

The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters – November 2020

Programs:

Wow! We have made it to November. I have been doing a lot of sewing. Another quilt was completed this past week and I will be donating it for charity. If you are working on the UFQ list then this month we will work on line 8 and follow that with line 3. Attached is the November journal prompts. Stay well and Stay safe, I look forward to when we can gather together again.

As Always,
Michelle

Note from the Co-Presidents:

Happy Holidays Everyone,

As we approach Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year, we both want to wish all of you good health and happiness!! This has truly been a very unconventional year (to say the least) . We hope that you're getting through it with a positive attitude and a spirit of giving. With that being said, we hope you're all still quilting and getting some things finished or maybe starting something new, I hope that some of you were able to enjoy the quilting sites and options I gave you in the last newsletter. This month I have a few more that I hope you will enjoy:

1. Bonnie Hunter is once again doing her Mystery Quilt. Colors have been given (which you can change to your liking, of course). First clue will be given out on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. FREE
2. Pat Sloan - "Cozy Things" Started October 14 and goes until December 16. 9 blocks, one

per week, blocks finish at 12". Quilt will be lap size. Only 3 blocks given so far, so not too difficult to catch up FREE

3. Primitive Gatherings - Lisa Bongan "American Quilter". Stitch Along starts January 2021. Will be 15 Blocks and it will finish at 70 x 80 size. FREE

4. Sentimental Stitches - "Heartfelt" This will be a block of the week, which will start on February 12 for 30 weeks with 30 different blocks! Supply list will be emailed to you after you sign up. Finished size will be 85 x 105. There is a one time fee of \$30.00 (Sorry, I guess they all can't be free).

5. Jacquelynne Steves "My Hometown" A block of the month which will start February 2021 and finish August 2021. The clues will be sent to you via email (once you sign up) every first Monday of the month. Finish size of the quilt will be 63 x 63. FREE

We will keep you informed as to next year's February meeting. We are still in contact with the Church secretary and let's hope that 2021 will afford us to meet once again.

We wish you all health, happiness, good stitches and full bobbins for the New Year.

Kathy Martus and Barb Manning

This time I have 2 quotes for you:

"Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things a human can do for each other." Randy Pausch

"What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year." Vern McLellan

Birthdays

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

Berrien Towne & Country Quilters Guild

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Co-President Barb Manning with 35 people present.

Old Business:

Meeting Location: We will not be meeting for the remainder of 2020 since we have been meeting outdoors and the weather is getting colder. The Governor of MI is not allowing indoor gatherings of more than 10 people at this time. We hope to resume regular meetings in February.

Barb Manning has been in contact with the Methodist Church on a month to month bases. The church is not allowing us to use their building due to the Corvid-19 virus. They are applying our 2020 payment to 2021.

Quilt Show: The quilt show committee met to discuss options for the next quilt show. Due to Covid-19 it was decided not to have a quilt show in 2021 but wait till 2022. They are proposing to have a booth at the 2021 Flag Day weekend to sell guild member boutique items and have a Quilt of Valor presentation. This will keep our name out there and to let people know we are planning a 2022 quilt show during the Flag Day festival. Barb and Maxine Wantuch will stay in contact with the Flag Day committee.

New Business:

2021 Officers: Co-presidents Barb Manning and Kathy Martus, Vice President Jane Rush, Secretary Cindy Shepherd, Treasurer Lisa Hansen and Co-treasurer Jody Albee (2 year commitment). Beth Griesbaum made a motion to accept this slate of officers, seconded by Kathy Phipps. Motion carried.

We have not filled all the committee chairs. Due to Corid-19 we are not sure we will need them all in 2021 (example: we may not be allowed to have food). This is a year of uncertainty due to the pandemic. Jane Rush will be calling people asking for volunteers. A listing will be provided in a future newsletter.

Fund Raiser 2021: Jane Rush would like to look into creating a recipe book. Each member would be asked to submit 2-3 recipes. Maybe even a quilt pattern recipe. Since we will have very little income in 2021 a fund raiser would help. There was enough interest by this group to proceed.

Birthday Club: The remainder of the birthday club participants were recognized. They are Nancy Zabel, Barb Manning, Jean Stanish, Margaret Williamson, Greta Parker, Sherri Skorupa, Peri Hansen, Nancy Hawley, Kay Wilcox, Cathy Benke and Sondra Sheppard.

Door Prizes: The winners are: Jody Albee, Bonnie Lewis, Greta Parker, Beth Griesbaum, Annette Wright, Judy Weingart, Aggie Blesy and Cindy Shepherd.

Raffle Baskets: We sold \$37 in tickets. The winners are Pearl Hedtke and Nicole Rimes.

Announcements:

Laura Williams Memorial: Peri Hansen spoke with Laura's brother; they are going forward with a memorial on September 26 from 12:00 – 3:00 PM at the Bridgman Library. It will be in the parking lot under a tent with refreshments. They hope to have a slideshow of Laura's quilts. No quilts will be present due to it being outdoors.

November retreat: Peri Hansen reports there will be no November retreat due to Covid-19 restrictions (no food and no more than 10 people can gather). The Courtyard will apply our deposit to the 2021 retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Shepherd

Program:

Michelle Tuller and Nicole Rimes presented "Prayer Pockets". Each Patchwork Heart Pocket Prayer Quilt you create is a special token of peace and a beautiful reminder someone loves you. This new heart-shaped quilt pattern includes a pocket in which to place a personal note or prayer, making it a wonderful gift for your loved ones.

The pattern provided includes step-by-step instructions and cutting diagram so that you can make one, or many of these adorable hearts! The quilts finish at approximately 4.5" x 3.5". A cross, safety pin and charm were also handed out. Look for an email for the cute little sayings you can use.

Wouldn't it be great to make it from a loved ones clothing and given to children as a comfort? Or put the cross inside the heart as a "fidget". We are challenged to make at least 2, one to keep and one to give. Post them on our FaceBook page for all to enjoy.



Look for more little projects from the Programs Committee in October and November.

Show N Tell completed the evening.

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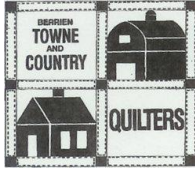
First, we want to thank Elaine Bokhart for providing the BTCQ Newsletters for October and November.

As we move toward 2021, we no longer have a volunteer for the Newsletter. Due to personal reasons, Denise Tackett had to withdraw from the Newsletter Chairman in 2021. We thank Denise for all she has volunteered for the guild these past years.

The guild is asking for anyone who is willing to volunteer to take care of the newsletter in 2021. If you are interested, please contact Barb Manning of Kathy Martus @ president@btcquiltguild.org

<u>Berrien Towne and Country Quilters</u>	-	<u>October 31, 2020</u>
Treasurer's Report		

<u>10/31/2020</u>	No income or expense entries for October, therefore	
	<u>Beginning Bank Balance</u>	\$10,192.10
	<u>4 checks cashed</u>	\$181.33
	<u>Ending Bank Balance</u>	\$10,010.77



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