

A NOTE FROM LISA

Happy February to you all! February is truly the month of love, with plenty of hearts, chocolates, and cards, as well as the odd red and white quilt! Elbert Hubbard said "a friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you." Not only is February a time to celebrate love, it is a time to celebrate friendship. I am so grateful that we have been able to continue to cultivate our quilting friendships through our monthly online meetings.

I hope you all enjoyed the January meeting as much as I did. Such a great way to start off the new year. Now, as we enter the month of February, our next meeting promises to be another interesting one. This month we will be entertained by Linda Sullivan with her "Got Color" presentation and trunk show. As my husband occasionally accuses me of using a little too much color on my quilts (and that he needs sunglasses to look at them), I do believe a presentation on color is going to provide me plenty of new inspiration.

I hope you can join us for the meeting. As always, please be safe and healthy, and take time to quilt!

Lisa

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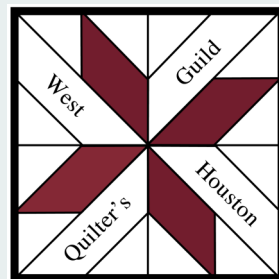
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WEST HOUSTON QUILTER'S GUILD BOARD MEETINGS

Any member of the Guild is welcome to attend our board meetings, but the Board reserves the right to hold a closed Executive Session if needed. Board meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. These will be held via Zoom. If interested in attending please contact a board member for more information.

Next Board meeting: **March 3, 2020**

ZOOM Etiquette



- Check your microphone and speaker settings and microphone BEFORE the meeting.
- Plug your computer or device into a power source.
- Use a headset in crowded public places.
- **MUTE** your microphone when not actively speaking.
- Be aware of your surroundings and behavior (we can see you)! 
- Look at yourself on the zoom screen. If you can only see an eye or a nose or the top of your head, that's what everyone else sees too!
- Add questions/comments in "Chat" section to be addressed by Moderators.
- "Raise Hand" if you would like to address the group.



Reminder : the Zoom link will be sent out on Tuesday before the meeting on Wednesday. Be sure to watch for it. Login begins at 6:30pm with the meeting at 6:45pm.

PROGRAM for February 17, 2021

Hello all,

February is here and is bringing cold weather early this month. Just in time for Valentine's Day, so instead of pruning my roses and cleaning out flower beds, I will be wrapping up pipes and snuggling with my dog to stay warm.

I snapped this picture while walking my dog over the weekend, the camellias have been beautiful this winter.

This month's speaker is Linda Sullivan whose company is Colourwerx. She is a quilter with more than 20 years as a designer. She is passionate about bold bright colors, mid century modern art and contemporary pattern design. She likes to take the traditional and put a twist on it. I think you will enjoy her presentation. Please join us at 6:45pm on February 17, 2021 for Linda's presentation.

Happy Quilting,

Debbie Adami

2nd VP/Programs



2021 Programs

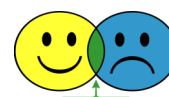
Feb 17. Linda Sullivan - "Got Color" and Trunk Show. Colourwerx.com

Mar 17. Nina Clotfelter - "What If" and Trunk Show Ninaquilts.com

April 21 Annie Smith. - TBD. [Annie Smith.net](http://AnnieSmith.net)

May 19 Ellen Lindner - "Confessions of a Fabric Whisperer" and Trunk Show. Adventurequilter.com

June 16 Timna Tarr - "Flying Colors Trunk Show" Timnatarr.com



Sunshine and Shadows

To share "sunshine" or "shadow" information about members contact Chris Friesen at cmfriesen9@gmail.com.

Chris Friesen
Secretary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Celeste | Fritz | Feb 01 |
| Lynn | Ellis | Feb 06 |
| Rhonda | Newbolt | Feb 07 |
| Susan | Widner | Feb 07 |
| Nancy | Higgs | Feb 08 |
| Shirley | Chriss | Feb 15 |
| Lisa | Hennon | Feb 16 |
| Sharon | Lucarelli | Feb 20 |
| Donna | Carvalho | Feb 22 |
| Sharon | Dixon | Feb 23 |
| Sandra | Seavey | Feb 26 |

Membership



We made it through January! Last year was scary and the start of this year continued those feelings. There seems to be that light in the tunnel now with the steady increase of Covid-19 vaccinations being available.

At the end of the month we have 104 paid memberships for 2021. This includes 2 new Members. We welcome **Sandy Harvey** and **Paula White** to our Guild! We hope that you will enjoy our group as much as we do.

The Membership renewal price is now \$30, but I realize that there are some stragglers in the mails. I am checking the postmarks, and as long the renewal was postmarked by Jan 20 the \$25 membership fee will be accepted.

\$25.00 if paid by Jan 20 (1st meeting 2021)

\$30.00 if paid after first meeting

\$15.00 for NEW members joining after July 1

Add \$10.00 to your dues payment if you prefer to have your Newsletter mailed to you versus using the web.

There is a copy of the Membership Renewal Form on the website and also attached to the Newsletter.

Please make your checks payable to WHQG. send your payment to the PO box address on the Membership Form. If you would like your Membership Card mailed to you please enclose a SASE with your renewal.

Since we have not been meeting in person we have not been recording our charity hours. This is very important to the Guild to be able to maintain our non-profit status. Please email your charity hours to karcoffey@att.net.

Hope you are all well and I will be so glad to see everyone face to face again!!

