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A NOTE FROM PAT:

Happy July! Many thanks to Michelle for offering to continue our newsletter over the summer. I have news to share, both from our “town meeting” and from our last board meeting. We are all making decisions and providing resources and ideas with the big goal of keeping us all connected as a quilting community, even in the midst of pandemic. Please read emails and the rest of the newsletter carefully so you don't miss a thing!

Going forward, we would like to suggest that members form small working or learning groups. If you have an interest in a special aspect of quilting, gather a group (more on that later) and “meet” via zoom. If desired a small group can meet outside in someone's yard or porch - socially distanced of course! Anyone can be a group leader - just announce the topic and the limit on participants. If you are planning an in-person group, and your porch only holds 4 people 6 feet apart, then say that and confirm with the first 4. The ideas for this are limitless. You could have a

hand sewing party, a group to learn together about trapunto or embroidery and embellishments or some other technique. You could organize a virtual Sew Happy.

And how do you gather a group? The board has voted to encourage people to email the whole guild with anything that is quilt, guild or sewing related. We are going to do this as a trial - please be respectful - nothing about a car for sale or a puppy that needs a home! Only quilts, guild and sewing. We are looking into an easy way for us to email everyone quickly. But for now, open the membership spreadsheet from Deborah Himeloch, copy the email addresses and paste into an email.

One group is already forming - Moira Ten-Hove is leading a group working on a Mystery Quilt Challenge - so read her article about how to get involved. There is also an informal group who are taking an online machine quilting class supporting each other to stay on track and share ideas. One idea is that a group can create a private Facebook group and post photos and questions to each other.

In other exciting news - our guild's exhibit at the quilt museum is being planned. Marianne and Laura are in charge and it's all very exciting. Please check their article for all the details and how you can participate.

Our raffle quilt is getting some splash on the websites of the two food pantries that we are supporting. We've already distributed some funds and hope to raise a lot more. It is every guild member's responsibility to sell their ticket books - or buy them yourself. And then start thinking about where else you can sell them. Post it on facebook, email friends. Here's an idea - I made a lot of masks for friends and family and when they offered to

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pay for them, I said - how about if you buy some raffle tickets. Many of them did!

Pat Lukens

RAFFLE QUILT NEWS!

Thank you to all who have been sending me ticket stubs and checks, and even asked for additional tickets to sell! We have already made donations to our local food pantries which have been so appreciated.

During this time of greater food insecurity for many people, the situation at food pantries is critical. Many children are especially in need of food without their free school meals. You can help by continuing to sell or buy your raffle tickets. The sooner you mail your checks and stubs to me, the sooner we can make much-needed additional donations to the food pantries. Remember, 100% of our proceeds will help families in need.

Thank you for making a difference.

Some EXCITING NEWS - our raffle quilt is going to be on display at the New England Quilt Museum this summer. I hope some of us will be able to get to the museum for a visit.

Betsy Athan
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DATES FOR GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2020-2021

Meetings will be held via zoom until it's safe for us to be together. Meetings will run from 7:00 to 8:30PM

September 14
October 5
November 2
December 7
January 4
February 1
March 1
April 5
May 3
June 7

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM?

"Due to circumstances beyond our control, the reopening of the New England Quilt Museum has been delayed. We still expect to open this month. Stay tuned for further updates"

New hours for this summer are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Many of everyone's favorite Lowell lunch spots have reopened for take-out and/or outdoor dining. Please check the museum website for updated information before coming.

Looking ahead to August, the exhibit of quilts from our guild at New England Quilt Museum is still scheduled for August 18 to October 18. Marianne Hatton and Laura Lane are busy putting together the exhibit in coordination with curator Pam Weeks. You will be hearing more about this exhibit as we get closer to the opening.

Laura Lane

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WQG MYSTERY QUILT-ALONG YOU ARE INVITED...

We're having...a mystery quilt-along (aka a MQAL) this summer...and you're invited!

RSVP by July 10, 2020 to
activities@waysidequilters.org

Your Cost: \$7.50 payable by check (to whom is TBD – another mystery to be solved – meanwhile your credit is good here!)

Your Choice: Scrap Bust – Stash Dive – Fabric Shop

Your Size: Lap – Twin – Full

Start Date: Mid-July

Clues/Steps: To your email, approximately weekly but exact interval is another mystery!

Duration: ~9 Weeks – we'll be sharing in-progress pictures as well as the tops and/or finished quilts

Prizes: Maybe – yet another mystery!

