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SCRAPS FROM THE KQ GUILD PRESIDENT

By Laura Richter, President

Welcome to the new year of 2022! Celebrating the new year can be done in a variety of traditional ways. A person can watch the New York Times Square ball drop. I am thinking since New York is on the East coast, we should be able to watch it at 11 pm central time. Then, I might actually stay awake to see it. (Maybe that is possible, it has been a while since I watched it drop.) Another option is to watch fireworks or light sparklers. I prefer to do that when it is warm outside on the 4th of July. But I know I heard fireworks as I was drifting off to sleep on December 31, 2021. And, of course, a person must remember to kiss their loved ones at midnight but I am hoping if I do 'the kiss' just before my normal bedtime, it will still be ok. A very popular option is to sing 'Auld Lang Syne' but I don't have the words memorized. However, I can hum the melody. Many people make a toast at midnight, which often includes a New Year's resolutions. Sometimes those are done without much thought and then you find yourself breaking them before the next day is done.

But, did you know that there are New Year's Day superstitions? I thought I would share a few I found to be interesting.

- Do not wash clothes or dishes on New Year's Day or you'll be washing for the dead in the new year. (This sounds scary).
- Do not take anything out of the house on New Year's Day. Does that mean that the dog can't go outside either?
- Your first visitor of the new year influences your entire year. I wonder if Boxelder bugs count as a visitor? Every now and then one will suddenly appear on my ceiling or high on a wall. Hopefully, that does not mean that I need to call the exterminator.



KEEPSAKE QUILTERS GUILD

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NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH 9:00 am Workshop 6:30 pm Refreshments 7:00 pm Meeting

MEETING LOCATION: Bethlehem Lutheran Church 4000 Hudson Road Cedar Falls

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The next KQ Newsletter deadline is: February 4, 2021. Submissions received after this date will be considered for the next newsletter.

Please email your submission to April Schriever, editor, at april.schriever@VLScrusaders.org

- Some cultures believe one should not wash their hair on New Year's Day because it will wash away that person's good fortune.
- Some people think you should not eat chicken on New Year's Day because these creatures scratch backward in the dirt. Scratching backward is thought to symbolize dwelling on your past and preventing progress in the new year. Since they have wings, your good fortune could literally fly away.

My goodness, I didn't realize there were so many things to avoid!!!

Quilting seems like it would be a good way to bring in a new year but I didn't find anything either for or against it. With all silliness aside, I hope your holidays were celebrated with fun, family, and friends celebrating whatever traditions work for you.

MASK TALK

Among the many traditions we have that we can't seem to lose, unfortunately, is the mask tradition yet needed to help in preventing of COVID transmission. Bethlehem Lutheran Church does not have a mask mandate but masks are strongly encouraged especially if you are unvaccinated. They do prefer that we wear masks when we go into other parts of the church (such as when we use the restroom). It may be wise to wear a mask for those attending the Quilt Show meeting as there will be several people in a small room. Wearing a mask when you are up getting your snacks may also be advised since you pass people as you go to and from your table. Obviously, to enjoy your snacks, you will have to remove your mask. Previously, Pastor Amy said it was up to us if we wanted to take off our masks on a limited basis. For example, I may take off my mask while I am conducting the meeting so you can understand me. However, when we have show and tell, it may be a good idea to have our mask on or we should maintain a little extra social distance while waiting. Please remember to be considerate of others at this time. Thanks!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Join us in wishing the following members a very happy birthday!

Chris Lorenz, Jan 12 Leann Abraham, Jan 28
Norma Hager, Jan 15 Pam Richter, Feb 1
Karan Flanscha, Jan 18 Sheryl Powell, Feb 2
Sheryl Brandhorst, Jan 21 Marilyn Page, Feb 12

2022 QUILT SHOW UPDATE MAINLY QUILTS

The 2022 Keepsake Quilters Quilt Show is November 5th and 6th, 2022, at the Cedar Falls Community Center. Set up will be Friday, November 4, from 3:30 until finished. We will be renting pipe and drape from Special Occasions. However, they no longer provide the set up so this process will take up much of our setup time. All are welcome to help.

