

# The Patchwork Pen

## Berrien Towne and Country Quilters – June 2021

Hi Ladies,

Well, it seems that we went from very chilly Spring weather to hot Summer weather in a blink of an eye! Maybe our quilting has slowed down a bit now because we are busy planting some beautiful flowers and/or our vegetable gardens. Whether that is your situation or not we hope you are still able to get a little bit of quilting done now and then.

Barb and I are sorry that we had to miss our first outdoor meeting last month, but we both had previous family obligations. We are thankful to our Vice President, Jane Rush for stepping up and conducting the meeting.

We hope any form of quilting ( piecing, hand work, applique, EPP, wool or longarm) is your happy place.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the June 10th meeting, which will still be at the outdoor pavilion.

HAPPY SUMMER

Kathy and Barb

Quotes of the month:

"To bounce back from bumps in the road as well as failures, you should focus on emphasizing the positive." Jean Chatzky

"Give thanks for the rain in your life which waters the flowers of your soul." Jonathan Lockwood Hule

### **Officers 2021**

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## Quilt Show 2022

We are excited to inform you that Jane Rush, along with Denise Tackett have volunteered to chair the Quilt Show 2022 committee. Jane shared some ideas with the May meeting guild members. Thank you, ladies, for continuing our guild's quilt show tradition.

## Programs

Hello Quilting Friends,  
It was great to see everyone at the May outdoor meeting. Did you complete the star mug rug or did you turn it into a potholder? Is it shining brightly? For June, we are going to start journal covers. Please bring 8-10 strips of fabric in the same color going from light to dark. The strips should be between 1/2" and 1 1/2" wide and about 6" to 8" in length. Also bring some scissors, rotary cutter, cutting mat, pins, and a fabric marker. Remember to bring your show-n-tell.  
As Always,  
Michelle and Nicole

## June Meeting at the Pavilion

With all the changes in the pandemic restrictions, we are looking forward to meeting once again at the United Methodist Church of Stevensville. However, we will not be able to do so in June. Even though mask mandates are changing for those vaccinated, not enough has changed to meet at the church hall.

We will be meeting at the Pavilion in the Bicentennial Park of Royalton Township. The Pavilion is on the northeast corner of John Beers Road and Scottsdale Road behind the Fire Department. Looking forward to warmer weather than in May. Bring chairs if you want to sit outside the Pavilion. Wear masks according to the latest government guidelines or if you are more comfortable wearing a mask.

## June Birthdays

Wishing our June birthday members joy as we start the summer season.

Bonnie Lewis 6/2  
Mary Maloney 6/6  
Tami Calhoun 6/11  
Irene Pearson 6/14  
Elaine Bokhart 6/15  
Cathy Arney 6/21  
Nicole Rimes 6/21  
Judy Weingart 6/25

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

## Rule your World

Where, oh where is my ruler hiding. Where, oh where can it be?" If you have sang this tune you are not alone. "Here a ruler, there a ruler, rulers everywhere."

I may have finally found a solution. Hubby screwed a pegboard into studs on the wall behind my sewing room door. I arranged my rulers to hang on this new pegboard by size, company or quilt block.

These are examples of what I have on some pegs:

- square rulers
- Deb Tucker rulers
- English Paper piecing
- Missouri Star
- Itty Bitty rulers

I rarely put a ruler in a project box. Now I return the ruler to the pegboard and include a note in the project box about what ruler I use and where it's located.

If you don't have room for a pegboard (which I didn't have before our move 2 years ago) purchase a ruler board. They are approximately 18" long and 3 1/2" wide with slots for your rulers to stand up. These work great when placed next to

your sewing space. I mounted 2 on the wall above my window (I had to tilt it a bit so the rulers wouldn't fall out) that worked great! A large shallow tote that you can slide under a bed would be a great use of space.

You may be surprised at how many rulers you have once you start looking. If you have a game plan for how you want to organize your rulers when you find them you can quickly put them in the new space.

If you have extra rulers apply this month's quilters golden rule: Give unto others that which you would like given unto you.

The Cinderella Quilter

Cindy Sheppherd

### **Berrien Towne & Country Quilters Guild Meeting**

**May 13, 2021**

Jane Rush called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held outdoors at the Bicentennial Park in Scottsdale. There were 26 people in attendance.

#### **Old Business**

A motion was made by Marilyn Herrman to approve the April guild meeting minutes, seconded by Kathy Phipps, M/C.

Maxine Wantuch gave an update on the Three Oaks Flag Day Quilt of Valor presentation. It will be at 1:00 on Saturday, June 12 at Carver Park in downtown Three Oaks. We have 13-14 quilts we would like to present to veterans. The Three Oaks Legion Commander is working with local legions to find recipients.

#### **New Business**

Library: Marilyn Herrman reports our library received 75 books from Laura Williams estate. A new Quilt of Valor category will be created. An Excel and a PDF file will be placed on our website listing all the books we have by title as well as author. If you would like a library book please contact Marilyn or Linda Woods and they will get it from the library at the church and bring it to the next guild meeting. They are also receiving returned books.

