



## NEWSLETTER

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Good morning all. We are approaching the time of year when days are shorter, nights are longer and the brilliant colors of the growing season begin to fade. As you put your garden to bed, your fabric closet can be a new source of color for you.

For some diversion you can google [joyofmuseums.com](http://joyofmuseums.com) to take a virtual tour of the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. Their introduction says – “The National Quilt Museum promotes the growth and expansion of quilting by bringing the art form to new audiences around the world through exhibitions, education, programs and quilt preservation efforts and advocacy”. There is something here for every taste. Enjoy!

I am excited by the transition to zoom that allows us to reach out, see and talk to one another. It is not as good as the real thing but continuing to integrate this process will keep our communication alive and provide socialization for those who are not leaving home often.

The town of Hurley is having a scarecrow competition. All entries will be displayed along Main St. Hurley during the last week of October. Fall is a nice time for a walk and Hurley is a lovely village.

Time is our most important commodity, don't waste it by lamenting what you cannot do but rather what you can do for yourself and others. You can spend your time hoping or moping, (interesting how one letter changes everything).

Till next month,  
Happy Halloween!  
Mary

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

*Dolly Wodin has an email address - her contact is [jbirnbaum@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:jbirnbaum@newpaltz.k12.ny.us).*

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

My book selection for this month is “Conversations with RBG” by Jeffrey Rosen. It gives some personal insight into a life well lived by a woman who changed history forever. . For fiction I enjoyed “The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach” by Pam Jenoff. Our group would love to hear the titles that you find interesting or entertaining. Please send to Jackie Ferrara.

Another virtual show that you may enjoy is “Art in Bloom”. Each of twenty fabulous art quilts are paired with a beautiful flower arrangement. You can see the whole exhibit by googling the [galleryflatrock.com/artinbloompreview](http://galleryflatrock.com/artinbloompreview).

I know that for many of us Keepsake Quilting in New Hampshire has been a long time favorite. The new owners moved their shop towards more modern quilting which was a real departure. I am pleased to share that I came across them again when I needed something (?) and have been pleasantly surprised. The quality is very good, offerings are broad and customer service and mail times great. Just wanted to share.

If you are looking for some exercise and diversion the Town of Esopus has a beginning yoga class on line starting 11-9 20 thru 12 21 20, Monday mornings at 11 AM . The link is <https://bit.ly/33xum07/>

Our second zoom meeting and first class was on October 17th. It was well attended by 37 members who were able to visit, share their quilt accomplishments and enjoy the meeting. We will continue to perfect the meeting style since this will likely be our winter meeting place. I am encouraged to see new friendships being formed and members reaching out to one another. Any member who would like to practice a zoom meeting can call me and I will work with you so that you can join next month. My home phone is 338-9171. Our goal is to reach as many members as possible.

## MYSTERY QUILT

*The first Mystery quilt directions will be sent after the October meeting.*

Finally, for Donald’s personal amusement, you’re more than welcome to ask him anything about the mystery quilt you want. For example, “What block(s) are we making next month?” But beware, Donald will answer the questions honestly if he thinks the answer is needed to complete a section of the quilt, if you want to know what techniques will be used in the quilt, what materials will be needed for the mystery quilt, or what type of quilt it will be (ex. Modern, traditional, or both); he’ll lie if he thinks your trying to get him to spill every last detail of what the quilt is going to look like before it is finished; he might also refuse to answer questions. Who knows what he’ll do? It’s a mystery.

*Note: Donald will not give any false information that will make you ruin your quilt. He’s just messing with you, and you’ll know it when you read/ hear about it.*

Happy quilting and have fun with your mystery quilts!

Donald Kenly

## **PROGRAM NEWS 2020 - 2021**

We had a successful, informative, and fun time with Suzi Parron at our first Zoom presentation and workshop in October. It was Suzi's first Zoom presentation and workshop as well. Check out our Facebook page and website for photos of completed barn quilts.

SAT NOV 21 - 10 am: Guild meeting (opens at 9:30). Invitation to join the meeting and presentation will be sent out earlier in the week from Mary.

SAT NOV 21 - 11 am: Ellie VonWellsheim The Mooncatcher Project Presentation via Zoom. Ellie will be discussing the history of the Mooncatcher Project, what they do, and the impact on girls in Uganda, India, and elsewhere in the world. She will also describe the Mooncatcher Kit and the items that make it up. Check out her website for more information: <http://www.mooncatcher.org/>

Mooncatcher Kit Workshop will be done independently.

*Drawstring Bag:* We will be making the drawstring bags for the kits. Email me with your name, address, and number of bags you plan to make. They only take a 9" x 21" piece of fabric so a fat quarter will make 2. A Mooncatcher label needs to be attached to each bag before sewing. I will mail you labels to sew onto your bags. The pattern is on our website and Ellie has a video with instructions. Video details are in the drawstring pattern on our website.

*Reusable Pads:* If anyone has polyester fleece (or wants to buy some), they can also cut the reusable pads (no sewing involved). Simply cut an 8 1/2" x 11" rectangle.

