



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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HOW ARE YOU PASSING THE TIME? CCQG members report on what they've been doing during the stay-at-home order.

Kathy Kittle did a "Quarantine Quilt Along" with Gudrun Erla called "Elvira." The photo is of "My Cornona" and she's doing another Quilt Along called "Strip To Shore." She finished my "Lupine" quilt from Gudrun's class last October and has been working on other UFO's.



Carolyn Solomon also participated in Gudrun Erla's Quarantine Quilt Along, making a quilt called Elvira. Let's hope they show up in our show and tell someday!

Cathy Skelton reports she's been working on a couple of quarantine quilt alongs: one by Gudrun Erla, and one by Edyta Sitar. I have Gudrun's pattern, Elvira, finished and the blocks finished on Edyta's pattern, California.

Janet Keesler has been working on a quilt for her church. by hand embroidering the names on quilt squares.

Bev Wilkinson, among the regular household and farm chores, participated in the Quarantine Quiltalong making the Elvira quilt, (ed: okay, I'm seeing a pattern here) made masks and items for the Boutique (2021 CCQG Quilt Show), and pulled out a kit "Seaside Cottages" that she bought in 2016. She's also been quilting her Aurora quilt that I started in Gudrun Erla's class in October.

Marie Bard-Curtis has been cleaning and organizing her sewing/quilting studio. She also created two youtube videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oWYaWFQbUs&t=2s> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAE9jZ-slRQ&t=4s> which cover longarming using Quilter's Creative Touch software. Check them out! You're a star, Marie!

2020-2021 Officers

(pending voting)

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Cathy Skelton

Vice President:

Dan Burke

Secretary:

Rosemary Nester

Treasurer:

John Putnam

Editor's note:

I recycled old ad copy for all of our advertisers.



KUDOS



Thank goodness that so many of our LQs have offered to personally shop for us and provided curbside pickup during these months so we could stay productive. Thanks!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The last yogi-ism you will get from me, at least in newsletter form. "If the world were perfect, it wouldn't be." Isn't that the truth right now? I also thought about Laurel and Hardy - "this is a fine kettle of fish you've gotten me into now." Something like that. We are all in that kettle of fish.

No to be concerned, I won't be offering any advice on how to stay healthy and what you might be doing to safeguard yourself and others. There is enough of that every day in all of our outlets: television, radio, newsprint, digital newsprint and every other information source in the world. I want to escape and pretend for bits of time. I know that is not possible for everyone in the guild as some of you are not old like me and have jobs that are essential. I don't think that thank you is being said enough. Thank you.

My escape has been quilting. I seem to have lost focus during the shelter in order but quilting brings that sense of calm and peacefulness that I am missing. Some of the board members will be providing a bit about what they have been doing during this time. During my escape from reality I have completed a Heartwarmers quilt using wonky blocks made in a Gwen Marston's class, another lap quilt using the pattern Nina, and also another Christmas Emma quilt. The Nina and Emma are both Gudrun Erla patterns. I have also started making masks. Not so much an escape but reality so I have been slow in the process.

One of my other accomplishments has been SNACKING. I will be departing as your president a changed person. Not only mentally but also physically.

Speaking of departing as president of the Guild, thank you all for the experience. I have actually enjoyed my second term. I am not crazy about board meetings but everything else is enjoyable. Chairing the membership meetings is fun, the ham in me loves it and also the additional contact with members of the group. I could go on, but all in all, a very positive experience for me. So thank you. I am sorry that we didn't have a March or April meeting as I miss you all. I would volunteer for a third term at some point, but Beth Donaldson has threatened me. Beth is also a two-term president and she doesn't want anyone besting her. Hmmm, maybe I shouldn't have said anything. *John*

MESSAGE FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

As the outgoing Library Chair I would like to say that I hope you all have been enjoying the library books that you've been able to keep while we are sheltering at home. You may actually get a chance to read the books cover to cover and maybe even complete some of the projects in the books. No worries, - no fines will be assessed on any of the books that are out during this time of quarantine. *Marie Bard-Curtis*



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RAFFLE TICKETS - CCQG 2020 Raffle

Thanks to everyone who has returned their raffle tickets to me. We plan on having the raffle on May 21st as planned even if we have it in the church parking lot with social distancing. So please return any tickets you may have by the end of April to:

Sharon Wexler
5003 Aspen Drive
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You can use the small envelope that was enclosed in your packet that has my name and address on it. It only takes one stamp for your stubs and check! If you can't find your tickets, let me know as I need to keep track of them. If you need more, let me know at 517-285-5289 or sharonwexler7101@comcast.net.



