

The Gazette

All Star Quilters' Guild

June 2020 Newsletter
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We meet at: First Christian Church
11924 San Jose Blvd
Jacksonville, FL

June 2020

- 1 Guild Board Meeting 10:00 AM
 - 3 Deadline for submitting articles for the June edition of the Gazette
- ALL OTHER GUILD ACTIVITIES CANCELLED
Stay safe.

July 2020

- Schedule Subject to Change
- 6 Deadline for submitting articles for the May edition of the Gazette
- 13 Sit 'n Stitch 10:00 – 12:00
- 13 10:00 - 12:00 Zentangle Group with Marita
- 20 General Guild Meeting 10:00 AM
- 20 Immediately following the Meeting: Hand stitching with Elaine Brett: applique, embroidery, etc.
Bring a lunch.
- 27 Sit 'n Stitch 10:00 – 12:00

August 2020

- Schedule Subject to Change
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- 17 General Guild Meeting 10:00 AM
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2020 All Star Challenge: Pick a Card

At some time, our 2020 Guild Challenge, Pick a Card, will happen. We just don't know when. I have purchased the gift cards to Cinnamon's for the winners. In the meantime, I hope all Challenge participants are working on, and maybe even completing their entries. All I need to do is put the binding on mine. It is good to have something look forward to, so I await better times when we can share all our cool card quilts. Until then, Keep on Truckin'.

Vicki Zoller

2020 Charity, Renewing Dignity

MENSTRUAL EQUITY

For one in four Florida teens, period product access is a regular hardship, and the significant impacts of this lack of access are often overlooked. In Florida, 85% of female students in public school grades 7-12 attend Title 1 schools. To ensure that period poverty does not impede a girl's ability to attend and participate fully in school and life, menstrual equity is a must. Florida has made some progress on this front by waiving the sales tax on period supplies; however, there is important additional work to do such as providing free menstrual product access in schools, just like we do for toilet paper – another basic human need. Please join us in this awareness and advocacy effort.

Linda McClelland

Community Service

Community Service had a nice donation that I am excited to display when we return to normal. The community service closet is full and bursting at the seams! Hope everyone is staying safe and well.

Mindy Ashby



COVID Quilt

Several months ago, I sent out a picture of a new design I had gotten for my longarm – toilet paper rolls. Very cute and a funny way to remember this time in history that toilet paper seemed to be in short supply. We have to laugh during this time, or we would all be crying.

I challenged the guild to make a quilt and have the toilet paper design quilted in your top. I received several emails from members that wanted to participate. I have mine almost ready to quilt.

If your longarmer doesn't have the pattern, have them give me a call and I will let them know where I purchased it.

This is a reminder to keep working on yours. I will reveal your quilts in the September meeting or October or whenever we get back to normal, but not before September.

I also said there would be prizes. One will be “Chromatic Corner Quilt Kit”. All the fabric is included for the quilt top. Picture below. We will have other prizes as well.

Please let me know if you are participating so I can have a count in order to allot time.

Your quilt can be any size you want and quilted anyway you want. Have Fun.

NOTE: This challenge is not the Guild challenge. Keep working on the “Pick A Card Challenge with Vicki Zoller.

Betty Ann Agnew

E-Blasts and Email Process:

There seems to be some confusion on emails and e-blasts and what the process is for both.

The process for e-blasts are as follows:

- Send email to Betty Ann (bettyaagnew@comcast.net)
- Text or call Betty Ann that a blast has been sent for distribution
- If there is no response to the text, call or blast – call Betty Ann
- o When Betty Ann sends the blast out, she always sends a “Done” or Sent” back to the originator.
- o There is no way for Betty Ann to know that someone does not receive a blast or email unless Betty Ann is notified.
- o The best way to know something is amiss - if someone DOES NOT receive a newsletter each month. Betty Ann should be notified. If the member does not notify Betty Ann for months, they have probably missed an e-blast or two.

If there is an issue with emails or blasts, please notify Betty Ann. The issue will be researched, and a solution found.

Be sure to put an "A" in the middle of the address bettyaagnew@comcast.net. In the past members have had issues with me not getting their emails because the "A" in the middle was left out. There is a bettyagnew at comcast. Unfortunately, she does not forward emails to me. I am in contact with Lisa on any changes in information. As well Lisa notifies me of changes.

If you have questions, issues, concerns or process improvement, please let me know.

Betty Ann Agnew

Education

Due to continuing precautions related to Covid-19, we have not scheduled any classes yet. We are looking into the possibility of virtual classes, and of course will have Margie re-scheduled as soon as possible, as so many are interested in her class! In the meantime, let's plan for **Demo Day**, on a tentative basis. **We need 5 more volunteers** who will spend 15-20 minutes teaching a new or unique technique that they feel others just have to learn!

I've had some All Stars already share **pictures of their sewing rooms**, and I'm excited to have more of you send yours! I think that pictures will be the preferred format, rather than the videos that I first suggested. Just tell the story about your space: whether it's shared or your own, how it became yours, what you like/dislike about it, and any special pieces of furniture (antique?) and where they came from. We love to see how others organize their space, tools, and stash! You can also give us a sneak peek of what you are working on. We would love to see any collections you have, as well! (I know I have a ton of sewing-related paraphernalia, but we won't use the word "hoarder", okay?)

Your sewing areas do NOT need to be neat; we do not care about that! Just get those pics taken, write at least a paragraph, and get them to me! No excuses....what else do you have to do that is more important than entertaining your sewing sisters??

