



Redbud Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Note

Hello Quilting Friends,

Well the last few months of our quilt guild year has been memorable, to say the least. We were not able to meet or to accomplish our normal quilting activities. However, it was great to see how we could rally around new activities to meet some of the needs of our community. It was very heart warming to see what we could accomplish.

As far as what the new quilt guild year will hold for us, we will have to take things slowly to see what we will be able to do. I have been in contact with the Huntingdon Career and Technology School and we will NOT be able to meet there this year. However, I called the Community Center in Huntingdon (where we hold our Quilt Show) and we will be able to meet there. If we use their cafeteria room, known as the Rotary Room, we can spread out and meet safely using our same sanitizing protocol.

We will have to change our meeting night to the second MONDAY night of the month since they have an activity there every Tuesday night.

We will be asking at our September meeting whether members will want to have our normal retreat at Tranquil Lodge in November. No matter what happens with our other group activities, we will be scheduling Sit N Sew dates each month at the firehouse in McAlevys Fort. We have been able to safely get together there and spread out at a safe distance. Judging by the amount of chit-chat last month, everyone was happy to be together with their quilting friends again!

There are a couple of small projects going on as our new year begins. We kicked off our service project to provide holiday placemats to the Meals on Wheels program in Huntingdon County and are hoping to make about 100 by December. Also, we are slowly making up some more kits for

items to be sold at the Arts Council's Holiday Shoppe. The money from the sales of these items funds our Quilt Show. At the September 14 guild meeting, the program will be on making a simple tote bag. We would like to present new members to our guild with a tote bag full of information about the guild and our activities.

I hope everyone has been staying healthy and hope to see you at our first meeting of the new year on September 14th at 7 pm downstairs in the Community Center.

Janet

Redbud Recap

- Books and Blankets Redbud made quilts to go with 44 crates of books for Head Start Children
- Face Masks Members made over 400 face masks for Westminster Woods employees. Not to mention the ones individual members have and are still making for family and friends
- Isolation Gowns Sixteen members made almost 80 isolation gowns for Arista Care.
- Dues Increase Annual dues increase to \$15 was voted on and approved at the June 9th meeting. They are due now.

- Quilt-a-long Sampler All block and finishing instructions have been distributed. Notify Janet if you participated and need any of the installments.
- Rick Rack Challenge Winners chosen at picnic. Shirley Wallace, first. Janet Dunlap, second. Yvonne Wilson, third.
- July Picnic Mega prize winners. Rivan Long, Janet Dunlap and a guest, friend of Trish Sites.
- Applique Project Yvonne made up kits for those that participated to do blocks for Shirley Wallace
- Holiday Placemats New service project making placemats for Meals on Wheels is in the works. See the separate article for more information.
- 2021 Challenge In honor of Lee Park, next year's challenge will use a "chicken theme". Details to be announced at a later date.
- No workshops At this time no workshops are currently scheduled due to the pandemic restrictions.

Quilters Spotlight

Mary Jean Walker

Mary Jean was born and raised in Chester County. She moved to the Huntingdon area in 1975 and has a married son. She was introduced to embroidery by both of her grandmothers. Mary Jean sewed clothing in high school and college becoming a Home Economics teacher, now retired. Her first exposure to quilting was the classes held at the Vo-tech taught by Deanna Moore. She also remembers classes with Elaine Salvino. Her first quilting project was a wall hanging from one of those classes. She didn't tackle her first big quilt until 2010 for her brother-in-law during his fight with leukemia. The quilt shop owner in Florida that helped her pick a pattern and the fabric was quite surprised when Mary Jean returned to the shop with the finished top and all her seams matched. When asked about a favorite technique, she answered, "None really, just whatever I get finished." So of course her quilting goals are to finish her UFOs, which include some machine embroidery, some hand embroidered patches and the recent Redbud Quilt A Long project.

Ann Gilliland

Ann was born and raised in Nanty Glo. She moved to Mount Union to take a teaching position at Mount Union High School in 1965. She subsequently met her husband there. They have a son and a daughter and two grandchildren. Ann was exposed to quilting as a young girl at her grandmother's quilting bees. She remembers her first quilting project as a table runner but can't recall the pattern or colors she used. She really enjoys piecing, especially paper piecing. Ann's quilting goal is to keep learning and trying new techniques.

Linda Woodcock

Linda is a Mount Union native. She retired from Appleby's Drug Store where she worked as a pharmacy technician. The Covid-19 pandemic has prevented Linda and her husband from visiting their two daughters that live in Denver. She's hoping they can make the trip for the holidays. Linda always wanted to make quilts and taught herself from magazines and quilting books doing the entire process from piecing to quilting by hand. She bought her first sewing machine only about 10 years ago. Although she puts her blocks together by machine now, hand quilting remains her favorite part of quilting. Linda says she usually finishes each project she starts but she has a few in mind for the future.

