



In this time of social isolation, we all need a little Bluebird of Happiness to make our day a little better. Find the Bluebird and email me.

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## CATHY'S CORNER

Hello Ladies, can we talk? I don't know about you but, during this lock down I have really put on the pounds! I decided to do something about it so I am on that dreaded word diet. I have been on many diets as I am sure you have. At 73 I have to do it right this time so I have some wonderful people working with me and it has been great. As you know with weight loss there comes the flab I am working on that part. Why am I bringing this up? I just want you to know that whatever we are dealing with in 2020 you can make lemonade out of all those lemons. So hang in and if you feel you need help or someone to talk to remember you have over 100 guild members that are there for you and you for them.

We have a lot coming up the first thing that I am going to talk to you about is the **PICNIC** at this time we have only 32 signed up to attend. I am sure a lot of you are concerned about the virus but, we are going to be very safe. At first we told you to bring a sack lunch and I had many calls. They thought a sack lunch was not a real picnic. Well I attended a VFW picnic a couple of week-ends ago and we had hamburger and all the trimmings. I checked with the office and they told me we could use the grills. So we are going to have a real picnic. This is what we are going to do, the guild will furnish all the food. The menu will be hamburgers, chips, cupcakes, and bottled water. If you do not want to eat the food that we are preparing please feel free to bring your own lunch. Also, as we told you before you can bring your wine etc. no glass containers. We have a lot and I mean a lot of great prizes to give away. Also, we are going to have show and tell, you can bring 2 different projects to share. I wish we had time to see all that you have been working on but, time is limited. We want everyone to have time to share. If you plan to attend please, RSVP TO Cindy Heller at [hellerck@cox.net](mailto:hellerck@cox.net) (702-290-0770) or just call me (702-631-0374). We need to know how much food to buy. If you have already RSVP please let us know if you will be eating hamburgers with us. **SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC** be prepared to have a great time.

The next thing I need to talk to you about is membership and dues. I know that you think we have not had a meeting since March why do we need to join and pay our membership. Well, let me tell you why even though we have not had meetings, we still have a lot of money going out. You would not believe how much we pay for government fees, insurance, storage units and we now have two storage units. Why do we have two units? Well, we have been very lucky and have had a lot of things donated to the guild. I wish you could see the wonderful items that generous people donated to our guild. We cannot wait until we can meet again and share these wonderful items.

Pam our Membership Chair will be at the Picnic if you need to pay your dues. If you have questions about the status of your membership Pam can answer all your questions.

Ladies my office is short lived and I just want you to know what a honor it has been to serve as your President. We had some wonderful programs and classes planned for this year but, as you are aware this did not happen. I am hoping that we can get back to normal next year. We will have the election even if we have to have it online. We will be contacting you before the end of the year about the election.

I have been talking to you about having small get together at your homes. Well, I had my first and it was wonderful. I had 8 wonderful ladies at my home and we ate, talked and sewed. I am telling you it was great for all of us. We all made the same quilt top and wait until you see how the same pattern can come out so different. We are meeting again and this time we will make a tote bag I can't wait. Think about this and give it a try it was wonderful.

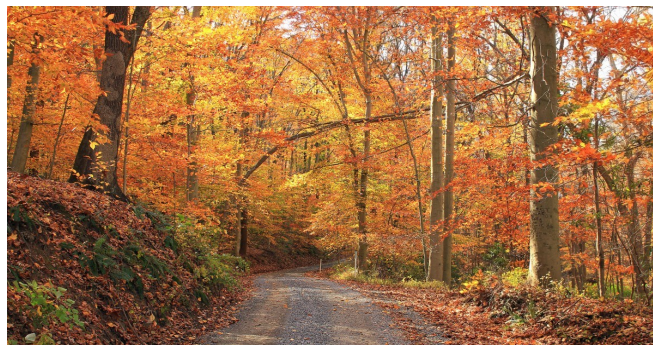
**PLEASE RSVP FOR THE PICNIC  
GET YOUR FLU SHOT  
VOTE**

**I know that my letter was a bit long this time but, I had a lot to talk to you about.**

**TIP OF THE MONTH: I am sure you have 1 or more of those cardboard tubes that once held batting or fabric. This is what I do, I cut the tubes to the length of a coat hanger then split in on one side it will fit over the coat hanger and now you have a place to hang your quilts and no hanger marks.**

**See you at the picnic!!**

**Cathy Miller**, President  
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## Membership Announcement From Pam Sutton

Don't Forget that Membership dues are long past due & obviously were delayed due to the pandemic.

The Membership form is available on the Website and on page 4 of this Newsletter.

Why worry about it when we are not having Meetings? Lots of reasons depending upon how you look at it—Supporting our small organization & one another.. Personal Commitment. Helping LVQ fund future events, speakers and classes.

Now more than ever, this experience has shown what a delight it was to come together with our creative spirits. Do you miss it? I know, I do!

Please reach out to any Board member if you have questions, concerns, ideas, are willing to teach a class, donate fabric, quilts, notions, books, tools( Ruthie Kerr is our Charity Person), help with Events or positions.

