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Dear Quilt Family,

As we continue through this strange pandemic, I hope you are staying strong. The Board is working to implement new ways to stay connected. We plan to start sending weekly "Bee Blasts" to your email. Our new members-only Facebook group offers a private place to share work, request feedback, pose ideas and comment on others' work. Our BOM Facebook group has been very active — I love seeing the blocks you make! We're continuing the Block of the Month through the summer. If you're not on Facebook, email me. I am happy to post your BOM block for you. We have sold out our June workshop with Sherri Lynn Wood and we hope to offer more. If you have ideas or suggestions, please reach out to any Board member and we can try to make it happen.

Our June Guild meeting will be held on Zoom. The link will be emailed out a week before the meeting. You can also find it on "Upcoming Meetings" on our website.

May's Show and Tell was wonderful! If you missed it, see the link on page 4 of this Bee. Please send pictures of your latest work to Andrew for our June Show and Tell. Don't forget: our Small Quilt Challenge is due at the September meeting.

As our Guild year reaches its end, I want to thank everyone who stepped up and volunteered on our many committees. A special thank you to Madi Appell, Kathy Clarke and Sarah Vinson, who are stepping down as our Block of the Month designers. They are now passing the baton to Joy West and Robin Engelman.

Thank you for your energy, enthusiasm and creativity. Your dedication is what creates our rich, warm and inspiring community. Stay safe, stay creative.

Warmly,

Margaret Marcy Emerson
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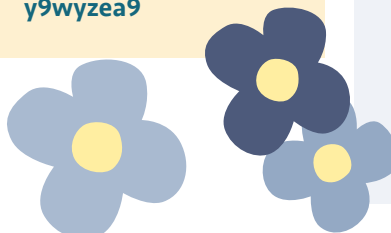
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Click this link for Zoom tutorials

<https://tinyurl.com/y9wyzea9>



Something to share? The deadline for submissions for the September 2020 issue of *The Brooklyn Bee* is 9 a.m., Monday, August 3, 2020. Please email them to: texasmc@hotmail.com.

Join Us at Our Meetings

GUILD MEETINGS on ZOOM

Usually third Saturday of the month, except July and August.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 20 ON ZOOM

Holy Name of Jesus Church, Shepherd's Hall

245 Prospect Park West (entrance to Shepherd's Hall in back, off the parking lot).

Business Meeting: 9:45 a.m. Members welcome.

General Meeting: 11:00 a.m. Members: free; guest fee: \$5.

Transportation:

Bus: B68 to last stop at Prospect Park West.

From Park Slope: B67 and B69, to Prospect Park West & 20th St.

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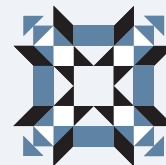
SUNDAY BEES Postponed

Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bring your sewing machine and lunch and spend the day.

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In light of the current COVID pandemic, the Board of the Brooklyn Quilters Guild does not support attendance at any in-person events until further notice, including but not restricted to quilting retreats, guild meetings, and quilt shows. There may now be a false sense of security among those who have not been directly affected by COVID-19 yet, but we are still very much in this pandemic. We urge all of our members to err on the side of caution. Taking steps to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus is vitally important. This includes preventing acquisition of infection and unknowing dissemination of the virus to others. At the moment, minimizing social activities or actions that lend themselves to coming into close contact with others is quite important. **Any guild members who choose to partake in any such activities do so at their own risk and with the knowledge that the Brooklyn Quilters Guild will not be held liable for any resulting adverse effects.**

Community Project Updates

The Pillowcase Challenge

On February 20th we made our first delivery of 70 pillowcases, made by BQG members, to NewYork-Presbyterian Komansky's Children's Hospital. Along with my grandchildren, we were able to hand some out to children at the clinic during my granddaughter, Charlotte's visit. Charlotte, who is a leukemia survivor was a patient at NYP, where she received such wonderful care that we wanted to give back. The kids were so happy to receive the cases and Charlotte remains in continued remission!! A WIN WIN!!

Little did we realize that it was going to be our last delivery for awhile! But keep sewing!! Even though the pillowcases are not being delivered to the children at the moment, there is going to be an even greater need as we return from this pandemic! For incentive "The Pillowcase Challenge" is still going on and is scheduled to end on June 30th! The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Brooklyn General. (generously donated by Barbara Christ)

I have over 30 kits available for pickup or delivery. Please email me at wallace.netty123@gmail.com if you are interested.

Sewing directions for the pillowcases can be found on our Guild website Quiltbrooklyn.org under "Community Work".

