

Heritage Happenings

Great Lakes Heritage Quilter

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President's Perspective

Suzanne Jones

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and that you've been able to take advantage of the shelter-in-place order by reading your stack of magazines, sewing a new or long forgotten project, or tidying up your sewing room. My sewing room is spic and span clean now, ready to continue work on a variety of projects.

We will not be able to meet in person this month but we WILL be having a meeting! Yay! We are planning an online video conference meeting, featuring Deborah Richmond, owner of The Quilted Turtle online shop. Deborah will be presenting her favorite new tools and offering tricks to use them. Her products are available for sale on her website and I hope you will support her during this pandemic, www.quiltedturtle.com.

We will finalize the hosting site and send out the details for attending this online meeting in an upcoming email blast. If you have any questions about how to log on to the meeting, please reach out to me once you get the credentials. It's not the same as meeting in person but it's the best we can do for the time being. Looking forward to reconnecting with you.

"See" you on the 14th, 7pm as always.



May Birthdays

Letty Abraham
Andrea Cushman
Bonnie Gabriel
Ilene Harris
Julie Krauss
Diane Ladue
Joyce MacDonald
Louise Middleton
Diana Pagotto
Barbara Pepper

No formal May 2020 Meeting

Birmingham Unitarian Church
On Woodward near Lone Pine Rd.
Bloomfield Hills MI 48304
www.glhq.org
www.facebook.com/GLHQuilters

Programs 2019-2020

Barbara Pepper and Cathy Labrie

Unfortunately all workshops have been canceled and refunded.
If you have not received your refund check please contact me at 248-891-3852.

Haven

Carol Brooks

I hope everyone is staying safe. You are in my prayers. Since we cannot physically donate to Haven I thought it would be nice if we could do something online. Haven has three ways to donate. Go to the Haven website, <https://www.haven-oakland.org/>
On the right you will see donate, click on it.

There are three ways to donate.

1. Donate online, which means money.
2. Donate other ways, Amazon and Bed, Bath and Beyond are at the very bottom of the page, in blue for you to click on.
3. Donate items, which is what we usually do, and cannot do now.



Membership

Mary Goyeau

We currently have 140 members.
Yes, we are accepting new members.

Did you know that GLHQ membership expires June 30?



GLHQ 2020 – 2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Dues \$40.00

Please Print Clearly

MEMBER #:

HOME # ()

CELL # (_____)_____ BIRTHDATE (Month/Day):

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Your name will be included in the Online Roster (password protected) unless you check here _____ Opt Out

NAME: ADDRESS:

WORK # ()

What will you help with? _____ Fundraising

_____ Newsletter _____ Travel _____ Website _____ Door Prizes

_____ Board Position

_____ Hospitality _____ Membership _____ Quilt Challenge _____ Show &

Tell _____ Welcoming

_____ Charity _____ Quilt Day _____ Wherever needed

_____ Program/Speaker and Workshop (transport/host/assist)

(Specify _____) Bring the completed form and payment to a Guild meeting OR mail to:

Mary Goyeau

5420 Putnam

West Bloomfield, MI 48323

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PAID AND THIS FORM RETURNED BY THE SEPTEMBER 2020 GENERAL MEETING FOR YOUR INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRINTED ROSTER.

Date received _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

GLHQ 2020-2021 board positions

Suzanne Jones

Although this guild year has been turned upside-down by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to plan ahead for 2020-2021 and we will have fantastic programs, thanks to **Donna Tarnas and Nancy McIntyre**.

Just like the jigsaw puzzles many of us have been working on lately, the guild will only be complete if we have all of the pieces in place. We have several critical positions still waiting for members to step up and claim. Don't think because you are a newer member that it's too soon for you to participate on the Board or become a Committee Chair and if you don't want to do it alone, invite a friend to join you!

We are still looking to fill the following Board positions:

- **2nd Vice President** -- responsible for setting up the 2021-2022 programs, and executing them as 1st Vice President
- **Treasurer** -- responsible for handling the guild's revenue, expenses, and banking
- **Membership** -- responsible for accepting annual dues, keeping track of members, and producing the annual roster
- **Newsletter** -- responsible for producing the monthly newsletter, receiving articles from members
- **Fundraising** -- responsible for overseeing activities to generate revenue for the guild

Each and every current member of the Board is more than happy to explain their duties. This is fun, not a chore, and you will be contributing to the smooth running of GLHQ, keeping us moving forward as the premier guild in the area. Reach out to any of us to get more information on the openings.

