



## 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 Gyllstrom

**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

Charity: Sharon

Fuentes

Social Media: Amanda

Hewes

Trish Everitt

Newsletter: Linda McSwain

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### President's Message

We are going to make merry! A positive outlook and some good weather can go a long way. I dare say COVID hasn't got our members down, in fact we have found even more ways to create and share. So now we shift gears – turkey left-over recipes, house decorations, gifts – the list goes on and on. I've decided the best gift I can give my sewing machine this month is a trip for its 'annual' maintenance. Sorely needed!

Plans for our December meeting are well underway. First, bring your OWN MASK and BEVERAGE. Second is about the Silent Auction. We could use a few more donations, anything you might want to share with the guild. If you have something to contribute, please send me an e-mail (helen@hgyllstromcpa.com), a quick picture if you have it, and a starting minimum bid. I will try to pick it up from you before our meeting. Right now, we have a beautiful quilt, a fun kit, placemats, some pillows, and some special quilting books. Please add to our fun, AND, bring some \$ so you can bid.

Mug Rugs – I have a special one on my desk next to me every day, and one near the machine, and one ... well, you know how fun and special they are especially since they were made by one of our guild. WRAP your mug rug and trade it at the meeting.

If you finished a UFO this year, bring it to the meeting – we will have a big celebration with you, and don't forget the Secret Sister Reveal with Chris and all who participated (meetings or not).

NICU Holiday Quilts – if you have a kit to finish, please do so and bring it to the meeting.

We understand the December meeting is not at its usual time, it's not going to be like we are accustomed to attending, and above all it is during the pandemic. We all understand if you cannot make it for whatever reason, and will send our heartiest holiday greetings. When you plan your wishes for 2021 add "in-person guild meetings and a retreat" to your list.

Our blessings are bountiful, our friendships special, and the holidays bring sparkle to our lives. My wishes to you and your family for a meaningful season, Helen



# Tree City Quilters Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 to 11:00 AM

Ballyhoo Grill – Outside Patio

**BRING YOUR OWN MASK AND BEVERAGE**



## Mug Rug Exchange

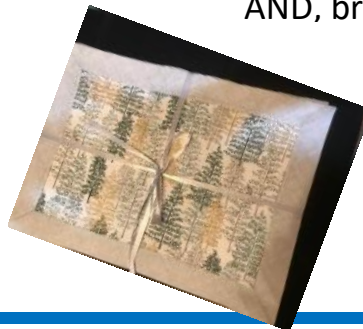


Bring a mug rug, any usable size. Wrap it fancy, or put it in a bag so it's a surprise to open.

Bring one, take one home. Present for you. 😊

## Silent Auction

We have a beautiful quilt, a fun kit, placemats, some pillows, some special quilting books and more. Please add to our fun, AND, bring some \$ so you can bid.



## Secret Sister Reveal

Guess who...

What a year we have had. Out of necessity, we have had to MAIL gifts instead of getting to hand them out. My lovely, quilting sister from Texas, who passed this summer, always reminded me how much money is thus spent/ wasted on postage, instead of buying FABRIC ☹️ ☹️ ☹️ ☹️  
We will do our reveal at the Christmas party, as discussed with the board and the group, and then go on hiatus until June/July, when we can hopefully meet in person again. Chris is happy to continue being the "Senior Sister "at that time. In the spring, she will be sending out a questionnaire to the entire guild to, hopefully, expand the activity to intrigue more members.

2020 has been a year for cleaning closets, finding UFO's and making the time to finish them.

**Bring your completed UFO's** to the December meeting to celebrate with your friends.



## **Calling all Holiday NICU quilts-**

The season is here, and we need them completed and turned in at our December meeting. They are going to be wonderful gifts to these special babies.

## 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.

### Look what our Guild Has Accomplished Since June!

97	25"x25" NICU Quilts to Shands	\$2910.
41	30"x53" Crib Quilts	\$2050.
2	43"x65" Small Quilts	\$ 200.
1	53"x75" Medium Quilt	\$ 200.
35	Pillowcases	\$ 525.
571	Flannel Hearts	\$ 823.

