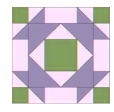


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Next Meeting:

AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE RESULTING
STAY HOME, WORK SAFE, ORDER
ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
ALL MEETINGS OF THE SHINER HERITAGE QUILTERS
HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TWO-FOLD: 1: TO ESTABLISH IN WRITING FOR THE RECORD AN EXPLANATION OF THE SUSPENSION OF MONTHLY GUILD MEETINGS; AND 2: TO ADVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH, APRIL AND MAY, AND PROPOSED FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE GUILD.

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Shiner First United Methodist Church is still not allowing activities to take place at their location and, consequently, there will not be a June meeting. At this time the Church has not determined when it will open its facilities and allow activities to begin again, therefore we do not have confirmation that there will be a meeting in July at this time. As soon as the Guild is notified that the Church is opening its doors again, the membership will be advised of a meeting date, either by email, telephone and/or both.

Hostesses for Upcoming Meetings

- First meeting after meetings are resumed – Kathy Riske, Janet Ferguson, Irene Cerny.
- The following members had signed up for the subsequent months:
- Next meeting – Rose Mary Havlik, Bennie Gerdes and Janet Zabransky
- Next meeting – Carolyn and Marilyn Schroeder and Gladys Muehlstein

Block-of-the-Month Update

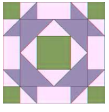
- The original date for the last blocks to be shared would have been June, which means we have missed sharing blocks for three months. Please bring any blocks you have completed for the drawings to the next meeting and a drawing (or drawings) will be held for them. Our intent is to begin a new block of the month at our next meeting, so please let Janet or any of the officers know if you have any suggestions.

Youth Quilting Classes

- The youth quilting classes have been cancelled for 2020.

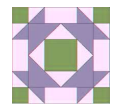
Janet's Junk

I am so proud to say we have made and donated 1770 masks, which includes masks made by members and donated to friends, family and businesses they know individually, and the balance of 641 were made and distributed to nursing homes, Shiner Fire Station, Wagner Clinic Shiner Police Department and the new Sievers Clinic in Shiner. . We also have made 20 quilts for Norma's House, 10 quilts for Yoakum Nursing, 10 quilts for Shiner Nursing and Rehab, and 10 for Moulton Nursing home. I have 6 more lap quilts on hand at this point and several out to be quilted so we will have a good start to the next group we will do.



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A couple of quick stories.... When I took the masks to the Wagner Clinic, they wanted to pay something for them. I told them no, it was our donation, however they insisted they wanted to do something. I told them if they want to make a donation to the Guild it would certainly be accepted with gratitude. Missy Janak called me a couple of days later and said she has a donation for us, and would like more masks. They also wanted some headbands. She sent me a picture of the headbands, which have a button over the ear to attach the elastic so it wouldn't rub on the wearer's ears. I made 20 headbands and 30 more masks. When I delivered the masks and headbands to the Clinic, I was handed an envelope with donations. She said when a patient came in without a mask, they were offered one of our masks and told they could have one. She also said the Clinic was taking donations for the Guild which had provided the masks and headbands to the Clinic. The first envelope had \$108 in it and to say the least, I was very surprised. She called me about four days later and needed more masks so I took another 30 masks to the Clinic. She handed me another envelope which contained \$115. Since then, they have asked for another 20 masks and four more headbands. When I delivered those, I was given another \$100 in donations, which combined with the other donations from the Clinic and their patients is a total of over \$300.

A family friend asked me to make some for them and I made 25 for them. He gave me a donation of \$50. I found out they were for his son and daughter-in-law who both work at Huntsville prison.

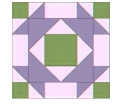
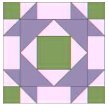
I made masks for other friends and received one donation of \$40 and another for \$5. We also had a stranger, Debbie Phillips from Houston, contact me about helping to make masks. She was helping her sister with her husband who has ALS and is not doing well. She said it would give her something to do with her hands when they have down time. She sent me 20 masks.

This has been a very rewarding experience, not just because of the donations, but for the response we receive each time we deliver masks and lap quilts. Everyone is very receptive and so thankful for our donations.

I still have plenty of elastic on hand now, so if you happen to need some, please let me know. We will continue to have some masks on hand, some with the ties and some with the elastic. The ladies at Wagner Clinic prefer the ones that have the folds and elastic. If we get a request for more, or if we need to deliver to someone else, please let me know. At this time, I think we can wait for requests before we make more. If you have some on hand, let me know how many and what kind so I will know what we have in case we get a request.

One more thing not related to the mask, headband and quilt donations, I am planning to have a meeting sometime later in June of the members that have signed up for any duties for the quilt show. I will notify everyone once I know a date (and I can get my sewing stuff out of my dining room!).

Finally, everyone please stay healthy until we can all get together again. Summertime is here, it is HOT.



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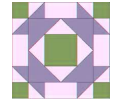
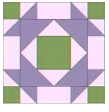
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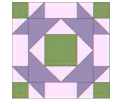
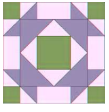
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