

SPRINGFIELD QU AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER



President's Block

Hello Springfield quilters!

As long and drawn out as these past months have felt, somehow we are heading into the last month of summer! What?!? How did that happen? Time is such a funny thing. It can feel like it's hardly moving and then all of a sudden you can't believe so much has passed. How is it I'm already looking forward to the crisp cool days of fall? Maybe because it's so stinking hot around here this time of year?! LOL

Before I get into how we are planning to start off in September, I would like to talk about the survey that went out to members last month. First of all I would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey. We had a 73% participation rate which was fantastic! This information is really SO HELPFUL! We, as a board, want to be sure we are proceeding in a way that is the most beneficial to every member. Just a few statistical highlights

- 87% would be willing to wear a face mask for an entire meeting/workshop
- 44% would be willing to attend 1st / 3rd Tuesday meetings if we were able to hold them.
- 22% would be willing to attend 2nd/4th Tuesday meetings if we were able to hold them.
- 22% would be willing to attend charity sew meetings if we were able to hold them.
- 32% would be willing to attend a workshop if we were able to offer one.

- 22% (average) answered 'Not Sure' about these attendance questions.
- 16.8% (average) answered Not until there is a treatment or vaccine for COVID-19.
- 8% answered would be willing to attend, but not until January or later.
- 23% are not sure 59% of you would be willing to participate in a lottery to determine attendance (if there are restrictions on attendance)
- 79% of you have Facebook accounts and 39% Instagram
- 54% would use social media account if we had content on them, with 18 % of you saying it depends on the content and 14% saying you would not use it.

[To see the full survey click here.](#)

ZOOM MEETING

Hello quilters. I hope this finds everyone happy and well. I see all of the great things that people are quilting on, and spending time with, through social media and drive by's at the Fire-station. Of course we still want to be in contact with each other in Springfield QU in spite of the pandemic. The zoom chapter chats are a great way to do that. Just like when I use zoom to conduct Real Estate business, I've preset passwords within the links. To clarify, I will be hosting Springfield QU chapter Chats on the first and third Tuesdays of the month through to September 2020. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the zoom chapter chats. I'll do what I can to help. Best, Lisa Langlais, 703-967-2675

Lisa Langlais is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting

Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Aug 4, 2020, 10:00 AM

Aug 18, 2020, 10:00 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/808373902?pwd=UzQ4eEhjTFFvMW00YnNtb0xvdjBVQT09>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/808373902?pwd=UzQ4eEhjTFFvMW00YnNtb0xvdjBVQT09>

Meeting ID: 808 373 902

Password: quilts2020

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Password: 273557

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/808373902>

The Fall Retreat 2020 has turned into Fall Retreat 2021. The Claggett Center has closed the facility through this summer and since we are a high risk group and since we already had a reservation for 2021, the decision was made after input from some of the current fall retreaters that it would be wise to cancel the 2020 dates. Because of the virus situation the Center has agreed to switching our deposit To the 2021 dates. Most of the current members who signed up for 2020 have signed up for 2021 but there are several openings available if you know what you will be doing on October 12th - 17th, 2021. Let me know if you are interested.
Joan MCGowan

Quilt Design Webpage: www.patternjam.com . On this website you will find 145 pages of quilt designs.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can actually sharpen your rotary cutter blade by running it over sand paper many times. Just cut the sandpaper with the rotary blade.

Sharpen pins with an emery board or nail file. Just spin the pins on an angle while running them down the nail file.

Don't know what to do with those old nylons? Braid them to use in place of elastic for those masks! They work wonderfully!

AUGUST AUCTION NEWS!

Nancy Karpowicz and I, with help from Lisa Langlais, have been collecting and sorting several large donations from our SQU members. There is a plethora of items and we are looking forward to displaying a few of the items online as a preview for the Auction in the Spring of 2021.

Many of you have shared that you have made good use of this time to clean out your sewing room. If you have items to donate to the auction, we ask that you hold onto them until the auction date is determined for 2021 and the schedule for bringing auction items to the hall is announced.

For those who are new to SQU, the auction is SQU's major fundraiser for the year. Members donate items to the auction, large items (furniture, sewing machines, etc.) or smaller items (fabric, notions, etc.). All donations are tax deductible!

The auction is divided into four areas:

1. Live Auction – Judy will be our auctioneer this year!
2. Silent Auction – Write your bid on the sheet and the highest bidder wins
3. Brown Bag – Buy tickets and place them in the bags for a random chance to win
4. Buy It Now – Buy the item at the price that is marked. Plenty of bargains!

If you have questions regarding the auction, please email me at jedijab@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of this major fundraiser!

Nancy & Judy!!

