

**North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
June 2020 Newsletter**

President's Message

What a year this is becoming! I hope that you all are well and keeping busy and safe.

I want to let you all know - and some of you may already know - that the current Board will stay in place for the next Guild year. Due to the quarantine, we will not be able to properly present and then vote on the incoming board and chairmen. All current positions have agreed to stay in their positions for another year, and that would be the best solution.

Also, with the cancellation of the 2020 Quilt Show, there are plans in the works that we might have "mini" quilt shows at future meetings and ribbons awarded. I know that everyone, especially Clarice, Janie, and everyone on the Quilt Show Committee worked so hard and this would have been a wonderful show. Thank you, ladies, for working so hard.

With everyone working so hard on their entries for the show, we would love to see all the beautiful work. More on this will be announced as it gets organized. And we have been told that LaRoche, and I assume Kearns Center, will be opening in August, so there won't be a meeting in June, and sadly, no dinner. I am hoping that maybe we'll be able to have a get-together (picnic?) over the summer, and we will let you know if that can be arranged.

I also want to say how proud I am of this Guild. You all, in some way, have pulled together during this pandemic in making masks for various hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities. I don't even know the count of how many masks have been made and donated! Some of you made masks or donated materials to those doing the sewing. You all are AWESOME!!!

I miss you all and pray that this all ends soon and we can get together again. God bless you all.

Mollie Healy ~~ President

Quilt Show Aftermath ~~~ Challenge Quilts

I would like to return the “**Challenge Quilts**” that I retained for the show, to their original owners. (Most did keep their quilt - but some elected to have me store them for the show.)

Following is a list of the quilts that I have:

Janie Walker	Linda Williams	Donna Martin
Tracey Zigo	Carol Beck	Jan Merritt
Mollie Healy	Sara Provost	Sylvia Lynn
Peggy Splane	Linda Powlus	

If you would like to arrange for “**Porch Pickup**” at my house, let me know when it is a good time for you to drive by. Or, if you have another means, let me know. Hopefully, the Award Ribbons for the Challenge Quilts will be presented to the winners at the next Guild meeting.

Thank you for entering, and sorry, of course, that we could not show them off.

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Personal note ~~ thanks to all my “quilt sisters” who sent a card, prayers, and good wishes. I’m on the road to recovery but have miles to go.

Disaster Relief Quilts

If you have made, or in the process of making, one of these quilts, please bring them to the next Gathering of the Guild. **Cheryl Goldberg** is collecting them and will present them to the Ohio Township Fire Department. Cheryl still has a few kits left if you have run out of projects. Thank you for your help in this Community Service.

~~~Clarice

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## Sunshine

There have a been a few get well cards sent, glad to say there’s only been a few needed.

**Rita Spontak and Anne Shearon** ~~~ Sunshine

**“On March 19 PA residents were told to quarantine themselves due to Covid-19. It is now late May and we wondered what the members of the guild have been doing while home; we know you have been at your sewing machines. For our next newsletter let’s celebrate your work. What have you been doing during lockdown.”**

Place a number besides the items below and if you think of more to add, do so. We will collect the numbers and report in the upcoming newsletter.

**I made:**

Susan Kremmel - 3 quilts, quilt blocks/rows 4, Santa Sacks 12, face Masks 75, pocket prayer quilts 28

June Maier - 25 quilt blocks/rows, 50 Face Masks

I am sure others did much more sewing than I did. But this time has allowed me to get out a promised quilt that I started two years ago. 81 hexagons. All sorts of bright fabrics chosen by the eventual recipient. Will do them on a background of deep purple. Should be fun! Have my first set of 27 hexagons underway.

Always relaxing to sew!!

Kelly Gascoine - 4 Santa Sacks, 1 fidget lap quilt, 3 face masks, 1 table runner, 2 ice cream pint cases (keeps your ice cream from melting while you eat it.)

Jane Walker - 2 quilts, 5 face masks, 5 embroidery or needlepoint projects

Pat Barry - 3 quilts, Quilt blocks/rows UFO’s organizing, 40-50 face masks, 3 crocheting projects

Missy Sanfilippo - 1 quilt, 20 quilt blocks, 200 masks

Mim Gerstenberger - 2 quilts, 12 face masks, 3 embroidery or needlepoint projects, Stuffed animals - 10 giraffes, 6 turtles

Johanna Blarrik - we have given away over 1000 masks. I hope this finds everyone well.

Sylvia Lynn - 1 quilt finished for my daughter, 1 quilt top for QPV, 20 quilt blocks, 307 face masks, 12 beads of caring bags, 3 rowbyrow sections.

Jane Moore - Uncounted face masks, grocery shopping bags, 2 knitted items for my new grand baby, American Girl doll outfit

Marilyn Foringer - 2 quilts, 3 quilt blocks/rows, 85 face masks

Donna Martin - 1 Quilt of Valor, 2 disaster quilts, finished quilting a quilt that I was going to put in the show, 4 Santa bags, 30 masks,

and completed making favors for next year's dinner at the Wildwood Golf Club. I'm enjoying making the rowbyrow and plan to make 2 Penn State pillowcases. Sure hope that we can meet in September and have a big "show and tell"

Alice Gibson - "I feel very fortunate to have a hobby that lends itself so well to a pandemic, but I'm looking forward to getting together in person whenever that's possible again. I've done 3 quilts, 4 rows, 3 Santa Sacks, 180 face masks, 3 small hand quilting projects, 1 knit project, Days for Girls - 6 "piles"

Harvene Lynch - 54 masks. 4 Santa Saks, 4 quilt tops, bound 1 quilt, 8 9-patch blocks, working on 2 UFO's. And the Guild's rowbyrow.

Tracey Zigo - 3 quilt tops, 6 blocks/rows, 80 face masks, 3 embroidery or needlepoint projects, 2 knitting or crocheting projects.

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**While we're on the subject: Santa Sacks**

For anyone with a burning desire to sew Santa Bags for Children's Hospital, I am making up kits and will have them ready by Monday.

As it turns out, I do have 56 kits ready.

If you would like some, let me know and we will talk!

**Sylvia Lynn 412-486-0151**

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You have heard about the Guild's Rowbyrow quilt. Please check the website for photos. No pressure, plenty of time to start up and join the fun. And many thanks to Stacy Koehler for going above and beyond the call in her work to design it and present the instructions so well.

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Interim newsletter compiled by Jan Merritt, with a little help from my friends. Anyone who is inspired to tally up the numbers above - go for it!