup. Laura Lyman said she would put together power point presentation of show and tell.

There was discussion about making a contribution to organizations as we have in the past during our Christmas meeting. We could just use a dollar amount from past donations. Last year we donated \$500 to two organizations. We could make a motion at the next Zoom meeting.

Kathleen McCarty informed all present about the donation she received from Warm Batting Company. She was looking for information of available batting for her own use and the company offered her swatch cards and batting. She received 10 different sizes and types of batting as well as 50 swatch cards. She is willing to help distribute to members. Vicki will send a thankyou from the guild to the company. We could use batting as a raffle to members to encourage participation in meetings. Members present did a virtual show and tell. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Marie Schriever and seconded by Ann Wingert. All approved.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Parrish

October 19, 2020

A special meeting was held at Lorraine Hare's home with Lorraine Hare, Kathy Parrish, Anne Marie Kizer, Donna Conto, Shirley Correll and Ann Wingert

Vicki Pede has sent a letter of resignation and Shirley also gave her resignation, therefore Kathy Parrish and Lorraine Hare volunteered to take the positions until we can meet and get new officers elected, Anne Marie moved we accept their offers, seconded by Anne Wingert, the members accepted the offer. Zoom meeting will continue and letters with a survey will be sent out to our members and hope to get input from them.

Submitted by Donna Conto

Calendar

November 11th – Member meeting via Zoom

Lecture/Trunk Show: ***Scrap Happens!*** Laura Lyman

PowerPoint presentation of tips and techniques for sorting, storing, cutting, and using up those scraps you've been collecting. Includes choosing patterns, deciding what goes together, determining values, and adjusting patterns. Handouts include settings for half-square-triangles and references. Many quilts are used as illustration.

December 4th - There will be a Board Meeting held on Zoom at 6:30pm

December 12th - Regular meeting of Guild to be held via Zoom starting at 6:15pm. We are hoping to get a speaker for this meeting, so stay tuned.

Spring 2021: PMQG Quiltfest



Survey

There were 28 surveys returned.. Not every question was answered on some of the forms.

1- Will you be participating in Zoom Meetings?

Yes- 17 Maybe- 3 No- 8

2- Would you join in a Guild Zoom Meeting if a speaker was presenting a program?

Yes-19- Maybe- 2 No- 7

3-A- Would you come to an in-person meeting?

Yes-10 Maybe- 1 No- 17

B- Holiday gathering?

Yes-9 Maybe- 2 No-15

C- Challenge presentation?

Yes- 8 Maybe- 2 No- 15

D- Luncheon, Dinner, Weekday, Weekend?

Yes- 7 Maybe-2 No-11

4- Would you be interested in doing a step by step mystery (small project)?

Yes- 16 Maybe- 4 No-6

5- Do you have any suggestions for activities you would like the Guild to consider?

Demos, challenge, beginner projects, techniques, guest speakers

Charity Quilts

There are numerous kits available for lap quilts both children and adults. There are also placemat kits. There are quite a few outstanding quilt kits which members took home prior to Co VID so check your quilt area for completed projects to return or forgotten kits which you can use. I know that some of our members have used their own fabric to make quilt tops but need batting. If you contact me I can provide the batting to complete your charity quilt project. I will be at the Monroe County Hughes Library Saturday November 21 from 11Am- 1PM for anyone who wants to pick up a kit or drop off quilts. I will be in the parking lot across from the Walgreens in a blue Equinox. I can find homes for the quilts. The Nursing homes, Hospice and Women's resources are accepting quilts. Meals on Wheels is accepting quilts and placemats. My home is located in town near the old Clearview Elementary School or I can arrange to drop off or meet.

Submitted by Kathy Parrish

Activities

Sunshine:

If you know of any member who has had surgery, an illness, a death in the family, become a grandparent or just needs some cheering up please let me know so a card can be sent from the guild.

Submitted by Marie Schriever

Free Sample Cards:

Kathleen McCarthy had been in contact with the Warm and Natural batting company who sent her 30 sample cards with batting swatches. They also donated a number of packages of batting which we can use for Quilts of Valor, charity quilts and as we wish. We will be at the Hughes Library Saturday November 21 from 11- 2 in the parking lot across from the Walgreens. Please stop by and pick up your sample card.