Quilt Show News

Well here we are 18 months away, when we should begin our show board meetings and we're staying home, being safe. Luckily, we selected 2021 and not this year. I have to believe by Oct. of this year we will be planning our show. But this seems like a good time for all of us to be planning or working on items to display or to donate to the boutique and the silent auction. If each of us donated one item to the silent auction, just think what there would be to bid on. And if we all created boutique items, we'd have quite a sale. Just remember, sew now-donate later!

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QUILTERS' TREASURES TABLE—Thank You Billie Piazza!

A special thank you to Billie for managing the Quilter's Treasure Table for 9 years. Billie has let the Board know that she is no longer going to wrangle the treasures shared by guild members. It was originally Billie's idea to have the table as a way for members to share scraps, fabric, and anything quilt related.

I didn't realize the effort that she put in each month. It magically appeared and just as magically disappeared. Behind the magic was taking items home and sorting, sometimes cleaning and perhaps doing a little pressing. Finding a source for some items that were truly destined for the rag bin.

In any event, many hundreds of pounds of materials and supplies were redistributed through her efforts. Thank you again. In her note to the board she did say the following: "I feel so lucky to have come face to face with so many of you at the Quilter's Treasure table! Thank you one and all for putting up with the mess, and thanks to everyone who helped to pack and carry. I hope the CCQG can find a way to continue QT, but I won't be behind that table. I want time and energy to do some other fun things such as sew, and write up some more family stories." No Billie, thank you. *John*

PROGRAMS

May, if held: Guild Challenge, Heartwarmers

& election of officers.

June: Ann Marie Rowland - A Musical Trunk Show

July: CCQG Garage Sale

August: Small Group Night

September: Rossie Hutchinson

October: Susan Cleveland

November: CCQG Auction

December: CCQG Holiday Party

*Kathy Kittle
Program Chair*

2019 CHALLENGE QUILT Fly Quilters, Fly!

This year's challenge features a well loved and traditional block, Flying Geese. The challenge quilts will be displayed and judged at the **MAY** meeting.

There are no size requirements for this year's challenge, so here we go:

Your quilt must have at least one recognizable flying geese block in the quilt as well as at least 6 square inches of turquoise. The fabric can be a solid, batik or can read as a solid.



The 6 inch square can be cut into smaller pieces as you wish.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Chelane Priller at 517-525-0906 or chelane.priller@gmail.com.

Let your imagination run wild and fly!

MAY

- Borszich, Jackie 5/1
- Donaldson, Beth 5/1
- Lounds, Sue 5/6
- Fisher, Renee 5/7
- Putnam, John 5/9
- Smith, Kathy 5/9
- Nester, Rosemary 5/10
- Cheney, Peg 5/13
- Scott, Janet 5/13
- Ruess, Nancy 5/16
- Wilson, Sue 5/16
- Craft, Lynda 5/20
- Thomas, Cathy 5/21
- Erickson, Carol 5/22
- Kaufmann, Jean 5/22
- Koenigsnecht, Janice 5/22
- Beard, Jacklyn 5/26
- Hewitt, Elaine 5/27
- Nickols, Kay 5/28

JUNE

- Day, Deb 6/1
- Edgar, Mary 6/2
- Gray, Brian 6/5
- Hollowick, Barb 6/7
- Neuner, Sharon 6/11
- Hall, Regina 6/13
- Bard-Curtis, Marie 6/18
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President's Block—LAST CHANCE!

As a tribute and thank you to each CCQG Board President, Guild members are asked to make an Ohio Star block in the President's choice of colors. For the 2019 - 2020 President's block, *John Putnam has asked that the blocks be black and cheddar Civil War repro fabrics.* Colors can be in any position (cheddar star on black background or black star on cheddar background). The block size should be 11" unfinished, 10 1/2" finished.

Please sign your block, bring it to the Guild meeting and leave it at the Vice President's table no later than the May meeting.

If you need cheddar fabric, you can check the President's table for some.

