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Our response to COVID-19

The board had their most recent meeting via video chat. We have many items we want to communicate to you, our members, so we decided to make this newsletter look a little different. This is Melanie writing, but the board will review and approve this before I send it.

Banquet

- What a bummer that we weren't able to have our annual banquet. Barb Gillespie has destroyed any checks she received and hadn't deposited. Refunds have been issued to those who paid and were processed. Please let her know if you didn't receive your banquet refund.

Voting in the board members

- We had electronic voting and a quorum was reached. The new board takes effect on June 1.

Membership dues

- May 31 is still the deadline for dues, and you must be a paid member to have a quilt in the show.

Budget

- We do not have an official approved budget at this time. Alyssa will prepare one as soon as we can meet in person again. For now, we are working within the guidelines of the previous budget.

Speakers/meetings

- Janet Francis is working with our upcoming speakers to create on-line options. We hope to have trunk shows and on-line classes. As time goes on, that process will run more and more smoothly. Watch for more info!

Show and tell

- This is exciting news! We are doing everything we can do give you value for your membership dollars. We are planning to have virtual sew-in days, on-line retreats, access to on-line classes, etc. Many things are in the planning stage. But, we have one thing figured out! Our favorite part of the meetings is the show and tell,

right? We would like to add an I-sew-lation show and tell page to our website. Please email pictures and a description of what you're working on to the board (psqgboard@gmail.com) and we can all share what we're doing during this historical time.

Quilt show

- Well, the show will go on, just in a different format. The date and deadlines will remain the same for now. This is such a fluid situation and it changes daily, so I ask for your flexibility and understanding as we move forward. We have decided to cancel the children's quilts portion of the show. We will try that again in 2022.

Upcoming Guild Meetings:

**ALL MEETINGS CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

All meetings at Congregational United Church of Christ unless otherwise noted.

*Congregational United Church of Christ
40W451 Fox Mill Blvd., St. Charles, IL*

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, June 4, 2020. We will keep you updated!
Send info to Melanie Murphy at mgmwriter@gmail.com.

The quilt show will be split into two different events. One will be a virtual quilt show as a website. We will have a gallery of our quilt pictures, divided into our categories. When you go to a category, you will see all the quilts in that category. I hope to have the option of a slideshow, so you can just sit back and “stroll” through a category, and a gallery of the pictures so you can see more pictures of each quilt and detailed pictures of each quilt. The artist statement would be found here as well. My dream is that it will look as much like our “live” show as possible. More details will be coming as we get things worked out. Ideally, instead of quilt drop off and pickup, we will have a day or two of scheduled photo shoot days where you bring your quilt, watch as we take pictures, and take your quilt home. In this virtual environment we should still be able to have voting for a viewers choice winner, and we still plan to have the judge come and evaluate our quilts. These are initial thoughts and plans, so again I ask for your patience and understanding as we work through this. Our highest priority is to keep everyone safe and we

will work within the guidelines set by our state government as any scheduled things approach. PART 2 of the show will be the sale of things. This includes scraps, books/patterns/magazines, raffle baskets, the opportunity quilt, etc. We are still asking you to gather items, especially patterns, magazines, items for the raffle basket (the spa basket needs items), and your scraps. We know everyone is running out of storage space for this, so the ladies in charge of each area have agreed to take (safe) drop offs at their homes. You may look up their contact information in the directory or email the board and we can get you the information. The list of who is in charge of what is listed below. How will we sell these items? We are going to have in-person sales of some kind as restrictions allow. This may mean that we don't have any sales until spring of 2021, but we will continue to listen to the science and err on the side of caution to keep EVERYONE safe and healthy.

Revenue

- The quilt show funds our speakers for two years, so it's very sad to know that this show

will not make the kind of money it has in the past. However, we are saving quite a bit too, so it will be interesting to see how this all shakes out in the end. The fair grounds is not refunding our deposit, but they are rolling it over to 2022. The good news there is we have a location set for 2022! We won't have some of the other expenses that are associated with the physical show, like the setup of the pipes and drapes, the food for the cafe, and all the other “behind the scenes” expenses.

I hope you can understand that everyone on the board is doing her best to work through this maze we were thrust into. We will make some wrong turns, I'm sure, but turning around and trying a different path is always an option. We are taking this whole situation very seriously and we will not rush into anything.

I wish you all peace and good health as we continue in our i-sew-lation.



Sellable items to drop off?

Patterns, books, magazines, and other quilty items

Susan Egner or
Barb Tuman

Raffle basket items

Ruthann Heidgerken

Boutique

Diana Sharp

Scraps

Susan Strasser or
Yvonne Richter



June Birthdays

Melissa O'Brien	6/1	Valerie Langué	6/20
Karen McAdams	6/2	Violet Klebert	6/21
LeeAnn Dhooghe	6/7	Anne Wray	6/21
Kay Mary Frank	6/7	Marlene Blocker	6/23
Nancy Krasinski	6/8	Susan Strasser	6/23
Cathy Halfpenny	6/9	Tamara Liberman	6/24
Nona Phillips	6/9	Louette Butwell	6/26
Beth Allendoerfer	6/10	Barb Tuman	6/27
Linda Dettman	6/11	Margaret Bartek	6/27
Elizabeth Coleman	6/12	Ginny Wright	6/28
Kathleen Jayko	6/14	Pat Chapel	6/28
Christine Heavener	6/18	Kay Duy	6/30
Linda Hayes	6/19		

Membership Renewal Reminders

It is time to renew your membership! For those who are new to the guild, our guild year begins June 1st and ends May 31st. Membership renewal is still \$35.

Please take a moment and [renew your membership online](#), and pay online as well. You can also submit your information online and mail a check.

Because our meetings are cancelled for the near future in order to keep everyone safe, paying your dues online is the best option.

This is a quilt show year. If you would like to display a quilt in the show, your dues must be paid by May 31.



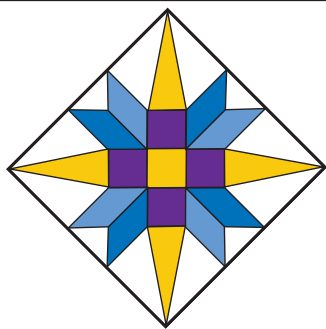
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