

Grainlines

Western North Carolina Quilters Guild

Dear friends,

Happy Spring full of blooms and hope to you all! This has been a rough year for us, some of us losing loved ones to the pandemic and all of us being isolated from our families and friends. We've learned to cope with a new reality that I never thought I'd see. And, by golly, we've managed pretty well! And thank God for our love of quilting that has provided a wonderful creative way to spend our time as well as offering thoughtful gifts for our loved ones. I am excited to see what you've done. Maybe our first few meetings together should be devoted to show and tell!

Now finally we have room for optimism. We are hopeful that our guild meetings can resume in the fall. We are waiting for approval from Grace Lutheran Church to meet in a large group again. The Quilt Show, now scheduled for May, 2022, committees are fully staffed and ready to begin work, expecting a very large show, thanks to your efforts this past year.

Meantime, to make communication among our members easier, our webmistress, Jennifer, has set up a private email group for us. The group is invitation only, and you are a part of the group if your dues are paid up. You can write to the whole group just as you would write an email to a friend at wncqg@googlegroups.com. It's a great way to get messages to the whole guild. It replaces those email blasts that we have had Jennifer send out. If you don't want to participate, you can unsubscribe.

So, keep your fingers nimble and your spirits up, folks, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter! I'm eager to see all of you,

Linda Gillette,
President

LIBRARY NEWS

There are hundreds of quilting books in our library that will appeal to traditional and art quilters alike. Unfortunately, we cannot access the books at this time as the church is closed. We invite you to suggest books for possible purchase.

Come check us out at our next meeting!

Message from Georgia Bonesteel: PATCHWORK PRESERVATION

It is time to think about and consider the impact that our WNCQG has had on our community. Since March I have spent time re locating several of my quilts and garments. I have sold 6 major quilts to the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, NE and donated a collection of garments to them at the same time. Of course, now my goal is to actually visit the museum.

But just as important is the dedication of our members to family, community and the charities we have supported locally. With that thought in mind I have now donated many garments to our Henderson County Heritage Museum on Main Street. Hopefully, all of you have visited the Museum and admired the wonderful quilt that Gen. Grundy initiated with the help of many local quilters. But there must be more garments and quilts that deserve to be owned and displayed permanently at this location. I intend to donate a few quilts once my family has selected their fair share. The Museum has plenty of off site temperature controlled storage. I am working with them to hopefully feature local quilts and garments during special times such as National Quilt Day.

So my appeal to our members, especially the long standing members such as myself, is do you have anything to donate? I see this as a future collection to maybe first be displayed at our own Quilt Show in 2022 which will then go to the Museum. Let me know at Georgia@georgiabonesteel.com

Scholarship committee news

The Scholarship committee, Barbara Dexter-Smith (Chair), Georgia Bonesteel, Joanne Shafer, Pat Clow, Helen Owen and Abbie Vesely, are busy reviewing the applications for the scholarship program for 2021. We received 8 applications from seniors at 6 different High Schools in Henderson and Transylvania Counties. We will make our decision by May 1st and plan to award two \$1,000 scholarships.

Barbara Dexter-Smith

Scholarship Chair

NC Mountain State Fair

I am happy to announce that the NC Mountain State Fair will occur this September. The Fair will operate September 10-20. One of the best parts for us is that they will accept quilts made from September 2019 to September 2021 as there was no fair last year.

I will be asking for help & sign up for shifts as I get more information. You can mark your calendars: Take-in will be Monday & Tuesday, Sept 6 & 7. Judging will be Wednesday morning Sept 8 with hanging in the afternoon. Pick up of quilts will be Monday, Sept 20.

Linda Wegner will oversee the Log Cabin activities that will occur from 10-20 September. We anticipate having 2 raffle quilts available, one for the Scholarship Committee & the other for the Western Quilt Show that will occur in 2022. I will put out more information as I get it.

Bonnie Hartel

Area 5 –news

April 8th – We have a joint get-together with the Brevard Art Quilters to say farewell to member Sandy Grizzle, who is moving to Florida. We will be meeting in person at 1.00pm on Thursday April 8th at Franklin Park Picnic Tables in Brevard, rain or shine. Please wear a mask and bring a chair or a cushion for the metal picnic tables if you think you will be more comfortable. We are organizing a cake! Bring your 'Show and Tell'

April 20th - Our April meeting will be via zoom at 10.00am on Tuesday, April 20th, as the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is still not letting outside groups meet.

