



The Patchwork Pen

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters – February 2022

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Note from the President:

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and got a lot of quilting done in January.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to our guild member Brenda Petznick and the family of Doris Petznick. Doris passed away in December and has been a member of the guild for many years.

Our committees are working hard to make 2022 a FUN year. The Program Committee is planning to teach us different ways to make a block unit this year. Block of the Month will be kicking off their program for the year also. You don't want to miss this meeting. Both Programs and Block of the Month will be making blocks or units that will make a small quilt at the end of the year. Both sound like fun. I encourage everyone to participate.

February would be a good time to grab a kit from community quilts and share your talents with our community.

Don't forget to bring all those projects you finished during the break for Show & Tell.

If the weather is bad, you can go to the WSJM radio station website and click on closings. Then look for us under organizations/groups. We will post any cancellations with the Mid-West Family Broadcasting

Closings and Delays system.

I'm looking forward to a fun year with all my wonderful quilting friends!

Cathy Benke
President

Program Committee

Tool Box - Own Your Own

This year we are going to play in our very own "toolboxes". Come "fly" with us to squarely "patch up" our techniques. We will be "stripping" while watching the "hourglass" and hopscotching "half square triangles" to the finish. You will "Flip" over this year!

A variety of techniques will be demonstrated each month giving you options to make units for blocks. Join us in discovering tips and techniques while seeing quilts our members made.

Think about a quilt you would like to make by gathering pictures, patterns, and ideas. With this in mind begin to build your Tool Box now by gathering 3-5 yards of coordinating fabric. If you would like to make a larger quilt please plan your fabric quantity accordingly.

We suggest your project includes some or all of the units we will be discussing throughout 2022. Your project could be a panel, a row by row, a medallion, table runner, or a small wall hanging. It's your project, make what you like.

Month 1	"The 2022 Tool Box Project!" We will be discussing what to put in your Tool Box, showing you what each committee member put in her box, and discuss types of fabric.
Month 2	Strips
Month 3	4-Patch
Month 4	Half Square Triangles (HST)

Month 5	Flying Geese
Month 6	Hourglass
Month 7	Flippy Corners & Finishing Touches
Month 8	2022 Reveal!

We are leaving a couple of months open for speakers to be filled in throughout the year.

Name Tags will be highly recommended this year so we can get to know each other. Paper and pencil are a must to bring. You will want to take notes of tips and techniques.

"Member Spotlight"

This year we will spotlight one guild member each month. Join us to learn a little bit about our fellow guild members and see a couple of quilts. This month's we will welcome Chris Andrews.

Our February Vendor

We would like to welcome The Quilted Oak Leaf (53480 Glenwood Road, Dowagiac MI 49047) to our February guild meeting. Julie will have a great selection of fabric and panels for sale. I'm sure everyone has been busy with their projects this cold January, come prepared to replenish your stash! As a courtesy to our guest vendor, please do not bring items to the February meeting for the free table.

February Member Birthdays:

Patty Root	2/3
Joy Shew	2/5
Tami Wisner	2/23
Brenda Petznick	2/28

BERRIEN TOWNE AND COUNTRY QUILTERS			
2022 Budget			
	2022 Budget	2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Block of the Month	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bus Trips	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Quilts	\$150.00	\$121.86	\$125.00
Door Prizes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fabric of the Month	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Golden Thimble	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Hall Rental*	\$900.00	\$278.32	\$350.00
Historian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Banquet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Library	\$50.00	\$45.60	\$60.00

Membership / Binders	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Miscellaneous/ Equipment	\$0.00	\$34.98	\$100.00
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$394.36	\$500.00
Policies & Procedures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Programs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Quilt Show 2020	\$0.00	\$1,083.00	\$1,000.00
Quilt Show 2022	\$2,000.00		
2022 Raffle Quilt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retreats	\$0.00	\$442.00	\$97.00
Sewing Days	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Speakers/ Workshops	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Storage Unit***	\$660.00		
Future Speaker Fund**	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,450.00
Sunshine & Shadow	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$25.00
Vendors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Site	\$125.00	\$119.88	\$150.00
Youth Fair Prizes	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Officers -			

President	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vice President	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Secretary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Treasurer / Asst Treasurer	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Total	\$6,175.00	\$2,681.00	\$7,832.00

Budget Notes:

* 2-month credit from last year. Hall Rental is 8 months @ \$100, plus \$10 cleaning for 10 month

** Future Speaker Fund - 2021 balance of 4,450.00 + 341.00 Fundraising Basket= 4,791.00

At board meeting it was decided not to add the 1,250 this year.

