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July 2020 Newsletter- The Covid Edition

An open letter from President Kathleen Woods

I hope that you are all well and are getting lots of quilting done! The Board has decided to forgo our usual newsletter in a cost cutting effort and let me fill you in on all the things going on behind the scenes. The Board has not been able to meet but we have had lots of emails going back and forth. As you are aware, our July membership meeting has been canceled. We must be in Phase 3 by August 8 to have our Quilting Bee and by August 12 to have our Board meeting. We must be in Phase 4 by September 24 in order to have our Membership meeting and our Workshops. Keep your fingers crossed that we can do that!

We have decided NOT to have elections this year. The Executive Board Members will remain in place with the following exceptions: Darlene Mossman will become our Speakers Chair and we are looking for a new Treasurer. These two positions will be appointed by the Board, as we do when someone must step down in the middle of the year. We will hold our elections next year as usual and will need a complete slate. Please be thinking about helping us out with that. We would like to have those volunteering for an office, work with us during the year to make the transitions easier. The sooner we can get started, the better.

Speakers and Workshops: Linda Hahn is our Speaker in September and she will present two workshops. If we must cancel, you will be notified, and your workshop fees will be refunded.

Quilt Show: We regret to announce that our 2020 Quilt Show has been canceled. The Board looked at this issue from many sides and has voted to cancel. The current plan is to bring this year's theme, Harvesting Quilts, and this year's Featured Quilter, Shelly Sieverkropp, forward to 2021. We have a favor to ask of you. We are working on getting the bugs worked out of our online quilt registration through the new website. Please register a quilt so that you can see how the system works and we can see if there are any problems that need to be solved. Anita did get the First 100 pins and her intention is to give them out to the first 100 people who register their quilts. It is not too late! She also had already purchased the quilt show pins for 2020. They will be sold as a collector's item for the Quilt Show that Never Happened. Get yours while the supply lasts!

Secretary: Nan is doing her best to keep up with all of this!

Treasurer: Nancy is writing a lot of checks to refund fees for all the things that have been canceled.

Please cash your refund check as soon as you can. Thanks!

Block Exchange: When we have a meeting, Shawna will have a block for you to do.

Bus Trips: Everything has been canceled for this year, but we have hopes for next!

Charity Central: We are going ahead with our 20 in 2020 Charity Quilt Challenge. You can drop your quilts off with JoAnn and pick up kits to make more. We are keeping track of how many you drop off. This Challenge will end with the January 2021 meeting and the next Challenge will begin! We are always in need of quilts, so get them turned in sooner than January if you can. The recipients will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Fair Booth: We had already decided not to participate in this years Spokane Interstate Fair before it was canceled. We will try it again next year.

Fair Ribbons: We purchased ribbons to give out at this years Fairs but now most of them are canceled. We did get ribbons that we will be able to change the date and use them next year. We will be so far ahead with everything going on next year!

Finance: Cheryl ran projections for us to help decide on canceling the Quilt Show and to see where we are this year. With all our income producing activities at a standstill and our expense producing activities not happening, we appear to be breaking even. One question that comes up at budget time is, why do we have such large reserves of cash? Unexpected events such as the Corona Virus and its unforeseen problems are weathered easily because we have cash in reserve.

Fundraising: We have purchased some things and someday we might even get to sell them to you! Watch this space for the new things coming, like the 2020 Quilt Show Pins for the Show that Never Happened!

Historian: The volume for 2020 is going to be mighty thin. This just gives us hope that 2021 will be a spectacular year.

Hospitality: It's hard to be a hostess when there are no meetings to host.

Librarian: Take good care of the books you checked out and be sure you know where they are! Turn them in the next time we have a meeting, whenever that may be.

Membership: Thank you for becoming a member in 2020. We will start taking 2021 membership sign ups in September. You can pay your dues online on our new web site or at the meeting (positive thinking here). Dues for 2021 will be the same, \$25 for the year.

Newsletter: We are looking for a Newsletter editor. We have not yet decided on the format for our September newsletter. If there is no meeting you may get another letter from the President. If there is a meeting, we would like to do a newsletter. Can you help us out with that?

Nominations: As mentioned earlier, we will not be holding elections this year. We are looking for a Treasurer for 2021. We will need all five positions filled for 2022. Patty will be needing lots of help for this, the nominations chair job is one of the toughest jobs because everyone says that they “couldn’t possibly” fill any of these positions. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Patty Yedinak or any member of the Board.

Quilting Bee: Our next Bee is scheduled for August 8 at Country Homes Church. We hope to see you there!

Raffle Quilt 2020/2021: We have not sold any tickets for our beautiful Farmer’s Wife Quilt that everyone worked so hard on. As a result, we will not be raffling it off this year. It will now be our 2021 Raffle Quilt and we will start selling tickets as soon as we can. It will be awarded to some lucky winner at the Quilt Show in 2021.

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Raffle Quilt 2022: We have had a quilt top, backing, and binding donated to us by the estate of Ginger Patano. Ginger was a long-time member who passed away recently. Venita Aldrich is disposing of Ginger’s quilting stuff and offered us one of her quilt tops as our next raffle quilt. Venita is having a sale on the rest of Ginger’s quilting things (about 30 boxes of stuff) on August 20,21,22, 2020 from 9 until 1. The address is 10919 N Acoma Drive, Spokane. There should be some nice things. We need a Chairman for the 2022 raffle quilt. Duties would include getting it quilted and raffle tickets printed. Tickets for this quilt would not go on sale until 2022. It is about the easiest raffle quilt we will ever have. Who can help us with this?

Small Groups: Having the Small Groups registered with us has been a tremendous help in getting the word out in a timely manner about all the changes going on. Contact us through the website to get your Small Group registered. Only one member of the small group needs to be a WSQ member.

Volunteer Coordinator: We are always in need of volunteers so please fill out the profile form and we will find a spot for you. Thank you for helping us out!

Webmaster: Our new website is beautiful! We are working out the last of the bugs with the quilt show registration and then we will be able to expand it a bit. We have some ideas of what we would like



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to do with it. We would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions on what we can use it for. It will be our main method of contact between meetings. When you pay your membership, be sure that we have a current and correct email address so we can keep you up to date as needed.

Yard Sale: The Yard Sale has been canceled twice! We had it scheduled in March and we all know what happened then. It was rescheduled to October and has been canceled again. We have been in contact with SFCC about a 2021 date and will hopefully be able to confirm one as soon as they reopen. The Committee plans to meet in November to prepare for the 2021 Yard Sale. The 2020 vendors will be contacted directly before that meeting to confirm that they wish to participate in 2021. Watch the website and newsletters for Yard Sale details. Here's hoping for better things next year! Just think how easy your prep will be, you are all ready to go!

Stay well and we will see you in September!

Kathleen Woods , WSQ President

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