We will have a bed turning again this year and the title will be *In Memoriam*. It will contain quilts from members who have passed. We are in need of your help in acquiring quilts made by several members. If you have contact information for family members of the members listed below, please let us know. We have a form that needs to be completed so Chris has the information on the quilt and the individual for her talk:

- Cynthia Foster
- Tanis Dietrich
- Elaine Uthey
- Claudia Cook

- Wanda Weiner
- Diana VanSickle
- Betty Boesen

The challenge quilt for this show will be Mainly One Color meaning 75 percent of the quilt must be one color. You are able to use shades of the color. The size is not really specified; however, please have it larger than a miniature quilt.

Please start planning the quilts you will enter in the show. The Quilt Categories are:

- Bed Quilt 280" or greater (one needle and professionally quilted)
- Small Quilt less than 280" (one needle and professionally quilted)
- Miniature Quilt blocks less than 4"
- Applique (hand or machine; cotton or wool)
- Paper Pieced
- Art Quilt
- Novice Quilt less than 2 years and never entered a quilt show
- Miscellaneous
- Hand Quilted
- Challenge

Our next planning meeting will be January 17 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

TIPS & TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Use empty dental floss containers to store and cut thread when traveling. To repurpose an empty container, simply remove the empty floss spool and replace it with a bobbin loaded with thread. Wind the thread through the opening to the cutter, then shut the lid on the container. This makes it easy to travel with several of these repurposed dental floss containers - each holding a different color of thread.

Sometimes it is difficult to see the hole in your machine needle, especially when using the walking foot. If you hold a white piece of paper or a small white plastic ruler behind the needle, the hole almost lights up and often you can thread the needle on the first try.

Have a tip or trick to share? Email it to April at april.schriever@ VLScrusaders.org

HOSPITALITY & VOLUNTEERS

By Peggee Frost and Dianne Mahood

For our January meeting, Sheryl McGovern and Liz Wehrmacher will be bringing treats. Mary Mumm and Laurel Northey will be helping show off all the wonderful creations made by members and our presenter by being on the ladders.

QUILTS TO SHARE

By JANET O'NEIL

Quilts to Share is an opportunity for Keepsake Quilters to give back to our community through lovingly made items. Quilts to Share Work Days are held each Monday of the month, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Stop in to work with others on Quilts to Share projects—you are welcome for all or part of the day. Sewing machines and all supplies are ready to go so no need to prepare any supplies or drag your machine around. Just come but please plan to bring a sack lunch if you will be staying to work past the lunch hour.

If you are unable to join us on Quilts to Share work days and would like a kit to work on, fabric to launder, or quilts to quilt on your own, just give me a call.

*On January 18th they will be meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran as Quilts to Share serves as our workshop for January.

Location: Janet O'Neil's Home

4803 Cedar Heights Drive, Cedar Falls

Phone number: 319-266-476

MEMBERSHIP

By Mary Mumm

At our last meeting, we had two new members join our guild bringing our membership to 62. Be sure to welcome Jill Hennings and Connie Ketterer at our next meeting! Have a friend who may be interested in Keepsake Quilters? Invite them as your guest for our next program or meeting!

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

By Terri Mowery and Sue Bauer

JANUARY 17, 2022

Workshop: Quilts to Share has made blocks for us to join together to make quilts. We will order lunch from Jimmy John's or bring your own lunch.

Program: Join us for a fun night where we'll play Fat Quarter Bingo. Each fat quarter you bring entitles you to one bingo card; so if you'd like two cards, bring two fat quarters, etc. The fat quarters will then be the prizes for each bingo game winner. Please bring buttons as you'll use them to cover the bingo squares. If you forget to bring fat quarters/buttons, we'll have some for you!

FEBRUARY 21, 2022 - Presenter: Denise Sinnwell from New Hampton and owner of the Quilter's Window.

