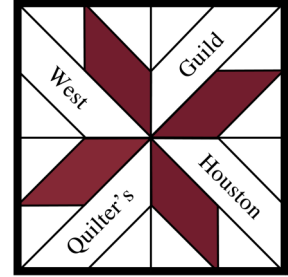


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December 2020



A NOTE FROM LISA

Merry December to you all!

I hope you all enjoyed the November speaker, Cyndi McChesney. I certainly feel inspired to get creative with some of the panels I have accumulated over the years! I'm sure I even have a few Christmas panels to get started on asap.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving day. Ours was quiet, but it was nice just to have a relaxing day, except for that hour we spent grooming our three dogs! What were we thinking? As I look forward to Christmas and the New Year just around the corner, I can't help but reflect on all that has happened in 2020. This has certainly been a year we will all remember, although some may wish to forget! But, for me, this year has brought many good things as well. I have just completed my first full year of facilitating cat adoptions at Houston Pets Alive. Partly due to Covid, we have had 50% more cat adoptions in 2020 than we did in 2019. That is something that makes me very happy!

Please be safe and healthy this holiday season, and take time to quilt!

Lisa

Sew On and Sew On

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Upcoming Programs

December 16, 2020 - There will be no meeting in December. Everyone have a Happy and Safe Holiday!

January 20, 2021 - Sherri Noel. Presentation is "Finding My Quilt Voice".

February 17, 2021 - Linda Sullivan. Presentation is "Got Color".



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Sunshine and Shadows

Condolences to Pam Lyons on the passing of her sister.

To share "sunshine" or "shadow" information about members contact Chris Friesen at

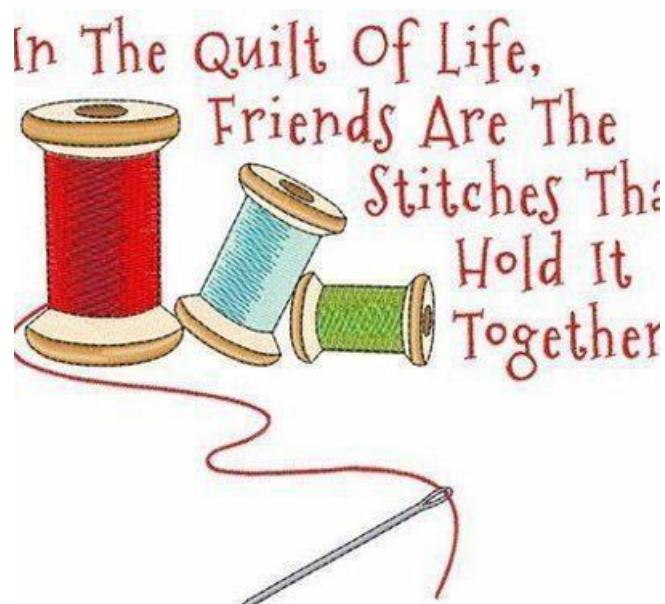
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WEST HOUSTON QUILTER'S GUILD BOARD MEETINGS

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 meeting: **January 6, 2020**





On Monday, November 23, the following items were delivered to Sally Burns, Linus coordinator: **72** Linus quilts, **85** preemies, **139** Christmas preemies and **29** preemie caps. These are in addition to the things delivered in September. On December 1st, **473** stockings were delivered to Cypress Assistance Ministries. Quilts will be delivered to area nursing facilities during the next two weeks. Where they were delivered and how many to each facility will be in the January newsletter. Thanks for all your hard work during a very strange 2020. Here's hoping 2021 will be a much better year for all of us.

After the first of the new year, we will have a day at The Glazier Center for you to pick up kits, backing, and fabric to make elder or Linus quilts.

SHOPPING FOR 2021



As we start a new year, watch the ads for flannel on sale so you can make a couple of preemies. From 1 1/2 yards of a cotton and an equal amount of flannel, you can make 3 preemies. The guild received a very generous donation of Christmas fabric so when the time comes to make Christmas preemies we will have plenty to give you for stockings and preemies. The donation also included a large tub of muslin for stockings. Several guild members have said they planned to make a couple of preemies each month--a great goal for every member.

Connie Bihner and Nita Beard



Membership



Well here we are, getting ready for the Holidays and still in the Covid-19 battle. I'm sure that I'm not the only one of us that is past being ready to feel safe enough to see our families and friends, and to relax and enjoy the time together. The new year is right around the corner and we can only pray for the best.

The new year is also the time for Membership renewal. We have decided that the rates will stay the same as last year's rates:

\$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.

Please make your checks payable to WHQG.

If you would like your Membership Card mailed to you please enclose a SASE with your renewal. Please send your checks or cash to the P.O. box address on the membership forms. There is a copy of the Membership Form on the website and attached to the newsletter.

