

Capital City Quilters Guild

Fat Quarter Newsletter

December, 2020

Mission Statement

The guild provides a warm, safe and supportive environment to nurture the creative energy and expression of each and every member, as together we explore the rich and exciting world of quilting in all of its many forms. The guild involves itself within the larger community to provide education and volunteer services related to the art and practice of quilting.

Letter from the President -

Season's Greetings CCQ Members!

We had a spectacular turn out for our Holiday Zoom Meeting on December 5, 2020!! With the limitations on actually meeting face to face this year, it was such a delight to see so many of your bright shining faces tune into our Holiday Zoom!!

A heartfelt thanks goes out to the CCQ Elves: Beth Field, Sandi Benzel, Nancy Slook, Terry Bonnell, and all others that went above and beyond to bring holiday cheer to us all! The packages received we so sweet. Thank you for making those amazing mug rugs and bringing the event together to such a success!

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I hope you are all bringing out your special and treasured holiday quilts, wall hangings, table runners, tree skirts, ornaments, and so many other crafted items. This can be a very sentimental time of year and it's amazing to me how each of these items holds a place marker in time and in heart to remember the holidays or a loved one! With each piece that you take the time to make and give, you are creating an artifact of memories and love. Your quilt made in 2020 could find itself in a future generations cherished mementos of an extraordinary year.

We are officially moving the next quilt show to June 9-12, 2022. The vote was unanimous to move the show forward with the hopes that COVID will have been curtailed to the point that gathering in groups will be workable again. What this also means is ample time to get sewing and create more amazing masterpieces to be shown at the 2022 show! Also, there will be a new category for the 2022 show: Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose. Doesn't that sound intriguing?

I wish each of you a blessed and peaceful Holiday Season. I hope that you are able, in whatever fashion, to be able to spend this special time of year close to or in touch with those you hold dear. I look forward to 2021 and being able to create more cherished memories one stitch at a time!

Please do all that you can to stay well until we all can meet together again!

The Original Material Girl,

Marcie Benvin

Church Donations

Those who would like to send donations to Shepherd of the Valley Church or Valley Church may do so by mailing them to the Quilt Guild. You may also make arrangements for food donations.

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Let's Get Quilting UFO Projects

The Let's Get Quilting UFO Project is sponsored by the Capital City Quilters Guild. Basically, it's a contract to help you commit to finishing some of those "unfinished objects" that you may have tucked away in a closet, drawer, or from your long-lost Aunt Nellie who is long since gone and has left in your devoted care. The only one you are competing against is yourself. You determine the amount you are willing to pay to complete the project. Remember, though, if you don't complete it by September, then you owe the guild the amount you are willing to pay to complete the project. If you do complete it with a batting, binding and label then you are a winner! Congratulations! Not only did you complete your project, then you also are awarded an amazing prize by the following September meeting.

CAPITAL CITY QUILTERS *UFO Contract for 2021*

UFO Contract: January –September 2021

(Snowbirds: sign-up during September and October 2021!)

Print this form!

I, _____, do solemnly swear to complete the following UFO project:

_____ by the September CCQ Guild meeting.

(name of project here)

If the project listed above is not completely finished (binding and label), I will happily donate \$ _____ to the CCQ Guild.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____



We will be running pictures of our Christmas Secret Quilt Buddy gift reveal in the January edition of our newsletter.

Jan Heidersdorf sent the following thank you to the Guild:

Thank you for the surprise package—so thoughtful, delicious and useful.

Unfortunately, I don't Zoom. I look forward to getting together when we meet face to face.

Until then, Merry

Nancy Krehlik plans to begin a Zoom UFO meeting after the first of the year. It will be held right after the monthly regular Guild meeting on the third Saturday of the month. Stay tuned!





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Quilt Show Update

This information is also in our President's letter and minutes, but just to reinforce this information:

The date for the quilt show has been moved to June 9 - 11, 2022

There will be a two day retreat to prepare projects October 2-3 for quilt show work, UFO's, charity quilts, etc.

A quilt show judge will be obtained

Comfort Quilts

Judy Morley reports that there have not been too many comfort quilts submitted this past month. She said she will update the guild at its next regular meeting.



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Laura Kelly
has made
some lovely
comfort
quilts.



