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February 2021/March 2021

Sinnissippi Quilters meet on the first Thursday each month by Zoom. (unless announced otherwise). Afternoon Zoom Meeting @ 1:00 when scheduled.

Evening Zoom meeting is at 1 and 6:30 PM. Most meetings have a scheduled program followed by a business session. We invite quilters of all skill levels and their guests to attend. The guest fee is \$10.00 in person meetings when held at:

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INFORMATION

Next ZOOM meeting - Thursday, Feb. 4th @ 1PM & 6:30 PM.

ZOOM invitations will come by email a couple of days before meeting. Please notify Bonnie Hodina if you do not receive it.

Don't forget to bring the following to all meetings: Show and Tell items, Nametag, Special project items to show and your coffee mug.

Newsletter Articles for the April/May 2021 newsletter are due by March 20th for distribution by the end of March.

PLEASE EMAIL articles to Michelle Watson.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Well, it is 2021! I always find starting a new year exciting and even more so after 2020! It's a time to start fresh, try new things! In looking at the calendar, we are also halfway through the guild year, and it's a time to reflect on how it's going.

We all know the downside of the first half. The positive side though is our Zoom Guild meetings. I am more than happy how Zoom still gets us together to talk and laugh. The 2 Zoom Christmas Parties had 44 attendees, some in small groups, most by themselves but we were all able to be together laughing and "singing"!

My New Year 2021 wish is that every member will come to a Zoom Program and meeting. Try something new! These upcoming months Amy has booked wonderful speakers and in March we will have an all-day drop in Zoom sew-in from our sewing rooms! Plus, in response to many, we will have the speakers at 1 and 6:30pm. This way those that want to get together to watch can drive in the daylight or if you have evening commitments you won't miss. If you're still not sure, call me or any board member for help.

Let's start fresh! Until we can all be safe together, let's Zoom together! We can have 100 members on our Zoom, let's fill it!!

Bonnie

Quick Calendar

February- Tina Hager Braun - Create with confidence. Find your creative voice.
March – All Day Zoom Neo- Natal sew in.

2020-2021 Sinnissippi Quilters Executive Board

Bonnie Hodina	President
Silvia Vaughn	Vice President
Colleen Magee	Treasurer 1
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Jane Erickson	
Pam Surmo	Special Projects 1
Linda Egeland	Special Project II
Barb Clucas	Quilt Show 2021
OPEN	Quilt Show 2022

All phone numbers have been removed please refer to
2020-2021 **MEMBORSHIP DIRECTORY** for phone numbers, emails, etc

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	Marie Tovo	SPAM	Elizabeth Franck

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SHOW AND TELL evening LuAnne Hanna

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SPECIAL PROJECTS:

NEONATEL QUILTS	Pam Surmo
CHARITY RAFFLE QUILT	Anne Biedowicz
PRESIDENT BLOCKS	Barb Lange
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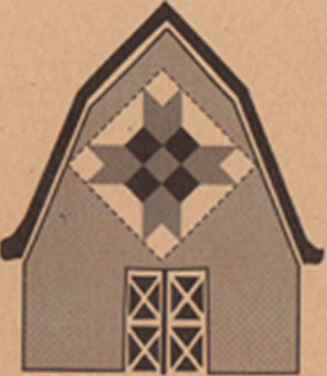
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PROGRAMS

March 2021	Pam <u>Surmo</u>	Neonatal Sew In via Zoom – More details to come
April 2021	Brita Nelson	Now You See It, Now You Don't. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks https://questioningquilter.com/classes/ https://youtu.be/hcGF5Gbd4pc
May 2021	Diane Murtha	Challenges I – Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize http://www.dianelmurtha.com/lecture-and-workshops.php
June 2021	Tina Craig	EPP vs FPP: The Showdown http://seaside-stitches.blogspot.com/p/lectures-and-workshops.html
July 2021		Ice Cream Social – More information to come

UFO Challenge Winners:

November: Sherry DeBuhr

December: Bonnie Hodina

January: Linda Egeland

For those of you who have yet to complete a UFO, but turned in your information, you are still eligible for the monthly drawing if you complete your project for the month.

For the February meeting, you need to complete #1 On your UFO list.

Big “THANK YOU!” to Lori Dickman, Bonnie Hodina and Anne Beatowicz for presenting for the January meeting.

Comfort Quilts

I was very pleased to deliver a comfort quilt to Corlis Berchiolly on 12/21/20 in memory of her mother, who passed away in November.

The purpose of a comfort quilt is to show the care and concern of our fellow quilting sisters going through a traumatic time in their life. The guidelines to receive a comfort quilt is as follows: personal health issues (cancer, transplant, major surgery), death of immediate family (parent, spouse, child and life-threatening situations (accident with injuries). A member may receive only one comfort quilt from the guild, even if they have different issues as stated above.

