



# The Thimbleful

Capital Quilters Guild

Raleigh, North Carolina

November 2020

## Next Meeting

Until further notice all  
Capital Quilters Guild  
meetings are

**CANCELLED**



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**Do you believe it is already November?** For everything that has happened already, this year seems to have flown by! My youngest son told me, "that when you are young the year goes by so slow from Christmas to Christmas, but when you get older it goes by very fast", and as much as I hate to say it I think he is right.

**The guild has a lot going on** and there is a list of events in this newsletter on page 4, on Facebook, and on the Capital Quilters Guild website. So much to do, not sure if I have enough time.

**There will be two articles** in the newsletter, this one, my rambling on that they call the President's message and the more important one, which is going to tell you what is going on in the guild (**Events, page 4**). Several of the things are going to be collected at the beginning of December, so please check out what is needed and see if you want to help. The first thing I need are pictures of your President's Challenge. You can post them on Facebook or email them to me or put them in the mail whatever is easiest for you. The winner will be picked by the end of the month.

**I am not sure what type of quilter you are.** I go through stages when I just want to do tops or just want to quilt or lately just want to cut out projects. I will again in the new year make a resolution to get something finished. That will last maybe two months if I am lucky, then I will see something I like and there I go again. I have vacation time built up and I am thinking of taking it, not telling anyone and just finishing projects. Of course, there are always the holiday magazines that come out and great ideas on the web... See, I can't even start to finish a project and my mind is off again. Check the Events on page 4 and see what you can do to help.

*Alma Mellish*  
President  
Capital Quilters Guild



## Membership

**Thanks to everyone** who came by to visit during our three membership opportunities. It really was fun to talk with you all, and we appreciate everyone who has renewed their membership so far.

**The next thing** we'll be working on is the membership directory. We will include everyone who has renewed by November 15 (unless you indicated on your renewal form that you don't want to be included.)

**There's still time to get your name in the list.** Just use the membership form on the next page and mail it to the address listed. We look forward to hearing from you!

Nancy Honeycutt & Debby Femia  
Membership co-chairs





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# Capital Quilters Guild Membership Form

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Optional donation (tax deductible) .....	\$_____

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# EVENTS



CAPITAL QUILTERS  
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**AQS Quilt Buzz did an interview** with a few members of the board and will be on You Tue.com/quilt TV.

It was fun doing it and bragging about what a great guild this is!

## **Self-Binding Flannel Blankets**

The pattern can be found using Google and searching for "self binding baby blankets". The blankets will go to Wake Med and will be dropped off the beginning of December.

## **Christmas Stockings (about 8 in wide by 16 long)**

Pattern to follow if you need it. We are looking for stockings for children from Newborn to 18 months who will be in a secured shelter for the holidays. They will be dropped off the beginning of December.

## **President's Challenge**

Start sending in your pictures either by

- (1) E-mail to Presidents Challenge, [information@capitalquilters.org](mailto:information@capitalquilters.org),
- (2) Post them on the Capital Quilters Guild Facebook page
- (3) Mail to:

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The board will judge the entries and the winner announced by the end of November.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



## **Block Party**

Completed blocks will be posted on Facebook and everyone interested will let Block Party know that they are doing the block. The committee will put the names in a bag and draw a name. Then the winner will be announced and the other participants will mail the blocks for a nice quilt to the winner

## **Secret Sew-ciety Swap**

We need the guild to let us know some suggestions for something to make and swap. Post pictures on our Facebook page or e mail them and the fun begins

## **Show and Tell**

Show and tell is going to be different as we can not meet. What you need to do is post your beautiful works on Facebook so all can see. It is not as good as seeing them in person but more will see them.



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

Hi everyone!