Suitable for Intermediate or Confident

Beginner Quilters – Basic rotary cutting and machine piecing skills only – NO curved seams, Y-seams, appliqué, or similar challenges

NOTE OF THANKS FOR OUTREACH QUILTS 2020

From Care Dimensions Hospice, Lincoln:

“ We are grateful to those whose generous support enables us to provide compassionate care to our patients and their families every day of the year.

Care Dimensions appreciates your thoughtful donation of 11 beautiful quilts. Thank you and Best Wishes from all of us at Care Dimensions.”

From REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Waltham:

“On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of REACH, I want to thank you for donating 18

quilts. Your generous gift has made the transition to independence easier for families affected by domestic violence.

Each year, REACH offers safely and support to thousands of adults and children who experience domestic violence. We seek to empower individuals through intervention, prevention, education and advocacy programs. Our mission would not be possible without the generosity of benefactors like you.

Again, thank you for your donation to REACH; without your support, none of this work would be possible. We truly appreciate your help in breaking the devastation cycle of violence.

Together we will reach beyond domestic violence.

Sincerely,

*Laura R. Van Zandt
Executive Director”*

Finally, Pathways Shelter in Framingham we donated 21 quilts for which they are grateful.

Lu Linda and I thank all of you quilters who donated your time and talent to make this a record year of quilt donations!

Susan Thomas

WQG is ZOOMING ON ZOOM!

While we surely would all prefer to be meeting in person, our online meetings have been a successful alternative! We had 36 people online for our zoom meeting in June, and it was really fun! As a creative group (we are **Quilters**, after all!!) we came up with some interesting ways to make participation unique. Everyone enjoyed it when Jane Harris and Marianne Hatton each generously gave us a tour of their sewing rooms. It was a personal

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touch that we never would have been able to enjoy at the Grange Hall! We enjoyed seeing some of their favorite tools, how they organize and use their fabric and their space, some of their gorgeous creations hanging on their walls, and more. It was delightful!

For **Show and Tell** we had over 50 contributions... and by asking the makers to send in their photos in advance, we got great close-ups of everyone's beautiful creations. It was an excellent alternative to a live Show and Tell. We will do it again, so stay tuned.

Given the current Covid 19 conditions, it is looking like Zoom meetings are here to stay for a while. For those of you who haven't yet tried it, we can help you prior to our September meeting. Pat Lukens was kind enough to sponsor a "happy half-hour" that served as zoom practice prior to the June meeting, and we can do that once again if necessary prior to the September meeting. Or you can contact her if you need assistance and she will link you up with someone who can help you get set up on Zoom.

It's a new world - and Wayside Quilters Guild is embracing it as necessary. Don't be left out. Please speak up if you need some assistance on this. It is going to be an important part of our Guild experience for the next few months, anyway.

Sue Blaney

BATTING FOR OUTREACH QUILTS

If you need batting to complete your outreach quilts, send an email to Susan Thomas.

Provide the dimensions you need and if you will pick up or need drop off.

Email is: susan@thomasandcompany.com or cell is 781-697-1306.

GUILD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Hello everyone. Our guild 'year' runs from September through June. It is time to start collecting dues for the next Guild year. Due to the pandemic, annual dues are reduced to \$25 (from \$35). Any voluntary contributions over the reduced dues are welcome.

The money from dues is used both to pay for meetings (room rent, speaker's fees, etc.) and to support the good works of the guild (e.g. outreach quilts, caring hearts pillows, etc.). Please make checks payable to 'Wayside Quilters Guild' and mail to our treasurer, Kathy Schmidt, before September.

*Her address is:
Kathy Schmidt
4 Bay Drive
Sudbury, MA 01776*

*Stay well and happy quilting,
Deborah Himelthoch*

BROWN BAG CHALLENGE

Don't forget about your Brown Bag Challenge Quilt.

Here is Josée Vachon's completed Challenge Quilt. "my garden challenge! My fabrics were the black fence, the white meadow in the background and the light purple (used as a hill as well as first border)."

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You are given the fabric requirements together with some guidance about light/dark/scale/etc.that you can use to pick your fabrics but you can ignore them. You are given cutting instructions – rotary cutters will be used, so no templates or curves. Our mystery offers multiple size options and is scrap-friendly.

Over a period of weeks you receive the “clues” – I’ll be sending them out by email given we’re still social distancing – which tell you how to create the pieces of the quilt. This is a small element of the larger quilt – half square triangles, snowball blocks, flying geese or similar – that can be accomplished in a fairly short amount of time. Part of the fun is not knowing what you are making.

Subsequent clues may have you assemble these elements to create larger units or the last clue may give the full assembly instructions. Each step is designed to take only a short period of time – you are not signing your summer away.

We’ll certainly be sharing photos of the elements and the completed tops – and we are actively encouraging you to share tips with one another.

