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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone continues to be well and staying safe during this challenging time. I do not know when we will be able to meet again and I sure miss getting together with you for our meetings. Kendra at the Arts Center has our proposal for next year's Challenge and Scott will be keeping us updated on this year's AIR and FOT. I check in regularly with the Arts Center for any updates on when they might open again.

I want to thank you all for all of your efforts to stay in contact and continue on with projects for our guild programs even though many have been cancelled. You are all troopers!

A special thank you to Barbara and Kalynn for putting together a great 2020 program schedule for us and my sincere regret that many had to be cancelled. We are still hoping for the Paper Piecing Workshop with Jeannette Walton in September – thank you Judy for putting this workshop together and keeping in touch with Jeannette for us. Then hopefully in October will be a workshop and lecture by Jennie Henderson and November is To Be Arranged.

So, stay hopeful! We may be able to get together soon.

Above all – stay safe and well. ~Sandy Hughes

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SURGICAL FABRIC FOR FACE MASKS:

Barbara Dunsmoor received a shipment of surgical fabric from her daughter. It is easy to use for making masks. Please stop by and take as much as you want from her front porch (41475 Leeward Rd). She doesn't want it to go to waste. Included is the address of a clinic on the Navajo Reservation that is in desperate need of masks: Eric Ritchie, PO Box 1230, Chinle, AZ 86503

THE LOFT IS CLOSING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

Marva will be closing The Loft as soon as possible. Everything must go. Merchandise has been discounted 30-50% and she does not plan to go lower. Desks, (\$30) Vintage metal army desk (\$250) supplies (good deals), baskets (free -\$5 ea) Oak cabinets (\$100 & \$250) cutting table (\$200) laminated dining/work table (\$20), chairs, printer (\$50), IKEA shelving. (\$25-\$150) and much more. The Loft web site theloftingualala.com has been working well and they are responding to phone orders. Call Marva if you have questions. 882-2455

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2020

- March 16 -- **POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19**
—WILL RESCHEDULE IN THE FUTURE
--Continuing Education
- March 18 & 19 – **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Workshop by Barbara Dunsmoor
- March 20 -- **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Guild Mtg:
- April 17 -- **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Guild Mtg
- May 1 – **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
2020 Quilt Challenge
- May 15 – **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Workshop: Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor
- June 15 – 18 – **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
workshops with Sue Benner
- June 19 -- **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Guild Mtg

- September 16 & 17 -- Paper-piecing *workshop*
with Jeanette Walton
- September 18 -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
- October 14 & 15 – *Workshop* with Jennie Henderson
- October 16 -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
- November 20 – *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
- December 2 – Holiday Luncheon at GAC

WHO AM I?

Here are the clues for the next guild meeting:

1. I made my first potholder to sell in a bizarre when I was 12. The design was a worm.
2. My black quilt with mushroom growing on a hill hung in my high school library.
3. I made all of my children's clothes.
4. I have two children and now 3 grandchildren.

Be sure to remember these clues so that you will be able to submit your guess at the next Guild meeting for an opportunity to win Sandy's gift bag.

FUNDRAISING:

ART IN THE REDWOODS AND FESTIVAL OF TREES 2020

We are still hopeful a “modified” version of these two events will still happen. Please continue to make items for the sales. They can always be used in 2021, if these events are cancelled in 2020.

2020 PROGRAM

Again, we are hopeful the Program for the remainder of the year may happen in a “modified” version. Sue Benner’s workshops in June had to be cancelled, however Barbara is working with Margreth, Caroline and Dee to possibly reschedule Sue Benner in the future.

Jeanette Walton’s workshops in September could be problematic as the patterns will have to be pre-ordered. Thus enrollment numbers would need to be finalized.

July: Picnic?

August: No meeting

Sept 16 & 17: Wed 10AM – 4 PM, Thurs 9:30AM – 4 PM. Two projects \$85 for GAC members, \$95 for non-member. Additional cost of \$39 for both patterns (payable to Judy Riddle—cash only)

Paper piecing workshop (Judy Neimeyer designs) with Jeanette Walton. See GAC website for details and supply list. **You can sign up now!**



Broken Daisy
Placemats
(Sept 16)

Waterwheel
(Sept 17)



Sept 18: Guild meeting and Trunk show by Jeanette Walton, entitled “Inspiration”

October 14 & 15: Jennie Henderson will reprise her “No-Mess Dyeing Class” with some new ideas and techniques.

