

# County Line Quilt Guild April 2020

April Meetings and the Workshop ARE CANCELLED

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## President's Message

Note: No meetings or workshops will be held in April

In these extraordinary times we find ourselves taking stock (ok not the Dow Jones type please!) of what is most important to each of us. We are all doing what we can for each other, separately of course.

Some are tirelessly making masks for nursing homes, offices and even funeral parlors. Some are contacting far-flung friends and relatives. Some are praying. Some deliver groceries to neighbors.

Some are working on quilting projects that will make others smile. Some are sharing jokes and songs to improve their mental health. Some are raising money for worthy causes.

Whatever you do know that you are still part of a group of amazing quilters. We will get through this with a new appreciation for each other. Our creative and organizational skills, our friendships, they matter. YOU matter. Sending you friendship.

**Brenda W.**

## Raffle Quilt Update

Raffle quilt pattern is 'Arkansas Crossroads' using monochromatic jewel tone colors (light and dark) along with bright white fabric for the background. See the attached file for the block layout.



New England  
Quilt Museum

**New England Quilt Museum is currently closed!**

# CLQ Bulletin Board



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Please submit articles for the May 2020 newsletter by April 25 to Barbara at [bu.webweaver@gmail.com](mailto:bu.webweaver@gmail.com) This month, with spring quilt shows all cancelled, and we are sequestering at home, the bulletin board has some helpful suggestions for passing the time.



From Jayne:

## **Entertainment**

Berklee College students make virtual performance of the song “What the World Needs Now”  
<https://www.berklee.edu/news/berklee-now/what-world-needs-now-student-made-video>

Twelve year old twin brothers from Italy perform violin duet “Viva La Vida”  
<https://www.sunnyskyz.com/happy-videos/9084/Two-Brothers-Perform-Uplifting-Violin-Cover-Of-039-Viva-La-Vida-039-By-Coldplay>

Pittsburgh couple, Clair and Mel Vatz sing “Homeward Bound”  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22jEBP25E6g>

## **Quilt Related Patterns**

Downloadable quilt pattern from Java House Quilts “We’re On a Roll”  
<https://javahousequilts.com/shop/were-on-a-bigger-roll>

Deaconess How to Make a Face Mask  
<https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask>

Missouri Star Easy Tube Pillow Case Tutorial  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrYWCma9wgM>

Here are a couple of videos that Ellie found that talk about the rounded design and interfacing:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8HNYKvIaN8>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hpzLQTy-SA>

The second video has a link to the pattern: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kl6Un1EZkqQn04Qk8KSZLRzv7iQ-LP79/view>



## **Recipes**

We have read that cooking is good for relieving stress. So to help us cope with the extraordinary times we are living in, here are a couple of tasty recipes to try. For next month, if you have a favorite recipe or your go-to reliable family pleaser, or just plain comfort food recipe, submit it before May 1<sup>st</sup> to [bu.webweaver@gmail.com](mailto:bu.webweaver@gmail.com) and we'll publish it in the May newsletter.

## Nana's Peanut Butter Oatmeal Cookies

An old recipe and gluten free.

½ cup shortening  
½ cup peanut butter  
1 cup sugar or 7/8 cup honey  
1 egg  
2 tsp milk

1 tsp vanilla  
2 ½ cups oatmeal  
2 tsp baking powder  
¼ tsp salt  
(if using honey, add pinch of baking soda)

Mix first 6 ingredients. Add oatmeal mixed with baking soda and salt. Drop on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 350 °F for 10 – 12 minutes. (Submitted by Barbara U.)

## Pasta and chickpea stew as appeared in the April/May 2020 issue of Fine Cooking

2 15 ½ oz cans chickpeas, undrained  
¼ cup + 2 TBSP extra-virgin olive oil  
1 cup finely chopped yellow onion  
2 ribs celery, finely chopped, plus chopped leaves for garnish  
1 ½ quarts chicken or vegetable broth  
1 small hunk Parmigiano-Reggiano, preferably with rind, rind removed and reserved

Kosher salt  
8 oz small pasta such as tubettini  
1 medium clove garlic, smashed and peeled  
½ tsp coarsely chopped fresh rosemary  
1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes, more for serving (optional)  
Freshly ground black pepper

1. Drain 1 can chickpea liquid into a blender. Add ¾ cup of the chickpeas. Puree until smooth. Drain and rinse the remaining chickpeas; set aside.
2. Heat 2 TBSP of the oil in medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and celery, and cook, stirring occasionally until softened, 8-10 minutes. Stir in the broth, chickpeas, chickpea puree, the Parmigiano rind, and ¼ tsp salt. Raise the heat to medium high and bring to simmer, skimming any foam.
3. Stir in the pasta and cook according to package directions until al dente, skimming any foam.
4. Meanwhile, combine the remaining ¼ cup oil, garlic, rosemary, pepper flakes, and a pinch of salt in a small saucepan. Cook over low heat until small bubbles form and the mixture is fragrant, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat. Strain and set aside.
5. Remove and discard the rind from the stew. Season to taste with salt. Divide among four serving bowls. Top with the celery leaves, black pepper, shaved Parmigiano, a drizzle of rosemary-chile oil, and extra pepper flakes if you like. Serve immediately.

