

The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters – September 2020

Last Meeting of the Year – Still Outdoors

Note from the Co-Presidents:

Hello to all quilt members,

Happy Summer everyone (for those of you who like the heat) but the crisp weather is coming (for those of you who like it a bit cooler). What this reminds me of is the ups and downs of life, especially this year!!

As you all know, we have been meeting at the Bicentennial Park, located at the intersection of John Beers Rd. and Scottdale Rd.. Our August meeting was well attended and some important decisions had to be made.

Our next meeting will be September 10th and this will be our last meeting of the year. Currently we are still unable to use the Church facilities and due to uncertain weather conditions in October and

November, we thought this to be our best option. Periodically, we will keep everyone updated as to potentially how next year is looking. We hope by then we may

be back to "normal" whatever that may be or look like.

Please, enjoy the remainder of this year and let us be the first to wish you all Happy Holidays!!! (well in advance)

Happy Stitching,
Kathy and Barb

Quote of the month:

"Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier." by Dorothea Brande

Retreat Update

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there are only 10 people allowed at our venue and there is no food available.

Therefore, our committee has decided to postpone our fall retreat until next fall. Our deposit that we paid to hold this venue has been applied to next year. We hope to see you then!

The Retreat committee

September BTCQ Meeting

Thursday, September 10

7 p.m.

At Bicentennial Park

Corner of John Beers and
Scottdale Roads

St. Joseph

Birthday Club

What a year! This year did not unfold as we thought it would. Isolation from family and friends especially on special days when we celebrate our milestones together has been hard.

Here at the BTCQ guild, we planned to celebrate Birthday Club members together each month. We were only able to celebrate at our gatherings twice this year. For the remainder of birthday celebrations, we will have all of the remainder birthday bags at the September 10 meeting.

At this time, the September meeting will probably be the last meeting of the year. So whether you had a January birthday and have not received your gift bag or you won't turn a year older until December, we will have all the remaining birthday gift bags at the September meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can have a friend pick it up for you. If you have any questions, please contact us president@btcquiltguild.org.

Programs

Hello Quilters,

The year has been flying by at a snail's pace. Each day seems like a month. So, I hope you are making the most of each day. It was good to see those that ventured to the outdoor gathering, with everyone keeping their distance and wearing a mask. For those working on the quilt finishing challenge, September will find you working on the quilt listed on line 7. If you are writing in the journal, then you will find the prompts attached to the newsletter.

When we are able to get together, We plan to do the program activities that were planned for this year. Do you want a repeat of journal prompts, with the prompts being in a different order? Do you want to do the finishing list again? Let us know, so we can refine and make the program even better for next year.

In the meantime, it is time to go sew.

As Always,
Michelle and Nicole

Birthdays

September

Pearl Hedtke	9/12
Cathy Benke	9/15
Heather Broehm	9/23
Virginia Fortson	9/23
Marilu Housand	9/26

October

Peri Hansen	10/5
Barbara Manning	10/17

November

Vicki Nitz	11/2
Fanny Putnam	11/3
Beth Griesbaum	11/4
Marilyn Adent	11/12
Lois Lentz	11/13
Deb Adams	11/13
Sandy Scott	11/14
Audrey Elwell	11/15
Mary Kleszcz Baker	11/18
Diane Rau	11/18
Kay Wilcox	11/18
Jean Stanish	11/19
Lisa Hansen	11/27
Mary Kasun	11/28
Greta Parker	11/30

December

Angie Kacynski	12/1
Eileen Chapman	12/3
Jennifer Swingler	12/3
Marilyn Herrman	12/5
Laurie Merwin	12/6
Margaret Williamson	12/6
Sherri Skorupa	12/10
Nancy Hawley	12/11
Karen Holt	12/17
Joan Smith	12/18
Joan Putzke	12/19
Carol Killian	12/22
Jan Sanders	12/26

January

Kay Crow	1/4
Jill Post	1/4
Bekki Lund	1/7
Donna Partrick	1/8
Micki Rosenau	1/12
Frances Sipocz-Richardson	1/13
Joyce Simpleman	1/14
Sandy Sempert	1/19
Cindy Shepherd	1/20
Lois Ashbrook	1/22
Kathy Hathaway	1/23
Sue Woodrick	1/23
Jackie Harris	1/24
Marion Huyck	1/25

Quilt Show Committee Wrap-up

Small Quilts for the Berrien Towne and Country Quilt Show In Conjunction with the Three Oaks Flag Day Committee

With no one to take on the reins of chairing the BTCQ quilt show, a small committee of several members (Annette Wright, Barb Manning, Cindy Shepherd, Denise Tackett, Diane Rau, Jane Rush, Karen Holt, Kathy Martus, Kathy Phipps, Laurie Merwin, Maxine Wantuch, Sandy Scott) decided to look into teaming up with the Three Oaks Flag Day event in order to create a display and educate the public. Paring the event way down to the amount of work to be done, it was suggested to have a display, a boutique, small red, white and blue quilts to be offered in the boutique (no silent auction), the giving of Quilts of Valor to local veterans of merit, and sundry other ideas.