Instructions

Cut from your background fabric (white in the example below):

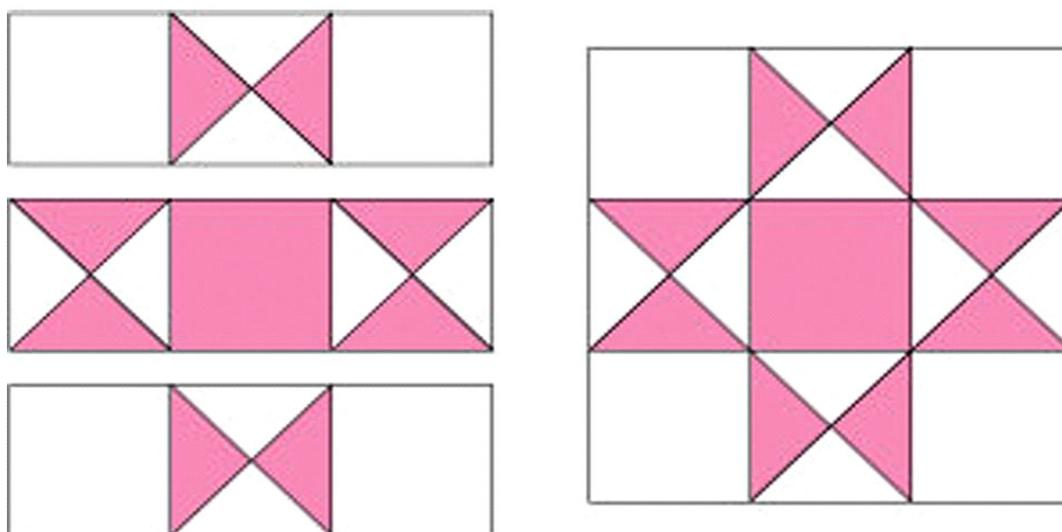
4 - 4" squares

2 - 4³/₄" squares. Cut these squares twice diagonally to make 8 quarter square triangles.

Cut from your focus fabric (pink in the example below):

1 - 4" square

2 - 4³/₄" squares. Cut these squares twice diagonally to make 8 quarter square triangles.



CCQG Charity Quilt Information

Charity Quilt	Description	Guild Contact Person
Angel	Small baby quilts measuring 12" x 12" to 16" x 16" are given to parents as a keepsake in memory of their premature or newborn baby they have lost. Please attach a CCQG label to the back of the quilt. Quilts are accepted anytime.	Deb Feldpausch 989.593.3111 feldpaud53@yahoo.com .
Bereavement	Children's quilts measuring 24" x 24" with a plain light neutral backing fabric of 100% cotton. These quilts are given to the Emergency Room at Sparrow Hospital. When a child dies in the ER, their hand and foot prints are put on the back and given to the family for a keepsake. Please attach a CCQG label to the back of the quilt. Quilts are accepted anytime.	Bev. Wilkinson 517.712.5521 wilkinson7614@netzero.net
Chemo Lap	Our Chemo quilts cover adult patients at Breslin Cancer Center to keep them warm while the patients are in recliners during chemo treatments. The patients keep their own quilts, using them for every treatment. Quilt tops should be rectangular at least 44" wide by 60" long. Maximum size is 60" x 75". You provide the quilt top, binding and if possible coordinating fleece backing that's 6" longer than the quilt top. Elaine will add polyester batting, do the quilting and binding, and deliver the quilts. Several quilts are needed each month for new patients. These quilts are much appreciated!	Elaine Hewitt 517.393.8371 (evenings) or at CCQG meetings
Heartwarmers	Quilts are made by Guild members for chronically and critically ill children in local hospitals. Finished quilts measuring 36" x 36" and larger are appropriate. These quilts are collected at the March and September meetings; however, quilts will be accepted at any time. Please attach a CCQG Heartwarmers label to the back of the quilt.	Bev. Wilkinson 517.712.5521 wilkinson7614@netzero.net
Hospice	Quilts are given to adult patients in the Palliative Care Unit at Sparrow Hospital. They can be any color or pattern and at least 48" x 54". The quilts will be given to the families as a keepsake in memory of their loved one. Please attach a CCQG label to the back of the quilt. These quilts are accepted anytime.	Deb Feldpausch 989.593.3111 feldpaud53@yahoo.com
Patriotic	Quilts of Valor http://www.govf.org/	Joheather Grant 517.862.7003 joheather.grant@govf.org

Labels are available at the Vice Presidents table or from Bev. Wilkinson at every Guild meeting. If you have any further questions, please call or email the contacts mentioned above.

The Capitol City Quilt Guild usually meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm (social time 6:30pm) at First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, MI.

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