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We're virtually back!

Greetings, everyone, it's Melanie again with more news to keep you updated as to what the board is doing to give you value for your membership dollars.

We are going to start meeting again at our regular times, but these will be virtual meetings using Zoom. We have a lot of information in this newsletter about how to attend and what the meetings will include.

You will have the option to get set up ahead of time and practice using Zoom. You can use this service on a desktop computer, a laptop, a tablet, or a smart phone. Alternatively, you can call in and participate with no video if you don't have a camera.

The meeting times and dates will be the same as our "live" meetings, but now you have the advantage of attending at whichever time works for you. We will have the evening meeting at 7 pm on June 22 and the morning meeting at 9:30 am, June 23. (OK, wow, I had to look up the times in my calendar and I had to go all the way back to February!)

If you have quilting friends who

were members but have decided not to continue while we're not having "live" meetings, please let them know about these virtual meetings. I can't tell you how good it is to see all these familiar faces again, even though it's on screen.

The meetings will be recorded, so if you miss both times you can see parts of it later. The speakers will vary in their availability of the trunk shows, but you will be able to see the guild side of things and the show and tell.

Yes! Show and tell will be back! We would like everyone who is participating in the Zoom calls to feel free to bring 1 item to share! Instructions are later in this newsletter, but you will sign up ahead of time, we'll call your name, and you can share on your video just like you're stepping up to the podium.

What will the rest of the meeting look like? To start, the evening and morning VPs will moderate the meeting, just like they do at the live meetings. Each committee will give their reports and then we will have

show and tell. After that we will move on to the speaker and what they're offering.

The big differences here are positive ones, I think. No driving time! If you'd rather attend at night but you don't like to drive at that time, now's your chance! Or if you'd rather attend the morning meeting you can do that, too. You will have to provide your own snacks, but you'll be sure to have something you like!

I really hope you will all choose to attend. It will be so great to see everyone and see what you've been up to since you've been home.

A newsletter note -- the June newsletter has historically been combined with July. This year we will have a newsletter each month, so watch for that link in July.

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

Upcoming Guild Meetings:

**ALL MEETINGS VIRTUAL
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

All meetings via Zoom to keep everyone safe and healthy. Email psqgboard@gmail.com with questions.

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, July 9, 2020. We typically combine the June and July newsletters, but this year we will have a newsletter each month. Send info to Melanie Murphy at mgmwriter@gmail.com.

Join a Zoom (Virtual) Guild Meeting

Regular monthly Chapter meetings are starting up again this month (June). The PM Chapter meeting will be June 22, 7 pm. The AM Chapter meeting will be Tuesday, June 23 at 9:30.

You will receive an email/Mailchimp invitation to both meetings. You can choose the one you want to attend or come to both!

Here is how to join a meeting!

1. On the day of the meeting, starting no more than 15 minutes before the start time, open your email and click on the link.

2. The 'Launching' window opens. Start Zoom by:

- Clicking "Open Zoom Meetings?" if you have a Zoom account on your computer or phone

OR

- Click Cancel in the "Open Zoom Meetings?" box and click join from your browser at the bottom of the page.

3. Enter your name.

4. Click the box next to "I'm not a robot".

5. Click the "Join" button when it lights up.

6. You will be given the choice of using your computer speaker and microphone or using your phone to call into the meeting.

a. To join with computer audio click the "Join Audio by Computer" button.

b. To join by phone, click the "Phone Call" button.

i. A list of phone numbers will be presented.

ii. Dial the number of your choice.

iii. When prompted, enter the:

1. Conference ID (with the # sign)

2. Participant ID (with the # sign)

3. Password (with the # sign)

The meeting window will open.

7. Click the video camera at the bottom of the screen to activate the camera on your computer.

- A popup may present asking to use the camera, click Allow.

8. Click the microphone to activate your microphone.

- please note that everyone who joins the meeting will be automatically muted due to the size of our group. To unmute, click the microphone on the screen to remove the red line.

9. You should see yourself on the meeting screen! Welcome to Zoom!!

For additional help, please go to the Zoom Help Center

There are a wide variety of articles online, including how to join a meeting from your smartphone.

There are also great videos on YouTube.

Zoom Meeting Practice

These types of meetings can be a little nerve-wracking the first time. If you have never attended a Zoom meeting before, or if you just want some extra practice to check your set-up, Chris Macenski will be available for you. Send her an email to receive the invitation, but at the dates and times below, you can "drop in" and check everything out. You can also ask questions and learn more about Zoom.

June 17 from 7-9pm

June 20 Noon - 3pm

Web Conferencing Best Practices

- Check your microphone & speaker settings before the meeting
- Plug your computer into a power source
- Use a headset in crowded/public spaces
- **Mute your microphone** when not actively speaking
- Be aware of your surroundings and behavior (**We can see you!**)
- Add questions/comments in "Chat" section to be addressed by moderators
- "Raise hand" if would like to address the group
- Make comments short and succinct, mute for responses



Quilt Show News

October 9 & 10 we will have a website that will “go live”. We are currently working on setting that up, so more information will be coming soon.