*** New storage unit is \$56 a month (\$4 discount if paid full year, January prorated at \$28)

thru Dec 31st 56x 11= 616 plus January \$28 and \$10 lock charge= \$654.00

Berrien Towne & Country Quilters Guild Meeting November 11, 2021

Barb Manning called the business meeting to order at 7:01 PM with approximately 50 people present. There were 2 amendments to the October minutes, Jan Sanders won a raffle basket and the \$20 gift card donated is for Corner Curves. Sara Lawrick made a motion to approve the amended October guild meeting minutes, seconded by Linda Woods. M/C.

Kathy Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurer report posted in the November newsletter; Gwen Jones seconded M/C.

Policy and Procedures – Barb introduced the revised Policy and Procedures that the Board approved at their November 1 meeting. Changes include:

- Copies of contracts should be given to the President and Treasurer.

- All cash transactions over \$25 will have a triple receipt.
- All monies are to be turned into the treasurer within 30 days of receipt.
- Participants will pay the same amount to attend a guild function.
- Committee activities are to stay within budget.
- Term limits on chairman positions shall be 3 years; the board has the authority to approve a 2-year extension no more than 2 times.
- Donated raffle quilts may be submitted for approval.
- Membership not participating in the quilt show have to pay-has been removed.
- Speakers chair coordinated any self-funded workshops the speaker leads.
- Vendors: the chairperson coordinated vendors for the quilt show & build meetings. The new Polic and Procedures will be posted on the website.

Kathy and Barb thanked all of the current chairs.

Golden Thimble 2021 winner is Jane Rush, congratulations.

Quilt Show – Denise Tackett provided an update. New this year is participants can sell their quilts they enter. The Box Factory charges 30% of sales and covers taxes. There may be an opening reception on Friday evening. The silent auction has not picked a charity yet, it was suggested it could be a fundraiser for the guild since our money is very low. They will not be able to have many large quilts in the show due to space limitations. Keep this in mind when working on your entries. There will be a challenge this year, must be original design, details to follow. Maxine Wantuch is working on vendors for the show. There is no theme or name of the show yet.

Free table at guild meetings: if you brought something and it is not taken please take it home with you. All items left will be thrown away if not taken.

Cathy Benke is the 2022 president. Cathy is asking for people to volunteer to chair the following committees: librarian, community quilt helper, retreats, sew day, fabric of the month, and bus trips. Hospitality will not be filled due to Covid. Door prizes will not be filled due to low funds.

The 2022 programs committee did a little skit to tease members of what is to come in 2022. They have a fun and exciting year planned.

Cathy has scheduled a 2022 board meeting on December 7th, 6:00 pm at the Bridgman Library.

Barb and Kathy were presented with fat quarters from the guild as a thank you along with flowers. Library – Marilyn Herrman reported there are 541 books in our library. 75 books were donated from Laura Williams estate as well as several from Gail Polk a couple of years ago. There is a listing by title and another by the author to make it easy to search for a book you may be looking for.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm. Motion made by Denise Tackett, seconded by Jane Rush. M/C The raffle baskets were won by Jan Sanders and Nicole Rimes we made \$34 tonight. Nicole Rimes presented tonight's Program on embellishments. The gift certificate from Corner Curves was won by Nancy Zebel. Show and Tell was wonderful again tonight.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Shepherd, Secretary

Berrien Towne & Country Quilters Board Meeting Minutes November 1, 2021

Members Present:

Barb Manning, Kathy Martus, Cindy Shepherd, Marcia McCavit, Marilyn Herrman, Maxine Wantuch, Nancy Hawley, Jackie Harris, Chris Andrews, Judy Weingart, Annette Wright, Kathy Phipps, Jane Rush, Michelle Tuller, Lois Lentz, and Bekki Lund.

Barb Manning called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes: Maxine Wantuch made a motion to approve the August 30, 2021 Board meeting minutes were amended. Seconded by Marilyn Herrman. M/C with one abstain.

Retreats: Barb Manning contacted Eric at the Marriott; they will not refund our \$750 deposit. It will be applied toward the next retreat. No date has been reserved. Going forward we may not want to reserve venues a year out. The guild has placed a \$750 deposit for a retreat in Shipshewana in spring 2022.