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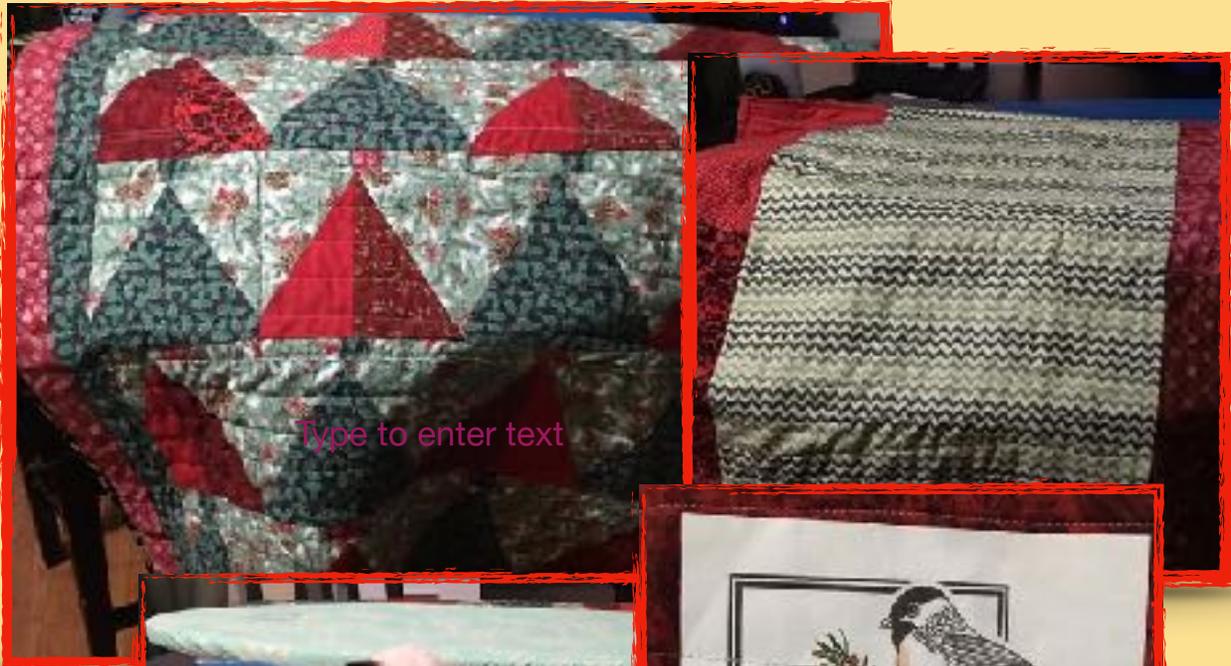


Dixie Alms made these three comfort quilts. She also made an outrageous item for her Secret Quilt Buddy, Melissa Morgan. That will be revealed in January.



Quilt Exchange

This small group made a quilt in secret for their allocated person over the year. We don't have all of the quilts, but we have a few.



Alexander Moriarty made this quilt for Roger Birk. He shows the front, back, label and helper!

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This incredible item was made for the Secret Quilt Exchange by Sandi Benzel for Deborah Germain.

Roger Birk made this charming guy for Sandi Benzel.





I am sorry! I usually place my photos for the newsletter in relevant folders, but this beautiful gift is unidentifiable by me. My fault, not the sender's fault. Can



Slow Stitch Sewing Circle

Join Judy Macnak and friends for the Slow Stitch Sewing Circle held Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Secret Quilt Buddies

December secret Quilt Buddies will be revealed in the January newsletter. I apologize to anyone who expected to see them as a special edition with this newsletter. I am new, and was not aware of the great tradition that Christine had implemented. I will be more prepared next year!

I have not been a perfect SQB, but I have enjoyed participating in this so much. There can be drawbacks. It can be difficult to see some buddies getting wonderful gifts and knowing that I could never make that happen, either talent-wise or financially. But I believe the guild is working on ironing out the details.

There is nothing like receiving something special just for you, from your buddy. Random acts of kindness are always the best!

SQB 2022 will run February - December, with the reveal of who your secret buddy is at the Christmas party in December. Sandra Bleicher will be heading this program this year. She is implementing more detailed sign up sheets, so we can better know the likes and dislikes of our secret buddy.



For Sheila Box from her SQB



For Raydene Garrison from her SQB





For Christine Moleski from her SQB



For Marcie Benvin from her SQB

Show and Tell



Advent calendar and Teddy made by Darcy Stetson for her two year old grandson

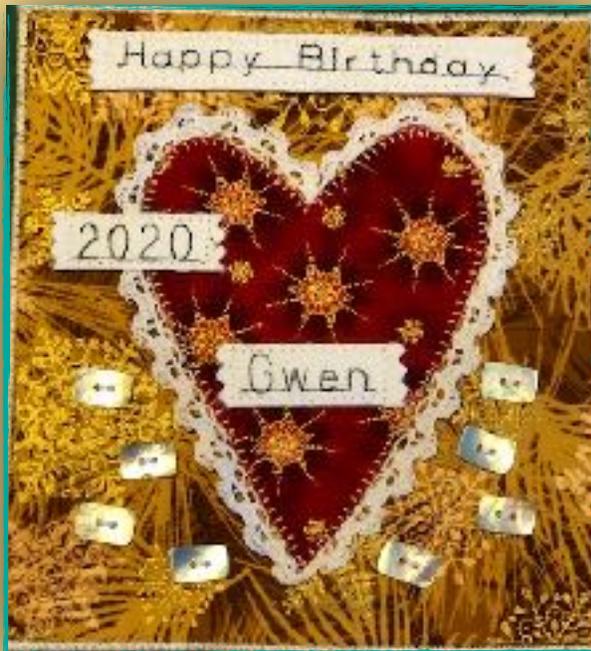


Windsurfing Blues made from repurposed silk clothing by Fabienne Peter-Contesse

All of items below made by Sandra Bleicher



Postcards by Sandra except for Hip to be Square quilt, lower right





Stone Age quilt
by Sandra
Bleicher

Below Left: wall
hanging by
Roger Birk

Below Right:
pillows by Deborah
Johnson





Above and below items all stitching by Judy Macnak. Upper left item is card stitched for her niece's birthday. Other three items are from stitched book.