Our next committee meeting is June 10 at 7pm via Zoom.

The deadlines for your beautiful contributions will remain the same. Keep in mind, please, this is 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.

The quilt show will be split into two different events. PART ONE will be a virtual quilt show on a website. We will have a gallery of pictures, divided into our categories. 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 additional pictures of each quilt and detailed pictures of each quilt. The artist statement would be found here too.

We worked out (well, Krista did) how many hours it might take to do a photo shoot of all the quilts. That is probably not going to work. Instead, we will send out educational information about how to take the pictures yourself. We will also have an option for those quilters who aren’t comfortable taking their own pictures.

We still plan to have a photographer take pictures of the judged quilts, as they’ll be in one place at one time for the judging.

These plans are still in the early stages, so please be patient 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 TWO 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.

That is all for now. Watch for us to speak at the guild meetings on the 22nd and 23rd just as we would at an in-person meeting. Keep sewing and collecting!



Quilt show sellable items to drop off?

Patterns, books, magazines, and other quilting items

Susan Egnor or
Barb Tuman

Raffle basket items

Ruthann Heidgerken

Boutique

Diana Sharp

Scraps

Susan Strasser or
Yvonne Richter

July



Timna Tarr's work is about color and small

compositions. Each Block in a quilt is made as its own element, independent of the other blocks. After all the blocks are constructed, her goal is to arrange the small compositions to play off each other and work together to create a larger whole. What keeps her engaged is watching how the project changes and transforms with the addition of each color and texture. The resulting quilts are contemporary works, set in this time and place, which reference the rich tradition of quilt making."

She will provide our members a link to her private YouTube channel so we can watch her trunk show.

Online workshops

Available to view on her website

<http://www.timnatarr.com/>

Timna Tarr

Stitched Mosaics - Basic Technique

Learn how to make a pictorial quilt by focusing on one small square at a time. If you have ever seen Timna's animal quilts and wondered, "How did she do that?", this workshop will give you the basic technical skills to create your own. For intermediate or confident beginning quilters.

Cost: \$35

Sign up any time at:

<https://coursecraft.net/u/timnatarr>



Timna Tarr's "Queen of Calico"

Map Making with Fabrics

This class is being added to her course selection just for PSQG!

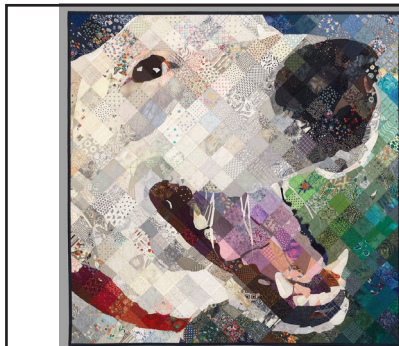


Use fabric to capture a special location. Maybe it's your favorite vacation spot, your neighborhood, or your hometown. Over the course of the workshop, participants will learn both pattern-making and improvisational quilting techniques to create personal map quilts. Bring a large paper map of a location you would like to replicate (approx. 24"x 36"), your favorite fabrics and threads, and a willingness to experiment. Mark your place in the world!

Cost: \$35

Sign up any time after June 15:

<https://coursecraft.net/u/timnatarr>



Timna Tarr's
"Lady Teela, of Amherst"



July Birthdays

Kim Waldeck.....	7/01	Pegi Twait.....	7/19
Anna Sinks.....	7/02	Lynne Curran.....	7/21
Kathy Anderson.....	7/02	Dale Coon.....	7/21
Susan Bresnahan.....	7/04	Donna Boyd.....	7/22
Sandy Warzin.....	7/05	Ann Kowalyszyn.....	7/23
Celeste Akre.....	7/07	Donna Anzalone.....	7/24
Kimberly Zablocki.....	7/07	Nancy Dorn.....	7/25
Shirley Dreis.....	7/09	Mary Stewart.....	7/26
Leslie Lewis.....	7/10	Nancy Garrison.....	7/26
Ellyn Romoser.....	7/10	Ellen Stevenson.....	7/26
Jean Campbell.....	7/12	Chris Macenski.....	7/28
Mary Markee.....	7/16	Peggy Martinek.....	7/29
Theresa McCann.....	7/17	Laura Blanchard.....	7/30
Sue Omi.....	7/18	Sherena Titus.....	7/31



Membership Renewal

Sorry to keep mentioning it, but it's still renewal time. Membership renewal is \$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 of social distancing guidelines 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, you must be a paid member.

Our web store is still open

Place your order and select pick-up instead of shipping. Susan Egner will pick up your order and contact you to make arrangements for delivery. We also have the white travel mugs available. Contact Susan if you'd like one.

psqgstore.logofactoryusa.com

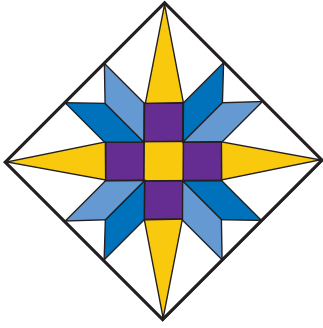


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