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CATHY'S CORNER

Ladies, as I write this letter with my Cheetos stained fingers, I am sad to say we will not have a June Guild meeting. I miss you all so much and am sure you miss your friends also. I am hoping for July.

I've been making quilts like crazy. I took two road trips to buy fabric since Utah and Bull Head City were open. Found a really neat quilt shop in Bull Head called Roxy's, and the owner was wonderful to shop with. I spent way too much money but wait until you see the quilts I made.

We've missed 3 months of birthdays, when we get back, we'll celebrate big time! I forgot to tell you in my last letter the great surprise the girls gave me for my 73 birthday on the 8th of April. Phyllis called and said she was bringing something by. I went out and they had a parade with cars and bicycles. I cannot tell you what a surprise it was, talk about feeling special!!! Here was Cindy, Beth and her husband, Michael, Darleen, and Phyllis driving by with signs and gifts. I hope you have some great stories for your birthdays.

Before we were shut down in March we received a letter from a man who wanted to donate his wife's sewing room. Well Linda Cromley, Bob and I went over there, and I cannot tell you how much this woman had! There is so many items we can use, and share with you all. We had to rent another storage unit to put it all in, and 10 of us, including two husbands, moved it. This will be another money maker for our Guild plus there's so much, some can be used for our charities as well.

I need to remind you we will have an **election of officers** for the Guild in about 6 months. We will need a full board of elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you've ever wanted to serve, this is your chance.

Recipe of the Month: Strawberries are in season. For those of you from the South, remember the Shoney strawberry pie, well this is the recipe.

FRESH STRAWBERRY PIE

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| 2 cups sugar | 4 pints hulled strawberries |
| 2 cups water | 6 Tablespoons Cornstarch |
| 2 ea 9" baked pie shells | 1 pkg strawberry Jello small |

Cook sugar, cornstarch, Jello, and water until thick; cool. Place berries in cooled, baked pie shells, pour sauce over berries and refrigerate. Serve with whipped cream.

Take care, and let's pray we will be together soon.

Cathy Miller, President, Las Vegas Quilters Guild
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Charity Programs by Chair, Ruthie Kerr

There are many Charity Programs to become involved with or donate towards. Please bring donations to Membership Meetings. Here the active charity programs, but feel free to suggest others:

- ♦ **Project 150 Homeless Teens:** Donate backpacks, toiletries, school supplies, nonperishable foods (i.e., fruit rollups, pop top cans of fruit, pudding cups, instant oatmeal, granola bars, etc.).
- ♦ **Pillowcases** for Children at local hospitals, Child Haven, etc. A pattern is on our website
- ♦ **Hats & Receiving Blankets** for preemies in neonatal units.
- ♦ **Scraps for Pet Beds**, for our local 'no kill' shelters
- ♦ **Quilts** for Child Haven, Fisher House, VA Hospital, NLV Police Child Crisis,
- ♦ **Quilts of Valor** for NV Service men & women: Make or donate quilt tops, a finished block, or fabric (red, white, blue, cream, gold, or patriotic
- ♦ **Quilts for Vegas Strong Resiliency Center** (1 October Survivors).

New Members

There were no New Members in May.

- ♦ **Even though we're not having Meetings**, you can reach out to each other via a phone call to check up on your quilting sisters using "Facetime" or "Hangout" or just emails. Remember you can request a copy of the membership roster by emailing Pam. Please abide by our bylaws and only use the roster for Guild business. Keeping in touch helps with feeling not so isolated. Don't sit at home feeling depressed, you're only a phone call away!
- ♦ **New Members & Guests:** We encourage you to please reach out to our Guild members, don't be bashful, ask questions, and enjoy what we have to offer.
- ♦ **Guild Members:** A friendly reminder please, if you see a new face, or someone struggling, please smile, offer assistance, ask them to join your table, etc.

ATTENTION - - - NEEDED - - - ATTENTION

The Las Vegas Quilters Guild needs people for Committees, contact Cindy at hellerck@cox.net if you're interested. Mentorship available for each position.

Programs

Annual Christmas Party

Opportunity Quilt Fundraiser

Newsletter (must have Publisher on your computer)

Blooper Inventor Chair

LVQ Opportunity Quilt Fundraiser

Our "Sunrise Scraps" Opportunity Quilt was made by members of our Guild, featuring over 4000 pieces, an appliqued center medallion, and quilted by Linda Natale. It has earned the following accolades:

- 1st Place, Shadow Mountain Quilters, Group Division
- Best Piecing, Shadow Mountain Quilters
- 2nd Place, Desert Quilters Nevada, Group Division

The Opportunity Quilt is one of our **major fundraisers** to help cover Guild operating expenses. Please participate by buying raffle tickets at meetings and events to win this beauty! It will be raffled off during the December 2020 meeting. For questions, contact Cindy Heller at hellerck@cox.net.



Quick Tips by Phyllis Suiter

I was asked a few weeks ago about how to use fusible thread and thought I would share with you some ways to use uncommon threads.

FUSIBLE THREAD

Fusible thread is heat sensitive and melts when touched with an iron. Fusible thread can give you a targeted and thin line of adhesive. It is great for matching plaids and stripes at a seam line. It can hold a design pattern in place while you sew a seam. It also works for keeping zippers from moving while stitching a centered application and for holding trims in place. For making a narrow hem it can be used in the bobbin or lower looper of the serger to fuse the hem in place. You can also use it for making a crisp pleat. Just place a strand of it inside the fold line and iron. Another interesting way to use it is to sew on a button when you are done just touch the thread with the tip of the iron and it fuses itself for a secure hold.