*Waterproof Barrier:* Anyone who has Tyvek (or can buy some) can cut the waterproof barrier to be sewn into the carriers.

*Patterns:* Patterns for the drawstring bag, reusable pads, and Tyvek barrier, will be posted on our website under November's workshop information. You will also find information, videos, and written instructions on the Mooncatcher website. <http://www.mooncatcher.org/>

SAT DEC 19 - TBA

January and beyond We're having discussions with our spring scheduled presenters to review their ability to give presentations by Zoom. We're also working on the details of our January plans for twin quilt tying or quilting, and our February member led workshops. Stay tuned!

# BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Each month Mary will put the BOM in the newsletter. You will mail your completed block to her. She will do the drawing and the winner will be sent all the blocks for that month.

Please mail your completed blocks by October 16th to:  
**MARY McLAUGHLIN, 212 DOGWOOD LANE, KINGSTON, NY 12401**

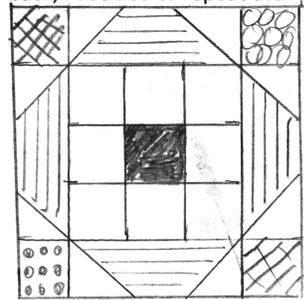
*Purchase 2-3 yards of complementary material. Each month do a practice block with that material. Then, at the end of the year you will have 9 blocks for your sampler quilt.*

This was the spring 2020 block during Covid. Since I only got three blocks back, I decided to repeat the block with a few changes:

Wiltwyck Quilt Guild: November 2020 BOTM: HOPSCOTCH

Here's a chance to use up your scraps (mostly dark):

We will make a 10 1/2" unfinished block taken from BLOCK, Vol.7 issue, published by Missouri Star Quilt Co. The sample quilt was made by Simple Simon and Co. for Riley Blake.

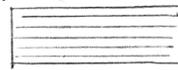


**READ ALL DIRECTIONS FIRST AND MAKE A PRACTICE BLOCK FIRST.** All seams are 1/4"

**FABRICS:** Pick a color family: RED, BLUE OR GREEN. You'll need:

*color "one family"*

- One solid dark 2 1/2" square
- Twelve mostly dark scraps, 2 1/2" square (solids or prints)
- Four dark STRIPED rectangles 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" cut as shown:



Creamy muslin: eight 2 1/2" squares

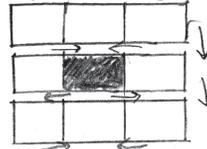
**9 PATCH:** With the solid dark square in the middle, make a nine-patch with eight of the other 2 1/2" scraps:

Sew together two groups of three squares.

Sew a third group of three squares with the dark solid in the middle and sew the three groups

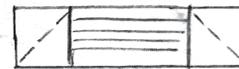
As shown:

Square up to 6 1/2"

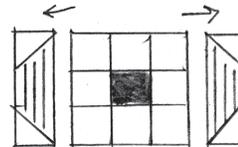


**SNOWBALL RECTANGLES:** On the back of the eight muslin squares, mark a diagonal.

Lay a muslin square on either end of two striped rectangles as shown:



Sew along the marked line to snowball the corners. Trim the excess fabric away leaving a 1/4" seam allowance and Press to the muslin; this gives two snowball rectangles.

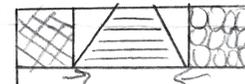


**BLOCK CONSTRUCTION:**

Sew a snowball rectangle to opposite sides of the 9-patch.

Press to the rectangles.

Sew a 2 1/2" scrappy square to both ends of the remaining two snowball rectangles as shown and press to the rectangle.

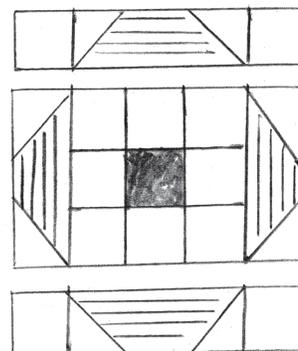


Lay out the groups as shown; nestle the seams and sew the units together and press.

Square up to 10 1/2" and sign name in seam allowance.

Put into a business envelope and mail to:

Mary McLaughlin  
 212 Dogwood Lane  
 Kingston, NY 12401 by Nov 21



**October BOM winner: PAT WILLIAMS**

## TWIN QUILT PROJECT

*Update:* In spite of not being able to meet, we have been turning out plenty of quilts this fall. Check out the posts on Facebook and our website for photos. Last month 7 were delivered to the Darmstadt Shelter, and this month 5 were delivered to the Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury. Thanks for keeping them coming.

*Inventory:* Last month I contacted those who had quilts signed out for some time. Many have been returned. If you have not yet contacted me, please confirm the quilt(s) you have. Thanks!

*Sign out:* We have kits to piece, and tops to quilt. Contact me to sign one out. We also have 1 quilt that needs to be bound. First come first served! Next month we'll reveal plans for our January quilting and tie-in.

Linda Armour

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*answers next month*