See we really do have faces!
Photo taken by Christine Moleski during a CCQG Zoom meeting.

Capital City Quilt Guild
Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2020

Board Members Present: Marcie Benvin, president; Nancy Krehlik, vice president; Becky Frederick, treasurer; Judy Macnak, secretary.

Marcie Benvin called the meeting to order at 10:33 am, via Zoom format. There were 27 members in attendance.

October meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Becky Frederick reported that there is currently \$21,824.85 in the guild's general fund and \$7,798.52 in the education fund. It was moved and seconded to reimburse \$150 to Christine Moleski for the website fee.

Mission Statement: The following statement was read: "The guild provides a warm, safe and supportive environment to nurture the creative energy and expression of each and every member, as together we explore the rich and exciting world of quilting in all of its many forms. The guild involves itself within the larger community to provide education and volunteer services related to the art and practice of quilting." It was moved and seconded to accept this statement, and passed unanimously by the members in attendance. This will be added to the website.

Charity Quilts: Judy Morley reports little activity in this realm in the past month, and says she will prepare a report for the next meeting.

Christmas Party: The Christmas Elves have been busy preparing for the annual event, to be held on December 5th at 2 pm via Zoom. Raydene is coordinating the Christmas exchange project in which 4 members are participating. She also reports that the Reveal of the Secret Quilt Buddies will happen at this event.

Per Beth, the elves have 1 more surprise coming, to happen at the Zoom party, but one must be in attendance to be eligible for this. Special thanks go out to Sandra Benzel for her elf work.

The guild is accepting donations of money or food pantry items to be distributed to both Shepherd of the Valley church and Valley Church for their ongoing food distribution programs.

Other CCQ Zoom events: Judy Macnak reports that the Slow Stitch Sewing Circle has been meeting on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm via Zoom. It has been a very relaxing get-together

to work on handwork projects. All members are invited to join as they wish. Marcie sends out the Zoom invite a day or two prior.

Nancy Krehlik plans to begin a Zoom UFO meeting after the first of the year. It will be held just after the regular business meeting, on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Quilt Show: Currently the show is scheduled for May 13-16, 2021. However, given the current state of COVID, the use of Centennial Hall as a shelter, etc. it is being proposed to postpone the biennial show to June 9-11, 2022. There would be no charge for changing the dates. Raydene points out that this will offer more certainty in planning, extra time for projects, and more comfort for guild members and visitors in attending the show. Three proposals are put forward, as follows:

- 1) Postpone the show to 2022
- 2) Hold a 2-day retreat at Centennial Hall on Oct 2-3, 2021 to prepare – UFO's, projects for the show, charity quilt work, etc.
- 3) Plan for hiring a quilt show judge.

For #1, it was moved and seconded and unanimously approved to postpone the show to 2022. Regarding #2, there was discussion as to the funding for the retreat. Marcie said CCQ would fully fund this, and there will be a budget once Centennial Hall works out its package pricing and we could put an amount to this proposal. The retreat would include drawings/prizes, lunch. It was moved, seconded and approved to move forward with this proposal. Regarding #3, there was discussion on having a judge hired. It was pointed out that having a judge is very helpful in the process of quilting, as much constructive criticism is offered when a piece is judged by the professional. It was recommended that we hire a different judge than previously, as more is to be gained by different approaches to evaluation of the quilts. If anyone has a recommendation of a judge to hire, please contact the Quilt Show Committee (Raydene, Dixie, Sandra, Marcie.) It was moved, seconded, and approved to move forward with #3. Finally, Raydene said she would be putting together a budget for the quilt show and will present it to the guild once it is ready.

Secret Quilter Buddy for 2021: Marcie initiated discussion regarding restarting this guild project for 2021. Sandra Bleicher volunteered to be the coordinator for it. Questions arose regarding the scheduling of gifting, monetary concerns, degree of structure vs. openness of process, etc. One item with consensus was to devise a better participant sheet regarding likes/options. Sandra says she would receive the participant sheet prior to the drawing for buddies in January, and the project would then go from February to December, with the reveal at the Christmas party. She will plan to give email notice to members well in advance of the January meeting so all interested would have plenty of time to sign up and get information to her.

CCQ on Instagram: Another way of sharing photos of projects is through Instagram - #capitalcityquilters. Contact Marcie if you have questions about this.

Days for Girls: Alexander reports he will be meeting with Anne Marie to get this project restarted.

Thank you's: Raydene and Beth expressed gratitude for gifts received from the guild for their service on the board.

Education: Dixie reports she has not yet heard back from Maria Schell regarding a Zoom class, and will report back in January. Heather spoke of taking a zoom class from her and highly recommends it.

Show and Tell

Adjournment: Marci adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Macnak
CCQ secretary