



The Thimbleful

Capital Quilters Guild

Raleigh, North Carolina

June 2020

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2020

CANCELLED



Reminder:

Drop off your Comfort Quilts and
pick up more kits on Saturday,
June 13 !

Where: Driveway of Alma Mellish
and Marie Grasso

Contact Alma Mellish or Marie
Grasso at
Information@capitalquilters.org
for addresses and more .

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I hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day. It was very different than many that I and my family have spent. My older children grew up on military bases and Memorial Day was very special with time spent remembering. When we went into civilian life the Day was spent somewhat the same but still different. This year was *very* different and I felt like something was missing. This year a lot in our lives are missing and cannot be recovered but we can and will move forward.

So there is another month without a meeting and I for one am missing everything. I tried to think of what I was missing the most and could not pick just one thing. The beautiful Show and Tell, Comfort Quilts Parade, even being picked on by some of the members. This is a difficult time but I think we as a Guild have something that helps us despite not seeing family and friends. The generosity of this group of people overwhelms me. You are still making Comfort quilts and masks for anyone who asks.

There is so much that will have to be caught up on our next meeting. We are regularly in touch with the Temple about how and when we can meet. They want to follow the guidelines of the CDC, and right now that will not work for us as we have too many people to fit in the room with 6 ft. between us. I am not sure when we will be able to meet but Pray every day that it will be soon.

When we do meet we have to cover:

- Election of new officers
- President's challenge
- Holiday blocks
- Comfort quilts
- Tickets for a beautiful raffle quilt to be given out
- New classes to be looked at and so much more!

We are a busy Guild and will be playing catch up for some time but I personally am looking forward to the Show and Tell. It should be awesome with everyone home making beautiful works of art. Show and Tell is to my way of thinking a great part of the meeting. We get to showcase our beautiful work and give other Guild members ideas for their own quilts. Some of us are still working full time. I am still working full time going back and forth between home and office, but it keeps me out of trouble. I have all these tops done and keep saying that this coming week end I will quilt some, just to turn around and make another top. The good thing for me is that I am positive that I am not the only one with quilts that are not finished.....OR am I? Please someone tell me that everyone has not finished their UFO's because that would be depressing for me, happy for you, but depressing for me. Well this is long enough as my computer is in my sewing room and my machine is calling my name.

Please be safe and stay quilting and hope to see you all soon.

Alma Mellish, President



Membership

It's been a long, lonely spring, but I know you all have been keeping busy making masks and working on other projects. I know that our sewing machines have been getting a workout! Meanwhile, time marches on. As we slowly get back to our new normal, we will start meeting again. The new guild year starts July 1. There is a copy of the updated Membership form in this newsletter. We always ask that you fill out the form each year so we can confirm your contact information. Please print it, fill it out and bring it in to our next meeting, along with your membership dues. We will have membership cards and pins waiting for you. If you'd like to mail in your form and check ahead of time, we'll be happy to put you in the already paid file, so you just need to collect your card and pin when next we meet.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!
Nancy Honeycutt & Debby Femia
information@capitalquilters.org



CAPITAL QUILTERS RALEIGH, NC

The nominating committee has nominated these candidates to be voted on in an election at our next scheduled meeting according to the Capital Quilters Guild Bylaws.

Proposed 2020-2021 Officer Slate for Open Board Positions

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| Vice President | Sandy Wilson |
| Fund Raising | Anne Norris |
| Member at Large | Marie Grasso |
| Charity and Outreach | Roberta Miller-Haraway/Ginny Nugent |

Note: If anyone is interested in having their name added to the above Slate please contact Alma Mellish at information@capitalquilters.org

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July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you a new member? Yes _____ No _____

The Member Directory is published in print for a fee and available free on CQG **member-only** social media. Please check this box if you do **NOT** wish to be included in the directory ☐

Are you a member of CQG's Facebook page? Yes _____ No _____

If you are a member of a bee, what is the name of your bee? _____

If you would like to join a bee, tell us your preference (please circle ALL of your preferences): Day/Night
Weekday/Weekend North/South/East/West/Any Region Art/Hand/Charity/other _____

Membership Fees:

Please note that **all** members are required to pay dues.

