

Wayside Quilters

Newsletter ~May , 2020

Our Next General Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2020
@ 7:00 pm
via ZOOM

June 1, 2020 Program
Zoom Show and Tell!
Send your photos ahead of time
to Waysideguild@gmail.com
Please put "Quilt Photos"
in the subject line.

A Note from the President

Oh my - that sounds pretentious - how about a note from Pat?

Before I begin - thank you for the vote of confidence, I will do everything to live up to it. And let's take a moment to thank our board who have been done both their tasks and the tasks of the president for a long time! Thank you Thank you.

Your Guild Board has met and has been working to keep our Guild on its vibrant and growing path - in the face of this insane health crisis. We have decided to err on the side of caution for the time being and at least our next two meetings, June and September will be Zoom meetings. Our show has been postponed, as well as the auction. When things unfold and we have enough information to make a decision, we will be sure to let you know.

The quilt raffle will go ahead on the date and time it was planned, although it will be done virtually with a video of the drawing that we can post.

As a Guild we also feel that we need to DO something to help with all the chaos. A big issue in our area is food insecurity, so we have voted to donate the proceeds of our raffle to local food pantries. During this crisis, many local food pantries are simply stripped bare and we are in a position to help! Please check Betsy Athan's letter in this newsletter for all the details. We really need to think out of the box for selling these tickets as they will not be selling at the show or Fabric Place. We will also be increasing our donation to the New England Quilt Museum, another precious organization that is hit hard by not having any income.

The June 1 meeting - We've planned a great meeting on zoom. An invitation to the zoom and an agenda will be sent out in advance. But here are the highlights:

- Show and Tell - Of course - it's June and we've all done a lot of sewing. Send a photo of your show and tell in advance to Sue Blaney at waysideguild@gmail.com. She will compile our work into a PowerPoint which will run during the zoom and each of us will comment on our work and answer questions. And just because it's been in the quarantine newsletters, don't feel you've shown and told. We all want to hear about your projects!

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- Sewing Room Tours - Jane Harris and Marianne Hatton have agreed to each take us on a virtual tour of their sewing rooms - show some challenges with their space and some unique solutions. Everyone will get ideas for their own space.

And now your role - as we move forward in these uncertain times - what would you like from your Guild? What would inspire you? Teach you? Entertain you? Please flood my inbox with your ideas. I am sure that if we work together we can “stitch together” an exciting if unusual year for our Guild.

Pat

Raffle Quilt News

What is happening with the quilt raffle?

The quilt raffle will take place as scheduled despite the cancellation of the 2020 quilt show. Hundreds of tickets have already been sold, and the guild is legally required to raffle the quilt on October 4.

The guild will be donating 100% of the raffle proceeds to two local food pantries (Sudbury Food Pantry and the Middlesex Tri-County Food Pantry). With the unprecedented rate of job losses, food pantries are being stressed beyond their capacities. Our donation can make a difference to the lives of many families in need.

How can you help?

Each guild member can help this worthy cause by either purchasing or selling the eight books of raffle tickets allotted to them. Most of you have already received your tickets at a guild meeting, but I still have a few envelopes to

distribute. I will mail them to you in the next week or so.

How to sell tickets while social distancing

Do you use Facebook? Email, text or telephone friends? Zoom or Skype with friends, family or coworkers? These are all methods we can use at this time. Or perhaps you see your neighbors on the other side of the road while taking your daily walk. There is a photo of the entire raffle quilt in this newsletter that you can send to people to generate enthusiasm. You probably know many people who would like to help food pantries with a small (or large) donation. If you have other ideas for successful selling, please share with the guild by emailing Michele (newsletter@waysidequilters.org) so she can post them with her frequent updates.

Note: While we prefer checks or cash for ticket purchases, we are equipped to take PayPal payments to treasurer@waysidequilters.org. It would be best to use PayPal if you do not know the person you're selling to. *IMPORTANT* Please ask the person to put your name, as the ticket seller, in the PayPal memo section so we can match payments and ticket stubs.

What to do with your ticket stubs and money?

Mail your ticket stubs (the part with the name and contact info) and check(s) to:

Betsy Athan
107 Sears Rd.
Wayland, MA 01778

Please make a note on the stubs if the payment has been made through PayPal. I have a few thousand extra tickets, so let me know if you would like some additional books.

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We can do this! Thank you for making a difference!

