



The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters November 2021

Dear Guild Members,

Wow, our last newsletter! Hard to believe and yet it really isn't. To say the last two years went by quickly would be a lie. The last two years were very treacherous to navigate. Who would've thought that we would have a global pandemic, no guild income, a budget crisis, and how to steer ourselves through Zoom? These are only a few of the obstacles that were thrown our way and that we were able to manage. BUT, (we are optimistic gals) we feel we did our very best for the guild in all circumstances and we held our heads up high. We look forward to seeing everyone at the November 11th meeting and would like to sincerely thank our Executive Board, who worked tirelessly for the guild these past two year. We would also like to thank the sub-committee that was formed to review and revise the Policies and Procedures and the Articles of Association. You worked extremely hard and did an amazing job. We also want to wish the incoming officers the best of luck!!

Thank You All,

Kathy and Barb

Quotes of the Month:

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."
Jane Goodall

"You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Go forward in life with a twinkle in your eye and a smile on your face, but with great purpose in heart,"
Gordon B. Hinckley

Officers 2021

Co-Presidents Barb Manning Kathy Martus president@btcquiltguild.org	Vice President Jane Rush Vicepresident@btc quiltguild.org	Secretary Cindy Shepherd secretary@btcquiltguild.org	Acting Co-treasurer Jody Albee Marcia McCavit treasurer@btcquiltguild.org
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2022 Quilt Show

The 2022 Quilt Show committee met on 10/24/2021 at the Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph, Michigan, our 2022 Quilt Show Venue. We are well on our way to a fun and enjoyable show in a lovely setting that will show off our quilts to a great advantage. Some familiar looks to the show, and some new ones! Look for additional information at the November meeting.



<u>Berrien Towne and Country Quilters</u>			<u>September 30, 2021</u>
Treasurer's Report			
		<u>Beginning Cash Flow Balance</u>	<u>\$ 8,791.92</u>
<u>Income:</u>			
Fundraiser	Raffle basket	\$ 56.00	
Dues	Membership	\$ 880.00	
		Total Monthly Income	\$ 936.00
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Printing	Newsletter	\$ 14.00	
Batting	Community Quilts	\$ 121.86	
QOV Backing Fabric	Community Outreach	\$ 26.00	
		Total Monthly Expenses	\$ (161.86)
		<u>Ending Cash Flow Balance</u>	<u>\$ 9,566.06</u>

Berrien Towne & Country Quilters
Guild Meeting

October 14, 2021

Barb Manning called the business meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the largest group we have had since the Covid pandemic started. Gwen Jones made a motion to approve the September guild meeting minutes, seconded by Leslie Tidaback/Hilmer. M/C

Gwen Jones made a motion to approve the Treasurer report posted in the October newsletter, Marilyn Herrman seconded M/C.

Barb welcomed three visitors this evening.

Jane Rush reports Irene Pearson is having complications from a recent surgery. Everyone is encouraged to phone/send cards.

Quilt Show – Jane Rush is looking for volunteers to help with the Quilt Show committee. Jane has a sign-up sheet tonight. If you are interested please contact Jane for the 2022 show in mid July.

Membership – 30 members signed up last month. Jane will be taking dues tonight.

Elections – Jane Rush is declining her nomination for president. Kay Crow made a motion to approve the following Executive Board slate of officers: President – Cathy Benke, Vice President - Nancy Hawley, Secretary – Lois Lentz, Treasurer – Julie Koch, Co-Treasurer – Bekki Lund. Seconded by Gwen Jones M/C.

Golden Thimble – Kathy Phipps, the current Golden Thimble winner, introduced Cathy Benke, Marilyn Herrman and Jane Rush as this year's Golden Thimble nominations. Paper ballots were distributed and collected. The winner will be awarded at the November guild meeting.

Library - Marilyn Herrman presented several more books recently donated from the Laura Williams estate.

Articles of Association - Michelle Tuller and Maxine Wantuck introduced a change to the Articles of Association as posted in the October

newsletter. They report these Articles have not been reviewed for at least 3 years. They are proposing the following change to Article Two: Article Two - *Organization and Purpose This non-profit guild is tax-exempt as a social welfare organization described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 501(c)(4), as an organization that must not be organized for profit and must be operated exclusively to promote social welfare. The property of this organization is solely dedicated to the purpose of this article and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any officer, committee chairperson, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.*

The *specific* purpose *of this organization* shall be:

- To promote the appreciation and knowledge of fine quilts
- To sponsor and support quilting activities
- To encourage quilt making and collecting
- To contribute to the growth and knowledge of quilting techniques, textiles, patterns and history by providing educational meetings, travel and fellowship.

