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1st VP: Kathy Rhoades
2nd VP: Membership TBD
3rd VP: Programs: TBD
Secretary: Sheila Symanski
Treasurer: Katie Miller

President's Corner

Beverly Cormier

Greetings, quilters! Happy Spring!

I hope and trust all of you are doing well. I was so happy to have our first meeting of the year last month. I was excited to see everyone again. We had 23 members and 3 guests at the March meeting. I am hopeful that the vaccines and, more importantly, the vaccinations will stem the tide of the pandemic. This warmer spring air is giving me hope that, as a community, we can leave our homes and sit in the sunshine and enjoy the tulips and greenery that were planted in earlier days, and maybe even see grandchildren and friends. We will still follow guidelines at the meeting such as mask wearing, social distancing, washing our hands, and taking temperatures at the door. Lots of people have become very sick and have died due to the virus, and I don't want any quilters to be exposed at a guild meeting.

I realize a lot of quilters work in their gardens in the spring and summer and quilt in the winter. Our guild members are committed to quilting, even when the weather is lovely. Members have been busy and productive throughout this past year making baby quilts, veteran's quilts, and quilts for children going into foster care. And we have continued working on our own projects as well. Kathy Rhoades will once again have books and fabric blocks to sell at our meetings.

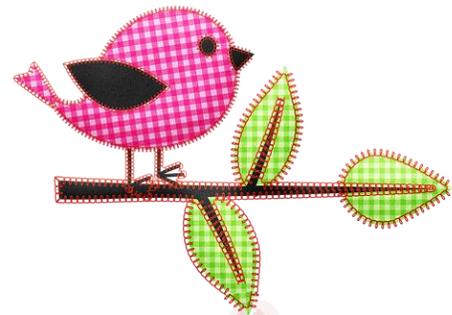
Since we have missed meeting for so many months, we need to work on filling the many vacant board and committee positions. We must fill the 1st VP position, the Membership (2nd VP) position, and we should find someone to help Lorelei with Programs (3rd VP). We also need a Secretary and 2 members at large. We need a Block of the Month Chair, and a Chair for Veterans Quilts, and we may need a new Treasurer. We must fill these vacant positions. I know there are members who are willing to help people learn to do new positions. Please consider volunteering.. In the meantime, we can enjoy quilting and show and tell! I am glad we have weathered the storm!

Sincerely, Beverly Cormier

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 4:** Easter Sunday
April 8: CWQG Board Meeting 6 pm
April 14: CWQG Meeting 7 pm
April 28: Quilted Comforts Workday 9-1, Judy Money's House
May 12: CWQG Meeting 7 pm
June 9: CWQG Meeting 7 pm
July 14: CWQG Meeting 7
August 11: CWQG Meeting 7
September 8: CWQG Meeting 7
September 24-25, 2021: Quilt-a-Fair, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont, Colorado
October 13: CWQG Meeting 7
November 10: CWQG Meeting 7
December 8: CWQG Meeting 7

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES!



April Birthdays

Brenda Bloemke	13
Lucina Harcourt	13
Jennifer Thomas	16
Barbara Crane	28
Marsha Root	29
Thelma Stumbaugh	29
Beverly Cormier	30

Quilted Comforts

Janet Smith

At the last meeting, we received 8 quilts, 7 tops, 77 doll quilts, and 14 patchwork blocks. Therefore, 4 quilts were delivered to the Pregnancy Center, 4 quilts were delivered to Strive, and 83 doll quilts were delivered. Thank you to all members who participate with our charity projects and thank you to everyone who took kits at the March meeting.

The Golden Circle Kiwanis has suspended the making of dolls and cradles until further notice. Therefore, please refrain from making doll quilts for the time being.

We have piecing and quilting kits available. Remember, the kits contain everything you need to complete a top or quilt. The need for our quilts has not diminished. Please consider picking up a quilt kit from Judy at the meeting or turning in a completed quilt to me or Judy. Give us a call and we will do our best to accommodate you if you can not attend the meeting. You may contact any of the committee members for more information.

Our workdays are usually the 4th Wednesday of each month from 9-1 at Judy Moeny's house, 3125 Northridge Drive. We will be having a workday on April 28. Please feel free to join us.

Colorado West Quilters Guild

Minutes of the Board Meeting

March 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Members in attendance: Beverly Cormier, Kathy Rhoades, Katie Miller, Terri Tussberg, Kathy Lisco, and Sheila Symanski.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 10, at 7 pm. Tammy Wheeler has purchased a digital thermometer and will bring it to this meeting. We will check temperatures on your wrist.

The program for the March 10 meeting will ask the members to bring their favorite or newest quilting notion that they would like to share for all the members. We may learn there are new notions we need or maybe how to use some of the notions we already have more effectively.

A motion was made and seconded that the profit made from the Retreat held on February 26 - 28 be donated to The Hope of the Grand Valley. This local organization helps families that are working and do not have access to other help.

Katie Miller, Treasurer, reported that she had received a gift card from Barnes and Noble from our participation in the virtual book fair. The Guild will use this as a prize at a future time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Sheila Symanski, Secretary



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Colorado West Quilters Guild

Minutes of the General Meeting

March 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Beverly Cormier.

This is the first meeting of 2021.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as printed in the Newsletter.

The Guild received 4 thank you notes from The Pregnancy Center, and a thank you note from Christy Whitney of Hope West. The Guild donated 12 quilts to Hope West in November. We received 7 quilts for Hope West at this meeting. Bonnie Huisjen will deliver them to Hope West.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden has an exhibition of prize-winning quilts from Japan. The exhibition will be on display until the end of April.