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

Make time for Quilting – it's the best for stress!

Karen Coffey

First Vice President

Membership

POST NOTE:

Please send your charitable hours to Karen Coffey via her email this month at karcoffey@att.net. Please break the hours down in the applicable categories.

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)! 
- Add questions/comments in "Chat" section to be addressed by Moderators.
- "Raise Hand" if you would like to address the group.
- Make comments short and direct, mute for responses.
- Have fun!

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BEE NEWS

MATERIAL GIRLS

The Material Girls Bee met in November, in person and Zoom. November attendance was low, so we opted to go out for margaritas instead! The December meeting will probably be a zoom affair. No decisions have been made yet!

Angelique Burnside - Beekeeper

THE CUT-UPS BEE

Our Cut-ups members have been going to town on making charity quilts, preemie blankets and Christmas stockings. We're all being super-careful to wear our masks and doing everything we can to stay healthy yet still stay in touch. Most of us will be having quiet Thanksgivings at home this year. We wish all of our Guild friends a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Celeste Fritz-Beekeeper

THE THIMBLEINAS

The Thimblelinas are planning to meet in December at a member's yard to visit, have show n tell and consume desserts. Let's hope it doesn't rain because there is no plan B! We are also doing a recipe exchange since we have all been cooking more since covid began.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Lillie Hays, Beekeeper

LADIES OF THE NIGHT/TUESDAY MORNING

FRIENDS

The Ladies of the Night have had an eventful fall! Our biggest news is that the Ladies of the Night and The Tuesday Morning Friends bees have been combined into one group. We decided to keep the Ladies of the Night name even though we will now be meeting on Wednesdays from 10 – 3 at the Weekly Center (beginning in January). The name is just too much fun to give up! We had a socially distanced lunch at Clay's the week before Thanksgiving to celebrate the joining of the two bees as well as the upcoming holidays. There are many fun adventures in the future for us! Most of the Tuesday ladies had finished "stash busting" quilts which are going to a local girls home. We also collected donations for the Houston Food Bank in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts. Gale Snyder was kind enough to collect nursing home & Linus quilts from other members for delivery to the Comfort Quilters. Lots of giving from the heart this season!

The lunch also served as a farewell sendoff to long-time member Gale Davis as she moves to Georgia to be closer to family. We will miss her more than we can say! She was surprised to receive angel blocks from each of us (including 3 Ladies who have moved away) to remind her of us back here in Texas. In true Gale fashion she has already designed a layout for the blocks – we can't wait to see it! Once the pandemic has calmed down and it's safer to travel again we are keeping our fingers crossed that we see her back here for retreats and Festival. Our group won't be the same without her!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Sheila Odell, Beekeeper

Submitted by Kathy Johnson

THURSDAY NIGHT BEE

At our November meeting, we decided to postpone our Christmas party until our January meeting. A couple of our members would be out of town in December and we wanted everybody to attend.

Carolyn Cordes, long time member of the guild and The Thursday Night Bee, is now a resident in an elder facility. Her son asked that her sewing supplies and fabric go to the guild and her friends in the bee. Nita gathered it all up and Connie and Gail helped sort and fold on cardboards the yardage. During our November meeting, bee members were given the opportunity to select some items for personal use. Carolyn had 7-8 tops for charity made and they are being quilted to turn in to Community Service.

Gale Davis, we knew was moving, just not so soon. She has bought a house in Georgia to be close to some of her family and will be moved before the end of December. We will definitely miss her subtle wit, her generous nature, her creativity and most of all her friendship. We wish her happy quilting in Georgia.

Also Betty Baker has her house up for sale and as soon as they find a house near their daughters, she and Jon will be moving. However, the New Year's Day sew in is planned for her house, so hopefully she will still be in town or we will need a different plan. It has been a tradition of our bee to have a sew in on New Year's Day to start the new year with a new project and after the year 2020 has been, we definitely need to start 2021 in a happier environment. Nita Beard - Beekeeper

KATY ROTARY BEE

Some of us from the Katy Rotary Bee went to retreat at Margie's near LaGrange. A good time was had by all. We are continuing to have meetings via zoom and look forward to meeting in person.

Debbie Huebel - Beekeeper

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Elaine	Mason	12/3
Jean Ann	Bryant	12/4
Jane	Thomas	12/7
Carol Ann	Maurer	12/11
Johnnie	Wiley	12/11
Patty	Haefele	12/13
Dena	Rosenberg	12/14
Donna	Simoneaux	12/15
Joan	Aitken	12/23
Noella	Mukherjee	12/25
Ester	Pollard	12/28
Patricia A	Cook	12/28
Linda	Whetsell	12/29



New Member _____ Returning Member _____

(Information has changed from last year _____)

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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)

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