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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, my beloved Pfaff sewing machine gave its last stitch to my mask making frenzy. I loved that machine and was very sad when one morning in the middle of a project, it went up in a puff of smoke. My husband bought it for me as a surprise when I first started quilting. It has stitched every quilt I have ever made and almost 200 masks. It was a workhorse and gallantly spent its final days sewing masks for our community. I am writing about the sad end to my machine as a reminder to all that after these many months of sewing while sheltering in place your machines will probably appreciate a visit to your service provider for a good cleaning and oiling.

Things are finally beginning to open up and as we begin to venture out (as I had to do to pick up my new sewing machine), I hope you are all staying safe and continue to practice the steps to prevent infection and to slow transmission of COVID-19. We have all heard them many, many times:

- Wear your mask when in public for your health and the health of others..
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or clean them with alcohol-based hand rub.
- Maintain at least six feet distance from others.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.



As to meetings and events, I am hoping we may be able to have a guild meeting in September. If so, we will set up to practice social distancing and have hand sanitizer and wipes available. I will keep you posted as we get closer to September.

And how about our Challenge! Well, I will be sending out a separate email to explain it all but, we would like to combine the 2020 Challenge with the 2021 Challenge.

We can show the quilts we made for this year "A Star is Born," or make entirely different ones since it is the guild's 25th Anniversary, we can either make a quilt that incorporates silver or add some silver to our 2020 entry

or not. I am leaving it all up to each member. I will explain in more detail in my upcoming email.

The Arts Center Board is brain storming to have a small event in place of Arts in the Redwoods. It may include a small show and a take-out Hats Off dinner. There is even talk of a few small booths outside but it will not include our guild booth. I encourage you all to continue your guild fund raising projects because with our fingers crossed, we are planning for the Festival of Trees.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July

~Sandy Hughes

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2020

- March 16** -- **POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19**
—WILL RESCHEDULE IN THE FUTURE
--Continuing Education
- March 18 & 19** – **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Workshop by Barbara Dunsmoor
- March 20** -- **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Guild Mtg:
- April 17** -- **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Guild Mtg
- May 1** – **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
2020 Quilt Challenge
- May 15** – **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Workshop: Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor
- June 15 – 18** – **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
workshops with Sue Benner
- June 19** -- **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
Guild Mtg
- July** -- Picnic **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**
- September 16 & 17** – Workshops
MOVED TO 2021 DUE TO COVID-19
- September 18** -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
- October 14 & 15** – *Workshop* with Jennie Henderson
- October 16** -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
- November 20** – *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
- December 2** – Holiday Luncheon at GAC

WHO AM I?

Here are the clues for the next guild meeting:

1. I made my first potholder to sell in a bizarre when I was 12. The design was a worm.
2. My black quilt with mushroom growing on a hill hung in my high school library.
3. I made all of my children's clothes.
4. I have two children and now 3 grandchildren.

Be sure to remember these clues so that you will be able to submit your guess at the next Guild meeting for an opportunity to win Sandy's gift bag.

2020 PROGRAM

Again, we are hopeful the Program for the remainder of the year may happen in a "modified" version.

Jeanette Walton's paper piecing workshops and trunk show scheduled for September will be moved to September 2021. It was decided that with the unknown COVID conditions and all the planning necessary prior to the workshop, postponing everything to 2021 was best for everyone. Those of you who registered for this workshop should be receiving a refund from GAC.

Sept 18: Guild meeting possibly

October 14 & 15: Jennie Henderson will reprise her "No-Mess Dyeing Class" with some new ideas and techniques.

October 16: Guild meeting and Lecture by Jennie Henderson

November 20: Guild meeting followed by Lecture TBA

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2020

Mark your calendars. 2020 Holiday luncheon is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 2** at Gualala Art Center Auditorium. Arrive by 11:30 for a picture followed by lunch and entertainment. More information forthcoming, i.e. menu, cost.

~Judy Riddle & Sylvia Evans



FUNDRAISING:

ART IN THE REDWOODS AND FESTIVAL OF TREES 2020

AIR has been canceled for this year, and the fate of FOT remains unknown. I have been having fun making kid's quilts, table toppers and microwave bowls just in case.

Kalynn has been sewing aprons in fun fabrics.



Please continue making things for the sales and hold them until we meet again.

~Cheryl Faconti

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Face Masks for the Navajo Nation

Della Zita and I, with the help of 2 non-Guild members (Janet Loxley and Tristan Coulson) recently packaged up and sent off close to 300 masks to the Navajo nation. Along with the special "fabric" masks, we donated cloth masks in adult and kid sizes, shoe strings for adjusting the tightness and mask filters. I'd love to hear what anyone else sent. I was in contact with Janet Windsor, former Guild member, who moved to Arizona. She too, was working on masks and thanked me stating "the need is so great."

~Cheryl Faconti

President's Quilt

Does anyone recognize this quilt block? I received it on a day I was not in the studio and it is unsigned. I'd love to know who made it. Still not too late to make squares. Log cabin, knowing my favorite color is purple. Put your personal take into it and be sure to sign it. Thanks.



~Cheryl Faconti