**My passion for handcrafts started** when I was in elementary school. Early on I realized I loved being creative, so I became fast friends with embroidery and an occasional latch hook rug kit. In middle school I ventured into sewing halter tops. My first step was to cut out the halter top into what I thought the shape was supposed to be because I didn't have a pattern, didn't put in darts, didn't measure anyone. I just cut and sewed! I took Home Economics in high school and absolutely disliked making clothes, very intensely. I might add. My mother was a wonderful seamstress throughout her life, and I was disappointed I didn't have that talent or desire. Quilting was always in the back of my mind, though, but I never had time to pursue it with working full-time and having two little boys.

**In June of 2000 I moved to Madrid**, Spain, as a military wife. For the first time in years I was without my life-long friends and without a full time job. I moped around the first year, but in the second year, my life changed for good. I found a group of beginning quilters and was over the moon about this! My first project was a bed sized Christmas quilt. My new friends let me have some of their scraps, and I had a couple of spools of thread and a \$50 Singer. With much wailing and gnashing of teeth I finished the quilt. I gave it to my mother with the joke that it really needed Band-Aids and super glue to keep it together. I really struggled with that one! In fact, the struggle was so real that I hid from the quilt guild for two months claiming to be too busy. Finally, I came out of hiding and got back into it.

**In 2006 I moved to Kuwait** for several years and quickly found a group of multi-cultural quilters in the Kuwait Textile Arts Association. The quilt guild was very diversified with members from Kuwait, Pakistan, India, Australia, New Zealand, England, Germany, etc. The exposure to other cultures caused me to look at color and textures in a very different and drastic way. No more tame medleys for me!

**Making the first quilt lit a fire in me** that burns brightly year after year after year. Not only can I make pretty and useful "art", but I've met and bonded with people from all over the globe, including members of my newest quilt guild, the Capital Quilters Guild. My mother and I have spent countless hours chattering over anything quilt related, and I am so thankful for this bond with her. I consider my passion for quilting to be a gift from God, a gift I will be forever grateful for. Life would not be the same without it!

*"To create is to make something that has never existed before." Brene Brown*

Betsy Proctor Roose



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

### **A Quilt for Kat**

**My niece Kathleen goes by the nickname Kat.** Her two brothers often tease her about her collection of cat things, but she loves them (both the boys and her cat). Several years ago, I came across a line of fabric that from a distance looked like herringbone, but up close resolved itself into cats. I bought a yard of this and a yard of that, trying to get as many different colors in the fabric line that I could - always with the intention of making something for my niece. I had it all stored in a plastic bin - all of the potential project pieces in one place.

**I then started searching for blocks** that would work with the fabric. I wanted something that would be interesting, so that from a distance you'd say "wow, look at that quilt", rather than "oh my, look at the cat fabric." I printed out a couple of pattern blocks from the internet and put them in the bin too.

**Fast forward a couple of years,** and my niece has found the man she wants to marry. She announced her engagement to the family in December 2019, with the intention of getting hitched in June 2020. I pulled out the bin and sorted through my loot. I debated between two different blocks, but opted for the one that used the least background fabric, since I had only a limited amount of white on white cat fabric for it. I made a sample block of red and white, and took note of how much fabric would be needed, and then did the math. I had eight different colors, each of which could make 6 blocks. That would make me run short of the white, but I had a light grey too, so I decided to use that around the edges. I drew out a chart and counted out what I needed and started cutting. I spent most of April and May sewing blocks. Then I had to figure out - to sash or not to sash. I opted with sashing, and tried one fabric but that didn't work. I ripped that out and tried a second which worked much better with the feel of the quilt. By June I had put the blocks sashed and the quilt put together. I ended up leaving the pink and white blocks out of the final project - opting for my rainbow (ROYGBIV - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet) instead. The lovely folks at Threadwaggle Quilting quilted it for me, and I sewed the binding on the week of July 4.



Nancy Honeycutt

**COVID has put the June wedding plans on hold.** I gifted it to Kat and her fiancé in July anyway. Kat is very appreciative of it, and especially likes the "subtle cats". The pink blocks are back in the bin, awaiting the need for a small, potentially baby quilt (but no pressure!)







