

# Baste & Banter

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Susie Nash, our slated October 2020 presenter, has made her workshop available for our guild. With social distancing in mind and in two groups of ten people, she will present the Laura Heinie's Collage Technique workshop.

The workshop will be held on October 13 and October 14, focusing on the Featherweight collage on one day and a pin cushion project on the second day. The workshop fee is \$35/ person and the required kit is \$45.

If you are interested in attending, please confirm with Tawnya O'Herron before **July 14**, **2020**. She will have answers to any questions that may arise and she can be reached by:

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#### **President's Page**



Hello quilters!

This is Shirley Brown. Janice Quackenbush has resigned as guild president and I have stopped in to fill the position for the remainder of 2020. I served as president in 2015 and will do my best to help us move forward over the next few months.

Janice has been a wonderful president... she has such a tender heart, a ready smile and a head full of creative ideas. During her tenure, she introduced many new ideas and tons of fun. She's also been a non-stop ambassador for us everywhere she goes. Unfortunately, a series of circumstances and personal challenges have made it difficult for her to continue as president. So, with the best interest of the guild in mind, she has stepped back to rejuvenate. Janice is not leaving us, and we'll be seeing that big smile again when we are all able to meet.

#### 2020... What a year it's been.

The lockdown has isolated us and kept us apart. It has affected us all and in many different ways... harder on some, more on others. With this in mind, let's take the time to stay in touch with each other. I'd like to ask each of you to pick up the phone and reach out to 2 or 3 other members to just say "Hello, how are you doing?" We're also hoping to make better use of Facebook and youTube. Now for the news...

On Monday, June 15, the board of directors met, via a zoom call, to discuss the many issues facing us. Here's a brief overview of what we discussed.

**General Meetings:** COVID restrictions have precluded us from holding regular meetings and we are still in the dark about when we can start again. We will let you know as soon as we have a date to resume. Watch for an email and be sure to read the newsletter.

**Show and Tell:** Since we've been housebound for so long, hopefully you've had time to quilt. Show and Tell is one of the best things about our meetings. We still want to see what you have been up to so please show us your work. Until we meet again, there are two other ways to share them: our FaceBook and Instagram pages and the newsletter. Please send photos and a brief description to Carol Nanfito for FaceBook/Instagram and to Diane Lapio for the newsletter. [Please note: Pics for the newsletter need to be submitted by the 20th of the month. She needs time to compile the info that comes her way.]

Carol Nanfito: carolnanfitto@ymail.com
Diane Lapio: dlapio2387@gmail.com

Since no committees have been able to meet, the work needed to orchestrate our events has screeched to the proverbial halt. The board discussed, deliberated and finally voted on the following. (It was a looooong meeting!)

**Opportunity Quilt:** The drawing scheduled for October of this year is postponed until 2021.

### President's Page, con't.

**Speakers and Workshops:** All speakers are cancelled for the remainder of the year. (Tawnya O'Herron has contacted Susie Nash, a local quilter, for the presentation of the October Laura Heinie workshop. Details enclosed in this newsletter.)

**Quilt Show:** Pat Jordan spoke with the City of Temecula regarding our options in case we are unable to pull it off this year. She was assured that the city is willing to work with us so that we will not lose our annual October spot moving forward. Again, so many variables come into play here and the board is exploring every avenue to make it happen. The decision to proceed or pass was tabled until the next board meeting.

**Quilter's Swap Meet:** Will be postponed until 2021

**Quilter's Auction:** Many great donations have been received and we are hoping to make it happen this year. If not, it will be pushed to 2021. Final decision pending.

**Membership Dues:** The board voted that for those paid members in good standing in 2020, dues for 2021 will be \$15. Non-members in 2020 will be charged \$30 for the year 2021.

**Challenge Quilt:** Unsure where we are with this. Please email Vanessa Prario to let her know if you have a quilt for the challenge. The participation status will determine whether or not if we will proceed, and of course, a few other factors.

Vanessa Prario: <u>vlprario@gmail.com</u>

Finally, with so much change and uncertainty, I welcome you to call, text or email me with any questions or concerns. I'd love to hear from you.