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| Junior Membership (18 years and younger; full scholarships are currently available)..... | \$25.00 0.00 |
| Printed CQG Membership Directory (to be picked up at the November meeting)..... | \$5.00 |
| Optional donation (tax deductible) | \$_____ |

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Our Stories, Quilting, Quilters, Why We Quilt and More

My mother is the reason I joined Capital Quilters Guild in September 2009. My mother, Jean, had always sewed clothes and gifts. As her retirement neared, she decided she needed a hobby and she joined a quilting guild in New Jersey. My parents, in retirement, moved to eastern Pennsylvania, and she joined the guild there. In early 2010, they decided to place the property in PA up for sale and move to NC to be closer to me and out of the long, cold winters. I knew she needed a quilt guild to join, so I found one for both of us. She died unexpectedly in October 2009, never moving to NC, and never attending a meeting with me.

I have also always sewed clothes and gifts. I took a sewing machine with me to college. My two, then three, daughters and I always had matching dresses for Easter and Christmas. I started very early making baby blankets, not knowing that the three layers formed a quilt. As my mother learned about quilting, she often gave suggestions to improve my baby blankets and supplied patterns from her quilt guild for me to use. Then I met a member of CQG and she brought me more patterns for baby quilts. When my mother wanted to move to the Raleigh area, I knew of CQG and joined. I remain appreciative of her prompting that lead me to this wonderful, friendly, and inspiring group of quilters. Please find in the photos below her gift to me of the Carolina Lily wall hanging, inspired by my family's home in North Carolina.

Sue Ann Jatko

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And, you don't want to miss our special virtual OESD event on Wednesday, June 17th, time TBD.
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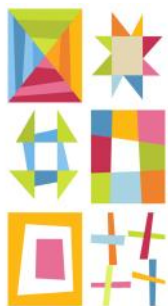
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We'll have a limit of nine students & one teacher per class.
We have a list of these classes on our website under classes.

Thank you for your continued support these last two months!



**Yes! We're
OPEN
again!**

We're so happy to be open and ready to serve you again! We're thoroughly cleaning our entire store everyday. Please wear a face mask as will we. Come see us soon.



Block Party

We hope everyone is well and using their time to thin their fabric collections some. We have lots of fun blocks planned for whenever we can get back together. Happy Sewing!

Thanks,
Anne, Beth, and Joni



Raffle Quilts

Our next quilt has been named *Indigo Dreams*. It is a blue and neutral quilt, 97x97 inches, quilted by Angela Clark. When we met again, I will have raffle tickets available. Meanwhile, stay safe. Thank you!

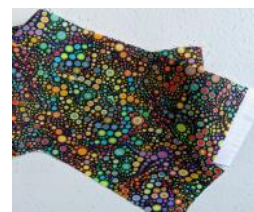
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President's Challenge!

The challenge is to take 1 or 2 pieces of fabric pictured, which is cut in 2.5 and 4.5 strips WOF. You must use a full strip of fabric in the quilt. It can be cut into any shape or form that you want just so you use the whole strip. There is no changing of the color. The quilt must be at least 36 in sq. or bigger. It must be finished including the binding.

You have until the June meeting to finish. Happy Quilting!



Holiday Blocks

It is that time of year again to get your thinking caps on and come up with a design for our Holiday block program. Hopefully by the time this article is published things will have begun to open up a bit and we can begin to think about future guild meetings. For each group or individual who wishes to design and supply a block, we need at least 20 of each design kitted, just the right amount for a nice size quilt. The budget is \$50, and up to 10 groups can participate. BE CREATIVE! Holiday blocks can be holiday themed or not. Please let either Cathy or myself know if you plan to participate by providing a block for this year's program. You may contact us at cqgholidayblocks@yahoo.com. Final pictures of your block must be submitted no later than the August meeting.

For new members: At the October meeting, you have the opportunity to purchase Holiday block kits for \$2 each. Take your block home, make it, and return your completed block at the December meeting. In order to be entered to win all the blocks for your chosen design you must return your completed block. Winners will be drawn that night from each block design group, and the lucky winner takes home enough blocks to make a quilt!

Ina Stringfellow & Cathy Erickson

What to do with your bee when you are forced to stay home...

This has been a frustrating time period for all of us in so many ways. The **Material Girls' bee** has not been able to meet in person for 3 months now and we were getting cabin fever. We needed to have some interaction with our members! Turns out ZOOM (one of the great apps available for online visiting/meetings) has helped us out! We have had anywhere from 9-13 people 'attend' our meetings! We haven't been very structured, but we have been able to visit, see show-and-tell and talk about our 2020 mystery quilt and anything else we can think about! It hasn't been ideal, but we had lemons, so we made lemonade! Here's hoping to be able to meet in person sometime soon!

Virginia Nugent

Charity and Community Outreach

Fellow quilters, are you having fun yet? I know many of you are quilting away, and have completed comfort quilts you would like to get out of your house! So, **Saturday, June 13th from 2-4 pm we will be waiting for you!**



Quilts can be dropped off, and kits can be picked up! Marie Grasso and Alma Mellish have volunteered their driveways for this event.

