



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



2020-2021 Committee Chairs

Membership:	Marsha Tucker
Retreat:	Jean Genton
Workshops:	Debbie Puckett
Secret Sisters:	Chris Glaser
Hospitality:	Cathy Silloway
Show and Tell:	Rhonda Sailors
Block Lotto:	Anne Mullis
Social Media:	Amanda Hewes Trish Everitt
Newsletter:	Linda McSwain Helen Gyllstrom
Programs:	Amanda Hewes
Publicity:	As needed

President's Message

Schools are back – each in their own unique form – and we can only hope that fall is on its way and families stay healthy. We now add teachers and everyone in our schools to the ‘first responder’ lists. As a transplanted Yankee (41 years ago) I have never adjusted to the heat with humidity in Florida. A good time to be inside and quilt!

Many thanks to Mary Short for hosting us last Saturday morning – charity drop off/pick up was a great time to see each other AND share all our charity items. Some of you have been more than busy using your quarantine time to help others. Sharon's report lists so many items turned in, and each of them done with love and care. Many kits for the Christmas NICU quilts have gone home to be completed, and there are more kits available. If you wish to make one, contact Mary Bigham at marysbigham@gmail.com.

And our thanks to Kay Hurst for her donation of beautiful material and kits. Many members were able to augment their stash with just the right color on Saturday. We will share more of Kay's donations at another time.

Amanda Hewes has challenged us all to finish one UFO this month. We shall see at our meeting how many took the challenge to heart. If you are working on a UFO, send Amanda a ‘before’ picture, and then an ‘after’.

(amanda.hewes7684@gmail.com). Don't worry if you don't finish this month – we will continue for a while. Some take longer than a month, and some of us have more than one!

And for those of you NOT working on a UFO, if you would like to share your favorite cookie recipe instead, just send it to me. We will figure out a creative way to share them without having them sink to our hips.

(gyllstr@bellsouth.net).





Get ready for a very special raffle this year (there is more about this in the newsletter) but my special thanks to Melanie Jensen for the three quilts she has donated to the guild. Each one is outstanding in its own way.

I sound like a broken record, but we are so anxious to find a place to meet, especially for our holiday meeting. If you have an idea, or even a glimmer of an idea or a place, please let me know. Aside from that, we shall all hope that our communities continue to have a decline in COVID cases and we can look forward to actually meeting together.

If you wish to bring a guest to our Zoom meetings, please share the link with them, and introduce them at the meeting. If you are having trouble working with ZOOM, or just plain tired of working with another computer program, please let Marsha Tucker or me know – we will help ‘walk you through’ connecting with us. We miss ‘seeing’ you. Come join the rest of us with no makeup or shoes!

‘See you’ on ZOOM on September 14th.



**Monday - September 14 - 7:00 PM
Tree City Quilters Guild Meeting
& Virtual Show and Tell**

UFO challenge pictures:

**Please send your UFO before and after pictures to:
Amanda Hewes: amanda.hewes7684@gmail.com**



Congratuatiions!

**We collected 23 pillowcases,
150 flannel hearts, 20 isolette quilts,
12 isolette christmas quilts, and
12 crib quilts.**



Photographed by C. Stroehlen

Great time last Saturday. We were able to social distance while enjoying some long-overdue conversation with one another. Many charity quilts were dropped off and a big thank you to those who picked up kits.

Kay's fabrics sold like hotcakes. We made \$274 in just three hours. It all will go toward future programs. We hope to have another sale at our next Charity project and pick-up day.

This beautiful butterfly wanted to be a part of the gathering Saturday morning.



Photographer- Charlene Stroehlen



Thank you Kay Hurst for your generous donation of fabric and kits. We raised \$274. This money will go toward programs for the guild.



September Birthdays



Any member needing labels, kits, batting, or fabric information should email Sharon – sfuentes10204@aol.com



Mike Brannon	12th
Amanda Hewes	6th
Kay Hurst	4th
Melanie Jensen	26th
Ellen Mallette	24th
Linda McSwain	16th
Elinor Pearson	8th
Debbie Puckett	30th
Lin Schroder	14th
Donna York	3rd



These beautiful quilts were made and donated to our guild by Melanie Jensen . Each quilt will be either raffled off or offered at a silent auction.

Since our monthly meetings have been canceled, we are going to have to use other methods to do this, i.e. Facebook and/or our website.

We will let you all know as soon as we have the auction up and functioning at treecityquilt.com.

Remember Christmas is right around the corner.

Thank you so much Melanie! You are the best!



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.

From our friend and fellow
quilter:

“Sometimes life gives us an opportunity!



A year ago, our group – Love you Lots Quilters in High Springs, gave a NICU quilt to a little boy at Shand’s hospital. Now we have found out through a friend that this little boy had a huge struggle and with the grace of God he is home and nearing his first birthday!

This is one of those moments that you realize we’ve touched someone at just the right time with our NICU quilts.

S. Hotary

The Country Road Quilters of Ocala show scheduled for this November has been postponed until November 5-6, 2021. However, **our opportunity quilt will still be given away this year on November 7, 2020.** Our "Star Celebration" quilt measures 96" x 96" and is a mix of both modern and traditional design. Tickets can now be purchased through our website at www.crqocala.com using PayPal. Please help support our guild by visiting our site and purchasing tickets.