Face Masks: The CDC announced today face masks are no longer required if you have been vaccinated. As a courtesy the group was asked if anyone had an issue if people did not wear one, no one objected.

We welcomed one visitor this evening.

We are looking for a volunteer to mail the newsletter. Duties include picking the printed newsletter up from the printer on Meadowbrook Road in Benton Harbor, folding, labeling, stamping and dropping them off at the Post Office. Please contact Barb Manning to volunteer for this easy job. Update: Julie Koch volunteered to fill this position. Thanks, Julie!

Jane will be seeking volunteers to fill the 2022 chair positions. Please consider volunteering to help our guild by sharing your time and talents.

The guild funds are getting low, we are under \$9,000. It was mentioned that spending down the budget was a deliberate move by a previous board, as members felt our balance was too high. One of our fixed costs is the storage unit for the quilt show supplies. The cost went up this year to almost \$1,000 for the year. We may want to explore quilt shows and storage options.

Membership dues were not collected for 2021 for those who paid their 2020 dues by August 1, 2020. The Pandemic did not allow us to meet in person in 2020 after the March meeting. Some people are electing to pay their dues anyway.

This is appreciated, but not required. Suggestion was made we consider raising annual dues.

A venue option for the 2022 quilt show is the Box Factory in St Joseph. Rent costs may be 30% of ticket sales. They have plenty of space and they advertise. If our guild joined the Box Factory (\$100 joining fee) we would have the option to put items in their shop to sell (they keep 30% commission). The Box Factory is currently booked thru mid July 2022; we could book a show shortly after that. Jane and Denise Tackett are on the Gallery Committee at the Box Factory for the Arts and will explore more details.

A motion was made by Jody Albee and seconded by Lois Lentz to adjourn the meeting. M/C Meeting adjourned at 7:37.

**Show and Tell** presented beautiful quilts, definitely a highlight of the evening.

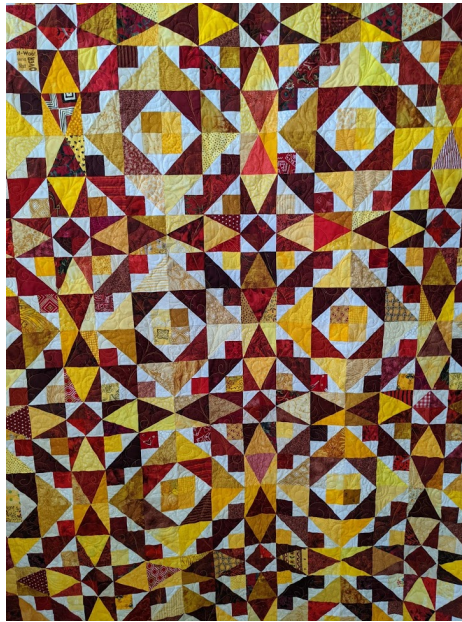
Two lovely raffle baskets were raffled off. Congratulations Sue Stephens and Jane Rush for winning!

### **Programs**

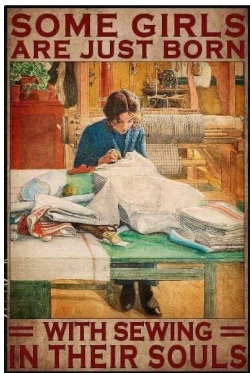
Michelle Tuller presented a mug rug project with a scrappy star. Supplies to make one were distributed.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Shepherd,  
Secretary

# Show and Tell







**Sewing Math**  
 (an easy calculation for your significant other)

Piece of fabric I have been coveting  
 +  
 Brand spanking new spool of Aurifil Thread  
 +  
 The absolute PER-FECT pattern  
 =  
 No dinner for you...

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters Facebook Page has some fun and interesting posts. Leslie posted that Shirley Lieb generously donated fabric to guild members and Leslie will bring it to the next guild meeting, free for the taking! There's always room for more fabric in your depleting stash!!!

**THREE OAKS**  
*Flag Day*  
 WEEKEND & PARADE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

9am - 5K & Fun Run  
 9am - Art In The Park  
 1pm - Quilts Of Valor Presentation  
 Co-Ed Softball  
 American Legion Food Stand  
 6pm - Under The Pavilion - The Toona's  
 6:30pm - Music In The Park - Dewey Cannon Park  
 8pm - Under The Pavilion - PS Dump Your Boyfriend  
 Dusk - Fireworks

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11**

Co-Ed Softball  
 American Legion Food Stand  
 6pm - Under The Pavilion - Flag Day Famous

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 3PM**  
**69th Annual**  
**Three Oaks Flag Day Parade**

9am - Art In The Park  
 2pm - Special Parade Opening Ceremony at Village Hall  
 6pm - Under The Pavilion - Donnie Isaacs

Please wear a mask and social distance whenever possible.

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**Happy Flag Day!**



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