

# Eastside Quilters

Meetings will be held on Zoom until further notice.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

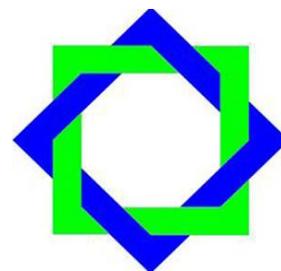
Dear Members,

Happy New Year to you all - and let's hope it is a better one than the one we have just endured. I'm writing this with the rain pouring down outside - perfect sewing weather! I shall put the fire on and tackle the binding on an Outreach quilt when I have finished this, and of course I will be snuggled up under one of my own quilts too.

I am so looking forward to our January meeting when your Program Committee - Kelly, Darcie and Beth - will unveil the fantastic program of events for 2021. We are going to have a fun-filled Guild year whether it is via Zoom or, eventually, in person! Diane Coughlin and Susan Lombard are continuing their amazing work on our Outreach program, and we will have more "sew-at-home-but-together" zoom meetings so we will all keep busy during this dark, wet season.

We are asking members to please step forward to help plan our 2022 program. This needs one or two (or three) people to work together to invite speakers from all over the world to talk to us via zoom even if we are meeting back in the church hall. This task has been made so much easier by Global Quilt Connections who have put together a website to connect guilds and speakers with contact information, websites, video presentations, lecture details and classes all easily accessible. This would be your opportunity to plan exciting speakers and classes for yourself and the Guild. Please contact me for further information. Thank you!

We also have a vacancy for a **Secret Sister** organizer - and that position is entirely up for interpretation - it can be done however you wish!



## **DON'T FORGET!**

- **Make Masks for yourself, and others**
- **Work on Outreach projects**
- **Stay Safe, Stay Home**

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## OFFICERS

### **President/Fundraising:**

Jacquie May

### **Vice President:**

Olivia Richmond

### **Secretary:**

Susan Crosley

### **Treasurer:**

Colleen Olleman

### **Advisor:**

Sandy Lenz

**Does anyone have a challenge to issue to the Guild? Throw down that gauntlet by letting me know before the January meeting.**

We will be recording both the January and February meetings for those who are unable to attend so look for the Google Link that I will send out as soon as I can after each meeting. My technical advisor, aka husband, saves the recording to the cloud ( and we have lots of those don't we) and then sends out a link for you to access it. All very impressive to me and totally outwith my capabilities. Thank you Richard!

*Just a word of warning - some of us have received emails that look like they have come from myself or other Guild members asking for gift cards or other information. **ALWAYS** check the whole email address of the sender to make sure it is valid as there are way too many unscrupulous people out there trying to scam us. If you hover your mouse over the sender's email address it will show you the **ACTUAL** email address.*

I look forward to seeing you all on my computer screen on January 21st.

Best wishes,  
Jacquie

## **Membership:**

Please mail your ESQ 2021 renewal payment of \$35 to Colleen Olleman. If you do not renew by January 31, 2021 you will be dropped from the membership and will no longer receive the newsletter or any other emails.

If anyone has a financial hardship, we do have scholarships available. Contact Colleen Olleman for information. (This is kept confidential.)

Thank you. Kelly Rau

## **OUTREACH TEASER:**

What would you think of an OUTREACH Block of the Month (BOM)?  
How about creating a fun block from your fabric stash?  
If you don't have a stash, we have fabric to choose from.

At our next ZOOM meeting we will propose our idea.  
Stay tuned for the exciting details.

Diane Coughlin  
Susan Lombard

[Sew Expo Info](#): The 2021 Sewing & Stitchery Expo is going virtual this year.

Feb 24-28

[www.sewexpo.com](http://www.sewexpo.com)

Enjoy classes, shopping, Free Stage demos, BIG daily door prizes & more! It's everything you love about Expo, from the comfort of your favorite chair.

Tickets on sale Jan 12.

[South Bay Quilters 2021 Virtual Quilt Show](#): "Welcome to our Home" Feb 10-14, <http://qs.southbayquiltersguild.org>, They have a raffle (Opportunity Quilt) drawing Feb 14<sup>th</sup> (tickets on sale Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – see site for details).

### [Member Inputs:](#)

**Olivia Richmond**: If your New Year's resolution is to finally kick your quilting obsession... Feel free to drop your fabric off at my house!