~ Annette Wallace

Comfort Quilts

The Comfort Quilt committee was initiated after Hurricane Sandy. That year, about 25 quilts were delivered to Staten Island, and close to the same number were delivered, over time, to Garrison Beach or the Rockaways, areas of New York where many people had serious damage to their houses. During this time, several others were given to individuals on Long Island. Since that time, nine quilts have been given to victims of the Sunset Park Fire and 25 went to folks in Massachusetts who lost their houses to the spreading house fires caused by the electric company there.

Over this past year, four have been given to Ruth's Refuge, one to the daughter of a hit-and-run accident, one to a woman who went from jail into permanent housing, and 20 to Hour Children, an agency for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children. Finally, every month, one quilt is donated to a raffle at the Park Slope Armory homeless shelter for women.

We currently have 49 quilts with backs that are ready for machine quilting, 16 that are ready to be given to those in need, and still others that need backs. We would be very happy to deliver quilts to any person with a long-arm quilting machine who would like to quilt one or more quilts. And, if you know of someone in need, please let us know. You may call Dori Dietz at 917-566-0104 or Leona Shapiro at 917-478-3835.

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Veterans' Quilts

Carol Sullivan has 12 Veterans' Quilts ready to deliver. For more information, email her at sulliquilts@aol.com.

ABC/Preemies

The ABC team collected 170 ABC quilts this year (about half as many as last year) and 75 preemie quilts, more than last year. For more information, contact Jenn at jennarzberger@optimum.net.

~ Jenn Arzberger

Our Social Media Links

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Facebook Member-Only Group

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May Show and Tell

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Small Quilt Challenge

Karen and I want you all to know that the 2019 quilts are still hanging in the Williamsburg Library. As soon as the library reopens, we will retrieve them, and we will bring the quilts to the the first physical meeting of the year, whenever that may be.

We hope you are working on the new challenge. The theme is My Stars! Remember: the quilts should be 20 by 20 inches, and have a hanging sleeve and label. That's it! The rest is up to you. Just bring your quilt to the first meeting... hopefully in September.

Meanwhile, take care, and we'll all be together soon.

~ Carol Sullivan and Karen Mahoney

Block of the Month

The winner of the May Block of the Month, the Posey, was Lisa Grasso Benson. She will receive 28 blocks in the mail. Congratulations Lisa and thanks to Madi Appell for conducting the drawing online at the May Zoom meeting.

In other BOM news, both the June block, the Scottie dog, and the March blocks, Sweet Treat and Thread Spool (two for that month) will be drawn at the June Zoom meeting. We missed the March blocks because of the sudden arrival of the pandemic.

Please post your beautiful blocks on our Block of the Month Facebook page by Friday, June 19.



At our first ever online Zoom Guild meeting, Lisa Grasso Benson won 28 Poppy blocks. Congratulations Lisa!

Coping in the time of Covid-19

A Small Business Perspective

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BY DEBBIE BRECKENRIDGE

Small businesses have been hit very hard by Covid-19, and they need our support. Here is an update on the small businesses that advertise in *The Bee*.

Yankee Quilter

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Cheryl Ogrisek, owner of Yankee Quilter reports that Yankee Quilter is faring pretty well during the stay-home order. "We switched to curbside pickup and shipping options only. We quickly were scrambling to fill orders for mask making. We had prepared hundreds of one-yard cuts for quilt shows that ended up being canceled, so we handed out the one-yard cuts for free to people making masks. I knew our first responders needed our local sewers to make as many masks as fast as they could, and that was my way of helping.

"We quickly discovered that people who have not sewn in years were starting again. Machines were having issues, and we did our best to talk them through to solutions. One young lady starting crying, when we could not fix her machine over the phone. She just wanted to make more masks, as many as she could. I told her to come on down, to borrow a machine until we can get hers fixed. Today, she returned with a big bouquet of flowers, with tears in her eyes, so grateful for our small gesture. She could not believe that someone she never met, could be so kind.

"We have met so many friends during times when the Brooklyn Quilters Guild comes to Connecticut for retreats. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to lots of laughs during your shopping trips!"

