



The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters –February 2020

A New Season and Program – Finish those Projects!

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Welcome Back,

We are preparing for a fun filled year! We have many exciting events on the calendar for you to look forward to, such as the Quilt Show, speakers, workshops, retreats and our very own Program Committee.

We hope you will be able to join us every month. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!!

Your Presidents

Barb and Kathy

Finishing and Journaling

The theme for Programs this year is Finishing and Journaling. The Finishing part will start with a 10-step program to help you finish some of your UFQ's (Un-Finished Quilts). There is a form to fill out with 10 projects. Each month a number will be drawn and that will be the quilt project to be worked on that month. Let's make some progress and finish some quilts.

The writing in a quilters journal is to help keep track of quilt ideas and progress. For those who have never kept a journal, then this is a great time to give it a

try. Write as much or as little as you want. Each month a calendar will be available with a daily prompt. (February's prompts will be available after the meeting).

The rest of the year will include getting ready for a quilt show, making some small projects and finishing quilts (see attached hand-out for making your UFO list).

As Always,

Michelle Tuller and Nicole Rimes, program co-chairs.

Meeting - February 13, 2020

Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Location - Stevensville United Methodist Church

5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, Michigan

February Member Birthdays:

Patty Root	2/3
Joy Shew	2/5
Linda Cheek	2/8
Lynn Folino	2/15
Tami Wisner	2/23
Brenda Petznick	2/28

Please Note:

Membership Dues

Dues are through program year of January - December. Pay at any meeting or email to membership@btcquiltguild.org

Membership Cards

Be sure to sign and carry your membership card as there are many quilt shops that give discounts for guild members

Sunshine and Shadows

Please contact Judy Weingart with your information and she will send a card. sunshine@btcquiltguild.org or call 269-429-5965

Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month from February through November at Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, Michigan

Website

Btcquiltguild.org

2019 Board Meetings:

At the Bridgman Library, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29, April 29, August 26, November 18.

Newsletter

Articles for newsletter are due **the 20th of each month**. Please send to Denise Tackett at newsletter@btcquiltguild.org or dkalintackett@gmail.com

Spring Retreat

“Come Fly with Me!”

Shipshewana Spring Retreat at the Blue Gate Garden Inn 2 choices of length!

- Thursday, April 16th 10 a.m. – Sunday, April 19th 3 p.m.
Cost- \$105 *does not include hotel rooms
OR
- Tuesday, April 14th 10a.m. – Sunday, April 19th 3 p.m.
Cost- \$ 125 *does not include hotel rooms

This retreat includes: Large sewing room, with 1 table per person, Ironing boards & Irons, table for snacks to share, fun, 3 dinner buffets, 24 access to sewing room, fellowship, demos of our theme, laughter, a pattern, shopping opportunities, gifts, lots of time and space to get your quilting projects done!

Sign up at the February and March meetings or call Peri Hansen 269-757-2496

*Different this year: Instead of paying us for your room, the hotel itself is now giving us a block of rooms available at a reduced rate. The cost of the room is \$ 87.98, plus 12% room tax- which equals \$ 98.54 That is the rate per room, per night. If you split that room with someone, the cost gets split in half. You will be responsible to book your own room. When you sign up for the retreat, we will hand you a paper explaining how to register for your room and the dates the block will be available.

2020 Quilt Show News

Quilts of Valor

We will be presenting Quilts of Valor to veterans during our Quilt Show in June and we invite our guild members to participate!



If you would like to make a quilt, here are some guidelines:

- **Quilts of Valor are 55" x 65" minimum and we're asking that they don't go over 60" x 70" so that they will all be**

roughly the same size

- Please use red, white, blue fabrics. You can also use some gold. They should not be specifically feminine or masculine.
- You may quilt your own quilt if you wish, but we also have members who have volunteered to quilt tops.
- If someone else quilts your quilt, it will come back to you for binding.
- We will supply labels.
- We have decided not to provide a pillowcase with quilts this time. This is no longer a requirement by the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Here's some dates to remember:

- February meeting – must know if you are making a quilt so we can begin getting names of veterans.
- If someone else is quilting your quilt, must have top by March meeting.

Thank you for participating in this exciting service project!

The presentation will take place on Saturday, June 13 at 1 p.m. at Carver Park Pavilion in Three Oaks.

Boutique

Here we are at the start of another year -- Quilt Show Year. We hope you worked on things to put in the boutique over break, if not you still have time.

Only quilt related items will be accepted for the boutique. Some examples are: quilts of all sizes, bags & pouches, pin cushions, table runners, wall quilts, full size quilts and throws.

