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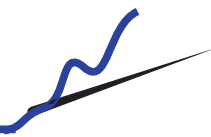
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you know my email and facebook have been hacked in the past year or so. I want to assure all members that no one from our guild would solicit donations of any kind by email. Please do not respond to them. In addition, I have sometimes passed along notices for on-line events that may interest Guild members. To avoid any confusion I will discontinue this practice immediately so that no misleading information will come to your email or facebook. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Our meeting on Saturday was attended by 45 members (the most yet) and it was a good meeting with group participation and the willingness to hear the questions of others and share advice and experience. As the pandemic continues I believe it is critically important for us to develop this thread and nurture each other. When we met in person members came to meetings to chat with their friends and other than show and tell there was not a lot of group sharing. Now we are all sitting together and the concerns of one member spark a response from someone you may not know well. The Pollyanna in me is always "looking for the good" and I believe that it is growing among us. It will be good to get back to "in person" but I hope we retain some of what we have gotten from the zoom process. I am particularly pleased to see old members but "new zoomers". Good job, ladies and gentleman.

As spring approaches I am looking forward to classes with my guild mates and the opportunity to attract more new members. I also count every minute that it is light after 5PM.

Till next month,
Mary



MEMBERSHIP

Just received dues from Grace Moone. See her details below. She is a returning Wiltwyck member. She wants to receive her newsletter via e-mail.

Grace McMullen Moone 3325 North 58th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53216 (845) 594-3582
yourmemorykeepers3@gmail.com

PROGRAM NEWS 2021

SAT JAN 16 - Twin Quilt Project tie-in or quilting. We have many, many tops to be finished! Pick up a top, back, and batting from Linda to quilt or tie on your own or with friends (with whom you quarantine!). Bind them yourself, or return to be bound by someone else. Check out the member list (in the Members Only section on our website), organized by address. Find members near you with whom you can carpool to pick up/drop off quilts. Need embroidery floss for tying? Let me know. Want to bind a quilt? Let me know.

MoonCatcher Project drawstring bags update: 80 bags received so far. 50 more being completed. Drop off at Linda's house by January 31st.

SAT FEB 20 - Regular guild meeting with show and tell. No presentation today. Suzi Parron will offer a repeat barn quilt block workshop after our regular zoom meeting. <http://www.barn-quiltinfo.com/>

SAT MAR 20 - Sharon Waddell presentation and trunk show, 19th century applique patterns unique to New York State, how they were developed and shared. No workshop offered by Sharon. For more info on Sharon: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sharon-waddell-b806b512>
Workshop with Wiltwyck member Debbie Martin on rope fabric strip bowls. Sign-up in February.

SAT APR 17 - Karen Miller of Redbird Quilt Co, Aurifilosophy lecture and trunk show, followed by a half day free motion quilting "A Quilter's Doodles" workshop. Rescheduled from spring 2020. Contact Linda Armour to reserve your space. More info on our website and at: <https://redbirdquiltco.com/>

SAT MAY 15 - Sheri Ciffaldi-Morrill from Wholecircle Studio, Content, Concept, and Quilts, presentation and trunk show

SUN MAY 16 - Hawaiian Inspired Applique workshop with Sheri. Full day. More details later in the spring. Visit her website: <https://www.wholecirclestudio.com/>

SAT JUNE 19 - End of year meeting.

Linda Armour

*My friend writes songs
About sewing machines.
He's a Singer songwriter,
Or sew it seams.*

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please send all articles to be placed in the newsletter within one week following the meeting. This will give me time to get the newsletter done before the deadline. Either send your article via email to jf.wiltwyckguildnewsletter@gmail.com or snailmail it to me at **J. Ferrara, 165 Lily Lake Road, Highland, NY 12528**. Please use a universal format, such as PDF or Microsoft Word, or write directly in your email.

The Wiltwyck Quilters' Guild is a non-profit organization. The purpose of this organization shall be to preserve the tradition and the history of quilt making, as well as to foster awareness and receptivity to create innovation in the art, to promote and sponsor interest and appreciation in all areas of quilt making among our members and the general public, and to promulgate friendship and the exchange of ideas.

THE BEST OF WILTWYCK

When I think back on all the programs I have attended at Wiltwyck, the one that still stands out in my mind is from March, 1990. We were meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church on Hone and Spring Street at the time, on lower Broadway. The guest teacher was Tina M. Gravatt. I was still somewhat of a beginner quilter at the time, but I remember walking into the church's social hall room and being mesmerized by the miniature quilts hanging on a clothesline across the front of the room. Tina had filled the clothesline with her gorgeous minis as well as on doll beds that she had brought with her from her home in Philadelphia. Tina's emphasis is on making historically accurate miniature quilts that when photographed, one cannot tell if it is full size or miniature. Her quilts were carefully constructed to duplicate quilts of the past and the resulting quilt had to be a diminutive of the original. She had commented that there were so many different quilts she wanted to make in her lifetime that miniatures were the only way she could accomplish this.

It was from this day, making my first Grandmother's Fan miniature quilt, that my love of miniature quilts began.