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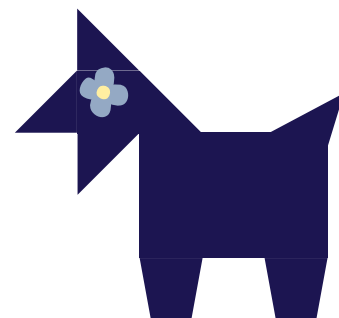
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Lisa Jenner, owner of The Quilt Tree reports: "Our business is doing fine during the pandemic. Technically, we are not open as fully as we were before. Because all of the staff is furloughed, and I am working solo, I cut down the hours and the number of days I am in the store. I am here from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Business is very good. People are supporting us. And it is not just our regular customers. Many people who are at home, a number of whom are not working, have pulled out and dusted off their old sewing machines and are making masks and other items. I am filling a good amount of online orders for shipping and for curbside pickup. I have a friend helping me out by answering the phone, and he is willing to text pictures of fabrics to customers and help them pick things out. Philip is by trade a hairdresser and he cannot run his shop. In addition, he has a background in interior design, so he has a great eye and customers love him. It will be quite a loss when he goes back to his real life. He has become sort of a personal shopper for quilters! I am concerned that my regular staff will not want to do personal shopping for customers by text and phone.

"I am heavily involved in the mask-making effort for the local hospital and other medical facilities in Nyack. I was able to secure donated fabric from manufacturers. When the donations run out, I provide discounted fabric from my own stock. There has been an incredible effort locally during this difficult time.

"I would like the Guild to know that local quilt shops and small businesses need the support of the outside world to stay alive during this time. If at all possible, consider ordering from smaller stores and operations, as opposed to the big online businesses. While we are hanging on, it is hard to compete with big online businesses, and you want us to be here for classes and shopping when the time comes!"



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Susan Sato, Guild member and owner of Easy Piecing, reports: "Easy Piecing's year started out well. We vend at quilt shows from Maine to North Carolina and Wisconsin. The first show was the Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival in Virginia at the end of February. This show was well-attended and we left on a high note. After that, all of our shows for the year have either been cancelled or postponed to next year. This has been a major disruption in our business. I love seeing our customers in person and catching up on what has been happening in their quilting lives. I think it's going to take quite a while before the shows start up again.

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"Since I first started my business, the Guild has been a wonderful supporter of Easy Piecing and I appreciate every one of you! I can't wait to be together with all of you at a Guild meeting. Hopefully we won't have to wait much longer. Be well and keep on quilting!"

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Sew Beary Special

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Marcie Brenner, Guild member and owner of Sew Beary Special, reports: "Since my main business activity is teaching, I haven't been able to have classes. I have done Face-Time, Facebook, texting, emails and phone calls to answer questions and provide instruction. In one of my Facebook groups, a member posted a photo of a machine that was in distress. I told her that her bobbin case was in the wrong position and how to fix it. Since it is difficult to practice social distancing during sewing, and I have to be careful, I am anxiously waiting for the go-ahead to open again. The new reality will be masks, gloves and hand sanitizer. This is especially difficult for those of us who are hard of hearing and need to see people's faces.

"Our skills have been invaluable during this crisis. We rose to the challenge and met it. No one will ever look at sewists the same way!"

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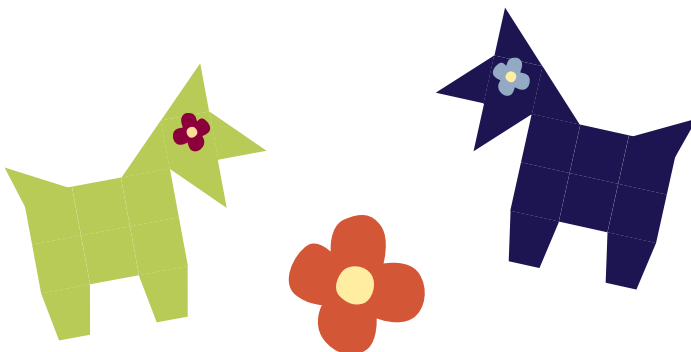


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Sew Right was closed completely for three weeks at the end of March, but now Steve and one additional employee are working. They are mostly focused on selling and repairing sewing machines since people who have not sewn for a while are starting again and often their sewing machines need repairs. Sew Right provides curbside drop off and pickup services during limited hours. To stay up to date on their hours of operation, please refer to their website. On the home page, you will see their hours and you'll be able to sign up for their weekly email, which is used to keep customers informed as things change. The best way to reach them if you want to purchase a machine or have one repaired is via email info@sewright.com.

Steve would like to thank all of their customers, (many of whom are Guild members), who have been unbelievably positive, extremely understanding and supportive. If Guild members want to order fabric or elastic for making masks or other PPE, and are flexible about the fabric design, they can accept those orders via email. Steve and his team are looking forward to business getting back to normal and seeing everyone again.