Bonnie Huisjen reported on the quilt retreat held February 26 - 28, 2021. This was the ninth retreat that our Guild has held. There were 30 participants at this retreat, the highest attendance so far. The profit from the current retreat was \$404, the most profit of any of the retreats so far. Because our Guild has not had many expenses, the money from the retreat will be donated to Hope of the Grand Valley. The next retreat will be November 5 - 7, 2021. There is always a gift exchange of hand-crafted items, excluding food items. There will be a change in the exchange at the next retreat. The theme will be "Winter," and participants will have the choice of making a mug rug, a mug bucket, or a pincushion. The profit to the Guild from all the retreats held so far is \$2,100.

Quilted Comforts has kits available for members to piece or to quilt.

Lorelei Oldine has volunteered to be the Program Chair. Lorelei will get in touch with Jerri DeBoer and Betty Reed to get the program materials. Next month, members are asked to bring their latest project to share with the members. It should be very entertaining. We all love show and tell.

Quilt Affair 2021, an annual event put on by the Colorado Quilt Council, is scheduled for September 2021. It is a vender mall for quilters, and if you haven't been yet it is not to be missed. More information will be available as it gets closer to September.

Please bring your ideas about programs you would like to see.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Symanski, Secretary

Favorite Notions

For the March program, members were asked to bring or talk about their favorite notion or gadget. Here is a list of the items that people love to use while they are quilting:

- * Terial Magic (fabric stiffener spray) * Purple Thang
 - * Audio Books to listen to while quilting
 - * Hemostats to change a needle, pull threads
 - * A Sewing Machine * Small Ttravel Iron
- * Organization Pocket Pouch * Walking Foot
 - * Klutz Gloves for safe rotary cutting
 - * Wool Pressing Mat * Reducing Glass
- * Point Turner * Orange Sticks to use as stiletto
 - * Magnetic Wand to pick up items from floor
 - * 60 mm Rotary Cutter * By Annie Stiletto
 - * A Sewing Room * Magnetic Pin Holder
- * Computer to stream YouTube Videos * Rulers
- * Frixion Pens for marking, lines disappear with the iron
 - * Corsage Pin * "Jack" the Ripper, Seam Ripper
- * AccuCut either manual or electric * Curved Scissors
- * Quarter Inch Foot * Design Wall * Pointed Tweezers
- * Pressing Board * Ruby Beholder, and Green Beholder
 - * Friends to quilt with

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Alphabet Tutor Needed

Charity quilt maker seeks a patient Pfaff owner who has mastered the art of embroidery for quilt labels.

I purchased my machine at an inconvenient time so my lettering s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-s too far apart; obviously doing things wrong. I would like to make multiple professional looking labels for the quilts we donate.

Thanks for any assistance, Judy Moeny

Board Positions

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3rd VP PROGRAMS – Vacant
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Committees

Barnes & Noble Book Fair and Mind Springs Health
Women's Recovery Center – Jenni Stansberry 970-640-5020
Birthday Basket – Thelma Stumbaugh 970-242-7867
BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Vacant
CHALLENGE QUILT – Vacant
Fabric/Magazine/Book Sales – Kathy Rhoades 970-241-2773
Newsletter and Advertising – Kathy Lisco 970-434-5577 and Sheila Symanski 970-216-5872
Quilted Comforts – Judy Moeny 970-245-2522, Janet Smith 970-245-2019, and Terry Tusberg 970-242-5015
VETERANS LAP QUILTS – Vacant
Webmaster – Kathy Lisco 970-434-5577

Veterans Lap Quilts

We still need a volunteer to take over Veterans Quilts. Despite having no committee chair, members made 10 more Veterans Quilts which were delivered to Hope West in March, by Bonnie Huisjen.

Internet Learning

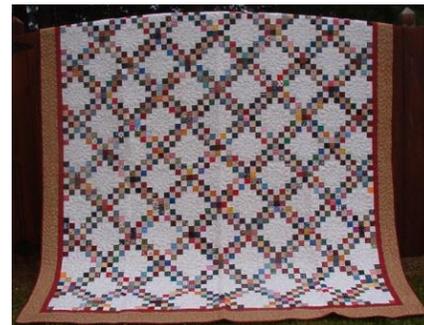
Using your scraps!

Sheila Symanski

We all seem to collect scraps of various projects and quilts, and even when you start using your scraps, they hardly disappear. A designer that you may know for using scraps is Bonnie Hunter, a sewist who designs and publishes patterns for Butterick. In the world of quilting, Ms. Hunter runs a quilt retreat in southern Virginia, publishes books, and writes a regular column for Quiltmaker's Magazine.



The reason I am talking about Bonnie Hunter this month is because I have been using her method called "Leaders and Enders," which gets two quilts done at once. When I first started quilting, I was told to hold the threads and then start stitching. Then I learned to use a fabric scrap to "sew on and off" the piece at the start and



end of each line of stitching to keep the needle from "chewing up" the fabric. Bonnie Hunter developed a better method for dealing with this issue which she called "Leaders and Enders." I just finished a scrappy tumbler quilt using this method. While I was making the main quilt, I sewed tumblers together at the beginning and end of each stitched line. It can be a little messy, but it really is an easy process.

You can find Bonnie Hunter's Leaders and Enders tutorial online at Quiltville.com, and on Instagram and Facebook. Bonnie also has 5 books, 2 of which are on "leaders and enders." She also has a yearly mystery quilt that starts the day after Thanksgiving. If you love scrap quilts and want to get more done with your scraps check out Bonnie Hunter.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Sheila

April 2021 Show and Tell



Sheryl DeMott