Shirley Brown (951) 210-0560 <a href="mailto:shirleyelainebrown@gmail.com">shirleyelainebrown@gmail.com</a>

Wishing you well and many blessings,

Shirley





#### **Block of the Month**

#### Block of The Month 2020: Block #7

Hello block of the month participants. Our new block is beautiful and great for using scraps. This year's focus fabric is called Western Washington Quilt Shop Hop 2017 by In the Beginning fabrics. These blocks are due at the September 2020 meeting.

In addition to the focus fabric (we will have half yards for \$5 at the meeting), you also need a coordinating fabric based on the colors in the focus fabric, a black fabric and a white fabric.

We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the drawing and one to keep. Also, the Guild's website and Facebook page should have a post directing you to the YouTube instructions for this block.

**Cut list -- For one block:** (Read the instructions before cutting because we can't give actual sizes.)

Focus fabric: 1½ " X 14", sub-cut this into two pieces near the middle (between 7" and 8" long for one piece)

Black, white, & coordinating. fabric: strips of various lengths and widths – most widths will be 1" to 2".

The approximate total length for each these fabrics is 60 inches (either the black or white fabric - your choice will only need about 50 inches. You need to decide if you want to frame the block in your white or black fabric. Set this framing fabric aside.

Your remaining fabrics will surround the focus fabric – switching the order on either half of the block.

#### Assembling the block:

- First thing we are going to do is add the long side pieces to the focus fabric pieces as in photo 3. To estimate how wide to make these, look at photo 2. You will need 12" of total width plus the 3" of focus fabric in these 10 strips, so the average width should be 1.5". Use scraps or cut strips. Sew long sides on and press out. Now add matching fabrics to the tops and bottoms. The widths of these should also be approximately 1.5". Press out.
- Next add the second round to each of these rectangles, switching the fabrics on each side as in photo 5. Press out.
- For the final framing, add a strip of your framing fabric to the top and bottom, adjusting the width so that the total length of each half is at least 12.5". Press to the darker fabric.
- Sew a strip of your framing fabric between the two pieces, matching the length. Press to the darker fabric.
- Measure your block, you need to add framing fabric to make is
   at least 12.5" wide. Subtract your width from 12.5" and add an inch for seam
   allowances. You need to add this much fabric width in these final two pieces. Sew
   to the sides and press to the darker fabric.
- Use your 12½" X 12½" square up ruler, place it over the block and trim to 12½" X 12½". Repeat to make a second block to keep!

Remember, you can make the widths of the strips all different, all the same or mix it up. Your choice.



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 6

## **Challenge Quilt 2020**

Dear fellow quilters,

Happy July everyone! Only three more months to work on your Challenge Quilt. I am looking forward to seeing what everyone has chosen as their favorite time of year, occasion, event or activity. This shouldn't be a hard topic since we are ALL probably remembering better times. Take this opportunity to remember and even to look forward to returning to more normal days!

## "Winter, spring, summer or fall, this is my favorite time of all" 2020 Valley of the Mist Quilt Guild CHALLENGE

What is your favorite time of the year? It might be a season, a holiday, a special occasion, an event or even a time of the day. Use your imagination to represent your favorite time and remember to have FUN!

#### Rules:

- Each member may enter 1 quilt or wallhanging
- Your entry must be current and completed after September 2019
- $\cdot$  No larger than 240" perimeter, made with fabric, pieced by hand or machine and quilted with batting
- · Quilt must be labeled on the back with quilter's name and date
- · No group quilts
- · Please sign up for this challenge at a guild meeting by August 11
- Entries are due on September 8th for judging
- · Quilts will be judged on Creativity, Best Use of Color and Quality of Workmanship
- · If you have any questions please, call Vanessa Prario at 909/615-4096 or email at <a href="mailto:vlprario@gmail.com">vlprario@gmail.com</a>



### **Philanthropy**

#### PHILANTHROPY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Although we have not been able to meet since early March, the philanthropy arm of Valley of the Mist has continued to sew and deliver and pick up and donate. This, as you may imagine, has been made more difficult by our inability to meet as a group. However, individual members of the philanthropy program have made quilt tops, masks, and completed pillowcases. (Gloria Bachmann in particular has been especially prolific! Thank you Gloria!) We have been able to hand off several completed quilt tops to Maryruth Wilson and Elaine Giometti for long-arm quilting. Cathy Cochran has helped us by binding several quilts. Thanks so much to all.

