



# The Patchwork Pen

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Berrien Towne and Country Quilters –March 2020

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## A New Season and Program - After a Delay

### **Officers 2020**

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Since we did not meet for the February meeting. We will be starting the year off with a lot of fun. There will be journals for you to pick up, along with a daily prompt calendar. Then we will go through a 10-step program for finishing your quilts. This is going to be a fun year.

As Always,  
Michelle and Nicole

### **Quilt Show News**

We are less than 4 months away from our Quilt Show and our “Members Only” Boutique is coming together nicely. Our boutique is a special part of the quilt show and provides YOU an opportunity to sell some of your quilt related items.

You make the items, the Boutique sells it for you and you keep the profits (minus 10% for sales tax and miscellaneous expenses). We also ask you to volunteer to work the boutique for 2 hours during the show. We will be available for preregistration at the March guild meeting so we have an idea how much space is needed for this year’s Boutique. Registration is open to all Guild Members. We look forward to another fabulous boutique!

If you have any questions please contact the Boutique co-chairs: Karen Holt 269-532-2040, Laurie Merwin 269-352-5078 or 812-455-5465.

**Meeting – March 12, 2020**

**Doors open 6:30 p.m.**

**Location - Stevensville United Methodist Church  
5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, Michigan**

## **Note from the Presidents:**

Greetings,

We're so sorry we had to cancel last month's meeting, but we were very concerned for everyone's safety. This month we will see each other again after an extended time off!

I'm sure that we are all trying to catch up on a little sleep, since we just had Daylight Savings on March 8, but hopefully that means that better weather is not far away.

We are looking forward to seeing what you have stitched during our time off.

Kathy and Barb

## **March Member Birthdays:**

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Jan Zielke             | 3/3  |
| Coral Brenneise        | 3/4  |
| Jane Rush              | 3/4  |
| Allee Bauer            | 3/9  |
| Kathy Brown            | 3/10 |
| Kristina Underly       | 3/13 |
| Carol Reigle           | 3/21 |
| Leslie Tidaback-Hilmer | 3/23 |
| Deb Weil               | 3/26 |

## **Please Note:**

### **Membership Dues**

Dues are through program year of January - December. Pay at any meeting or email to [membership@btcquiltguild.org](mailto:membership@btcquiltguild.org)

### **Membership Cards**

Be sure to sign and carry your membership card as there are many quilt shops that give discounts for guild members

### **Sunshine and Shadows**

Please contact Judy Weingart with your information and she will send a card.

[sunshine@btcquiltguild.org](mailto:sunshine@btcquiltguild.org) or call 269-429-5965

### **BTCQ Meetings**

Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from February through November at

Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, Michigan

### **Website**

[Btcquiltguild.org](http://Btcquiltguild.org)

### **2019 Board Meetings:**

At the Bridgman Library, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
April 29, August 26, November 18.

### **Newsletter**

Articles for newsletter are due **the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month**. Please send to Denise Tackett at [newsletter@btcquiltguild.org](mailto:newsletter@btcquiltguild.org) or [dkalintackett@gmail.com](mailto:dkalintackett@gmail.com)

## **Here's a couple of quilts from November Show and Tell:**



Sandy Scott



Terri Lane

| OFFICERS                | NAME                                       |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| PRESIDENT               | Kathy Martus                               |  |
|                         | Barbara Manning                            |  |
| VICE-PRESIDENT          | Jane Rush                                  |  |
| SECRETARY               |  |  |
| TREASURER               | Marcia McCavit                             |  |
| ASSISTANT TREASURER     | Lisa Hansen                                |  |
| <b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b> |  |  |
| Bus Trips               |  |  |
| Community Quilts        | Lois Lentz<br>Nancy Hawley<br>Sara Lawrick |  |
| Door Prizes             | Cathy Benke<br>Cindy Shepherd              |  |
| Fabric of the Month     | Kathy Martus<br>Barb Manning               |  |
| Fundraising             | Jody Albee                                 |  |
| Golden Thimble          | Kathy Phipps                               |  |
| Greeter                 | Cindy Bauer                                |  |
| Historian               | Annette Wright                             |  |
| Hospitality & Banquet   | Audrey Elwell                              |  |
| Librarian               | Marilyn Herrman                            |  |
| Membership & Binder     | Deb Adams<br>Sue Woodrick                  |  |
| Newsletter              | Denise Tackett                             |  |
| Newsletter Mailings     | Denise Tackett                             |  |

