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Quilters Guild of Indianapolis Newsletter

December 2019

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Message from the President

From the Bottom of My Heart

Thank you to everyone who came to the November meeting. It makes me happy to see you and I always appreciate the time you spend with fellow members of our guild. The energy and creativity in the room inspires me and wants me to want to learn new techniques and start yet another project!

Sixty-two members (and 2 guests) were in attendance and by unanimous vote we approved the new board for 2020: Lynn Thomas for Vice President, Betsy LaBell for Secretary, and Nancy Trullinger & Marcia Hackett for Quilt Show Co-Chairs. Mary Ellen Straughn, current VP, will be our 2020 President and Maggie Carr will continue as Treasurer through 2021. On behalf of all members, thank you for volunteering to step into these leadership roles!

The Quilt Show review gave us all another chance to see some of the quilt show ribbon winners. What a treat to see so many of our talented members and their creations. It was so fun to ooh and ahh over each one. As a surprise, industrious ribbon maker Elizabeth Braun created a set of marigold ribbons and awarded them to the following people for quilts that contained the main show color: Patricia McHone #2058, Hawaiian Origami, Mary Ellen Straughn #2144 Fire Splendor, Deanna Street #3057 Migrating Geese, Shirley Fox #3082 An Autumn Evening, Judy Pleiss #3114 Enlightened Star, Deb McGuire #3147 Butterfly Garden, Leanne Anderson #3157 Allie's Quilt, Maggie Carr #3161 Circles of Plenty, Martha Roblee #3166 Starry Night, Susie Walden #3188 Caribbean Village, Carol Henke #3332 Apple Blossom Fairy, Janet Shotwell #3356 Desert Sky, Jennifer Yumibe #4101 Falling Leaves and Mary Strinka #6026 Braided Glow. If you weren't present at the November 14th meeting, see me for your yellow ribbon!

Mary Ellen Straughn announced the Viewers' Choice award: Jean Dyer, for her amazing quilt 'Unemployment', which contained more than 11,000 tiny pieces! And then a drumroll, please, for the winner of the Opportunity raffle quilt - congratulations to Josh Vice of Camby, IN. How nice that member Chris Robertson remembers selling him the ticket. Mary Strinka, 2019 Quilt Show Chair, said that quilt show financials are still being calculated but we will know the totals in December.

Wait, December - already? I have so many people to thank. Members who have worked hard, been supportive all year and critical when needed, who put in many hours of work on meetings, the website, articles for the newsletter, membership, programs, hospitality, charity, the list is long! Come to the December 12 meeting where I can thank everyone publicly for helping make 2019 a wonderful year for the Quilters Guild of Indianapolis!

Shari

QGI Holiday Party December 12, 2019

6:30 - 9:00 PM at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
605 E 106th Street, Indianapolis IN 46280

This year we will have a pitch in and play some fun games.
There may or may not be prizes involved!!

Please bring a food item to share from the category listed below,
based on your LAST name:

A - F: Side Dish

G - O: Appetizer

P - Z: Dessert

The guild will supply a main dish or two, drinks, plates, cups, etc.

Wear a festive outfit and join the fun!



QGI 2019 Block of the Month (December) Option 1

Instructions for assembling your 2019 blocks into a quilt top that will measure 52.5" x 60" (without borders).

1. Layout blocks as shown in the diagram (next page). Feel free to interchange the large 20" blocks into a pleasing layout. You can also interchange the 12.5" blocks as you like.
2. The quilt top will be sewn into 3 rows (see bold lines in the diagram).



Row 1 (blocks with the purple letters A-E):

3. Sew the long side of A to B. Press to A.
4. Then sew A-B to C. Press to A-B.
5. Next sew D and E to opposite sides of A-B-C unit. Press to inside unit.