Thank you,

Cathy Washburn

Vice President/Publicity Chair

Country Road Quilters of Ocala



Suggested Sizes for Charity Quilts

NICU @ Shands (infant fabric)	Minimum 25 inches square
Peaceful Paths (children’s fabric)	Minimum width of fabric x 36 in.
Peaceful Paths (adult women)	Minimum width of fabric x 54 in.
Peaceful Paths (pillowcases)	All fabric
Hospice	Width of fabric x 54
Wounded Warriors (any fabric)	Min. Width of fabric x 54
Pillowcases in general are welcome for many agencies	

Dear sisters....

Having a Hungry week, so I thought I would switch it up a bit and send along a favorite summer recipe. It's very flexible, adjust as needed or your choice. I know some of you have gardens, so I hope you enjoy a

SUMMER HARVEST PASTA SALAD

2 C. (Your choice of) Pasta, cooked and cooled slightly
2C. Or more sliced fresh vegetables ex broccoli, cauliflower, scallions, carrots, celery, your faves Salt & pepper to taste
1/4 C parm cheese, although we like LOTS more



Vinaigrette. Wisk together:

1/3 c vinegar
1 c olive oil - we use extra light
1/2 tsp dry mustard

Cook pasta, add vinaigrette while still hot. Let cool Add vegies, toss When totally cool, add parm cheese and salt and pepper.

If purchasing your vegies, for quick and easy, get vegies already partially cut and cleaned, or at grocery salad bar.

Hope you enjoy

Chris Glaser / Senior Sister

Chris

When you look at your fabric stash – do you want to “De-Stash?”

The guild would like any large pieces of fabric you wish to donate. Just pin the measurement (example: 2 ½ yards) to the fabric and bring it to the next Charity Drop Off / Pick up Day.

We would also like bundles of fat quarters. You can also place six or more coordinating fabrics in a baggie.

Fabric only please.

We will put all the fabric on the “Sale Table” and all money made will go to the Guild.



List of Block of the Month patterns:

quiltingdaily.com/quilt/nine-patch-heart-free-quilt-block ; Feb

quiltingdaily.com/quilt/garden-path-free-quilt-block ; March

quiltingdaily.com/pattern-broken-dishes ; May

fatquartershop.com/jacobs-ladder-quilt-block-free-pattern ; April

aqsblog.com/heart-home-block-swap-quilting-on-together ; June

quiltingdaily.com/quilt/pinwheel-block-free-patchwork-block-pattern-2/ ; July

quiltingdaily.com/quilt/pattern-moonlight-star/ ; Aug



Tree City Quilters Guild – August 3, 2020 –Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

All members present. Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. Via ZOOM.

Charity –

Linda McSwain proposed charity budget. Will discuss at members meeting.

Treasurer Report –

Linda McSwain advised that the banking signatures have been changed/updated.

Membership –

Marsha Tucker advised the membership may be close to 44 currently. Suggested sending an email reminder.

Programs –

Amanda Hewes is looking for volunteers with your best quilt technique to share. An example was Melanie Jensen teaching needle turn applique five tips.

Block Lotto –

Anne Mullis posted the blocks on the Facebook page for Feb – September. Also suggested using podcasts but make sure we do not violate copyright.

Social Media –

Helen Gyllstrom advised that the Facebook page is part of the guild so Deena was fine with the guild using it. Ideas were presented for a public Facebook page and members only access on a website.

Website –

David Miller is willing to work with/teach whoever volunteers to learn the website so we can update and maintain it.

Storage room clean out and organize scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 8:00am. It is located at Springhill, 3500 NW 97th Blvd.

Guild members meeting via ZOOM is Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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

Tree City Quilters Guild – August 10, 2020 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Helen Gyllstrom. There were 23 members in attendance via ZOOM online. Welcome to all!

Happy Birthday Ellen K!!

Big thanks to those that help clean up the storage room – Sharon, Gwen, Yoka, Linda D., Linda M. and Amanda

Program – Jean Genton presented using the Accuquilt machine

Approval of July Minutes – Marsha Tucker corrected that she is not the co-chair of the Charity Committee. Minutes approved with correction.

Membership – Marsha Tucker advised there are currently 44 paid memberships. Dues were and are to be sent directly to Marsha Tucker.

Treasurer/Budget Review - Linda McSwain

Budget update was presented and reviewed -. Savings \$3,949.70; Checking \$3,460.85; Charity \$2,197.15, Dues collected \$1,290 Motion made to approve by Amala Miller and 2nd by Gwen Lombard. Report approved.

Charity – Sharon Fuentes

Budget was presented for 2020-2021.

- 50% of guild storage - \$540
- Flannel for NICU hearts - \$200
- Outreach quilts batting - \$250
- Quilts of valor - \$200
- Flannel backing for NICU Christmas quilts - \$250
- General expenses for batting - \$500

Saturday, August 22 from 9 – 12, there will be a charity drop off and pick up and shop Kay;s fabric at Mary Shorts home. All precautions are in place and masks requested.

New tool/hints by Sandy Pozzetta – form floridaquiltnetwork.com – now is the time to buy your glue while school supplies are for sale.

Block Challenge – Anne Mullis - Anne advised will cease for now.

Show and Tell – Amanda provided a slide show.

Other business: Send UFO projects (deadlines and pictures to Amanda Hewes for next meeting – amanda.hewes7684@gmail.com

- Facebook/Website – Discussed FB page being public accessible and look at adaptability. Amanda and Trish will work with David Miller in learning and updating to use our website for all members.
- Raffle items always appreciated by Jackie Reichardt.

Meeting adjourned. The next general meeting will be Monday, September 14 at 7pm via ZOOM.--- Respectfully submitted – Trish Everitt – TCQG Secretary ---