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SUNSHINE

If you are aware of any Guild member who is sick, having surgery, had a death in the family or just could use a few words of encouragement, **PLEASE contact**

Carol Swenson. She will send a card from all of us at Sinnissippi Quilt Guild. Do not hesitate to call Carol because you might be the one person who has knowledge of that person's situation





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SQG MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 3RD, 2020

1:00 AND 6:30 MEETINGS

Call meeting to order:

Silvia Vaughn led afternoon meeting and Bonnie Hodina led the evening meeting.

Treasurer: Colleen Magee/Deanne Spataro

Checking account balance \$ 9,917.00

Money market account balance \$20,177.00

Publications: Michelle Watson

Deadline for February/March 2021 newsletter is January 20th.

Is there anyone who didn't get a newsletter mailed that was supposed to get one?

Let Michelle know and she will get one out to you.

Membership: Becky Harvey & Becki Dennis (A) Mary Leach & Jane Erickson (E)

Membership total to date - 121

Attendance for meetings – Afternoon 22 & Evening 22

Directories were mailed out. Contact one of the membership team if you didn't get one.

Programs: Amy Salamone/Roberta Suess

Upcoming Programs –

January – Round Robin volunteers or demo on accuquilt.

February – Tina Hager Braun - English paper piecing vs foundation paper piecing

March – Neo-natal

April – Brita Nelson – Disappearing Quilt Blocks

May – Diane Murtha – Quilt As You Go Hexies

June – open

July – Ice cream social

UFO Challenge – Evening meeting was the monthly drawing for those participating and Bonnie Hodina was the winner. The number to complete for January meeting is #5. Please try to get your UFO project pictures to Amy the day before so she can include everyone in the power point presentation.

Special Projects: Pam Surmo/Linda Egeland

We had 58 Pillowcases on hand and 25 Quilts. Pam delivered some today. Swede's got 26 pillowcases and 11 neonatal quilts. Mercy got 32 pillowcases and 10 neonatal quilts. The cancer center is not accepting quilts for right now. Looking for cat quilts for their crates and carriers for Pet Smart and Paws. 9"x17" for the cat carriers and 12"x12" squares for crates.

Quilt Show: Barb Clucas

Garage Sale Boutique at the church April 30-May 1, 2021.

We have time at the church reserved for Thursday set up, and Friday-Saturday for the Garage sale. We will be looking for volunteers starting in January.

Other Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee – Carol Swenson is asking that you be sure and get her names for people who should be getting cards.

Old Business:

Remember to save your Hobbs UPC labels and give them to Anne Biedowicz. When we have 6 labels to turn in we can get half off the batting.

We are sending the church a \$100.00 payment each month until we meet in person again as a good will payment for using their storage space.

Silvia is asking for 2 volunteers to help with the nominating committee. The committee will have a zoom meeting in January to start filling board positions for 2021-2022.

Now is the time to start thinking about the position you would like to fill for next year.

New Business:

2 items from the website: Someone is in Belvidere has a Q snap quilt frame they would like to donate and another person has 17 antique quilts they wish to sell. Cincy will put out a blast with the information and if members would like to, they can pursue it themselves.

Any Other Business:

Community need – Carol Swenson talked about the Lutheran Social Services Foster Care Program. They are asking for small quilts for children that come with nothing when they have been removed from their homes. Quilts are 24"x30" and maybe a pillowcase to put them in and also use for their personal items. If you are willing to make some just let Carol know and she will collect and deliver.

Show & Tell

Showed the power point of the quilts entered for the UFO Challenge and other beautiful Projects our members have completed.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion to adjourn for the afternoon meeting was Denise Ethun and 2nd by Janis Albeck.

Adjourned at 2:12

Motion to adjourn for the evening meeting was Amy Salamone and 2nd by Pam Surmo.

Adjourned at 7:27.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janis Albeck.

SQG JANUARY MEETING
JANUARY 7TH, 2021
6:30 PM

Our evening opened with 3 wonderful presentations!

Lori Dickman – Flange binding and small art quilts made from grandchildren's art.

Bonnie Hodina – Technique for making circles on your sewing machine for applique and using decorative stitches on your machine to finish projects.

Anne Biedowicz – AccuQuilt overview and different cutters/dies available for making projects.

Thank you, ladies, for sharing your time and talents!

Call meeting to order: Bonnie Hodina 8:02 PM

Treasurer: Colleen Magee/Deanne Spataro

Checking Account Balance: \$ 9,186.00

Money Market Balance \$20,178.00

Two large bills this month were for liability insurance and annual PO Box rental.