Row 2 (blocks with the red letters F-O):

6. Sew F to long side of G. Press to G. Then sew F-G to H. Press to F-G. (Unit 6)
7. Sew I and K to opposite long sides of J. Press each to J.
8. Sew long side of L to M. Press to L.
9. Sew L-M to N. Press to L-M.
10. Sew I-J-K unit to L-M-N unit. Press to I-J-K unit. (Unit 10)
11. Sew F-G-H (Unit 6) and I-J-K-L-M-N (Unit 10) to opposite sides of O. Press to outside units.

Row 3 (blocks with the blue letters P-Y):

12. Sew P to long side of Q. Press to Q. Then sew P-Q to R. Press to P-Q. (Unit 12)
13. Sew S and U to opposite long sides of T. Press each to T.
14. Sew P-Q-R (Unit 12) to S-T-U unit. Press to S-T-U unit. (Unit 14)
15. Sew V to long side of W. Press to W.
16. Sew V-W to X. Press to V-W. (Unit 16)
17. Sew P-Q-R-S-T-U (Unit 14) and V-W-X (Unit 16) to opposite sides of Y. Press to outside units.

18. Sew Rows 1 and 3 to the opposite sides of Row 2. Press. Add borders as you wish.

Layout for Option 1

20" Block 1 February D			12.5" Block 4 September C		20" Block 2 May E		
			Rec- tangle 1 A	Friendship Star 1 B			
Friendship Star 2 F	Rec- tangle 2 G	20" Block 3 June O			Friendship Star 3 I	12.5" Block 1 March N	
12.5" Block 3 July H					Rectangle 3 J		
					Friendship Star 4 K	Rec- tangle 4 L	Friendship Star 5 M
Friendship Star 6 P	3-Patch Block 1 Q	Friendship Star 7 S	20" Block 4 August Y			Friendship Star 9 V	3-Patch Block 2 W
12.5" Block 2 April R		Rectangle 5 T				12.5" Block 5 October X	
		Friendship Star 8 U					

QGI 2019 Block of the Month (December) Option 2

Instructions for assembling your 2019 blocks into a quilt top that will measure 52.5" x 60" (without borders).

Option 2 will NOT use the 3-patch blocks or the 5 rectangles (5 1/2" x 8") from November. Instead you will need to cut 14 rectangles that measure 3" x 8" from the neutral fabric.

1. Layout blocks as shown in the diagram (next page). Feel free to interchange the large 20" blocks into a pleasing layout. You can also interchange the 12.5" blocks as you like.
2. The quilt top will be sewn into 3 rows (see bold lines in the diagram).

Row 1 (blocks with the purple letters A-F):

3. Sew one long side of A and C to opposite sides of B. Press to A and C.
4. Then sew A-B-C to D. Press to A-B-C.
5. Next sew E and F to opposite sides of A-B-C-D unit. Press to inside unit.

Row 2 (blocks with the red letters G-S):

6. Sew one long side of G and I to opposite sides of H. Press to G and I.
7. Then sew long side of G-H-I to J. Press to G-H-I. **(Unit 7)**
8. Sew one long side of K and M to opposite sides of L. Press to K and M.
9. Then sew long side of K-L-M to R. Press to K-L-M. **(Unit 9)**
10. Sew one long side of N and P to opposite sides of O. Press to N and P.
11. Then sew the P side of N-O-P to Q. Press to P. **(Unit 11)**
12. Sew long side of Unit 9 to long side of Unit 11 ensuring the correct orientation. Press to Unit 9. **(Unit 12)**
13. Sew the long side of Unit 7 and Unit 12 to opposite sides of S ensuring the correct orientation. Press to outside units.