Three BTCQ members contributed an item each, to be donated for sale with pre-priced numbers. (Eventually these items were returned to the original member to hold onto for a possible future donation.) Meetings took place, advertising was designed, and Quilts of Valor were constructed with the intention of being shared with local vets.

With the intrusion of coronavirus in 2019 and spreading as a pandemic into 2020, it was decided by the Three Oaks Flag Day committee to cancel the event along with stateside requirements from the governor. So, we did not take part this year. Nevertheless, the Flag Day group did have a parade, and also focused on the history of the event, along with celebrating the achievement of the River Valley Mustang seniors.

Thinking outside the box, we need to reflect on a concept for the coming years to keep exhibiting and educating the public. According to our bylaws, the quilt guild shows are designed for every two years, meaning the even years. So, with that in mind, 2021 being next year, we would not have a quilt show. However, that should not deter the guild from being involved or

helping with the Flag Day Committee and event, should it be decided to be held. Quilts of Valor would still be an excellent source of sharing our heritage with local veterans qualified to receive said item while still with us.

Submitted by Kathy Phipps, August 24, 2020

<u>Berrien Towne and Country</u>				<u>July 31,</u>
<u>Quilters</u>				<u>2020</u>
Treasurer's Report				
			<u>Beginning Bank</u>	
			<u>Balance</u>	<u>10,409.61</u>
Income:				
na	na	- na	\$ -	
			Total Monthly Income	\$ -
Expenses:				
na	na	- na	\$ -	
5-Jul-20	Quilt Show	- Kathy Phipps	\$ 72.04	
6-Jul-20	Door prizes	- Cathy Benke	\$ 134.93	
			Total Monthly Expenses	\$ (206.97)
			<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>\$ 10,202.64</u>

MINUTES BTCQ AUGUST 13, 2020 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Kathy Martus and Barb Manning.

Updates:

The September guild meeting will be held at the Bicentennial Royalton Township park Pavilion. At the present time, this will be the last meeting of 2020. The Stevensville United Methodist Church is not confident the Assembly Hall will be available due to the pandemic restrictions in force by the state. The church has not been able to hold on site services at this time for their members.

The next board meeting will be prior to the September guild meeting at the Bicentennial Park. Unless restrictions change, this will probably be the last board meeting this year.

Cindy Shepherd asked if a Zoom meeting is possible for the remainder of this year. Discussion followed. No definite decision at this time. Ideas were discussed to keep members

connected. Members were encouraged to try ideas such as Block of the Month utilizing our Facebook page to reach out to members.

Due to limited meetings and activities, the Golden Thimble will not be done until 2021.

The speaker for the October meeting and workshops has been canceled. We hope to reschedule him in 2021.

Peri Hansen updated regarding plans for the November Retreat. About 5 members contacted her regarding the retreat. The Committee will determine the minimum number of attendees required. Cost still to be determined.

We will not have a November meeting banquet. Discussion regarding potential settings and types of food followed. We are limited in choices due to pandemic restrictions.

For members of the Birthday Club, all gift bags will be distributed at the September meeting for the remainder of this year. If unable to attend, ask a friend to pick it up for you.

Jane Rush, vice-president, discussed the slate of officers and Committee Chairpersons. Kathy Martus and Barb Manning for co-presidents, Jane Rush for vice-president, Lisa Hansen for treasurer. Open positions are Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. Open Committee Chairpersons are: Community Quilts, Door prizes, Fabric of the Month/Block of the Month, Historian, Hospitality and Banquet, Librarian, Sunshine and Shadows, Vendors (Maxine Wantuch will stay on to Mentor). If anyone is interested in any of the Committees or Executive Board, please contact Jane Rush.

Cindy Shepherd asked about the 2020 Member Directory and individual Membership cards. Will check with Deb Adams for membership cards, possibly if they can be emailed to members. The 2021 Directory will be updated by the co-presidents and vice-president. Since members paid by July 31, 2020 their memberships will automatically be extended through December 31, 2021. Any additional members can be added quickly so the directory can be ready sooner.

New Business:

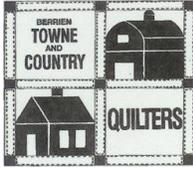
Kay Crow stated a small group meets at the Hinchman Church on Hinchman and Church Street. Call Kay for details. She also invited anyone interested in an applique project to contact her.

Many members participated in Show and Tell.

Door prizes won by Kim Otte, Terry Lane, and Linda Woods

Fundraising baskets won by Mary Maloney and Terry Lane.

Minutes taken by Aggie Blesy, Transcribed by Barb Manning



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