"Heart-of-a-Hero" Quilt Project - We received thank you cards from the health care workers at Transylvania Hospital for the heart quilts and pillows made by members. Here are some comments:

"Your gift brightened my day and continues to brighten my home." "Today, when I was given your beautiful 'Heart –of-a-Hero' quilt wall hanging, I had this overwhelming feeling of gratitude and the tears just came out of nowhere!" "Your generosity has indeed brought joy to our dedicated colleagues who are working diligently to provide the best care possible for our families, friends and fellow community members." "Thanks so much for the love, time, and effort invested in this project to be a blessing to others."

Community Quilts Sampler Quilt Project – Francia Tartar, Ruth Christos and Helen Owen have developed a project for members to work on a monthly block which will then be assembled to create donation quilts. The blocks will focus on different techniques each month. The kick off for this project is April and it is anticipated to have 12 months of blocks.

A 'Springtime Bunny' for you. (Applique technique from an online class with Emily Taylor)



Barbara Dexter-Smith, Area 5 Representative

Area News

Area 1

Rep: Linda Lou Harris 330-224-7190, lindalouspas@gmail.com

When: 1st Thursday, CANCELLED for April

Where: Trinity Presbyterian at Blythe

Time: 10 am

Agenda:

Area 2/3

Rep: Joanne Shafer - 698-2927

email: joannshafer@live.com

Where: Beginnings

When: the 4th Wednesday, CANCELLED for April

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Agenda:

Area 5

Rep: Barbara Dexter-Smith 828-884-4184

email: barbaradextersmith@gmail.com

Where: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard,
Brevard, across from Ingles

When: 3rd Tuesday, Apr. 20, Zoom

Time: 10am

Agenda: Zoom mtg,

Area 8

Rep: Laura Jones 828-242-2298, ljcaprice@yahoo.com

and Nelia Masiques 269-330-1234

Where: Grace Lutheran Church, Hendersonville

When: 4th Thursday, CANCELLED for April

Time: 10 am to 12 noon

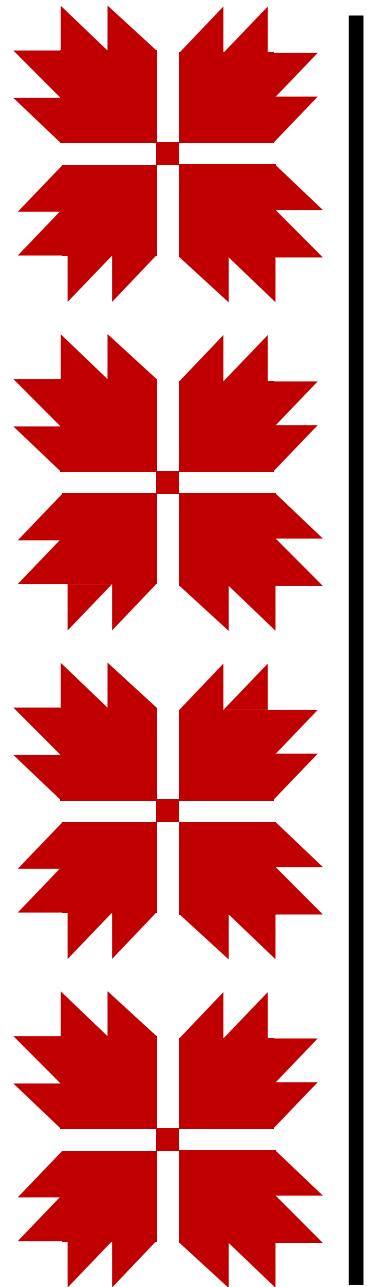
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Sunshine

Please notify Susan Trotter of any member or immediate family of a member who needs a card from the guild for illness or bereavement. Her email is ringvoice2@aol.com. Stay healthy and well.

40th Quilt Show & Competition

DEADLINE TO ENTER: JUNE 1, 2021



Show Dates:

Friday, July 30, 2022 –
9am – 5pm

Saturday, July 31, 2021,
9am – 4pm

Knoxville Expo Center
5441 Clinton Hwy
Knoxville, TN

- ▶▶ More than \$6000 in Awards
- ▶▶ 14 Categories
- ▶▶ 12 Special Awards

For information/Entry Forms

- ▶▶ visit: www.smokymtnquilters.com
- ▶▶ email: info@smokymtnquilters.com
- ▶▶ call: 865-382-5976

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April

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