(Submitted by Brenda W.)



## AS THE ROTARY CUTTER SPINS.....

By Liz Kaprielian

*A thrilling monthly melodrama! This month, Episode 4 is brought to you by the artists at Crumpets Fabrics, quietly creating romantic tea dyed fabrics for over 10 years. "Tea for Twelve" fabric packets available exclusively through their website at: [www.t12-crumpets.com](http://www.t12-crumpets.com). Log on today!*

### Cast of Characters:

Raven Blackstone  
Dirk Blackstone  
Nicole Champaign  
Suzanne Chapeaux  
Janice Wilcox  
Patience Jones  
Butch Green

Crumbled bags from the nearby fast food chain littered the table and the smell of French fries still hung in the air. "Now this is what I call eating out!" joked Nicole.

"Has anybody figured out what the pattern is yet?" Patience asked Janice. The table in front of each was littered with half square triangle blocks and strips of fabric. The untidy pile of pieces in front of Patience was made up mostly of greens and blues. "Nope," said Janice, "it's a real doozy of a mystery this time around. Ginger said she wanted to stump everyone for as long as possible this year."

Patience sighed and said, "I made a measurement goof early in the game on last year's mystery." She stretched her back and shook out her arms. "So it was impossible to finish or figure out the pattern until I saw what other people were doing." Frowning slightly she carefully read the printed sheet taped to her sewing machine and began sorting and counting blocks and strips. A few blocks fluttered to the floor unnoticed as she checked and then rechecked the instruction sheet.

Janice chuckled to herself and wondered if that half quilt top was part of the infamous UFO pile. Aloud she said reassuringly, "Anybody who makes quilts, makes mistakes." She methodically checked her own instruction sheet and began to slowly sort out her bright red and white blocks and strips into neat and

tidy groupings, she was only peripherally aware of the sound of sewing machines and conversation from quilters at nearby tables. Looking up briefly, Patience blinked as she watched Janice pin a post-it note on each group. Post-it-notes for quilting?

At a nearby table Suzanne laughed out loud when she realized Nicole had mis-counted blocks for the third time. "You've *got* to leave my blocks out of your count...unless, of course, you're pooling blocks to make a king size quilt." Nicole looked ruefully at the green and gold blocks on the table. "I guess we should have gone to different tables when our fabric was so similar." She ran a hand through her bangs. "I need a break. I'm going for a cup of coffee. Will you pull out your blocks and set them aside on the chair? I'll try counting them out again when I get back." Suzanne grinned nodded.

Nicole strolled towards the coffee urn at the end of the hall, glancing at work in progress at other tables. Various desktop Ott lights perched next to sewing machines and supplemented the weak and intermittently flickering overhead lights. She could see that other quilters were making better progress than her; some had begun to connect blocks into sections.

She smiled and knew she'd catch up eventually but knew deep down it didn't really matter one way or the other. Nicole thought any mystery weekend was fun but the annual guild mystery seemed to have special charm. After pouring her coffee, she blew gently on it and looked around fondly at the group, some hard at work, and others kicking back and relaxing at their tables.

Even Raven, working alone at one large table (with a full standing Ott light of course) seemed just like one of the regular gang. Nicole had to admit that it had taken her by surprise when Raven turned up for the annual mystery quilt weekend. She didn't seem to go in for any of the guild group stuff. But here she was, cutting and sewing on the mystery pattern just like everyone else. Nicole sipped her coffee and felt slightly ashamed of some of the ill will she'd felt at the last meeting. Janice was right, they should support each other.

Nicole finished her coffee and headed towards Raven's table determined to be friendly and positive. As she got closer, she could see some soft pastel Batiks. And oddly enough, speedy Raven seemed no further along any anyone else....

*Wondering which fast food chain the guild frequents, if Patience start to use Post-It's, or if Ginger has a quilting friend named Mary Ann, then you won't want to miss the next exciting installment of AS THE ROTARY CUTTER SPINS.*