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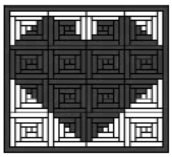

For the February meeting we will be showcasing Quilted Placemats to help get you started with our Itch to Stitch project. We have several different ways to make beautiful placemats. These will help you practice your free motion and make a dent in your stash. They are quick and easy! Beth [redacted] will share her Quilt Studio with us.

Fellow Guild Members,

I hope all are staying safe and healthy and actively quilting! Hopefully the vaccine is getting to some.

Mark your calendars for the Druid City Arts Festival (DCAF) on May 14-15, 2021. Julie and Beth will be leading the guild's effort at the festival and members will have a venue to sell quilted items. DCAF is also the only public opportunity we will have to sell Opportunity Quilt tickets. It's really important that we have someone step up to take responsibility for managing that process for the guild this year. It involves purchasing ticket stubs from an office supply retailer, sending tickets to members to sell, counting members' tickets as they are returned, and keeping up with the funds generated. If you have any questions about that, please let me know.

I hope all are thinking about the Challenge theme of "Post Pandemic Pleasures" that will culminate in December. The pandemic created a "new normal" for all of us and I, like you, are ready to not have to wear a mask everywhere I go and enjoy meeting in person again. The Board will be working on the particulars (size and categories) of the challenge and will communicate that with you soon. In the meantime, consider how you might make a quilt using mask material (I made all of mine), or represent a pleasure you are glad to have return post pandemic. That could be meeting with friends or family, a hug, or seeing a smile, go for it!

We also need to be thinking of next year's Opportunity Quilt as well and need someone (or a team) to lead that effort. The Quilt Show for 2022 needs leadership as does the newsletter. Please continue to consider your role in the guild and how to contribute to its success.

Hope all of you will join the February Zoom general meeting on Feb. 13 at 9:00 am, the link for [redacted]

President's Letter Continued

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Our Itch-to-Stitch (aka, charity effort) will be making placemats to benefit organizations such as Meals-on-Wheels, etc. The placemats will be a great way to experiment with a different design, method or free-motion quilting. Any shape works as well, be it round, oval, or rectangular, etc. You might consider making it reversible or themed. Coordinating cozies or napkins might also be a nice addition. To boot, some of our long arm quilters have offered to quilt a bunch at a time. The Itch-to-Stitch program will be in August so you have lots of time to experiment and get creative. To that end, I found a free stack-n-whack Hexagon place mat on American Quilter's Society's website: http://www.aqsblog.com/stack-n-whack-hexagon-placemats?trk_msg=C2S2C7ES3I3KFFD2F3ECFTQ3FO&trk_contact=LVUSE38VF6QV0906P41VGSC9M0&trk_sid=VSGVPV92S4PV1QH06OLTVD2E84&utm_source=listrak&utm_medium=email&utm_term=Stack-n-Whack+Hexagon+Placemats&utm_campaign=OnPoint&utm_content=OnPoint

Happy Valentine's Day sweet quilting friends! Charlotte

Quick Note Basics and Beyond

Next Basics and Beyond is very basic. In order to participate you will need to cut out a circle. Any size over 3 inches will work. We will be doing hexies without paper.

Committees & Board

President	Charlotte [redacted]
Vice Presidents	Paula [redacted] and Dot [redacted]
Secretary	Linda [redacted]
Treasurer	Marie [redacted]
Basics and Beyond	Karen [redacted] and ?
Community Service	
Education	
Historian	Anne [redacted]
Hospitality	Judy [redacted]
Kentuck	Becky [redacted] and Linda [redacted]
Library	Patricia [redacted] t
Membership	Mary [redacted]
Name Tag Drawing	
Newsletter	Ana [redacted] (temporary)
Photos	
Programs	Dot and Paula
Quilt Show	
Retreat	Barbara [redacted]
Shark Pit	
Sunshine	
Telephone Tree	
Website Coordinator	Laura [redacted]
Workshops	
Yearbook	
Challenge 2021	WAQG Board