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| Policies & Procedures   | Michelle Tuller                               |  |
| Programs                | Michelle Tuller<br>Assistant,<br>Nicole Rimes |  |
| Quilt Show 2020         | Cindy Shepherd                                |  |
| Quilt Show 2020 contact | Maxine Wantuch                                |  |
| Retreats                | Peri Hansen<br>Kay Wilcox                     |  |
| Sewing Day              | Elaine Bokhart                                |  |
| Speaker 2020            | Chris Andrews                                 |  |
| Speaker 2021            | Chris Andrews                                 |  |
| Sunshine & Shadow       | Judy Weingart                                 |  |
| Vendors                 | Maxine Wantuch                                |  |
| Website                 | Jane Rush                                     |  |

## **Committees/ Groups**

### **Birthday Club**

We wonder if Mother Nature thought if She stopped our Birthday Club with a snowstorm, we wouldn't get any older. Good intentions but all it did was delay our celebrations. So Birthday Club members, please bring your teammates fat quarters in a gift bag to the March meeting. We are delayed by 1 month. We will celebrate the January, February, March, and April birthdays in April. After that, we will celebrate birthdays during the members birthday months. At the end of the year, we will celebrate those members with November and December birthdays in November.

See you at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Kathy Martus and Barb Manning

BTCQ Board Meeting  
1/29/2020  
Bridgman Public Library

Called to order 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Chris Andrews, Jane Rush, Denise Tackett, Annette Wright, Michelle Tuller, Nancy Hawley, Sara Lawrick, Kathy Martus, Barb Manning, Jackie Harris, Maxine Wantuch, Peri Hansen, Lisa Hansen, Judy Weingard, Kathy Phipps, Elaine Bokhart.

Old Business

Policies and Procedures have been approved. They will be forwarded for inclusion in the membership binder and will be added to website.

Clarification of no refund policy for events and retreats will be presented at the next member meeting.

2. 2020 Budget

\$0 advertising

\$225 - Community Quilts

Sharing Fund- funded by contributions. Used for emergency reimbursements

Future Speakers- add \$\$ from 2019 Fundraising basket to Future Speaker total amount

Motion to approved above changes made by Denise Tackett. Second by Elaine Bokhart. Motion approved.

3. Quilt Show Update

Most of the updates were reported in the February Newsletter.

Hog Roast fundraiser is Sunday, April 26 from 1-5 at the Three Oaks American Legion. Tickets are \$14. Our group has offered to sell tickets for the event. Money raised supports the Flag Day Parade. Hog Roast includes a Silent Auction and possibly music. One patriotic quilt will be presented to a service member family.

Acquisition of a Square credit card reader was discussed. It was determined that additional investigation is required before the decision can be voted upon. Treasurer will investigate.

Open position- Boutique chairs. A request for volunteers will be made at the next member meeting.

4. Need for central event/activities calendar was proposed.

Update: the information has been added to the website. President (co-presidents) approve changes made to the calendar.

5. Secretary position vacancy.

Open position will be discussed at next member meeting. A request for volunteer will be made.

6. Community Quilts

Suggested recipients of quilts: Pine Ridge, Logan House, and Benton Harbor Emergency Center. Motion was made by Elaine Bokhart to add Emergency Shelter Services as a recipient. Second by Annette Wright. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Rush

| <b>Berrien Towne and Country</b> |                             |   |                                | <b>February 2020</b>   |                     |
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| <b>Quilters</b>                  |                             |   |                                |                        |                     |
| Treasurer's Report               |                             |   |                                |                        |                     |
|                                  |                             |   |                                | <b>Beginning</b>       |                     |
|                                  |                             |   |                                | <b>Bank Balance</b>    | \$ 10,421.65        |
| <b>Income:</b>                   |                             |   |                                |                        |                     |
| 22-Feb-20                        | Quilt Show (Maxine Wantuck) | - | Vendor Booth Payment           | \$ 300.00              |                     |
| 27-Feb-20                        | Retreats (Perry Hansen)     | - | Member spring retreat payments | \$ 755.00              |                     |
|                                  |                             |   |                                | Total Monthly Income   | \$ 1,055.00         |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                 |                             |   |                                |                        |                     |
| 15-Feb-20                        | Door Prize (Cindy Shepard)  | - | Door Prizes                    | \$ 160.85              |                     |
| 18-Feb-20                        | Web Site (Jane Rush)        | - | Annual Website Fee             | \$ 119.88              |                     |
| 20-Feb-20                        | Treasurer ( Marcia McCavit) | - | Treasurer Supplies             | \$ 29.19               |                     |
| 22-Feb-20                        | Retreats (Kay Wilcox)       | - | Give aways, Prizes             | \$ 403.65              |                     |
|                                  |                             |   |                                | Total Monthly Expenses | \$ 713.57           |
|                                  |                             |   |                                | <b>Ending Balance</b>  | <b>\$ 10,763.08</b> |

