



Baste & Banter

Goodbye 2020! Hello 2021

Trusting that you all had a great holiday season.

Fifty of us attended the annual Holiday Extravaganza via Zoom. Almost all of the gifts have been delivered with a couple more to come.

True, this. It was a bear of a year. Yet in retrospect, there were silver linings in those dark pandemic clouds. We were forced to slow down and take stock of the many blessings that we routinely take for granted. We were challenged to have the fortitude to push through and keep going being flexible and creative. We learned to do familiar things in unfamiliar ways. We adapted, changed, and persevered as our metal was tested. Each of us handled the pressure differently with gifts differing. Some of us lost friends and loved ones and we grieved. Others of us came through unscathed physically. But we all dealt with the psychological stresses of living in the fear of the unknown. But here we are, standing strong facing a new year with hope and great expectations. I have all the confidence in the world in each of you and in your strong spirits.



Some quick business.

The new year brings us the need for dues. Your board decided to help everyone out this year and voted that for any of you who were paid up members in good standing in 2020, the new dues will be \$15 for the year. You may be asking yourself why you should continue your paid membership. I get that. The board will continue to meet and find ways to give you value for your dues. We will send monthly videos from YouTube with some wonderful quilters. As soon as we can meet again, we will schedule some stitch along days so we can renew our friendships. As we come across things of interest, we will pass them along. And we will continue to meet via Zoom (although not until February).

We will continue with our present mailing list through the end of March, after that, the information will only flow to members in good standing on April 1, 2021. Many of our expenses continue with none of our expected revenue. Help us stay afloat with your dues and contributions to philanthropy. Together we will get through this. Together!

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The New Year's Star

To start the new year off with a sample of the videos that you will be receiving, click on the link below. The first thing that will come up is an ad. Just click on "Skip Ads" and the video will begin.

Donna Jordan of Jordan Fabrics will show you how to make the quilt, discuss how it might be quilted, and provide you with a free pattern. We all like FREE. Right? I know that you will enjoy her video and you may get introduced to a new source of learning. This is a workshop that you can do in your jammies. Let me know what you think.

<https://youtu.be/i4ZleelnZLw>



President's Page

Awards

For those of you who were not on the call several awards were announced.



President's Quilt

It's a time-honored tradition of VOTMQG that the out-going president organizes the design and making of a quilt for the in-coming president to be presented at the end of her term of office. (I received mine in 2015 and it holds a special place in my heart. Always will.)

A special thank you to Ellen French and everyone who participated in Janice's President quilt. It was awarded on Zoom and delivered to her at Between Stitches. She loved it. We are all grateful for the many things that Janice brought during her tenure: a passion for the guild, new ideas, creativity, good humor and loads of fun.

Great job Janice Quakenbush

AKA QuiltyQuack. We love you.

President's Award

Another tradition of our guild is the President's Award aka the Silver Thimble Award. It is selected by the President each year and awarded to one member who's contributions and merits deserve special attention.

2019 Pat Jordan

Janice awarded Pat Jordan the Silver Thimble for the year 2019. Janice in her enthusiasm approached Eleanor Burns while at Road to California to be our guest Quilter at our annual quilt show. Pat Jordan stepped up and made it happen orchestrating an unmatched Friday night event with Eleanor. It was a great success. Unfortunately, Pat, was dealing so many personal things at the end of 2019 that she missed every meeting where Janice has planned to present. So, that secret was kept for over a year. Pat served the guild as treasurer and was the one who got us straight with the state. She also served as President in 2016. I'm sure that I've missed many of her contributions.

Congratulations, Pat Jordan on a job well done. You deserved the honor bestowed on you.



2020 Tawyna O'Herron

Tawyna has been a guild member for many years. She's one of those people who doesn't like to be called out. She volunteers and does her job quietly, diligently and without complaint. For years she took care of dog beds and getting them to the needed shelters. No hoopla just got it done. In 2019 Tawyna was elected 1st Vice President. I was elected 2nd Vice President. As the year progressed complications in my life changed and I needed to step down. Tawyna picked the slack and did both jobs. In 2020 when no one volunteered to take over the quilt show, she took that on as well. She also went to work on another fund raiser that had to be canceled (pandemic). She made several baskets for that event and delivered them up for our Holiday Extravaganza. The week of our Zoom meeting she tested positive and was very ill with the virus. Fortunately, she is now fully recovered and back to work.

Congratulations, Tawyna O'Herron. You are one wonderful human and most deserving.

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2020 Maryruth Wilson

During a board meeting that Maryruth fortunately missed, we were discussing the award. A board member (sorry, I don't remember who) spoke up and said that Maryruth deserved to be recognized. Immediately everyone agreed and voted to add a special award for her from the entire guild. Maryruth is another one of those unassuming people who takes her job seriously. She is diligent and makes sure that all things are done in proper order. She served the guild as Treasurer for the past two years and agreed to stay on until we could hold a proper election. Maryruth is a longarmer and has a great big gorgeous Gammill in her quilting room. She not only makes and donates philanthropy quilts but quilts other philanthropy projects for free. She is a humble, quiet person who does what she does because of who she is, not wanting recognition. We couldn't help ourselves and decided that she deserved recognition wanted or not. By the way, she does longarm for a reasonable fee. She's good check her out.

