



## **SPECIAL QUARANTINE EDITION**

## **President's Letter to Members**

Ladies,

This newsletter is to bring you up to date on how COVID-19 has affected our Guild. I hope you and your family are doing well and are safe. I never thought our guild would be so affected by a virus, but boy it has... with all the meetings, quilt shows, quilt-a-thons, workshops and speakers being canceled and rescheduled.

Never mind how it's effected our lives. Personal and social contacts, shopping for food and <u>fabric</u>, work, home life, communication with others and just our overall welfare. During this quarantine, I have learned to "step back and pause" from the hustle and bustle of daily life. It has been quite eye opening for the world, but I do believe we will come out of this a stronger and more compassionate one.

Check on your friends and neighbors. Lend a helping hand where you can. There are so many ways to help out during these times. In this newsletter you will find information on mask making, and who to contact for distribution of them. I know some of our guild members have already made many masks and distributed them. Great job ladies, keep up the great work.

Unfortunately, our April, 2020 General Meeting and Workshop will be canceled due to the State restrictions. As of this point not sure of the May meeting and Workshop. Time will tell. Please continue to complete the blocks of the month. Gather the strips for the strip exchange. These can be turned in when we have our next meeting. And, as a challenge, how about finishing that UFO you had for years. Bring it to the September meeting as your "Quarantine Project". It will be interesting to see who has the oldest one!

One more challenge. If everyone made one Fidget Mat for Alzheimer's patients, think of how many we would have!! It's a fun change with so many possibilities. For ideas check Pinterest. Maybe even get your children and grandchildren involved as a project.

Enjoy this newsletter. We included some fun games and puzzles to put a smile on your face. As events change, we will let you know, so check your email, and the NBQA website, and Facebook. Please stay healthy. "Keep calm and quilt on"!

Miss you all... Geri

# **Recent Updates:**

#### Canceled

 April 2020 General Membership Meeting - April 16, 2020 (Due to State of Rhode Island Quarantine Restrictions)

## **Pending**

 May 2020 General Membership Meeting – May 21, 2020

(Pending State of Rhode Island Quarantine Restrictions)

 May 2020 - Workshops – Marge Tucker

## INFORMATION ON RECENT CANCELLATIONS AND RESCHEDULED EVENTS

- The NBQA *Quilt Show* scheduled for April 25 and 26, 2020 has been canceled. With restrictions in Rhode Island due to the Covid19 virus, it is impossible for us to put on our show in April 2020. Our quilt show will be held next Spring, 2021. At this point we are unsure of the date, but we should know by July 2020, when the North Kingstown school department releases their 2020-2021 school calendar, advising when the spring break will be.
- The raffle quilt will be held over until the May 2021 meeting. This will allow more tickets to be sold. Also it will avoid the need for another quilt to be made for the 2021 quilt show.
- The *Shop Hop* will be rescheduled. It will probably occur on Saturday, July 11. Louise Pankiewicz will follow up with the shops and bus company, and make an announcement.
- Comfort Quilt-A-Ton has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 13 at Louise's Place (Island Creations), 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI.
- Billie and Cassie's Layer Cake Workshop, scheduled for March, 2020, has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2020 at The Rocky Hill Grange, 1340 South County Trail, East Greenwich, RI.
- The Board Meeting, scheduled for Thursday May 7, 2020, is cancelled. It will be rescheduled for June 2020, date to be announced

Cancelled meetings, programs and workshops may be rescheduled during this Summer, 2020.

Look for details as they become available.

## **REFUND FOR QUILT JUDGING FEE**

- For those who paid judging fees with a check, your check will be marked "VOID". You may have it returned to you at the next meeting.
- For those of you who paid with cash, you will be getting a reimbursement check directly from Bank RI.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Ellis, Treasurer at <a href="mailto:sellis1291@verizon.net">sellis1291@verizon.net</a>
Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## **QUILT SHOW UPDATE**

Due to the corona virus and the directives for social distancing, we were forced to cancel our quilt show scheduled for this month. As many of you know, we choose the date for the show based on when the North Kingstown High School gym is available. A few years ago we looked into alternative venues and there was nothing that matched what we can get at NKHS based on size and price. So this means we must wait until next spring to hold our show.

We plan on returning the show forms and pictures as soon as we are able to. We will need new forms for next year, but you may be able to copy this year's form if you hold on to it. One set of pictures has already been attached to the bags we had planned to use, so if you don't mind, we'll hold on to those in hopes that most can be reused. If you paid for judging, we will return the money as soon as we are able.