Invisible Thread

Invisible thread is made from either nylon or monofilament. The two classic colors are Clear and Smoke but now some manufacturers are making colored invisible thread, such as Wonderfil.

This thread is ideal for appliquéing, sewing on trims, couching and for longarm quilting especially when you have embroidery that you don't want the quilting to show on top of the embroidery. It also works well for stitching in the ditch when you want to sew on a binding by machine instead of by hand. Simply stitch in the ditch on the front side of the quilt after turning the binding. Using a net helps feed the thread through the tension disks, sometimes you need to decrease the tension slightly.

Water Soluble Thread

Water Soluble Thread can be used in the needle, the bobbin, and on the lower looper of the serger. This thread is ideal for basting quilt layers together where you can wash the quilt after quilting to remove it. Sometimes it can be removed just by blotting it with a damp sponge.

Remember not to lick the end to thread it, also it needs to be kept in a plastic bag, not so much in our dry environment but in more humid climates. Also mark it so you don't get it confused with invisible thread, "ask me how I know?"

Wool Embroidery thread

Wool Embroidery Thread by LANA, is ideal for creating embroidery designs which are soft, textured and looks like animal fur. It needs a larger needle, a 100/16. Also use a softer tearaway stabilizer so the edges of the "fur" don't get pulled when tearing off the stabilizer. It does create a lot of lint, so clean out your machine after use. Once the design has stitched out, use a wire brush or hook side of Velcro to fluff up the thread to make it appear like fur. It can also be used in machine cross stitch designs that are increased by 20% to make it look like hand stitched cross stitch.

Happy stitching and hope to see you all soon.



Las Vegas Quilter 2020 Quilt Challenge



Theme: “1820-2020 What’s Old is New Again”

Acknowledging that we have entered a new decade, the LVQ 2020 challenge is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of incorporating a mystery traditional quilt block into your own creation with a modern spin on it. So far we’ve had 18 members sign up!

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This year’s challenge begins by you drawing a mystery traditional block.

1. The traditional block pattern you draw must be incorporated into your own modern 2020 version of a quilt. A web address will be included to show you where you can go for the free pattern. You may repeat the block to comprise the total pattern of your quilt or item.
2. You must use the year “2020” somewhere in your quilt.
3. Size: As small as a postcard, a greeting card, a special scrapbook page, a mug rug, a mini quilt but no larger than 30” x 30” (maximum perimeter: 120 inches) and anywhere in between. You may also incorporate your mystery traditional block into clothing or a bag. You can make your mystery traditional block any size you desire.
4. If you chose to make a quilt, your quilt must have three layers and must include a label on the back. Pin the mystery traditional quilt you drew to the bottom righthand corner of your creation and be sure to put a label on the back of the quilt.
5. You cannot use quilts or items that you created in the past. Your entry must be fresh for this challenge. (Again, you cannot take something you have already made and slap whatever traditional block you have made onto it.)
6. Items should be received by 6:15 p.m., on Wednesday, July 8, 2020*, so they can be included in the display. (***Due date will likely change, stay tuned.***)
7. Once the voting has taken place, a show-and-tell will be conducted during our meeting before announcing the winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd places), so you can walk us through your inspiration and design process.

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Get those creative juices flowing and we can’t wait to see what you design!

Sources to find block patterns:

1. www.quilterscache.com/quiltblocksgalore
2. Moda Blockheads 3 SewAlong (search term)
3. quiltingassistant.com/log (for Free Traditional Log Cabin Block)
4. generations-quilt-patterns.com/free-quilt-block-patterns.html



The following people found and emailed Phyllis the correct Blooper from the May Newsletter. Christine Griffith, Theresa Nelson and Alison Tichenor. They will receive their Charm Pack the next time we meet. Look for this month’s blooper.



2020 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Cathy Miller
Vice President	Beth Boyer
Secretary	Chris Ela
Treasurer	Cathy Gordon

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Charity Coordinator	Ruthie
Kerr	
Christmas Party	TBD
Hospitality	Darlene Mast & Anne Marie Burge
Membership	Pamela Sutton
Newsletter	Cindy Heller
Opportunity Quilt Programs	Cindy Heller
Refreshments	TBD
Sunshine	Darlene Mast & Anne Marie Burge
Ways & Means	Del Billmire
	Linda Cromley & Del Billmire

Happy Birthday Quilters

Ruth Rodgers	6/1	Karen Adamakis	6/7
Naomi Dilks	6/6	Susan Houck	6/21
Joan Marsh	6/6	Charmaine Erickson	6/29



General Membership Meetings

2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 8901 Del Webb Blvd. Membership Fee is \$20 per calendar year.

Board Meetings: as determined and advertised by the President.

Contact Us

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Sunshine by Del Billmire

Cards of encouragement and well-wishes are sent to members that we know are going through difficulty (i.e., surgery, grief, etc.), as well as birthday greetings via email. If you know of anyone who could use encouragement, or whose birthday we missed, please contact me at billmired@gmail.com



NEWSLETTER

If you have news, tips, articles, or advertisements you'd like to share, please send them to Cindy Heller: hellerck@cox.net. The deadline for articles is the 23rd of each month.

Advertising Rates:

Full Page	\$50.00	Quarter Page	\$12.50
Half Page	\$25.00	Business Card	\$ 5.00

Checks should be made payable and mailed to Las Vegas Quilters Guild, P.O. Box 36296, LV, NV 89133

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