Our total of "In Kind" donations to Charity \$6708.00 so far in this fiscal year.

The category and measurements on these quilts are flexible; remember all our Charity organizations are gracious to receive our offerings, they do not judge our quilts by the measurements. Keep on Quilting!

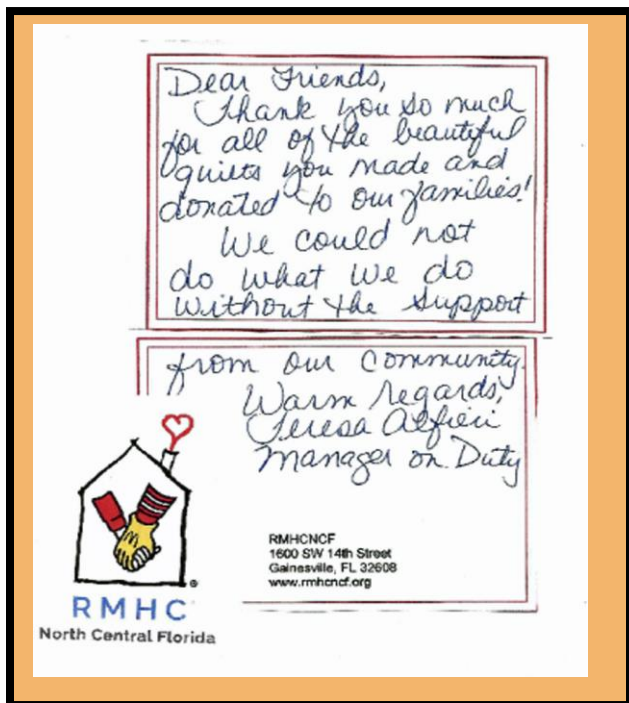
Sharon Fuentes



### December Birthdays



<b>Suzie Ann Clark</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Betty Corwine</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Sharon Fuentes</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Sima Mellman</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Jean Paty</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Sandy Pozzetta</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Cathy Silloway</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Betty Sue Vincent</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>



Any member needing labels, kits, batting, or fabric information should e-mail Sharon – [sfuentes10204@aol.com](mailto:sfuentes10204@aol.com)

## Remember to bring to December Holiday Party:

- Mask
- Your own beverage
- NICU Holiday Quilts
- Finished UFO's
- NICU Holiday Quilts
- \* Mug Rug for Exchange
- \* Cash or Checkbook for Silent Auction
- \* Secret Sister gifts / items



### Tree City Quilters Guild – November 9, 2020 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Helen Gyllstrom. There were 21 members in attendance via ZOOM online. Welcome to all!

Happy Birthday all November members!

Thank you again to Mary Short and all those involved in the Kay and Dottie fabric sales and charity drop off on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am – noon.

**Program** – Helen Gyllstrom and Gwen Lombard shared collage making using Laura Heine method and walked through the solutions. Helen making a turtle and Gwen a butterfly.

**Approval of October 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes** – Linda McSwain motioned to approve, Marsha Tucker 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.

**Membership** – Marsha Tucker advised there are currently 49 paid memberships and four honorary memberships. Dues were and are to be sent directly to Marsha Tucker.

**Treasurer/Budget Review** - Linda McSwain

Budget update was presented and reviewed - .Savings \$3,945.20; Checking \$3,799.19; Charity \$1,645.15. Motion made to approve by Gwen Lombard and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne Mullins. Report approved.

**Facebook/Website** – Linda McSwain and Amanda Hewes are working on updating for quilt bidding. Will have \$5 increments and close on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Holiday Social/Meeting** – will be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am on the patio at Ballyhoo Grill, 3700 W. University Av. We will have a mug rug exchange, UFO challenge, silent auction, and secret sister reveal. Bring your completed charity items also. There will be no food and bring your own drink. Mask wearing and social distancing is appreciated.

**Show and Tell** – Rhonda Sailors provided a slide show.

Meeting adjourned.

--- Respectfully submitted – Trish Everitt – TCQG Secretary