Publications: Michelle Watson

Deadline for February/March 2021 newsletter is January 20th.

Bonnie would like the small groups to put a little something together to let us know what each group is doing and post that in the newsletter.

Membership: Becky Harvey & Becki Dennis/Mary Leach & Jane Erickson

Membership to date: 121 This evening there were 39 on the zoom call.

We will begin taking attendance at the meetings. Help us by saying who is watching in groups. We would like to do this so we can reach out to those not attending by zoom.

Programs: Amy Salamone/Roberta Suess

UFO Challenge: There were 11 people who completed their projects for the challenge this month. Linda Egeland was the winner.

Upcoming programs:

February: Tina Hager Braun – Learning From Mistakes to Create New Projects.

March: Neo-natal sew in – All day zoom so we can work together.

April: Bretta Nelson – Disappearing Quilt Blocks using 4 patch.

May: Diane Merca – Quilt Challenges, Accepting the Challenge and Winning a Prize.

June: Tina Craig – Foundation Paper Piecing vs. English Paper Piecing.

Special Projects: Pam Surmo/Linda Egeland

December received 5 quilts and 4 pillowcases. Please get your projects turned in as soon as possible. We are still working on the small quilts for Lutheran Social Services Foster Care and for cat quilts 12x12 or 12x20.

Quilt Show 2022: Barb Clucas

Garage Quilt Boutique sale April 30-May 1st, 2021 will be at Bethesda. There was discussion about making it a (Car) trunk show. We need volunteers to help organize, price, sort, and everything else that goes into making a successful show.

Other Committee Reports: Vicki Tallacksen

Please continue making blocks for comfort quilts. They should be 12 ½” unfinished in cool colors.

Old Business: Bonnie Hodina

Remember to save your Hobbs UPC labels and give them to Anne Biedowicz.

We will continue to make a \$100.00 payment to the church for storage and use going forward.

New Business: Bonnie Hodina & Silvia Vaughn:

Silvia Vaughn: It is time to fill positions for our board for the next year. We all need to take an active part in keeping our guild going. If you don't step up, who will? Please think about what position you would like to fill next year and call Silvia Vaughn. Also, Sylvia would like someone to volunteer to help make calls.

Someone brought up Quilts of Valor and wanted to know if there are any groups active currently that you know about. Please give Bonnie/Silvia a call if you have any information.

Show and Tell

Motion to adjourn: 1st motion: Lori Dickman 2nd motion: Starr Pittaway

Adjourned at 9:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Janis Albeck



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MISSION STATEMENT OF SINNISSIPPI QUILTERS: The purpose of The Sinnissippi Quilters, Inc. shall be to educate the community and ourselves on all aspects of quilting, to preserve and appreciate our quilting heritage and traditions, And to use our sewing gifts to benefit other community organizations.

The newsletter looks different because it's in word because I can't find publisher for MAC. If there's a misspelled name I'm sorry. Michelle Watson

To All Guild Members:

The rush of the holidays is over and hopefully you are working on some quilting projects for yourself and enjoying this wintry weather.

In the next few weeks your Vice President, Silvia Vaughn, will be calling you to consider a position on our guild Board. She will also be asking for feedback on the changes we have faced in the last year and for ideas going forward into this new year.

Please give this some thought and remember, if we want to keep Sinnissippi Quilters Guild alive and vibrant, we need to step up! If you want to do something but need help, grab a partner to share it with.

We made it through 2020 because we found solutions to the adversities we faced. We tried new innovations to stay connected. With everyone's help we will do the same in 2021!!

Sinnissippi Quilters Guild Board

NORTH STAR MINI-GROUP

North Star Mini-group has been meeting once a month since the Shut-down ended, but we have struggled to find our mooring. From June to October, we met in a public park that provided a free, clean, covered work area with access to electricity. However, we ended up talking all the time about our lives and how the Pandemic had changed everything. The closest we came to quilting was Show and Tell! Until warmer weather arrives, we will continue to meet at Sunshine Quilts with all the amenities, but a 10 person limit.

Over the months, we have found our own way to meet safely and to support each other through this perilous time. We came to understand that we really can wear masks for a few hours when we meet to protect ourselves. Although we have had two members who contracted Covid, the virus has not spread amongst our group.

Happily, the last few months of our journey has led us back to group quilting. We are now making neo-natal quilts as well as larger quilts for Rock House Kids and smaller ones for kids entering the foster care programs.

We expect that North Star will stay the course we have set and all of us will be enriched by our love of quilting and the pure joy of being with each other. We look forward to seeing everyone in SQG when group gathering become safe enough. Stay Safe.



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