



# The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters July 2021

As summer has arrived, so has the news that the guild is able to return to the United Methodist Church of Stevensville hall for our monthly meeting. The last time we met at the church hall was March 12, 2020. As we emerge from the pandemic restrictions, we look back with disbelief that we would have been unable to meet for 17 months.

We would rather look forward as our members are able to return to a familiar meeting room. We are looking forward to plans for our quilt show in 2022. We celebrate participating in the Three Oaks Community event of Flag Day with our Quilt of Valor presentation of quilts to 13 veterans. We mourn as a community those who we have lost the last 18 months.

So, welcome home to all our members. We hope to see you on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Barb Manning and Kathy Martus

Quote of the month:

“The miracle is this-the more we share, the more we have.”

Leonard Nimoy

## Officers 2021

<b>Co-Presidents</b> Barb Manning Kathy Martus president@btcquiltguild.org	<b>Vice President</b> Jane Rush Vicepresident @btcquiltguild .org	<b>Secretary</b> Cindy Shepherd secretary@btcquiltguild.org	<b>Acting Co-treasurer</b> Jody Albee Marcia McCavit treasurer@btcquiltguild .org
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<b>Berrien Towne and Country Quilters</b>			<b>May 31, 2021</b>
Treasurer's Report			
		<b>Beginning Cash Flow Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,853.42</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
Raffle Basket		\$ 54.00	
		Total Monthly Income	\$ 54.00
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Postage		\$ 12.65	
Printing		\$ 26.00	
Hall Rental	2 months	\$ 70.00	
		Total Monthly Expenses	\$ (108.65)
		<b>Ending Cash Flow Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,798.77</b>

## **July Freebies!**

There will not be a vendor at the July meeting. But please bring a shopping bag as there will be a large Freebie table! We have had a couple of families donate fabrics, Leslie will bring the extra items she had from a donation. Please bring your extra items, or items that no longer bring you joy. Maybe another quilter will want your extras.

Thank you,  
Maxine Wantuch

## Quilts of Valor Celebration



On Saturday, June 12, thirteen quilts of valor were presented to area veterans in conjunction with the Flag Day Celebration in Three Oaks.



The quilts were displayed in the pavilion of Carver Park prior to the ceremony. The veterans were from 4 branches

of service, Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. They served in wars from Vietnam through Iraq and Afghanistan.



sewn by members using packets of material distributed at meetings in 2019.



[WNDU Channel 16](#)

featured the event on the news that night.



## July Birthdays



Not only will we be able to celebrate the birth of our nation, let us celebrate the birthdays of our members with July birthdays!

Jeanne Grabowski 7/1  
Michelle Tuller 7/1  
Shirley Bergstrom 7/3  
Shirley Lieb 7/4  
Corinne Gramberg 7/11  
Susan Tinkey 7/11  
Shirley Kiem 7/12  
Chris Andrews 7/19  
Nancy Zabel 7/29



These quilts were made by several members of our guild including 3 which utilized 36 blocks

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

June 10, 2021

Kathy Martus called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The meeting was held outdoors at the Bicentennial Park in Scottdale. There were 30 people in attendance.

### **Old Business**

A motion was made by Sarah Lawrick to approve the May guild meeting minutes, seconded by Jody Albee, M/C.

Barb Manning 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 quilts that will be presented to veterans. One quilt will be posthumously given to the sister of the vet that died in Vietnam which Carver Park was named after.

### **New Business**

Michelle Tuller is our vendor tonight. Michelle will be donating 10% of today's sale to the guild.

Directory: 2021 directory was emailed to members. Jane Rush has a few hardcopies available. If you have updates contact Jane to update her master listing.

2022 Quilt Show: Jane Rush will be discussing options at the next Box Factory meeting and will report back when she has details. Making a raffle quilt was suggested as a fundraiser. Denise Tackett may want to design one to be raffled if we have a quilt show.

What questions do you have for the presidents?  
How are we doing? Barb and Kathy asked the

group these questions. They spoke about rumors and issues over the past few months.

Library: Marilyn Herrman and Linda Woods displayed several of our new additions to the library.

Watch the newsletter for meeting locations. We will probably remain at the park through the summer but are hoping the church will reopen for us before fall.

No Board meeting minutes have been approved for the year. They have not been shared with the Board. Barb and Kathy said they are aware of it.

Motion was made by Elaine Bokhart to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cathy Benke M/C.

Raffle Baskets were won by Terri Lane and Sarah Lawrick. We made \$56 tonight.

Community Quilts received six quilts tonight. They have 40-50 so far this year. Pine Ridge usually likes 100 quilts, last year we gave some to the pediatric unit at Lakeland. Thank you Nancy Hawley and Denise Donavin for purchasing batting for community quilts. The average size for community quilts should be 36" x 42." They are looking for large backing pieces.

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

### **Programs**

Michelle Tuller presented a scrappy circle technique.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Shepherd, Secretary

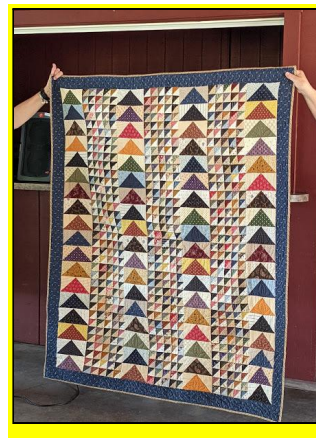


# Show and Tell

## Programs

A Scrappy Kind of Year will continue with making more projects with small scraps of fabric. Did you make a scrappy circle or two? Did you mount them on an 8 1/2" x 12 1/2" piece of fabric? This month we will continue to work on making the journal cover. Or you could make it into a small wall hanging or a placemat. Again I will show you how to use small scraps to make new fabric to use in this project. I will have strips of lightweight interfacing for you to use. Bring your own scraps, pins, scissors, rotary cutter, mat, and something to carry the project over to the ironing station, etc. The Program for the rest of the year looks like this:

- July: Make the Scrappy Journal Back/Bottom Part of wall hanging
- August: Completing the Journal Cover/Wall Hanging
- September: TBA
- October: Mini Mini Mosaic
- November: Adding Bling to your Journal Cover/Wall Hanging/Quilts





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