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The President's Piece

Susie Emmons,
BCQG President 2020



Meeting Location and Time

Living Word Lutheran
Church , 2031 W.
Northwest Hwy,
Grapevine

Guild meetings begin with
social time from 6:30-7:00.
Meetings start at 7:00.

No in-person meetings at
this time due to Covid-19

Tidings of good results...

Hear ye, hear ye, one and all!

It's been a year of challenges, big and small. But through it all, BCQG came through like champs!

In reading this article, I hope you truly understand the magnitude of planning, executing and the subsequent results that your 2020 BCQG Board and Committee Chairmen achieved this year, *despite* the challenges of only holding two (2) in-person General meetings and three (3) in-person Board meetings due to the worldwide pandemic shut down! These women are truly amazing! I applaud them...one and all.

Here is a summary (in no particular order) of their accomplishments. (Please forgive me if I overlooked something.)

- New website •Creation of Scholarship Program •New logo
- 2323+ volunteer hours •Updated handbook
- New sound system •First Annual Board Leadership conference
- Twenty+ new members (Dec-Mar!) •Quilt Mobile
- New newsletter layout & name •New Facebook page
- Six quilts for QOV [BCQG] recipients •Pincushions for guests
- Storage unit relinquished •B.A.F. Program •Block Lotto
- FREE dues in 2021 •Annual Retreat •New PO Box location
- ZOOM Board & General meetings •Bonnie K. Hunter Club
- New guild email address

And last but certainly not least of all, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2020 President.

Good things,

Susie Emmons, BCQG 2020 President

PS. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Wishing good health to all in 2021!

This year six of our own Bear Creek Quilt Guild veterans have been honored and presented with a QOV! Go to pages 4-6 to read about their time in the military, (including pictures!), and pictures of their QOV presentations.

2021 Officers



Program

Aleta Mayrose
1st VP Program, Program/
Workshop Director

Sunshine and Shadows

Susie Emmons



New 2021 Leaders of BCQG...

Congrats to:

Kathi Runyan - President
Aleta Mayrose - 1st VP/Programs & Workshops
Kay Thomas - 2nd VP/Quilt Show Chair
Kyle Mills - Treasurer
Kathy Longo - Secretary
Nancy Carr – Past President
Volunteer and support these ladies! Thank you.

December Meeting and Pot Luck Cancelled

Since we are still unable to meet in person at the church, and there is not another place available to host the size group we would anticipate, we will not be having our usual December meeting and Pot Luck. I'm looking forward to next year in hopes that we can once again get together in person.

January Meeting - Zoom with Judy Steward

Our January meeting will be Judy Steward who will be talking about Tips & Tricks in a Zoom meeting. Things may change by January but for now plan on Zoom. She was scheduled to do a workshop but that is currently up in the air as she tries to figure out how to do workshops via Zoom. Watch for E-Blasts for more information as January approaches.

Aleta Mayrose



BCQG Zoom Board Meeting

And the WINNER is...

A door prize was offered to one lucky person who attended our ZOOM BCQG General Meeting last Tuesday night. There were 32 members in attendance. The ZOOM invitation suggested *wearing comfy PJs* to the meeting. **Eileen O'Neal** did. Congrats Eileen!!!

Sunshine & Shadow...

Prayers for:

- Lauren Friend – Had kidney stones but is doing much better.
- Lynn Conklin – continue to pray for her healing and improved health

Congrats to:

- Ana Pina – Has been hired as an EMT in FTW. Prayers that all required training & tests go well.

Birthdays



December Birthdays

Gloria Kennedy	12/2	Gayle Tennison	12/30
Beverly Corkern	12/19	Barbara Melhouse	12/31
Laurie Brady	12/28		

Community Service

Debra Heid

Dear Friends,

As 2020 comes to an end, please remember to send me your hours you have spent on creating items to donate. No need for a form, just send me an email with the type of item and hours. My email is debraheid@gmail.com

Bear Creek Quilt Guild is an amazing group of people and I'd like to thank everyone for their generosity. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Here's looking forward to a healthy New Year in 2021.