Crafting on the Plaza

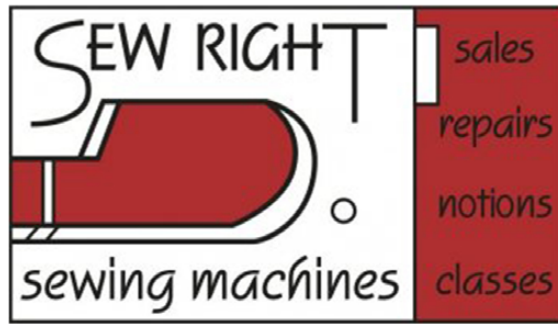
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Marla DiForte reports that she has put the business on hold during the pandemic. Her stay in Florida, originally just for the winter, has been extended indefinitely, until travel north is safer. While in Florida, Marla has kept busy filling quilt orders, making crib quilts, making masks for family and friends, and knitting hats for the Staten Island University Hospital maternity unit.



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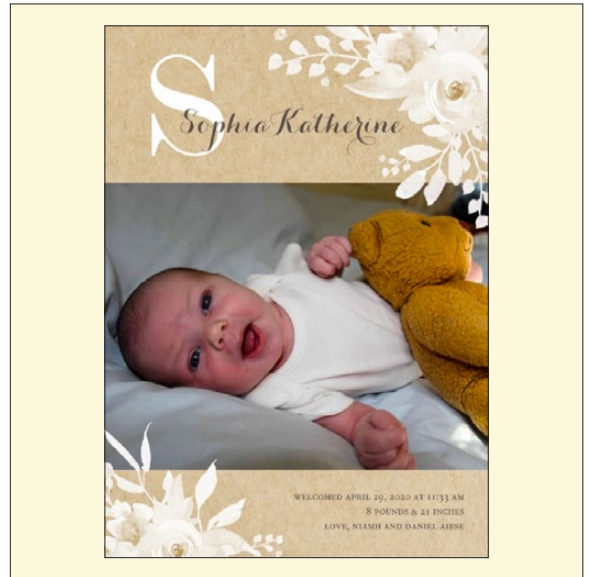
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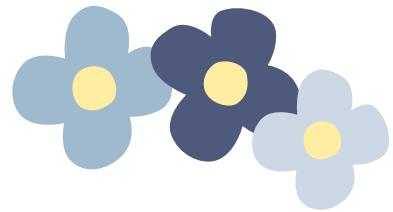
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Catherine Clark, the owner of Brooklyn General reports: "For the first six weeks of the shutdown I worked alone in the shop as the master shipper, while my employees worked from home answering emails and helping people shop virtually as best they could. For the past two weeks, we have been alternating one at a time in the shop, fulfilling orders and helping people get all of their making needs. We are hoping to re-open slowly in the coming months by limiting shoppers and having scheduled shopping times for those who do not want to be around other people.

"Needless to say, we are doing our best to keep New York City covered by making masks, making kits for making masks and selling supplies for making masks. People who haven't sewn in ten or 20 years are pulling out their dusty machines and getting to work. Mask-making is actually the perfect beginner sewing project!"



Join us in welcoming Sophia Katherine, born to Guild Member Niamh Aspell.



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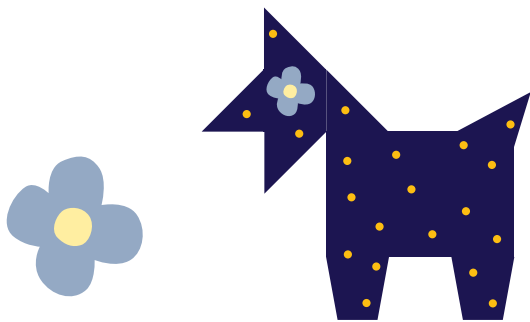
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Although the lock-down restrictions prevent in-person color theory classes, Daniel is considering offering a class on Zoom. He had been teaching an in-person watercolor class at the Prospect Heights Senior Center, pre-pandemic, and since people are looking for artistic things to focus on during this difficult time, he decided to offer the class on-line. He currently has 12 seniors (two of whom are in their nineties) participating in the two-hour Zoom classes. He will also start online classes for 16 students at Parsons on June 1. If you are interested in Daniel's color theory class for quilters on Zoom, please email him at artbrooklyn.danielmcdonald@gmail.com.

