

A PIECE OF NEWS

The Newsletter for Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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September 2020

Covid 19 has been hard on us all. We held a board meeting in Immerman Park and collectively decided to change our start-up date to the first of the year. Hopefully things will be better then. We are all trying to keep things together. I hope you will all try to participate in the UFOs, Fat Quarter drawings, Challenge Quilt and the Quilt show!

We will continue to update you as things change.

Linda

Speakers & Programs

I am so excited about our programs this year. We have such a great line up, but first I want to share the results of the survey that was sent out. Summary of the comments also follows. Overall, it was incredibly positive, and most members are ready to get back to meetings.

Results as of the end of August: 31 members have responded.

1. Do you plan on joining Piecemakers for the 2020-2021 year? 29 Yes, 2 No
2. If no in-person meetings are possible, will you still join? 28 yes, 2 no, 1 maybe
3. If in-person meetings are not possible would you attend a zoom meeting for Piecemakers? 21 yes, 9 No, 1 maybe
4. Would you post pictures on the Piecemakers Facebook page for show and tell? 21Yes, 9 No, 1 maybe
5. Social before the meeting. We started having a social time before the meetings. Would you continue to enjoy the social time if you had to bring your own drink? I.e. coffee water, etc. and snack? 19 Yes, 9 No, 2 maybe
6. Do you feel comfortable coming to the meetings at the Church (when meetings are allowed)? 20 yes, 4 No, 4 maybe
7. When in-person meetings do start, would you consider going through the summer to make up for the meetings missed in the winter? 22 yes, 7 No, 1 maybe
8. Do you have any comments or suggestions?

Covid comments-- Wait a few weeks after the church opens to start

GUILD MEETING

7:00

3rd Wednesday of the month
at
Second Presbyterian Church
2665 Midland Rd., Saginaw,
MI

Next meeting date:

January 2021

Doors Open 6:00

Meeting starts at 7:00

Discontinue until government says its all clear

Will masks be worn?

Will there be social distancing?

Compromised immune system

Zoom—Record Zoom, would need to be taught zoom, Zoom would be great, must continue somehow

Food comments—bring our own food, Diet restrictions, discontinue potlucks have other things instead, not a fan of potlucks

Speaker comments—more speakers, have speakers instead of so many food meetings, would like international, have more classes

I do not have **Facebook**

Now for the exciting line up: I am sorry we won't be able to meet until January, but we still have a full year of activities packed in the months we will be able to meet. We even included a June 2021 social with show & tell at an outdoor venue. We have three speakers with classes, and a couple of challenges. I have the lineup below, by month, so you can begin working on the challenges. **Also**, I have put a couple of choices for the classes. If you are interested in one of them more than another, please let me know. Your opinion counts! **I will choose the class from responses sent to me at Rohlewanda@yahoo.com. I will need about 20 participants to run the classes.** Classes will be open to non-guild members 2 months before the class at an additional charge. **Class costs, dates and times are subject to change.**

January---We will be having a **mask challenge**. The twist, all members will be judging. Everyone will be given one vote. As you come in, you will be given a ballot. Votes will be turned into Clara at the sign-in desk. This way everyone has a share in the decision. So... come in early, socialize and find your favorite. This will be our business meeting.

February 17th--- Beth Donaldson Guild night Trunk Show (Class \$30.00 Thursday 18th)

Beth is known for her drafting classes. Wouldn't it be fun to be able to make a quilt, from a picture, or draft some unique borders, for a quilt top you have made, to make it stand out from all the others? Beth's favorite class to teach is the border class and has seen many beautifully completed quilts with her help on the borders.

Beth's two drafting classes are:

Designing Borders--- The first half of the class will start with a slide show, followed by a trunk show of quilts with borders. Beth will explain the purpose of borders and you will practice drafting borders for all sizes of quilts, emphasizing making borders that fit and lay flat. After that you will design and draft a border for a quilt you have brought from home.



Or

Honor the Old, Celebrate the New: Making reproduction quilts. Learn how to plan, and draft a quilt from a picture or use the picture as an inspiration to draft a unique quilt. Topics include fabric yardage, writing rotary instructions, making templates, fabric selection among other things.