Remember: We can do difficult things!

**PICNIC-MEETING** Las Vegas Quilters Guild **MEETING-PICNIC**

# PICNIC AREA "A"

4701 N. Durango, Las Vegas, NV 89129

(Lone Mountain and Durango)



**Area A is located on the South West end of the park next to the Neighborhood Services Center and Volleyball Court.**

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon - 3:00 PM**

**Mountain Crest Park**

- ◆ **Limited to 49 people:** first come first serve, **RSVP is required** to Cindy Heller via email at hellerck@cox.net
- ◆ **Lunch:** We're grilling hamburgers, and will have chips, cupcakes, and bottled water. If this doesn't work for you, feel free to bring your own lunch and drinks, but please join us. Other drinks (i.e., wine, wine coolers, beer, etc.) are allowed, but **no glass**, pour into appropriate containers prior to arrival.
- ◆ **Social Distancing:** There are 14 'shaded' picnic tables, but you're welcome to social distance even more by bringing your own lawn chair! However, **no staking allowed** so don't bring portable canopies and such. Yes, bring your Mask, you'll need to wear it within 6ft of others please!
- ◆ Yes, pets are welcome, but must be on a leash at all times.
- ◆ **Activities:**
  - Show & Tell
  - Lots of Give-a-ways
  - Raffle Baskets (normal donations: \$1/ticket or 6 for \$5)
  - Disperse prizes for Newsletter Bloopers







## LAS VEGAS QUILTERS

### Membership Application/Renewal Form (Rev. May 2019)

Membership year \_\_\_\_\_  
 New: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual membership.** Payments are due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues are \$20.00 and cover the period January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewing members who have not paid their dues by April 1<sup>st</sup> are dropped from membership rolls and will no longer receive the newsletter. Members from the previous year who renew from April 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> will pay \$20.00, the full amount of the annual dues. New members who join between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> will pay pro-rated annual dues of \$10.00.

**Mailing address for your dues and form: Las Vegas Quilters POBox 36296 Las Vegas, NV 89133**

Name (Please Print)			<b>For Membership Chair:</b>	
Address			Date: _____	
City	State	Zip code	Check # _____ Initials: _____	
Email address (Please print Legibly)			Cash: _____ Initials: _____	
Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Which number do you prefer to be contacted at?	Paid online: _____ Initials: _____	
		Home: _____ Cell: _____	Send copy of roster? _____	
Birthday Month and Day: (will be shared in the Newsletter) Month: _____ Day: _____ <b>SIGNATURE &amp; DATE:</b> _____				
If you choose not to have your name, address and email distributed to members, you may opt out: I DO NOT WANT MY INFO AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS: (initial) _____				
Photographs of you and/or your quilts may appear in the Newsletter and website or our Facebook page. Bylaws and Standing Rules are available on the website. Members and Guests must sign-in at the meetings.				

### ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Volunteering, even a small amount of your time and/or talents, is a great way to become involved and meet more guild members. An indication of interest **is not a commitment**; however, your participation is encouraged. Check the activities that interest you as a potential participant or volunteer.

COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES	TALENTS AND SPECIAL SKILLS	What would you like to see as classes, demos, or presentations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas In July <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality & Refreshments <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity Quilt <input type="checkbox"/> Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine <input type="checkbox"/> Ways and Means (Fund Raising) <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Buddy  Executive Board Member: <input type="checkbox"/> President <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting or Bookkeeping <input type="checkbox"/> Artist <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Digital/ Manual Cutting Machines (i.e., accuquilt) <input type="checkbox"/> EQ8 <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics/ Drawing/Printing <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Applique <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Embroidery <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Quilting <input type="checkbox"/> Long arm Quilting <input type="checkbox"/> Machine Embroidery <input type="checkbox"/> Machine Quilting <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Piecing <input type="checkbox"/> Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Publisher <input type="checkbox"/> Publisher <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to Teach a class/speaker <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Do you know of any teachers that you would like to be guest speakers or teach a class? _____ _____ _____

What do you consider your Quilting Skill?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner    \_\_\_\_\_ Confident Beginner    \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate    \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced    \_\_\_\_\_ Professional

## Fun idea: How to Build a Cookie Quilt

<https://www.cookiecrazie.com/www.cookiecrazie.com//2011/07/how-to-build-cookie-quilt.html>



## Cowboy Cookies (Bet you can't eat just one....)

Dry: 1-1/4 c. All purpose flour  
3/4 t. Baking Powder  
1/2 t. Baking Soda  
1/2 t. salt

Bake: 350 degrees for 15-17 minutes  
Rotate pan halfway  
This makes tender cookies.  
Yield: 17-18 cookies / LARGE ONES

Wet: 1-1/2 cups brown sugar  
12 T. unsalted melted butter  
1 large egg + 1 yolk  
1 t. vanilla  
1-1/4 c. old fashioned oats  
1 cup toasted pecans  
1 cup coconut  
2/3 cup chocolate chips (minis are fun to use)

- Spray 1/4 cup measuring cup and place 8 on a sheet – BIG COOKIES.
- You can decrease size as desired. Just watch your baking time.
- When you pull them from the oven, they will be pale, puffy and the edges will look like they are just beginning to brown. Let set on pan for five minutes for carryover cooking, then remove to cooling rack.