Deb Heid
Community Services

Magazine Swap

Lauren Friend

Magazine Swap

Keep saving those Quilting magazines and books pertaining to sewing, quilting and embroidery. Some day we will engage in our "book/magazine" exchange again!

Volunteer Service

submitted by Marilyn Cox

Volunteer Service

Sometimes a volunteer opportunity comes from an unexpected source. Because local shops did not want to do a job requiring multi-hooping, three Bear Creek Quilt Guild members stepped up to the plate and took it on. The Perennial Garden Society, a non-profit organization, needed 7 black table cloths embroidered with large lettering for their bi-annual garden tour. This would allow the club to present a professional and consistent appearance at the entrance of each garden tour home. Well it was a huge undertaking. The word "Perennial" alone took 1 hour and 28 minutes to stitch-out on each table cloth. Each table cloth took 3 hoopings and lots of tedious marking to ensure a perfect line up. After 95 combined hours of design, layout, stitch-out, and stabilizer clean up, all 7 table cloths were completed and presented to The Perennial Garden Society in November 2020. This of course, did not include the head scratching time, decision making time, nor the shopping time.

A big thanks to Marilyn Cox, Yvonne Hylander and Vivian Roy for their dedication, tireless efforts, and generous personal time. A Job Well Done!!!

Look forward to seeing the beautiful tablecloths at the next Perennial Garden Society's garden tour May 2022 and of course, the beautiful home Garden.





Mission: to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

This year it is our pleasure to honor some of our own Bear Creek Quilt Guild veterans: Colleen Connor, Katherine Longo, Terina Nowlin, Kathi Runyan, Nancy Sprague, and Linda Yarborough.

“Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation.”

Let’s get to know a little bit more about our veteran members:

Katherine Longo was born on August 31, 1958, in Knoxville Tennessee. Moved to Mesquite, Texas when she was young and graduated from high school there. Attended the University of Alabama where she joined the ROTC. After graduation from Alabama she entered active duty in the U. S. Army. Completed basic training in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Was in the military for six years as a critical care nurse in the Army Nurse Corps. Stationed in Germany and traveled overseas frequently. When she left the military, she was at the rank of First Lieutenant promotable (which means she would have been promoted to the rank of captain had she stayed). She and her husband moved to Texas from New York last year, August 2019. Had she not been in the military, she does not think she would have had the opportunity to travel so much overseas.



QOV quilt presented to Katherine Longo on October 6, 2020 by Beverly Douglas and Marilyn Cox.

Kathi Runyan was born and raised in Miami, Florida. She joined the United States Air Force when she graduated from High School so she could travel the world. Spent nearly 7 years in the AF and saw beautiful places such as San Antonio (first trip to Texas), Pensacola, Fl, San Vito, Italy, Sacramento, CA, and finally Misawa, Japan. Left the military as a Sergeant and spent the last 3 1/2 years of service as a Public Affairs Specialist, serving as the Editor of two different base newspapers. After the military, she returned to Miami with her 2 daughters and furthered her government career by serving with NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration) and the Department of Justice (Bureau of Prisons). Transferred to Washington, DC after nearly 10 years with DOJ and finished her government career as a Special Agent with the Department of Defense when she moved to Texas, in 2003. It was her final move with the government and the job she would retire from in 2016. Completed 36 1/2 years of government service and had a terrific career. Met and married a Texas man, Steve Runyan, in Grapevine on 10/11/12. They still enjoy traveling and have a terrific RV in which they like to wander the land. They hope after the virus has settled down that they will get to see much more of the USA.



- (1) Kathi Runyan with 2020 QOV quilt
- (2) Kathi Runyan with her Basic Training Instructor
- (3) Suzanne Hueston (Sister), Kathi Runyan, and Patricia Hueston (Mother)

QOV Quilt presented to Kathi Runyan on October 6, 2020 by Beverly Douglas and Marilyn Cox.