Click here for the [Quilters Unlimited 2020 - 2021 Membership Form](#)

GLOBAL QUILT CONNECTION VIRTUAL MEET THE TEACHER EVENTS – Cindy Grisdela (R, McL) announces; “Global Quilt Connection will host three virtual Meet the Teacher events on August 5, September 2, and September 9, 2020 from 4 – 6 PM EDT each day. Each session will feature 30 teachers who are ready and able to present virtual or live online lectures and workshops to guilds and other interested groups. The events are free to register for guild representatives.

Visit <http://suebleiweiss.com/globalquiltconnection.html> for more information, including lists of presenting teachers, and to register.”

2020 Online Fall Event, Nov 13-14 featuring Bethanne Nemesh

The 2020 Online Fall Event will feature Bethanne Nemesh. Bethanne is one of the top machine

quilters in the world and will be virtually teaching 2 half day classes (Freehand Florals and From Fast to Fancy, Feathers for Freehand Quilters) on Friday Nov 13th live online and a morning half day class (Quilted Texture from A to Zen) live online and an afternoon Fall Event lecture/webinar (Walk a Creative Path) on Saturday Nov 14th. The classes are appropriate for both longarm and domestic machine quilters and will be lecture/demo rather than hands on. These classes are live over the internet. You will be able to ask questions and Bethanne will be able to answer them in real time. Bethanne has written numerous books on machine quilting and has her own line of rulers; these are all available on her website. Read more about Bethanne at <https://www.whitearborquilting.com/>. You must register for the lecture and classes since space is limited. Get Early Bird pricing for classes through Sept 30, 2020! More details are available at www.quiltersunlimited.org.

Class/Lecture Descriptions:

Freehand Florals - 2 hour drawing, Friday 10 a.m. – noon, Nov 13, 2020, Early Bird \$25 (thru Sept 30); Regular \$35 (Oct 1 – Nov 11).

Register at www.quiltersunlimited.org.

All the exotic shapes of your garden are at your command. Every shape in the garden can be broken down into three simple thread paths, learn them, and find your floral creativity exploding on the surface of your quilt. Quilt your bouquets on blocks, borders, and edge to edge.

Bethanne's easy step by step constriction method will help you master any floral shape! Bring some photos for on the spot design fun! Suggested companion Book: If You Can Feather You Can Freehand. Purchase at <https://www.whitearborquilting.com/>.

From Fast to Fancy: Feathers for Freehand Quilters - 2 hour drawing, Fri 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Nov 13, 2020,

Early Bird \$25 (thru Sept 30); Regular \$35 (Oct 1 – Nov 11).

Register at www.quiltersunlimited.org.

Freehand feathers are a quilter's best friend. They can be formal or fantastic, fast or fancy. Learn to grow your freehand feathers at your own pace with the addition of details and inserts. Based on Bethanne's popular new book of the same title, see how even beginner feathers can grow to fancy heirloom ones with a few simple changes. Learn to match your feather to your quilt's style, budget, and use. This class combines much of the content of two of Bethanne's other classes, Feather Faster and Fancy 2020 Online Fall Event, Nov 13-14 featuring Bethanne Nemesh

Feathers. Suggested companion book: From Fast to Fancy, Feathers for Freehand Quilters. Purchase at

<https://www.whitearborquilting.com/>.

Lecture - Walk a Creative Path, Saturday 2-3 p.m., Nov 14, 2020, Free to QU members and all Class Attendees. Register at www.quiltersunlimited.org.

Bethanne's journey as an art quilter from her beginnings making traditional quilts, then branching

out into pattern manipulation, to her current pictographic silk art quilts is explored with a slide presentation and with a trunk show of available quilts. Bethanne will explore how her silk quilts come to be, from initial sketches, paintings, photography to final creation and finish details. Additionally, Bethanne discusses how any quilter can learn to recognize inspiration and document and organize it to facilitate quilt design through sharing her own techniques and sketchbooks in this funny guild pleaser!

Bethanne's Bio: Bethanne is a classically trained artist who began using quilting and fiber arts as her artistic medium in 1997. She has developed an international reputation as an award winning quilter with her highly detailed pictographic quilts and their unique beaded finish details, as well as a traveling teacher and author of books, rulers and DVD classes. Today, Bethanne loves teaching both the high end finish details she is known for, but also teaching others to love the human touch of freehand quilting. Whether that quilting be pragmatic, or extraordinary, Bethanne loves to help each quilter discover what works for them. Visit her website at <https://www.whitearborquilting.com> to purchase her books.

How Video Conferencing Works:

Bethanne uses Zoom for videoconferencing - <https://zoom.us/>. This meeting service allows multiple people to use their electronic device (computer, I Pad, notebook, phone, etc) to click on a link and log into the session. You can see and hear both the speaker and the other participants that are sharing their video and/or audio. Because it is live and interactive, participants can ask questions through the chat function and the speaker can answer them. Classes and lecture will NOT be recorded. See more on the QU website, www.quiltersunlimited.org.