October 16: Guild meeting and Lecture by Jennie Henderson

November 20: Guild meeting followed by Lecture TBA

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2020

Mark your calendars. 2020 Holiday luncheon is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 2** at Gualala Art Center Auditorium. Arrive by 11:30 for a picture followed by lunch and entertainment. More information forthcoming, i.e. menu, cost.

~Judy Riddle & Sylvia Evans

COMFORT QUILTS

Comfort quilts.... Something to think about!

This year our quilt guild has given out nineteen comfort quilts, five of which were to our own members! This is amazing because we have missed the last two Comfort Quilt Workshops because of a power outage and Covid-19.

Our guidelines state the role of the Comfort Quilt Committee is to promote the making of comfort quilts by guild members. The comfort quilts are donated to **local** community members in a situational crisis. A situational crisis can be coping with a long illness of a loved one or yourself, loss of a home and/or a job, or involvement in an unfortunate accident of a community member or guild member.

I am often asked to deliver a quilt to a family member or a spouse of someone that has passed away. Many times, the situational crisis has been going on for quite some time. With extra time on my mind in the last few months I have been thinking about the particular people who I have delivered quilts to and I am asking you to think about those people too. Wouldn't it be comforting to receive a quilt before someone passes away? In other words, could we start thinking about those who are alive and caring for a loved one?

I would like to encourage all of you in your small quilt groups to think of these particular people, especially friends or guild members here now or ones that have moved away. Perhaps you, as a group in your small quilt groups, could come up with a plan to make comfort quilts for a situation you see evolving. I feel that it would be especially meaningful and personal for someone to receive a comfort quilt from their quilt group, or from someone they knew in their quilt group.

Thanks for all you do for our guild, especially those of you who continue to make comfort quilts for the many requests we have all year long! Attached are some Comfort Quilts I've received recently!

~Marcia Luchini



Comfort!

Comfort Quilt by Cheryl Faconti



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Comfort Quilt by Janice Batchelder



Comfort Quilt by Janice Batchelder



Comfort Quilt by Dee Goodrich



Comfort Quilt by Marcia Luchini



Comfort Quilt by Kalynn Oleson



Comfort Quilt by Margreth Barrett

WHAT I HAVE DONE

WHILE SHELTERING IN PLACE?

Iris Lorenz-Fife: I've been steadily working on getting the library books properly identified on the computer. But the computer is in quarantine so this will take a little longer. Hopefully, we'll have made considerable progress by the time coronavirus is over.

Trudy Armer: I have had many good things happening during this plague; it has actually not disturbed my life much at all except that I am very troubled about what is going on in our country and beyond!

I feel I couldn't be in a better location.....extreme precautions and meals at the door. All the exercise classes are on Zoom, as are meetings, musical events, movies, etc. I face-time with family, especially the little ones; and have had walks with my daughters quite often. I'm grateful to be able to stay healthy so far, since I am in a vulnerable category.....and I'm getting educated about my computer; thankful for this technology too!

My third great-grandchild was born about 5 weeks ago,



Lennon is a darling little girl who was 8lbs.7oz. at birth; and is a month old in this photo.

Also, my grandson and his fiancé were married on Zoom in April; it was a fabulous event; they were in the

FL Keys, the officiate was in NY, the photographer was in another state and so was the piano player.....my granddaughter sang from CA and others from different states and some relatives in London all gave readings. They had a wonderful DJ and all 100-150 participants were shown on Zoom dancing and singing and holding up signage of congratulations.....it was amazing!

The following week we zoomed on my granddaughter's 40th birthday and then again on her sister's earning her PhD; the ceremony, in WI, of course, was cancelled.