Thanks, and see you there!

Contact Alma Mellish or Marie Grasso at information@capitalquilters.org for addresses and more information if needed.

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BUZZY-BEE NEWS



Hi fellow quilters.



Hope everyone is safe, happy and buzzy quilting and sewing masks. The main thing to keep clean and organized for now is our sewing machines and room. Forget the rest of the house, it can be done later when we don't have time! In the meantime stay safe and will see you, hopefully soon!



Maria



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2020 Quilt Show Update

Another month has gone by that we aren't able to get together. I was hoping that I would be standing in front of you in April reporting on how exceptional the quilt show was but that was not to be. I think I speak for the Committee that we are very disappointed we were not able to bring it across the finish line for the Guild. Several 2020 Quilt Show committee members were new to volunteering and were very excited to be of service to you. But, there will be other quilt shows and their talents and expertise will be needed once again.

Thank You

I cannot adequately express how thankful I am for all of the hard work the 2020 Quilt Show Committee and the 2021 Shadow Committee Chairpeople did to pull off a fantastic show. I want to thank the Board for their support and guidance over the last 2 years and their confidence in me and the Committee. Mostly I want to express my appreciate to all of the guild members who submitted quilts for display, volunteered their time and expertise, participated in the challenge quilt program, made animal quilts for our charity partner and made boutique items to sell at the show to increase our revenue for this year's show. You did it. 🙌 You registered 276 quilts this year – many first time submitters – and we now know just how many quilts the Scott Kerr Building will hold for our quilt show. Yay!! We also had a larger number of non-guild member submitters and many of those signed on as new members. Great news!! You donated a record number of silent auction quilts. Several new vendors to our show signed up this year and were very excited. You should all be very proud of your efforts.

Committee Reports

Finance – I know that we are all concerned about the expenses that we cannot recoup from this year's quilt show. The good news is that the events of this year are truly global so we were not in this alone. Our service providers have been more than generous in their understanding and willingness to work with us. The deposits for the NC Fairgrounds and NC Convention Services have both agreed to use those deposits towards the 2021 show. The judges agreed that their contract was void due to the Governor's cancelling all events at the

fairground so no payment is due on their contracts. The expenses for advertising, show badges, flyers and miscellaneous copy fees totaling \$1,491.97 cannot be recouped (this total includes \$299.72 spent for the banner which can be used each year going forward). All vendors fees have been returned to the vendors except for Threadwaggle/APQS who donated the \$630.00 fee to the Guild to offset the unrecoupable expenses. We thank her for her donation. So, the total expenses on this year's quilt show is \$562.25.

Special Exhibits and Boutique. There were 9 Challenge Quilts submitted. At an upcoming meeting, these quilts will be displayed and the membership can vote on the quilts at that time. We will be sure that the members know when that will occur so that anyone who wishes to vote can be sure to attend. There were 51 silent auction quilts submitted to benefit the Wake County SPCA. We have offered these to Wake Country SPCA (and they have accepted) to use in one of their fundraisers this year. Unfortunately, like many events, most of their fundraising has been cancelled. If they are not able to auction these quilts off this year, we will hold them for the 2021 Quilt Show. Boutique items. There were approximately 200 items submitted for the Boutique as of March 12th. There were will many guild members that were going to drop them off at the Convention Center during show set up so there is really no way of knowing exactly how many more items we would have received. These items will be carried over to the 2021 Quilt Show. The four door prizes (two gift baskets and two quilt kits) will also be held over to the 2021 Quilt Show.

Quilt Intake and Return. As I mentioned earlier we had 276 quilts registered and 269 turned in. Of those 269, 30 were entered as non-judged. If you thought the quilt intake process was a huge undertaking, the return of the quilts after the show was canceled was no less daunting. Huge thanks to Ginny Esch, Cheryl Porter, Nancy Honeycutt and Diana Jones for the quick response to the quilt return/pick-up process. All but 2 of the quilts were picked up within one week of the show. That is a tremendous effort by everyone involved. I know we won't see all of these quilts in the next show because many of you had to get them back from the recipient of your most generous work or they have since been gifted to friends and family.

I want to thank Nancy Honeycutt and her husband for the enormous effort put into the virtual quilt show. I hope we get to see many of these quilts in person next year. Below is a listing by category of the quilts submitted.