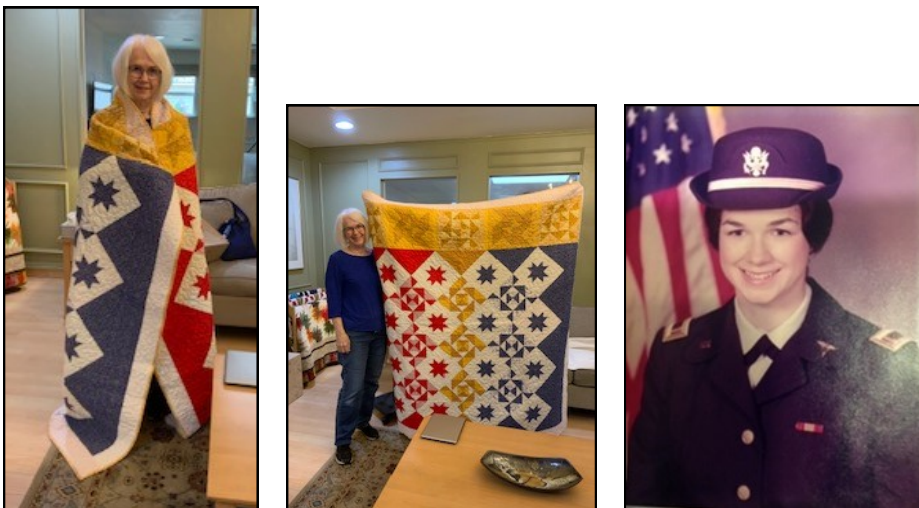
Terina Nowlin was born at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas and then raised in Arnold's Park, Iowa. She graduated in 1987 and joined the Air Force as a personnelist. She achieved the rank of Master Sergeant leading teams of up to 75 personnel. While in the Air Force she got to travel the world and see many unique places. She was deployed 9 times including trips to Iraq, Arab Emirates, Turkey, and Egypt.

She retired from the Air Force after spending 23 years in active duty. She then continued to serve as a civil servant for 5 years as a unit personnel coordinator and deployment manager. Then transferred to the secret service working in the counterfeit department. Finally retired from federal service and became a small business owner of a quilting store. She has been married to her husband Michael for almost 30 years, and has three children Darrin, Kayci and Tyler.



QOV Quilt presented to Terina Nowlin on October 13, 2020 by Beverly Douglas, Marilyn Cox, and Chris Sizemore.

Colleen Connor was born and raised in Salem OR. Received her diploma in Nursing from Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, OR in 1972. It was the oldest school of nursing west of the Mississippi. Joined the army while in school and upon passing her state board exam was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Army Nurse Corps. Her first trip to Texas was for basic training in San Antonio. Then spent 2 years in N.J. at Fort Dix, working on a septic surgical floor (most of her patients had been wounded in Vietnam). Made 1st Lt. but decided to leave the military for civilian life. Worked several more years as a nurse in Virginia, Oregon, Germany, and Houston. Left nursing all together when her two daughters were born. Lived most of her married life in Texas with the exception of 4 years in Saudi Arabia (during and after the 1st gulf war), 3 years in Germany, and 2 years in Abu Dhabi. She loves traveling, gardening, embroidery, and quilting.



QOV Quilt presented to Colleen Connor on October 15, 2020 by Beverly Douglas and Marilyn Cox

Linda Yarborough was born in the Texas Panhandle and moved to Fort Worth at the age of two. Upon high school graduation she joined the Army Corps in 1962. Completed her basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina. During her basic training, her group was voted the best precision drill team of all time. For the rest of her military career she was stationed at the Marine Corps Base Quantico in Triangle, VA where she was a PFC Disbursing Clerk. During her 4- year military tenure, she met and married her husband. After her military stint, she moved as a military wife to Pensacola, Florida. She did not get to travel the world during her their military career, but she did meet the love of her life. They were married 42 wonderful years until his passing in 2016.



QOV Quilt presented to Linda Yarborough on October 24, 2020 by Beverly Douglas, Marilyn Cox, and Chris Sizemore.