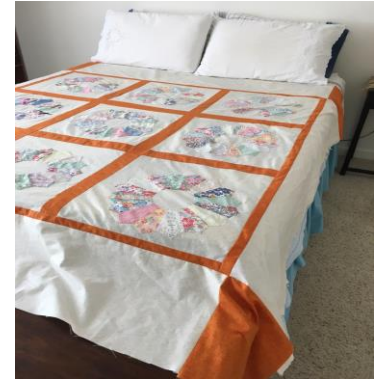


Trudy Armer: A friend on Sea ranch sewed this face mask using Harmony's fabric. I found some old shoulder pads from when they were in vogue and I covered them and made some masks from those. Don't have photos; I gave them away.

Barbara Fast: I have been working on an interesting quilt project. My mother was given some circular quilt patches. She was not a quilter but she sewed them onto an ordinary sheet which I inherited when my mother died. The circles are made from very old, often delicate fabric, and I always thought they should be included in a real quilt, so I decided to take all of the circles off the



sheet and have now sewn each one onto a new fabric square. I have now created a quilt top with the squares and some sashing. My son is interested in the eventual quilt because it represents at least four generations in our family, the person (unknown) who made the patches, my mother, me and my son. He wants to choose material for the backing.



Katherine Gyorfi: I've been doing a lot of catch-up with projects I've wanted to finish, and have started a couple of comfort quilts that aren't going to get finished for a while, so I have no photos. But when you asked for newsletter contributions, I thought to send a copy of this poem, which I think sums up nicely how the world feels now. It was written in March of 2020, by somebody named Kitty O'Meara

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions

Jan Carter: Here's a photo of my quilt I was working on at the retreat, which is finished now.



Carole Garcia: here is a picture of a quilt I made over the last week. It is a Raggy quilt for our niece who is going to the University of Mississippi (Old Miss) hopefully in August. It includes 2 Old Miss fabrics.



Gail Spencer: I have been mostly working on masks, the past couple months. These are a sampling of what I have made.



Sylvia Keller: Has been making stuffed animals and other items for AIR and FOT, using her Featherweight machine.



I also Free Motion Quilted a Quilt of Valor, but it isn't trimmed or bound, yet.

Sandy Lockhart: This is a batch of ten more children's masks. When you think of all the children in our families, they add up. Now we need to get the children into the habit of wearing the masks. Little fingers have a frustrating time with ties, so all the children's masks have elastic to go around their ears. Adults who have hearing devises prefer ties, so I put elastic on the bottom to go around the neck and ties on the top. Just need to make sure the ties are long enough.



Margreth Barrett: I finished a comfort quilt I had started at the Retreat, but gave it to Marcia without having taken a photo. I pieced, but have not yet quilted a quilt for the Festival of Trees sale, assuming we have one. Otherwise, the only thing I have done that can be photographed is a funky quilt I made for my son, Andrew. He is the guy with the fish, and is also a musician.



Kalynn Oleson: Modeling an apron made for AIR or FOT.

Editor Note: You probably can't see the detail in the picture but on the apron it says.... Martini, Margarita, Manhattan, Cosmopolitan, and, I think, their recipe.





Mary Eberhard: 1.
Comfort quilt (southwest colors & ticking back)

Cheryl Faconti: This was going to be a challenge entry. As soon as possible it will be donated as a QOV. I am not saving it.



Mary Eberhard: 2.
A finished UFO... my "Color Pop" quilt, with hand painted fabrics, from Lynn Koolish's 2 day workshop in 2018(!)



Cheryl Faconti: For FOT/AIR

Janice Batchelder: Well, I succumbed too often in recent months to the lure of the "Quilter's Daily Deals" from Missouri Star...lots of jelly rolls, layer cakes, you name it ("*But that's just SO pretty!*"). So I have plenty to keep me busy now, and for eternity.

Cheryl Faconti:
UFO finished. Just needs binding.



I've made several comfort quilts, which could possibly also be sold at Art in the Redwoods or Festival of Trees, if those events actually happen.



Cheryl Faconti: Child's quilt for AIR/FOT future sales

I sure am looking forward to when we can all get together again and have a spectacular show-and-tell.



Dee Goodrich: This pictures shows a few quilts I finished for PPQG fundraising. The one on the left can be a comfort quilt.



