



# The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters –May 2021

## Stay Safe and Quilt

Hi Quilters,

We hope that you are doing well and staying safe according to the guidelines given to us. Our May meeting will take place at Bicentennial Park (same place as last year). We hope to see you many of our long time friends that we have not been able to see for quite some time. Please bring your lawn chair and mask and please consider social distancing.

We know everyone has been very busy during the winter months making beautiful quilts, table runners, wool applique projects and other works of art!! If you are able, please bring them to the meeting so we can all admire and get inspired by all the beauty that we will see. If you have shown some of these projects to us on the past zoom meetings, still bring them - zoom is a great platform to use, but we are just not able to see your projects in all their glory, like we can in person.

We know that Covid has disrupted our meetings now for a little over a year, but please know that we are doing our very best to keep us all together and engaged and still continue as a guild. It hasn't been easy, but with all of your help we will get through this and hopefully come out even better!! We thank you all for hanging in there with us.

As always,

Kathy and Barb

Quote:

" The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."  
Winston Churchill

### Officers 2021

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**The Board approved the following budget for 2021.**

**Only the Committees with Chairpersons are listed.**

**BUDGET 2021**

<b><u>COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b><u>2021 BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>2020 BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>2020 ACTUAL INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2020 ACTUAL EXPENSES</u></b>
<b><u>COMMUNITY QUILTS</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>225.00</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>189.70</u></b>
<b><u>FUNDRAISING</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>100.00</u></b>	<b><u>121.00</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b><u>GOLDEN THIMBLE</u></b>	<b><u>25.00</u></b>	<b><u>25.00</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b><u>HALL RENTAL</u></b>	<b><u>350.00</u></b>	<b><u>1000.00</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>1105.00</u></b>
<b><u>HISTORIAN</u></b>	<b><u>25.00</u></b>	<b><u>25.00</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>9.98</u></b>
<b><u>LIBRARY</u></b>	<b><u>60.00</u></b>	<b><u>200.00</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>108.17</u></b>
<b><u>MEMBERSHIP BINDERS</u></b>	<b><u>50.00</u></b>	<b><u>250.00</u></b>	<b><u>1410.00</u></b>	<b><u>83.73 +30.00 transferred to sharing fund</u></b>
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS/ EQUIPMENT</u></b>	<b><u>100.00</u></b>	<b><u>100.00</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b><u>NEWSLETTER</u></b>	<b><u>500.00</u></b>	<b><u>500.00</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>186.14</u></b>
<b><u>POLICIES &amp; PROCEDURES</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b><u>PROGRAMS</u></b>	<b><u>600.00</u></b>	<b><u>2000.00</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>27.31</u></b>

<u>QUILT SHOW</u>	<u>1000.00</u>	<u>5000.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1209.82</u>
<u>RETREATS</u>	<u>97.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1175.00</u>	<u>403.65 + 1175.00 refunds</u>
<u>SEWING DAYS</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>SHARING FUND</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>693.00**</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>FUTURE SPEAKERS FUND</u>	<u>4450.00 (frozen)</u>	<u>3079.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>SUNSHINE &amp; SHADOW</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>VENDORS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>WEBSITE</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>YOUTH FAIR PRIZES</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>150.00</u>
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>TREASURER/ASST TREA.</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29.19</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$3257.00 +\$4450.00 frozen</u>	<u>\$17304.00</u>	<u>\$2706.00 *</u>	<u>\$3922.59*</u>

Includes 2020 income and expenses of Door Prizes, Fabric of the Month, Hospitality, and Banquet. These committees do not have Chairpersons for 2021

\*\*Sharing funds are donations which accumulates

<b>Berrien Towne and Country Quilters</b>				<b>March 31, 2021</b>
Treasurer's Report				
			<b>Beginning Cash Flow Balance</b>	<u>\$ 9,031.06</u>
<b>Income:</b>				
Membership	Dues + donation		\$ 90.00	
Retreats	Sewing room rental		\$ 588.50	
			Total Monthly Income	\$ 678.50
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Hall Rental	Zoom		\$ 158.32	
Newsletter	supplies and printing		\$ 83.94	
Website	annual fee		\$ 119.88	
			Total Monthly Expenses	\$ (362.14)

## Meeting Results of Retreats Committee and Executive Board

A few Executive Board members met with the Retreats Committee. Retreats Committee shared detailed spreadsheets and committees receipts and deposit slips. All expenses were appropriate and documented making everything very transparent.

All of the volunteers for the guild's committees and executive positions give their time and talent to share, teach, and inspire our craft. The retreat committee has also put in a lot of appreciated time and love into each retreat.

Thank you for taking the time to clarify questions. We look forward to many more wonderful quilting retreats.

## Programs

The May meeting will find us gathering together in the park. Nicole and I have planned a fun mug rug project of you to start. Don't worry it will be a project you can finish quickly when you get back home to your sewing machine. Did you participate in the quilt along? Remember to bring your show and tell.

As Always,  
Michelle and Nicole

## May 13 BTCQ General Meeting

Even though there are snow predictions for the next few days as I write this article, we are hopeful for warmer weather in May. We are still unable to meet at the United Methodist Stevensville Church due to the pandemic restrictions. We have arranged to meet at the Pavilion at Bicentennial Park in Royaltown Township. The pavilion is located north of John Beers Road on the east side of Scottsdale Road. We used this facility last summer. The social meeting starts at 6:30 pm with the general meeting following at 7:00pm. We have obtained

our sound system for use during the meeting.