Don't forget – if you took a kit to make a star block for a Quilt of Valor, please return it at March meeting at the Quilt of Valor table.

# Spring Retreat

## ***“Come Fly with Me!”***

Shipshewana Spring Retreat at the Blue Gate Garden Inn

2 choices of length!

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m. - **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** 3 p.m.

Cost- \$ 105 *\*does not include hotel rooms*

**-OR-**

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** 10a.m.- **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** 3 p.m.

Cost- \$ 125 *\*does not include hotel rooms*

Since we didn't have a February meeting, due to weather, **you may sign up by calling or texting Peri Hansen 269-757-2496, or sending an email to [quilter.peri@yahoo.com](mailto:quilter.peri@yahoo.com)** so we know you're interested. The committee is hoping there will be enough that sign up to keep the same price.

~ Invite your non-member friends!

**Final sign up and payment due at the March meeting**

**\*Different this year:** Instead of paying us for your room, the hotel itself is now giving us a block of rooms available at a reduced rate. The cost of the room is \$ 87.98, plus 12% room tax- which equals \$ 98.54 That is the rate per room, per night. If you split that room with someone, the cost gets split in half.

**You will be responsible to book your own room.**



# Laura Williams' Celebration of Life

In case you haven't heard, Laura Williams was admitted to the hospital on January 2<sup>nd</sup> where she found out she had pneumonia and the flu. She was in bad shape and fought this until her body gave out and she passed away on February 21<sup>st</sup>, surrounded by her family.

**Laura William's Celebration of Life**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00 -3:00 pm**  
**Bridgman Public Library Community Room**

Her family wishes that we come and meet them, as they are receiving great comfort from knowing that we loved her as much as they did and that she found great joy in all her friends through quilting and the library.

We will also have a chance to comfort each other while looking at a few of her wonderful quilts, enjoy a small snack and celebrate how she impacted our lives.

Laura's family have also requested any memorials be directed to the Bridgman Public Library, where she was a very active volunteer and friend of the library, or to the local Patriotic Quilts group that sends quilts for our injured servicemen and women, through the Quilts of Valor organization. The Patriotic Quilts group is made up of several of our guild members but is not a guild committee. Any donations towards this would help the quilters purchase batting, material, and cover shipping costs.

Laura helped this group make and donate more than 200 quilts!

Donation envelopes will be available at the Celebration of Laura's life and at the March guild meeting. Look for the Retreats table- there will be a box and cards there.

*Laura getting snacks at a guild meeting last year.*



**Berrien Towne and Country Quilters**  
c/o Denise Tackett  
4163 Ridge Road  
Stevensville, MI 49127

### **Quilting Bees**

**Applique Society** – meets on Wednesdays, once a month, at 10 a.m. the day before the guild meeting. Contact Sue Russell, 313-3799 or 983-3799 for information. Location: 2873 Ainsworth Dr., Benton Harbor, across from the D.A.N.K.

**Berrien Springs Library Quilters** – meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Berrien Springs Library.

**Bridgman Bees** – meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bridgman Library.

**Dear Jane** – meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at Lincoln Township Library from 6-9 p.m. Contact Michelle Tuller at 269-422-1586 or Cindy Shepherd at [plshepherd@qtm.net](mailto:plshepherd@qtm.net)

**New Buffalo Library Sewing Group** – meets on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pokagon Room. Contact Kathy Martus at 269-469-9217 for information.

**Patriotic Quilts** – meets last Wednesday of the month at the Bridgman Public Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to create quilts for the military.