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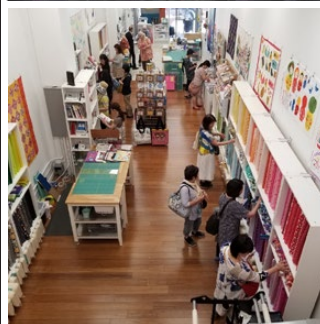
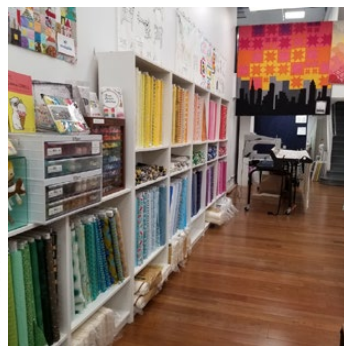


Gotham Quilts

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My First Quilt

ALISON SKAR

My first quilt was a green and yellow sunflower Eleanor Burns pattern. I learned all about the rotary cutter and its magic. My seams, all 5/8-inch wide, were awesome. I wonder why. I just didn't know there was any other kind of seam! I did end up gifting it to a friend who loves sunflowers.

CAROL SULLIVAN

A long, long time ago, in the 1970s, I bought a quilt magazine at a newsstand. Only the cover was in color. The quilts inside were in black and white!

Undeterred, I chose my pattern and bought calico fabric in five different colors from the TSS store on Flatbush Ave.

I made the 16-inch pinwheels with a cardboard template I cut out from a cereal box using my kitchen scissors. I traced the sewing lines with a pencil. I got so much joy and satisfaction from that first quilt that there has not been a time in the last 45 years that I haven't had a quilt in progress!! The quilt is lost, the newsstand and TSS are history, but I quilt on!



Andrew Hansen's first quilt

ANDREW HANSEN

I'm not entirely sure why I decided to start quilting. I've always loved looking at quilts and I thought that maybe someday I would try to make one for my bed. However, I knew that would never happen as long as my husband and I had our cats. I wasn't about to spend all of the time, effort and money on making a handmade quilt only to have our cats throw up all over it!

Our last cat, Jade, passed on in March of 2017. At this same time, my husband was in the process of opening a bar in Woodside, Queens, and he was basically away from home all day, every day, leaving me with a lot of time on my hands. I decided to look into quilting and discovered craftsy.com (now mybluprint.com).

After searching through their quilting classes, I purchased Learn to Quilt: Cozy Throw Quilt with Amy Gibson. It involved cutting strips, sewing them into a tube, and then cutting them into square blocks. I learned so many basic quilting techniques through this class and really enjoyed the process, though by the time I was finished I thought maybe this would be the only quilt I would make. It was a lot more work than I realized! However, a couple weeks later I was already thinking of what to make next, and the rest is history!

ADELE DIMOPOULOS

As an embroiderer, I'd pooh-poohed quilting for years. It seemed decidedly odd that you'd cut up bits of fabric to make more fabric.

All that time I remained fascinated with what could be created by piecing. And I love fabric. So I guess you could say I was a closet quilter.

I came out when our second granddaughter was born. By that time we were living in the U.S. and she was back in Australia. I felt the distance so much it actually hurt. So I bought pretty fabric and made a simple quilt of squares, and tied it instead of quilting it.

I have a large stash now with the fabric earmarked for family — a quilt for each of our four children, winter quilts for both granddaughters, a quilt for my sister in New Zealand, a quilt for my nephew's wedding, and a quilt for my sister's twin granddaughters due this May.

Every time I look at my stash, which is in our living room and my office, I think of my family scattered around the world. I call it connecting with our fingertips.



Adele Dimopoulos' first quilt

Meet the Quilter: Barbara Bedick

How long have you been a member of the Brooklyn Quilters Guild?

I rejoined the Guild this past September.

How did you find out about the Brooklyn Quilters Guild?

I had been a member years ago, so that is how I knew about the Guild. It is fun to see that a lot of the same people from years ago are still members.

How and when did you get interested in quilting?

I got interested in quilting after I read a book about how to quilt by Beth Gutcheon. I still have the book. And I would visit the Gutcheon store/loft in Soho and just look at the fabric. The first and only quilt I ever actually completed was made with fabric from Gutcheon. Unfortunately, some of the fabrics are starting to show splits.

Describe how your quilting has evolved and what are your current projects and goals for the future?

My quilting has not evolved. I have always loved traditional blocks and continue to focus on them. I never became a free-form art quilter. My goal is to complete all the UFOs I have in baskets. I have pieced together a nine-patch quilt, and now I am working on piecing a back.