## Quick Tips by Phyllis Suiter

### Just for Fun: Little Known Quilting Terms and Words

**Album Quilt:** A quilt made of many different blocks, often given as a memory or friendship quilt, family or friends sign blocks with either ink or embroidery. Also known as an Signature Quilt.

**Bearding:** A term meaning the migration of fibers from the batting passing through the quilt top and forming a fuzz or halo on the surface of the quilt. Some synthetics, wool and silk batting are prone to this problem.

**Between:** Needles made specifically to sew all layers together during the hand quilting process. Also used for hand sewing binding when finishing quilt.

**Borderie Perse:** A French term which translates as "Persian Embroidery". The technique is an Applique method where larger images are cut from a printed fabric and appliqued onto a new background fabric. Popular in Europe when expensive prints came from SE Asia and India where cutting them up and applique of them made them go further.

**Chambray:** A durable cotton fabric in plain weave with a smooth and lustrous finish. It is woven with colored warp yarns and white fillings. Chambray is a form of gingham.

**Channel Stitching:** Parallel rows of straight-line quilting going in one direction across a quilt top.

**Crocking:** The transfer of color from one fabric to another, caused by the friction of fabrics rubbing against one another during handling or washing.

**Drag:** Caused by the weight of the quilt pulling while sewing. Drag can result in distortion of a finished quilt or uneven quilting stitches.

**Griege goods:** Fabric in a raw, unfinished state. Pronounced "gray-zh" goods.

**Hera:** A small tool from Japan made of wood or plastic and used instead of a finger nail to finger press seams or to "draw" a line by indenting the fabric with the edge of the hera.

**Ikat:** A fabric, usually handwoven which has been tie-dyed in the yarns prior to weaving. The pattern can range from simple little dots to intricate double ikats. (pronounced: Ee-cot)

**Linsey-Woolsey:** a coarse, strong, durable fabric made of flax fibers. Flax was one of the larger crops in colonial America and linsey-woolsey was typically a home-woven fabric. It was one of the earliest fabrics used in American quilts. It consisted of a linen, or sometimes cotton, warp (lengthwise threads) and a wool weft (crosswise threads). The name Linsey came from a village in Saussex, England.

**Marriage Quilt:** In the 1700s an engaged girl would invite her friends to a quilting get-together. They would help her quilt her Wedding Quilt -- the last of her 13 requisite baker's dozen of quilts, and the only one that could contain hearts and other symbols of love. A common superstition was that it was bad luck for an engaged girl to work on her own Wedding Quilt. It came to be the custom that the friends also each brought a block to the party to be put together and quilted and presented as a wedding gift. The custom was popular until around 1900. Also known as Bridal or Wedding quilt.

**Mercerizing:** a finishing technique, invented by John Mercer in 1850, whereby cotton yarn fibers are impregnated with cold, concentrated sodium hydroxide solution resulting in increased luster, stretch and dyeability of the yarns.

**PhD:** Projects half done

**Rooster Tail:** a knot showing on the quilt.

**Serge or Twill Weave:** considered to be the most durable weave. The filling is interlaced with the warps in such a way as to form diagonal ridges across the fabric. Twills include broadcloth, cashmere, covert cloth, denim, drill, gabardine, and jean.

**WOMBAT:** Waste of Money, Batting, and Time.

### 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).

### Members Are Important

- ♦ **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 reach out to our Guild members, don't be bashful, ask questions, and enjoy what we have to offer.
- ♦ **Guild Members:** A friendly reminder, 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 3 Committees, contact Cindy at [hellerck@cox.net](mailto:hellerck@cox.net) if you're interested. Mentorship/training available for each position. **A Big Thank You goes out to Rosemarie Francis for stepping up to the plate and taking over the Newsletter !!!!**

1) Opportunity Quilt Fundraiser 2) Programs 3) Annual Christmas Party

### 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).





## 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	<b>TBD</b>
Hospitality	Darlene Mast & Anna Marie Burge
Membership	Pamela Sutton
Newsletter	Cindy Heller
Opportunity Quilt	Cindy Heller
Programs	<b>TBD</b>
Refreshments	Darlene Mast & Anna Marie Burge
Sunshine	Del Billmire
Ways & Means	Linda Cromley & Del Billmire
Webmistress	Phyllis Suiter

## Happy Birthday Quilters

Patricia B	10/3	Candace A	10/14
Cathy S	10/11	Paula F	10/17
Laurie M	10/12	Dayleen L	10/28
Eileen W	10/13	Jane W	10/30



## General Membership Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Emails will be forwarded to correct respondent.

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P.O. Box 36296  
Las Vegas, NV 89133



*if you see me  
with a  
seam ripper  
now is not  
the time*

@simplesimonandco

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:hellerck@cox.net). The deadline for articles is the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**NOTE: All members may place one business card size ad for free, once every 12 months, for personal or business purposes.**