Any questions please e-mail me at Karenweisman@yahoo.com

Karen Weisman

Historian

Photos Even though we don't have any new Sew 'n Tell photos to post on the guild website there are still plenty of guild photos to see. Photos starting April 2012 through the Fall Retreat October 2019 can be found at www.photobucket.com/user/allstarquiltguild/library.

History June 1993 preparations were underway to complete an Ohio Star wall hanging for display at the Art Museum of Murmansk, Russia. Murmansk is one of Jacksonville's sister cities.

Sandy Onsager

Kathi's Notes

Newsletter. I hope everyone is safe and well. I am safe and also well. I have announced at the board meeting today we will not have meetings in June or July. The board will meet again in August. Hopefully we can have more positive news to share with all of you. Keep quilting. I am sure when we can return safely again our sew and tell will be awesome. Missing all of you.

Kathi Thompson

Library

The library is unavailable until we meet again. But there are still many venues for free patterns. I did a quick search of fabric companies and designers who offer free patterns on their websites. Here are a few of them: modafabrics.com, ctpub.com, amybutlerdesigns.com, marcusfabrics.com, rileyblakedesigns.com, hoffmancaliforniafabrics.com, and tulapink.com. Tula has a very cute pillow pattern on her website. This appliqué pattern shows the front end of a vintage VW bus. It would be lots of fun to customize this pattern with funky fabrics and maybe even pictures of family members, friends, or pets in the driver's and passenger seats. Here is one last link to some great patterns that you can download: selvageblog.blogspot.com. These patterns cost \$5.00 but they are well worth it. Karen Griska's patterns are very graphic, easy to follow, and many are appropriate for use with scraps. I have made quilts from two of her patterns, The Stacks and Fine Lines and was very pleased with my finished quilts. Hope you find some inspiration at one of these sites. I am sure there are many more good places to find free patterns. If you have any that you would like to recommend, please email me, and I will put the links in next month's newsletter. KOT!

Vicki Zoller

Programs

I have 2 programs ready and standing by. Both are good Programs and I can't wait for you to experience them. As of right this minute (May 29, 2020) we are unsure if there will be a meeting in June. Should there NOT be a meeting in June, I am working on a program via Zoom. Of course, all this is dependent upon what the CDC and medical professionals say about the direction of COVID. I need to be in the same room with the program person. I'll keep you informed via e-blast.

The Christmas Party in December and the January Birthday Bash is in the works. If you have suggestions, let me know.

Stay Safe and Healthy

Betty Ann Agnew

Quilt Fest

QUILTFEST 2020
“2020 Is Sew Perfect”
2020 SHOW POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 2021

As reported last month, because of the corona virus, and the uncertainty surrounding its effects and when it will be safe once again to assemble in large groups, the QuiltFest Board has voted to postpone this year’s QuiltFest. The new dates for the show are Thursday, May 13 through Saturday, May 15, and even though the show will take place in 2021, the theme will remain “2020 Is Sew Perfect.”

In addition, the QuiltFest Board has voted to move QuiltFest permanently to the end of March. The purpose for the change is (1) to move the show out of hurricane season (two of the last four shows have been affected in some way by storms), and (2) to make the show available to snowbirds before they head back to their homes up north. In 2022, the show will take place from March 31 through April 2.

Pat D’Elia will join the QuiltFest board as a representative from All Stars, effective immediately.

More information on the 2021 show and other QuiltFest decisions will be available as they are addressed by the board. In the meantime, stay safe, and keep on quilting,

Linda Wilson

Quilt Retreat

ALL STARS QUILT RETREAT 2020
October 26-30, 2020
The Retreat at Silver Springs
“SEW SPOOKY”

We’re thinking positively in the hope that by the end of October we will no longer be sheltering at home, and it will once again be safe to gather in groups of more than ten people. With that hope in mind, we have begun planning for this year’s Fall Retreat.

In honor of Halloween, our theme is “Sew Spooky.” Some of our tentative plans include a Halloween-themed tea to which you can wear a costume if you wish.

As it gets closer to the date for Retreat, we will assess whether it is once again safe to meet in groups larger than ten people. If it is necessary for the safety of Guild members, we reluctantly may have to cancel this year's Retreat. Hopefully, we will know more in a couple months.

More information will be available in the coming months.

Linda Wilson

Raffle – Bernina Sewing Machine

We will still be raffling the Bernina sewing machine as soon as we can get back together. We will have one more opportunity to purchase tickets before the next guild meeting, then we will draw a winner.

Good luck.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Pat D'Elia

Spring Retreat

The Spring Retreat has been cancelled for 2020 due to all the complications from Covid. Everyone who signed up will be getting their money refunded by check.

We will miss our retreat but hopefully life will be easier in 2021!

Ellen Cannon and Elaine Brett

Ways and Means

Ellen Cannon, Mindy Ashby and I have worked on moving the Christmas "One" quilt along. Some of the individual blocks have been completed and turned in. Thanks to everyone who has gotten that far. The quilt no longer needs to be ready for September, but we still need all the blocks that have gone out. You have more time now if you're still working on them. If you have finished your block, you can hold it until we meet again or mail it to me at my new address. I appreciate everyone's effort. It will be a stunning quilt.

My new address is:

6635 Jefferson Garden Ct.

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Pat D'Elia

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Please contact with question and specifics on pricing.

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Attention

Due to the breathing problems of some of our members, our guild has become a fragrance-free zone. Please be considerate of your fellow members and do not wear heavy fragrance to our meetings, classes, road trips, or retreats. If you are bringing a guest to a guild function, please ask them to be fragrance free also! Thank you in advance. We hope you will understand!

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