I have created a bit of a studio on my parlor floor with tables to support my work. I am trying to decide if a quilt wall would be a better way of working. Right now, I am happy with the tables.



What is the most memorable quilt-related experience you would like to share?

My most memorable quilt-related experience was winning a Block of the Month raffle at an Empire Quilters' Guild meeting. I put them together in a top, but never completed the project. So that is one of my to-do UFOs. The blocks are house blocks, so it is a fun top.

What is your professional background?

My professional background includes many lives. I was originally a graphic designer, and I worked as a book designer. I also did a stint as a real estate agent. Then I went to Adelphi and got a paralegal certificate, and worked as a legal assistant until I retired in 2015. Currently I also write a food blog, <https://www.cookingthekitchen.com/>.

How does the Brooklyn Quilters Guild and any other quilt groups you belong to support and/or influence your quilting life?

My favorite part of the Brooklyn Quilters Guild meetings is Show and Tell. Being inspired by all the quilts presented by the members is what inspires and influences me. The support comes from all the good will and friendliness of the members. I am impressed by all of the volunteer work done by the members.

For me, quilting is more of an artistic adventure and seeing what I can put together. I used to get distracted by all of the challenges proposed within the meetings, but now I just want to focus and concentrate on my own projects, one at a time.

~ Margaret Pross



JUNE 2020 BOM

SCRAPPY SCOTTIE

This is as good a time as any to treasure our canine friends. Enjoy making an adorable scrappy Scottie dog!

~Madi Appell, Kathy Clarke and Sarah Vinson

Fabrics and Cutting

White background can be solid or tone on tone.
Dog is assorted colors of medium and dark fabrics.

CUT WHITE (A):

Cut (10) 3" squares
Cut (3) 3½" squares

CUT DARK (B):

Cut (3) 3½" squares (face, ear, tail)
Cut (3) 3" squares (paws)

CUT MEDIUM (C):

Cut (6) 3" squares (main body)

Sewing Directions

STEP 1:

■ Make half square triangles (HST): using the 3½" white and 3½" dark squares as follows:

- Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the 3½" white squares.
- With right sides together, match a white and dark square, sew ¼" away from each side of the drawn line.
- Cut apart on the line, press seams toward dark, and trim each square to measure 3". (This is your A/B unit)

You should now have a total of (25) 3" squares: A, B, C, and A/B.

STEP 2:

■ Lay out all pieces in rows before sewing, starting with the top row.

ROW 1: white, white, white, white/dark, white
A A A A/B A

ROW 2: dark/white, white, white/dark, dark, dark/white
A/B A A/B B A/B

ROW 3: med, med, med, white/dark, dark/white
C C C A/B A/B

ROW 4: med, med, med, white, white
C C C A A

ROW 5: dark, white, dark, white, white
B A B A A

STEP 3:

- Check to make sure you have placed the ears, tail, face and paws correctly before sewing, then sew the blocks into rows using a scant ¼ inch seam.
- Press top row seams toward right side, second row toward left, third row toward right, fourth row toward left and final row to right.
- Then sew all rows together and press.
- The final block will measure 12½ x 12½" square.

Post your block to our BOM Facebook Page!

Join our BOM Facebook group where you can share your block and enter the online lottery.
(<https://tinyurl.com/y99wbfgy>)

Post your completed BOM by 11 am, Saturday, June 20 to enter the drawing. Each completed block gives you a chance to win. The winning block will be selected at our June meeting. Everyone will privately mail their block to the winner.

Those not on Facebook can still participate. Email Margaret at margaret.marcy@gmail.com for details.



Sew Know: Who Knew

BY MARCIE BRENNER, MCSE

JUST WOW!!! DURING THIS time, people have had to become really creative. They have had virtual gatherings via the Internet. Our Guild has a new FaceBook page to keep us in contact with each other and the Block of the Month is still active with blocks being posted online. We learned as a group how to use Zoom and then we were able to have our first video meeting in May; it was well attended, so glad to see so many friendly faces. Our next meeting will be in June and may I suggest that we have our snacks ready as we will be missing our annual end of the year party?

Quilt Shows have also gone virtual, the biggest being Quilt Market for retailers. The Guild is hosting a one-day virtual hands-on workshop; many quilting companies are posting videos and free patterns. It was great to see that Chris Janove showed a quilt

during our May Show and Tell that was made from a link I had posted from Laundry Basket Quilts for their free Mystery Quilt. Gorgeous!