Several questions asked included: was the Board included in the input of this change; why such a long version stating we are a non-profit; has the committee reviewed all the Articles since there is a discrepancy between the Articles of Association and the Policies and Procedures. Written ballots were distributed while the questions were being asked. Maxine Wantuck and Sandy Scott counted the ballots and later in the evening reported “way over 2/3 of the votes were in favor”. No count numbers were provided.

Board Meeting – the last Board meeting for the 2021 Board is scheduled for November 1, 6:00 PM at the New Buffalo Library. The committee chairs are requested to pass on information to next year's chairs at this meeting.

Motion was made by Sara Lawrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bekki Lund. M/C

We had a fantastic show and tell with lots of gorgeous quilts!

Raffle Baskets were won by Jan Sanders and Pearl Hedtke. We made \$56 tonight.

Committee Chairs – we are looking for 2022 chairs. Please consider volunteering.

Programs – this month Michelle Tuller presented her mosaic technique. Kits were provided encouraging everyone to try it. If you complete your mosaic and bring it to show and tell in November, Sandy Scott will pick a winner for a \$20 gift card to Joann Fabrics!

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Shepherd,
Secretary

Birthdays



As we finish the 2021 BTCQ meetings, let us celebrate those members with birthdays before we gather again at the first meeting of 2022.

November Birthday Members:

Vicki Nitz 11/2
Mary Kluszcz Baker 11/18
Fanny Putnam 11/3
Diane Rau 11/18
Beth Griesbaum 11/4
Kay Wilcox 11/18
Marilyn Adent 11/12
Jean Stanish 11/19
Lois Lentz 11/13
Lisa Hansen 11/27
Sandy Scott 11/14
Mary Kasun 11/28

Audrey Elwell 11/15

Greta Parker 11/3

December Birthday Members

Angie Kacynski 12/1

Nancy Hawley 12/11

Eileen Chapman 12/3

Karen Holt 12/17

Jennifer Swingler 12/3

Joan Smith 12/18

Marilyn Hermann 12/5

Joan Putzke 12/19

Laurie Merwin 12/6

Carol Killian 12/22

Margaret Williamson 12/6

Jan Sanders 12/26

Sherry Skorupa 12/10

January Birthday Members

Kay Craw 1/4

Sandy Sempert 1/19

Jill Post 1/4

Cindy Shepherd 1/20

Bekki Lund 1/7

Lois Ashbrook 1/22

Donna Partrick 1/8

Kathy Hathaway 1/23

Micki Rosenau 1/12

Sue Woodrick 1/23

Frances Sipocz-Richardson 1/13

Jackie Harris 1/24

Joyce Simpleton 1/14

Marion Huyck 1/25

Share Your News

If it's free, it's for me! Facebook group [Free Pattern Quilting](#) has members post a picture of their quilt with a link to the free pattern. It's fun to see these beautiful quilts show up in my feed and then be able to click to get the pattern. Some get added to my to do list. ~ Mary Maloney

Show and Tell



Kay Crow



Sandy Scott



Karen Holt



Susie Stephens



Jan Sanders



Mary Maloney



Bekki Lund



Barb Manning



Terri Lane



Sara Lawick



Karen Holt



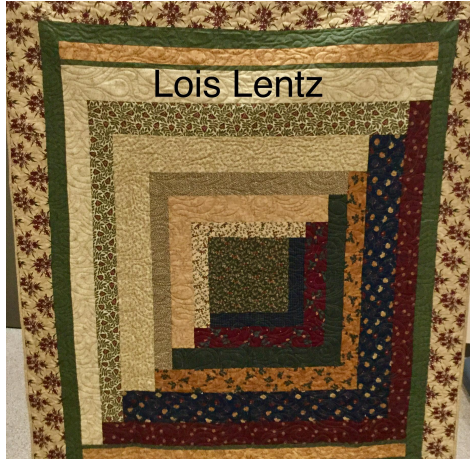
Cathy Benke



Kay Crow



Arcia Bulks



Lois Lentz



Denise Donavin



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Cindy Shepherd



Gwen Jones