Nancy Johnson Sprague was born in Michigan. One of six girls and 9 boys. At the age of 19 the United States Marine Corps called her name. She enlisted to prove what a man she was! Only to find out... that wasn't necessary; capable women were everywhere, she only had to look in the mirror. From Boot Camp in Paris Island, South Carolina her first duty station was 29 Palms, California for ground radio school. From there it was Quantico, Virginia, then back out to California to Camp Pendleton. It was a mystery to her why they needed this capable, grungy, hell-bent for leather and intelligent young Marine as a radio operator. What were they thinking?! Then she was off to Pendleton, El Toro and Okinawa. A new enlistment and she was off to radio repair school/MCESS (Electronics) Schools. Now she fixed those things they had been trying to make work for the last four years. This equipment had seen duty in World War II and long before! She was the first woman Marine in her unit straight out of radio school, and made staff sergeant in just over four years. She served twelve years, two months and eight days in total, according to official records. During her service she had the opportunity to see quite a bit of the US and a some of the world. She moved to Texas in the summer of Y2K. Her life was full of adventure and excitement, love and laughter, and few regrets.



QOV Quilt presented to Nancy Johnson Sprague on November 24, 2020 by Beverly Douglas and Marilyn Cox.

Thank you to Marilyn Cox for contributing this Quilts of Valor article.

Quilts of Valor Sew In Day

Left to right:

Beverly Douglas

Kathi Runyan

Donna Reid

Sue Feller

Colleen Connor

Judy Goldthorp

Marie Mote

JoAnne Sheppard

QOV project



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Virtual Show and Tell



#1a. Angela Hoss



#1b: Angela Hoss



#1c: Angel Hoss



#1d: Angela Hoss

#1 Angela Hoss: "One of my goals for this year was to try to challenge myself with the quilts I made. For the panel quilt (1c.) which was really just 6 pillow sized blocks, I wanted to do something fun between the blocks to make a throw sized quilt. I used a zero wasted flying geese method for the star points and then added on point squares between the stars. For the smaller ones, I signed up to do the Tula Pink Nebula BOM quilt next year. As part of the process Jaybird Quilts is doing a series of videos called Journey to Nebula. The series teaches how to use her rulers with various different patterns. The goal is that you learn the skills needed to complete the Nebula quilt. Most of the pieces are table runner or pillow sized projects."

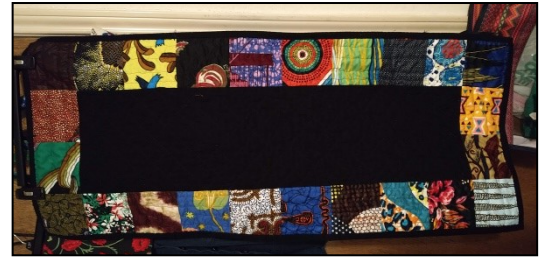


#2a: Judy Goldthorpe

Tom the Turkey, a potholder, trivet, or mug rug. Pattern is from Wendi Gratz @ Shiny Happy World.



#2b: Judy Goldthorpe



#2c: Judy Goldthorpe

#2b-2c: Judy - "These table runner kits are from Missouri Star. The prints are made by women in Rwanda, Africa. Ubushobozi is a women's cooperative that teaches young girls the skills they need to be successful and provide income for their families. Ubushobozi means power and ability. Purchasing this kit helps benefit the Ubushobozi Collective. My friend Marynell loved the idea of (1) a new table runner from me and (2) supporting women in Rwanda."

#2d-2e: Judy - Christmas tablerunners from Jacquelynne Steves free Fa la la pattern. "I bought 2 centers - one religious, one secular since I couldn't decide. Other option for centers was hand embroidery - not an option for me."



#2d-2e: Judy



#2f: Judy

#2f: Judy - "The Halloween quilt top started as a block exchange in another quilt guild. I got tired of looking at the blocks in a plastic bag and decided to take a few days to finish the top. The quilt on the wall behind the sofa is a pattern from Missouri Star. I saw a tutorial, and thought, "I just have to make that."