Judy Riddle: My life changed in that I hardly leave the house, sleep schedule is whacked, and I grab something to eat every time I pass through the kitchen. Husband goes to the post office and the grocery store to re-stock after my eating binges. No Tuesday quilting at the library, doctor appointments dwindled, and trips to COSTCO are minimal. I spend considerable time watching quilting videos and “how to make a face mask” videos. I made masks for my family, sent some to Texas for my daughter and her friends, some to my son because the fire department’s order for face masks hadn’t arrived, and donated some locally. Since sheltering in place I have machine quilted 27 quilts, 4 of which were queen size, started working on Christmas for the family, and, just yesterday, learned how to change the Bobbin Backlash spring on my Gammill. Scary! I don’t have any pictures to show, however, some of the quilts shown in this Newsletter are some of the 27 quilts that I quilted.

Lori Holmes: I moved to red bluff several months ago. I have been working through boxes. Part of the garage has my sewing stuff and fabric. This is the picture. I have gotten better organized but this takes time. We will be building a building for my sewing at some point. I miss you all! But I have met my first quilter here and looking forward to joining another guild.



Pam Todd: Finished quilt started at the last retreat. The quilt is made from old Kimonos.



Jan Carter: Have been working on the 2020 Art in the Redwoods raffle quilt. Piecing and quilting are done. Now sewing on the binding and making the label.



Piecing is done



Small sampling of the quilting design

Sandy Hughes: How have I personally kept busy while sheltering in place:

1. I have stayed in contact with GAC for updates although with the County restrictions, there hasn't been much change. It was suggested that a virtual quilt show might be fun but we did not get much positive feedback, so that went to the wayside;
2. Participated in a passerby neighborhood quilt exhibit. I enjoyed receiving notes and words of appreciation from my neighbors. The original idea came from the Amador Valley Quilters Guild. They sent out a notification encouraging other guilds to participate in hanging quilts outside to bring some cheer to their neighborhoods the weekend of April 18. Several of our guild members participated
3. Made 153 masks and welcomed Harriet Wright as a mask maker too. Harriet is not a quilter but as most of us know, she is very active with GAC. When she found out about the need in our community for masks and that I was making masks as fast as I could together with several other guild members, Harriet found some elastic, pulled out her sewing machine and called me asking if I had extra mask fabric. She wanted to make masks. I believe thus far, Harriet has made close to 100 masks and is still going. When she runs out of elastic, she makes ties until more elastic arrives. I am sure our guild member mask makers will be telling their own mask making stories but I wanted to include Harriet in mine. I also want to thank Cheryl Faconti, Marva Jacobs, Kalynn Oleson and Harriet Wright for sharing their elastic – my order finally arrived if anyone needs some more. It has been very rewarding making masks that have gone to Coastal Seniors, RCMS, the grocery stores, restaurants and individuals who contacted us for themselves and their families;
4. Lots of walks; Napping; Zooming with friends;
5. Helped to rescue and care for 15 puppies until they were old enough to be adopted and then worked to find good forever homes for all of them. I also fostered a 6 month old puppy during that same time. He too went to a great forever home;
6. More recently rescued yet another puppy and became a foster failure by adopting her for ourselves May 10th. She is a beautiful Border Collie/McNab Dog mix, over-the-top active and we named her "Poppy".



7. Sitting on our front deck when it is sunny and of course, napping; Chased Poppy;
8. Spending 3 full days purging my fabric stash and straightening my sewing room. Now I have to find a place for all of the empty plastic containers; That also called for a day of what? Yep, napping!
9. Finished 3 quilt tops that are now ready for their backing, quilting and binding. Also have another quilt with Judy for quilting and 9 other quilts of various sizes that are quilted and waiting for their binding. Of the nine waiting for binding, 3 are comfort quilts, 3 are for AIR, 2 are my 2019 Challenge quilts and one is just for fun;



10. Put the binding on 6 placemats and one very large quilt;
11. Chased Poppy;
12. Most importantly telephone calls, Facetime and Zoom with my family. My mother, sister and aunts are all quilters too.

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 See? It was never
 fabric hoarding

it was pandemic planning