If you were part of the show committee and do not wish to fulfill your role next year, please let me know. I will do my best to contact everyone anyway.

While we are home it's a great time to make more quilts for next year's show, as well as mug mats and mini-quilts for the NEQM auction. And please keep assembling baskets for the raffle! Speaking of raffles, we plan to hold onto this year's raffle quilt until next year and do the drawing in May, 2021.

Stay safe and healthy everyone, Joan Potter, Quilt Show Chair

# Volunteering to Sew Cloth Face Masks for our Dedicated Healthcare Professionals



## Some of our members have already been making mask for organizations. THANK YOU!

If you would like to make masks, Mary Padbury and Karen Stanley are the point people for this endeavor. Please contact them with any questions, or to make arrangements for pick-up/delivery.

Mary Padbury:marypadbury23@gmail.com401-559-9820Karen Stanley:karenstanley@mac.com401-714-2625

The links below are for primary mask patterns approved by an infection prevention expert. If you have a pattern that is similar, and is machine washable, please feel free to use it.

IMPORTANT: Please DO NOT sew metal into masks. With repeated washing and re-using, the metal may poke through and injure the wearers eye.

The Deaconess Pattern YouTube tutorial: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tBg0Os5FWQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tBg0Os5FWQ</a>

The Free Sewing Pattern (multiple links with different information, pictures, etc.):

https://freesewing.org/

https://freesewing.org/blog/facemask-frenzy/

https://freesewing.org/docs/patterns/fu/

https://freesewing.org/docs/patterns/fu/fabric/

Fabric: A tightly woven cotton or viscose/rayon fabric is best. Patterned fabric is fine (and often appreciated!)

## FIDGET MATS for Dementia Care.

If we could all just make One... "Think of the Possibilities"...

The size of your fidget mat is up to you. Use your imagination; anything interesting and safe is suitable. Decorations should be securely attached to fabric for safety reasons.

For example: Sew on a zipper, attach buttons, make a button hole for large buttons with button flaps, sew in a bunch of wool strands (about 7 inches/18cm - to be braided); attach a belt and buckle, sew in a fluffy piece of fabric and leather, attach pom-poms, squish toys, and more. Attach soft toys, sew in a little pocket, large colorful beads, key ring and attach it to mat

If we all could make one fidget mat as a "Quarantine Project", maybe with our children or grandchildren as a great school project, "think of the possibilities". Be creative, and bring to the next meeting ..It's a great change of creativity for all of us.



# **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

# 2020 Block of the month – March and April, (May on the website)

Keep sewing these blocks for the *Comfort Quilts*. We will catch up with the drawing, and *Comfort Quilts* will have lots of squares to make quilts!!! Keep those fingers busy..... All blocks should be constructed using a scant ¼ inch seam. Unfinished blocks should measure 12-1/2 inches. Instructions are also available on the website under *Guild Activities*.

## March Block – SCOTT'S PLAID- 3 or 7 fabrics – colors optional

#### **Fabric cuts:**

Large square: 6 ½"

(2) smaller squares 3 ½" each

(2) Smaller rectangles 3 ½" x 6 ½" each

(2) Larger rectangles 3 ½" x 9 ½

## For 3 fabrics:

fabric 1 – the three squares

fabric 2 - the 2 smaller rectangles

fabric 3 – the 2 larger rectangles

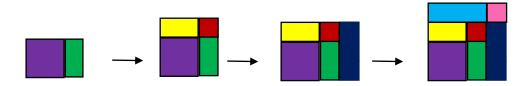


Sew (1) smaller square to the end of one smaller rectangle

Sew (1) smaller square to the end of (1) larger rectangle



Assemble in the order shown:

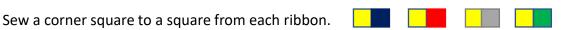


# APRIL BLOCK - WOVEN RIBBON -5 fabrics - colors optional

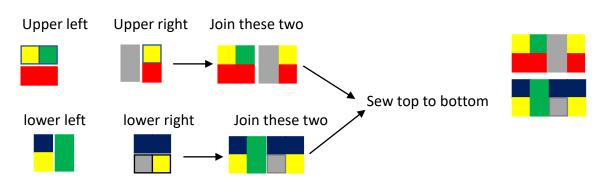
four corners: Cut four 3-1/2 inch squares.

Four ribbon fabrics:

Cut one 3-1/2 inch square and one  $3-1/2 \times 6-1/2$  strip of each.