Betsy Athan

rafflequilt@waysidequilters.org

What's Happening at the New England Quilt Museum?

As most of you know, NEQM is closed due to Covid-19. The museum closed at the end of the day on March 14th. The staff worked for the next week, individually, to change the exhibits until the Governor declared that non-essential workers should stay home. Until the reopening plan is revealed, it is unclear when the museum will reopen. When museums are able to reopen, there will be new exhibits to view and new procedures, including face-masks worn by all visitors. For current details of reopening, check the museum website and/or Facebook page.

If you missed the last exhibit, or would like to revisit, there is a virtual exhibit on-line of Salvaged: The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer Regan. I have included the link here.

<https://www.neqm.org/salvaged-virtual-exhibition>

The next exhibit will be A Better World, a group of art quilts celebrating heroes who have worked to make a better world. I have included a link to a preview of the exhibit. Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7wgRWrCNq8>

This has been a difficult time for all museums. Many New England museums are small and have little or no endowment to carry them through long periods of no income

such as this. When the time comes to reopen, please support NEQM by coming to visit, becoming a member, or donating, if you are able.

Laura Lane

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 Himelhoch

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Dear Members,

Please find below the Annual Results (projected) for our Guild as of June 30th. We have ended up with a bigger loss at \$1,880 than we expected primarily because of the cancellation of the Auction this Spring, our big money maker for this year. But please be aware that we have a reasonable level of Reserves (\$9,133) which should see us through the pandemic in fine shape.

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We should all be proud that the Board elected to make a \$1,000 one time donation to the New England Quilt Museum from our Reserves. And that the Board has voted to donate 100% of our raffle proceeds to local pantries. This response by our Guild makes me proud to be a member!

Next year's operations are currently hard to predict although I imagine that we will probably incur a modest loss. But we are a creative bunch and I am feeling confident that we will find original ways to sustain our Guild should life not return to normal for way longer than we wish.

Your Treasurer, Kathie Schmidt

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.

BROWN BAG CHALLENGE

Now is a great time to do a small, creative project. (Maybe between those masks). The timing is good as summer is coming.... Get it?...”Into the Garden”. That is the theme of the Quilted Wall Hangings. Here is the rest of the information:

1. Use some or all of each of the 3 fabrics in the brown bag.
2. Must have 3 layers: Top, Batting and Back
3. Needs to bound.
4. Circumference must be 72” or less
5. Does not need a sleeve
6. Use your imagination. Can have embellishments.

An additional request. Staple swatches of the bag's fabric onto an index card so everyone can

see what you were working with. We will attach the card to the wall hanging for the show.... Whenever that is. The hanging will be due before the show.

Please take a picture of your wall hanging for the June 1st Zoom Guild Meeting and send it to Waysideguild@gmail.com Please put “Quilt Photos” in the subject line. Sue Blaney is going to make a PowerPoint Slide Show of all the current Brown Bag Challenge Quilts.
Ann Moses

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee is extremely pleased to announce that Pat Lukens has very graciously accepted to serve as guild President, beginning immediately to finish the year, and to be added to the new Slate of Officers for member vote. We have been without a president for several years now, and we truly appreciate her willingness to offer guidance for the coming 2 years, according to our by-laws.

Following the unanimous recommendation of the current board, a general vote of the membership will be held via email. Please submit your vote to Sue Blaney, Secretary, at waysideguild@gmail.com before the June 1st meeting.

The slate of officers and board members proposed for 2020-2022:

President: Pat Lukens*

Program Chair: Tica de Moor *

Treasurer: Kathie Schmidt *

Secretary: Sue Blaney*

Past-President: Jill Cochrane

In-House Program Chair: OPEN (for non-speaker meetings)

Membership: Deborah Himelhoch

Hospitality: Josee Vachon

Historian: Judy Merra

NEQM: Laura Lane

Newsletter: Michele MacDonald

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Webmaster: Debbie Ehrmann

Outreach: Susan Thomas & LuLinda Tucker

Library: Nancy King

Publicity: Jane Harris

Workshops: Laura Lane

*Quilt Show Chair: Kathie Schmidt, Carol
Bradford, Moira Ten-Hove*

*Activities Chair: OPEN (Block of the Month,
pinwheels, etc.)*

*Retreat Chair: Marianne Hatton & Michele
MacDonald*