



# The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters August 2021

Happy Summer Everyone,

Welcome back to the "Church" setting for our meetings!! We had almost 50 members attend the July meeting and it was wonderful to see all of you again!

With Summer in full swing, we hope that you are able to get some quilting done in between the flower and /or vegetable gardens you may have.

Looking forward to seeing even more of our guild members at the August meeting, (the 12th) and your beautiful show and tell items.

Happy Quilting!!

Kathy and Barb

Quote of the month:

'Time is free, but it's priceless.

You can't own it, but you can use it.

You can't keep it, but you can spend it.

And once it's lost, you can never get it back.' Matt Rudkin

Let us all use our time for a worthy purpose.

## Officers 2021

<b>Co-Presidents</b> Barb Manning Kathy Martus president@btcquiltguild.org	<b>Vice President</b> Jane Rush Vicepresident @btcquiltguild .org	<b>Secretary</b> Cindy Shepherd secretary@btcquiltguild.org	<b>Acting Co-treasurer</b> Jody Albee Marcia McCavit treasurer@btcquiltguild .org
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<b>Berrien Towne and Country Quilters</b>		<b>June 30, 2021</b>	
Treasurer's Report			
		<b>Beginning Cash Flow Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,798.77</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
fundraiser basket	Jody Albee	\$ 56.00	
retreats	sewing room	\$ 53.50	
quilt show	community outreach donation	\$ 26.00	
		<b>Total Monthly Income</b>	<b>\$ 135.50</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
postage and lables	Newsletter	\$ 95.77	
		<b>Total Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (95.77)</b>
		<b>Ending Cash Flow Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,838.50</b>

## **Board Meeting August 30**

The next Board meeting will be held at the New Buffalo Library in the Pokagon room on Monday, August 30 at 6:00pm. The room is available to us until 7:45pm if needed. The meeting is open to all members but only the executive board and committee chairs are able to vote on any motions.

The New Buffalo Library address is: 33 N Thompson St New Buffalo, MI. The Pokagon room is to the left of the entrance to the building.

## **Share Your News**

Tell us about special events and quilting news that you would like to share in the newsletter. Follow this link to share your news with guild members. <https://forms.gle/pyikzuSkiNzCu7HA8>

## **Berrien Towne and Country Quilters Guild Meeting**

### **July 8, 2021**

Barb Manning called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM by welcoming everyone back to the Methodist Church in Stevensville. This is the first indoor meeting since March of 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. There are approximately 45 people in attendance.

### **Old Business**

A motion was made by Sarah Lawrick to approve the June guild meeting minutes, seconded by Audrey Elwell, M/C.

Jane Rush filled in with the newsletter this month. She is checking a few email addresses. It costs the guild over \$1.00 to US Mail newsletters. Please consider email over hardcopy.

The Box Factory of Arts has approved a 2022 quilt show for our guild. Jane Rush and Denise Tackett have volunteered to be co-chair. The Box Factory will charge 30% of entry ticket sales. They have plenty of parking and handicap accessible.

Jane encourages people to join the committee; they will be meeting after August.

The Box Factory has their own hanging system. We will not be using our poles to hang quilts. This will limit the number of our full size quilts to possibly less than 20.

The show is scheduled for mid July 2022.

Two days to setup with the show Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We will have vendors.

Denise Tackett has volunteered to design a raffle quilt. The committee will be trying to keep costs down, have a great show and be profitable.

The Quilt of Valor presentation was very successful, Barb reports. The group was asked if they were willing to make blocks for future Quilts of Valor if we participate next year at the Three Oaks Flag Day Celebration... YES.

### **New Business**

Jane Rush is looking for Executive Board Officers for 2022. Jane will be contacting people, please consider volunteering.

The church is paid through the first 4 months of 2022.

Michelle Tuller (Corner Curve Quilts) has donated a portion of sales at the June guild meeting. Michelle presented a check to the guild for \$28.00, thank you Michelle.

A long time guild member, Kaye Swansen has been moved to assisted living in Texas. Her stash was donated to our guild and was brought this evening to share with everyone.

Kay Crow reports there is a place near Ludington that is requesting quilts for veterans. This 1,200 acre facility is for veterans to attend. The facility is looking to give a quilt to each family (twin to full size). If you would like to donate a quilt please bring to the August guild meeting. Kay will be taking them after the August meeting and hopes to have a few to take. Complete details have been posted on FaceBook or you can contact Kay.

Community Quilts had a sewing day at a quilt shop in South Bend. They completed 8 quilts. The Logan Center and a traveling nurse have

requested quilts. They gave a little demonstration on how to make a marble quilt (an 8 1/2" x 11" mini quilt with quilting lines at least 1 1/4" apart to create a maze that a marble can be rolled thru). These mini quilts can take 15-30 minutes to make start to finish. Let's see how many we can make!

Motion was made by Cathy Benke to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maxine Wantuch. M/C

Raffle Baskets were won by Maxine Wantuch and Greta Parker. We made \$41 tonight.

The Program this evening was continuing to make a journal cover. Michelle Tuller demonstrated the technique.

The evening was topped off with a beautiful show and tell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Shepherd, Secretary

edges. Press according to interfacing directions. If some of the fusible is still showing, cover with piece with parchment paper to protect your iron. An optional step is to layer with muslin and topstitch the pieces down. I prefer to wait until quilting the whole project and use decorative stitches to topstitch down as part of the quilting.

The front with the circle that was made in June, should be mounted on a 8 1/2" x 12 1/2" piece of fabric. Add more fabric until the front measures 11 1/2" x 12 1/2." The back will use the created piece of scrappy fabric. I am looking forward to showing you how to finish your journal cover and more.

Let's go sew!

Michelle and Nicole  
Program Co-chairs

## August Birthdays

### Program Committee

Hello,

Have you found some time to sew this summer? Are the flowers in your garden providing quilting inspiration? Did you try to make more fabric out of your scraps like I showed at the last meeting? If so, I will be showing you the next steps to create the journal cover.

If you missed the meeting and want to make some fabric from scraps, here's what you do.. Take a piece of light weight fusible interfacing, any size will work. But a 8 1/2" x 4 1/2" is a good size to start with. Place the fusible side up, and lay fabric scraps of any shape on top of the interfacing, overlapping



As summer winds down, let's celebrate our members with late summer August birthdays.

Linda Woods 8/2  
Marcia McCavit 8/3  
Denise Donavin 8/6  
Carol Range 8/6  
Terri Lane 8/11  
Janet Bednar 8/14  
Ruth Crum 8/17  
Jody Albee 8/21  
Kathy Martus 8/23  
Susan Stephens 8/31

# Show and Tell





**Enjoy the rest of the summer!**

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