March 17th--- Leslie Peterson Guild Trunk Show (Class \$25.00+ kit fee \$14.00 on Thursday March 18th)

Leslie works with kits so you will have all the correct supplies when you attend the class. The kit also makes it so easy for us participants. I know I love classes that offer a kit. She will have ten kits for us to choose from. Leslie has discounted her class and kit fee since we are a nearby guild. (Thanks, Leslie)

Class---Embroidery Redwork and Color Tinting. In this class, Leslie will show us how to color and paint on fabric. Then once our fabric is ready, she will teach us some hand embroidery stitches to enhance our work. Working with a kit makes this class a winner. We can learn the techniques and if we love it, then we go out and buy more supplies to do it again, on your own.



April 21st---Mary Brown---Guild Trunk Show (class \$30.00 on Thursday 22nd)

Mary Brown is a fiber artist and will have a wonderful garment show for us. I will need 5 to 6 models, size 10 to 14, so if you are interested please let me know.

Class--- Curvy Appliqué. Using freezer paper and a flexible curve ruler, Mary will teach you how to make beautiful quilts that will have others wondering, "How did she do that?" This is a method that was first brought to the quilting world by Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry.



Or

Introduction to Art quilting. Utilizing the art of collage, Mary will teach you the techniques for creating your first art quilt with tips on needles, thread, glue, interfacing, etc.



May--- We have moved our 2020 Name letter Challenge to 2021. With an extra year to work on it, I sure hope all will participate. Pattye Kent will have all the details.

June--- A social with show and tell at an outdoor venue.

July--- Summer potluck, details to follow.

If you are looking for some free learning experiences to start the year off, I have a couple of ideas for you. Amanda Murphy, who is an educator for Bernina, has been teaching on Facebook. She does a Facebook live every Thursday morning at 11 am. It is tips and tricks on machine quilting. She is mainly focusing on ruler work with a bit of free motion. Her methods can be adapted to any machine brand. All her past lives are still on Facebook and she continues to teach this way.

Angela Walters is doing a quilt along, teaching machine quilting on a panel. Angela's quilt along starts the end of September so you can gather your supplies if you want to quilt along with her. You don't have to purchase the panel. You can use your own supplies and work along with her. Angela also focuses on ruler work and free motion fills. Google her name or Quilting is My Therapy to find the information.

Both above teachings are completely free and are online. Even if you do not want to make the quilts there are a great way to learn from national educators for free.

Wanda Rohle, Sr. VP



UFO CHALLENGE FOR 2020-21

I have been trying to come up with ideas to continue the UFO Challenge whether or not the Guild is able to meet physically.
Here is my plan for if and when we cannot meet.....

We will continue as we have in the past selecting 7 UFOs and listing them. I will draw a number each month and email it to the group. I will set up a Group Email for the participants and we can share our finishes by using “reply all” or by posting pictures on the Piecemakers Facebook. We have a new website where we can post pictures. Given all that, the challenge this year will be “Skeletons in my Closet”. The word “skeletons” defines how old some of our UFOs are. I have discovered quite a few “quilt skeletons” while staying safe at home. Please email me if you would like to accept the challenge for 2020-21.

Judy Piper



Fat Quarter Exchange for 2021

I still have 3 months to pass out when we are able to get together. In the meantime, the categories for 2021:

January-black/white

February- reds for red work.

March-civil war

April-spring batiks-pinks, purple, blues, teals, lime green or yellow

May-30's fabrics.

As in the past you can give me your bundles of fat quarters ahead of time and I will take care of them for you. Remember only quilt shop fabrics.

I hope everyone is doing well and we can get together soon.

Questions: grammy091698@yahoo.com

Hope to see you at a meeting,

Nell Beebe

Initial Challenge

We are moving the initial challenge to our May 2021 meeting.

If you finished your project - great!
If not you now have some extra time

We're going to challenge you to go outside the box a bit and create a quilt based on your initials. Everyone has at least two initials. Most people have three (some have even more!).

What you'll do is pick TWO of your initials. One initial will become the first letter of the predominant color of your quilt; the second initial will become the first letter of a quilt block. Take the initials in any order. PDK (my initials) could yield: KD, PD, PK, DK, KP, etc.

If you're at a loss for a quilt block pattern, there's a handy website (isn't there always?) that will give you many choices. Go to: <http://quilterscache.com> lists of patterns for every letter of the alphabet.