As I am typing this, our City is still unable to open. We only go out to purchase necessities; we really do not know what the summer will bring. Hopefully we will have a better idea soon whether we will be able to meet in person in September. We all need to just keep safe at this time and it is not as if we have nothing to do. We are the lucky ones; we are not bored, our Show and Tell will be even better now that we have time to devote to our craft. Now is the time to challenge ourselves, learn new techniques, make the quilts we have on hold, finish those UFP's (Unfinished Projects) and raid those stashes.

I have been spending a lot of time on line advising new sewists on how to get their machines to work, what feet

to use, fixing patterns, using embroidery software and answering quilting questions. Sewing wise, I've been making lots of dresses from my rather large collection of cotton knits. Then I'm eyeing my cotton/poly wovens as I just ordered more plastic snaps and I have some leftovers from my recent baby clothes adventures for house dresses (remember those?). As the saying goes, "If not now, when?"

If you are having any quilting or sewing related issues, please feel free to contact me at 718-951-3973 and we can talk or FaceTime. You can leave me a message and I'll contact you.

One other note: I hope to be getting in medical grade filter liner from my notions distributor, they have it on order but the manufacturer has not given them an arrival date. I will let you all know as soon as I have that info.

Upcoming Quilt and Textile Shows

COMPILED BY MARTHA MUSGROVE

NOTE: These shows were on the calendar when this issue of *The Bee* went to press. Please check to see if they still are on before heading out. No one knows what will happen with the pandemic in the coming months, nor how this will affect scheduled events.

AQS Paducah, Sept. 2-5, Paducah, KY. This major show, at the place where the AQS was founded and is still based, features scads of vendors, classes and lectures, even ancillary quilt shows, etc. Warning: Hotel/motel rates skyrocket for the period of this event. And yes, they are all in cahoots on this. It's a very good show, though. So you just have to swallow hard and pretend you're still in New York (price-wise) when you accept to book, and later arrive and sign in, to your lodgings. www.quiltweek.com.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Sept. 17-20, Oaks, PA. More than 600 quilts and textile works of art and wearable art from around the world are on display. The venue is the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center. This Mancuso show also gives you an amazing merchants' mall. www.quiltfest.com.

Quilt and Sewing Fest of New Jersey, Nov. 18-21, Edison, NJ.

A Mancuso show, returning after an absence of a few years. This is something we can look forward to. It has always been fun. It's very close for us Brooklynites, and it's an easy drive. Doable in one full day; no overnight stuff (and expense) needed.

www.quiltfest.com.

Mancuso Show Management is sponsoring its first **Online Quilt Festival, June 25-29**. It will feature a Merchants Mall, Quilt Galleries for viewing, workshops, lectures and many live presentations. To see the Mancuso online quilt shows, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltfestShows/>.

A second Online Quilt Festival will be held **Aug. 12-15**, and will feature all of the above things plus an online quilt competition. Info for both these events are at www.quiltfest.com.

SEW SMART

Tips N' Tools

Hello everyone!

I know many of you are using new-found downtime to get lots of quilting done. In the process, I hope you are also experimenting with new techniques, patterns, tools and ways of enjoying our favorite hobby. Two members sent me ideas for this month's Tips N' Tools column. Here they are:

From Anna Foss:

"Sorting, culling, organizing. Two cancelled quilt shows and two batches of show postcards. I was set to bring them to the other guilds along with raffles to sell before meetings were cancelled. Not wasted- they make great templates for marking (I don't rotary) and appliqué with their sharp edges. I'm set for a while."

And this from Debbie Breckenridge:

"You might want to check out the various "value evaluators" that are on the market. I have a red filter that I use to help me see the value (i.e. lightness/darkness) of the fabric without being distracted by the colors in the fabric, so that I can put together pinwheel and star blocks that have a lot of contrast between the background fabric and the other fabrics.

the color out and shows you the value (light to dark). For warm colors, you should use a red strip. For cool colors, it is recommended that you use a green filter. To use, you hold one of the strips in front of the fabric and view the image through the strip. It sometimes helps to close one eye."

Debbie recommended the color evaluator produced by Cottage Mills. The two filters sell for \$10.38 on Amazon and received an average of 4.2 stars from 78 reviews. They were overwhelmingly positive.