If you’re not sure whether you’ll like to finished project, please don’t let that stop you. We always need comfort quilts and someone will love it!

Everyone who participates must buy the pattern but that need be your only cost. There is outreach fabric available.

You’ll get your copy after the mystery is “solved” and your bill is paid – we’re still working on how to receive that safely.

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Welcome to summer!

This will definitely be a weird one but with most travel plans on hold you may have more time to quilt.

I want to highlight some opportunities in the guild and beyond.

1. About that Mystery Quilt the Guild is running – just \$7.50/person
Sign-ups are open until July 10 rsvp to activities@waysidequilters.org

We have a tested pattern – so all the mistakes are yours which I find oddly comforting. As of this writing, **16 intrigued quilters** have jumped in so what are you waiting for? The water is fine.

I’m told that mystery quilts are a new concept to some so I’ll try to explain.

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It is really fun to see how different fabric choices alter the final quilt.

2. Always wanted to learn how to free motion your projects? This is free to all but you may want to get a copy of her book for reference.

Lori Kennedy (www.lorikennedy.com) is running a 25 week free motion QAL to accompany the release of her latest book (25 Days to Better Free Motion Quilting) with daily written tutorials (some with videos)

Several – 6 and counting – guild members are participating at some level and we are eager to offer encouragement to everyone so join us.

There is a Facebook group associated with the QAL if that's your thing. More locally, we will endeavor to celebrate our progress, share tips and ideas, and hold one another accountable more personally. There is doodling involved which this art class reject, for one, is thoroughly enjoying.

You may never want to tackle a full size quilt on your sewing machine so why should you learn to free motion quilt? You likely have smaller projects like Wall Hangings, Table Runners, Placemats, Christmas Stockings... Who knows, free motion quilting may be your as-yet-undiscovered superpower.

Finally, figuring out what looks good on smaller projects will really help you with the "Quilt as desired" conundrum.

3. Can't get enough of pinwheels?

Have you seen the deconstructed disappearing pinwheel by Jenny Doan at Missouri Star Quilt Co? She had me with the indigo fabrics then

she added the construction...I want (to make) one!

<https://quiltingtutorials.com/tutorial/make-a-deconstructed-disappearing-pinwheel-with-jenny-doan-of-missouri-star>

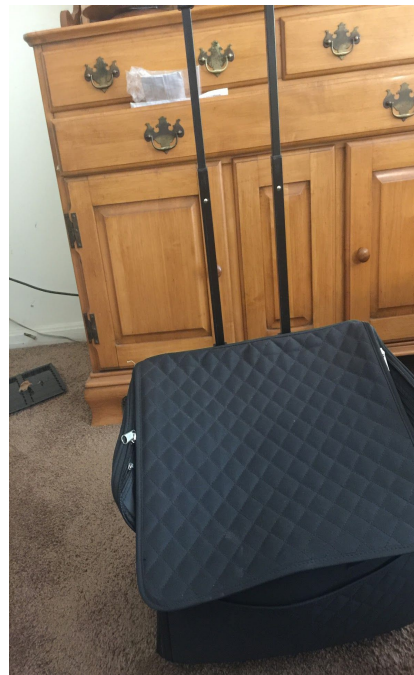
– *Moirá Ten-Hove* (activities@waysidequilters.org)

DESTASHING

Our member, Mary Condon is offering her sewing machine tote. Free to whomever can use it. Measurements are 18" wide, 12" deep, 13" tall.

Interested, contact Mary at

marymcondon@gmail.com



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE AREA!

Sun Bath Quilt Tour

August 8, 2020

(raindate August 9)

City Of Easthampton, Massachusetts

<https://www.bigtopquilts.com/sun-bath-quilt-tour-summer-2020>

In the midst of chaotic times it is important to shine our lights brightly. Easthampton's own SUN

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BATH Quilt Tour offers an opportunity for folks throughout the community to celebrate our city, our "Center of the Universe", by sharing art from within our own collections. By creating a "Quilt Display for a Day" on front porches and windows, we will offer a driving self-guided tour of quilts for people of all ages to safely enjoy, bringing their light to all the corners of our city.

Food: Many restaurants are open for safe dining, curbside and pick-up in the City of Easthampton

On Saturday, August 8, from 8 am -8 pm, just follow the self-guided tour map and drive around to the addresses! To safely view the tour from your car please drive slowly as you approach a quilt stop, use your hazard lights to alert other drivers to your plan to pause and, be respectful of neighbors in the vicinity. If you plan to talk with folks outside of your car, please have a mask handy to wear if they approach you. Photos are welcome! Please share on social media #SunBathQuiltTour #ItsInEasthampton