Workshop: We'll be working on making a jelly roll rug. Cost is \$20 and includes a pattern. Supplies needed: one jelly roll (40-42 inch WOF fabric strips cut 2 1/2 inches wide AND 1 1/4 yards of thin batting cut 2.6 inches wide, 90-96 inches long OR a 50 yard pkg of 2.5 inch precut batting on a roll; a jeans needle; walking foot; good thread (basic zig zag will be used); and an acrylic table for your machine if you have one (otherwise we'll put magazines around to support the project). Materials will be available from the presenter for 20% off.

Program: A trunk show featuring Denise's creations

<u>March 21, 2022</u> - Presenter: Toni Steere, a National Educator for Timeless Treasures

Workshop: The workshop will be Toni's Tips, Tricks and Techniques a lovely hexagon shaped table topper finishing at 38". The cost will be \$30 which includes the pattern. Fabric must be cut before the workshop begins or pre-cut kits will be available for \$50 (order a kit by February's meeting at the latest). There will be samples at the January meeting.

Program: Our March program will be From Concept to Quilts. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look on how a fabric collection is created. Toni shares the process from artwork to the finished fabric collection and quilt project. Toni will also be showing projects from the newest Timeless Treasures Collections.



you like to register for workshop or have a question about a workshop or program? Please contact one of our Program Co-Chairs:

Terri Mowery: 319-610-5999 or tmowery1957@gmail .com

Sue Bauer: 319-830-7341 or bauernet@cfu.net

All workshops are held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise. You may begin setting up at 8:30 am on the morning of class. Programs are held in conjunction with the evening meeting of the KQ Guild at 7:00 p.m.

KEEPSAKE QUILTERS GUILD BOARD MEETING JANUARY 2022

The January meeting of the Keepsake Quilter's was called to order by President Laura Richter at 5:08 on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Present: Laura Richter, Terri Mowery, Liz Wehrmacher, Debbie Reuter, Sue Bauer, Mary Mumm, Sheryl McGovern, Peggee Frost, Donna Winter and April Schriever.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented and filed for audit.

Old Business: We discussed the terms of renting the pipes and drapes for the quilt show. We will be responsible for setting up and taking down the pipes and drapes as part of our contract.

New Business: We updated the administrator for our Facebook page to be current board members. It is time to start thinking about new members for the board. Please consider volunteering for a board position. It is recommended that masks to be worn at our meeting especially if you leave the meeting room.

Programs: Our January workshop will be a sit and sew for Quilts to Share by Janet O'Neil and we currently have 16 members signed up. Our evening program will be Fat Quarter Bingo. Please bring buttons to cover your spaces and fat quarters to "Buy-in" for the games. February's workshop is Jelly Roll Rug by Denise Sinnwell and the evening's program will be a trunk show by Denise Sinnewell. We currently have 3 members signed up. The March workshop will be "Tapestry" By Toni Steere and our evening's program will be "From Concept to Quilt" by Toni Steere.

Membership: We have 2 new members bringing our membership to 62.

Newsletter: The deadline for the January newsletter is Friday, January 7, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment: The next board meeting will be Monday, January 31, 2022 at 5:00 pm at Crazy to Quilt, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted: Deb Reuter, Secretary

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Pumpkin Dump

This yummy treat was made by Aleta Anderson at our November meeting and many of you asked her to share the recipe.

2 1-lb. cans pumpkin

11/4 cups sugar

3 eggs

1 (12-13 oz.) can evaporated milk

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. nutmeg

½ tsp. ginger

1 large box yellow cake mix

1½ sticks butter

Mix everything except cake mix and butter. Pour into ungreased 9"x13" pan. Sprinkle cake mix over the top. Melt 1'/2 sticks of butter or margarine and drizzle over top. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Take out of oven and sprinkle either chopped pecans or walnuts over top. Return to oven and bake for 30 minutes more. Cool, cut in squares, and serve with whipped cream.