Karen Coffey
First Vice President/Membership

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ COMFORT QUILTERS



Distributing our charity quilts was very different for 2020 because of the virus and no visitors allowed in the facilities where we always take the quilts. After the facilities were chosen, the number of quilts they needed were dropped off at the entrance of the building into the hands of the Activity Director. The Director of West Oaks picked their quilts up at Proguard.

Quilts in 2020 went to the following:

- **West Oaks Nursing and Rehab**--80 quilts plus 7 patriotic quilts
- **Zion HealthCare**--60 quilts plus 5 patriotic quilt
- **Park Manor**--100 quilts plus 7 patriotic quilts
- Guild members made 473 Christmas stockings for **Cypress Assistance Ministries** which they fill with toys and candy for children.

Our donation to the **Linus** program included the following:

- 214 quilts
- 161 preemies
- 92 preemie caps
- 164 Christmas preemies

Comfort Quilters hope to get back to meeting later in February or early March. In the meantime, everyone should be working on charity quilts. If you need a kit to work on at home, fabric for backing or binding or fabric for stockings, get in touch with either Connie Bihner or Nita Beard. We will make arrangements to meet you and get whatever you need.



BEE NEWS

MATERIAL GIRLS

Material Girls met on January 23 in person at the Glazier Center. Members will be taking turns providing the bee with a monthly block pattern, the theme being something happening in that month. By year end we will have enough blocks for a "calendar" quilt. We had 7 members on site and made our first BOM, A Gnome-man for January. We have opted to have a Zoom meeting once a month and an onsite meeting as well. This will accommodate everyone's social distancing preferences and keep us connected.

Angelique Burnside - Beekeeper

THE CUT-UPS BEE

The hot topic of conversation in our bee this past month was how to sign up for a COVID vaccine. Since most of us are in the 1A or 1B category, several have already gotten at least the first shot. We're hoping this will allow us to feel more comfortable about meeting in person. We are also looking forward to the opening of the new Bear Creek Community Center where the guild and a number of bees have signed up to meet. Other than that, just continuing with our projects.

Celeste Fritz-Beekeeper

LADIES OF THE NIGHT

February has been full of love for the Ladies of the Night! We have started meeting in person again at the Weekley Center and are loving getting together with room to social distance. Since moving to day meetings we are spending 4 – 5 hours sewing & visiting each week and are grateful for every minute. We also had a socially distanced retreat at Stagecoach Retreat in Coldspring and loved every minute of that, too. Somewhere between the good food and great laughs we managed to get some sewing done. It was a delight to get away from "normal" life for a few days, even if we took masks, sanitizer and wipes with us!

Sheila Odell-Beekeeper

Submitted by Kathy Johnson

THURSDAY NIGHT BEE

Our Christmas party and exchange scheduled for January 14 was postponed due to the virus. We opted instead to drop our gifts off at Nita's house where she would sort and distribute. After sorting, everybody was notified and they came by and picked up their "loot". No "oohs and aahs" via email were allowed until everyone had picked up their gifts. Next month's newsletter will contain the listing of gifts. We are losing another bee member--Betty Baker. She and husband, Jon, have bought a house in Florida and will be gone before the end of the month. We will miss her, especially since she quilted most of the bee's quilts. Enjoy the sun, sand and surf in your new hometown.





Montgomery will be hosting a Quilt Walk on October 1-2, 2021. Locally created quilts will be on display outside of businesses and Montgomery's collection of unique historic homes. It will be a beautiful occasion to support local makers, at its best, and shop our vendor's market!

We would love to have your quilt displayed at Montgomery Quilt Walk this year! To enter, please fill out the Google Form at: <https://forms.gle/H8MSaUYFWLUxc6wS6>

More information can be found at: www.montgomeryquiltwalk.com.

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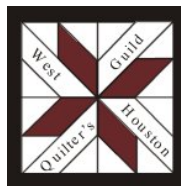
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Door Prizes

In this Brave New World we have found a way to continue door prizes during our monthly guild meeting. When you are logged into the Zoom meeting we will be using a random number generator to draw your number. This is similar to drawing your name out of a "hat". In the past we have had members donate new or slightly used items. With logistics currently being virtual, instead we are requesting items from vendors; batting, patterns, notions, fat quarters etc. We will be working with the lucky winners on the best way to deliver the prizes to them; ding dong ditch, meet somewhere, etc. We have prizes for the February meeting! So tune in and don't miss out! As always you must be present to win!





New Member_____ Returning Member_____

(Information has changed from last year_____)

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Mailed Newsletter: \$10.00 – Please include with dues payment

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Name_____

Address_____

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Phone (H) _____

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Email _____

Prefer receiving newsletter via: Website _____ US mail _____ (add \$10 to dues)

Bee Information: I am interested in joining a Bee — Y or N (circle one)

daytime _____ evening _____ week day _____ week end _____

Please complete a Bee Interest Form – you will be contacted to discuss various Bee interests and meeting times, etc.

I am already a Member of the _____ Quilting Bee

Emergency Contact: _____

(Name, Relationship, Phone Number)

Do you give your permission to print your information in our directory that is available to members only? — Y or N (circle one)

Do you give us your permission to photograph you and your work for our website and/or scrapbook? — Y or N (circle one)

Please mail completed form along with a check for dues to:

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Attn: MEMBERSHIP

P.O. Box 841515

Houston, TX 77084

Or turn in your form and pay in person at the meeting with cash, check, or credit card

Office use :Name Tag_____ Membership card _____ Paid: cash_____ check_____