



York Quilters' Guild
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

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Letter from the President:

Fellow Quilters

It's hard to believe we are not able to gather again this month. It doesn't look promising for June either. Even if York moves to yellow, large gatherings of more than 25 will be prohibited. AQS has set Aug. 5-7, 2020 for their quilt show at The Nook. I'm looking forward to a quilt show but not sure it's doable in Aug.



I keep hearing the message that we are in this together. Many are feeling anxious, stressful and isolated during this quarantine. As quilters we are fortunate! Being creative is a way to find peace, relaxation and joy. I hope you are able to find time to participate in a favorite hobby as often as possible. May your quilting help you cope during these trying times.

One of my favorite quotes from Facebook: "Is anyone else looking at their fabric stash thinking, I've been unconsciously preparing for this quarantine my whole life?" My fabric stash is not showing any signs of diminishing anytime soon. I'm challenging myself to go through this quarantine without purchasing any new supplies. So far, I have been successful.

This is a great time to try new techniques. I've tried sandwiching a baby quilt with pool noodles. Definitely like how quickly I was able to get my least favorite part of quilting accomplished. I've also been drawn to patterns with flying geese going in a circle. Completed a top with flying geese traveling around a star and in a staggered formation in the borders.

Be well and I hope you are able to find comfort in quilting.

Donna Sheffer

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If any of these are outdated or incorrect, please contact Joy at yorkquiltersguild@gmail.com

The scheduling of meetings and programs will be adjusted when restrictions are lifted and large groups are permitted. Consider meetings cancelled unless there is notification that one will be held. In the event that a meeting can be scheduled in June, the Community Outreach Program will not held.

Based in York, PA, the purpose of the York Quilters' Guild is to instruct, stimulate and promote the art of quilt making on an individual, group and community basis. The Guild meets at 7 pm on the third Thursday of each month at Zion United Methodist Church at 1030 Carlisle Road, York

Charity Work

I think it would be interesting to know how many masks our guild made during this quarantine. I will share this information in future newsletters. Please send me your name, and the number of masks you made for WellSpan, other health care facilities, family and friends and community groups. Send this information to me at dbsheffer1@comcast.net. Thank you!

Donna



I just delivered 33 homemade fabric masks to the York location for donating to WellSpan's COVID-19 response. I was told that they could still use more.

<https://www.wellspan.org/coronavirus/i-want-to-help/#masks>

<https://www.wellspan.org/media/2364423/WellSpan-Facemask-making-instructions.pdf>

I found this a good way to clean out some of my fat quarters that I was no longer so enchanted with. You can get at least 2 masks out of a FQ. I ran out of 1/4" elastic, so I used saved selvages to make ties for the rest of the masks. Suggestion on the pattern: When you go to form the pleats in the last step, the two hemmed edges that you did in the first step should meet, so I found it most helpful to pin or clip the central pleat on each side first and then do the ones above and below those.

Cheryl Dawson



For Sale:. Quilting frame, all bells and whistles. Asking \$300.00. Contact Barb for details.

Barb Sadler. 717-697-2199

For Sale 100 year old plus quilting frame I need to relocate. Respond by email to

Diane Moyer

dlmoyer8@gmail.com.



Quilt Story:

I am a self-taught quilter. I'm not sure when I started because I wasn't into labeling my first quilts. At least 35 years. I made quilts before my son was born. I've been sewing from a young age. Active in 4-H and went to college to become a Family and Consumer Science teacher. Quilting was an easy transition from garment sewing.

My younger sister was a big influence to me. She introduced me to a quilt shop where I bought a pattern and fabric. It was a little Christmas wall-hanging that I tied. Lynn has a very different quilting style than I do. She enjoys hand applique and working with wool. During this quarantine she is following Sue Spargo who turns 1" wool circles into elaborate works of art with fancy needlework. My interest is in many different techniques, as long as it doesn't involve hand sewing. Our other sister did not get the quilting gene, although she appreciates quilts and is very happy when we gift quilts to her.

My Grandmother made one quilt in her life time. It was a cathedral window and she was entered it in the local fair. My Mother and her two sisters were not quilters until later in life. A neighbor got my mother interested in making Quilts for Kids. She will stitch the top together, if a kit is provided, and hand it off to me to finish. Guess who has an abundance of tops waiting to be quilted.

Donna Sheffer

Salvation Army Fabric Fair

This years Fabric Fair has been canceled. With the current health situation we did not want to do anything to put our supporters in jeopardy with donations and set up. Our other concern was having a large group in a very close environment. This is disappointing to all of us but definitely the best decision. We will try again next year.