Virtual Show and Tell (cont)



#3a: Kathi Runyan



#3b: Kathi Runyan



#3c: Kathi Runyan

#3a Kathi: "Goodies from my recent retreats..." Log cabin quilt with Kaffe Fassett fabrics.

#3b: Halloween Pumpkin table topper.

#3c: Table runner for Christmas with my fabric pouch.



#4a-#4b: Candy Frobish



#5: Kyle Mills



#6: Kathi Watkins

#4a-b: **Candy Frobish** - "The fabric in this quilt is my first attempt at Shibori dying and the back of the quilt is ice dying. The pattern is a disappearing nine patch. Since I was just learning to do shibori dying I used an old pair of curtains that happen to be cotton, so it turned out to be a good recycling project."

#5: **Kyle Mills** - "This is a small wall hanging, 16"x22", from a Sue Spargo class I took on Craftsy. It's my first attempt at wool applique and at quilting wool on my regular sewing machine."

#6: **Kathi Watkins** - "He is a Happy Hollow design called Stick Santa. Easier to make than it looks."

#7: **Sheri Jones** - "This Halloween wall hanging is a 2-fabric applique pattern from Pacific Rim Quilt Company. I made this while I was helping my sister-in-law in California do a similar one, her first applique project. We emailed at least once a day!"



#7: Sheri Jones

Virtual Show and Tell (cont)



#8a: JoAnne Sheppard



#8b: JoAnne Sheppard



#9a-#9b: Vicki Kidd



#10a: Kathy Longo



#10b-#10c: Kathy Longo



#11a-#11b: Pam Roark



#8a-#8b: JoAnne Sheppard - "My pumpkin quilt and civil war quilt for the quilt show auction."

#9a-b: Vicki Kidd - "Christmas flamingos surgery cap and machine embroidery dish towel."

#10a-#10c: Kathy Longo - "This quilt is called Firelight. The other two are zippered/ quilted project bags."

#11a-#11b: Pam Roark - "This is a reversible sewing machine cover that I made and quilted on my domestic machine. I made it flexible so it would fit on any of my sewing machines."

#12: Aleta Mayrose - "I made a quilt top using the civil war materials that I got at the last retreat I was at."



#12: Aleta Mayrose

Guild Board Meeting Minutes

Lynn Conklin, Secretary

November 5, 2020, BCQG Board Meeting Minutes Zoom, Virtual Meeting

Susie Emmons opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with a quote about gratitude. The following officers and members attended: Susie Emmons, Linn Jencopale, Kathi Runyan, Aleta Mayrose, Nancy Carr, Kay Thomas, Sheri Jones, Mary Nalley, JoAnne Sheppard, Kyle Mills, Charna Gray, Beverly Douglas, and Lynn Conklin. The minutes were read and a motion made by Nancy Carr, seconded by Aleta Mayrose, and approved.

2021 Speakers: Aleta reported that Judy Stewart may be our speaker in January via Zoom. She is learning the Zoom process.

Treasurer: Kay reported income of \$454.64 from closeout of TAQG. No expenses.

New Business:

Scholarship Committee: Nancy Carr referred to the write up in the newsletter. More detailed information will be coming in 2021.

Election of Officers: An email blast will be sent out requesting members to come to the Zoom meeting in November to vote for officers. There will also be show and tell.

Ads for Vendors: Kathi Runyan said Tina Hilton reached out to her to offer a discount on her products on Etsy. She forwarded the last page of the newsletter to her, which includes the advertising rates.

QOV Sew-in: Beverly Douglas reported that NRH library has a room for a limited number of people to have a sew-in for quilts of valor. The day and time will be posted in an email blast. Four quilts were presented to our own military members: Terina Nowlin, Colleen Conner, Kathi Runyan, and Kathi Longo. Nancy Sprague will also be presented with a quilt.

Future Meetings: The church office is still closed, and the secretary, Cindy Barber has no idea when it will open. Susie asked that the next four speakers be called to see if they could Zoom. Beverly met with a group at Founders Hall in Grapevine. Susie will check into meeting there.

