



Important Announcements

- September 22 - 2020 Virtual Guild Meeting @ 7 pm via zoom (Invitation to follow)
- Program Presentation will begin promptly @ 7:15 pm
- Show and Tell photos emailed to me.citton@lionsgatequiltersguild.com by 6 pm Sunday, September 20
- October Virtual Workshop (for LGQG members only) registration: k.hennebury@lionsgatequiltersguild.com

*****If you have not received workshop information from Krista, please check your spam or junk emails.**

Technical/Computer challenges?

email MaryElise (me.citton@lionsgatequiltersguild.com) to set up a support call to help get you connected

September 2020 – President's Message

Hello Fellow Quilters

Welcome back to quilting season, when leaves start to fall and thoughts turn to soup making and to more quilt making. Some of us kept quilting over the summer, maybe more than in previous years when travel was easier, and made a dent in the fabric stash.

First things first – Many thanks to Mary Elise Citton for preparing that amazing slide show of our work for the inaugural Guild meeting in June. Many of you let us know how much you enjoyed it. If you missed it, you can find a link on our website. We will continue with a much simpler Show and Tell.

Second things second – The Guild executive has made the decision to hold online meetings via Zoom until March 2021. This was not an easy decision, but like many situations where there is

a lot of uncertainty and anxiety, making the decision goes a long way toward reducing anxiety and will allow us to plan some great online meetings and workshops. More info below.

When this pandemic started last spring, who would have believed we would be restricting social contact mode through the fall and still be uncertain about the future? Over the summer, many of you got calls from the executive to survey your thoughts on how the Guild should proceed. So many of you long for in-person meetings, but are also cautious about doing that safely to manage the risk of transmitting the Covid 19 virus.

The executive met September 8 to plan for the fall and discuss the results of the survey. After much discussion, we decided to keep Guild activities online via Zoom until spring 2021, when we will re-evaluate the situation. We don't know when the church will re-open their facilities. Covid case numbers are rising. Many members are in a higher risk category due to age, health, or concern for family members. Having made the decision, we can now book presenters and instructors for our fall and winter meetings. Meanwhile, we are looking into ways to provide access to the library and support Community Quilts in distributing supplies and receiving finished quilts.

The upside of online meetings is that we can include presenters from further away because we won't need to cover travel costs. Krista, Andrea, and Connie have lined up a speaker for the September meeting and for a workshop in October.

We will also have a Show and Tell session at our meetings, so please email photos to Mary Elise. We will organize a much simpler show than we had in June. The Quilt Show committee will let us know whether they will proceed with a show in June 2021. Barb Beatty has challenged us to finish the Challenge Quilt project this fall (postponed when the June show was postponed).

Results of the summer survey

- people appreciated the call and miss our Guild activities (we do too)
- 60% of members provided input so far (71, including the executive), with messages left for 26 people
- we found a few cases where people have not been getting the regular Guild emails and newsletters; we are looking into this, checking email addresses, etc.
- most people are unsure of when they would want to resume meeting in person and are waiting to see what the Health Authority and church say; some want to wait for the vaccine or effective treatment to be available due to their own concerns about risks
- Zoom meetings – about 40 people attended the June meeting , and most of those surveyed are interested in continuing with Guild meetings, presentations, and workshops via Zoom (depending on the topic); a few are not interested at all or would rather not

- a few people would like help setting up Zoom (please contact a member of the executive to help with that)

We got suggestions for programs (e.g., challenge or mystery quilt) and workshops, along with ideas for meeting in small groups. For now, we won't pursue small group meetings as a guild, but are sending around an updated membership list to help you keep in touch with other quilters. If you need help setting up Zoom, please contact one of the executive members.

There are two key areas we are following up on: access to the library and getting supplies for Community Quilts. Both of these would work better if we have access to the church (more uncertainty). Meanwhile, keep quilting, and keep track of your library books.

On a personal note, I've been cooking up a storm with organic veggies from the UBC Farm (think steamed greens and eggs for breakfast, great salads for lunch, and ratatouille, etc. for dinner). Of course, I've also done a lot of quilting, some for Community Quilts and some for family. I found a great book in an unexpected place (the Red Horse Gallery in Dundarave). The book is "Japanese Taupe Quilts" by Susan Briscoe, and it contains 125 blocks in calm and neutral colours. First I did some blocks, and learned (again) you need a lot of accuracy for a nine inch block. Then I got a little better at it and then I decided to blow up some designs to 18 inch and 36 inch blocks. That is a lot of fun. I've been dipping into my batik stash for these quilts. So far, I have not run out of fabric (ha ha).

As always, please get in touch with me or others on the executive with any questions or suggestions.

Karen

From Members-at-Large

A reminder to let a Member-at-Large know if there is a member who is ill, has suffered a loss, had a baby or is celebrating a special occasion. We can send out a card from the guild.

We hope everyone is doing as well as expected under the Covid-19 restrictions, and look forward to seeing members on Zoom at the September meeting and the October workshop.

It was fun catching up with members over the summer through the Executive phone visits.

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