**Jeanne Sirkin**: Ok, like most of us, I have gotten totally burned out on making masks (although I cycle that in to my activities, just on a smaller scale.

I am trying to stay visible in my granddaughter's lives (they live in Massachusetts, and their mother is not very communicative), and I found a cute Rebecca Page pattern for felt "paper" dolls and clothes. So, here they are...



The big quilt there is a block of the month from Stitchin' Heaven. Believe it or not, they have changed fabrics 5 times! And the tan fabrics are not what was shown in the sample quilt when I signed up. That has been frustrating. I have two borders left to go.

I was so inspired by how well the design wall turned out, and my daughter's discussion of her adjustable height desk for her home office, that I went on to do another project. I bought an adjustable desk base, and a piece of plywood (bigger than the desk people recommend, but it is working great!). I covered the top of the plywood with more felt tiles in a "quiltish" pattern, and mounted it to the desk base. I have machine quilted two quilts with it while standing — it is SO MUCH EASIER!!!! I am finding that I like to sit while working on little things, and stand while working on big things. It has been so much better for my back and shoulders.



Here's the desk at a sitting height...

Marty and I have been asked by our children to quarantine pretty tightly because of the more contagious strain of Covid 19. In order to avoid cabin fever (what? With that view?), we have taken to going to drive-in movies. The Rodeo Drive In in Bremerton has committed to staying open all winter this year. So, most Friday's we drive to Bremerton, sit in the car, and watch a movie or two. They are frequently ones you can get on Netflix or other ways at home — but it's the experience, and the bigger screen. I highly recommend it. In the past, we have stopped at a restaurant on the way to pick up food, or braved the snack bar (they are very cautious there).

I like hearing what everyone is up to. It's a window on the world, and helps to break up that cabin-fever feeling. So, if you have not yet sent something for the newsletter, please do.

-Jeanne

**OUTREACH:** Although we had many challenges in 2020 I feel we did a superb job coming together and supporting our community and each other.

Our parking lot distribution days were a great success and it was a wonderful way to keep in touch and continue our giving to both Evergreen Health Hospice and Eastside Baby Corner.

I cannot thank you enough for keeping our Outreach Program up and running during such a stressful year.

We did an amazing job and I hope you'll find the statistics below as impressive as I do.

Total hours logged = 2,345

Evergreen Health Hospice = 74 quilts delivered (43 in 2019)

Eastside Baby Corner = 113 quilts delivered (50 in 2019)

70 quilts in progress

85 quilts in our possession waiting for quilting

Misc. pillow cases, face masks and cloth books

Thank you's for November

Jeanne Sirkin  
B.J. Kirkendall  
Susan Lombard  
Harriett Anderberg

Lindy Yuen  
Heidi Fine  
Sharon Sentena  
Signe Wraith

### **FROM QUILTING WORLD:**

The International Quilt Association, the non-profit organization that hosts the annual World of Beauty Quilt Show at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas each November, announced that it will be closing down. The announcement was made in a letter sent to its members and sponsors, and signed by the president of the organization's Board of Directors, acclaimed quilter Ricky Tims, along with the organization founders Karey Bresenhan and Nancy O'Bryant Puentes. It explained that years of declining membership along with the impact of COVID-19 led to the decision.

International Quilt Festival is the largest quilt festival in the US. World of Beauty is the judged competition that takes place at the show. "Membership renewals are down, we have no Judge Show, no raffle quilt income to date, no events at the fall show such as Winners Circle, Quiltapalooza, the mini-quilt Silent Auction, or the IQA luncheon, and no election of new officers. In addition, for many years, IQA has seen a decrease in total membership numbers", the statement read. IQA has for years depended upon Quilts, Inc to cover such expenses as rent, salary, and other operating costs. But because the company could not hold any shows in 2020, resulting in the lost of an entire year's income, it is unable to offer further support to the organization. Taken all together, these things mean basically no income for our organization." The World of Beauty show was highly prestigious with three jurors and three different judges each year. In order to enter a quilt in the show, quilters were required to become members of the non-profit. Annual dues were \$25. Accepted quilts were judge in person, not from photos. There were eight large prizes offered each year including Best in Show (\$12,500), the Founder's Award and the World of Beauty Award (\$7,500 each) and Contemporary Artistry, Machine Artistry, Innovative Artistry and Thread Artistry (\$5,000 each). Quilts entered into the show could be for sale, and 20% of the proceeds of any sale were donated back to IQA. In addition to World of Beauty, International Quilt Festival has several special exhibits. These exhibits are hosted by Quilts, Inc. a for-profit organization that is not part of IQA and will not be shutting down.

