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# CATHY'S CORNER

Hi All!!!! It is getting harder & harder to write you a letter. We are all going through many of the same things and it is hard on ourselves and our families. I am praying for all of us. I know that we and our country have been through many bad times, but, we have also been through many good times. So we need to keep going and remember all the good times.

Again I have to tell you that we will not be able to have our monthly meeting in July. Believe me I have tried to find a place that we can have a meetings. All I find is brick walls. If any of you have any ideas or know of a place that we can meet please let me know. I thought about a park but, most do not want to go out in this heat. They are telling me that the parks are not always safe at night, so where do we stand?

I was thinking! How about we have sew-ins at different member's homes? We can have up to 10 per home now I know that most do not have room for 10 but, we do have room for a few. We could do different projects like charities or a new pattern that someone would like to share. We are always interested in learning new ideas so that leaves the door wide open. If you are someone that would be interested in opening your home make it easy on yourself. Make it a pot luck Invite someone that you do not know well and would like to get to know. We have a tendency to stick with our groups. Just think what if we get to know someone new and find out how much you have in common. If any of you are interested please give me or any of the board members your feedback.

Linda Cromley, Del Billmire, and I are still working on the Fall Festival on October 10<sup>th</sup> it will be at the church where we have our meetings. They have already given us the go ahead this can be great for all of you. You will have a lot of room to bring as many items that you want to sell. Remember the cost is the same as when we had Christmas in July {20/80} the Guild gets 20% and you get 80%. Please get busy and continue making your wonderful items.

I wish you could see the latest donated items we received from a wonderful Man and his late wife. You cannot imagine we filled a storage unit 10 X 15 full. I cannot wait to share with all of you. The items are a lot of cardmaking and scrap-booking supplies I know that many of you do a number of crafts, you will feel like you are in Joann's. As soon as we get started back with our meetings we can start sharing with you.

I am going to Florida on the 22 of July to see our great friend Linda Biko. She has a new Guild that meets weekly; I am hoping to visit if they are having meetings they have been closed down also.

**Tip:** If you have been sewing as much as I have! Remember it is time to clean your machines. That means take up foot plate, clean out all dust and lint. Check your bobbin case for dust and loose threads. Change your needle if you have not changed in a while. Clean your machine with a soft cloth and a mild soap. If your machine takes oil this is a time to add oil. Gives life to you machine.

Love you, Cathy

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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 when we start back up. Or you can Email Ruthie at [ruthiekerr55@aol.com](mailto:ruthiekerr55@aol.com). 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 June.

- ◆ **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](mailto:hellerck@cox.net) if you're interested. Mentorship available for each position.

Programs

Opportunity Quilt Fundraiser

Annual Christmas Party

Newsletter (must have Publisher on your computer)

## 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:

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

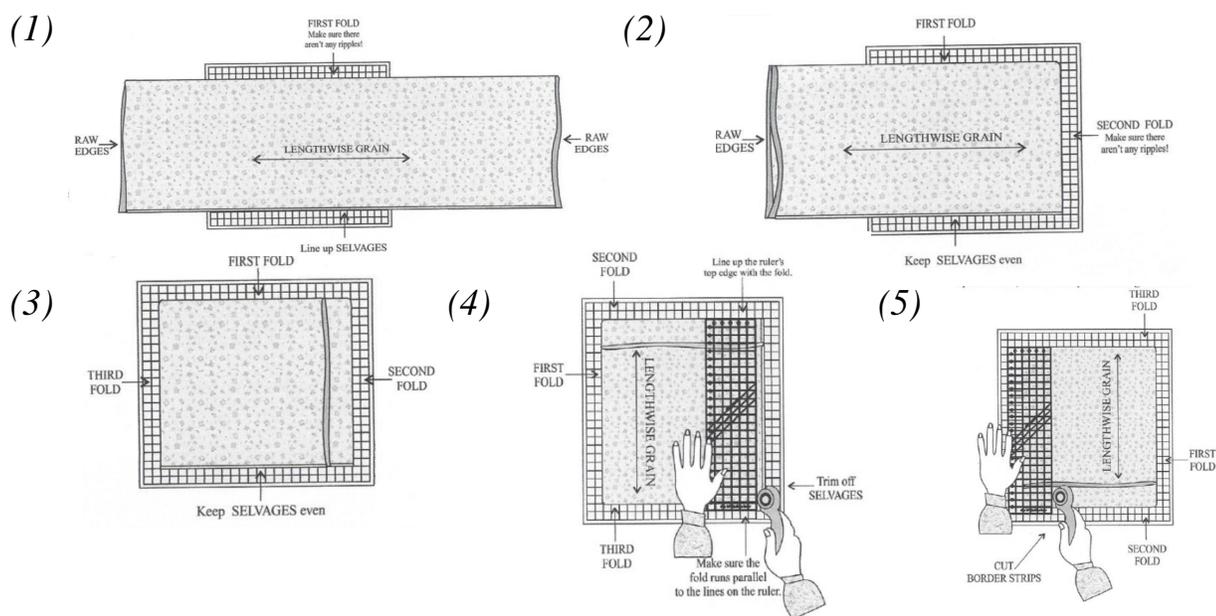
The Opportunity Quilt is one of our **major fundraisers** to help cover Guild operating expenses. Please participate by buying raffle tickets at meetings and events to win this beauty! It will be raffled off during the December 2020 meeting. For questions, contact Cindy Heller at [hellerck@cox.net](mailto:hellerck@cox.net).



## Quick Tips by Phyllis Suiter

Candi and I were quilting one of my quilts and when we got to the bottom border we had all this rippling. I was so careful sewing on the borders, trying so hard not to stretch the material. We managed to scooch th fabric as it was quilting which helped but what else could I do? So, I went on a search, “what causes rippling of borders on quilts?” Here’s what I found out:

1. Measure your quilt in 3 places, top, middle and bottom before cutting the borders. If there is a difference, average the numbers.
2. Borders are best cut in one continuous strip. If you piece your borders, be sure to attach on the diagonal with a 1/4 inch seam pressed open.
3. Borders are best if cut on the lengthwise of the grain, parallel to the salvages. The lengthwise grain has less stretch then crosswise grain. However if you are doing a wall hanging quilt, the top and bottom borders should be cut on the crosswise grain while the side borders are cut on the lengthwise grain.
4. An easy way to cut borders on the lengthwise grain is to: (1) Cut the fabric larger that you longest border measurement. Fold your fabric length wise lining up the salvages. Make sure it is smooth. (2) Fold the fabric to the right or left, bringing the raw edges together. Don’t worry about the raw edges begin perfectly together at this point (3) Fold the fabric back on itself, keeping the salvages together and fabric smooth. (4) Rotate your cutting mat or fabric 90 degrees counter clockwise. Line up your ruler with the top fold, trim off salvages. (5) Rotate the Fabric 180 degrees and cut from bottom to top, the width of your desired borders. Then cut the borders pieces the length you need for your top and bottom borders.





## ***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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.quilterscache.com/quiltblocksgalore)
2. Moda Blockheads 3 SewAlong (search term)
3. [quiltingassistant.com/log](http://quiltingassistant.com/log) (for Free Traditional Log Cabin Block)
4. [generations-quilt-patterns.com/free-quilt-block-patterns.html](http://generations-quilt-patterns.com/free-quilt-block-patterns.html)