Please remember, due to the pandemic we still need to wear our masks and continue social distancing until these restrictions are changed. Hope to see you there.

## Community Quilts

We've been busy here at Community Quilts. We received 2 large bags of fabric from the collection of Laura Williams, which



we cut into kits. The kits will be available at the May meeting. In addition, we received 2 quilts. We have had a request

from [In Home Companions](#), a local company that provides in home care, for 24 fidget mats to aid in the care of their dementia and brain trauma patients. These patients are between 14 and 80, they are men and women, and they live between New Buffalo and Battle Creek. We have had one donated so far. I have looked for tutorials online and found a great one from

PatchworkPosse. <https://www.patchworkposse.com/fidget-quilts/>. I also found many pictures for inspiration on Pinterest. Vicki, my liaison, asked that the fidget mats include a clear plastic window which can hold a picture, as many of her patients' families send photos which can become damaged from repeated handling. Vicki also said that her patients enjoy crinkly paper. Denise Donavin added a sleeve containing parchment paper to her fidget mat which works perfectly. We will have the clear plastic at the May meeting.

Happy Stitching,  
Denise and Nancy

## **May Birthdays**

Maxine Wantuch 5/1

Kim Otte 5/4

Denise Tackett 5/4

Kathy Phipps 5/14

Nancy Gilpin 5/22

## **The Big Ohh!**

Patterns and magazines with feet! They seem to be in every room in the house. This month the organizational task is to gather, sort and categorize the patterns and magazines!

Talking with many folks, patterns are sorted by designer, by technique used, by theme (childrens quilts, masculine quilts, seasonal quilts, or other. It's up to you and your style. But take a look at what you have, and what you want to do. File the patterns you love and share the ones you'll never open. What were you thinking when you bought them?

If you sew clothing, many folks sort the patterns by number and category similar to how they are sorted in the large pattern books at the store. A master list is generated and kept on the front of the container.

Magazines are tricky! They can be kept together as a unit and store and sorted by name and date. But if you only have one quilt in the magazine that you want to keep, then maybe taking those pages out/or copy them and storing them with your patterns will save some space. Digitizing the pictures/patterns/articles are another option.

Enjoy looking through your patterns and magazines!

Happy spring to all of you!

Maxine Wantuch

## **Quilting Resource Survey**

Here's a list of favorite YouTube Channels based on guild members choices listed in the Quilting Resource Survey:

Fat Quarter Shop

Kristen Esser

Leah Day

Lo & Behold Stitchery

A Quilter's Life Podcast

Gudrun Erla

Jamie Wallen with Quilters Apothecary

Lori Holt

My Sewing Room

Jordan Fabrics

Sherri Linwood

Shannon Brinkly

Jean Wells

Square in a Square

Creative Feet

Sew Over It

Angela Walters

Just Get it Done Quilts

Missouri Star Quilt Company

Sew Very Easy

Quilt in a Day

Sew Steady

Thanks for contributing. This is a great list!



## **Berrien Towne & Country Quilters Guild Meeting via Zoom Minutes**

April 8, 2021

Everyone enjoyed a social time as members logged on to Zoom. The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Kathy Martus with 34 people attending.

There is a correction to the March 11, 2021 Guild minutes. A motion was made to approve two Board meeting minutes. The guild does not approve board meeting minutes. Only the board approves them but they are published in the Newsletter. The second meeting minutes was never published in the newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Greta Parker, seconded by Leslie Tidaback-Hilmer. M/C

### **Old Business**

The Guild will be participating in Three Oaks Flag Day with a Quilt of Valor presentation at 1:00 on Saturday, June 12. We were offered a booth to sell items; we declined the offer due to the time restraints to prepare. Eleven quilts will be presented to veterans. The quilts will be displayed in the pavilion prior to the presentation. Another quilt will be presented at a special presentation to the family of the fallen Vietnam soldier who Carver Park was named after.

### **New Business**

A long time guild member Janet Kilgore passed away recently surrounded by family in North Carolina. Janet will be greatly missed. Barb remains in contact with the church; they continue to be closed to groups. Our May 13 guild meeting will be at the Bicentennial Park weather permitting. Everyone will be notified ahead of time if the weather will not permit an outdoor gathering. Masks and social distancing will be observed. We will look into getting our guilds sound system from the cabinet at the church. Michelle Tuller is a member of the church and will help get the sound system.

We are looking for a Treasurer and Co-Treasurer. Marsh McCavit will be interim Treasurer and Jody Albee will be interim Co-Treasurer until someone is found.

A motion was made by Elaine Bokhart and seconded by Sara Lawrick to adjourn the meeting. M/C Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

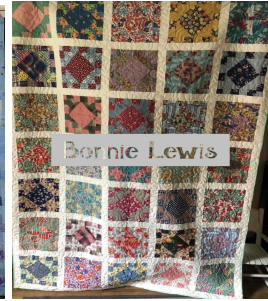
### **Programs**

Michelle Tuller presented a new pattern she designed tonight, Scrappy Stars. Michelle had a PowerPoint presentation detailing how to make the 16" x 16" wall hanging. A PDF of the pattern was emailed out prior to the meeting.



Show and Tell included several beautiful quilts. AQS announced there will be four quilts shows in 2022, one will be in Grand Rapids. Community Quilts has supplies if anyone has a need. Please contact Nancy Hawley. Kay Wilcox offered Laura Williams' fabric for community quilts and books for the guild library. Mary Maloney requests people continue to post their quilts on the guild Face Book page. She will use these pictures in the newsletter. If you would like a book from the guild library please contact Marilyn Herrman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Shepherd, Secretary



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