



Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The survey says.... the majority of paid members would participate in Zoom meetings. It was approved by the Board of Directors that we would conduct our meetings via Zoom until we can safely meet again. Our first meeting will be September 3rd at 7:00 PM. It will be a meet and greet, a general meeting with committee reports, and lots of show and tell. The invitation and sign-in information will go out to ALL 2019-2020 members. The invitation will be sent to your email address on Monday, August 31st. Stormy will be sending out invitations for short trial Zoom meetings sometime the next two weeks for those that requested help with Zoom from the survey. We will also open the meeting on Thursday at 6:00 PM for those who need help getting their computers set up with the audio and video settings. Let the host (Stormy) know at that time if you have a committee report or a quilt to show so she will know to call on you. I am just learning how to conduct a meeting on Zoom myself, so we are all learning this together. Please reach out to your friends that do not have a computer and invite them to watch the Zoom meeting with you. We are trying to reach as many of our members as we can. We will not be having a Quilt Spectrum meeting before the meeting. When you receive your email from Stormy be sure to add her email address to your contacts list.

Future meeting invitations will only go out to paid members. We must still pay for the speakers' lectures, even on Zoom, so if you want to hear the speakers you must pay your dues. This is our main source of income so please mail your dues to Pam Riss (see the 2019-2020 Membership Directory for her address).

We will be having speakers in October, November, and December (which Ary will address in her message) but we will not be having classes. The costs for the speaker's classes are too costly for us at this time and there were not enough members signed up to take them. Most of the speakers have online classes that you can sign up for at your own expense or videos that you can watch. I know this is quite a change from what we have done in the past, but this is all we can do that this time. We are planning to draw for the raffle quilt at the December meeting. Please continue to sell your tickets for the raffle quilt until November 15th. Without the revenue from the Quilt Spectrum, the raffle quilt ticket sales and our dues are our only sources of income we have this year.

If you have a quilt story, a simple pattern, a poem, or a favorite recipe you would like to share with the group in the Newsletter, send it to Mary Wilkins. We will also be including monthly birthdays and soon instructions for a mystery quilt.

We are a large group and may not always know when a member is ill or has passed away. If you know of someone or a family who would appreciate a card, please notify Marcia Ripsch or myself.

With the Covid-19 still in our midst, we do not have a place for future meetings. The Mennonite church is meeting in September and will discuss our contract. I wish I could see into the future and say we will be able to meet after the New Year but only the direction of the pandemic will make that possible. I miss seeing everyone at the meetings and all the lovely show-and-tell quilts in person. Keep quilting and I look forward to seeing what you have done at the show and tell on Zoom in September. Stay healthy and keep quilting.

Sharon Rhoda

HAAQG President



Cherish the little things and smile!

PROGRAMS & CLASSES

CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES!

Like everything else in our lives, “Changes” will be the motto for our 2020-21 programs. Whether we have actual or digital classes, depends on the comfort level of our scheduled presenters to travel and the availability of a place to meet. Our web page is the **official** source for current information regarding all activities and programs. Every attempt will be made to keep our web page current. Check it out between newsletter publications.

ALL classes through December 2020 have been cancelled. However, plans are to present an online program of some type at the general membership meeting each month.

CHANGE number 1: Susan Knapp will **NOT** be in Bloomington to physically conduct her program or classes September 3, 4 & 5, 2020. She has been rescheduled for **NOVEMBER 2021**.

CHANGE number 2: Gudrun Erla, our scheduled November presenter, has cancelled all classes. Her lecture fee has increased and exceeds our budget. Therefore, the program committee is working on an alternative program. Gudrun has indicated that she will be contacting guilds, that she has had to cancel, at some future date.

GOOD NEWS: Our October speaker, Monique Jacobs, from Open Gate Quilts, will present her program “My Quilting Journey” **October 1, 2020**. Current members will be sent the link to her program.

Ary Anderson

Programs & Classes

CHEWY COCONUT BARS

Carol Benson made coconut bars for the board meeting and the board members enjoyed them so much that they asked her to share the recipe with our membership.

These Chewy Coconut Bars are so simple, sweet, perfectly chewy and loaded with natural coconut flavor. You will love them so much; you'll want to eat one every day!

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 cups light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup flour
- 1 1/2 cups sweetened flaked coconut



Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 9×9 baking dish with foil and coat with nonstick spray.
2. In a medium saucepan melt butter over medium-low heat. Once butter is melted, continue cooking until it boils, swirling the pan constantly so the butter doesn't burn. Slowly the butter will begin to brown. Once it has reached an amber color remove from the heat and stir in the brown sugar until completely combined. Using a rubber spatula stir in the eggs, vanilla, salt, and baking powder.
3. Next stir in the flour until incorporated and then finally the coconut
4. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 20 minutes. The edges will be golden, and the center will be almost set.
5. Allow the bars to cool completely before cutting into squares.

MENTORING

In these trying times, Sharon and her board are doing the best they can to keep the Guild going and to be safe. Deanna, Rick, and I have really enjoyed teaching the mentoring classes and we hope to be able to offer mentoring classes again in the spring. Until we are able to meet again, I hope you will give the October, the Zoom meeting will be for paid members – give it a try.

If you have any mentoring classes you would like us to do, please stop let us know.

Come join us for a fun night out quilting with friends.

Kay Bowen



LIBRARY-CHECK IT OUT

HAAQG Library has several books by Gudrun Erla including her Quilts of Iceland book. With 18 patterns, multiple recipes and stunning photos of Iceland, Quilts of Iceland is a book to savor as we continue staying at home and quarantining. Lupine might be my favorite pattern in this book. Simple lines, beautiful purples and, as always, easy to follow instructions. And the recipes, wow. Mom's Pickled Veggies is very different from other pickles. I haven't tried but it's on my list.



"Iceland has more waterfalls than anyone can count. You can really feel the power of nature when you experience them up close." Though we won't be traveling to Iceland any time soon, this book will bring Gudrun's Iceland to us with her photos and well written insights.

If you'd like to borrow Quilts of Iceland, please contact me at 309.706.3455 or conniejocars1423@outlook.com . We can arrange a porch pickup or drop off.

I don't know if the Library will be doing new or renewal subscriptions to Fons & Porter Love of Quilting magazine. Mary Weakman should have more information on Love of Quilting subscriptions next month.

Connie J Carstens