Please consider volunteering this year, especially during these challenging times.

Challenge

Kyrras Conrad

You must be wondering what is happening with this years Challenge.

The challenge is still on. If we still can't be open in June then we are postponing the Challenge till September.

The theme for the GLHQ 2019–2020 Quilt Guild Challenge is Hearts and Flowers. Anything goes! Entries can be up to and including lap quilt size (max 48" x 66"), quilted clothing, quilted purses or tote bags, etc. Entry must be completely finished. Each entry must contain at least one flower and one heart. Flowers and hearts can be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered, printed fabric, quilted on. Will your entry win first prize because everyone would want to take it home with them? Because of the quality of the needlework? Or because it is so beautiful or unique or charming? Entries are due at the June 2020 meeting. If you have labeled your quilted item, please baste a piece of fabric over your label; entries must be anonymous. Happy sewing!



Living with Lockdown

Editorial by Barb Lusk

During the past year while working through construction of an addition to our home, I hastily packed away the contents of my personal sewing area to protect it from the side effects of utility installation into the addition.

I promised myself that as soon as this was done I would organize my projects and fabric while restoring my sewing space. I had begun the process when suddenly we were thrown into survival mode because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our family needed face masks. Our healthcare workers needed us. Calls went out to sew face masks and face shields.

My fabric stash was available – so I searched through tubs and found many suitable fabrics for masks. But the search also turned up fabrics I hadn't seen for years- those leftovers of items made and gifted in the past and memories of the recipients of the articles I'd made. What wonderful memories:



Fabric purchased in 1978 for a jumper for my daughter to wear in her 5th grade school photo.

As I traveled down memory lane through my fabric stash, I organized and carefully stored those fabrics but at the same time in this unusual period I've found myself organizing my priorities. It is of utmost importance to me to create protective items for my friends, family and those on the healthcare front lines. I cherish the memories of that "road trip" or fabric exchanges but more than the great fabrics, I cherish the friends I've made through our shared love of creating. I'm taking more time to check in on family and friends.

So stay safe, reach out, and keep in touch. We'll get through this and be able to share memories of how we've come together to get us through these days.

STAY HOME, STAY SAFE

Face Mask Project

Sharyl Klettke

Great Lakes Heritage Quilt Guild Donated 1,872 Face Masks.

We began a little over a month ago with our first face mask collection on March 22. As of last Tuesday's most recent collection, we have collected and donated 1,248 face masks. Most of these masks were sent on to St. Joe Pontiac, Providence Hospital in both Novi and Southfield in the Emergency Rooms. A good share was also sent to Genesis and McLaren Hospital in Flint as their ERs were desperate as well. It is important to note that 89 masks were delivered to Detroit Sewn for delivery to the US Naval Ship Comfort as well.

Many of us have also been making masks to support Beaumont and Henry Ford Hospitals as well as others working in frontline essential jobs. And of course, we made many masks for our friends and families as well. This was an additional 524 masks. This is an awesome total.

Two weeks ago, a request was made to me for surgical caps for nurses and doctors at Henry Ford Farmington. A pattern was purchased by a nurse there and I contacted the pattern creator for permission to allow multiple quilters in our guild to use her pattern. She agreed as long as the pattern was sent via individual email and caps never sold. Permission is granted for cap donations in the Covid19 effort. We have donated 116 caps to date.

Our face masks are joyously received by the healthcare and medical workers in a variety of locations. The cloth masks continue to protect and prolong the n95 masks that are still in short supply in our local hospitals. We are making a difference for these people who are working so hard on the frontlines.

Unless I hear for anyone else, I am going to bring this effort to a close. Next Tuesday, May 5 at 2-3pm will be my final collection. I also have one final place I can deliver surgical caps for and I will collect any you want to donate. If you have masks to donate I will collect and deliver to Detroit Seans effort in supplying area human services /health professionals.

Continue to make masks for your friends and families. Thank you for impressive effort in supporting the medical professionals around us.

In summary, final collection of masks and caps: May 5.

Thank you again. You were an army of seamstresses.