

County Line Quilt Guild

June 2020

MEETING June 11 at 6:30pm via ZOOM

Watch your email for a link to join the meeting



President's Message

Until we can safely see each other's smiling faces in person, I invite you to join us for a virtual end of year Show and Tell on Zoom on Thursday June 11th at 6:30 (our usual day and time).

Watch for a separate Zoom evite to follow.

Let's celebrate each other's projects in whatever form or stage of completion. You can also just share a story of how you found moments of gratitude and hope during these past few months. Be sure to pour yourself a glass of wine, a cup of tea or whatever your heart desires, just make yourself at home, because you are!

During the past few months, I have found a new appreciation for birds that make their appearance on our deck. They leave the gift of a solo song or an almost heavenly group performance choir. They've been there all along, but before the age of Covid my attention was elsewhere. There was always another errand to do or something else to check off my list. Now that life has slowed down it's that walk in the woods that brings calm and perspective. Whatever does that for you, I hope you find it and hold on to it even after this is over.

Stay well, stay safe and stay inspired

Brenda

Election of Guild Officers

Hello County Liners!

It's election time, and while we can't come together physically, we can join together as quilters and look forward to another great year. The board has agreed to serve another year, but we still need your vote. Please answer this email with a yay or a nay for the following positions.

OFFICERS

President - Brenda Waber
Vice President - Pauline Carlson
Secretary - Mary Pat Bushart

Treasurer - Deb Hartman

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Historian - Julia Altshuler
Outreach - Marybeth Croci
Hospitality - Maureen Gibbons
Membership - Jayne Todd
Newsletter - Barbara Bradley
Programs - Ellie Bernard, Fran Daneault
Quilt Show - Mary Neely
Webmaster - Sujatha Mizar

Thank You, Brenda Waber, President

Program for the Summer

Summertime Sharing "Event"

Let's do something special together. Send 1 fat quarter just in an envelope via USPS to the member below you on the membership list (attached below).

When you receive your fat quarter make it into a pot holder over the summer. It can be as plain or as fancy as you desire. We can call the collection of pot holders " holding on" or some other witty title, and sell them at the quilt show in March.

Don't worry if you are the first "A" on the membership list, the last person on the list will send you the fat quarter.

It should be fun to see what we do. No pressure, just have fun with it! If you don't receive your fat quarter by July 1, email me and I will send you one! brenwaber@gmail.com

Brenda

Raffle Quilt



CLQ Bulletin Board



Please submit articles for the September 2020 newsletter to Barbara Bradley at
leebiad.g007@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 Rachel Pei some alternative peanut butter or oatmeal cookie recipes –
Alton Brown's "Pantry Raid" peanut butter cookies
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nalyEGpuSs>
- Oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. Basically, really hard to mess up even if you have to change it up a little to fit what you have in the house. <https://www.averiecooks.com/one-bowl-no-mixer-no-chill-oatmeal-cookies/>

📌 From Melanie Vignani:
You may remember the wonderful Timna Tarr, who came to the guild last year to speak and then had an improv workshop. An interview with Timna can be found at <https://www.npr.net/post/quilt-artist-finds-solace-daily-production-not-overthinking-i-just-needed-sew>. It's worth a look!! I found out about the interview because I follow Timna on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/timnatarr/>.

I am continuing the daily sewing room challenge which I began in January. My personal challenge was to get into my sewing room each day to do one thing on a quilt that was due in June. It started out with picking fabric, cutting strips, and determining placement. That process took a few weeks, one little bit at a time. After that, it was sewing a seam each day for many, many days.

An added bonus of the sewing room challenge was always having something to do in my down time waiting for a kid at an appointment or in front of the TV. I would save up things that needed trimming, cutting apart, or pinning together for these times. For example, up until mid-March, there were two hours each week that I would go to a Quilting group at my town's senior center. It's amazing how much trimming, cutting apart, and pinning together you can get done in two dedicated hours, and that work would set me up for many "sew just one seam" days in my sewing room challenge.

The whole point of my challenge was to get myself into the sewing room. In 2018, I created my "circle quilt" from an idea I had seen online, the #Quilty365 project -- selecting one circle each day of the year, sewing it onto a background, and putting them together to represent a year. I selected circles to show something I'd done that day, or what the weather was, or maybe a special event like a birthday. At a minimum each day, I wrote down what I'd highlight that day, but most days I'd actually get into the sewing room and sew stuff together. And while I was there...sure! Other stuff got done, too. But in 2019, when I didn't have any kind of a daily project, I realized that weeks could go by without me stepping into the sewing room.

The quilt I chose to work on was going to be auctioned off at a fundraiser in June. That fundraiser won't happen now, but the quilt top is almost done -- it's in only 3 pieces, so I guess it will be a completed quilt top by the end of tomorrow. Woohoo! All done just one teeny bit at a time, and I'm way early for next year's fundraiser. I think my sewing room challenge has been a huge success. I skipped two days...one when I felt sick, and the other it was just even more ridiculously late than usual and I made the choice not to go sew a seam. Although I'm finishing

up my first challenge quilt top, I'll be choosing another project for my challenge to keep going through the year.

I'll be putting up a picture of the finished top in a few days. You can check out photos at <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA0ILgtJyi8/> if you want!

Please continue to stay safe, everyone!

Melanie Vagnini



One more recipe:

Rhubarb Squares

6 cups Rhubarb, cut into 1inch pieces
2 tbsp Water
2 cups granulated Sugar
1/3 cup Corn Starch

2 cups Flour
1 tsp Baking Soda
1/2 tsp Salt
2 1/2 cups Rolled Oats
1 cup Brown Sugar
1 cup melted Butter

1. Preheat oven to 350'.
2. Combine rhubarb and water in a heavy sauce pan, cover and cook on stovetop over low heat until rhubarb is soft. Combine 2 cups sugar with 1/3 cup corn starch; stir into rhubarb and cook until sauce has thickened.
3. Mix flour, oatmeal, brown sugar, baking soda, and salt with melted butter until it is the texture of coarse meal.
4. Pat 2/3 of the oatmeal/flour crumbs into the bottom of a 10 x 13 baking pan. Pour the rhubarb sauce over the crumbs and sprinkle with the remaining oatmeal mix.
5. Bake at 350 for 35 minutes or until the sauce is bubbling and crumb topping is lightly browned.
6. Cool and serve with ice cream or whipped cream. These bars freeze well.