This year the quilt show will be part of Flag Day so keep in mind tourists and people with second homes in mind when making items.

We need a couple of people to co-chair the boutique. Let us know if you are interested.

Thank you
Cindy Shepherd

Patriotic Small Quilts

For this quilt show we are asking for patriotic small quilts to sell outright as a fundraiser for the guild. This is a replacement for the raffle quilt.

This is a wonderful way to become involved with the quilt guild and the Flag Day quilt show. Your generosity and creativity will catch the eyes of many who will come to this event.

Quilts should be no larger than 20" x 20" and you may also submit table runners and pillows. Use up your scraps in creative ways. Maybe there's a new technique you have wanted to try in a small piece. All styles, designs, and techniques are welcome. Put them together and make that item which will "grab" someone's attention and want to take it home. Be sure to sign your work on the back. And perhaps a sleeve might be helpful. Any questions? Contact Kathy Phipps, 429-8446; mrkjp@comcast.net

Committees/ Groups

Birthday Club

We are looking forward to the 2020 BTCQ year. Birthday Club members will be also be able to celebrate their birthdays with new fat quarters during their birthday month to add to their stashes. What fun.

Just a few reminders for Birthday Club members. Please bring the fat quarters for your team members to the February meeting. You may tag each fat quarter for your team members or let us divide the fat quarters according to your team members' wish lists. Remember to bring the fat quarters in a gift bag which will be used for you during your birthday month.

After the February meeting, all you have to do is wait for your birthday month. In March, the members with January, February, and March birthdays will be given their gift bags with the fat quarters. After March, gift bags will be given during the members birthday month. In November, both the November and December birthday members will receive their gift bags.

If you are unable to attend the February meeting, please try to find another guild member who would bring your team fat quarters to the meeting. If you are unable to bring the fat quarters to the February meeting, please contact Barb or Kathy to make other arrangements.

See you on February 13.

Barb Manning and Kathy Martus

Applique Society

Applique Society has a new outlook with changes we hope you will agree with. Instead of meeting at night (having trouble finding meeting places) we are going to meet on Wednesdays, once a month, at 10

a.m. the day before the guild meeting. **The next meeting will be on February 12.**

We have three new enthusiast members, Jan, Pearl and Susan. The bonus is: Susan has a wonderful studio which she has offered for our Applique Society meetings! It is quite large but not unlimited—please let me know if you plan to come, Sue Russell, 313-3799 or 983-3799. Studio address: **2873 Ainsworth Dr., across from the D.A.N.K.** Directions are difficult, GPS the address.

We can show beginners with points, circles and stems or help with a project! Join us!

Community Quilts

Once again, we have an overabundance of fabric. We will have tables set up at the February meeting of fabric for you to pick up. We will set up tables of fabric that are free for you to use on anything you wish but if you wouldn't mind making a Community Quilt or two, that would be GREAT! There are no quilt police so feel free to take as much or as little as you would like. At this time, we will not be accepting any more fabric, only completed quilts.

We will be presenting to the Board our suggestions for who will receive the quilts that are donated at the January 29th meeting. We will inform you of the board's decision at our February meeting and give more information on the size of quilt that we will need.

Thank you,
Lois Lentz, Nancy Hawley, Sara Lawrick

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters Guild**October 1, 2019**Treasurer's
Report**Beginning Balance****\$ 12,637.56****Income:**

10-Oct-19	Banquet	\$ 500.00
10-Oct-19	Retreats	\$ 1,205.00
10-Oct-19	Retreats	\$ 3,760.00
24-Oct-19	Fundraiser Basket	\$ 45.00
24-Oct-19	Banquet	\$ 10.00

Total Monthly
Income**\$ 5,520.00****Expenses:**

10-Oct-19	Peri Hansen - Retreats	\$ 170.14
10-Oct-19	Peri Hansen -President	\$ 12.91
10-Oct-19	Sondra Sheppard-Comm. Quilts	\$ 20.98
15-Oct-19	Lakeland Graphic Services- Newsletter	\$ 20.00
15-Oct-19	Nancy Hawley- Hospitality/Banquet	\$ 156.93
15-Oct-19	Courtyard by Marriot-Retreats	\$ 4,798.36
15-Oct-19	Betty Oatsvall-Retreats	\$ 262.51
10-Oct-19	Sherri Skorupa-Door Prizes	\$ 38.88
10-Oct-19	Nicole Rimes-Programs	\$ 179.74

Total Monthly
Expenses**\$ 5,660.45****Ending Balance****\$ 12,497.11**

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters **Guild Meeting**
Nov. 14, 2019
Methodist Church, Stevensville, Michigan

Meeting started at 6:30 with end-of-year banquet.