If you can't come up with colors, try Googling "Crayola Colors". There are lots of lists on the Internet. Your selected will be the predominant color only. You can use other colors as well.

Now, once you've selected your color and pattern, make a quilt. Size is not specified, but make it at least four blocks. (If you get crazy, make a king size quilt!)

The quilt must be quilted and bound. We will have a show and tell during the May meeting.

Anyone who completes the challenge, and brings their quilt to the meeting, will have their name entered into a drawing for a really COOL prize!

If you have any questions, contact Pattyepoo@gmail.com or 989-326-2306.

Patty Kent



COMFORT QUILTS

Comfort Quilt workdays have been suspended at this time.

You can help us by using some of your stash to make quilts at home. Maybe you even have kid-themed quilts already finished and would like to donate them.

Quilt kits and joey bag kits will be available when we resume guild meetings. Please consider making at least one or more a year.

Thanks to everyone for paying it forward,
Jan Schell and Chris Pahssen-Noble, co-chairs

FALL HARTLEY 2020 is cancelled due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions for schools.

Hartley is part of the Saginaw Intermediate School District.

Chris Pahssen-Noble, Chairman

QUILT SHOW
April 16-17, 2021

PUT YOUR BLUE JEAN THINKING CAP ON!!

FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS DRAWING



Ideas for BASKET/PRIZE DRAWING FOR QUILT SHOW!

LOOKING for a way help out for the quilt show?

- * **Donate a basket full of new goodies, or any cute containers you want to put it in!**
- * **Themed items**, kids, adults, certificates, donation of services from a business. I have baskets if you need one!
- * **Get a business you know to donate** (Their Name/Business card is displayed for them with their donated item).
- * **Make up a group/friends basket/box to donate.** Get together with a few friends and make a movie night basket or something you would like to win yourself. If you and/or your friends donate a filled basket we will put your name on it as the donors!
- * **Get Creative! or donate any new items and we will fill baskets for the drawing.** Sewing or related items and fat quarters are great, or ANYTHING new we can use to help fill the baskets.

So as you look through you sewing space check out your new items that you bought and never used, or donate some fat quarters.

BRING IN YOUR BASKET/OR WHATEVER IT'S IN either at the Quilt Guild in March, or at set up on Wednesday or when you bring in your quilt. It must be turned in before the day of show. MAKE SURE WE KNOW IT'S COMING!

Clara Martin, Nell Beebe, Linda Birchmeier & Cathy Engel

Thank you and let's make this a GREAT QUILT SHOW!!!

Some examples from last show:



FACEBOOK PAGE:

This is a great page. Lots of information is shared. Don't miss out. Search **Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Saginaw** for our Facebook page or contact Clara or Chris. This is a closed group so your request needs approval of an administrator. Only Piecemakers Quilt Guild members will be approved to join.

Clara Martin and Chris Pahssen-Noble, co-administrators

PIECEMAKERS NAME BADGES:

We have NEW name badges. They are silver with black lettering. Our supplier is Taylor Awards and Trophies on Davis Rd. in Saginaw.

Name badges are a great way to meet other members of the guild. Wear yours to each meeting. Need a name badge? Badges are \$7 each and include a pin back or a magnet back. Extra magnet backs are also available for \$1 each. You can order a name badge at the meeting or by contacting Chris Pahssen-Noble: cpahssen@aol.com or call or text 989-751-0308.

HELLO EVERYONE, Due to all the changes, we are extending the Due's deadline to January 1st, 2021. Please feel free to send them out now so you won't miss getting them in by the deadline; I would appreciate it!



Make sure you fill it out as I need any address or email changes.

Name: _____ Address _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES *Make checks payable to Piecemakers Quilt Guild*

_____ \$20.00 - per year Sept. 2020 -Sept. 2021 Check # _____ Cash _____
_____ \$15.00 - mailing of Newsletter
_____ **80 yrs or older - NO DUES - Honorary member, but please fill out and return**

Mail to: Clara Martin - 11747 Brady Rd. - Chesaning, MI 48616

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GREAT NEWS!!

Coming by October 1, 2020 we will be opening up our NEW PIECEMAKERS Website! Redesigned to make it easier for input and to update. I know you will love the improvements. And even if you aren't on Facebook, you will be able to keep up with the all the action as it will be on the Website. CAN'T WAIT! Judy Piper will be sending out an e-blast to everyone so you will know!

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