Websites to kill the Boredom during CoVid:

https://www.polkadotchair.com/45-beginner-quilt-patterns-tutorials/

Placemats: https://thecraftyquilter.com/2018/05/thursday-throwback-quick-and-easy-placemat-tutorial/

Minutes Jan 2021 Zoom

WAQG Meeting, January 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Charlotte [redacted]

Charlotte introduced the incoming officers for 2021/2022 as follows:

President, Charlotte [redacted] Co-Vice Presidents, Paula [redacted] and Dot [redacted] Secretary, Linda [redacted] Treasurer, Marie [redacted] Trustees are Becky [redacted], Rose [redacted], and Joyce [redacted].

Mary [redacted] announced January birthdays and sang a lovely birthday song for them. 40 members attended today's virtual meeting.

For Basics and Beyond Karen [redacted] presented a Power Point on making YoYo's. She asked for members to bring a 3" circle to the virtual meeting in February.

Paula [redacted] presented an idea for Itch to Stitch. She explained her idea of doing placemats for area groups that feed those in need, such as FOCUS, West AL Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Caring Days, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities, etc. This idea was well received and discussed.

Charlotte gave an intro to different committees as follows: Basics and Beyond - Karen [redacted] Community Service - Marie [redacted] Druid City Arts Fest - Julie [redacted] and Beth [redacted] Education - Nan [redacted] and Ana [redacted] Hospitality - Judy [redacted] Historian - Anne [redacted] Kentuck - Becky [redacted] and Linda [redacted] Library - Patricia [redacted] Name Tag Drawing - Joyce [redacted] Programs - Paula [redacted] and Dot [redacted] Retreat - Barbara [redacted] Newsletter - Ana [redacted] (temporary) Shark Pit - Jane [redacted] Sunshine - Melanie [redacted] Telephone Tree- - Nan [redacted] Website Coordinator - Laura [redacted] Major Workshops - Paula [redacted] and Dot [redacted]

Mini Workshops - Charlotte [redacted] Challenge 2021 - Board

A chair and committee is needed for the Quilt Show. Please contact Charlotte if you are interested.

Melanie [redacted], Sunshine chair, announced that Martha [redacted] and Marjorie [redacted] both have CoVid and that Brenda [redacted] lost her husband. Also, there is a Go Fund Me account set up for Mary [redacted]'s daughter and her family who lost their home in a fire. There will be a mini workshop to make cards for Sunshine. It will be in the Knights of Columbus Hall at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on February 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM. Julie [redacted] will put together some kits. The Hall can handle at least 10 people, socially distanced, and Julie will get kits to those who want to make the cards at their home. Several members asked for kits.

Charlotte announced the 2021 Challenge, Post Pandemic Pleasures. The challenge is to make a quilt using a fabric that means something to you once the pandemic is over. It can be traditional or artsy and express anything that you are grateful for having back in your life.

DCAF will be held May 14 -15, 2021. Set up will be Thursday from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. We can sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt.

Charlotte showed a brief slide of Bring and Brag.

Paula [redacted] and Dot [redacted] gave a wonderful and informative program on Paper Piecing with freezer paper. Afterwards they gave a tour of Dot's Studio.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Linda [redacted] Secretary

Bring and Brag

Reading pillows for four great-granddaughters Christmas
By Brenda [redacted]

Bed quilt made in Spring.
By Jill [redacted]

Bed quilt made from 4-H ribbons
By Jill [redacted]

Bed quilt made for friend
By Jill [redacted]

More Bring and Brag

Christine [redacted]:

[redacted] Christmas quilt

Daughters Christmas Quilts by Dot [redacted]

Rug to Right Moon Collage to Left

Beth [redacted]

