TOWPATH QUILT GUILD MONTHLY MINDER May 2021

Hi Members, old and new! We are coming to the end of our programs for the year and are looking forward to being together again soon. Many of our lectures this past year took place via ZOOM and were very well attended.

We would like to welcome our two newest members, Patricia Ingells and Kathy Tedford.

Treasurer's Report:

Deposits: \$176, Expenses: \$662 Balance: 11,926.79

Announcement: Since we have decreased publication of the newsletter to once a year, we have lost a minor source of income from advertisers. To supplement this we will be offering businesses and individuals the opportunity to place ads in the Monthly Minder. The fee for a business is \$100 which will include a business card size ad in all 10 Monthly Minders for the year. Members only ads will be \$5 per month. These are to be related to quilting or sewing only. We hope that this will help you to find a new home for unwanted sewing items! The aim is to offset costs related to the website.

Membership: We currently have 71 members.

Programs: In April we heard from Wenda Coburn who spoke about the history of Barn Quilts. She also discussed her upcoming class. On May 11th our own Sue Ellen Romanowski will share her stories and creations with via ZOOM. She is an amazing quilter and artist! Wenda will be conducting a ZOOM class following Sue Ellen's lecture for those who registered to make Barn Quilts.

The Program committee is busy scheduling programs for the following year. If anyone has any ideas or request please let Suzy Tankersley know.

Nominating Committee: Working hard to find candidates for vacancies on the board. Those include Co-Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Corresponding secretary. We are also looking for 2-3 people for a historian committee to sort and organize items. Everything is stored at the church. Any questions or interest please call Missy or Terri.

Consortium: Wee little-quilt deadline has been extended until end of 2022. Information is on consortium website. **QCNYS.org**

Website: Please visit our website at **towpathquiltguild.org**. The new password for members only is **Irishchain.**

Service Project: Our service project for the YMCA was a big success. We have exceeded expectations submitting 77 beautiful quilts and 60 blankets to date. They were very appreciated by the staff and residents!

June Picnic: The picnic will be held on June 8th with a rain date of June 9th in the church parking lot at 10:30. We will have use of the bathrooms. This will be a brown bag picnic. Please bring a chair, anything to show and tell, and items for our "Trunk or Treat". (Any thing you want to give away set up in the trunk of your car!) Because the church limited us to 40 people, please RSVP to terrifeola@gmail.com

The year 2021 marks 40 year that the Towpath Quilt Guild was founded. In commemoration, we will combine the Holiday party and Anniversary celebration at our December meeting. Vicki Swanson has volunteered to chair the committee for this. She is looking for assistance from members. Please contact her at vickiscottswanson@gmail.com if you are interested.

Quilt Show: postponed until 2023. Will need members to work on this but will discuss more in the Fall.