What Electronic Equipment is Needed for Participants

Participants can use just about any electronic device, such as computer, phone, I Pad, notepad, etc. Participants may need to download the Zoom app on their device. Good internet connection is needed to prevent freezing and lagging. Participants with poor internet bandwidth can dial in to listen and free up their bandwidth for video.

Questions? Contact Julia Graves, QU VP at 240-472-1763 or email her at Juliagraves82@gmail.com.

Sunshine Corner

Let's bring some cheer to our members! If you know of any SQU members in need of a Get Well

or Sympathy card, please let Ann Littleton know at ann.littleton@DSALLC.net or by phone 703-627-6077. "We don't have to light up the whole world, just our little part of the world."(Unknown)

This month's birthdays and Special Events

8/01 Joan Lipera

8/03 Linda Thompson

8/07 Shannon Dart

8/07 Lisa Wood

8/13 Jill Warren

8/22 Lois Slade

8/23 Roz Elliott

8/27 Robin Cary

VIRTUAL SEWING ROOM TOURS!

Exciting news! We are going to get a peek into some of our members sewing studios to see where the magic happens! It will be fun to see how their sewing areas are configured and organized (or not like ours!). It is very gracious of these ladies to do this for us – thank you all!

We are still working on the logistics of how this will be presented, further information will be forthcoming. For now, be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates – all starting at 10AM.

Diane Henry – August 18th

Diane recently moved into a new home and is working on her sewing studio. She also has a room that will be dedicated to classes and group sewing activities, so we will get the first look into Diane's new studio.

Programs 2020-2021 from Linda Heller

Before the plague hit, I actually had most of next year's programs planned. I even had contracts (some of them done before Big QU changed the contract to reflect the plague). I have no idea if we will be having programs (or when or where), but for your wistful daydreams of days past, here is the tentative schedule of programs for the 2020-2021 sewing season. Please be aware any and all of this can change without notice.

September 15 – Amy Flennikan. Amy is a member of Burke SQU. I have it on good authority (and I really won't name names here but at least two SQU members) that her presentation to Burke SQU was “revolutionary” and “life changing” - words I haven't heard since someone tried to get me to be an Amway distributor. If some of you have been using comic book backer boards to neaten up your sewing room (me! You can currently see the floor), you have Amy to thank for that tip. If we still aren't in the firehall, I am going to see if she will do a video presentation.

October 20 – Jackie Kelso. Jackie has been a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor. You know what that means! Paper piecing! She will giving a trunk show. We are so uncertain about the medical situation, that she is tentatively scheduled for an all day workshop somewhere other than the firehall the next day, but we have not settled on whether, if, or what. Stay tuned. Hopefully we will all know more soon.

November 17 brings us noted quilter Pat Yamin. She was our scheduled presenter in May, but well...you know. She is going to do a trunk show of her collection of quilt tops.

December – Hopefully the Holiday luncheon.

January 19, 2021 Will be a presentation and a workshop by Penny Domikis of Cabin in the Woods Quilters. Her presentation is All Scrapped Out (hey, Amy got you organized so this should be easy. Easy-ish?) Her class is a half day workshop called Nested Petals. The pattern will be included in the class fee.

February 16-18 – PLEASE LET THERE BE QUILT CAMP!!!!

March 16 – Noted fabric artist Kevin Womack will speak about Color Theory. Why does periwinkle and peach work sometimes and not others (or is it just me who can envision periwinkle and peach? Yeah, I need this class) Kevin will be giving tips, clues and guidance in your color choices. March 17 (we hope!) he is teaching an all day class called “Floral Tapestry.” There is a fair amount of preparation involved (but maybe we can work on that during quilt camp? See prayer above)

April 2021 – QU Auction (I hope)

May 18 – Debbie Kalenty will be giving a lecture/trunk show. She will also be teaching an afternoon class on Deb Tucker's tool fundamentals. Debbie is a certified Studio 180 instructor and the afternoon session will involve instruction in the use of a specific tool. She describes herself as a realist, not an idealist. I would still bring my seam ripper just in case, but it sounds like fun.

AND looking FAR off into the future (no signed contract, but she sounds interested)

September 20, 2021 – Laurie Russman – Technology in Pet Portraiture will be the lecture and then in the afternoon there will be a three hour pet portraiture workshop. Undoubtedly this will involve a good blown up copy of your beast, so there is apt to preliminary work involved.

SPRINGFIELD QU – 2019-2020 Calendar of Events

All activities canceled due to COVID-19 Virus until September

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- Auction – Nancy Karpowicz, Nancy Moore & Judy Bell
- Sunshine-Ann Littleton
- Door prizes - Loretta Haglund

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

If you have suggestions for the newsletter, either format, content or otherwise, please let me know. Arlafp1@gmail.com . Sorry this is a late newsletter. Yes, I had my surgery. I was going to try to get the newsletter out before the surgery, but the internet didn't cooperate. My arm is better, but still doing PT for it. Thanks for all your concerns and cards.

Arla Albers