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## Block Party

As we are all SO familiar with our homes now due to the 2020 COVID lockdown and working from home, November's block is an old-fashioned House Block, **Home Sweet Home**, pattern on the next page. Please use white or cream tone-on-tone fabric for the background and cute brights for the house itself. Feel free to embellish your house and make it really one-of-a-kind. Let's try to brighten up someone's life with this quilt! At the end of the month, we'll ask you to let us know if you have completed the block and want to be in the drawing for the blocks.



If you have any questions, email Joni Amerson, Block Party at [information@capitalquilters.org](mailto:information@capitalquilters.org)

Thanks,  
Joni

## Holiday Blocks 2020 Cancelled

As of the end of August we only had one individual and or group contact us about supplying a block for this program. Due to the limited response and the uncertainty of future guild meetings, Holiday Blocks for 2020 is being cancelled. We all hope that 2021 will bring more normalcy to our guild and its activities. Stay safe everyone,

Cathy and Ina



## Raffle Quilts

Our next quilt has been named *Indigo Dreams*. It is a blue and neutral quilt, 97x97 inches, quilted by Angela Clark.

Anna Norris, Fundraising Chair  
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# Home Sweet Home



## **Cutting:**

- Fabric A (background):
- (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
  - (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
  - (1) 3" x 3" sub-cut diagonally into triangles
  - (2)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
  - (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- Fabric B (window):
- (4) 2" squares
- Fabric C (light value house part):
- (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
  - (2)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- Fabric D:
- (door) (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
  - (gable) (1) 3" x 3" square sub-cut diagonally into triangles .
- Fabric E (roof):
- (1) 3" x 3" squares sub-cut diagonally into triangles
  - (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- Fabric F (darker value house part)
- (4)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
  - (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- Fabric G (chimney):
- (2)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

## **Sewing and assembly:**

Step 1: Make the window pieces by marking a diagonal on the back of each 2" Fabric B square and placing it on the corner of a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric E square matching 2 edges. Sew just a pinch outside the line. Press and trim the seam to about  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Do this for the remaining window pieces.

Step 2: Sew the Fabric A 3" triangle with a Fabric E triangle. Sew on the diagonal to make a half square triangle. Do the same with the Fabric A triangle with a Fabric D triangle and then a Fabric D triangle with a Fabric E triangle. There will be 3 different half-square triangles for the roof. Trim each to a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Step 3: Arrange the lay out of the patchwork pieces on your design board or table as shown in the picture.

Step 4: Sew the first 3 rows together as laid out. The background side piece of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " will be the last sewn onto the block, so set that one aside.

Step 5: Make the light part of the house by first sewing Fabric D (door)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to Fabric C rectangle on both sides of the door. Sew the Fabric C  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " to the top of the unit. You now have the front of your house.

Step 6: Take your already made window pieces and sew them together into a 4 patch. Sew that unit to the Fabric F  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle.

Step 7: Sew those 2 units (from Steps 5 and 6) together to form the house. Then sew that to the first 3 rows from Step 4.

Step 8: Sew the Fabric A  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " background which you reserved for the last to the left side of the block. The finished rough size of the block is  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ". Do not trim the block until ready to assemble.

## Charity and Community Outreach

Reported on the Capital Quilters Guild Facebook page October 15 by Vickie Peoples:



"Hi Ladies, I delivered about 28 small quilts and several purple hats to SAFEchild yesterday. They loved looking at each of the quilts and they thought each one was special. They are only meeting with new mommies right now so they did not need as many quilts at the moment. As fall arrives they will possibly need more.

Thank you To Ginny Nugent, Sharon Lee and her daughter, Rebekah for the purple caps. Rebekah even made booties. SAFEchild said that they really have a strong need for more of the purple caps. I know Carolyn was also picking up caps from someone to deliver. So if you are in the knitting mood as it is cold and rainy this weekend, SAFEchild would love to have them. "



### November is Purple Hat Month!

For more information and patterns for **Purple Hats and Period of PURPLE Crying awareness campaign** go to: <https://www.clickforbabies.org/>

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