November Ornament:

In a normal world we would make an ornament as our November Program. Instead I have picked two paper pieced ornaments and I am challenging everyone to make one or two, embellish them and show them at our December meeting. There are samples of the ones I made on the website. I have included some hints for making paper pieced blocks. Have fun and stretched your creative imagination. I am looking forward to seeing the variety of ornaments

Tips for paper piecing:

Small stitches are important. I use 1.8mm. This makes it easier to remove the paper.

Cut your fabric at least 1" larger than the area you are trying to cover. It does not have to be the same shape, just larger than you need.

Lay the first piece of fabric on the back of the paper pattern with the right side up. Pin in place

The following pieces will all be place wrong side to the paper.

Verify the fabric is in the right position by holding up to the light or pressing your finger on the sewing line. Sew in place.

Fold back the paper along the sewing line each time and trim excess fabric leaving 1/4".

Press each section open then move to the next.

I trim the finished piece leaving 1/4" around then remove the paper.

To complete the ornament you can embellish before adding a back or after.

To add the backing cut fabric larger than the paper pieced section. Lay pieces right side together and sew with a 1/4" seam along the ornament top leaving an opening at the bottom. Trim backing to same size as front. Clip the curves and across the corners. Turn right side out and hand stitch bottom close. You can add batting or opt not to use.

Block of the Month

We will again be making BOM for Quilts of Valor (QOV) so start collecting your red/white/blue fabrics! Beginning Jan. 2021 a BOM will be published in the PMQG newsletter and on the website. Blocks are to be competed by the following month. Make as many blocks as you like and they will be used to make QOV for donation.

Guidelines:

- Use quilt shop quality 100% cotton fabrics, colors will be specified in instructions.
- Press blocks carefully as you construct them.
- Trim units/blocks to sizes indicated on instructions.
- Sign your name in permanent marker in the seam allowance.
- Drop blocks off at American Ribbon in the fabric department- please place in ZipLoc bag and label "QOV" or mail to Laura Lyman, PO Box 506, Pocono Lake, PA 18347

If you would like to donate backing fabric- 5 yards of a quilt shop quality 100% cotton fabric in a patriotic print will be appreciated.

If you would be willing to bind a quilt, please let Laura know- I will arrange to get a completed quilt to you when needed.

Any questions- text or email Laura lalyman@ptd.net 570-350-1218

PMQG 2020 SUDOKU QUILT CHALLENGE

Using a completed Sudoku puzzle, fill in the numbers on the grid below. Choose 9 fabrics plus a sashing/border/binding fabric. Number your fabrics 1-9 and layout following your puzzle grid. If you want a larger quilt, add borders.