Use the main block as a guide. Sew each of these to a ribbon rectangle



# **Vendors Scheduled for Our Canceled 2020 Quilt Show**

## !!!!!PLEASE SUPPORT!!!!

Here is a List of Vendors who were scheduled to appear at our 2020 Quilt Show. We hope to have them join us in 2021. They need our support. Shop on line or call for an appointment.

- \* Allison Wilbur Quilts. Long Arm Quilting Services <a href="http://www.allisonwilburquilts.com/wp/">http://www.allisonwilburquilts.com/wp/</a> Contact Allison through her website at allisonwilburquilts.com, or by email at <a href="mailto:allisonquilt@me.com">allisonquilt@me.com</a>
- \* **Amelia's Garden.** Full Service Quilt Shop in Delmar New York (upstate) Check out their website at <a href="https://www.sewameliasgarden.com/">https://www.sewameliasgarden.com/</a>
- Anthony's Sewing Machine Repair. Anthony Ferranti can be contacted by email at <a href="mailto:anthonyferranti1@yahoo.com">anthonyferranti1@yahoo.com</a> or by cell at (401) 529-5488
- \* **Beyond The Bolt.** A Quilt shop. Can be found on the web at <a href="https://www.beyondthebolt.com/">https://www.beyondthebolt.com/</a> You can shop in the on-line store for all quilt shop related products
- \* Blaine's Sewing Machine Center. Sewing Machines sold and serviced
  Check out their website at <a href="http://www.blainesewing.net/">http://www.blainesewing.net/</a> Or on Facebook at Blaine's Sewing Machine Center
- Blaire Gagnon and A Link in a Chain Quilting. Follow her on Facebook at A Link in a Chain Quilting. Specialized quilting services are offered
- \* Kathryn LeBlanc of Dragonfly's Quilting Design Studio. Website (being rebuilt as I write this) is www.dragonflysquiltshop.com, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DragonflysQuiltingDesignStudio/">https://www.facebook.com/DragonflysQuiltingDesignStudio/</a>

Kathryn does a **weekly FB LIVE video** where she sells quilt shop quality clearance yardage @ \$7/ yard **every Sunday night @7:30pm (est).** 

Kathryn has also organized a new **Virtual Quilt Show** - <u>www.designersquiltshow.com</u> - <u>Designers Quilt Show</u> which will run 4/13 to 4/19/20. I set this up for a group of pattern designers and each day a new designer and their quilts will be posted on the website, emails, etc. You are encouraged to sign up for the newsletter (click on the button/prompt on the home page) to get a reminder and updates on the event!

- **Diana Funke Galilee Designs.** Can be contacted at facebook.com/galileedesigns Their pet screen tote bags and wallets can be viewed and purchased at their Etsy shop, https://www.etsy.com/shop/GalileeDesigns
- \* **Bob Harrison** Sells Singer Feather Weights and related products. He also repairs all brands of pre-1970's sewing machines. Bob's Featherweights can be contacted through Bob's cell 401-269-9122, or by email at <a href="https://www.oceanwavesqc.com/bobs-featherweights.html">https://www.oceanwavesqc.com/bobs-featherweights.html</a>
- Kristen Bellotti of KBellotti Designs. Kristen sells scarves and wearables through her Etsy shop.
- Visit <a href="https://www.kbellottidesigns.com/">https://www.kbellottidesigns.com/</a> for pictures and a direct link to her Etsy shop.
- Marguerite French of French Design Studio. Offers one of a kind hand dyed textiles as well as scarves, bags and textiles. Visit her Etsy shop where she may have items for sale in the future, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/frenchdesignstudioct/">https://www.facebook.com/frenchdesignstudioct/</a>
- \* Elaine Wilson Sew Nice Fabrics. Quilt Shop with fabric, kits and patterns, <a href="http://sewnicefabrics.com/">http://sewnicefabrics.com/</a>
- Shelly Holland of No-Sew Crafts has wall hangings and no-sew wall hanging kits. Contact her by email at nosewcrafts@yahoo.com. She is on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/nosewcraftsRI. Her website is https://www.no-sewcrafts.com/
- \* Sharon Mayers of Piecing with Poppers Quilting Center, West Greenwich, RI. Offers kits, classes and fabrics
- \* Anna Lisa Sorensen. Shibori Designs in Chepachet RI
- Six Gables Designs. Barbara Chojnacki. Check out Barbara's website at for her patterns and tools http://www.sixgablesdesigns.com/index.html
- Stitch Chicks Quilt Shop. A full service Quilt Shop in North Franklin Connecticut. For all the latest, check out their website
   at <a href="http://www.stitchchicksquiltshop.com/">http://www.stitchchicksquiltshop.com/</a> You can also follow them on Facebook or Instagram
   at Stitch Chicks Quilt Shop
- \* **The-Sew-Op Suzanne Mancini.** A sewing shop that can be found at <a href="https://www.the-sew-op.com/">https://www.the-sew-op.com/</a> Or follow her on her Facebook page The-Sew-Op.

