



# The Patchwork Pen

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Berrien Towne and Country Quilters – June 2020

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## Another Month on Hold – Stay Safe!

### Note from the Co-Presidents:

Dear members,

Unfortunately, the June meeting of the BTCQ has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. We wished we had better news.

All we can say is to stay safe. We want to be seeing all of you when we are able to gather as a group again.

Your co-presidents,  
Barb Manning and Kathy Martus

### QUILT SHOW UPDATES RED, WHITE, AND BLUE QUILT SHOW

The Quilt Show 2020 Committee have decided to cancel the Red, White, and Blue quilt show scheduled June 13 and 14. Three Oaks decided to cancel the Flag Day Celebration due to the pandemic conditions we are all facing. Even if the stay at home orders are lifted by June, a large gathering of people attending the Flag Day celebrations and likewise our quilt show is unlikely.

We thank everyone involved in preparing for the quilt show and all the quilts of valor sewn for presentation to our veterans. Those quilts will be presented at a later date when plans are made.

We thank the Three Oaks Flag Day Committee for the enthusiasm they showed and welcomed us in preparation for which we hoped would be a successful quilt show.

Recommendations for a future quilt show will be discussed once we can get together again.

### Please note:

Until we are done with the stay-at-home order, the BTCQ newsletter will not be printed and mailed.

It is sent out to all members who have e-mails on file with our membership folks. Please update this information if we are out-of-date.

Thank you.

## **Programs**

### ***Speakers:***

As we move forward to adhere the cautions of the Corona virus, it is with much disappointment that we feel it important to move our speaker from this July into next year. Even with many things beginning to slowly open and people beginning to welcome our new normal, July seems a bit to presumptuous to assume it will be to the best interest of everyone to offer such an exciting class.

The health and well-being of every guild member was taken into consideration while making this decision.

Our speaker is a lovely lady who was willing to work with us, under the circumstances and is very excited to come to us next year. Please accept our apologies. Stay safe, stay home and stay well!!!

Chris Andrews  
Speaker Committee

### ***Monthly Program:***

Hello everyone. Hopefully you all are doing well. As you have already heard, there will not be a meeting in June. But you can keep quilting.

How much sewing have you been doing? Have you been writing about it? I might have to make another journal cover, how about you? Journal prompts are attached to the newsletter. Keep writing about the quilts you are making.

**If you are working on the UFQ list, then the next line is number 10.** So far we have had lines 5, 6, & 9. Until we can be together again, call a quilting friend.

As Always,  
Michelle and Nicole

***Note: look for the programs daily prompts for June in the attachment to this newsletter.***

## **Meet Your Officers:**

*Meet co-President Kathy Martus*

### *1. How long have you been quilting?*

Since 1995

### *2. Why did you start?*

Not really sure. It just interested me, so I went to JoAnn Fabrics and bought a book. Later went back and bought the fabric and the rest is history,

### *3. Favorite block?*

I really like almost all blocks, but my favorites are "Star Blocks". I also enjoy the process of making some smaller blocks and paper piecing.

### *4. Favorite thing about being a member of BTCQ.*

Being a member of BTCQ brings friendships that I would not have made without the guild and of course Show and Tell. We have an amazing and talented group!

### *5. Why did you volunteer for your current position?*

We (Barb and I) were worried that no one would come forward to be the president. So, after discussing this together we decided this would be a good option. Besides, who better to do this than with your best friend?!

I am so glad we did this together. This year has been challenging to say the least, with storms and now a pandemic, but at least we have each other to use as a sounding board for our ideas and to make unanimous decisions.

## **June Member Birthdays:**

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

## Treasurer's Reports:

Note: January report was not published earlier

### Berrien Towne and Country Quilters Treasurer's Report

**January, 2020**

Income:		Beginning bank balance: \$12,514.96
n/a		
Expenses:	Item:	Amount:
1/9/20	Youth Fair Prizes	\$150.00
1/9/20	Hall Rental                      United Methodist Church	\$41,000.00
1/22/20	Quilt Show expenses	<u>\$814.00</u>
	Total monthly expenses:	\$1,964.00
		Ending bank balance: \$10, 550.96

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### Berrien Towne and Country Quilters Treasurer's Report

**April, 2020**

Income:		Beginning bank balance: \$11,250.37
n/a		
Expenses:	Item:	Amount:
n/a		
		Ending bank balance: \$11,250.37

**NOTE: no minutes from either BTCQ programs or board meetings as all have been canceled.**

## Quilt Show and Tell

Just because we haven't been meeting doesn't mean we can't show off what we have been doing. Snap a picture of your latest finish and send it to me by e-mail to [dkalintackett@gmail.com](mailto:dkalintackett@gmail.com). I'll add them to the newsletter. Don't forget to tell me a bit of story about them.



Here's a couple of quilts from **Kim Otte**. The table runner above is "Lil Kim" designed by Gudrun Eria. The log cabin quilt below was made from left-over blocks from an Edyta Sitar class project from years ago. The logs are ½ inch.





Here's a pillow from **Beth Griesbaum**. It's from a mini series sew along with Alison Glass and Giuseppe Ribaldo (Guicy Giuce). She had to complete 8 mini blocks and make a project with them. The blocks finished at 4 inches.



**Denise Tackett** finished these quilts and is putting them to good use. Above is granddaughter Tatum (one of identical twins) snoozing on her baby Irish chain. Below is a cherry basket quilt decorating her kitchen for the summer. The center is a panel and the baskets are liberated baskets made in Gwen Marston style.