Supplies: for 58" large lap quilt

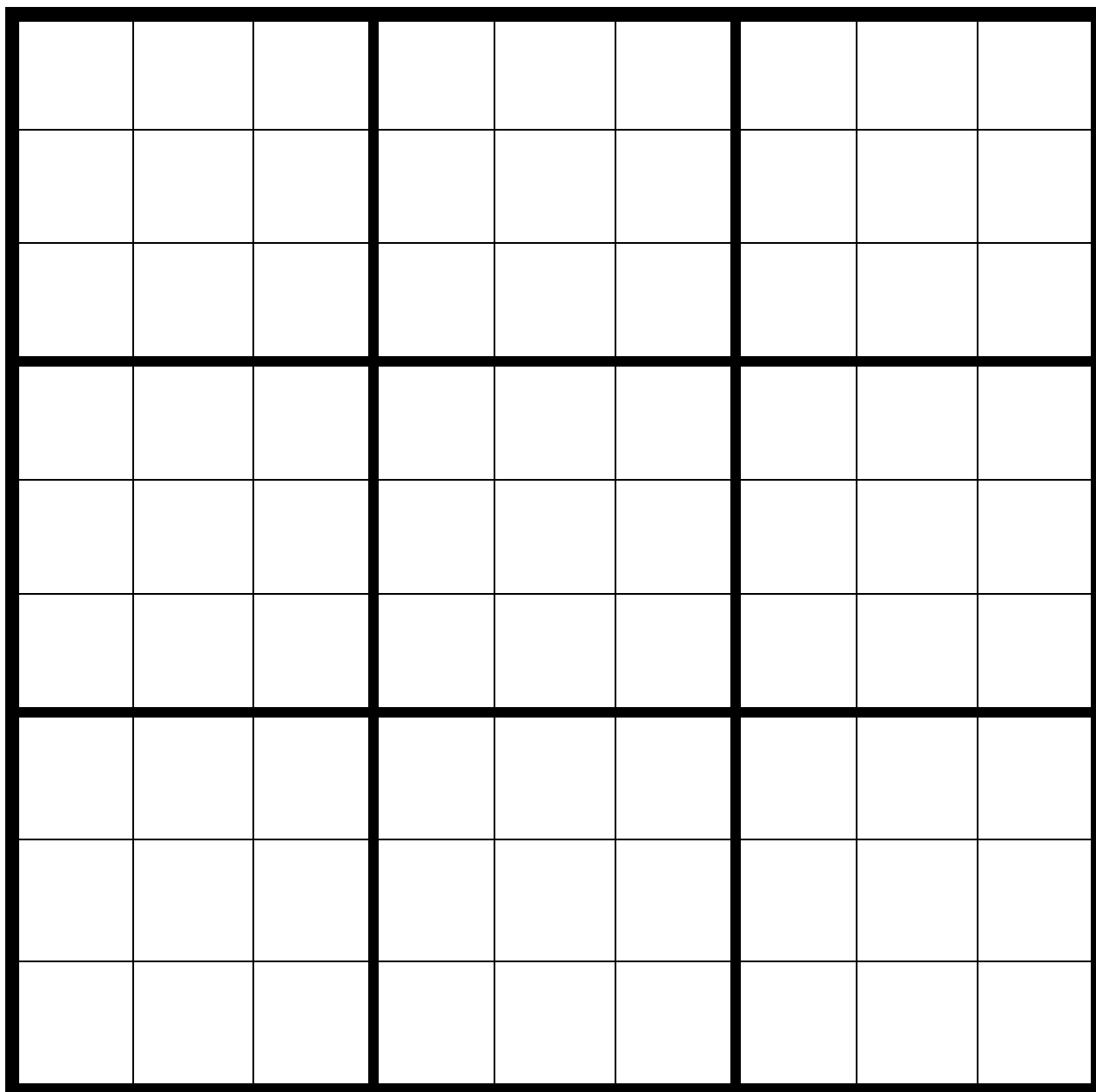
9 coordinating fat quarters- cut (9) 6" squares from EACH

1 ¼ yds for sashing- cut (6) 1 ½" WOF, borders & binding- cut (11) 2 ½" WOF

Supplies for 43" baby quilt

9 coordinating fat quarters- cut (9) 4" squares from EACH

1 yard for sashing- cut (4) 1 ½" WOF, borders & binding- cut (8) 2 ½" WOF



For Your Information

"Wonderful to See You All Again"

As we settle into our new Zoom meetings and hopefully workshops: Lorraine Hare will be sending you out the invitation to join the Zoom meetings. The meetings will start around 6:30pm, but please sign on a few minutes earlier to get yourself set up. Kathy Parrish will be running the meeting and will ask everyone to mute their microphones when the speaker is presenting. The microphone icon on your screen is usually in the bottom left hand corner of the screen, as is the video icon. If there is going to be a lot of background noise at your house, please mute your microphone. You will have to un-mute yourself if you would like to ask a question. We are learning as we go, by the time we have it down pat, we will not have to use it anymore. Thank you.

The Guild website can be found at www.thepmqg.com.



November:

11/10 – Kari Skutnik
11/27 – Doris Masten
11/28 – Donna Faulstick
11/29 – Kathleen Hahn

November:

11/27/76 – Cynthia Dougherty
11/9/74 – Marie Schriever

December:

12/25 – Linda Doll
12/26 – Marianne Bridges
12/26 – Sandra Hance

December:

12/16/78 – Laura Lyman

Officers

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Vice President – Lorraine Hare
Secretary – Donna Conto
Treasurer – Ann Wingert
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