Sally Shaw

Sally was born in Roaring Springs, but grew up on a farm in Warrior's Mark. She moved to Huntingdon after marriage and has made her life here. Sally's mother taught her to sew as a child. They made lots of "blankets" that were blocks sewn together and then tied. Her first quilt was made with panels with deer on them. It was entered without her knowledge in 1995 quilt show by Lee Park and her then husband. The result, Sally won her first ribbon and decided to join the guild. She has tried lot of different quilting techniques over the years. Her favorite thing to do is to repurpose fabrics and projects abandoned by other sewers. She finds her treasure at yard sales, auctions and the annual Salvation Army fabric sale. Sally keeps an album of projects she has finished and that are available to for sale or to gift to family members. Her goals include completing quilts she has promised to others and downsizing her stuff.

Legacy Quilts

This is what I hope will be the first installment of Legacy Quilts. Do you have a quilt that is special to you because it has been made by a family member or a friend? Do you have a quilt that has a story or you acquired in a unique way? How about sharing the story for the next newsletter. Please let me know. Gaynell
I'm starting with my account of:

Minnie's Quilt

My great grandma Minnie Florence Titt was a mail order bride from Devisis, England. She worked in the manor house there, starting as a child cleaning the fireplaces, then to working in the kitchen. Minnie began corresponding with my great grand pap, Bill after a friend of hers became engaged to his brother. The postage for letters were too expensive so they sent postcards. Bill gave his brother money to go to England, marry and bring his own wife back. But, then there wasn't enough funds for him to go to England for Minnie, but he scraped together a sufficient amount to pay for her passage on a ship to the United States. He sent his sister to New York to accompany his bride to Pennsylvania. When Minnie arrived at Ellis Island in 1910 she was the only one in her immediate family to come to the states. She was a 25 year old spinster and it was Wednesday.

On Sunday, Minnie became Mrs. Lundquest. The babies came quickly, twelve in all. Great grandma was known to say, "Every time Bill hung his pants on the bedpost she got pregnant." Great grandpa worked at the Riddlesburg iron furnace. In addition to raising her family, she served as the town midwife and let the community use the front room for funeral viewings. Life was tough and so was she.

After the children had grown, Minnie began quilting for extra income. By that time she was a widow. I have a memory of a quilt frame that took up the entire dining room. There was barely enough room to walk around it. Squeezed in that room was a chair, a daybed, a wood stove for heat and a stand with her little television. On top the television the ever present picture of Queen Elizabeth. She was set up and ready to quilt all winter.



Boor Minnies Quilt

Skip to March 2018. My mom had passed and I'm getting her house cleared out to have an auction. Lo and behold in the cedar chest there is one of great grandma's quilts. The pencil marks she used to mark the quilting were still there. The quilt had never been washed. My sister handed it to me. Here this is yours. I took it home, of course. After the dust settled with mom's

estate, I got to thinking about the quilt. Had Minnie made it for someone special? Usually her quilts were scrappy, this one wasn't. She also had made lots of thick "hops" with itchy wool flannel pieces. Luckily I knew who to ask.

My gram remembered this quilt. She is who pulled it out of her attic and gave it to my mom. According to her this quilt was one of the last quilts Minnie made. She guessed about 1963. Gram remembered that the pink and blue fabric for this quilt was gifted to Great Grandma by relatives in Hershey from a factory there. The relatives were sisters, Iris and Louise, whose maiden name was Lundquest. It was the nicest one I had seen of Minnie's work. I got to thinking about the quilt, again.



Minnies Quilt Template

I didn't want this quilt to end up at Goodwill or in an auction. I wanted the quilt to stay in Minnie's family. My sister and I have no children to bequeath it to. My sister's step son doesn't like old things. Then I thought about my cousin in the Seattle area. Her family came to visit and have stayed in touch. I emailed my cousin Cindy to see if she would like one of our

mutual great grandma's quilts. She was thrilled that I thought to contact her and absolutely would give the quilt a home. She also has daughters and granddaughters who love old things and family heirlooms. Her dad and mom were the genealogists in the family. They found a copy of the ship manifest with her name and have some of the postcards Bill and Minnie sent to each other. In December 2018, I packed up Minnie's quilt and the cardboard pattern she used to make those quilting marks and sent them to the west coast. I guess now Minnie's quilt has become part of her legacy.