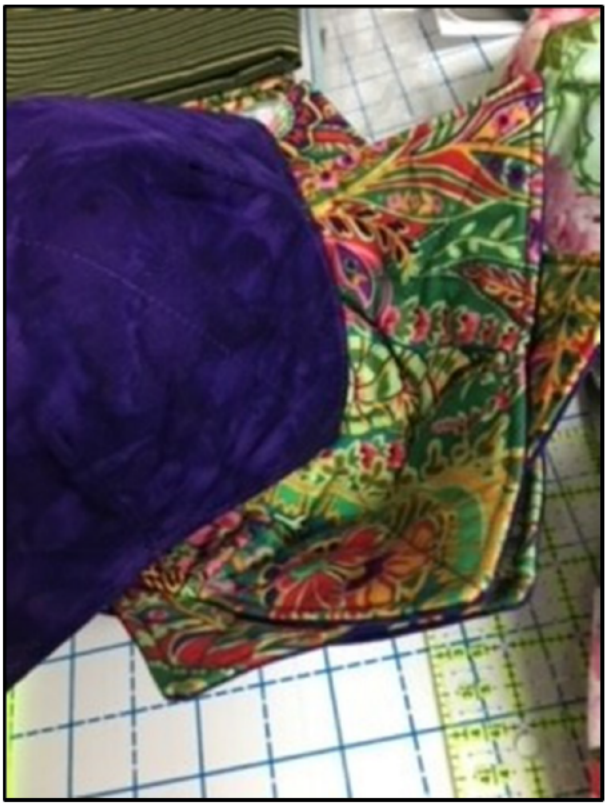
Twin Quilts Charlotte [redacted]

Pillows by Doris [redacted]

More Bring and Brag

Hanukmas Stocking/ Laura [redacted]

Memory Quilt by Rose [redacted]



Bowl Coozies by Joyce [redacted]

Kentuck Merchandise Standards

2019 West Alabama Quilters Guild Kentucky Merchandise Standards General:

1. Minimum of 2 layers joined together
2. Tied quilted or guilt-as-you-go method
3. When quilted, items should quilted throughout: quilting distance should be proportional to the size of the item
4. No copyrighted fabrics (Disney, college/professional sport teams, cartoons, etc) unless licensed to do so (you will have to provide the appropriate paperwork to guild and have it on hand at Kentuck)
5. No cheater's cloth (cloth that looks like a pieced top)
6. Panels are permitted with additional piecing and quilting
7. Quilts made with cathedral window,

Yo-Yo (a quilting method) are allowed even though theoretically not quilted Specific Items:

1. Ornament should be quilted unless not appropriate to do so (ex. Pinecone ornaments YoYos, cathedral window, etc)
2. Pillow (decorative fronts need to be quilted (2 layers minimum), back can be single layer of fabric
3. Vest-only the front needs to be quilted, back can be single layer of fabric
4. Apron - quilted throughout
5. Purses/Tote Bags/Smaller Bags must be quilted throughout

Please Note:

1. All items need a WAQG price tag (no additional tags allowed)
2. Be as descriptive as possible on price tags/inventory sheet (ex. Blue and green, 12"x36" table-runner instead of just the word table runner)
3. Descriptions and price of items on the price tag need to match the inventory sheet
4. All items need to be checked in to verify the price tags and inventory sheets match, quantities match etc.
5. WAQG member are encouraged to make an item with a sale value of $20 or you can make a $20 donation
6. All items for sale will be logged into a spreadsheet for use during the festival. Please print and write legibly
7. All items must be turned in no later than the October meeting. None will be accepted after that date.
8. Each member that attends Kentuck will need to purchase a name tag for $5. If not purchased you will have to pay full price to enter the festival. Members are expected to work one shift during Kentuck or help with set up and take down in order to receive the $5 Name Tag.

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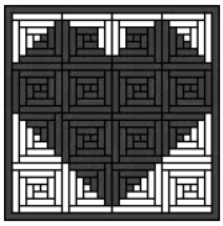
www.waqg.com



WAQG Meets at the Department of Transportation Building (1000 28th Avenue) on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m. Until Further Notice, we will be meeting via Zoom.

When we do return to meeting, please remember to bring: a cup or glass and something for BRING and BRAG!