

A NOTE FROM LISA

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. It was a virtual Christmas and New Year in our household, but I felt lucky to be able to connect with family through the magic of Zoom. Unsurprisingly, there was one family member who couldn't get their camera to work, and another having sound issues, but sometimes that just adds to the fun!

As we embark on 2021, the board is looking forward to bringing you another exciting program this year, as well as the prospect of eventually meeting face to face again. I am personally looking forward to seeing everyone's beautiful creations in person again. We have some excellent speakers lined up already for 2021, starting off with Sherri Noel on with her presentation "Finding My Quilt Voice."

I hope you can join us for the meeting. It will be great to see you all again. Until then, please be safe and healthy, and take time to quilt!

Lisa

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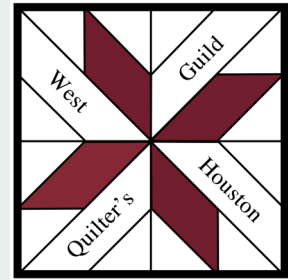
West Houston Quilter's Guild

Location: Houston, TX

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Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild
Houston, TX 77084

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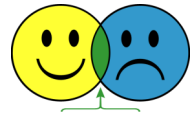
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Sunshine and Shadows

Condolences to Angelique Powell-Burnside on the loss of her Grandmother, Doris Edith Powell who was 95.

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

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: **February 3, 2020**



COMMUNITY SERVICE



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

PROGRAM for January 20, 2021

Happy New Year. Other than some rain a few days and a brief cold spell, the New Year has started out well. We came home from visiting parents over Christmas to the Goldfinches chowing down on our feeders. They are lots of fun to watch, but eat a 2 pound bag of thistle seed every other day.

There has been lots of quilting and sewing going on in my house in the evenings. I have finished a number of quilts the past year and they are piling up for upcoming gifts. Our January speaker is Sherri Noel with Rebecca Mae Designs. Sherri designs quilts, runs BOMs every year, and has a bright and cheery website. Check out her patterns and her use of color. Her quilts are happy and will stretch your sewing skills with different piecing methods. I particularly like how she uses words on her quilts. If you are so inclined, she is running a BOM with 100, 8 inch blocks beginning in February running thru December 2021.

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Happy Quilting,

Debbie Adami



Long time guild member, Barb Knobloch, has moved to a long term care facility. The family with the assistance of her friends, is selling her quilt shop quality fabrics. Due to Covid, they are conducting the sale by appointment only. So if you would like to shop please email Sharon Dixon at sbdquilts@earthlink.net. There are quality fabrics for \$3 a yard and fat quarters for \$1. Also books, thread and batting priced to sell. Please spread the word among your quilting friends. Sharon is located in Katy near the Grand Parkway just south of I-10.



2021 Programs

Jan 20. Sherri Noel - "Finding My Quilt Voice" and Trunk Show Rebeccamaedesigns.com

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Evelyn	Mathur	Jan 03
Kathy	Overman	Jan 05
Tara J	Myers	Jan 07
Lisa	Dinkelman	Jan 08
Janet	Musgrove	Jan 09
Cynthia	Chaffee	Jan 10
Barbara Ann	Wafer	Jan 15
Kathy	Johnson	Jan 17
Connie	Bihner	Jan 19
Angelique	Burnside	Jan 21

Membership



Happy New Year!!! I hope that you were able to safely communicate with friends and family over the Holidays. I was able to see some of my grand and great-grandchildren and their parents in person, but some were phone conversations which was OK because we could still be together. I pray that we will be able to be physically closer by mid year.

The New Year is also the time for Membership renewal, and 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.

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 and please send your cash or checks 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. As you know, this is very important to the Guild to be able to maintain our non-profit status. Please email them to me and I will tabulate them on a copy of our sign-in sheet and send them to Chris Friesen for her records.

My email is karcoffey@att.net

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!

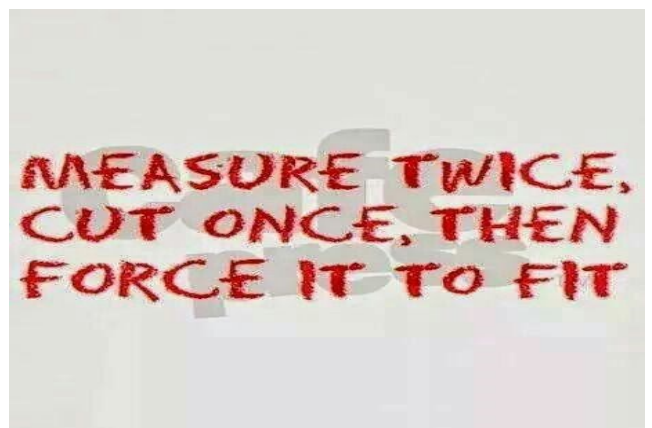
Karen Coffey

First Vice President

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.





BEE NEWS

MATERIAL GIRLS

The Material Girls Bee did not meet in December. A few brave souls did attend a retreat at Magnolia Manor in Waller. We managed to stay safe and took precautions and had a blast! Thank goodness no cooties were exchanged. 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. 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.

Angelique Burnside - Beekeeper

THE CUT-UPS BEE

Despite having to social distance and limit the size of our gathering, the Cut-ups had a very nice Christmas party, with 5 members in person and 6 on ZOOM. The rest, unfortunately, were unable to attend. We had a White Elephant gift exchange – blind draw and no stealing, then laughed over trying to figure out the logistics of getting everyone her gift. Everyone had their own holiday "drink" to toast and snacks to go with. We hope all of our Guild friends are well and stay so. Here's to a much better 2021!

Celeste Fritz-Beekeeper

LADIES OF THE NIGHT

After meeting via Zoom throughout December the Ladies of the Night are looking forward to returning to in-person meetings in January! We are now meeting in the daytime which will allow us to spend more time together at longer meetings. We may even get some sewing done! Coming up in February is a socially distanced retreat at Stagecoach Retreat in Coldspring which we are eagerly awaiting. Everyone is more than ready for some dedicated sewing time and a heaping dose of laughter – the best medicine for this crazy year. Hope everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season!

Sheila Odell-Beekeeper

Submitted by Kathy Johnson

THIMBLELINAS

The Thimblelinas are surviving Covid. Four of us met for our Christmas get together in December and devoured desserts, showed completed projects, shared magazines and patterns, and enjoyed catching up in person. We did not meet in January because the Glacier Center was closed and it was too cold to meet outdoors. Arrangements have been made to meet in the new community center when it opens.

Let's hope 2021 is a much better year!

Lillie Hays-Beekeeper



**DON'T WORRY
BEE HAPPY**



New Member _____ Returning Member _____

(Information has changed from last year _____)

Dues: \$30.00 – Please make checks payable to WHQG

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

Please PRINT clearly Birthday (month/day) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone (H) _____

(C) _____

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:

West Houston Quilters Guild

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 _____