By the time the workshop was over, I had a lovely antique looking miniature quilt and a raging snow storm had sprung up outside. Tina insisted on driving back to Philadelphia in the storm. I contacted her to see that she got home safely, which she did thankfully, and she encouraged me to keep making miniatures. The quilt I made that day is still my favorite quilt!

As an aside, I recently read that Tina, now living in Albuquerque, donated half of her 200 plus mini quilt collection to the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden, Colorado.

Ellen Adalman

ODDS AND ENDS

We all have those days when the gremlins have hidden our car keys or we drive to work when we should have been driving to the bank. Some of these tips may help you out.

1. Plan tasks, to do lists, and use the aids that work for you – your phone, sticky notes or a calendar.
2. Develop interests or hobbies that keep you thinking and provide relaxation from the normal daily stress. Stay involved in activities that challenge both your mind and your body. Engage with others on a daily basis, the less you go out and meet the world (safely of course) the easier it is to withdraw from the everyday.
3. Engage in regular exercise – it gets you out of the house, allows you to engage with others and increases your blood flow to mind and body, all desirable outcomes at a certain age.
4. Limit alcohol intake – a glass of wine is fine but heavy alcohol use causes brain damage, memory loss and challenges already slowed reaction time.

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Is it considered a UFO if you have the fabric and supplies but have not yet started the project?

Book selections "Wintergarden" by Kristin Hannah and for non-fiction *Keep Smart* by Sanjay Gupta.

"Our stories are singular, our destinies are shared." Barack Obama

Mary Tyler

MYSTERY QUILT

We are almost at the point where we will piece our quilt tops and reveal the mystery. But before we do, here is a quick checklist you might find helpful of all the blocks and pieces you will need from each month in order to complete the mystery quilt:

From Month **One**

16 Large laser beam blocks
(including the 12 in your corner blocks).
4 corner blocks
24 small laser beam blocks

From Month **Two**

1 extended shoofly block
4 regular shoofly blocks

From Month **Three**

12 sashing strips

From Month **Four**

4 large Flying Geese blocks
16 Small Flying geese blocks

I hope everybody is having fun and will have a beautiful quilt when your're done!

FEELING ISOLATED OR LONELY?

During this time of pandemic, it has been hard to stay in contact with others. Yes, we have email and texting, etc. but many times just hearing another's voice makes us feel less lonely and blue. As members of Wiltwyck Quilt Guild we have a common interest in quilting and other creative outlets. If you are feeling like you are out of touch and would like someone to talk to, below is a list of members who would be happy to hear from you.

Due to all the robo calls, if you don't get an answer, I would suggest leaving a message with your name and phone number (make sure to mention you are a member of the guild) so we can call you back.

If you would be willing to hear from other members, please contact me at quiltingnp@aol.com or text me at 845 242 0083 and I will add your name and number to the list.
Vicki

Jacqueline Sittner 845 853-6540
Donna Johnson 845 251-1410
Phyllis Stamy 845 516-4273 (mornings only)
Marjorie Bogert 845 253-0303
Shirley Swenson 845 876-2556

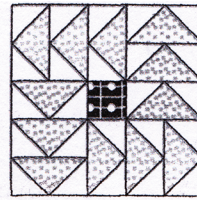
Teresa Pabon 845 679-6934
Alice Maceyak 845 246-8818
Charlotte Sears 347 598-3381 (please text first)
Vicki Lienau 845 242-0083

FOR SALE

I have a sewing machine that I am looking to sell:
2 year old Husqvarna Topaz 50 (embroidery machine) with lots of extras. Asking \$2000 or best offer. Please contact Eileen Frahm (845)679-4843

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2021



Wintergreen & Peppermint

Nothing to do on a snowy day? Here's an easy block to

Pass the time away: We will make a 10 1/2" unfinished

Block taken from McCall's Quilting, July/August 2010 on pp 62-64, designed by Susan Guzman.

READ ALL DIRECTIONS FIRST AND MAKE A PRACTICE BLOCK FIRST; ALL SEAMS ARE 1/4"

FABRICS: White solid, TWELVE 2 7/8" SQUARES

Green OR Pink either polka dot or small print: THREE 5 1/4" squares

Black polka dot or small print: ONE 2 1/2" SQUARE for the CENTER

PREPARATION: Draw a diagonal line on the twelve white 2 7/8" squares

Making the flying geese units:

- 1) Place two marked 2 7/8" white squares (right sides together) on opposite corners of a colored 5 1/4" square aligning the edges
- 2) Sew a 1/4" seam on each side of the marked line; cut apart on the marked line. Press white triangles open.
- 3) Place a white square on the corner of each of the above units, right sides together. Sew 1/4" seam on each side of the marked lines. Cut apart on the marked lines. Press white triangles open to complete four color-centered rectangles. Square up to 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"
- 4) Repeat the other two 5 1/4" squares to make twelve flying geese units. Suggestion: make these units all at the same time.

Block construction:

- 1) Using the twelve flying geese units and the dotted 2 1/2" center black square, lay out the units as shown: Sew together and press in the direction of the arrows.
- 2) Square up to 10 1/2" (make sure your seam width is exact) and sign your name in the seam allowance. Put into a business envelope and mail to: Mary McLaughlin at 212 Dogwood Lane, Kingston, NY 12401 by February 20.

