



Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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Ana says...

Hey there Quilting friends:

I hope that this letter finds you all well and staying safe in these rather perilous and trying times. I know that I am tired of staying home and washing everything like an obsessed cleaning woman (actually I don't do that much, but that is what it seems like). I have spent my time making masks for various West Alabama organizations and friends and family along with a few quilting projects. It is a good time to tackle those UFOs. Also I am working on the challenge string quilt and a Juvenile Detention Center quilt.

Well, here we are at decision time for the July meeting. Once again, I have spent time investigating what is going on in our community. At this moment, we cannot have a July meeting at T-Dot because they are not allowing any meetings in City buildings "until further notice." Talking to the T-Dot people and talking to the City people, they do not know when that will be rescinded or even brought up again at a City Council Meeting.

I have checked with about five local churches, including my own who have said that they are not allowing "outside" groups to use their buildings for liability issues and due to the fact that it is very hard to social distance giving each person 6 feet of space on all sides. I have checked with PARA and they will only allow social distancing at their pavilions and family groups are their optimal group to rent to because they don't have to monitor them as much.

Additionally, the City Council is meeting next week to decide on whether they will require masking all over the city. The City itself requires masks indoors in all City-owned buildings for the moment.

I realize that not everyone would want to meet. It is still not safe out there with the Tuscaloosa numbers rising for Covid and if you are my age (65) or older and have health issues, I am sure that your family and doctors are not encouraging you to get out and into this situation at this moment. But there may be a few of you who might want to get together for a short meeting and a more social hello meeting (using wise methodologies). We will see.

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The Board is meeting next week at Manderson Park on Tuesday evening the 30th at 5:00 p.m., bringing out own chairs and masks and socially distancing. We will be talking about a possible way to have a short, “more” social meeting on July 11th. More information will be provided after the decision is made and if we can negotiate the space. I’ll send an email out as soon as we decide and have the plans in order.

In terms of a future August meeting, we are looking into a possible site for that meeting. It is a church fellowship hall, but they (the Deacons and Pastor) have to approve it. At this point, we do not even know if the City will open up by then.

Please know that we are all trying to negotiate this new way of being. I am not sure that normal will ever return. It will be a new normal and we will somehow figure it out as we go forward. Take care of yourselves and we will be in touch.

~Ana



Thank You!

What a great surprise! Because of social distancing, ever since the quilt show, we have not seen Judy (or anyone) since March. But, we recently met Judy in Birmingham and she gave us the coolest baskets! They were chock full of blues (and a little Halloween) for me and black, white and brights for Julie. Perfect! Plus little goodies from the vendors. How fun! You are all most kind and generous and we appreciate the gift baskets so much. Thank

you. We got so lucky with the dates of the quilt show. It was probably the last outing for many attendees, and for many of us. Thank you for making it a great show and for thinking of us. Hope to see you soon!

~Beth and Julie

Treasurer's Report - our May bank balance:
\$17,088.73

MEMBERSHIP

No new members reported this month.

Since we had no June meeting (because of the coronavirus), there are no minutes.



Another Masked Maker!

Guess Who?

Send your masked selfies for the August newsletter!

A: Rose O.

2019 WAQG Officers

- President - Ana S.
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- Retreat - Joann W.
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WAQG meets at the
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