- 40-- 100, Individual, Pieced, Longarm Quilted
- 48 -- 200, Individual, Pieced, Stationary Machine Quilted
- 6 -- 300, Individual, Mixed/Other techniques, Longarm Quilted
- 13 -- 400, Individual, Mixed/Other techniques, Stationary Machine Quilted
- 9 -- 500, Individual, Hand Quilted, Any Technique
- 76 -- 600, Duet, made by 2 persons, all techniques
- 22 - 700, Group, made by 3 or more persons, all techniques
- 13 -- 800, Modern
- 12 -- 900, Miniature (no side larger than 30" on any side and small in scale)
- 12 -- P Pictorial
- 15 -- 1000 A, Art
- 3 -- 1100, Wearable Art and Accessories

Volunteers – Once again you offered your time to make the show a success. We filled around 90% of the volunteer slots by the time the show was canceled. There were many of you who were willing to work in any slot we needed. Thank you for your service. Thanks to Lauri McCormick for using an online sign up tool for the volunteers this year. I can expect you will see it being used again next year.

Ribbons – A big thank you to Roberta Miller-Haraway for creating the beautiful ribbons for the show winners this year. We are hoping we will be able to use part of these ribbons for the next show.

Committee Members – I have listed below the members of the 2020 Quilt Show Committee. If you have an opportunity in person or in writing, please let them know you are grateful for their hard work and dedication. I'm sure they will appreciate it.

Karen Wahle, Ginny Esch, Nancy Honeycutt, Lois McCoy, Jan Chvatal, Lauri McCormick, Sue Ann Jatko, Cathy Kirk, Cheryl Porter, Roberta Miller-Haraway, Ina Stringfellow, Cathy Erickson, Cherie Brugler, Jenine Wells, Lanakila Alexander and Ann O'Brien.

Some people are finding themselves working more than ever, while some of us suddenly have more time on our hands. Regardless of which you are experiencing, there is no doubt that COVID-19 has seriously affected all of our lives.

Care for others by crafting masks and other requested items for our healthcare, supply chain, and food workers.

Observe the beauty of Spring and consider how it might inspire your creations. We have lots of birdfeeders and the migrations are underway. Here come the hummingbirds!

Variety is the Spice of Life! Try a new technique by making a mini, which keeps the time and materials commitment much easier to handle.

Inconvenience is merely a state of mind. When you get frustrated at having to Stay Home, the things that are sold out at the grocery, or trying to work from home with the kids home too, take a moment to escape through the Art of Making. Give yourself 15 minutes away from everyone, and spend some time creating peace of mind.

Daydream about your first visit to a Local Quilt Shop, The Quilt House, or Guild Meeting. What are you looking forward to the most?

— The Dash is a poem by Linda Ellis. Visit the website at <https://thedashpoem.com/> and then consider ‘how you lived your dash’ so far. Is there a Life Goal quilt that you want to make sure is a part of your dash?

1 handwritten note can make a huge difference in the quality of life for you and the recipient. Stitch or glue up something pretty and make a card out of it.

9-Patch is a well-known quilt block. What other quilt block can you make with **exactly** 9 pieces? Post your block in the Capital Quilters Guild group on Facebook!

Lanakila

Secret Sew-ciety Swap

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if you have something you would like to share in the Newsletter.



2019-2020 Guild Leadership

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Member at Large 2: Brenda Keely

Committee Members

Bee Keeper: Maria Kleinman
Block Party: Anne Allen, Beth Van Vooren & Joni Amerson
Holiday Blocks: Cathy Erickson & Ina Stringfellow
Hostesses: Katie Greenwood & Cathy Kirk
Library: Karen Wahle
Quilts for Kids: Kate Pearson & Maria Wall
Quilts on Wheels: Sue Hatch
SAFEchild: Carolyn Ruby & Barbara Biggs
Secret Sew-ciety: Lanakila Alexander
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Quilt Show: Nora Bailey

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Quilt/Vendor Shows

Please check online to see if any shows have been cancelled.

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| July 10-11 | Alleghany Quilt Show <i>Alleghany County Fairgrounds, US Hwy 21 N, Sparta, NC</i> |
| August 20-22 | Original Sewing & Quilt Expo <i>Raleigh Convention Center, 500 S Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC</i> |
| Sept. 25-27 | Asheville Quilt Show <i>WNC Ag Center, 765 Boylston Hwy, Fletcher, NC</i> |
| October 9-10 | A Celebration of Color Quilt Show <i>Congregational United Church of Christ Greensboro, 400 W Radiance Dr, Greensboro, NC</i> |
| October 16-17 | Cabarrus Quilters Guild: A Splash of Color Quilt Show <i>Concord City Club at Gibson Mill, 325 McGill Ave, NW, Concord, NC</i> |