# **Quilting Word Search**

If you love quilting, you'll love this word search, which features more than a dozen words all about your favorite hobby.



## **Words List**

quilt, sew, sewingmachine, thread, batting, applique, sunbonnetsue, overallbill, logcabin longarmquilting, quiltblocks, handsewn, handquilted, needle, ruler, selfhealingmat, rotarycutter, halfsquaretriangle, binding, border, fabric

https://www.freewordsearch.net/puzzle/Quilting

Answers on page 9

# SEW YOU WANT TO BE A QUILTER...A Quilting trivia game

Are you a quilting novice or an experienced stitcher? Try to answer these questions to determine your knowledge of quilting history, techniques, and patterns

- 1. What is the generally accepted "life span" of cotton fabric: 70, 80, 90 or 100 years?
- 2. What quilt pattern commemorates the founding of New Orleans in 1718?
- 3. What is sometimes referred to as the "Perfect Portable?"
- 4. Flour and feed sacks featuring geometric or floral designs did not appear in America until what decade (19\_0s)?
- 5. What was the first electric household appliance? (It was introduced at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893.)
- 6. This slave woman made two "Bible Story" Quilts—one is in the Smithsonian, the other in the Boston Fine Arts Museum. Who is she?
- 7. What is the purpose of the "groove" on a needle?
- 8. The first cotton prints in America were made by John Hewson between 1778 and 1780—what were they called?
- 9. Rule of thumb, it is better to machine quilt on the bias first and then with the grain last. True or False?
- 10. The thimble is thought to have originated in what European country?
- 11. Selvage runs parallel to what grain in fabric?
- 12. Susan B. Anthony did what at a church quilting get-together in Cleveland?
- 13. Does bobbin tension vary with the type of thread used?
- 14. Superstition: You should not quilt at all on what day of the week?
- 15. What is finger pressing?
- 16. Polyester batting was first marketed in the United States by what company?
- 17. When she wrote the book How to Make an American Quilt, how many years had Whitney Otto been a quilter?
- 18. In reference to quilting, what is meant by the term "loft?"
- 19. "Gun boat quilts" refer to what?
- 20. Name a stitch typically found on a Victorian crazy quilt.

Answers on page 9

# 2019- 2021 - Strip Exchange

March The Zoo April: The Beach May: The Fourth of July Parade

Keep collecting your 2 1/2" WOF fabric. We will catch with the drawing, at our next meeting.



A fast, friendly, and 100% frivolous **quilting quiz:** What kind of quilter are you? Keep track of which answers you choose: a, b, or c. Tally your results and see what kind of quilter you are!

#### 1. When I start a quilt, I:

- a. Choose a pattern; audition fabrics from my color-sorted bins; oil, clean, and change the needle in my machine; and begin.
- b. Hit the quilt shop for a few new quilt books, add several new fabric cuts to my stash, and begin.
- c. Sew two scraps together and see where they lead me.

## 2. When I sew a quilt-block pattern, I:

- a. Like to follow the pattern exactly.
- b. Get better-looking blocks as I go.
- c. What pattern?

## 3. Do you insist on accurate 1/4" seams?

- a. Yes.
- b. Yes... but close-enough works, too.
- c. I insist on seams.

#### 4. My hand appliqué features:

- a. No-see-um stitches.
- b. Some see-um stitches.
- c. Chocolate stains.

## 5. When a quilt doesn't turn out like I thought it would, I:

- a. Finish it, label it, and drop it off at Goodwill.
- b. Send it to the UFO pile—maybe one of my grandkids will finish it someday.
- c. Finish it, label it, and love it. It's another original design by me!

## 6. When I choose fabric for scrap quilts, I:

- a. Use my handy mathematical formula to determine color, value, and pattern ratios.
- b. Hit the quilt shop first—my scrap pile never looks scrappy enough.
- c. Close my eyes and start digging.

#### 7. My fabric is organized:

- A, By size, color, pattern, value, hue, saturation, and luminosity.
- b. By scraps, precuts, and yardage—the latter pile is topped with what I just bought today.
- c. I'm working on it.