Called to order by President Elaine Bokhart at 7:25 p.m.

Visitors – none

Minutes – October minutes approved as published

Treasurer's Report – September report approved as published.

Note: Doris Walton, one of the founding members, passed away.

OLD BUSINESS

Quilt Show – Barb Manning reminded members of the Quilt Show Dates – June 13 & 14, which coincides with Three Oaks Flag Day celebration. Will take place at Three Oaks Elementary School. Theme is Red, White & Blue. All small quilted donation items are due by May 1. Quilt registration will open in March meeting. Quilts of Valor project will distribute packets made up for 12" blocks to be returned by February meeting.

Retreat – Peri reported on retreat which will take place this weekend at Courtyard at Marriott in Benton Harbor.

NEW BUSINESS

Officers – Vice-President Peri Hansen presented slate of officers: Co-Presidents Kathy Martus and Barb Manning, Vice-president Jane Rush, Secretary Laura Williams, Treasurer Marcia McCavit, and Assistant Treasurer Lisa Hansen.

Motion: accept slate of officers – 1st Char Nye, 2nd Michelle Tuller. Motion passed.

Golden Thimble – Cindy Bauer announced winner of 2019 Golden Thimble award – Kathy Phipps.

Board meeting – Last board meeting for the year will be on Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. at Pine Ridge.

COMMITTEES

Community Quilts – Sondra Sheppard announced that 220 community quilts were donated in 2019 to date.

Birthday Club – 4 November and 4 December birthday packages distributed.

Library – Marilyn Herrman thanked everyone who used library this year and encouraged members to check out books for the long break.

Raffle Baskets – no raffle basket

Door Prize – winners Susan Stephens, Linda Cheek and Shirley Keim.

Show and Tell – 9 members showed finished quilts.

Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Tackett, Secretary

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters
November 20, 2019
Board Meeting

Called to order at 6:35 p.m. at Pineridge Rehabilitation and Nursing by President Elaine Bokhart

Present :Elaine Bokhart, Denise Tackett, Annette Wright, Marcia McCavit, Maxine Wantuch, Chris Andrews, Michelle Tuller, Peri Hansen, Nichole Rimes, Cindy Bauer, Angie Kacynski, Kathy Phipps, Cindy Shepherd, Marilyn Herrman, Sara Lawrick, Deb Adams, Laura Williams, Barbara Manning, Cathy Benke, Kathy Martus

Minutes – minutes from July board meeting were printed in newsletter and approved as presented.

OLD Business

Policies and Procedures –more questions discussed including speaker funds, refund policy and email updates.

Motion – to approve Policies and Procedures with corrections. 1st Peri Hansen, 2nd Deb Adams, approved with 3 abstentions

Berrien County Youth Fair – need to sponsor new trophy for quilt winners, old trophy filled up.

Motion – send \$150 to Berrien County Youth Fair to purchase new trophy. 1st Nichole Rimes, 2nd Michelle Tuller, approved.

Suggested to give two \$75 gift certificates to top two winners at fair. Will consider for budget for next year.

Community Quilts – kits available

NEW Business

Newsletter and mailing jobs – will be combined with Denise Tackett doing both.

Quilt Show Treasurer – Cindy Shepherd will serve as liaison for quilt show expenses to treasurer.

Member List – requested that member's join date be added back into membership list

2020 Board – went over list of next year's board members.

Adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Denise Tackett, Secretary

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters
c/o Denise Tackett
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Stevensville, MI 49127

Don't forget – if you took a kit to make a star block for a Quilt of Valor, please return it at February meeting at the Quilt of Valor table.

Quilting Bees

Applique Society – see note on page 4.

Berrien Springs Library Quilters – meet every Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Berrien Springs Library.

Bridgman Bees – meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bridgman Library.

Dear Jane – meets on the 4th Thursday at Lincoln Township Library from 6-9 p.m. Contact Michelle Tuller at 269-422-1586 or Cindy Shepherd at plshepherd@qtm.net

New Buffalo Library Sewing Group – meets on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pokagon Room. Contact Kathy Martus at 269-469-9217 for information.

Patriotic Quilts – meets last Wednesday of the month at the Bridgman Public Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to create quilts for the military. Contact Laura Williams at 269-465-5280 for information.