

The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters – October 2020

Programs:

Have you made the little prayer quilt that was shown at the September gathering outside? If so count that as another finished quilt. Have you been able to work on the UFO list? If so, the next line to work on will be line one.

Journal writing continues with the attached prompts. I have been writing in my journal and hope you are also. Have you made a cover for your journal? Until next time, it is time to go sew.

Michelle and Nicole

Note from the Co-Presidents:

Happy Fall Everyone,

The air is certainly cooler and the light of the days are getting shorter which indicates the seasons are changing.

Although we are not meeting this month, we hope you are still sewing, starting a new project, working on a current project or maybe finishing a UFO!! In case you happen to be looking for new FREE PATTERNS, may I suggest a web site

called Quilted Twins.com They have a multitude of patterns in assorted sizes, many of which use scraps. Or you could easily just use a color pallet that you like.

Another site to look at is FAT QUARTER SHOP. They are having a FREE - QUILT ALONG called Sewcialites. It is a BLOCK of the WEEK. It started on September 25th and goes till June 25th of 2021. There is a total of 18 designers for these blocks and there are NO "Y" seams or applique, just pieced blocks. The best part of all is they are encouraging all of us to use our stash. Of course the site would love any business you may send their way but not necessary. Also the blocks come in three different sizes. So you can do the 3" or the 6" or the 9" blocks. (It won't be hard to catch up).

We hope you enjoy both of these ideas and hopefully next month (our last newsletter of the year) we will have a few more ideas for you!!

Happy Quilting,

Kathy and Barb

Quote of the month:

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on the fighting the old, but on building the new ." Socrates

Birthdays

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 Kleesz 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

Board Meeting September 10, 2020

Present: Annette Wright, Maxine Wantuch, Marcia McCavit, Michelle, Tuller, Barb Manning, Kathy Martus, Jane Rush, Peri Hansen, Kathy Phipps, Jackie Harris, Chris Andrews, Sara Lawrick, Cindy Shepherd, Cathy Benke Jody Albee, Judy Weingart

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm.

This will probably be the last board meeting of this year due to restrictions by the government for the pandemic. A motion was made by Michelle Tuller that the BTCQ Board will not meet for the fourth meeting of 2020 due to the pandemic. Peri Hansen seconded the motion. All were in favor, no one voted nay, no one abstained. The motion was passed

Update for the 2020 Quilt show was given. The 2020 Quilt show was cancelled due to the pandemic. Due to the fact there is an uncertainty of the effect of the pandemic in 2021, the next quilt show will not be held until 2022. The possibility of participating in the 2021 Flag Day Festival in Three Oaks was discussed. The Committee recommends a Quilt of Valor presentation at the Flag Day Festival and possibly having a booth at the Arts and Crafts show at Carver Park if these events are held in 2021. The Boutique would help advertise the 2022 quilt show.

Update regarding Officers and Committees, Cindy Shepherd volunteered for the Secretary position and Jody Albee volunteered for the Co-treasurer positions. Other positions for Committee chairpersons are still open and the guild continue to look for volunteers for those positions.

The budget for 2021 was discussed. There will be some changes for next year. The Co-presidents are requesting the committees submit a list of expenditures to the presidents. This can be done at the time of check request from the treasurer. The list can be emailed or on paper. The co-presidents also stated that no committee will be able to spend any money remaining in their budgets unless approved by the co-presidents.

Barb explained due to the limited meetings and programs this year, several committees have spent money which was not used this year, therefore, budgets for 2021 will be looked at. For example, the hall rental at United Methodist Church was paid for the full year in January. However, the guild has only been able to use it one time. The church as been very gracious and has applied the rental to 2021. At this time, we will only have 1 month to pay next year, therefore, the budget will be \$900 less.

The co-presidents presented a proposal for term limits for Committee chairpersons. Limits would encourage other members to serve on other committees. Discussion of ways this could work followed.

Since this is the last meeting for 2020, Barb presented that this would be the last newsletter for 2020 and would resume with the February, 2021 edition. Programs presented the fact that there were still journal prompts to be sent to members and other plans for projects to be sent to members to finish this year. Discussion followed. Cindy Shepherd proposed to continue the newsletter through November. A vote was taken...All agreed, no nays. The newsletter will continue.

Jane Rush proposed that the guild publish a cookbook for 2021 or 2022. Discussion followed.

Jane Rush presented the slate of officers: Kathy Martus and Barb Manning Co-presidents, Jane Rush Vice-president, Cindy Shepherd Secretary, and Lisa Hansen Treasurer. Assistant Treasurer office still open. Cindy Shepherd moved to present and vote on the slate of officers at the meeting tonight instead of at the October meeting due to the pandemic. Michelle Tuller seconded the motion. All were in favor, No nays. Motion passed.

Board meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Minutes taken by Jane Rush, transcribed by Barb Manning

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters			September 30, 2020		
Treasurer's Report					
				Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 10,184.64
Income:					
16-Sep-20	Fundraising Basket		\$ 37.00	Jody Albee	
29-Sep-20	Fundraising Basket		\$ 37.00	Jody Albee	
29-Sep-20	Membership dues		\$ 150.00	Deb Adams	
				Total Monthly Income	\$ 224.00
Expenses:					
16-Sep-20	Pavilion rental	\$ 35.00		VP Jane Rush	
29-Sep-20	Pavilion rental 2 months	\$ 70.00		Jody Albee	
16-Sep-20	Door Prizes	\$ 4.24		Cathy Benke	
16-Sep-20	Programs	\$ 10.60		Michelle Tuller	
16-Sep-20	Library book	\$ 30.69		Marilyn Herrman	
16-Sep-20	Newsletter Stamps	\$ 37.05		Denise Tackett	
16-Sep-20	Newsletter Printing	\$ 17.00		Lakeland Health	
29-Sep-20	Membership binder	\$ 83.73		Deb Adams	
				Total Monthly Expenses	\$ (288.31)
				Ending Balance	\$10,120.33

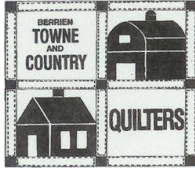
An Update from Community Quilts:

Hello, and happy fall! In the last few weeks, Lois, Sara and I have compiled the quilts and supplies. I took 73 quilts to Elaine Bokhart to add to the quilts we will take to Pine Ridge. I also took 17 quilts to Lakeland (Susan Burkholtz) to be distributed to children and families as they see fit. Susan was absolutely floored by the beautiful quilts and the generosity of our quilters. As of now, neither the Logan Center nor Berrien County Emergency Shelter are in need of quilts. The Emergency Shelter did share a list of items that are in need, mostly cleaning supplies and toiletries. If you would like to donate something please call or email me and I can arrange to pick up the items and take them to the shelter.

If anyone needs batting or labels for their community quilts, I have them and can deliver. Would anyone like to volunteer to quilt 2 community quilts? I have the tops, backing and batting ready to go.

Thank you for another year of generously sharing your time, fabric & talent making quilts for our community. Though we may not know where each quilt goes, I trust that they bring warmth and comfort in their new homes.

Nancy Hawley



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