RickRack Challenge



RickRack Challenge Winners

Holiday Placemat Project

This is a good way to use any Christmas fabric scraps may you have. Also, the Guild has numerous holiday fabrics and batting available to use. Some simple pattern ideas are available also. The placemat should measure 14 x 18 inches BEFORE the edge is finished. You can use binding or the inside out method. Quilt as you go, stitch and flip or some simple stitch in the ditch sewing. The choice is yours. Let's spread a little holiday cheer, Redbud Quilter Guild style.

Editor's note: I brought this idea to the board after volunteering at Meals on Wheels. Most of you probably know about this program, but I'll give a short description. This program is run entirely by volunteers. Meals are prepared and delivered 5 days a week. Each person requesting a meal is receives a hot lunch and a brown bag supper. The fee is \$2 per day and the only requirement is that they lack the ability to prepare a meal. That may be due to health or lack of a stove. The folks who lost their home in the recent Blair House fire received meals while they were staying in temporary housing. We will need about 100 placemats. The need for meals fluctuates from week to week. I plan on distributing the placemats the beginning of December. Thank you all.

Acronyms

Do You Know These Quilt Acronyms?

- BOM** Block of the Month
- DSM** Domestic Sewing Machine
- FART** Fabric Acquisition Road Trip
- FOB** Fear of Binding
- FQ** Fat Quarter
- HST** Half Square Triangle
- OBW** One Block Wonder
- PhD** Projects Half Done
- PIGS** Projects in Grocery Sacks
- PP** Paper Piecing
- QAYG** Quilt as you Go
- SABLE** Stash Accumulated Beyond Life Expectancy
- SEX** Stash Enhancing Experience
- SID** Stitch in the Ditch
- SnW** Stack and Whack
- STASH** Special Treasures All Secretly Hidden
- TGIF** Thank God It's Finished
- WHIMM** Works Hidden in my Mind
- WIP** Work in Progress
- WISP** Work in Slow Progress
- WWIT** What Was I Thinking
- WOMBAT** Waste of Money, Batting, and Time

Calendar

August 22 Guild Yard Sale for quilting and crafting supplies, at Andie's. 8am-2pm. If you have sewing items you want to sell. Get them priced and bring them to the sale. Each person selling will collect their own money and 30% of the income will benefit the Guild.

September 3 Board Meeting

September 14 Guild Meeting.

Note: Guild Meetings will be held at the Huntingdon Community Center

September 12 Sit and Sew, Stone Creek Vol.
Fire Co, McAlevey's Fort, 9am

October 12 Guild Meeting

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October 17 Sit and Sew, Stone Creek Vol.
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November 9 Guild Meeting.

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December 5 Holiday Meal,
1-3pm Sit and Sew, Stone Creek
Vol. Fire Co

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Classified Ads

Embroidery Machine for Sale

Janome 15000 Embroidery Machine for sale with only 125 hours of sewing. Available at Zimmerman's in New Enterprise for \$4,499. Jane Decker says this is a really good price. It is the latest model with all the bells and whistles. Contact the shop at 814-766-9942 if interested.

Redbud Guild Yard Sale

August 22 at 507 College Ave, Huntingdon, 8am-2pm. There will be piles of fabric, cut squares, fat quarters, kits and partially finished projects. Pat Snyder sent her entire stash to be sold in addition to the items other members are bringing. There should be a lot to choose from. Shop early. Come to buy.

Summer Corn Salad

12 ears corn, husked
3/4 pound green beans, cut into 1/4 inch pieces
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/4 cup olive oil
1 red pepper, diced
1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt

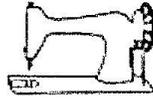
In 2 inches boiling water, heat corn to boiling. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 5 minutes. Drain, Cut off kernels

In 1 inch boiling water, heat green beans to boiling, Reduce heat to low and simmer, uncovered, about 5 minutes until tender-crisp. Drain.

Mix vinegar, oil, parsley, red pepper, onion, salt and pepper.

Add corn and green beans to dressing, tossing well.

Cover and refrigerate. Serves 12.
Chris



Best Place to Hide Fabric

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LINEN CLOSET
 CLOTHES DRYER
 BLACK PLASTIC BAGS
 FOOD PANTRY
 TRUNK OF CAR

DRESSER DRAWERS
 LAUNDRY HAMPER
 PICNIC BASKET
 ATTIC
 CEDAR CHEST
 HANGERS

UNDER BED
 IN THE BASEMENT
 COAT TREE
 GIVE IT TO A FRIEND
 SEWING ROOM SHELF

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