Susie wants the board members and chairmen to write up their accomplishments for the year. An email will be sent regarding this.

The next Board meeting is Tuesday Dec. 1st at 6:30. (via Zoom)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Conklin



Guild Meeting Minutes

Kathi Runyan, for
Lynn Conklin, Secretary



November 17, 2020, BCQG Guild Meeting Minutes Zoom, Virtual Meeting

President Susie Emmons opened the Zoom meeting with members present. The minutes from the last meeting were read; Vicki Kidd motioned that the minutes be accepted as read and Kyle Mills 2nd the motion. A vote was conducted and the motion passed.

Susie thanked the members of the nominating committee for their hard work in preparing the slate of officers. Each office was read as prepared with the exception of Secretary. Lynn Conklin needs to bow out due to some medical issues. A nomination from the floor was made by Donna Reid, recommending Kathy Longo for the vacant position. Additionally, a correction to prior minutes was also made, placing Nancy Carr in the Past President position for 2021. At the conclusion of the nominations, a motion was made by Vicki Kidd that the slate be accepted as read, a second was made by Angela Hoss. A vote was taken with all affirmative responses.

Next, the budget was up for discussion and vote. There were no questions from the members. JoAnne Shepherd motioned that the budget be accepted as presented; Patt Clancy seconded the motion. All affirmative votes approved this motion.

Reports:

1st VP: Aleta Mayrose noted that the Quilt of Valor group met today at the NRH Library for a sew in. No additional information was available. We have plans for the guild through next year, but since the church/meeting location is not available to us, Aleta is contacting our guest speakers to determine if they can conduct their presentations via ZOOM. January is Judy Steward and she is good to go. February's Karen Stone is ZOOM probable! More information to come.

2nd VP: Linn Jencopale, not present, no input this month.

Treasurer: Kay Thomas noted that there was income of \$454.64 which came from proceeds from the dissolution of TAQG.

Past President: Nancy Carr has nothing to report.

Susie stated that she is compiling a list of 2020 accomplishments for the guild and will present to the membership at a later date.

The Quilt of Valor event went well, blocks were made based off of a Mary Fons pattern and nearly 2/3 of the blocks needed were completed today. Others took kits of the blocks for completion in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: There is no new business at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Service: Deb Heid asked that members continue to submit any volunteer hours they work, especially after today's QOV event.

Newsletter: Remember to send Sheri Jones any items for the newsletter by Nov 23, 2020.

Sunshine & Shadows: Susie noted that Lynn Conklin continues to be struggling with medical issues and can use our thoughts and prayers. Charna Gray had hip surgery. Kay Thomas underwent a back surgical procedure. Suzanne Martinez recently lost her husband. Cards and prayers are welcome for all these members.

Birthday cards for November have been sent. If you know of any Sunshine or Shadow info, please send Susie an email.

The meeting continued with lots of beautiful work displayed by guild members in a virtual Show and Tell. Remember to send photos to Sheri Jones for the newsletter. The meeting concluded at 8:10 pm

Kathi Runyan,
Acting Secretary for Lynn Conklin

Members in the News

If your quilt has made news recently, email a picture of you and the quilt to sherij43@verizon.net

Bee News

If you have an activity or picture for "Bee News", send to Kyle Mills l30kyle@gmail.com
Phone 817-996-4834.

Contact Kyle if you are interested in joining or starting a Bee.

NEWSLETTER

Deadline for the newsletter is
the 23rd of the month.

Please send all articles worded as you would like them printed to Sheri Jones
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Past President	Nancy Carr	817-995-7991

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Magazines	Lauren Friend	817-479-7128
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Newsletter	Sheri Jones	817-481-2474
Opportunity Table	Doris Schjelderup	817-562-1741
Quilt Show Boutique	Kayleen Allen	817-729-9309
Quilt Show Mini Quilts	Mona Levingston	817-235-9188
Quilts of Valor	Beverly Douglas	813-838-6533
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Show & Tell	Eileen O'Neal	817-726-7687
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