We currently have a few quilts in what we call the queue, which are tops that need to get backs and batting and then head off to a quilter. If you are willing to help us by long-arming a couple-three tops, please contact Lynn Korito and let her know. She will deliver to you, and pick up as well, all contactless! Just call her up, leave it out on your porch, and she will come and get it.

If you can sew up some pillowcase kits, please let us know that too. We have over 110 pillowcase kits waiting to be sewn up. Last time we asked for help with pillowcases and binding, we got very little response, so we're asking again. We really need the help. We also still have some 40 mask kits (with elastic) that could be finished up if we could get the help.

Lynn has continued to do outreach and finally located a female vets organization we can partner with! Today we were happy to deliver 12 quilts, 35 pillowcases, and 50 masks to Lisa Roybal, who is the Women Veterans Program Manager at the Loma Linda VA. Lisa, a Navy veteran herself, works with largely underserved female veterans, sometimes with their children, who are often homeless or otherwise in crisis. Her programs support homeless female vets as well as those needing a hand up to more stable housing situations. She was thrilled to receive our donation and we look forward to future donations.

In addition to this new contact, we also continue to make quilts and pillowcases for our formerly homeless male vets at March ARB, as well as for our foster children supported by the Temecula Assistance League, and the women and children at Alternatives to Domestic Violence in Menifee.





## Philanthropy, con't

We have a particular need at this time for male vets quilts, which need to be twin size to fit their beds at March (minimum size is 64" x 80". They can be a bit longer and/or a bit wider, but no smaller than these dimensions, please), as well as boy quilts (for boys of all ages). We also need boy and man pillowcases. In addition, we also have a need for baby quilts (infant and crib size), children's quilts (like lap size to twin) as well as women's quilts of lap up to twin size. When thinking of making a quilt for philanthropy, please keep in mind who will receive it—a woman? A little girl? A teenage boy?—and choose the proper fabrics and size. Please try not to mix juvenile prints in with adult-type prints if making a quilt for an adult, for example. By the same token, a feminine quilt that is the size of a crib quilt doesn't really have a place to go. If you can complete a quilt top, we can definitely get it backed and quilted and given away. There is always a need.

A friendly reminder for all of us to remain conscious of the need for good fabric coordination and to continue do our best work for our neediest recipients.

During the lockdown, the philanthropy program has been just about the only active part of the guild, even though we have not been able to meet monthly. (And the Assistance League still cannot give us a safe date when we will be able to use their meeting room again.) Please help us keep it chugging along.

Thank you!

Lynn Korito, Ellen French and Ida Colvin



## **2020 Board Members**

POSITION	NAME	NAME	
Elected Positions:			
PRESIDENT	Shirley Brown		
1st VICE PRESIDENT	Tawnya O'Herron		
2nd VICE PRESIDENT	OPEN		
TREASURER	Maryruth Wilson		
SECRETARY	Michelle Clark		
WAYS and MEANS	OPEN		
Appointed Positions:			
ADVERTISING COORDINATOR	Sheri Erato		
AMBASSADOR COORDINATOR	Marlene Oaks		
BLOCK OF THE MONTH COORDINATORS	Adrianne Ridder	Shelly McNeely	
CHALLENGE QUILT COORDINATOR	Vanessa Prario	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY	OPEN		
DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR	Shelley Wilson		
FABRIC EXCHANGE	Marianne Troccoli	Linda McMahon	
FACILITY COORDINATOR	Laurie Gonzales		
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PHILANTHROPY CHAIRS PUBLICITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS	OPEN	Lynn Korito Ida Colvin	
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QUILT SHOW CHAIR  QUILT SHOW ASSISTANT	OPEN		
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RETREAT COORDINATOR, 2021	Janice Quackenbush	Tawnya O'Herron	
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Formed in 1990, Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild is a non-profit charitable, educational and social organization in the Temecula Valley. We promote the knowledge of, and appreciation for, all aspects of quilting and fiber arts with an active philanthropy program.

## Our Meeting Location

Community
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30875 Rancho
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Exit the 15 Freeway at Rancho California Rd. and go East. Go to Ynez Rd. and turn right. Go to Rancho Vista Rd. and turn Left The CRC is approximately 1.5 miles on the righthand side.

Everyone Welcome!