Another evaluator Debbie used is made by Wisecraft and it is called the Ruby Ruler. This is one nifty notion as it is a five-inch square plexiglass ruler as well as a color evaluator. So after you are done assessing the value differences among your fabrics, you can square and trim up pieced units. This is a ruler that will be hard to lose and it is portable to take on retreats and to classes. (Remember those days!) You can purchase the Ruby Ruler at Wisecrafthandmade.com for \$16. This is also a cool website with books, notions, patterns and even online classes.

Thank you Anna and Debbie for your suggestions.

Make any new discoveries during quarantine? Send them my way, please!

Alice Braziller albraz@nyc.rr.com



Here is how it is used: When placed over a fabric, the strip takes



Minutes of the Executive Board

Brooklyn Quilters Guild — May 9, 2020



Attendees

Margaret Marcy Emerson, Anna Fike, Andrew Hansen, Mary Hawley, Farrah Lafontant, Micki Segel, Michael Sengstack

Additional Attendees: Susan Aronoff, Martha McDonald, Debbie Breckenridge, Trudi Roach

The meeting was called to order.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Our cell phone charge was the main expense for the month. We have a credit balance resulting from the refund of the show insurance premium on our Visa account. A W9 was sent to Industry City so they can give us the refund from the show deposit. Anna has texted Sylvia who will follow up with Industry City. The refund will be for \$13,200.

Church Facility

We will ask the church about applying a credit for the four months when we could not use the space due to the pandemic, towards our rental fee for next year. It is difficult to move forward since we do not know what the year will bring. We pay the church \$5,000 rent once a year in August. The church processes it as a donation.

Eblast Gmail Account Problems and Solutions

Debbie Breckenridge said that the Guild Gmail account does not let her send eblasts any longer. They return to her "not delivered." The account only works if she sends a message to one person. Trudi Roach offered to trouble-shoot the group email problem. She and Debbie will set up a Zoom meeting between them to research the problem and provide recommendations to the Board. As face-to-face meetings diminish, we may need to increase emailing and website expenses. If we are going to eliminate printing costs, we might use that saving to pay for email costs. The Board agreed to consolidate emails and to send one eblast a week to members. We also discussed encouraging and expanding the use of our Facebook page for sharing among members as we have done with the Block of the Month.

May All-Guild Online Meeting

Andrew and Margaret will create an agenda for the May meeting. The focus of this meeting will be on Show and Tell. The Zoom account allows for no more than 95 people per meeting. Michael offered his professional account for this meeting. Margaret suggested that the Guild purchase a Zoom account. The first 95 people who log on to Zoom for May will join the meeting. Others can watch the replay of the meeting, which we will try to record. The Board will see how this first meeting goes and then decide whether to purchase a Zoom account for future events. The Board is researching the cost of purchasing a Zoom account. Members will send photos of what they have been working on (Show and Tell) to Andrew and then members can talk about what they made in the Zoom meeting. Members will be able to chat with other members through the Zoom chat function. This upcoming meeting will be an experiment from which we will learn.

Programming: June Workshop with Sherri Lynn Wood

The workshop will take place on June 6th from 11 am until 2 pm. We will have a link for members to register at a discount. We will put

that link in the Members Only section of the website.

Thirty-four Guild members have preregistered for this workshop at a cost of \$40. Sherri Lynn Wood has already sent an invoice for these participants, which will be paid by the Guild. Pre-registrants will need to send their \$40 directly to the Guild treasurer, Anna Fike, at her home address or pay the Guild through PayPal. The actual cost of the workshop per person is \$53.10. Anyone joining the workshop who does not preregister will be provided a link that allows them to pay Sherri directly for the workshop.

New Business

Michael has begun to plan programming for next year. He has spoken to Susan Sato about doing a Sashiko workshop in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40

Respectfully submitted.

Micki Segel, Secretary

The Treasurer's Report is available on our website, Quilt-Brooklyn.org.

Community Quilts Sizes

ABC Quilts: No less than 32 inches or more than 44 inches. Use colorful fabrics, no beading or buttons.

Halo Quilts: From 48 by 60 inches to twin size. No religious or law enforcement themes. No hand-tied; machine quilting preferred.

Hole in the Wall: 40 by 40 inch lap quilts preferred, up to twin size.

Comfort Quilts: Queen/Full should measure 84 x 94 inches; twin, 64 x 84. Twin preferred

Soldier Quilts: No smaller than 50 by 60 inches; no larger than 72 by 90 inches. Add a signed and dated label thanking the wounded soldiers.

Labor of Love (HOPS): No smaller than 50 by 50 inches; no larger than 80 by 80 inches. Made in red, white and blue fabrics.