#### 8. To finish a quilt, I:

- a. Machine quilt, bind, and label all of my quilts myself.
- b. Write a check. (But sometimes I sew my own bindings!)
- c. Stitches, knots, buttons, bows, staples... I like to experiment.

**Time to tally your results!** Count the number of a, b, and c answers you chose.

## If you chose mostly "A" answers, you are: The Consummate Quilter

You know it all, you do it all, and you love it all. We salute (and envy) you.

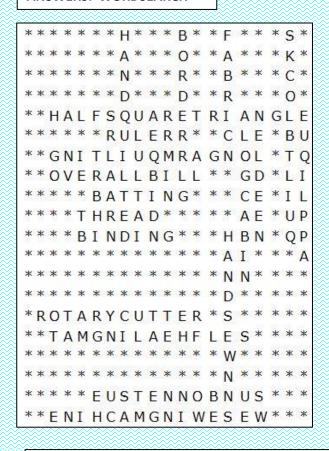
## If you chose mostly "B" answers, you are: The Casual Quilter

You love to quilt, you love to collect, and you love the broad strokes. Never mind the details.

## If you chose mostly "C" answers, you are: The Carefree Quilter

You love to create. The finished product isn't the reward—the process is!

#### ANSWERS: WORDSEARCH



# **ELECTION UPDATE - 2020- 2021**

The recent cancellations of General Membership Meetings for March and April 2020 and the potential uncertainly of the May 2020 meeting has put an obstacle on the Board Elections for 2020-2021. Due to the change in the by-laws, Board Members can be elected for not more than 3 concurrent years.

President Geri has approached the current board asking if they would consider staying on for another year, and is reaching out to the membership for mentors to follow in their foot steps for the year and then hold that position for 2021-2020.

Geri Bergreen, Ceclia Schnacky, Nina Ashworth and Sue Ellis have committed to staying on as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

We are searching NOW for mentees for all positions for the 2021-2022 term. Please, if you know someone who would be interested in these positions, contact President Geri as soon as possible. The future of our guild lies in your hands. Please become involved.

## **ANSWERS: TRIVIA GAME**

- 1.) 100 years; 2.) The LeMoyne Star, named after the LeMoyne brothers who founded New Orleans.
- 3.) The Singer® Featherweight; 4.)) 1930s.; 5. The flatiron; 6.) Harriet Powers, born a slave in Athens, Georgia, in 1837;
- 7.) It allows thread to lie close to the needle as it passes through the eye of the needle; 8.) Calicoes. Originally "calico" derived from Calcutta, India, where hand-woven printed fabrics were made. 9. )Absolutely False. Quilt with the grain first to stabilize the quilt, then on the bias last, as it will stretch more; 10.) Holland. The Dutch are thought to have invented a bell-shaped thumb shield used by tailors and sailors; 11.) The lengthwise grain or warp.; 12.) Gave her first speech about women's suffrage. 13.) Absolutely. Each time you use a different type of thread, check the tension. Keep a record for the future; 14.) Sunday; 15.) Using your finger to press a seam quickly without an iron; 16.) Stearns & Foster (Mountain Mist®) in 1955; 17. )Zero. She is a novelist, not a quilter; 18.) The amount of "puffiness" in a batting; 19.) Quilts that were made by southern women during the Civil War to raise funds to buy gun boats; 20.) Feather stitch, satin stitch, outline or running stitch, French knot.



# NBQA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021

## **ALL MEMBERS:**

To be completed by NBQA.

- Receive a membership booklet and membership card which may entitle the member to discounts at local quilt shops.
- Receive five bimonthly newsletters via email.
- May submit quilts to the biannual show.

FULL MEMBERS – GUILD LIMIT 250 FULL MEMBERS	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
<ul> <li>May attend all meetings.</li> </ul>	May attend 2 meetings per year.
<ul> <li>May enroll in all workshops and trips.</li> </ul>	May be wait listed for unfilled workshops and trips.
<ul> <li>New full members will receive a name pin to</li> </ul>	Will be given a priority position on the waiting list for full
wear to meetings.	membership.

Membership dues are not prorated for a partial year. Bring this completed form with cash/check to a meeting or mail this completed form with a check made out to NBQA (DO NOT MAIL CASH)

to:

Anne Sabatini, 61 Plaza	Street, Cranston, RI 02920
Full membership \$35.00 (check enclosed if mailed)	(Must be received between May 1st and June 30th )
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