Congratulations Maryruth Wilson. You are the best and deserve every good thing including recognition.



It will leave you with this. Once again, the newsletter is late because of me. I'm sorry. Too much holiday revelry. My bad.

My best to you all,
Shirley

Happy January Birthdays



Block of the Month

Round Robin Mystery 2021: Month #1

Welcome to the 2021 Valley of the Mist Round Robin Mystery! This project is designed to get you sewing your own round robin – but it is a mystery because you get the next round instructions each month. If you have a group of friends that want to exchange projects like a traditional round robin – go for it, but that isn't required. We will have seven rounds (months) and in month eight, we give you time to quilt and bind your creation. Finished quilts will be displayed at the September meeting and also displayed at the 2021 Outdoor Quilt Show.

The round robin is being designed in conjunction with 2021 Block of the Month. You will need to reference the block of the month instructions in January, March, May, and July to get the full instructions in those months. These blocks are all designed using four fabrics. For the round robin, you can choose fabrics as you want, and interpret the instructions as you want, but we suggest you follow the sizes used in block of the month or you will have to do the calculations. The final size of the quilt after the 7th month will be 78.5" X 88.5". We understand that not everyone wants a quilt this size, so if you are working on this quilt by yourself, you can adjust the size, but please use the same proportion each month. We think it might be fun to see a half size quilt, but that is up to you. So, here are your instructions for month #1.



Make a block as described in the January 2021 Block of the Month. This should give you a block 12.5" square.

For new quilters that have never done a round robin, we thought we would explain a traditional round robin. The idea is that you have a group of quilters that work on each other's quilts. Each quilter puts together a project box of fabrics and notes about their quilt. They make the first-round block and then after that, each round the quilt is passed to another quilter in the group. Each quilter does each round, but the quilts move to a new person each month. It challenges quilters to do their best to interpret the instructions as they think the owner of the quilt would like. The owner is the person who makes the first block. Sometimes you will need to add fabric or embellishments to complete the round. This round robin can be done in this method, but it is not required.

Let's have a wonderful quilting year! By the way we do have a YouTube video each month with the instructions.

Adriane Ridder & Shelly McNeely
Round Robin Coordinators

PHILANTHROPY FINISHES 2020 ON A HIGH NOTE

Although 2020 has presented huge challenges for all of us in many ways, it seems fairly remarkable that the guild's philanthropy program has managed to continue to chug along without meeting since February. In the course of the final 9 months of the year, we have cleaned out and organized the guild's storage unit, cut and prepped a boatload of pillowcase kits, cut and prepped a bunch of quilt kits, collected fabric and goods donations, delivered and picked up pillowcases, quilts, and stockings, and continued to coax, remind, and beg the membership via the newsletter and email blasts that now is a good time to sew for others. Our sincere thanks to all who responded to our pleas! Outreach efforts by Lynn Korito brought us into contact with Lisa Roybal, who heads up the women's program of the Loma Linda VA. Finally, a way to help female veterans as well!

Over the course of 2020, Valley of the Mist Quilters philanthropy program has donated 266 quilts, 421 pillowcases, 345 face masks, 19 totes, and 9 Christmas stockings. Our quilt and pillowcase numbers beat those of 2019! In addition to these items, we also delivered the following to US Vets at March ARB and the Alternatives to Domestic Violence shelter: kitchenware, cookware, dinnerware, toiletries, sheet sets, towels, pillows, two new inflatable twin-size mattresses, a standing fan, shower curtains and hooks, glassware, and fabric. (Fabric was donated to our contact Lisa Roybal who took it to female inmates at the women's facility at Chino for their sewing program.)

Lynn Korito made 25 deliveries. Recipients included US Vets at March ARB, female inmates at the women's facility at Chino, the Women's Vet Program through the Loma Linda VA, women and children housed at our local shelter, Alternatives to Domestic Violence, and local foster children aided by the good people at the Temecula Assistance League.

We continue to collect baby quilts for the coming Mother's Day Baby Shower for veteran mothers in need. So far we have around 25 quilts. There are no specific size requirements for these baby quilts—just that they be baby quilts, in baby colors and type.

We remain willing to receive your donations for these sources. Just give one of us a text or call and we will arrange for pickup.

Thank you for your help—

Lynn, Ellen and Ida
Philanthropy

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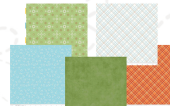


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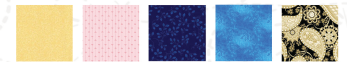
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