In today's announcement, Tims mentioned that there will be a new, judge quilt competition at future shows. "Many of you may wonder if this means there will be no Judge Show at International Quilt Festival, but we have received a commitment from organizers of the Festival to add a quilt competition", the statement said. "So, although details remain to be worked out, 'the show will go on.'" Art quilter and national teacher

Lyric Kinard who has taught at International Quilt Festival for two decades, reacted to the news this way: "I don't believe much will change other than that they will no longer have to answer to board members when making decisions about the largest quilt show in the world. They will still run conventions with hundreds of vendors, classes, and quilts on display. It will still be the place for quilters to come together from around the world."

## **EASTSIDE QUILTERS - December 17, 2020 General Meeting Minutes**

ESQ held our December meeting/holiday party via Zoom. Prior to our official start, we had "chatting" time starting at 9:45. Sandy Lenz brought up the news that International Quilt Association has just sent out an email saying this non-profit association, which has done much to promote quilting over the past several years, is closing due to pandemic-related decrease in fund raising. Supposedly the "show will go on" (the big Houston quilt show) but very murky at this point as to how it will work. The Pandemic is hitting so many things hard!

Our President, Jacquie May, called the meeting to order at 10am. The November meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Colleen Olleman said she had a happy Treasurer's report to give. Members have been sending in their dues and many have included a contribution to help make up for the guild's lack of fund raisers this year. That will keep ESQ from going the way of IQA! The checking accountant total is \$4,750.14 and the savings balance (not counting Over the Rainbow member payments held) is \$12,033.80. The Guild has received \$625 in contributions since November 1<sup>st</sup> and that is included in the checking account balance.

**Sharing and Caring:** Vicki Rozendaal thanked the Board and the Committee Chairs for keeping us active and going during this very unusual year. She said that some of her friends, who are members of other guilds, have said they feel lost this year. So, we are doing pretty well as a guild. She had no updates (so this is good news in terms of no illness to report) and wished everyone a wonderful holiday season! JM added that over 30 members are in attendance and that when we get together in person (which we will) we will thank everyone "properly" (a British term I believe) but meanwhile "we will soldier on".

**Show and Tell:** JM showed a couple of examples of charity quilts the guild has made and 40 pillowcases Susan Lombard made (all with fabric donated by guild members). JM dropped those off to Eastside Baby Corner and they were thrilled to get them. They will be going in parcels for kids for the holidays. JM had asked people to send in their Christmas and Holiday themed quilts for this month's show and tell and there were some lovely quilts.

## **Infinite Variety: Three Centuries of Red and White Quilts**

JM gave a very interesting talk on this extraordinary exhibit she was lucky enough to attend in March of 2011. It was the largest display of quilts ever in New York City (at the 55,000 sq ft NY Armory Building). Joanne Rose, a wealthy collector of quilts, asked that all her quilts be displayed--at the same time and place—as a birthday present: hence this 650 quilt exhibit which was open to the public. More information is available on the American Folk Art museum website and a book about the exhibit was published: *Red & White Quilts: Infinite Variety*. You can also look on YouTube for videos about the exhibition. JM included a little history on “Turkish Red” fabric and encouraged us to dye some ourselves. She lost me at throwing in the sheep’s blood. However, my hats off to anyone who is going to try it.

**Fun and Games:** Everyone had donned their gay apparel and was ready to take on the variety of games and puzzles the board had cooked up that were “doable” over Zoom. We mastered another Zoom functionality and tried “break out rooms” to do 2 truths and a lie. We also had a quilting terms Bingo game, a challenging Wheel of Fortune puzzle, a “name the quilt artist” pictures multiple choice, and a small group scavenger hunt. Clearly, Barb demonstrating the true meaning and purpose of mistletoe with her husband (that was her husband, right?) deserved more than just one extra point in the scavenger hunt. A fun time was had by all and we have ended 2020 as Masters of the Zoom meeting. (Doesn’t mean we aren’t all looking forward to going back to the traditional in-person get-together when the conditions are safe.)

The meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Crosley