Storage Unit Insurance: the storage unit cost is \$79 per month with an additional \$12 for insurance. We are under contract and paid thru Feb 17, 2022. Jane Rush has not looked into other storage facilities and suggests we wait till the contract nears expiration. Jane suggests the storage unit expense stand alone and not be under the Quilt Show expenses. She suggests a listing of fixed expenses be at the top of the budget each year. The storage unit is one of our fixed expenses.

Committee Chairs: Jane Rush reviewed the listing of committee chairs to determine which committees are not required. The required committees will be focused to fill the chair.

Non-required committees are block of the month, bus trips, community quilts, door prizes, greeter, possibly historian, sew days, vendors. Required committees are fundraising, golden thimble, librarian, membership, membership book, newsletter, policy and procedure, program, retreat, speaker, sunshine and shadow, and website.

Quilt Show: Jane has filled most of the chairs for the quilt show, she still needs admission. They had their first meeting last week and gave minutes to the presidents. July 14-17 is the dates. The Box Factory is open Thursdays 10-6, Friday thru Sunday 12-4. Quilt show hours need to be determined soon. Should we have an opening reception and cash bar? The Box Factory keeps 30% of ticket sales. The raffle quilt has been donated by Julie Koch. Barb Manning has volunteered to chair ticket sales. Kathy Phipps has volunteered to chair the silent auction. A charity has not been determined yet. The Box Factory is willing to run our boutique at the cost of 30% of the sales. We do not have a boutique chair yet. There will be no viewer's choice ribbon this year. There will be a new category for art quilts. Jane is looking for a Box Factory artist to judge. They will have a small quilt of valor presentation during the quilt show.

Policy and Procedure Changes: The committee reviewed the proposed changes. There was controversy and discussion over these changes:

- Officers & Board Meetings: the second to the last bullet should reflect the same verbiage as the Articles of Association.
- Financials: last bullet states all participants will pay the same amount to attend a guild function. There was much discussion about

committees not being able to participate but still having to pay as well as how we can justify this if ever audited. Several people were very concerned about adding this statement.

- Again it was brought up the word "should" not be used in the Policy anywhere. That word will be changed to a stronger word throughout the document.
- Committee Activities: the second bullet removes the word "records." There is concern nothing will be in writing to pass on to the next chair.
- Committee Activities: the last bullet gives term limits to all committee chairs. In the past current chairs were asked if they wanted to continue, the policy committee is looking for a new approach. It could be difficult for the speaker chair. There was a lot of conversation over this.
- Committee Activities: the fourth bullet was changed to annual reports. After discussion, it should be left quarterly.

Marcia McCavit made a motion to approve the revised Policy and Procedures, seconded by Maxine Wantuch. Nine yes, four opposed, and one abstain. Two members present are on the 2022 board and do not have a vote tonight. The Articles of Association that was approved at the October guild meeting states at the bottom it was approved in September. This needs to be changed to October.

Respectfully submitted as amended
December 1, 2021

Cindy Shepherd, Secretary

Note: these minutes do not document the last 10 minutes of the meeting.

<u>Berrien Towne and Country Quilters</u>				Treasurer's Report		<u>November 30, 2021</u>
				<u>Beginning Cash Flow Balance</u>		\$ 9,932.06
Income:						
Raffle Basket				\$ 34.00		
Membership Dues				\$ 180.00		
				Total Monthly Income		\$ 214.00
Expenses:						
Hall Rental	Cleaning Fee			\$ 20.00		
Newsletter	Printing			\$ 42.00		
				Total Monthly Expenses		\$ (62.00)
				<u>Ending Cash Flow Balance</u>		\$ 10,084.06

<u>Berrien Towne and Country Quilters</u>				Treasurer's Report		<u>December 31, 2021</u>
				<u>Beginning Cash Flow Balance</u>		\$ 10,084.06
Income:						
				Total Monthly Income		\$ -
Expenses:						
Storage Rental	Insurance			\$ 60.00		
				Total Monthly Expenses		\$ (60.00)
				<u>Ending Cash Flow Balance</u>		\$ 10,024.06

2022 Block of the Month “Bursting Star”



Your committee is Kay Wilcox and Peri Hansen. This year we chose a paper pieced block! It will be the same pattern block all year, but it will look different by what fabric placement and choices everyone makes! The fabrics will be ALL BATIKS. The background uses light-colored batiks, while the star parts will use medium to dark batiks. The way we are doing it this year is if you bring 1 block, you will take home 1 block (someone else's block). As many blocks as you make, you will take home that same amount of blocks. The link for the pattern and full instructions are found on useful links on the guild website. We will also have handouts at the meetings. **We hope you'll join us!**

Here are some other examples:

