



Tree City Quilters Guild

Branching Out

Tree City Quilters Guild is for anyone interested in quilting. We foster friendship, learning, and fun.

2020-2021 Officers

President:

Helen Gyllstom

Vice President:

Amanda Hewes

Treasurer:

Linda McSwain

Secretary:

Trish Everitt



July Meeting will be Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm



Join us for our first Zoom meeting.

A "Show and Tell" slide show created by Helen Gyllstom will be presented.

Suggestions and input on "going forward" are welcomed.

President's Message

We are off to a new quilting year, and there is much to tell. First, I must say thank you to Linda, Charlene, Peggy and Cathy for their hours of effort in the past year leading us to success. I will leave the details to Linda's report, but in short, all of their work and our support netted us a profit for the year and stability in our finances. And, we all learned to meet at a new place and have some new fun.

They were 'shorted' some time to complete all that they had hoped to do, but there's an unfinished retreat on our future agenda, and other items that we will continue once we get to meet.

Gwen Lombard, Mary Short, and Ann Mullis served on our nominating committee and we thank them for their efforts also! Gwen installed your new officers on June 6th at Linda's house.

First and foremost, on all of our minds is when and how we can meet. Our latest COVID statistics are certainly frustrating, and causing us to step back again. As a substitute we are going to have some meetings on ZOOM. Hopefully it will work for all of us -- I am not an 'easy adapter' to electronic methods, and appreciate any hesitation anyone may have! But, I have missed seeing all of you, and I know we have missed sharing our passion with our friends. You should have received at least one email from me by now with information about Zoom meetings -- I look forward to "seeing you" soon,
Helen

Summary of the past year by Linda McSwain

The Installation of Officers was very different this year. It was held on June 16 in my front yard. It was a pretty evening and we were able to spread out and practice our social distancing skills.

Because we are still unable to meet, I want to provide you with a review of this past year's finances:

How we saved on expenses:

- We were able to have our meetings in the beautiful Oak Room at Oak Hammock at no charge.
- All door prizes were donated by Jackie Reichardt.
- Hospitality and Christmas Party items were donated by Arthur Alvarez, Linda Dontje and others.



How we made money:

- Raffles and fundraisers at our monthly meetings - \$276.
- We made \$678 on our fall retreat.
- We made \$108 on our workshops.
- Our Christmas Pot Luck/Silent Auction - \$840.
- A very special guild member sponsored our fall retreat - \$150.

Thanks to all of you who played a part in making it a successful year.

A big thank you goes out to Kay Hurst. She donated beautiful fabric and kits to be sold as a fundraiser and we are waiting for the right time and place. Melonie Jensen has also donated several beautiful quilt tops which have been quilted and are waiting to be raffled off.

Ft White Community Thrift Store has shown their support for our Charity projects by presenting the guild with two checks totaling \$2,200. Both checks were deposited into our separate Charity account which now has a balance of \$2,284.

I am looking forward to serving as the Guild's treasurer. I miss seeing and visiting with everyone. I look forward to our Zoom meetings which is a good way for us to stay connected. That is...until we can meet again.



Linda McSwain

A very special thank you for the wonderful gifts I received from the guild on the evening of the installation. My orchid is on my kitchen table where it gets just the right amount of light. I love watching it bloom. My necklace is beautiful - I am so very proud and grateful!

2019/20 Tree City Quilters Guild Budget and Final Report

Budgeted Amt *Recieved as of 5/31/2020

INCOME

	2019/2020		
Membership	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 2,395.00	\$360 for 2020-21
Retreat	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,950.00	
Workshops	\$ 900.00	\$ 390.00	
Opportunity Quilt	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
Fundraising Events	\$ 700.00	\$ 840.00	silent auction monthly fundraisers
Ways and Means	\$ 300.00	\$ 276.00	
Misc	\$ 10.00	\$ -	
Sponsorship Income	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,435.00	\$ 6,001.00	

EXPENSES

Fixed Expenses	2019/2020	*Spent as of 5/31/2020
Meeting Facility	\$ 165.00	\$ 25.00
PO Box	\$ 110.00	\$ 118.00
Insurance	\$ 415.00	\$ 401.00
Storage Rental	\$ 1,056.00	\$ 1,049.08
Corporate Filing Fee	\$ 62.00	\$ 61.25
Website	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00
Total Fixed Expenses	\$ 1,976.00	\$ 1,822.33

Committee Expenses	2019/2020	*Spent as of 5/31/2020
Hospitality	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Administrative	\$ 50.00	\$ 114.41
Newletter	\$ 10.00	\$ -
Membership	\$ 30.00	\$ 37.36
Programs	\$ 300.00	\$ 275.00
Retreat	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,292.35
Ways and Means		
Work Shops	\$ 900.00	\$ 282.86
Sunshine	\$ 25.00	\$ -
Membership Yearbooks	\$ 175.00	
Total Committee Expenses	\$ 4,040.00	\$ 2,001.98

Total Expenses	\$ 6,435.00	\$ 3,824.31
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NET INCOME	\$ 19.00	\$ 2,176.69
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**Denotes income/expenses as of 5/31/2020*

TCQG 2019-2020 CHARITY FUNDING AND EXPENSES

	Debits	Credits	
Beginning Balance May 31, 2019			\$ 683.09
See Notes Below	\$ 683.09		\$ -
Our match to Ft White Contribution		\$ 519.45	
FT White Contribution 9/18/2019		\$ 1,000.00	
Budgeted Amount for Charity		\$ 236.36	
Service fee	\$ 5.00		\$ 1,750.81
Ft White Contribution		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,950.81
Fabric, Batting, Quilting Services, Quilts of Valor	\$ 666.33		
Ending Balance May 31, 2020			\$ 2,284.48

Notes: on September 18, 2019 we opened an account at Vystar Credit Union Acct and transferred \$1750.81 - \$1,000 Ft White contributions plus \$519.45 (Guild running balance) plus \$236 (which is what is left of the \$400 2019-20 budgeted amount minus \$5.00 service fee. No monthly fees on this account.

Announcements:

Have you been cleaning closets, finding treasures?

Last Year Jackie Reichert provided almost all of our raffle prizes at the guild meetings. She also had donations from other members too! If you have



something, or a group of 'somethings' that would be appreciated in our monthly raffle prizes, Jackie has invited you to drop them off at Bally Hoo restaurant, or her home. Please label who they are from so we can thank you when they are won!

We will be adding a page of ads to our monthly newsletter and directory this year. For \$25 for the year you can submit your business card, or whatever ad you can put together that measures 2 X 3.5 inches. We have so many talents in our group – let yours shine. Please contact Linda uss64@aol.com.



Ken Crenshaw, Ft. White Community Thrift Store will pick up large items or donations in Gainesville. He works full time in the Gainesville area. He is a volunteer for the Thrift shop. His cell is 352-317-7839. Call if you have a donation that you would like picked up.

Tree City Quilters Guild Mission Statement

The purpose shall be to preserve the heritage of quilting by being a source of information, education, and inspiration, by perpetuating a high quality of excellence in quilting and related arts, and providing a gathering of people with this common interest.

It's time to renew your membership and pay your dues.

Our fiscal year runs from June 1st through May 31st of next year. Dues are payable of during May and June meetings of each year. **Please pay by July 15th.**

But due to our current circumstances, we are asking you to mail a check for \$30.00 to:

Marsha Tucker

1515 NW 51st Terr

Gainesville, FL 32605

Please let Marsha know of any changes to your street address, email address, or phone number so we can keep our membership list current and correct.



Happy Birthday

Yoka Aarnoudse – 11th
Vicky Bergath – 12th
Susan Boyd – 13th
Cindy Brannon – 12th
Susan Holloway – 31st
Mary Beth Kostewicz – 5th
Amala Miller – 23rd
Kathy Rapacki – 8th
Sandra Sontag – 27th



Tree City Quilt Guild

Notes from Charity Zoom meeting 6/3/20

Present (rough attendance) – Deena, Marsha, Linda, Betty Sue, Sharon, Mary, Gwen, Donna, Sandy, Anne, Tammy, Jean, Sima, Charlene, Vanda and Helen

Lots of ideas and offers of help:

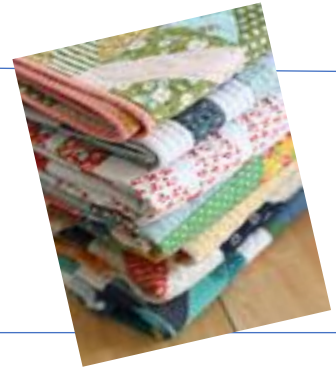
- Charity for our guild has many facets:
 1. Flannel hearts for NICU patients ❤️ Linda Dontje
 2. Small quilts for NICU for holiday and other times during the year ❤️ Yoka Aaroundse and Mary Bingham
 3. Community outreach: baby, children, and grown-up quilts, pillow-cases, etc, for Catholic Charities, Ronald McDonald and Peaceful Paths
 4. Quilts of Valor ❤️ Susan Holloway et al.
 5. Fidget quilts -- coming when we can have workshops together.
- We planned three different days for charity work
 1. Sorting day. We will go through all the charity stash, put in different groups to match the above list. What material doesn't fit in these designations, we will sort into 'sell' and 'donate' groups.
 2. Cut and package day to put together kits for the above
 3. Drop off/pick up day (August) for all members to turn-in whatever charity items finished since our last meeting, and pick up kits and materials for future projects. Hopefully, a time to purchase some of the extra charity stash, etc.
- Jean Genton has a sewing room that could hold 3 to cut kits and put them together. Fridays are good for her. She may be 18 miles out, but it's a pretty ride.
- Material in the storage unit will be reviewed. Future plans for selling and using the material from Kay Hurst will be decided later. Her request was for the proceeds to go toward guild programs at our meetings.
- Gwen Lombard can make and deliver TCQG labels. Anyone who needs labels just needs to contact Gwen and she will get them out. The best donations from our members already have a label, so someone else doesn't have to sew it in.
- Sandy Pozzetta has a desire to put together kits to make pillowcases and then have a workshop at her house to put them together.
- More information will be coming at future meetings about each of the above charity items. What is needed, suggested patterns, how to make, finishing tips, etc.
- Stay tuned ... more coming!

Food Bank

While most charities have closed their doors during this crisis the food banks have stayed open. The kids who were already “food insecure” were getting a free lunch at school and a backpack of food to take home on Fridays. With the schools closed, they can’t even get that. You can help in a very big way by going to www.feedingamerica.org and making a donation. Thank you from Vicky

Charity

[Need a label\(s\) for a finished Charity Quilt?](#) Contact Gwen Lombard at lombard.gwen@gmail.com



Tree City Quilters Guild – June 16, 2020 – Officer installation and transition meeting minutes

All current and incoming officers met at the home of Linda McSwain for the transition of guild officers.

Outgoing Officers thanked/Installation of new officers –

Marsha Tucker sent an email to all members for nominees then another to vote for new officers. Gwen Lombard conducted the farewell and installation ceremony, thanking the outgoing board and reading the challenge and acceptance for each new officer.

The new officers (outgoing board member) for 2020-21 are:

President – Helen Gyllstrom (Linda McSwain)

Vice President – Amanda Hewes (Charlene Stroehlen)

Treasurer – Linda McSwain (Peggy Bessinger)

Secretary – Trish Everitt (Cathy Silloway)

Annual/Final Reports – Linda McSwain

Linda McSwain reviewed the final treasurer report for the 2019-20 year. She further provided updates/status to charity, post office box, website, bank signatories and annual tax/corporation filing.

New business – Helen Gyllstrom

Transition business items were discussed how to handle such as the PO Box/mail, bank accounts, website standing committees, fundraisers, programs, raffles and newsletters. Will be discussed further at the first executive meeting.

--- Respectfully submitted – Trish Everitt – TCQG Secretary ---



Tree City Quilters Guild – June 25, 2020 – Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

All members present. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Ideas of how we move forward this year under the current circumstances of COVID-19 –

- Use of Zoom and Facebook – to reach out for new members and keep current members engaged and involved
- July meeting will be Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00pm via Zoom. It will be an icebreaker for using technology (and giving folks a chance to register and get familiar with how Zoom works) and a slide show of show and tell projects compiled by Helen. Will ask the membership for suggestions and input going forward.

Charity –

Helen has called a Zoom meeting for Monday night for suggestions of moving forward with charity projects. The idea was shared to group a few members to a charity for the year and no one person is handling it all. This may give a few 2-3 person groups outreach to 4-5 charities.

Treasurer Report –

Linda McSwain submitted a proposed budget for the next year.

Exhibits –

Guild exposure and embracing Charlene's idea of using GFAA for displays and quilt exhibits for the community. We can look at other areas the guild could have a presence in Gainesville.

Membership –

Marsha Tucker will continue with the membership responsibilities. A new membership book will be compiled and printed this year. Important to make sure we get updated member information. Ellen Kostewicz had previously offered to fund the book for advertising a few years ago – perhaps we approach this option again and let members buy space to advertise.

Programs –

Amanda Hewes praised the talent in the guild and using the membership to share to others for programs along with bringing in a few speakers virtually.

Social Media –

Discuss use of Facebook, website and blog. Facebook would be a good place to share, make announcements, invite membership and make the public aware of the guild in Gainesville; website could be to maintain membership forms and info only; blog would be another source to consider (complimenting Bonnie May). Helen will contact David Miller regarding website maintenance.

Oak Hammock is still unavailable as a meeting venue.

Consider Ombudsman/Sunshine again.

Secret Sisters – get creative to involve our sisters to keep the program viable.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

--- Respectfully submitted – Trish Everitt – TCQG Secretary -