

Towpath Quilt Guild

Monthly Minder February 2021

A note from the Co-Presidents

Happy February! We hope that everyone has unburied themselves from all the beautiful snow we received this past week! And maybe went out to enjoy some hiking, skiing or snowshoeing. (Okay, maybe shoveling or snow-blowing!)

We would like to thank everyone who joined in our show and tell in January. It was well attended and well received; lots of beautiful quilts! We would also like to thank all those who have supported us during Covid in keeping the guild active. With vaccines available to most of us, 2021 can only get better, and we will be able to meet again soon!

TREASURER'S REPORT Starting Balance: \$12,468.86

Deposits: \$1,160.00 Expenses: \$837.52

Ending Balance: \$12,791.34

Programs: February 12, we will be presenting another Zoom slide show featuring projects that we have done during the pandemic. That's almost a whole year! There should be lots of entries. We hope many of you will consider participating. Please send up to six pictures to Noel by Sunday 2/7. **March** program, original speaker, Tierney Barden, is not set up with Zoom and needed to cancel (she will present next year). But Suzy worked her magic being able to acquire Stephanie McCall. Master quilter, pattern designer and quilt restorer. Stephanie will lecture on how antique quilts, can be restored or repaired, including a trunk show of antique quilts.

Have a one on one with Stephanie on how to restore your antique quilts, via Zoom on March 10th. The fee is \$8.00. If interested email Suzy Tankersley to register for a zoom consultation.

April program will be Wenda Coburn, barn quilts. Lecture and workshop.

May program will be Sue Ellen Romanowski, "It's a Passion". Lecture.

June picnic and **August** workshop on hold.

Historian: We have been able to acquire space in the basement of the church to store the historian files. Barbara and Wenda will take care of moving boxes there this month. We discussed forming a committee rather than having one person be responsible for files. We may need to get together at some point to comb through and lessen our baggage. Please let us know if you are interested in helping when we are able to meet in person.

Newsletter: Noel has completed a beautifully done newsletter. It is posted on the website. Please check it out!

Service Project: Marilouise has delivered more quilts and blankets to the YMCA this week. We have now met our goal of 125; 59 quilts and 66 blankets! There are more in progress in addition to that. Thank you all for your hard work!

SCRAPS: Message from Cathy Lee:

What have you been doing during this required shut down (quiet time) in your life with the scraps, yarn, and anything else you use to make amazing small, unique projects? I'd like to share them

with the rest of our guild, so send me your ideas, what you have been working on, and any other projects that have kept you busy.

I moved this past fall to Homer, so in cleaning out, organizing, and sorting through and (gasp!) throwing away, I've got lots of lined up UFO's and ideas and bits and pieces to work on. Good time to organize those strips, fat quarters, scrappy pieces into smaller bins so they are handy when you need them. But, it's not just fabric. I'm looking for cute, nice, useful knitted and crocheted projects too. Need some ideas? I have a large notebook full of ideas and patterns and instructions, so let's get busy and see what great and beautiful things we can make for ourselves, friends, and community. Next several Monthly Minders I'll share an idea and/or pattern with you.

Consortium: As a member of The Quilt Consortium of NY, we have been asked to participate in the Wee Little quilt project. Wee Little Quilts (aka small fiber art quilt) are 10" x 10" wall quilts of various design made and donated by QCNYS members to benefit the scholarship fund.

We are asking you to make the design of your choice (with 2" sleeve) something that you would like hung in your home and donate the Wee Quilts during January and February. Our goal is to donate 40 Wee Quilts.

QCNYS supports the quilters and fiber artists of New York State by granting five annual scholarships of \$100 each to applicants for continuing their education of techniques in quilting and fiber arts.

Announcement: Do you remember the Quilt Challenge. The guild is still having it and you have time before your antibodies build up to make a spectacular entry. Send entries by June 1 to noelkeith@icloud.com Voting instructions will follow at a later date.

Discussions in the works: Virtual challenge quilt judging.
Instructions for the quilts is on website for those of you who want to participate.

Possible trunk (our real trunks!) show in the church parking lot when weather permits.

ADS: For Sale:

BabyLock Elissimo Sewing/Embroidery just serviced and cleaned. Built in Embroidery Designs. USB connectivity so you can upload PES designs. You can mend, perform elaborate sewing or do top of the line quilting and beautiful embroidery.
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