Row 3 (blocks with the blue letters T-FF):

14. Sew one long side of T and V to opposite sides of U. Press to T and V.
15. Then sew long side of T-U-V to AA. Press to T-U-V. **(Unit 15)**
16. Sew one long side of W and Y to opposite sides of X. Press to W and Y.
17. Then sew the Y side of W-X-Y to Z. Press to Y. **(Unit 17)**
18. Sew long side of Unit 15 to long side of Unit 17 ensuring the correct orientation. Press to Unit 15. **(Unit 18)**
19. Sew one long side of BB and DD to opposite sides of CC. Press to BB and DD.
20. Then sew long side of BB-CC-DD to EE. Press to BB-CC-DD. **(Unit 19)**
21. Sew Unit 18 and the long side of Unit 19 to opposite sides of FF ensuring the correct orientation. Press to outside units.
22. Sew Rows 1 and 3 to the opposite sides of Row 2. Press. Add borders as you wish.



Layout for Option 2

20" Block 1 May E			12.5" Block 4 September D			20" Block 2 June F			
			A	Friendship Star 1 B	C				
G	Friendship Star 2 H	I	20" Block 3 February S			K	12.5" Block 1 March R		
	12.5" Block 3 July J					Friendship Star 3 L			
						M			
						N	Friendship Star 4 O	P	Friendship Star 5 Q
T	Friendship Star 6 U	V	W	20" Block 4 August FF			12.5" Block 2 October EE		
12.5" Block 2 April AA		Friendship Star 7 X							
		Y							
		Friendship Star 8 Z	BB				Friendship Star 9 CC	DD	

Note: Blocks with just the colored letters (**A**, **C**, **G**, **I**, **K**, **M**, etc.) are the 3" x 8" rectangles from neutral fabric.

QGI Programs For 2020

We are still putting the programs together for 2020, so keep an eye on the website for updates! Here are some of the things we have lined up so far:

January 2020 - fiber artist **M.C. Bunte** will give a lecture and do a trunk show. She was the featured artist at the Bloomington quilt show in March 2019. She specializes in art quilts and finds the most pleasure in pictorial quilts.

<http://mcbunte.com>



March 2020 - we welcome a speaker from the **Eiteljorg** museum to talk to us about an exhibition they have opening that month. The gallery focus will be on quilts embodying personal stories and symbolizing community relationships. Quilts were and are largely made by women and document people, places, events, serve as visual records and assist in the understanding of Western art, history and culture.

May 2020 - **Kathy McNeil** will present 'Razzle Dazzle Your Quilts' at the QGI meeting. She will also be teaching 2 workshops - Feathers are Flying, The Wonderful World of Landscape Quilting.

<http://kathymcneilquilts.com>

August 2020 - **Susan Brubaker Knapp** will describe her personal journey in a lecture titled 'The Artist in You'. She also is teaching 2 workshops - Thread Sketching: Still Life with Three Fruits, Wholecloth Painting: Botanicals.

<http://bluemoonriver.com>

QGIN NOTES NOVEMBER 1, 2019

Judy Barmann and Anita Harden welcomed all at 1:06 pm. They requested that cell phones be silenced and reminded all to donate \$1.00 to the church for use of the facility.

Birthdays were celebrated and gifts distributed.

Anita introduced the speaker, Kathy Staples. Kathy has been sewing since childhood and quilting for more than 20 years. She is a retired nurse and works part-time at Quilt Expressions. She presented information on using rulers while quilting on your domestic machine.

Door prizes were provided by Quilt Expressions. Ten prizes were distributed at this time.

Announcements from Judy and Anita:

1. While they will continue coordinating this meeting in 2020, we need volunteers for note taking and at least two people to assist Maureen with hostess duties. We will need a coordinator for Block of the Month. Only two members expressed interest in Quilt Top of the Month, so it was decided to eliminate that in 2020.
2. Members were asked if they would take advantage of scissor sharpening by Snippy Jim at the next meeting. Enough people responded that it was decided to invite him. He will charge \$5.00 per item. He can sharpen scissors, knives, garden tools, etc.
3. The December meeting will be a pitch-in Christmas luncheon. The Guild will provide ham, buns and bottled water. Members will bring a food item and their own beverage. Our program will be Guild-to-Guild: We have invited a new guild, Akoma Ntoso, to share with us their history, philosophy and quilts. Only a small group is expected to come.

Announcements:

1. Mary Ellen Straughn
 - a. She presented the thank you blocks for Shari Harrison and Mary Strinka.
 - b. The dues for 2020 are the same, \$30. They can be paid on line or at any of our meetings. Renewing online is \$32 (\$2 service fee).
 - c. Roster - the membership list is on the website and is current through October.
2. Mary Strinka - she thanked everyone who participated in the quilt show.
 - a. The raffle quilt drawing will be at the Thursday night meeting, November 14th
 - b. The November 14th meeting will be a wrap up of the quilt show. All ribbon winners are asked to bring their quilts for show and tell. The final accounting will be year end.
 - c. A thank you message is in the November newsletter, along with the show summary.
 - d. T-shirts and pins are still available for sale.
 - e. People who attended loved the show. There were many very positive comments. Attendance appeared to be down compared to previous shows.
3. Amy O'Connell talked about the upcoming workshops in 2020: Kathy McNeil in May and Susan Knapp in August.

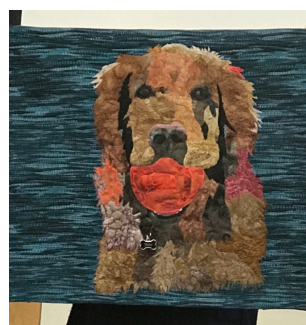
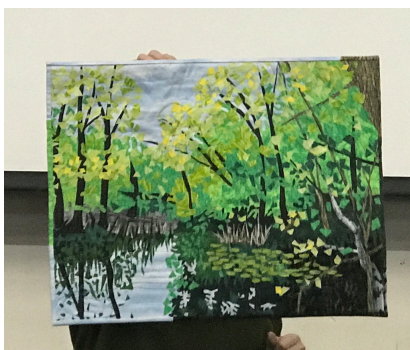
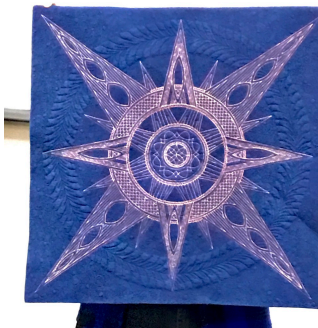
4. Chris Robertson

- a. Logo items are available for order:
 - i. Fleece jackets, \$30, prepaid.
 - ii. Water bottles, 26 oz, \$20, prepaid.
 - iii. Zip tote bags, \$8.
 - iv. Mugs, 16 oz, \$5.
- b. Chris and Maureen Weflen will be coordinating a spring QGI retreat. See further information on the retreat in the pages that follow.
- c. Block of the Month - Melissa presented the BOM. A copy is in the November newsletter.

Quilt Top of the Month - 5 people showed their quilt tops. Patterns for the next QTOM were distributed and quilts are due January, 2020

Hospitality report: 85 members and \$92 donated.

Show & Tell - 14 items were presented. A few photos of show and tell are below.



DECEMBER 6 MEETING

The meeting will be a Christmas pitch-in luncheon. Members may furnish whatever foods they enjoy. We will have invited guests from the Akoma Ntoso Quilt Guild

QGIS January 23, 2020 Meeting Back Door Quilts

Please join us for a trunk show presented by The Back Door Quilt Shop. Linda Hale and Teri Daugherty will present a trunk show of their latest projects, including quilts, and wool applique. They will also demonstrate their favorite tools and techniques.

The QGI yearly dues are \$30.00. You can pay at meetings in cash or check (\$30), or charge them to your credit card on our website. A \$2 fee is charged if you use this method. Thanks to those who have already paid their 2020 dues.

We are in need for some one to step-up and chair the QGIS meetings in 2020. Please volunteer. If you have questions on what this involves, feel free to contact Sandi Charles.

Happy Birthday Quilters!

Marilyn	Hamilton	1-Dec	
LaRena	Brown	2-Dec	
Sandra	Haneline	2-Dec	
Ann	Slabaugh	3-Dec	
F. Elaine	Glover	3-Dec	
Vickie	Palmore-Hale	3-Dec	
Betsy	Guderian	9-Dec	
Lynn	Martin	12-Dec	
Shari	Harrison	14-Dec	
Suzanne	McKee	15-Dec	
Linda	Paulson	19-Dec	
Beverly	Vancil	20-Dec	
Elizabeth	Sampson	21-Dec	
Carol G.	Victory	29-Dec	
Christine	Hurley	29-Dec	
Pat	Casebere	29-Dec	
Debbie	Hood	31-Dec	
Paula	Jurgonski	31-Dec	
Sheila	Hyatt	31-Dec	

CHARITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2019

SUBMITTED by Margaret Duke

Trinity Free Clinic(164quilts, 76 pillowcases)

St. Elizabeths, Pregnancy Center(300 quilts, 210 pillowcases Children's Bureau(180 quilts, 75 pillowcases)

Nursing homes (Christmas Quilts-12)

Interfaith Hospitality Network (Marion County - 25 quilts)

St Vincent/Damien Center (45 pillowcases)

Salvation Army(*75 hats and gloves, 49 quilts, 17 pillowcases) Merciful Help Center(48 quilts)

Family Promise, Hamilton County(32 quilts, 32 pillowcases)

Preemie quilts (412 quilts) Community North Hospital

St Vincents Women's Hospital IU Health North

Eskenazi Health

St Vincent's Carmel

Coburn Place (54 quilts,58 pillowcases, 19 cloth books) Quilts for Cure (7 quilts)

Snuggled in Hope (33 quilts and pillowcases)

Carmel Care (25 quilts)

Carmel Senior Health and Living (20 quilts) Birthline (20 quilts)

Homeless LGTB youth facility (10 quilts) Quilts of Valor (2 quilts)

Hats (410 hats, gloves, scarves) Salvation Army

Wheeler Mission Homeless shelters Soup Kitchens

Carmel St Vincent Clinic

Animal Shelters (220 pet beds)

Raffle quilts (3)

St Augustine Home, Camp Tecumseh, Irvington UMC

- Included with count of hats

- **A total of 2558 items**

There will not be a Third Thursday Meeting in December or January. Meetings will resume in February.

GUILD LOGO ITEMS FOR SALE

Coordinator: Chris Robertson

The following items are available to guild members at the costs shown. Our guild logo will be shown on all items. Chris will be at all meetings to take your order. If you are ordering one or more items please let Chris know at which meeting you will pick them up: QGI, QGIN or QGIS. Availability is subject to change if minimum orders are not met.

#123990-M	Men's Navy Fleece Zippered Jacket Sizes XS-6XL, LT-4LT.	\$30 (prepaid)
#123990-L	Women's Navy Fleece Zippered Jacket Sizes XS-4XL	\$30 (prepaid)
#126434-26	H2go Vacuum Navy Water Bottle 26 oz., double wall, 18/8 stainless steel, copper lining, screw-on lid	\$20 (prepaid)
#6258	Two-tone Royal Blue/Black Tote Bag Durable 600D polyester, 25" shoulder length handles, Size 14" x 17" x 5"	\$10
#7001-C	Grande Navy Challenger Mug 14 oz., large handle, ceramic mug, 5" x 4.75" x 3.5"	\$5

If you have questions, please call me at 317-709-6989. Please leave a message and I'll return your call. Once we have met the minimum quantity required for each item, I will place the order and advise you on a delivery date.

ATTENTION QGI MEMBERS: The above items for sale are from a new distributor. If you have placed any orders earlier than October 15th, you will need to reselect your items and advise me. I am sorry for this delay, but the earlier source kept deleting items from their availability and made it difficult to wait for the minimum quantities ordered before finalizing the order. Please accept my apologies. You are able to look at the items first hand at each of the guild meetings and even try on the jackets. If you have any questions please call me at 317-709-6989 and leave a message. I will return your call since I do not answer any calls from numbers I do not recognize. Thanks for your understanding.



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Riley Hospital Community Service Project

Coordinator: Chris Robertson

While sitting at The Indiana State Fair I started an activity shared by both children and adults. I was told by a couple of nurses who work at Riley that it would be a great activity for the children during their hospitalization. The activity was to allow anyone to create their own quilt block “backwards”. They were given ¼ sheet of 60# cardstock and unlimited number and colors of fabric. It’s backwards because they were starting with the backing and designing on the front. Most fabrics were cut into 1”- 1 1/2” squares and applied glue from either blue or white glue sticks. It was a HIT!

So now, I want to take this activity to Riley Hospital and share it with them. To do so, I am in search of donations for additional fabrics scraps of all types and textures; (preferably pre-cut, if possible). The textures will be useful for allowing children with different conditions, such as Autism, to be able to participate and giving them extra therapy too!. Glue Sticks in either white or blue (some Dollar Trees have 8 packs for \$1.00): 60# card stock and some volunteers who would like to enjoy the gift of giving to Children. I do want to thank everyone who has already contributed to our supplies during the Indiana State Fair and to the generous donation of fabric from what was left at the Peony Shoppe after the Quilt Show. Call me at 317-709-6989 (leave a voicemail message and I will call you back) if you are interested in contributing to this cause.



SPRING RETREAT IS BAAAAACK!!!

Chris Robertson and Maureen Weflen have organized a Spring Retreat for guild members that will be held at the Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana, IN from May 8-10, 2020. Only 30 rooms have been set aside for this retreat. All the details are in the form below. Get your reservation in early, rooms are filling up fast. Hope to see you there.

2020 Spring Retreat

Farmstead Inn

370 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana, IN

May 8 - 10, 2020

Join the Spring QGI Quilting Retreat where you can work on your own projects, learn new techniques, and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. The cost of the retreat includes overnight accommodations Friday and Saturday, daily breakfasts and use of the sewing room.

- Single Occupancy: \$282.00
- Double Occupancy: \$303.00 (\$151.50 per person)
- 3/room: \$357.00 (\$119 per person) *3rd bed is a roll-away cot*

To register, complete this form and give the bottom part along **with a \$75 deposit** to Maureen Weflen or Chris Robertson at a meeting by no later than January 24, 2020. The deposit will hold your room. **Balance due by March 27, 2020. Make checks payable to QGI.** If mailing your registration and deposit, send it to: Maureen Weflen, 3247 Autumn Ash Dr., Zionsville, IN 46077.

(No refunds after March 27, 2020 unless you find a replacement.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Roommate(s): _____

ADA Room Required? _____

Payment Amount: \$_____ Date: _____

Payment Type: Check #_____ Cash _____

General Meeting Schedule

2nd Thursday each month

7:00-9:00PM

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
1605 E 106th St, Indianapolis IN 46280

QGIN -North Daytime Meeting

1st Friday each month*

1:00-3:00 PM

*(July meeting held last Friday in June)

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
1605 E. 106th St, Indianapolis IN 46280

QGIS -South Daytime Meeting

4th Thursday January-November

12:00-2:30PM

Friedens United Church of Christ
8300 S. Meridian, Indianapolis

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Next Board Meeting Date/Place TBA

All paid members are invited to attend board meetings.

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Charity Hats	Nancy Jo Clapp
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	Maureen Weflen
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Show & Tell	Libby Gilbert
State Museum	Mark Ruschman
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Newsletter	Maureen Weflen
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QGIN Chairs	Anita Harden
	Judy Barmann
QGIS Chair	Sandi Charles