



# The Hospitality Hour

## September 2020

### A Message from Sandy....

Dear Friends,

As someone posted on Face Book, the months of “Ber” are upon us. It makes me think of autumn, with changing leaves, lovely holidays and all the kinds of things that put a smile on our face. Maybe even a little “brrrrrrrrrr” as well! As we “quilt on” through the upcoming months I hope you’ve chosen one of Hospitality’s quilt challenges to unleash more of your creative talents. Remember what they are?

First challenge: “I’ve been dreaming of.....” A quilt to express your hopes and dreams during this time of limitations

Second Challenge, “I’m thankful for...” A quilt that would help us focus on the very many things we are grateful for, in spite of all of the new challenges we face.

Third Challenge, “Richmond, a city of beauty”... A quilt displaying Richmond from your own perspective

We will have a display of the quilts when we are able to meet again. Voting will take place at the time of the display. This will be a competition with a \$50 gift card for first place in each challenge category.

As promised in the August Hospitality Hour there is a **fourth challenge**.

**The Learn Something New Challenge.....**Each person who enters the challenge will submit a photo of the finished project with an explanation of what the new learned technique was and how it was accomplished. Perhaps it was a new technique using paper piecing, a new way to sew the dreaded “ Y-seam, a novel way to embellish. Regena Young gives the example of Pellon Tyvek 10, a multi-purpose stabilizer....oh the things you can do, at least according to Pellon.

What is your reward? Everyone who submits an entry will have their name placed in a drawing for a free class of the winner’s choice from [iqilt.com](http://iqilt.com)

While you are choosing your challenges let us not forget our charity quilts. The organizations accepting quilts at this time are the Alzheimer organization, The Doorways and Christmas Mother quilts for senior citizens.

As I close this edition of Hospitality Hour I share with you a story that I found on Quilting Digest. The Quilter: “See, I can fit all of my sewing stuff in one box”. Him: “Stop calling our house a box.”

May your houses be filled with laughter and glorious goodies!

Take good care, *Sandy*

See item on page 2 about dropping off/picking up  
charity quilts on Sept. 2!!

## From the Treasurer

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership. We are pleased to report that Hospitality is now at 92 paid members, plus 5 more who joined as a second chapter. This is terrific! We remain strong and committed... not to mention anxious to be able to get on with the fun, once we can do so safely. Stay tuned, stay connected... and keep on sewing!

HOSPITALITY QUILTERS' TREASURER'S REPORT			
31-Aug-20			
<b>BEGINNING CASH BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 10,331.78</b>		
<b>MONTHLY INCOME:</b>		<b>MONTHLY EXPENSES:</b>	
Membership Dues	\$ 200.00	RQG Dues	\$ 92.00
Donations for Batting	\$ 24.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 224.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 92.00</b>
		<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 10,463.78</b>

## NOTE!! Those Charity Quilts You've Been Making!

Many of us have been stitching up a storm over these last few months, and have charity quilts piling up, as a result. We checked with our charities and have found that there are three that are accepting quilts at this time: The Doorways, Alzheimers of Richmond, and Christmas Mother. Since we will not be having our regular Hospitality meeting for some months yet, we've arranged with the church to have a special drop-off time, just for charity quilts for these three worthy organizations. We're excited about this step forward, and are looking forward to a successful collection of quilts! We also want to get an update on number of volunteer hours. This is important since it is part of our mission as a charitable organization. If you have quilts to drop off, please include a sheet of paper with your name, the number of quilts and which charity they are for, and your total volunteer hours. As always, please stitch a Hospitality Quilts label onto the back of each quilt.

*With our safety first in mind, here's how it will work:*

**Drive-Through Quilt Drop-Off** – drive up to the front door of the church, don your mask, and pop open the trunk of your car. Have the quilts in the trunk with the sheet of paper pinned on top. We will also be masked as we get the quilts and transfer them to awaiting cars. (Note: the church will be closed.)

Date: Wednesday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am Place: Community of Grace Church, Cranbeck Rd

We plan to do this on the first Wed of each month, until we can resume our usual meetings. If we learn of other charities we support that begin accepting quilts, we'll notify you in Hospitality Hour. Be sure to check each month for any updates or changes. If you have questions, call Polly or Sandy.

On 9/2 Cheryl Maddern will also be there and can pick up charity quilt tops for her to longarm for us.

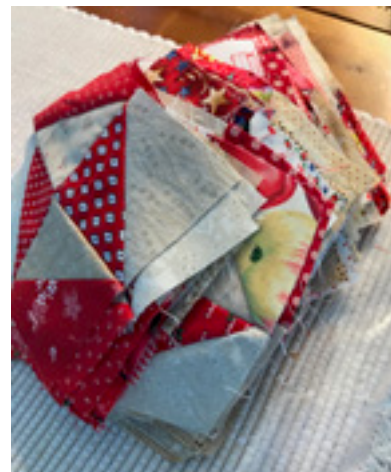
Also -- Janet Bettinger reported that she has 1 Doorways quilt and 3 K9s for Warriors, Ponte Vedra, Florida. Also, Lee Kallusch reported making 7 scrub caps, 6 "shell" masks and 12 pleated masks, all of which she delivered to the trauma center at Chippenham Hospital. Way to go, Lee!



## When Bonnie Couldn't Come

I had not been familiar with Bonnie K. Hunter, her methods, and her quilts until, thanks to Nancy Buckland, we were planning to have her here for a lecture and workshops. Then the Corona virus happened, and those events along with many others were canceled.

My curiosity had been piqued, however. I watched an old "The Quilt Show" when Bonnie had been a guest, and I loved the Jamestown Landing quilt she demonstrated on it. I ordered her book containing the pattern and also the triangle ruler she used to cut some of the elements. I pulled out all my reds and neutrals and started cutting and piecing. I didn't want to make my quilt as large as hers. My quilt measures about 70x73 instead of 84x96 like hers. But I miscalculated as I was piecing the little 6" squares and I have ended up with enough of them to make another good-sized quilt which I plan to use as a charity quilt. So here is my quilt and it will be my entry into the 4th Challenge that Sandy announced in this issue... I learned to use a new tool!



At left: My Corona Virus Bonnie Hunter quilt    Above: Leftover blocks!

And what have you been making during these quarantine months? Send me pictures and stories to share with our other quilting

Want a little get-away trip? The Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg is open. Check their website for times, etc., and have a fun day!