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I also have a Sew Steady Wish table to sell, it fits a Janome C30 or a Elnita EC30.
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Sunshine Lady



As Sunshine Lady for the guild, it is my duty to correspond to members of the guild who are in need of condolences, encouragement, and/or congratulations. In order to do this, I rely on each of you to inform me when a member is in need. I will then mail them a card on behalf of the guild expressing support, encouragement, and best wishes. If you know someone who could benefit from such a correspondence, please feel free to contact me at longarmlady1@gmail.com, (717)676-5649 or, in person.

Fondly,
Your Sunshine Lady,
Cindy Hodge

I hear some people are starting to feel stressed in lockdown!
Actually I was just talking about this with my sewing machine,
and she seemed to agree. But when I asked the elastic,
it just snapped back! I think it was stretched to its limit.
So I tried to talk to the cotton, but it shrank away.
The linen was in a bunch. The scissors were snippy.
Even the stuffing was down. When I came around to ask
the buttons, they just gaped. The snaps suggested I get a grip.
Thankfully, the iron gave it to me straight
and reminded me this will all be smoothed over soon.

Sorry, that I can't
find the source
for this—but it
made me smile.

A Quilt Story



This entirely hand pieced and hand quilted quilt took thirty years to make, having been started about 1989 after I saw a quilt in an antique store on the west side of Rt. 81 somewhere in Virginia. By then I had taken quite a few classes taught by Carol Blevins and Sheila Arnold at Seams Elegant in the Tollgate Shopping Center on South Queen Street and at the York Quilters' Guild. It was finally finished in December 2019 after a long pause between about 2008 and 2017 after having been about one-third quilted. Realizing I was not going to finish quilting it, I asked Jill Coleman if she would quilt the rest of the quilt. She agreed to do so and started in October 2017 and finished huge quilt in August 2018. I finally applied the binding in December 2019. During this time I made numerous other quilts. These were machine pieced, some hand quilted, others machine quilted. The majority were machine pieced and machine quilted Trip Around the World Quilts.

The print fabrics in the Grandmother's quilt are old fabrics of unknown dates and feed bag fabrics. The solid 30's green fabric was purchased new but the yellow fabric for the daisies and the dark green fabric for the stars are old fabrics. Even the white fabric is old, (from 1955). Our son, Brian, was married in 1993. My mother's cousin Margot (Wittstruck) Schaper visited from Germany for the wedding. At the time I was working on the flowers and she asked what this was for. When I told her what the quilt would be and that I would be needing white fabric to set with the flowers, she offered bed linen fabric that her mother had given her in 1955 when she was married, to make sheets and pillowcases that she never made. When she got back to Germany she mailed the white fabric and it was used for the quilt.

Above I stated that the quilt was started in 1989; however, in reality it started much earlier - about 1957 - but I did not know it then. That's because in 1957 I happened to go into a small 3rd floor room in the First Church of the Brethren on West King Street and saw something I had never seen before and knew nothing about. Several ladies were sitting around a frame and sewing. They explained that they were quilting one of that year's quilts that would be sold at the First Church of the Brethren auction for the fundraising for the Brethren Home at Cross Keys. Kathryn Grim was one of those ladies. Later she became a member of the York Quilters' Guild and it's first life member.

I have no idea what else is in store for this quilt but for now I will enjoy looking at it on the bed in the spare bedroom.

Thank you,
Jutta Creager



Picture taken about 1989 along Rt 81 in an antique shop in Virginia

Suggestions: tell us what you think

—I have an idea! I don't know if the guild has community service projects, but if they do, I have an idea. ByAnnies has a free PDF pattern called "Bosom Buddy" that is designed to fit on a seat belt shoulder strap to pad & protect women after they have mastectomies. I am making one now and can bring to a meeting when we have one or send a pic. You can also go to byannies.com and see it.

I was thinking if the guild wanted to take on this project. I could do a demo at a meeting, and we could have the instructions available for those interested.

I am willing to contact hospitals to see if they would be interested in providing them for their patients. —Eva Weber

—I was wondering if we could send in Pic of our challenges and have them on the web site for a virtual challenge show. Just a thought.

Miss everyone. —Barbara Colvin

—Would you like to share show and tell on our website or on Facebook?

Send any responses or items for show and tell to yorkquiltersguild@gmail.com

A quilt fashioned from Salvation Army scraps. A fun project this month—Raeann Waltersdorf



No, I didn't make all these hexies during our "stay at home" time—but for a while, they were the only thing I seemed to be able to work on! Joy Rusonis



Raffle Quilt

The cancellation of the Quilt Show, due to the governor's state of emergency, requires us to notify any raffle ticket holders. Quilt members, please notify any of your family or friends which you may have sold tickets to of the following:

"The drawing for our charity raffle quilt will be postponed. The drawing will take place during a York Quilters' Guild Meeting later this year."

If you have any ticket stubs & monies, please keep them until it will be safe to hold guild meetings. If anyone has any questions or needs any information from the tickets sold, please contact Darlene Schardt ph #717-741-3078 of e-mail: dlschardt@yahoo.com