

Members,

Welcome to 2021!

Even though we have a full schedule ready to go for the year, we will have to step back a bit because of COVID before we launch into 2021 workshops and meetings. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is willing to let us use their facility as long as we follow certain protocols. A board meeting was held on January 5th via zoom and decided it was not a good idea to meet just yet for workshops and evening meetings.

1. We canceled January 2021 meeting but the 'virtual' workshop is still in place. Please note that Janet O'Neil still has plenty of sacks of prepared pillowcase kits. Please come to her porch and sign out a bag and sign it back in when you return it. This is a no contact process. She also is stilling holding QTS on Monday's as she has in the past. Please contact Janet if you have detailed questions.
2. We also canceled February and March 2021 meetings and workshops. We are pushing them to corresponding dates in 2022. We hope we can start workshops and evening meeting in April of 2021 as listed in our schedule.
3. We also discussed the quilt show scheduled for November of 2021 and decided it is best to postpone it for another year. There is just not enough time to prepare for a November show by starting in April. Sandy Waters will try to get that rescheduled for us.
4. We also would like you as members to provide us, the board, with some feedback. What criteria do you feel as members is necessary to occur before you will feel comfortable attending a workshop or a meeting? Please feel free to include any other comments. This feedback will give the board a sense what circumstances will let us schedule a time to start future meetings. We are hopeful for April 2021 but we are flexible. Either reply back to this message or send a separate message to myself or any board member.

Additionally, we as a board are asking you to consider volunteering for positions that are open. Truthfully, we are should operate only when we have a full board and we function best when we have all our board and volunteer positions filled. It is the reason we have backup positions such as newsletter elect to take newsletter position when needed. However, at this present time there are people doubling up to do these positions or continuing on in a position because it has not been filled. Please consider fulfilling one of these following positions.

Newsletter and Newsletter elect: Cynthia is still not able fulfill her duties as Newsletter at this present time. Since Newsletter Elect is also unfilled at this time, we have a board member doubling up to cover these duties.

Membership Elect: Mary Mumm began fulfilling her Membership position early as Teresa Sederburg moved away. We do need a membership elect to learn the position and to fill in if Mary had to be gone for some reason.

Program and Program chair elect: Sue Bauer and Terri Mowery are both still working the position as Program co-chairs. I believe this may be their 3rd year. We have almost a full slate scheduled for this year all the way through March 2022. It is a good time to hold this position since we are so well prepared for the upcoming year. We encourage member led teaching and/or programs, repeat teachers

such as Jodie Madison, QTS workshops are always needed and maybe a game night as well as having nearby quilt shop teachers and programs. The possibilities are endless.

Cynthia update: Currently Cynthia is at the Deery Suites at the Western Home. The staff there is working with her with the goal of getting her able to care for herself at home. The family asks for prayers for her and to send good thoughts that she can continue improving. They ask us to pray for grace, wisdom and strength for all, as there are lots of layers to all things in the process of returning her health. She does not have her cell phone with her but her husband Joe visits her daily. We may be able to reach to her in the future, her daughter is putting me on an update list so I will pass on any information to you as I receive it. I am also suggesting that we send cards to her which will let her know we are pulling for her recovery. Her home address is listed in the membership book.

Rita Campbell: I know Rita was not a present member of our group but many of you may know her from her past membership of our guild and of course from her longarm quilting. I have received a number for Tom Campbell who is interested in selling her Bernina sewing machine and her longarm quilting machine. His number is 232-5760. Please give him a call if you are interested or pass this one to others who may be interested. Normally we would put these things in our newsletter and will continue to do so once we resume our monthly newsletters.

In closing, I hope you were able to get through all this information. I tried to make it short but with enough detail to make sense. I will also be sending out another email with some information about the Historical Society quilt exhibit for 2021.

Thanks for your patience in getting started in 2021. I wish you all good health. Additionally, feel free to contact the board or myself with questions.

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